



VOTER

11th Annual Suffragist Nominees

Jean Ackermann, Milford
 Susan Adams, Goshen
 June Izzi-Bailey, Milford
 Mary Lou Coldeway, Milford
 Sue Craig, Milford
 Melda Fant, Milford
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 Pam Johnson, Feclity
 Lucy Snell, Williamsburg
 Renee Wong, Goshen

If you don't see a Membership Form to join or share with a friend in this issue, don't despair.

Go to www.lwvclermont.com and retrieve a Membership Form. Or contact **Tricia Louis**, Membership Chair at trcilou3677@yahoo.com or (513) 752-3677.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend

The Suffragist Committee is pleased to share our top ten reasons you should plan to attend our league's 50th Anniversary Celebration being held together with the Annual Suffragist Dinner on Tuesday, August 28.

- 10. Receive a LWV lapel pin as our gift to you.
- 9. Hear from a State of Ohio League representative about important issues at the state level.
- 8. Watch our new league President, Cyndy Wright in action. She is amazing.
- 7. It's a great opportunity to showcase your

league – bring a prospective member to this event.

- 6. Celebrate the 87th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women in the US the right to vote.
- 5. Learn about Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Melba Marsh when she presents her keynote address, "My Life as a Judge, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly."
- 4. Honor the women who lead our league over the years as we make a special effort to have our past presidents in attendance.

- 3. Celebrate the many ways the Clermont League shaped our county.
- 2. Recognize the 15 women who have been nominated for the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award this year.
- 1. The league only turns 50 once, so it's bound to be a good party.

To register for the event, support the event with a program ad purchase, table sponsorship or event sponsorship, information can be found at our website www.LWVClermont.com or by calling Cyn Macke at 576-5006 or 553-7349.

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Member Spotlight

Everyone has a "league story" about how they became a member of the League. We thought it would be fun and interesting to get to know some of our fellow members better and discover their "league story." So, we took the 2007 Member Directory and with eyes closed and finger poised, the member pages were flipped and then there was a call to stop, point and where their finger rested, that member's name was chosen to be interviewed by the crack staff (Officers and Directors) of The Voter. It was scientific and completely objective. At the end of each interview are 2 Truths and 1 Lie. When you see the spotlighted member, try to find out which one is the lie! It's a great way to start a conversation! Read on for the first of we hope many enjoyable "Member Spotlights."

Spotlight on Cyn Macke

Tell me your "League" story; how did you come to be a member? Who invited you? Why did you choose to join? Where did you first join? When did you join? What offices/directorships/projects/studies have you held or participated in?

I became a member of the Clermont County League of Women Voters around 2003 or 04 when Almeda Stitt invited me to join. I decided to join the league to help me become a more informed voter. My family is very politically active in Kentucky, with my father having served as mayor of the small town where I was born and my sister having served as mayor of the town where I grew up, and both making a run for US Congress. So while I have worked on several campaigns, I knew more about Kentucky politics than I did the politics in my own community. I also joined because it was something my husband and I could do together, since the league is not only for women. I chaired the 2005 and 2006 Suffragist Dinner Planning Committees. I remain a member of the Suffragist Dinner Planning Committee and have just started my term as Vice President and Program Chairman.



Marital status/who? Children/Grandchildren/Ages Occupation-Employer?/ Pets?

I married Tony Macke in 1995, inheriting 7 stepchildren and 9 grandchildren. I retired from a 20-year career with the YMCA just before we were married and am now with the Clermont Chamber of Commerce.

For Fun: What CD/Artist is in your CD player in your car right now?

For fun, I travel, golf, dive, fly, and dream of having a boat again. No wait, that last part isn't fun . . . it's painful! What's in my CD player? Well, it's summer – Jimmy Buffet – of course.

What books are you reading that we would find on your nightstand?

I have to confess; I

don't read books unless I am laying on the beach or a passenger on a long flight. I am way too tired to read when I hit the bed. But I do alternate books on cd with the Buffet music.

What was the last movie you saw at a movie theatre?

Pirates of the Caribbean III – Well, its summer!

Who would you say is your favorite president (of the United States) ?

John Kennedy. He was President when my father was our mayor. Our entire Catholic, Democratic family loved the Kennedys.

Favorite Flavor of Ice

2007-08 Program

AUGUST

Suffragist Event and Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award Golden Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER

Town Hall Meeting imPACT-LWVOH

OCTOBER

Candidates Forum

NOVEMBER

Renew Ohio

DECEMBER

Holiday Celebration

Cyn 's two truths and a lie:

- 1) I got engaged while scuba diving at 70 feet
- 2) I sailed the Greek Islands for two weeks
- 3) At age 40 I earned my MBA and my Pilot's license

"In League" Welcome!

Please welcome the following new members to the LWVCC in 2007:

Candace Gabriel

Kelly Haustetter

State Representative

Joe Uecker and

Mrs. Patty Uecker!

Cyndy's Corner...

Summer greetings! As I write my first column to you as your newly elected President, I am filled with awe, humility and gratitude. I am in awe to have the special privilege of providing Leadership during this our 50th Anniversary year of having a League of Women Voters in Clermont County. I am humbled when I reflect on the tremendously bright, courageous and innovative women who have held this office before me. And I am filled with gratitude; thank you for your confidence and faith in me to lead over the next two years.

To the outgoing Officers and Directors, thank you for your servant leadership and your spirit of cooperation in all the things you did in the name of the League. You will be missed but never forgotten (and probably called upon again!) To the newly elected and appointed Officers and Directors, thank you for your heart of

servant leadership and the generosity of your spirit in giving of your time and resources to further the work of the League in Clermont County. Your energy is contagious and I am overjoyed to be working beside you.

Colorful Change: that is the gist of my message to you this month and in the upcoming year. I love fresh starts, the beauty of color and I have come to learn that change is the only constant. The first colorful change you will see is in *The Voter*. Under the inspired leadership of Voter Editor, Nancy Middleton, you will see a new format, colorful pages and new features to capture your attention. Look for your copy of *The Voter* monthly. The good old stuff you expect to find in *The Voter* will still be there but as we change things up a bit you will find a "Member Spotlight" feature, the names of new members to welcome, community updates,

calendars and information from our friends at LWV Cincinnati area, LWVOH and LWVUS. We will use *The Voter* to advocate, communicate and educate. If there is something you would like to see in *The Voter*, tell us. It is our hope that you will like the changes you see in *The Voter*. Your feedback is welcomed.

There is so much on the horizon for the League in the upcoming year. I will write more about those fresh starts, colorful ideas and changes in the next issue. I close this message from my corner of the world wishing you sunshine on your face, ice cubes that melt slowly in your drink and peace in your corner of the world!

Warmest regards,

Cyndy Wright, President
League of Women Voters,
Clermont County

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LWVOH Convention

Tricia Louis, Nancy Middleton and Cyndy Wright represented the LWVCC at the State Convention held in Cuyahoga Falls/Akron area in May. The convention offered a first-hand opportunity to do the business of the State League to allow it to move forward into the fiscal year of 2007-2008. Please check the LWVOH website for the details of the business meetings.

Speakers at the meals included David Lieberth

and the Honorable William O'Neill. Mr. Lieberth spoke on the Value of Active Citizenship. He was the chair of Akron's successful effort in 1995 to be named an "All America City" by the National Civic League, directed "Imagine Akron: 2005" and helped fund the Leadership Akron program. Judge William O'Neill spoke on the Ohio judiciary and Ohio election campaign finance. Judge O'Neill ran for the Ohio Supreme Court

in 2004 and 2006, drawing attention to his campaign by limiting campaign donations in the first election attempt and declining all donations in the second.

Best of all was the time spent chatting with members of other Leagues from across the state. The team from Clermont County returned inspired and full of knowledge to make our League better.



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Serving the League

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity with the League? If so, we are looking for you! There is a key service opportunity on the 2007-2008 Board to be our League Historian. Capture the moments; assist in keeping track of important events in League history. What better time than our 50th Anniversary year to be our Historian. For more information please contact **Cyndy Wright** at wrightcyn@current.net or 513-284-1453.

Clermont Chamber Legislative Luncheon

Join the Clermont Chamber as we gather to hear from Congresswoman Jean Schmidt about the latest national topics and how that impacts us at home. Congresswoman Schmidt is the featured speaker at the Chamber's Legislative Luncheon on Friday, August 24, 11:15 – 1:00 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate.

Since being sworn in as the first Congresswoman of Ohio's Second Congressional District, Jean Schmidt has consistently held the line on fiscal responsibility so that Ohio's taxpayers are keeping more money in their pockets.

The Congresswoman's Washington Update will include such critical issues as

the War on Terror, Immigration and Fuel. Representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will also be on hand to present a "Spirit of Enterprise" Award to Congresswoman Schmidt in recognition of her support of pro-growth pro-business legislation during the second session of the 109th Congress.

This opportunity to lunch and learn with the Congresswoman is open to the community at the Chamber member price of \$35.

Please make your reservation no later than Wednesday, August 22 by contacting the Clermont Chamber at 576-5000 or www.clermontchamber.com.

Smithsonian Exhibit Grand Opening

The Clermont County Public Library (CCPL), Amelia Branch will be hosting the local showing of **Key Ingredients: America by Food**, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The exhibition will run August 1- 29, 2007 and will be available for viewing during the library's regular operating hours*.

Children are invited to make a craft, which includes their choice of a placemat, apron or chef's hat. The crafts will be available throughout the

day, and light snacks will be provided. Frisch's Big Boy (1:00 p.m.) and the Chick-Fil-A cow (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.) are also scheduled to make appearances.

While the full room display will be housed at the Amelia Branch, the remaining nine library branches have been hosting individual, food themed events throughout the year, leading up to the opening of the exhibit.

For more information about activities and events connected with Key Ingredients happening at the library, check out the library's website www.clermontlibrary.org.

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