

May 2009

Annual Meeting Set for June 3

The LWVMC Annual Meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Columbus Board of Realtors, located at 2700 Airport Drive, Columbus 43219. Specific directions can be found on the Realtors website at www.columbusrealtors.org.

The event begins at 6:00 pm with a light sandwich and salad bar for members and visitors.

The first part of the meeting will feature Joel Taylor, Finance director for the City of Columbus. He will discuss the Report of the Economic Advisory Committee of the City. The report addresses the structural deficit in revenues and alternative ideas to help alleviate the financial gap.

The second part of the Annual Meeting will address the business of LWVMC. The 2009-2010 budget will be presented and new members of the Board of Trustees will be introduced.

See more Annual Meeting information inside.

May Units to Feature Energy, Transportation, and Economics

Don't Miss Out on Discussions about Today's Issues

by Jean Byrd

Unit meetings in May will feature opportunities for Leaguers to get involved with issues imperative to the times through political activism and through personal commitment. Units are a vital part of LWVMC and the best way to keep abreast of current issues. Stay informed by attending a unit—and bring a friend.

Morning Unit: Wesley Glenn, Third Thursday May 21

Coffee and tea served for 9:15 am with meeting starting at 9:30 am

The morning unit will address the question “How is the economy affecting our existing social network?” Beth Stewart Magee, Intake Director at the Clintonville Community Resource Center, will join the unit for a discussion of the economic safety-net already in place in Columbus and how the recent financial set-backs are affecting those agencies.

Evening Unit: Grandview Library, Fourth Tuesday, May 26

Program starts at 7:00 pm

Are their existing technologies that will reduce global warming pollution? What new technologies are coming that will reduce dependence on oil and coal and at the same time protect our environment? Join MC League member **Al Rosenfield** in a discussion about energy conservation and alternative energy. Find out what the League is doing on this issue and what individual League members can do to reduce climate change.

Dinner Unit: Wings Restaurant, Fourth Wednesday, May 27

Enjoy a Chinese dinner at 5:30 pm with program starting around 6:00 pm

How is the recent economic downturn affecting the transportation scene? A representative from MORPC will update the League on current developments in transportation in Columbus and the region and join in a discussion on what individuals can do as advocates of transportation. Will stimulus money be coming into Central Ohio?

Don't forget to attend a Unit. As Will Rogers noted, “even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.”

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Janyce C. Katz, Esq.

May 14th is getting close. Have you sent in your reservation yet? Have you told your friends to come to the event in the Atrium of the Statehouse at 5:00 pm?

You know, we are honoring two major figures in the Columbus area news business, Mike Curtin from *The Columbus Dispatch* and Fred Andrlle from WOSU.

You also know that this event, Democracy in Action, is the major fundraiser for the year.

We in LWV prefer to discuss ideas and set up candidates forums. We do not like raising money. Most of us hate to make those calls to people for money, even if we know them well.

But, this is a year when many of our corporate supporters have had to tighten their belts and have cut their expenses.

Sure, we are looking for new supporters. But, for all this, we need your help.

This is my column for today. This, plus a plug for your attendance at the year-end meeting where we will vote on the bylaws and the new LWVMC Board, are all that I am writing about.

It is enough.

You know you are needed.

Please help with our fundraising.

Please help by coming out in June to vote our new Board, our new bylaws and our new budget.

Please take an active role in the LWV. There is plenty to do and we are always open to new ideas for new projects.



Plan to Attend May 14

All Invited to Democracy in Action Ceremony

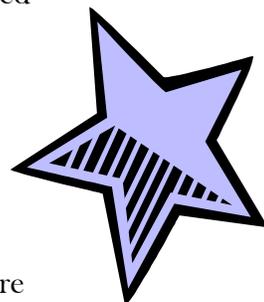
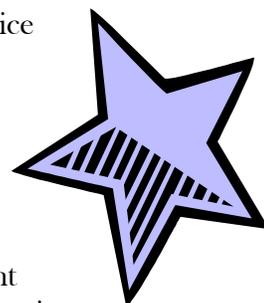
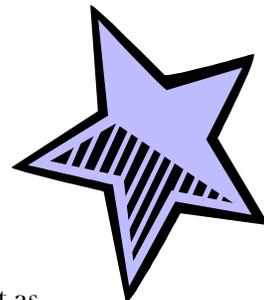
Join us at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium as we honor Mike Curtin and Fred Andrlle with the League's premier citizenship award.

Mike Curtin is associate publisher emeritus for *The Columbus Dispatch*. For most of his career, he specialized in the coverage of state and local government and politics, serving first as reporter, then as public affairs editor, executive managing editor, editor, associate publisher, president, and vice chairman at the paper.

Weekday mornings, Fred Andrlle hosts his award-winning talk program, *Open Line*, on WOSU Radio. His show features fascinating national and local guests as he guides an intelligent and balanced discussion on topics ranging from politics to literature, music to science, health to finance, and psychology to science fiction.

Both Curtin and Andrlle have used their positions and the media to promote, encourage, and demonstrate active and informed citizen participation. They exemplify "Democracy In Action."

League members received mailed invitations to the event and are invited to attend at the discounted rate of \$25 per ticket or at a patron level. The patron levels are: Civic Leader \$750, Community Advocate \$500, Engaged Citizen \$100. Regular tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets may be reserved by contacting the League office no later than May 7. You may also make payment at www.lwvcols.org using PayPal.



Get Involved Help Wanted

If you have expertise or interest in any of these areas, the League could use your help. Contact Amy Pulles at vote@lwvcols.org or 614-837-1089.

- Humanities Scholar
- Videographer
- Committee Members for the Mass Transit Study

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for election to the LWVMC Board of Trustees:

VP Membership: **Lucy Buzzee**
(1-year unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010)
VP Voter Service: **Barbi Crabill**
(2-year term; Exp. 6/2011)
Secretary: **Ann Henkener**
(2-year term; Exp. 6/2011)
Treasurer: **Bob Brown**
(2-year term; Exp. 6/2011)

The following are candidates for Trustees positions:

Helena Schlam (2-year term; Exp. 6/2011)
Longtime League member; retired
Administrative Assistant for the Melton Center at OSU; currently teaches at the Hebrew School and volunteers for the Jewish Historical Society.

Mary Cannon (completing unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010) Involved with LWV since 2005; Office Manager for LWVO for two years; currently serves on LWVMC Advocacy Committee; Lead Volunteer Coordinator with Ohio Historical Society since 2007.

Tiffany Dixon (completing unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010) League member for less than one year; serves on Advocacy Committee; Workforce Development Specialist for Ohio Department of Aging; working on Master's degree in Workforce Development and Education at OSU; serves as mentor in Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program; technology expertise; interested in increasing awareness among young adults on being an informed voter; wants to works on PR.

Janice Patton (completing unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010) League member for three years; volunteered at WBNS-10TV Phone Bank prior to becoming a member; has delivered Meals on Wheels for two years; serves on Membership Committee; Social Worker, employed by Northwest Counseling Services Older Adult Program; plays oboe with Westerville Symphony.

Audra Teague (completing unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010) Joined LWVMC one month ago

after last General Meeting; interests include environmental policy, health care reform, transparency in government, international trade and women's leadership relative to social change; completing Master's degree in Social Change from SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro Vermont; Coordinator for Inter Faith Center for Peace.

John Whitcomb (completing unexpired term; Exp. 6/2010) League member for one year; member of Ukraine Project Committee; active on Finance and Budget Committees; represented League at Governor's Conference on Education; volunteered with WBNS-10TV Phone Bank; registered voters at Children's Hospital; interests include K-16 education, national security issues, and local/state/national governance; retired Lt. Colonel, USAF and Administrative Manager, OSU Department of Physics.

Remaining on the Board:

President: **Janyce Katz**
VP Advocacy: **Scott Britton**
Trustee: **Rose Luttinger**
Trustee: **Diane Gosser**
Trustee: **Dorothy Whitcomb**

2010 Nominating Committee:

Nancy Brown, Chair
Mim Brierly
Cathy Elkins

Respectfully submitted by the 2009 Nominating Committee:

Kitty Burcsu, Chair
Lucy Buzzee
Esther Connors
Gloria Davis
Rose Luttinger

Changes Proposed to Bylaws

Watch your mail for complete information about the proposed bylaws changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, June 3.

The proposal cleans up some language and adds language to establish a Finance Committee.

☆☆☆☆☆☆ LWVMC Annual Meeting ☆ June 3, 2009 ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

LWVMC PROPOSED BUDGET, 2009-2010					
	Line Item	Yr to Mar 31	08-09 Budget	Proposed 09-10	Notes
	INCOME				
1	Membership Dues	\$9,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,330.00	183 members (full, household, student)
2	Membership Contributions	\$2,575.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,900.00	"Rounded-up" dues contributions
3	Non-member Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Eliminate this item for lack of use; use Misc
4	Democracy in Action	\$5,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,000.00	
5	Fundraising Activities	\$3,204.39	\$4,500.00	\$3,060.00	Holiday Auction
6	Meetings/Misc	\$747.32	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	Two General Meetings/year
7	Ed Fund Reimbursement	\$11,375.25	\$18,650.00	\$24,000.00	Based on present year's projection
8	Transfer from Savings to Ck Acc't	\$15,000.00	\$11,535.00	\$0.00	If income is less than projected, transfers from MC's savings must be made.
9	Savings Interest	\$122.37	\$0.00	\$30.00	
	Total Income & Support	\$48,024.33	\$68,185.00	\$55,820.00	Income/Savings expected to be less next year
	EXPENSES				
10	Payroll	\$20,234.08	\$24,000.00	\$24,238.00	Consortium hours cut
11	Payroll taxes	\$2,552.63	\$2,360.00	\$2,600.00	SS/Medicare match; other taxes
12	Staff Professional Dev	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
13	Staff Mileage	\$1,099.81	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	
14	Office and D&O Ins	\$350.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	
15	Office Phone/DSL Int	\$1,653.83	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00	
16	Office Supplies/Postage	\$4,666.38	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	
17	Technology Costs	\$3,570.16	\$6,000.00	\$700.00	Major technology updates completed
18	Board's Expenses	\$580.69	\$750.00	\$500.00	
19	President's Expenses	\$25.08	\$200.00	\$100.00	
20	Convention/Council	\$45.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00	
21	National PMP	\$2,691.00	\$2,690.00	\$2,679.00	MC/EF each pay 1/2 of \$5400 PMP payment (\$29.20 PMP)
22	State PMP	\$3,551.44	\$3,535.00	\$3,303.00	MC pays 3/4 of \$4400 PMP payment (\$24.00 PMP)
23	VOTER	\$1,218.12	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	Members are asked to get VOTER on-line, if possible, to cut costs
24	Democracy in Action	\$155.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
25	Other Fundraising Events	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	
26	Publicity/Public Image/ID Promo	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
27	Membership Committee	\$936.72	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	
28	Program Planning Committee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
29	Action/Advocacy Committee	\$82.49	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	Assumes Ed Fund to pay 1/2 for Mass Transit Study
30	Voter Service Committee	\$1,453.19	\$500.00	\$150.00	Ed Fund will assume major Voter Service/Education expenses
31	Units/General Meetings	\$1,164.65	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
32	Misc/Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
33	Capital Equip Purchase	\$533.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	No capital equipment expenditures anticipated
	Total Expenses	\$46,564.01	\$68,185.00	\$55,820.00	Budget reflects expected cuts in expenses

MC Member Nominated for State League President

by Scott Britton

Metro Columbus League member **Meg Flack** has been nominated for president of the League of Women Voters of Ohio for 2009-2011.

Flack has served on the state board as both secretary and chair of advocacy and legislation.

In 2006, she co-authored a white paper on judicial reform for the League's statewide imPACT Town Hall Meeting project. In 2007, she was appointed by Gov. Ted Strickland to the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel.

Flack has a long history of community volunteerism and has held leadership positions with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County, VOICES for Children and Families, and the Junior League of Columbus.

She has a master's degree in public policy and management and a doctorate degree in sociology from The Ohio State University, where she was an instructor in the Department of Sociology and managed a research project in the Criminal Justice Research Center.

A longtime League member, Flack lobbies on capital punishment issues for the League's lobby corps and serves on Metro's Advocacy Committee.

Flack was nominated by the state Nominating Committee and will be elected at the 58th State Convention in Dublin, May 1-3, 2009.

Metro Columbus board trustee **Ann Henkener** has also been re-nominated to the state board. She serves as state legislative director for the League, working closely with Flack and the League's lobby corps to promote the League's advocacy agenda.

A retired government attorney, Henkener's professional experience includes serving for eight years as in-house counsel for a nonprofit health care organization and spending more than 20 years as an Assistant Attorney General.

Henkener has been on the LWVMC board of trustees and the secretary of the board since 2003. She is designated by LWVO as its representative in discussions with the state legislature concerning redistricting in Ohio, and has provided support to the imPACT project funded by the Joyce Foundation grant.

League Hosts Successful Town Hall Meeting

by Jean Byrd

About 40 League members and guests gathered on March 26 for a LWVMC Town Hall Meeting. Judicial independence was the topic for this latest discussion.

The speakers could not have been more informative or more entertaining. The Honorable Kim Browne, Judge, Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court, and Scott Sturges, of McNamara & McNamara LLP, joined in lively conversations in the group sessions and then went on to describe the state of judicial independence in Ohio during the main talk which quickly turned into a Q&A to the pleasure of all participants.

Thanks go to our speakers and our co-sponsor, Citizen Action's money in politics project and Common Cause. The evening was made possible with the help of the imPACT project, political accountability for citizens today.

For more information on judicial independence visit www.lwvcols.org, www.ohioimpact.org, and www.ohiocitizen.org/money.

LWV — US!

by Robbie Davis, Chair LWVUS Nominating Committee

That's the theme of the 2008-2010 LWVUS Nominating Committee. It means that the leadership of the LWV is us - League members just like you and me who are committed to insuring the continued success of our organization. The goals of this Nominating Committee are to promote that idea and to build a slate for 2010-2012 that reflects the values, concerns, and diversity of Leagues large and small across the country.

Your most important contribution will be to act as our eyes and ears in the leadership search. Please make us aware of leaders in your area and nominate them for positions on the LWVUS Board or Nominating Committee. You can even nominate yourself!

The postmark deadline for nominations is September 30, 2009. A hard copy nomination form and an online form will be available soon. For more information, send an e-mail to nominatingcommittee@lwv.org.

Mark Your Calendar...

- 2nd & 4th Tues** **LWVO Lobby Lunch**, All invited, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Columbus
Metropolitan Library-Main Branch (96 S. Grant Street)
- May 1-3** **LWVO 58th Convention**, Dublin
- May 4** **LWVMC Board Meeting**
- May 5** **Election Day**
- May 14** **LWVMC Democracy In Action Ceremony & Reception**, 5:00-7:00 PM
Statehouse Atrium
- May 21** **LWVMC Morning Unit**
- May 26** **LWVMC Evening Unit**
- May 27** **LWVMC Dinner Unit**
- June 3** **LWVMC Annual Meeting**
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