

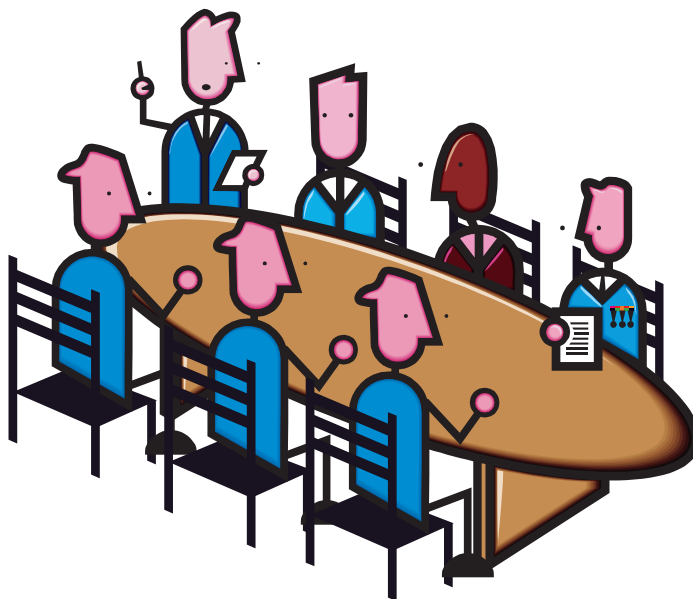
February 2014

League of Women Voters Clermont County



VOTER

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE SUFFRAGIST DINNER!



Plans are already underway for our annual Suffragist Dinner in August, but we need the help of every member to make this another fantastic event for our League. The dinner is our biggest event of the year, during which we present the Orpha Gatch Award to a distinguished Clermont County volunteer, garner publicity for the League, and raise needed funds for our League. What kind of help can you give? Just about anything! You can lend a hand selling ads, planning decorations, collecting Gatch nominations, arranging entertainment, addressing invitations, ordering flowers, taking reservations. You name it, you can help! To volunteer, please contact Jane Sonenshein at 831-1870 or at csunshine@fuse.net.

This newsletter made possible in part by Nancy Middleton and The Printing Place, Inc.

LWVO SUMMARY OF 2013-2014 OHIO ELECTION LEGISLATION

The Ohio General Assembly (OGA) has proposed numerous changes to Ohio's election system. In the 2011-2012 session of the OGA, the legislature passed an omnibus election bill, House Bill 194 (HB 194). Certain portions of the bill were so objectionable to voting advocates that a referendum campaign was mounted. Seeing that the referendum campaign submitted enough signatures to make the ballot, the OGA took the extraordinary move of repealing their own bill. The battle over HB 194 has influenced the OGA's strategy for election reform legislation this session. Instead of one big bill that makes all their changes, the OGA has broken up proposed reforms into individual bills. Thus far, more than 20 bills have been introduced on elections, and we have every reason to believe that there are more to come. Here is a list of some of the bills that have moved or may be expected to move. Full information on these bills is available at www.lwvohio.org.

SB 10 (accessibility for disabled voters)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Township, Butler County)

Status: Passed in spring 2013; went into effect on June 26, 2013.

SB 47 (changing the rules for ballot petitions)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)

Status: Passed in spring 2013; went into effect on June 21, 2013. On November 13, 2013, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction that would prohibit enforcement of the residency restriction while the case proceeds.

HB 78 & SB 175 (online voter registration and voter database management)

HB 78 Sponsor: Rep. Michael Stinziano (D-Columbus)

Status: In the House Policy and Legislative Oversight Committee .

SB 175 Sponsor: Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley, Summit County)

Status: In the Senate State Government and Reform Committee.

SB 193 (third party ballot access)

Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)

Status: Passed November 2013; will become effective on February 5, 2014.
Lawsuit filed and case pending.

SB 205 (absentee voting)

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Township, in Butler County)

Status: Passed by the Senate on November 6, 2013. Currently pending in the House Policy and Legislative Oversight Committee.

SB 216 (provisional voting)

Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)

Status: Passed by the Senate November 20, 2013. Currently pending in the House Policy and Legislative Oversight Committee.

SB 238 (early voting)

Sen. Frank LaRose (Copley, in Summit County)

Status: Passed by the Senate on November 20, 2013, just one week after it was introduced. Currently pending in the House Policy and Legislative Oversight Committee.

2014 Election Dates

Apr. 7, 2014: Voter registration deadline for May primary

May 6, 2014: Primary Election Day

Oct. 6, 2014: Voter registration deadline for November general election

Nov. 4, 2014: General Election Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD



February 15, 2014 10:00-Noon S.W. Regional Meeting at Dayton League's office. The topics will be an update of Ohio Chief Justice O'Connor's efforts to reform how judges are placed in office. Another major topic will be an information session on the LWVUS Agricultural Study. Trust us--you don't have to be a farmer to care about this. Anyone who eats or buys groceries will want to pay attention to this topic. The Dayton League always is a gracious host. Expect good brunch treats and warm friendly faces as well as much new information.

February 25, 2014 Union Twp. Civic Center 6:30 pm Several respected local government officials will discuss how their government entities are coping with the reduced funding from the state coffers. Perhaps they will offer suggestions for solving the current problems.

April 19, 2014 Statehouse Day in Columbus This event will occur at the Columbus Sheraton, as we've outgrown our previous sites. We are looking for a carload or two of people to cover all the informative sessions and bring back new views to our membership. It's like a one-day convention. The luncheon will be a gourmet treat in an elegant setting, but there will be a great speaker, so no time will be wasted in frivolity. The Columbus Sheraton is on Government Square across from the beautiful, historic statehouse for those who wish to visit it. For those who are mobility challenged, there is valet parking at the hotel. The weather should be great by that date, so one could always select on-street parking. Every time I attend one of these, I'm always amazed by how much League is making an effort to be part of the solution to so many critical issues. Look for more details closer to the event.



FEBRUARY 17, 2014

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING CONCERNS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 6:30 PM
UNION TWP CIVIC CENTER**



How local government is funded is a critical concern in today's economy. As Ohio state funding has changed, there has been significant impact on local government at all levels. Join us for an interesting and informative discussion with various Clermont County and township officials. Miami Township, the City of Milford, the Village of Amelia, and another Clermont County township have been invited to participate in order to provide input from all levels of local government. You won't want to miss this meeting!

2013-2014 League Leadership Officers:

President:

Karen Scherra

kscherra@ccmhrb.org

VP for Programs:

Yvette Duguay

yduguay@roadrunner.com

Secretary:

Jane Sonenshein

csunshine@fuse.net

Treasurer:

Carol Young

lwwctreas@cinci.rr.com

Membership:

Eve Enders

eve.lewis@cengage.com

Newsletter:

Liz Fiene

ecfiene@msn.com

Voter Service:

M.E. Steele-Pierce

steelepierce@gmail.com

Publicity:

Len Harding

lharding@fuse.net

Suffragist Dinner Chair:

Martha Kleinfelter

League of Women Voters Clermont County

P.O. Box 733
Milford, Ohio 45150

Phone: 513-752-8011
www.lwvclermont.com



Place
Stamp
Here

2014 General Meetings

General Meetings and Programs
All Meetings begin at 6:30 pm

Feb. 25, 2014
Queen City Room
Local Government
Financial Concerns
Union Twp. Civic Center, 4350
Aicholtz Rd.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Mar. 25, 2014
Queen City Room
Mental Health Concerns in
Clermont
Union Twp. Civic Center,
4350 Aicholtz Rd.

Apr. 22, 2014
Queen City Room
Land Use in Clermont
Earth Day
Union Twp. Civic Center ,
4350 Aicholtz Rd.

May 20, 2014
Harmony Hill Winery
Picnic Supper & Annual Busi-
ness Meeting
2534 Swings Corner Pt.
Isabel Rd.,
Bethel, OH 45106

For more information:
(513)752-8011

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:
League of Women Voters Clermont County
P. O. Box 733
Milford, OH 45150

It's Time to Renew: 2014