

LWVO League Leaders Update
February 10, 2010

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The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus collaborated with the state League Lobby Corps to develop a set of "quiz bowl" questions about national positions in order to spark conversation and help members learn more about where the League stands during its program planning meeting Jan. 28.

Through great promotion of the "quiz bowl" and the homemade soups, cheese and crackers, and desserts -- 33 members attended the program planning meeting, which was an increase

over previous years. Utilizing this easy tool, members were quizzed about local positions to help them come to consensus.

Feedback on the "quiz bowl" has been strong and the Metro Columbus League has been able to share the tool with League's across the nation. Through the generosity and League spirit, Metro is making this tool available to Ohio's Local Leagues in a PDF and PowerPoint format which are attached to this email.

****NEW** Road from Study To Action**

The study of governmental issues is one of the basic functions of The League of Women Voters. The League's process for study has acquitted a solid reputation for its in-depth and unbiased exploration of an issue submitted to its grassroots membership for informed discussion. Consensus or concurrence of the members on various aspects of this issue results in a League program position.

The Road From Study To Action provides information on how local Leagues can approach the study of an issue and the process developing a League position. You can access *The Road From Study To Action* from the League website by [clicking here](#) or by pasting [http://www.lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/From_Study_to_Action\[1\].pdf](http://www.lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/From_Study_to_Action[1].pdf) into your browser.

****NEW** Redistricting Press Release Issued on February 1, 2010**

See the press release that was issued to Ohio Media on February 1. If you see any League articles or releases in your local news, please let the office know as we attempt to track our media coverage. Send any information to leg@lwvohio.org

[Access the press release here](#) or go to the League website at www.lwvohio.org and click on the In the News tab and then PRESS Releases.

****REMINDER** Primary Election Information for Local Leagues Now Available**

The Filing Deadline for the declaration of candidacy is **February 18, 2010**. Questionnaires will be sent by the state LWVO office to all filed candidates for state executive offices, Supreme Court of Ohio as well as the U.S. Senate candidates by the state office. Responses will be requested by **March 15th**. The state office expects to share candidate responses with local Leagues by mid-March 2010.

For more information on this process, please feel free to contact the state office at 1-877-LWV-OHIO

MEMBERSHIP

****NEW **Regional Meetings Update**

The LWVO Membership Engagement & Development Committee (MEDC) is developing regional meetings for each geographic area in Ohio. **As the meetings are confirmed, the information will be sent to each of the presidents for those regions.** The purpose of the meetings is to inform, spark conversation and promote networking in the regions.

Currently, the meeting for the Norwest Region, which includes the Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Tiffin and Toledo/Lucas County Leagues is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 9:30am and is open to all members. The location is St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg.

Joan Platz, LWVO Education Lobbyist, will give a presentation on Education in Ohio.

For registration and more details, please contact Jean Koznarek, jkozlwv@aol.com.

****NEW** Download your State House Day/ Council 2010 Registration Form.**

You can now register to attend Statehouse Day/ Council 2010. Start making your plans to attend State House Day/ Council 2010 on April 14, 2010, in Columbus. The planning committee has been working hard to develop a great schedule of events for State House Day. Additionally the Council agenda will include critical updates and of course a vote on the budget. [Click here](#) to access the registration form or go to the League Website to download.

We also plan a small celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Come join us for a great educational and entertaining day on April 14th.

****NEW** Kudos to Donna Marie Lossing Jones on Being named a Ruth Shur Fellow for the LWVUS MRI program**

Donna Marie Lossing Jones, member of Marion League Women Voters of Ohio and former member of the state board has been named as one of 12 Ruth S. Shur Fellows by the LWVUS. Shur fellows were recruited to help expand the number of state and local Leagues that can participate in our successful program based on the Membership Recruitment Initiative and building in leadership development. Coaches will receive national training, participate in regional and state training sessions for Leagues and receive ongoing support from the LWVUS.

****Reminder** We want to toot our horns about Local League Activities and Accomplishments.**

Has your League done something to crow about? Something to model for other Leagues? Is there something your League would like to find out from other Leagues about their successful programs and strategies? **Then write up a short blurb and send it to us (leg@lwvohio.org).**

Just follow these easy guidelines:

- **Submissions must be received via email** at leg@lwvohio.org no later than **Monday, noon, of the 2nd or 4th week** of each month to be included in the Leaders' Update of that week.
- **Submissions must include the submitter's name and contact information in the body of the blurb;** That way people can contact her/him directly if they want to know more, have questions, etc.
- **Submissions must be 75 words or less** (and we'll follow the rules used for Voters' Guides on length, i.e., just end at the 75th word).
- **We will not edit or change the content of submissions** (again, following the rules used for Voters' Guides).

ADMINISTRATION

For the convenience of local Leagues, here are two drop-in article(s) that you may use, if you wish, in your next VOTER.

****NEW**Drop In Local VOTER article on Phonathon Available**

As you are aware, we have instituted Phonathon Fundraiser so that we can meet our goals to carry out important educational and advocacy work. In an effort to make this process run smoothly, the planning team is creating tools to assist local leaders in the Phonathon efforts. You will find attached to this email, a drop in article for your local VOTER. It is in a word format for easy manipulation and editing. **The draft article has a space for you to add your local League name.** If you have any problems opening or using this file, please contact the state office at 1-877-LWV-OHIO or contact Rosanne Thomas at rosanne.thomas@gmail.com or 1-330-656-2383.

Keep looking for more information on Phonathon in upcoming League Leader Updates.

****Update** State League Board Report for January 2010**

A Snapshot: January LWV-Ohio and LWV-Ohio Education Fund Board Meeting

Your state League Boards (LWV-Ohio and LWV-Ohio Education Fund) meet every other month in Columbus. A ready-to-go article for your League's VOTER that will give your membership a snapshot of what your state League accomplished at our January 15-16 meeting is available by clicking [here](#). This information is also attached to this email.

Mark your calendars now--Dates to Remember

State LWVOEF Board Meeting

March 12-13, 2010

Statehouse Day/ Council

April 14, 2009

LWVUS Convention- Atlanta Georgia

June 11-15, 2010

**LWVO Lobby Lunches
11:30 am**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month,

Anyone is Welcome to Attend

*Columbus Metropolitan Library
96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus,*

*Call 877-598-6446 for more
information*

If you have Local League Leaders or other League members who would like to receive the Leaders Update, please send their email information to leg@lwvohio.org