



VOTER

## DENISE SMITH AWARDED GATCH PRIZE



Denise Smith was given the Orpha Gatch Citizenship Award for her volunteerism at our League's annual Suffragist event on August 26. Smith has volunteered for years in the West Clermont school district at many events and activities. She reinvented After Prom at Glen Este High School that continues today.

Smith helped establish the West Clermont Education Foundation. She was instrumental in the Foundation's spring fundraising event that showcased the district's dance company. She formed an advisory group with school PTO and Boosters groups to help shape future events and establish connections between the schools and the business community.

Through her work on the Foundation, Smith is working with the Clermont Chamber of Commerce's Work Force Readiness Initiative that is designed to prepare high school students to enter the work force.

Smith demonstrated courage in her role as a school board member. She supported school levies and worked tirelessly on committees despite opposition. The League of Women Voters Clermont County takes pride in saluting Denise Smith.

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## ORPHA GATCH NOMINEES

Every year, the League of Women Voters of Clermont County honor a group of women who give of themselves on a volunteer basis to make their communities better. This year's nominees are no exception. Each woman contributes to their community in different ways and some for many years. This year's nominees, in addition to winner Denise Smith, were:

### **Corina Atherton**

Atherton is site coordinator for the Whiz Kids tutoring program, which partners Pattison Elementary with City Gospel Mission to provide free one-on-one tutoring to underprivileged elementary students reading below their grade level. She organizes all of the extra programs and activities related to the group including Christmas parties, end-of-the-year celebration, participation in the Flying Pig marathon, organizes scholarships for the children to go to summer camp, and all weekly snacks, activities and curriculum lessons. She also is involved in the Family Ministries program at Milford First United Methodist Church, where she helps with various youth and family activities and programs.

### **Colleen Binning**

In the mid-1990s, Binning was one of the South Milford residents opposed to expanding bridge capacity and developing the flood plain along the East Fork River. After the neighborhood successfully turned the developers away, she worked with the city to buy the land now known as Valley View that is permanently preserved as a natural area. Binning's next major volunteer service began in 2012 with the Milford Library, an independent organization from the Clermont County Public Library system. She is bringing the library back into relevance in Milford and is making it a self-financing organization.

## Bea Faul

Faul began volunteering for Milford schools when her son entered kindergarten. Under her leadership, the Milford High School craft show became a tradition that continues today as a fundraiser for the band and athletic departments. Faul was a 4-H leader for 40 years. She joined the Clermont County Agricultural Society in 1989. Under her leadership as society president, the camping area was improved and enlarged, 24 additional acres were bought and plans were made to build a rest room in the horse area. In 2002, the Ohio Fair Managers named Faul the Outstanding Fair Board Director from District 4 consisting of nine counties. In 2010, Faul was chosen grand marshal for the fair parade.

## Veronica Weaver

Weaver started collecting prom dresses for Glen Este High School students unable to afford them. Weaver also made their jewelry to match the dress.

Weaver also assisted victims of domestic violence by helping them learn life skills that then improved their self-image. Weaver helped with the “Dress for Success” program. She helped women choose a suit or accessories to go with their “interview” outfit. She also helps with school levy campaigns and sews costumes for Glen Este High School theater productions and the dance team.



## LEAGUE WILL SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP



At the June 21 LWV Board meeting, former League president Margaret Jenkins was asked to make a presentation on League support for the OSU Extension's Look to Clermont high school leadership program. They are pursuing a sustainable course for the program which is also an outreach program for UC Clermont. LWVCC has contributed \$500.00 for several years. Ms. Jenkins was requesting ongoing support from our League.

It was moved and seconded that LWVCC contribute \$500.00 per year for Look to Clermont from our GCF funds for as long as LWVCC has enough funds to support the program and/or until the board votes to end support. We anticipate further partnership and cooperation between the League and Look to Clermont.

## CANDIDATE FORUM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP



On Tuesday, September 23, LWVCC will sponsor a candidate's forum for those running in the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election. The event will be held at UC Clermont at 7 pm.

Before the event, we are inviting high school students to submit a question in order to encourage attendance and government awareness from young people. We will choose 2-4 questions from student questions beforehand.

At the event, our League could use helpers. We need a welcoming committee for our candidates, moderator and guests. Student activity documenters are needed to monitor students attending for extra school credit. We also need League members to screen questions from the audience and retrieve questions from guests. We are also looking for someone to video tape the forum to post online. If you can help, please contact Marcia Oganowski.

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# Ruby Tuesday

## COMMUNITY GiveBack PROGRAM

100% OF THE GIVEBACK AMOUNT IS DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.

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**Organization's Name:** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
EDUCATION FUND

**Event Name:** LWVCC SUFFRAGIST EVENT

**Date(s) of Visit:** 9/11/2014 9/12/2014 9/13/2014

**For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,  
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**2014 General Meetings**

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

**September 23, 2014**  
**Candidate Forum**  
**UC Clermont**  
**7pm**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

**October 28**  
**Chili Fest**  
**Juliann Nesbit,**  
**Health Commissioner**  
**Location TBD**

**December 2**  
**Christmas Party**  
**Stayed tuned for**  
**details**

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