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Celebrate the Holidays with your League

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A festive holiday celebration is in store for you at the League of Women Voters Clermont County Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 18, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Eastgate. Special entertainment will be provided by the West Clermont School District's newest musical group, "West Clermont by Request" under the direction of Jeff Riel.

Yvonne Brown, Director of InterParish Ministries will be our special guest and will share with league members news about the good work that InterParish Ministries is doing to serve needy and deserving individuals and families in Eastern Hamilton County and Clermont County and to assist them to become and remain self-sufficient.

The following is a list of items that will help IPM in carrying out their mission.

Food Pantry

Boxed cereals
Pasta
Rice mixes
Soups, stew, chili
Spaghetti sauce
Boxed desserts/mixes
Peanut butter
Canned fruit
Jams and jelly
Instant potatoes
Canned chicken, tuna & ham
Boxed dinner mixes
Juice boxes

Personal Care

Shampoo
Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Deodorant
Toilet paper
Razors, shaving cream
Lip balm
Feminine products
Diapers (Sm, Med, Lg)
Mouthwash
Shower Gel, Lotions
Sample or small Laundry Detergent

Nearly New Store

Baby beds

Household items
In-season Clothing
Furniture in good condition
Grocery shopping bags
Drawstring trash bags (kitchen and garbage size)

All members and guests are asked to bring these items to the holiday party. Even if you are not able to attend the holiday party, please consider a donation. Any member of the board would be happy to accept your donation and get it to the Holiday Party.

And of course the Holiday Party includes dinner. The cost is \$25 and reservations must be made no later than Friday, December 14. Register on-line at www.lwvclermont.com or call 513/943-9429. Please plan to join in this festive occasion.

Adopt a Family info:

Inter Parish Ministry, a faith-based non-profit agency that helps low income families in Clermont & Eastern Hamilton Counties, also runs a large Holiday Program. In 2006 they served 250 families with gifts and food for Christmas. This year the League of Women Voters has an opportunity to participate in several ways in this wonderful endeavor.

The Adopt-a-Family Program allows individuals, churches or businesses to purchase gifts and/or food for a family. These are distributed from Comboni Mission on Dec. 18 and would need to be "adopted" and then delivered to IPM by the first week of December. The size of the family is chosen by the individual, and each family member receives a gift ranging in price from \$25 - \$30. A gift certificate towards the purchase of meat can also be donated. If interested in this holiday program please contact Sarah at IPM, 561-3932, ext. 20.

Of course monetary donations are always welcome & could be used for the purchase of food gift certificates. Checks should be written to Inter Parish Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne at 561-3932, ext. 15.

Spotlight on Karen Scherra



Karen's 2 Truths and a Lie:

1. I love music - I played violin in my high school orchestra, have sung in church choirs since I was 10, was active in my high school plays and in Community Theater when I was in college, and then was also part of a theatre group at my church.
2. My favorite sport to watch is ice hockey, although baseball is a close second.
3. My favorite vacation is camping in the Smoky Mountains with my family.

1. 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 was aware of the League because of the levy campaigns I ran in 2000 and 2005, from seeing articles in the local newspaper, and attending a Suffragist Luncheon a number of years ago. However, I never really thought about joining the League until I attended a Clermont Counseling Center fundraiser in 2006, at which a League membership was a silent auction item. No one had placed a bid on it, so I did, and got it. I had not attended monthly meetings as they usually occur when I am attending a meeting for a board on which I serve. Last spring, Cyn Macke contacted me and asked me to serve on the planning committee for the Suffragist Dinner, and I agreed. I really enjoyed that experience, and researching the history of the League. Cyndy Wright, our President, then asked me to be League historian and serve on the board, and I agreed.

2. Marital status/who? Children/grandchildren/a was -Occupation-Employer?

Pets? I have been married since August 1980 to Tony Scherra; I moved from Philadelphia to Cincinnati when I got married - my husband is a Cincinnati native. We have three children: Stephanie, 23, who is currently living in Chicago, working at a small sports marketing company and getting her Master's at Loyola University; Alex, 21, who is a junior majoring in painting at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, after studying for three semesters at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore; and Daniel, 18, a freshman at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. I have been the Executive Director at the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board since 1997, and previously served as the Associate Director there from 1982-1985 and from 1992-1997. We have a dog, Snickers, a cat, Marty, and my son's cat, Ruka, living with us at the moment (while he's with us between apartments).

3. For Fun: What CD/Artist is in your CD player in your car right now? I recently purchased the "Summer of Love - Hits of 1967" cd. I love 60's and 70's music, and listen to WGRR when I'm not listening to National Public Radio on WVXU.

4. What books are you reading that we would find

on your night stand? Unfortunately, most of what I read are newspapers

and articles/books for work on mental health and alcohol/drug issues. But I've got the newest John Grisham book waiting for me when I get time.

5. What was the last movie you saw at a movie theater? I went to see "Knocked Up" with my husband this summer.

6. Who would you say is your favorite president (of the United States)? Either FDR or JFK. I did a research paper on FDR in high school, and I was very impressed with the way he handled moving the country out of the depression, as well as lead us through a war. I was also moved by FDR's unwillingness to let his physical limitations create any limits on his achieving his goals. I was a child when JFK became President, but I was very curious about him and his family, possibly influenced by the feelings of my predominantly Irish Catholic family. I was deeply affected by his assassination and have probably read most of what has been written about him since then.

7. Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream? Coffee ice cream - my grandmother's favorite, and she got me hooked on it!

LWVCC Hosts 4 Candidate's and Issues Forums

It was a banner election year in Clermont County with over 178 candidates vying for offices at the local levels from city councils, village and township races and seats on local Boards of Education. LWVCC hosted and co-sponsored 4 very successful **Candidate's and Issues nights** during the month of October.

Promoting opportunities for voter education in these forums is fundamental to the League's work at a grass-roots level. We want to recognize the communities and organizations from **Milford, Miami Township, Goshen and New Richmond** for inviting the League to assist them in providing such a valuable avenue for civic participation in their communities. Thanks to the **Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and the New Richmond Business Association** for supporting this important work.

On October 23, 2007 at **Receptions, Eastgate** 25 candidates from around the county took the podium at the League's monthly general meeting to address an audience of 60 plus in attendance. A social time before and after the event allowed the candidates to mix with their constituents. The format of the evening gave each candidate 5 minutes to introduce themselves, define their qualifications and platform and field audience questions. At the county level, we heard from **Lisa Davis** on **Issue 14, the MRDD levy** and incumbent **Tony Brock** and challenger, **Curt Hartman** for the position of **Municipal Court Judge**.

Key concerns from voters centered on **taxes, fiscal responsibility, government transparency, infrastructure and economic development**.

Events like this do not happen without the efforts of committed League volunteers. **Thank you to all of you who served as moderators, question screeners and time-keepers.**

This is a free service of the League. If your community or organization is interested in engaging the League in this capacity please contact us at president@lwvclermont.com or call **513-284-1453**.

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Cyndy's Corner...



I love fall! I love the fact that we are having fall weather after the brutal heat of the summer. I love the vivid array of colors that the earth displays. High School and College football games are on the minds of many folks as they head out to games on Fridays and Saturdays in autumn. Crisp apples, apple cider and the first whiff of that smoke drifting out of your neighbor's chimney as they light the first wood fire of the season are all reminders that the year is turning the corner and that life is slowing down for the intended hibernation of winter. And Thanksgiving! It is my favorite holiday because it is about two of my favorite things: food and fellowship with family and good friends.

Fall also brings out candidates, campaigns, issues and forums as the first Tuesday in November welcomes, begs, cajoles voters to the polls to cast their ballot and exercise their right to decide on issues and candidates that impact their day-to-day lives. I am writing this message on Election Day 2007. I am very proud of the League's involvement in the grass-roots process in October as we hosted three community-centered candidates and issues nights and one countywide event.

I hope you are planning on attending our program on November 27th on Energy Alternatives in Ohio. We will have a short business meeting and then on to our guest speaker, John Fanselow, Southwest Project Coordinator for Green Energy Ohio. He will discuss emerging alternative energy technology and its impact on Ohio communities. Please note that we are meeting at the Union Township Civic Center on Aicholtz Road in Eastgate at 7:00 p.m. Be a terrific leaguer

and register with Carol Glotfelter in person by calling 513/943-9429 or online at www.lwvclermont.com. We like to know you are coming so we can welcome you!

The Holiday Party for LWVCC has taken on a new look, location and we have partnered with a charity this year. In past years, league members have generously hosted our celebration in their homes. I cannot think of anything more gracious and warm. This year we will enjoy a nice dinner at the **Holiday Inn, Eastgate and West Clermont by Request** will be providing our musical entertainment. If you have never seen the talented singers and musicians from West Clermont schools perform under the leadership of **Jeff Riel**, you are in for quite a treat! Part of the cost of your dinner ticket (\$25.00) will go towards a donation to the group.

To me, this time of the year is also about sharing with others from the many gifts we have been given. LWVCC has selected Inter Parish Ministries (IPM) as our partner charity. We welcome Yvonne Brown of IPM as our guest at dinner to bring us a history of the work of this fine organization. Part of the cost of admission for the evening is a non-perishable food item to assist them in restocking their food pantry post-holidays. Please see the article on page 1 for more information about IPM or for others ways to give.

As I close from my corner of the world to yours, I wish you as much turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie as you can hold, victories and bowl berths for your favorite football teams and a heart full of gratitude!

Warmest regards,

Cyndy Wright, President

"In League" Welcome!

Please welcome
the following new
members to the
LWVCC in
NOVEMBER

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Robert P. Ringland
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2007-2008 General Meetings and Programs

November 27, 2007- Renew Ohio!

Location: Union Twp. Civic Center—Queen City Room •
Time: 7:00 – 8:30

December 18, 2007 - Holiday Party

Location: Holiday Inn Eastgate • Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Entertainment: WestClermont by Request

January 22, 2008 - Judicial Reform

Location: Receptions East • Time: 6:00 – 8:30

February 26, 2008 - Making our Community a Great Place to Age

Location: Receptions East • Time: 6:00 – 8:30

March 25, 2008 - Immigration Study

Location & Time: To be Announced

April 22, 2008 - Redistricting Reform & Campaign Finance Reform

Location & Time: To be announced

May 20, 2008 - Annual Meeting

Location: Receptions East • Time: 6:00 – 8:30

Make reservations and pay online with a credit card
www.lwvclermont.com
or mail reservations to
LWVCC • PO Box 733 • Milford OH 45150

Membership Form

Please mark one:

\$65 Individual
 \$85 Dual (2 adults same household)
 \$99 Family \$25 Student

Name: _____

Additional Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____ (home)

Phone: _____ (office)

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Enclose form with check payable to LWVCC:

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