



### **February 17, 2010 Spotlight on LWV of Trumbull County**

On February 5, 1958, President Eisenhower recognized the first Law Day when he proclaimed May 1 of each year would be Law Day. He stated “In a very real sense, the world no longer has a choice between force and law. If civilization is to survive it must choose the rule of law.”

The Trumbull County Bar Association and Bar Auxiliary use Law Day as a legal education tool for students. Students throughout the county in Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 are given specific instructions about submitting a freehand drawing pertaining to Law Day. There are cash prizewinners for each grade level. For students in Grades 7 – 12 there are essay and media contests, again with cash prizewinners.

Senior government students participate in tours of the court system. For two weeks prior to Law Day, senior government students are brought to the county courthouse for a 2-1/2 hour tour. There have been as many as 400 students per year participate in the tours. LWV of Trumbull County members act as tour guides escorting groups of 20 to 30 students, following a predetermined schedule to Probate Court, Criminal Court, Juvenile Court, Juvenile Detention Center, Municipal Court, and the Prosecutor’s Office. The judges or other officers of the courts give the students 20-minute presentations or if court is in session, they are permitted to sit in on the proceedings. This process gives the students an opportunity to learn about government and the law.

A luncheon sponsored by the Trumbull County Bar Association is held on or about Law Day, which is observed on May 1. League members who have volunteered as tour guides and student contest winners as well as various bar association members are honored at the luncheon. The luncheon also features a speaker who discusses topics such as justice or the liberties provided for by the United States Constitution

You may wish to check with your local Bar Association. How do they celebrate Law Day? How could your League help them to celebrate?