

**LWVO League Leaders Update**  
**June 10, 2010**

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**ADVOCACY & EDUCATION**

**\*\*NEW\*\* LWVO Still Hopeful on Redistricting Reform**

The LWVO continues to urge the General Assembly to pass a resolution to place a new redistricting plan on the November 2010 ballot. Click on the link to read the [press release](#) sent to Ohio Media last week urging their action.

For more information on redistricting reform go to [The LWVOEF imPACT Website-Redistricting Page](#).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Non-Profit Vote Website Re-Launched for 2010 Elections**

On June 1, 2010 Nonprofit VOTE re-launched its website at [www.NonprofitVOTE.org](http://www.NonprofitVOTE.org) for the 2010 midterm elections. **Nonprofit Vote** has a wealth of information and tools for nonprofit organizations that local Leagues might find helpful as you engage in voter services. The website is promoted as a one-stop shop for nonpartisan voter engagement resources including

training slideshows, guides on 501c3 voter participation and a tool to look up information state by state.

NonprofitVOTE.org will be adding new resources every week including links to the best nonpartisan voter engagement resources.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Join the Lobby Corps on June 22 to Hear Updates on the Legislative Session**

Come join the LWVO Lobby Corps on Tuesday June 22, 2010 to hear the latest information on the Legislative Session. Lobby Corps members will share information on LWVO advocacy efforts and their thoughts on the recent session. Bring your lunch - or purchase it - at the Statehouse Cafeteria. Lunch is from 11:30am - 12:00pm. The meeting and discussion will begin at Noon.

There is ample parking in downtown Columbus and accessing the Statehouse Underground Parking should be easy since the Legislature has finished for the summer.

The Lobby Corps is always interested in adding to their ranks, so if you are interested in learning more about please contact Ann Henkener at [ahenkener@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ahenkener@columbus.rr.com)

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Leagues' Voters: Highlights from Your State League: Mid-March - Mid-May, 2010**

Your state League is keeping busy – celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, testifying as your voice at the Statehouse -- and much, much more! A ready-to-go article for your League's VOTER gives your membership a snapshot of what your state League was involved in from mid-March through mid-May. You can download the article from the League website by [clicking here](#) and selecting [April through Mid May 2010 Highlights](#). This information is also attached to this email.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Keep Up with the Events of the LWVUS Convention**

You can keep abreast of the LWVUS convention by [clicking here](#). This page on the LWVUS website has the schedule, issues for consideration and even Convention 101 Webinar recording for your use. You can also follow the Convention on [Twitter](#) if you are so inclined. So even if you are not going to convention, you can still be informed.

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Join Us at an Ohio Reception at the LWVUS Convention In Atlanta!**

**LWV-Ohio invites all League delegates and visitors from Ohio to a reception on Saturday, June 12, at the LWVUS Convention in Atlanta.\*** Join LWV-Ohio President Meg Flack, Membership Chair Jean Koznarek and League members from across Ohio for socializing, snacks and a cash bar from 5:15pm - 6:15pm in room A708 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel. Please feel free to contact Jean Koznarek ([jkozlwv@aol.com](mailto:jkozlwv@aol.com)) if you have any questions.

(Note: The timing of the reception will not preclude anyone from attending LWV-Atlanta's fundraising event.)

\*No LWV-Ohio funds are being used to pay for the reception.

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Accessing Information on the League Website Made Easier**

League Leaders, we heard you. No longer do you have to keep up with a username and password to access the members' section of the League website. You need only go to the member's tab and you will be directly connected to forms and other information. Please encourage your local League members to use the tools on the website including League policies, voter information, advocacy information, League studies and current events.

The State League wants the website to be useful tool and we appreciate the feedback that should make accessing information on the website easier. We encourage your continued feedback.

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Local League Contact Form**

Thank you to those Local Leagues that have submitted their Local League Contact Forms. The submission of this information allows the state office to communicate with Local Leagues so it is important that we have the most up to date and correct information including contact information for local League officers.

You will find the Local League Board Contact Information form under the member log-in tab of our website at [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org). **You no longer need to use a password to access the information in this section.** Please take a few minutes to fill out the form and return it so the LWVO office will have the most current list of your leaders and their most accurate contact information. You can complete the form online or submit it via:

Email to [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org)

Fax to 614-469-7918, or

Mail it by U.S. mail to 17 South High Street, Suite 650 Columbus, Ohio 43215

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Training Opportunities** The Membership Development and Engagement Committee (MEDC) is providing several training opportunities as listed below. The webinar is for all leaders and potential leaders and contains a lot of helpful information. We strongly urge all officers and board members to sign up for one.

The training dates scheduled are:

July 13th at 7:00 p.m.  
July 24th at 10:00 a .m.  
August 12th at 7:00 p.m.  
August 25th at 7:00 p.m.  
September 7th at 7:00 p.m.  
September 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Please RSVP via email to the state office at [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) and provide your name, contact information, the date of the training you will join, and your local League. Once you sign up a confirmation and dial-in information will be sent to you.

We appreciate all of the hard work you and your local League does for our communities.

Contact me with any questions,

Jean Koznarek  
LWVO Membership Engagement/Development Committee Chair  
216-702-8430  
[jkozlwv@aol.com](mailto:jkozlwv@aol.com)

## ADMINISTRATION

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Phonathon Update**

**2010 is a milestone for the League of Women Voters of Ohio.** Sincere thanks to all who have already celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the League of Women Voters of Ohio and supported our work with a donation to our Phonathon drive. **We are just over half-way to our goal and need your immediate help to continue our mission through this milestone year.**

For 90 years the dedication and perseverance of League members built our reputation as the premier source of non-partisan, reliable political information in Ohio, the kind of information that will be vital to voters in this important election year. **Your generous support also helps us continue to work for reform, as outlined in the Winter and Spring issues of the Ohio VOTER. Key areas include:**

- Election reform
- Energy conservation
- Women's Right to Choose
- Judicial fairness & impartiality
- Fair & objective redistricting
- And so much more!

You can still **celebrate the power and effectiveness** of your state League **by supporting** our shared mission **today!**

**\*\*\*\*Please enclose a copy of this form with your donation and mail to\*\*\*\***

League of Women Voters of Ohio - 17 South High Street, Suite 650 m- Columbus, Ohio 43215  
1-877-LWV-OHIO (toll free)

**YES! I want to celebrate LWVO's 90<sup>TH</sup> and support the work of the League. Enclosed is my contribution.**

\$ 450       \$ 360       \$ 270       \$ 180       \$ 90       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **By check:** \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to LWV-Ohio\* **or** \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to LWV-Ohio Education Fund.\*\*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**By credit card:** Make a secure credit-card donation online at [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)

\* Contributions to the League of Women Voters of Ohio, a 501 (c) 4 organization, are not tax-deductible.

\*\* Contributions to LWVO Education Fund, a 501 (c) 3 organization, are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



You can complete the donation form which is attached or by going to our website to make a secure online donation through PayPal to [The LWVOEF](#) or [The LWVO](#). (The Memo Line indicates to which fund you are donating)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Position Announcements**

The LWVO Education Fund is seeking a part-time Program Manager for the imPACT Program. This position is a 24 month grant-funded project for an independent contractor. The position can be carried out from any location within the state of Ohio with the expectation of periodic visits to the Columbus LWVOEF office. For more information the position, please refer to the position description by [clicking here](#) or going to the League website at

<http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/About-LWV-Ohio/Position-Announcements.cfm>

**Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2010.** Resumes can be sent to [leg@lwvohio.org](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org). NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

The LWVO Education Fund is seeking a full-time Office Administrator.

If you are aware of persons who might consider sharing their talents with the League, please feel free share the position description with them and encourage them to apply. For more information on the positions, please go to <http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/About-LWV-Ohio/Position-Announcements.cfm>.

**Applications will be accepted through June 11, 2010.**

Resume's can be sent to [leg@lwvohio.org](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org). NO PHONE CALL PLEASE.

**\*\*Reminder\*\* IRS Encourages Continued filing 990 E Postcard for LLEFs and Tax-Exempt Non-Profits if May Deadline Was Missed**

**Statement of IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman on the Filing Deadline for Small Charities from <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=223609,00.html>**

Now that the May 17 filing deadline has passed, it appears that many small tax-exempt organizations have not filed the required information return in time. These organizations are vital to communities across the United States, and I understand their concerns about possibly losing their tax-exempt status.

The IRS has conducted an unprecedented outreach effort in the tax-exempt sector on the 2006 law's new filing requirements, but many of these smaller organizations are just now learning of the May 17 deadline. I want to reassure these small organizations that the IRS will do what it can to help them avoid losing their tax-exempt status.

The IRS will be providing additional guidance in the near future on how it will help these organizations maintain their important tax-exempt status — even if they missed the May 17 deadline. The guidance will offer relief to these small organizations and provide them with the opportunity to keep their critical tax-exempt status intact.

So I urge these organizations to go ahead and file — even though the May 17 deadline has passed.

Filing a tax return for the small organizations is easier than you'd think. It just takes a few minutes to fill out the electronic notice Form 990-N (e-Postcard). This is available for small tax-exempt organizations with annual receipts of \$25,000 or less.

**Related Information:**

For access to the e-Postcard and further details, see [Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations, Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#).

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Our First Priority is to Be Responsive to You !**

The LWV-Ohio's staff and board's first priority is to be responsive to our members. If you try to reach LWV-Ohio via email at [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) or [leg@lwvohio.org](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org) and do not get a response in a reasonable amount of time, please call (toll free) 1-877-LWV-Ohio. We have found that emails are sometimes inadvertently diverted to the SPAM file. We want to make sure your questions and concerns are addressed as soon as possible, so that we can all help make democracy work. Thank you!

**\*\*Reminder\*\* PMP Rate Clarification**

The state office has received several calls regarding the current LWVO Per-Member-Payment Rate. That rate is \$25.00.

PMP should be paid quarterly, according to the following schedule:

**Quarterly Payment Due No Later Than**

October 1  
January 1  
April 1  
July 1

Leagues paying the entire amount **by October 1 qualify for a 5 percent discount as long as it is postmarked by October 1**. According to LWVO bylaws, a local League must meet its state PMP responsibilities through the quarter immediately preceding the State Convention to be entitled to voting delegates. This means that three-quarters of your PMP must be remitted by April 1 in order for your League to send voting delegates to May 2010 State Convention.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification, please feel free to contact the state office.

**Mark your calendars now--Dates to Remember**

***State LWVOEF Board Meeting***

***May 14-15, 2010***

***State Board Retreat***

***June 27-28, 2010, Dublin, Ohio***

***LWVUS Convention- Atlanta Georgia***

***June 11-15, 2010***

***LWVO Convention 2011- Maumee Bay State Park***

***May 13-15, 2011***

**LWVO Lobby Lunches**  
**11:30 am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:leg@lwvohio.org)***