



THE VOTER

President's Podium

Dear LWVT members and members of the public,
I invite you to join us and come to our meetings. It is going to be an exciting year. This is a year of celebration. August 26, 2009 marked the 89th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment. And February 14, 2010 will mark the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters. We have much to celebrate and much work to continue. The Board members are working together to continue the mission of the League. I especially thank the Program Committee composed of Nancy Treichler, Marlene Fire, Susan Schunk, Diane Grimm and Amy Goodson-Beal for their efforts this past summer. Their work resulted in an exciting line-up of programs for the upcoming year. Plan to come celebrate with us by attending our programs and don't forget to bring a friend or two!

Best wishes,
Julia Spiker

Check It Out!

- ✓ If you wish to **receive minutes** of TLWV Board meetings, please let Viona Smith know via e-mail: vmsandvcs@aol.com
- ✓ **Deadline** for the next issue of **THE VOTER** is **September 30th**. E-mail information, features, announcements articles to Editor Nancy Wack at njtpw@yahoo.com
- ✓ **VOTE! Election Day, November 3**
Deadline to be registered to vote is
Monday, October 5th

SALAD SUPPER

Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tallmadge Library

Meeting Room



Bring a **salad** or **dessert** to share along with family and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to show prospective members what League is all about.

Speaker – Mayor Chris Grimm will introduce our new fire chief, Pat Gaffney and will talk about the state of the city and answer questions.

Save a Stamp!!

Pay Your Dues In Person!

Attend this year's Salad Supper and enjoy the great food and conversation. This is also the perfect opportunity to save a stamp and pay your dues in person.

This year, the cost of dues is \$50.00. As a gentle reminder, the amount that the Tallmadge League charges doesn't cover the entire cost of the state and national dues. TLWV actually subsidizes your dues! So if you are so inclined, any extra donation you'd like to make in addition to the basic cost of dues is greatly appreciated!

If you are unable to make it to the salad supper, please mail your dues payment to Membership Chair: Kim Marfy 1063 Amy Trail Tallmadge, Oh 44278

Program Committee Report

By Nancy Treichler, Chairperson

The program committee members are Marlene Fire, Diane Grimm, Amy Goodson-Beal and Susan Schunk. They have been meeting over the summer to plan informative and thought-provoking programs for you.

We are excited about the line-up which begins with the **Salad Supper on Sept. 17th** when the Mayor will be available to answer questions about how the city has progressed in 2009. We will also meet our new Fire Chief, Pat Gaffney.

Voter Awareness Night on October 15th will provide members and the community an opportunity to hear candidates for public office and to become informed about ballot issues.

In November, the League will host an **Informational Meeting** on the **2010 US Census**. The census will determine the number of US House seats allotted for Ohio and the amount of federal dollars which will be directed to the state.

December will bring our **Annual Christmas Brunch** to be held in Rose's Car at Erie Station Grille along with entertainment which will be fun and stimulate your intellect!

There will be **no meeting in January**, however in **February** the topic will be **Regionalism** and how voluntary collaboration among governmental entities can foster transparency and save money while maintaining service standards.

In **March** we will hear from a representative from the **Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Park** and in **April** we encourage all to view with us, the HBO film, ***Iron-Jawed Angels***, which chronicles the struggle of the suffragists to pass the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

The **Annual Meeting on May 8th** will end our program year.

All meetings of the League are open to the public and we encourage members to bring family and friends with them.

Voter Awareness Night 2009

By Tammy Shomo & Carmen Thompson,
Co-chairs

This year's Voter Awareness Night is planned for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **October 15**. We will be returning to the **Les Bennett Center** at Tallmadge Middle School for this annual event. Once again we have asked the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce to co-sponsor VAN and to provide two screeners.

We will be inviting candidates for the Council-at-Large, Stow Municipal Court Clerk and Tallmadge City School Board. In addition, we will send invitations to representatives of key issues of local interest. As of press time, not all of the issues have been approved by the Board of Elections, but we will be including in our program those of interest to our community.

As always, we will need volunteers to help at VAN to insure the success of the event. If you would like to help set up, clean up, screen questions, video-tape or act as a "runner", please let us know.

2010 U.S. Census To Impact Area

By Diane Grimm

What is the purpose of the Census?

How important is this information?

Why should I be counted?

What impact does it have on Tallmadge, on Summit County, and on the State of Ohio?

Find out the answer to these questions and more!

The Tallmadge LWV will be working with **imPACT** and sponsor an **Informational Meeting** on **November 19th** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Tallmadge Community Center** (*tentative location*). This program will be on the 2010 U.S. Census and why it is **so important** to our area of the country.

imPACT – Political Accountability for Citizens Today is one of the largest political projects undertaken by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund. It is an initiative which started with a grant application from the Joyce Foundation (out of Chicago) that helps with efforts towards public policies and improving our quality of life in the Great Lakes region.

imPACT will provide the speakers and the forum for discussion, but we need our Tallmadge LWV members, family and friends to attend. Mark your calendar and plan to attend an informative evening on November 19th. I hope to see you there!

Did you know ...the first U.S. census was taken in 1790?

Did you know ...at that time U.S. Marshalls counted more than 3.9 million people?

Did you know ... in 1930 the official U.S. Census date became April 1st?

Did you know ... in 2000 the Census Bureau counted more than 281 million people?

Did you know ... the Tallmadge count in 2000 was 17,178 people?

Did you know ... on Jan. 1, 2008 the estimated count in the U.S. was 303,146,284 people?

Did you know ... the local census office has started recruiting?

Did you know ... their 2010 representative lives in Tallmadge?

Learn More on February 18, 2010

Regionalism to Improve Northeast Ohio

Hear how Northeast Ohio organizations and political entities are working together to create a synergy for helping fragmented local governments begin to pull together to coordinate economic development and smart growth for the region as a whole. Lynda Mayer will discuss how regional tax-base revenue sharing and intergovernmental collaborative agreements reduce costs, foster transparency and accountability, improve efficiencies and maintain service standards. This presentation on February 18, 2010 will provide an update on the much-anticipated **Regional Prosperity Initiative**, the unprecedented effort coordinated by Northeast Ohio Mayors and Managers toward government reform at the municipal, county and regional levels.

For information on the Cuyahoga Area League's position on this visit:

<http://lwvcuyahogaarea.blogspot.com/2009/05/tax-base-revenue-sharing-new-lwv.html>

Further information on the Regional Prosperity Initiative can be found at: <http://neo-rpi.org/>

On the State and National Front

From National: The League recently released a statement urging Congress and the President not to succumb to the bullying tactics of special interest groups, and continue supporting the public option included in H.R. 3200, [America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009](#).

From LWV Ohio: In 2005, [LWV-Ohio](#) sued the state regarding eight specific areas of concern relating to fundamental voting rights and equality of access to the polls. The goals of the lawsuit were met this summer as the parties reached a landmark settlement agreement to ensure uniformity and consistency in Ohio election procedures statewide, to promote pre-election planning to minimize errors and breakdowns such as occurred in previous elections due to lack of personnel and adequate equipment; training and recruitment of pollworkers; data collection and monitoring. The Secretary of State will have to report findings as they relate to two of the 8 areas: creating a statewide voter database and why provisional ballots were not counted in 2008 and what efforts will be made to prevent this happening in the future.

Meet the New Fire Chief at Salad Supper

By Karen Morgan



Patrick Gaffney became the City's new Fire Chief on July 13th of this year. He has 27 years of experience with the department and has a degree in fire protection technology from the University of Akron. He started his career as an on-call firefighter and paramedic in 1976. He was selected from a field of 20 applicants for the position and according to Mayor Grimm, *"we interviewed a lot of applicants, some from much larger cities around the state, but we found the best qualified person for the job right here. I am proud and honored to see Pat take over the department"*.

Pat has the distinction of becoming only the third full-time Fire Chief since the department was established. The other two chiefs were father and son, John Crossen (9 years) and Dennis Crossen (28 years).

Overseeing the testing and selection of his successor as Assistant Chief will be one of Pat's first responsibilities. Another priority will be working on plans for the construction of a larger, more efficient Fire Station #2 (at Six Corners) by 2011. Pat, his wife Patti and their two children, Emily and Ryan live on Ashmun Avenue.



How Green Is Our Valley and More

Focus on National Park

There were 2.8 million visitors to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 2008, making it the sixth most-visited National Park in the U.S., right after Yellowstone which had 3 million visitors. The CVNP is Ohio's only National Park and will be the topic of the **League Meeting on March 18th, 2010**.

The National park system itself is the focus of a 12-hour, six-part PBS series by noted filmmaker Ken Burns titled *"The National Parks: America's Best Idea,"* airing locally beginning September 27th. See local listings for start times. Immediately following the first show on the 27th, the local Western Reserve PBS stations will show *"Generations"* – the story of the 35-year old Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

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The Board of the Tallmadge League of Women Voters meets on the first Saturday of the month. General membership meetings are on the third Thursday of the month September thru November and February thru April. December and May meetings are held on Saturday. No meetings are scheduled in June, July, August or January.

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Contributions to our local THE VOTER are always welcome. Please e-mail articles by the 30th of each month to Nancy Wack @ njtpw@yahoo.com

We're on the Web!!
For more information, visit
www.lwvtallmadge.org

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Dates

October 3	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Tallmadge Library
October 15	Voter Awareness Night	7:00 p.m.	Bennett Center @TMS
November 3	Election Day	6 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
November 7	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Tallmadge Library
November 19	Informational Meeting on 2010 Census	6:30 p.m.	Community Center* <i>* Location to be confirmed</i>
December 5	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Erie Station– Rose Car
December 5	Holiday Brunch & Trivial Pursuit Game	9:30 a.m.	“ “ “ “

*Happy New Year
Meetings Resume in February*

VOTE TUESDAY SIGNS

By Marlene Fire, Chairperson



The Tallmadge League has purchased 50 more "Vote Tuesday" signs, bringing our total to 100.

We are asking **each member** to help with installing the signs throughout the community.

The signs should be **displayed from the Wednesday before** the November election and **retrieved the Wednesday after the election**. Some suggestions about where to display the signs are: your front yard, neighbors, friends, your church, your favorite restaurants, and stores and shops that you frequent. Of course, you need to get permission to install the signs, and remember where you placed them, so that you can gather them after the election.

The signs and instructions will be available at the September Salad Supper meeting, and also at the October "Voter Awareness" program. If you cannot pick up the signs at a meeting, we will be happy to deliver them to your home. Thank you in advance for your participation in this very worthwhile project.

**TALLMADGE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET
2009 – 2010**

		Budgeted 2008-09	Expended 2008-09	Budgeted 2009-10
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Operating Costs:	General Supplies	\$ 20.00	37.55	40.00
	Post Office Box	60.00	58.00	60.00
	“Voter” and Annual Report	575.00	281.55	350.00
	Program and Hospitality	100.00	68.88	100.00
	Speakers and Guests	100.00	50.00	100.00
	Marketing (Website)	150.00	213.35	200.00
	Miscellaneous	30.00	0.0	20.00
Delegates	State Convention	500.00	536.52	0.0
	National Convention	0.0	0.0	1,500.00
	State Council/State House Day	50.00	0.0	50.00
	Local Area Meetings	100.00	0.0	100.00
Dues/Memberships	National PMP	1,120.00	1045.00	1124.20
	State PMP	880.00	881.26	933.63
	Community Memberships	100.00	100.00	100.00
Educational Activities	Voter Awareness Night	200.00	169.81	200.00
	Kids Vote	150.00	312.71	0.0
	Voter Services	100.00	0.0	500.00
	Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Tallmadge Expo	150.00	100.00	0.0
	Phone-a-thon/Power Pledge	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fundraising	Letter Campaign	<u>100.00</u>	<u>93.49</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,625.00	\$5,098.12	\$6,627.83
<u>REVENUE</u>				
	Dues/Rebates and Donations	\$ 2,000.00	1,989.55	2,000.00
	Blankets and Pillows	400.00	0.0	200.00
	Phone-a-thon/Power Pledge	5.00	0.0	0.0
	Interest earned Savings/CDs	100.00	98.56	75.00
	LWV of Ohio Education Fund (Withdrawal and Rebate)	600.00	493.54	600.00
	Fundraising Campaign	2,000.00	2,655.00	2,300.00
	Transfer from Savings/CDs	500.00	0.0	1,500.00
	Miscellaneous Income	<u>100.00</u>	<u>30.71</u>	<u>25.00</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,705.00	\$5,267.36	\$6,700.00