



# THE VOTER

## President's Podium

Dear League Members & Friends,

Our February general meeting on Regionalism was a success. A special thanks is sent to **Amy Goodson-Beal** for her work in organizing the event.

With spring just around the corner we are turning our attention to a new topic for our March meeting—The **Cuyahoga Valley National Park** Association. This is also the time of the year when we begin our **fund-raising campaign**. Soon you will receive a letter asking you to make a donation to support our mission of promoting citizen participation in government. As you consider making a donation to our chapter, I urge you to be as generous as possible.

Finally, I want to remind you to register for **Statehouse Day/Council** to be held April 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus.

In League,

*Julia Spiker*

*Mark Your Calendar*

## Just in Time For Spring

General Meeting:  
**Thursday, March 18**  
**6:30 p.m.**



Topic: **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

With: Jocelyn Buckey

Community Relations Manager, CVNP

Community Room (Rm 1220)  
Tallmadge High School  
140 North Munroe Rd

This timely topic will help us to look forward to the outdoor season, when everything is green and warm again. Every member is encouraged to bring guests...this will be a meeting that will appeal to everyone.

Also as a reminder, those who would like to meet for dinner can join other League members at 5:15 p.m. at Erie Station Grille. Although this is optional, it's a great way to get to know other members better, develop friendships and build a stronger organization.

## League Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

By Susan Schunk

On April 15, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the High School, the League of Women Voters of Tallmadge will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the National League (February 1920). **To mark this special occasion we will be viewing the HBO film, *Iron Jawed Angels* starring Hillary Swank.** The NLWV partnered with HBO to publicize this 2004 movie prior to the 2004 national elections. The film recounts for a modern audience a key chapter in United States history: the struggles of suffragists who fought for the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

**The movie focuses on two young women, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, and their fight to build on the previous work of the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA).** In 1900, Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters, succeeded Susan B. Anthony as the NAWSA president. Anthony saw in Catt the passion and strength needed to keep the women's

suffrage movement on track. As president, Catt created a highly organized movement by enhancing the organization and educating people about the movement. Catt sought to reach out to all women, regardless of political affiliation, to help win equal voting rights.

One of the many women inspired by Catt's enthusiasm and passion for women's suffrage was Alice Paul. Paul felt that the fight for women's rights was one that required more radical and attention grabbing tactics. While Catt's organization worked to galvanize support within the states before introducing an amendment to Congress, Alice Paul was eager to get to the national level as soon as possible and she and her followers decided to branch off and create the National Women's Party. Her tactics often clashed with those of Catt, who did not approve of some of Paul's daring and unconventional methods. Nevertheless, even though the two groups were separate, they were unified by their common goal.



### Tallmadge Historic Afghans On Order

Back by popular demand, the League has ordered more of the commemorative Tallmadge afghan throws. They will be available at City Hall thru Karen Morgan. They are available in cranberry or navy and sell for \$50 each. Great gifts for your Tallmadge family and friends!

***Iron Jawed Angels* is inspiring, edifying, and at many points riveting.** Take the time to enhance your own knowledge of the history of the suffragists and join us on **April 15, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. to watch this film. The public is invited. For more information, you may contact Susan Schunk at 330-633-6254 or [rschunk@neo.rr.com](mailto:rschunk@neo.rr.com).**

## March is Women's History Month

Each year, since 1981, Congress has authorized a National Women's History Month resolution to mark the achievements of women for their groundbreaking and advancing efforts in the arts and sciences, in athletics, education, medicine, government and social welfare – in all fields of endeavor.

Indeed the accomplishments of these history-makers stand alone but not entirely apart from the path of equality and opportunity they have left for more and more women of each succeeding generation. So, whether by chance or choice, many were pioneers in the field of women's rights and that too is a part of the mark they have left on history.



### Statehouse Day

April 14

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register by April 6

\$35

Visit [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)  
for on-line registration

## Judicial Selection Becoming Hot Topic in 2010

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund, Ohio State Bar Association and Ohio Chief Justice Tom Moyer are calling for the implementation of an **appointment and retention election system** for Ohio's courts. Recent op-ed pieces in the Columbus Dispatch and the Akron Beacon Journal, while holding differing positions on an appointive-elective process have certainly raised awareness of judicial reform.

Currently, Ohio elects all state judges. When raising the most money is increasingly related to winning judicial elections, regardless of the candidates' qualifications, the League espouses alternative methods should be considered.

In contrast to Ohio's judicial selection process, the majority of states use a nonpartisan or bipartisan appointive-elective—or **merit selection** appointment process for some or all judicial offices. In this system, judges are chosen based on their qualifications -- on **merit**. This typically involves a governor appointing a judge to office, having selected her/him from a small group of candidates recommended by a nonpartisan or bi-partisan screening committee. The appointed judges are required to periodically stand for **retention election**.

Although merit selection or appointive-elective process cannot entirely remove politics from the process, the American Bar Association, for one, believes that merit selection reduces the influence of special interests, increases judicial independence and enhances the pool of viable candidates who might otherwise choose not to participate in a contested and enormously expensive campaign.;

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*May 8 - Circle the Date*

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

Plan now to attend the Annual Meeting & Luncheon on **Saturday May 8 at 11:30 a.m.** to be held at the River Brasserie in Cuyahoga Falls (formerly LeFever's Restaurant). This is always a lovely event and a nice way to end our year. It is also an IMPORTANT meeting, too, as we look forward to 2010-11 by voting for officers & board members, the budget and any position statements that are presented. **Special guest speaker will be Meg Flack, president of the Ohio LOWV.**

We will be ordering from the menu. Your reservations are due to Nancy Treichler (330-633-6308) no later than Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Become a Star Supporter**

**LWVTallmadge Annual Fundraising Drive**

By now you all should have received the letter asking you to become a Member Star Supporter at one of three levels:

**Red: \$100 or more**

**White: \$50 to \$99**

**Blue: \$25 to \$49**

Your generosity is what will enable our local League to promote voter awareness and citizen participation, sponsor voter registration drives and town meetings, award scholarships and lobby legislators.

Send your donation to  
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PO Box 435

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*Or bring it to the next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>!!*

**Mark Your Calendar for Remainder of League Year**

March 18	Cuy.Valley Ntl. Park	6:30 p.m.	Tallmadge H.S.
April 3	Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Tallmadge Library
April 15	"Iron Jawed Angels"	6:30 p.m.	Tallmadge H.S. Community Rm. 1220
May 8	Board Meeting & Annual Lunch/Meeting	11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	River Brasserie (formerly LeFever's)