



THE VOTER

President's Podium

Dear League Members and Friends,

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the League of Women Voters of Tallmadge. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the League members for this opportunity to serve in this capacity for the last two years. I also want to send a special thanks to the Board Members who dedicate so much of their time and effort in support of the League of Women Voters' mission.

Do join me in thanking Sue Ellen Hughes for organizing our efforts at the Tallmadge Expo and to Helen Fire and the dedicated high school students who volunteered to help out in our booth. I also wish to offer a special thanks to Megan Raber for leading us in an engaging discussion of the report from the Charter Review Commission during our April general meeting. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to our fundraising campaign and for your support of our work in the community.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on May 21st.

In League,
Julia Spiker

Annual Meeting & Luncheon
Saturday, May 21st
11:30 a.m.

Samira's Restaurant
2291 Riverfront Pkway
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Presentation by
Judge Linda Teodosio

Reservations by May 19th
To Nancy Treichler
at 330-633-6308 or to
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Meals to be ordered from the menu.

A Report From STATEHOUSE DAY 2011

By Marlene Fire

Note: Nancy Treichler and Marlene Fire represented the Tallmadge LWV at Statehouse Day in Columbus on April 7th.

Following a welcome from Meg Flack, President of LWVO and from Terrie Tarchinski-Neilson, Chair of Statehouse Day, Mr. Fred Anderle, delivered the keynote speech. Mr. Anderle is currently an associate with the Ohio State University Humanities Institute, and formerly was the host of a WOSU public affairs talk program for more than 20 years. The subject of his talk was: *Restoring Civility to our National Discourse*, a subject that is very timely.

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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

Proposed Membership Policy

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.”

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.*

Speaker Profile: Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio

We are pleased to have as our May speaker, **Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Teodosio**. Judge Teodosio graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Akron in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She received her Juris Doctor from the UA School of Law in 1982.

Judge Teodosio entered private practice after graduation. She also served as a Magistrate in Akron Municipal Court and as staff attorney for the 9th District Court of Appeals. In 1997, she was elected Judge in the Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court where she served until her election as Judge for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. She began her administration of the Court on January 1, 2003. She was re-elected to a second term in November 2008.

Her administration of the Juvenile Court has won national recognition for its innovative approach, particularly in the areas of alternative sentencing and enhanced programming. Judge Teodosio's concept of integrating mental health issues as a causal element in the genesis and treatment of substance abuse has gained national notoriety for the Court's Crossroads Program.

In December, 2010, she received national recognition as a "Champion for Change" from the MacArthur Foundation for her progressive approach on the Juvenile Court bench. The Court's "Takin' It to the Streets" initiative was named one of the top two programs in the nation by the United States Department of Justice.

She has received the prestigious Outstanding Alumni Award in 2007 from the University of Akron's School of Law. *Northern Ohio Live* magazine named her one of the most influential women in Northeast Ohio.

Judge Teodosio has served on more than 50 civic and professional organizations, including President of the Akron Bar Association.

Her husband, Tom, also a 1982 graduate of Akron's School of Law, is an attorney and past president of Summit County Council. He has served as a Judge in the General Division of Summit County Common Pleas Court since 200. They make their home in Munroe Falls.

Current Bylaws of LWV of Tallmadge with Proposed Changes

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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League of Women Voters
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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

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Report From STATEHOUSE DAY 2011 – continued from Page 1

Next was a discussion of the **Governor's Budget**, with three panel members offering different opinions about the impact of the Budget on Ohioans and state government. A question and answer session followed.

After lunch, **Secretary of State Jon Husted** spoke about his proposals for election reform and hopes to modernize and improve operation of Ohio elections. One change he has proposed is requiring full Social Security number or state ID or Ohio driver's license to vote absentee or provisional ballot.

The afternoon consisted of workshops:

#1 Governor's Vision for Education....the presenter was a director for the Governor's Office of Education who spoke about changes in funding and offered suggestions on how schools can save money through regional consolidation, such as purchasing pools, etc.

#2 Redistricting: The Time is Now.... a Board Member and Legislative Director of LWVO gave a great explanation of "gerrymandering" and an overview of the current redistricting process and the opportunities for reform.

#3 Ohio Budget and Implementing the Affordable Care Act.... the executive director for UHCAN Ohio offered information about the current status of the health care situation in Ohio and what to expect under this administration.

#4 Criminal Justice Reform – the Education Director of the Ohio ACLU spoke about the sale of five prisons, and other budget elements that may reduce mental health services, drug rehabilitation program, etc, and the implications for Ohio's prison population.

Nancy and I went to different workshops so that we could get as much information as possible. Nancy had planned to meet with our State Representative, Todd McKenney, however he was unavailable so she talked with his legislative aide about the League's concern that cutting state funds to schools and local governments will result either in detrimental cuts to education and vital social services or will force localities and school districts to seek increased taxes.

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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. |
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| FUNDRAISING | | | |
| Letter Campaign | <u>200.00</u> | <u>153.22</u> | <u>160.00</u> |
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| 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> |
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| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 5,487.00 | \$5,219.03 | \$5,444.00 |