



THE VOTER

President's Podium

Dear League Members and Friends,

Our annual membership drive is off to a good start. A special thank you goes out to our membership chair, Kim Marfy, for her dedication and commitment to our chapter. If you have not yet renewed your membership or if you know someone who might like to join please contact Kim.

Our Salad Supper was a success. By the end of the evening everyone enjoyed good food and a good discussion with the mayor. Thank you, Marlene Fire, for organizing the event.

This month we plan on holding the Voter Awareness Night. Carmen Thompson and Sue Yatsu have been working hard to organize the program. I encourage you to attend and participate in the political process as we head toward the general election.

In League,
Julia Spiker



Voter Awareness Night

Thursday, October 21

7:00 p.m.

Bennett Center
at
Tallmadge Middle School

*Learn more about issues and
hear local and area candidates*

Check It Out!

- ✓ If you wish to **receive minutes** of TLWV Board meetings, please let Leslie Zaynor know via e-mail: zaynl@cgfs.org
- ✓ **Deadline** for the next issue of THE VOTER is **October 30th**.
E-mail information, features, announcements articles to Editor Nancy Wack at njtpw@yahoo.com
- ✓ **VOTE!** Election Day, November 2

Tallmadge LOWV Sponsors Voter Awareness Night

"Voter Awareness Night 2010" is set for Thursday, October 21, 2010 at Tallmadge Middle School's Les Bennett Center. The event begins at 7:00 pm.

Candidates for Mayor of Tallmadge, 17th District Congressional Representative, 43rd District State Representative and Summit County Council-at-Large have been invited to participate in the forum. Time does not allow for all of the candidates for judicial races to participate in the forum. Instead, the candidates for the offices of 9th District Court of Appeals, Common Pleas Court and Domestic Relations Judge have been invited to attend the "meet and greet" portion of the night in the lobby of the Bennett Center following the forum.

Voter Awareness Night is an opportunity for citizens to hear the candidates for public office speak in person and to become informed about local ballot issues. Each candidate will present a three-minute speech and then questions will be taken from the audience. The format permits only written questions with the candidate or group of candidates specifically designated. A bipartisan screening committee will be responsible for screening questions so that there is not duplication or questions of an abusive or personal nature.

Candidate literature will be available in the lobby of the Les Bennett Center. The Tallmadge League of Women Voters is proud of its reputation of providing fair, impartial and informative forums.



**Be An Informed Voter
... Be A Better Voter**

**ELECTION DAY 2010
November 2**

"VOTE TUESDAY" SIGNS

Elections are just around the corner, and the LWV of Tallmadge will be displaying our Vote Tuesday signs again. For those members who have signs, please jot a reminder on your calendar to put your sign(s) out **on Wednesday, October 27, and take them down on Wednesday, November 3** (or after the polls close **on November 2**).

If you do not have a sign and would be willing to display one or more, please contact me and I will be happy to deliver one to you. There will also be signs available for pick-up at the Voter Awareness Night at the Middle School **on Thursday, October 21**.

Thank you for your participation in this important project.

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Updating League of Women Voters of Ohio's State Finance & Taxation Positions

As a result of changes made in Ohio taxes since the League of Women Voters of Ohio's (LWVO) state finance positions were adopted, the State Finance Committee is proposing an update of 4 of the 6 state finance and taxation policies of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO). (No changes were proposed to the positions on state income tax and the state sales tax)

Leagues throughout Ohio will weigh in on these proposals. **All Tallmadge League members are invited to attend our LWVT Board meeting on November 6th at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Tallmadge High School. These proposals, the pros and cons as well as consensus questions will be discussed.**

Language proposed to be added for an update is underlined, while language proposed for deletion is ~~stricken through~~. For the pros/cons & consensus questions, open the PDF file attached to this newsletter.

1. CRITERIA (Adopted July 1989):

LWVO supports the following tax principles as criteria to be used in evaluating individual taxes and the tax mix in Ohio. Taxes should:

1. be fair and equitable;
2. provide adequate resources for government programs while allowing flexibility for financing future program changes;
3. be understandable to the taxpayer and encourage compliance;
4. be easy to administer;
5. promote economic competitiveness.

In applying these criteria, greater weight should be given to the first two criteria addressing fair and equitable taxes and adequacy of resources

2. CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX (Adopted July, 1989):

Option 1: LWVO supports ~~the corporate franchise tax~~ taxes on businesses as a source of state revenue, especially because businesses should help pay for services received.

Option 2: Eliminate the position: LWVO ~~supports the corporate franchise tax as a source of state revenue, especially because businesses should help pay for services received.~~

Note: the title of the section would be reworded to reflect any change, if approved.

4. PROPERTY TAX (Adopted March 1983)

1. LWVO supports real property tax relief, financed by the state, in the form of the Homestead Exemption based on age, income, and disability income.

2. LWVO supports the elimination of the real property tax rollbacks, both across-the-board and for owner-occupied homes, providing the rollbacks do not unduly burden low-income individuals and families.

6. TAX MIX (Adopted July 1989)

~~LWVO supports the state taxes that are currently in effect.~~ If an increase in state revenue taxes is needed, LWVO prefers corporate income tax, followed by personal income tax as a source of revenue because income taxes tend ~~it tends to~~ be progressive rather than regressive. Applying means testing to state property tax-relief programs would increase the revenue generated by the tax and make the system more equitable by not unduly burdening low-income individuals and families. Taxes on alcohol and ~~cigarettes~~ tobacco are another revenue source if needed. An increase in sales tax, although less desirable, is another possible revenue source; preference is given to expanding the base, followed by an increase in the sales tax rate.

If a decrease in state taxes is called for, LWVO supports reducing the sales tax because it is regressive and less equitable. Tax Relief for those at the lower end of the income scale should be considered if there is an increase in state taxes.

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League of Women Voters**

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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 21	Voter Awareness Night	7:00 p.m.	Bennett Ctr. @ TMS
November 2	ELECTION DAY-VOTE!!	6 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
November 6	Board Meeting*	9:00 a.m.	THS Community Room
	Consensus on Finance & Taxation		
	<i>*All members invited</i>		
November 18	General Meeting	6:30 p.m.	THS Community Room
	Topic: Sunshine Law – Dr. Tim Smith		
December 4	Holiday Brunch	9:30 a.m.	Erie Station– Rose Car
January	NO MEETING THIS MONTH		
February 5	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	To be confirmed
February 17	General Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room
	Topic: Disaster Preparedness & Response		
March 5	Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	To be confirmed
March 17	General Meeting	6:30 p.m.	THS Community Room
	Topic: Charter Review Commission (tentative)		
April 2	Tallmadge Community EXPO		
April 14	General Meeting	6:30 p.m.	THS Community Room
	Topic: African Sky Speaker – Cherie Wade		
May 21*	Board Meeting	TBD	
	ANNUAL MEETING	11:30 a.m.	River Brasserie in Cuyahoga Falls
	Speaker: Judge Linda Teodosio		

**Note change in date.*

Annual Membership Dues Reminder

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 the October meeting, please mail your dues to Membership Chair: Kim Marfy 1063 Amy Trail Tallmadge, Oh 44278

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STAR SUPPORTERS

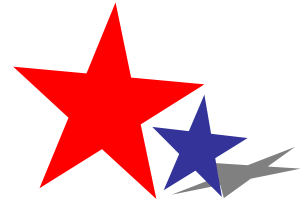
2010 CORPORATE STAR SUPPORTERS

Red Star Level

Jennifer Kaiser, State Farm Insurance
Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce
Tallmadge Vision Clinic

White Star Level

Donovan Funeral Home



2010 LEAGUE STAR SUPPORTERS

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