



THE VOTER

President's Podium

Dear League Members and Friends,

On March 19, we co-sponsored an ImPACT forum with the Akron and the Hudson chapters. The Akron chapter did a fantastic job organizing the event. More than 100 people attended to hear Jennifer Brunner speak and listen to a panel of experts discuss the topic of *"Secret Money in Elections: Transparency in Government?"* Also, thank you **Kim Ray** for your efforts at the event. Kim and I served as discussion facilitators. It was energizing to engage in discussions with individuals who were so informed and interested in politics.

I encourage you to attend the annual **Statehouse Day on April 7**. The state budget and the topic of civil discourse will be addressed. Contact Nancy Treichler if you are interested.

Do plan on attending our general meeting on **April 14** to hear the report of the Charter Commission.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our fundraising campaign and generously donated to the League. Your support makes our work possible. If you have not yet responded I urge you to consider making a donation to our chapter.

In League,
Julia Spiker

APRIL GENERAL MEETING*

UPDATE FROM
CHARTER
REVIEW
COMMISSION



Thursday, April 21

6:30 p.m.
Community Room
@ THS

* *In addition, members discussion
re: future of LWVT*

Inside...

- *Slate of officers for 2011-2012*
- *Proposed additions & changes to By-laws*
- *Proposed Budget*

ELECTION OF BOARD & OFFICERS ON MAY AGENDA

The following names have been placed in nomination by Nominating Committee. These names will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting on May 21, 2011

PRESIDENT

Nancy Treichler 2011-2013

VICE PRESIDENT: 2011-2012

(unexpired term)

SECRETARY:

Leslie Zaynor 2011-2013

ELECTED BOARD:

Nancy Wack 2011-2013

Peggy Manson 2011-2013

Helen Fire 2011-2012
(unexpired term)

Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominees shall have been secured.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Board Members continuing until 2012 are:

TREASURER:

Barb Mattern 2010-2012

ELECTED BOARD:

Carmen Thomson 2010-2012

EX-OFFICIO:

Kim Marfy & Kim Ray Membership Chairs

Julia Spiker, Past President

Appointed Board Members are

Susan Yatsu 2011-2012

Susan Schunk 2011-2012

Sue Ellen Hughes 2011-2012

Addition to By-laws:

Student Membership Proposal

For your consideration and vote at the May General Meeting

“A student is defined as an individual at least 18 years old who is enrolled either full or part-time in an accredited institution.

Student membership dues shall be equal to one half of the amount of dues paid by a regular member.

The per member payment for a member who is a student shall be equal to one half the per member payment amount determined at the League of Women Voters national convention. “

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

LWV Tallmadge Annual Fundraising Drive

Your generosity enables our local League to promote voter awareness & citizen participation, sponsor voter registration drives and town meetings, award scholarships and lobby legislators.

If you haven't yet contributed to the Star Supporter Campaign, you still have time.

There are 3 levels:

Red: \$100 or more

White: \$50 to \$99

Blue: \$25 to \$49

Bring you donation to the next meeting or send it to:

Tallmadge League of Women Voters

PO Box 435

Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

April Meeting Preview

The 2011 Charter Review Commission will hold its final meeting on April 5. The recommendations for amendments will then be presented to City Council.

This year, the League had four members on the Commission: **Lisa Zeno Carano, Tammy Hardgrove Shomo, Helen Fire & Megan Raber.**

These members will present the proposed amendments to the group. They will discuss the process the Commission went through to develop the proposed amendments.

It should be very informative and help League members prepare for the issues on the November ballot.

In addition to hearing from our Charter Review Commission members, we are allotting some time at this meeting for an open discussion about the future of our League. The Board needs to hear from you about what you see as our strengths and weaknesses and what suggestions you have to increase our membership and to sustain our leadership.

From time to time during our 35 year history we have reached a critical stage and we are at one of those periods now. So please plan to attend this meeting and share your thoughts about where we should head in the future.

Bylaws Amendment from LWVUS 2010 Convention

Article III Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. *Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.*

Current Bylaws of LWV of Tallmadge with Proposed Amendment

Article III—Membership

Sec. 2 Types of Membership.

a) Voting members.

i. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS;

1. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;

2. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be **honorary LIFE** members excused from payment of dues.

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Officers

President Julia Spiker
Vice President Nancy Treichler
Treasurer Barb Mattern
Secretary Leslie Zaynor

Elected Board

Sue Ellen Hughes
Carmen Thompson
Nancy Wack

Appointed Board

Sue Yatsu

Ex Officio Members

Kim Marfy –Membership Chair
Tammy Shomo – Past President

LWV of Ohio Liaison

Ardith Keck

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

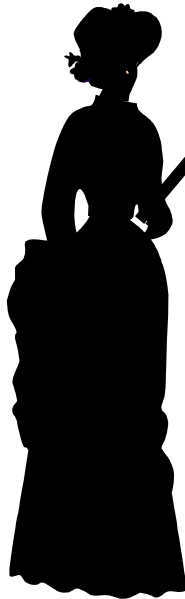
April 7	Statehouse Day		Columbus
April 14	General Meeting	6:30 p.m.	THS Community Room
	Topic: Charter Review Commission		
May 21*	Board Meeting	TBD	
	ANNUAL MEETING	11:30 a.m.	Samira's Restaurant
	Speaker: Judge Linda Teodosio		Cuyahoga Falls

**Note change in date.*

**VOTE
TUESDAY**

LADIES OF THE CIRCLE

By Marlene Fire



Please mark your calendar to display your Vote Tuesday sign(s) from **Wednesday, April 27**, and remove the sign(s) on **Wednesday May 4**, the day after the primary.

If you need more signs, contact me at **330 633-3829**, or mgfire@gmail.com and I will be happy to deliver them to you.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE LADIES displayed on the Tallmadge Circle at election time are 25 years old this year.

THE LADIES have reminded circle travelers of each election and primary during that period.

THE LADIES were created in 1986, by a committee of League members, headed by President Sally Keatts. The silhouette of a suffragete is a reminder of the long, difficult struggle by women to win the Right to Vote.

THE LADIES have been repainted by League members only once in all these years.

THE LADIES have been installed on, and removed from, the circle by a crew from the Tallmadge Street Department. The City is also kind enough to store them for us.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET
2011 - 2012
Year-to-Date, April 4, 2011

EXPENDITURES	Budget	Expended	Proposed
OPERATING COSTS	2010-11	2010-11	2011-12
General Supplies	30.00	27.74	30.00
Post Office Box	60.00	30.00	60.00
"Voter" and Annual Report	250.00	69.44	100.00
Program and Hospitality	100.00	51.78	50.00
Speakers/Guests	75.00	50.00	50.00
Marketing and Website	150.00	(155.50)	150.00
Miscellaneous (Donations)	20.00	80.00	20.00
DELEGATES			
State Convention	600.00	.0.	.0.
National Convention	.0.	.0.	1,500.00
State Council/Statehouse Day	200.00	70.00	70.00
Local Area Meetings	100.00	.0.	40.00
DUES/MEMBERSHIPS			
National PMP (29.80) (based on 30 members)	900.00	1,009.80	900.00
State PMP (25.75)	800.00	605.62	750.00
Community Memberships	100.00	100.00	100.00
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES			
Voter Awareness Night	200.00	171.97	200.00
Kids' Vote	300.00	.0.	.0
Voter Services	100.00	.0.	50.00
Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Power Pledge	150.00	150.00	150.00
Tallmadge Expo (2011)	150.00	100.00	.0.
FUNDRAISING			
Letter Campaign	<u>200.00</u>	<u>153.22</u>	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,485.00	(3,824.97)	5,380.00

REVENUE		Collected	
Dues and Donations (based on 30 members)	\$ 1,700.00	\$1,810.00	1,600.00
Blankets and Pillows	400.00	.0.	200.00
Power Pledge Rebate	22.00	22.50	22.50
Interest earned from Savings and Certificates of Deposit	25.00	1.53	2.00
LWV of Ohio Education Fund (Withdrawal)	600.00	.0.	600.00
Fund-raising Campaign	2,100.00	1,885.00	2,000.00
Transfer from Savings	600.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>40.00</u>	<u>.0.</u>	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,487.00	\$5,219.03	\$5,444.00