

THE VOTER

Election 2012

Local League members tackled voters' questions on election day at the studio for Channel 10 News.



Election Day Phone Bank Assists Hundreds

Volunteers at the League's Election Day Phone Bank at WBNS 10TV answered nearly 1100 calls from people across central Ohio who were looking for voting information.

The majority of callers were asking where to vote. While most of the calls came from Franklin County, we were also able to locate polling places in other counties this year by accessing boards of elections web sites for surrounding counties.

Volunteers also answered questions about where to vote

if a person had moved or changed names, what ID was required, whether the caller was registered, what a provisional ballot is and how it would be verified and counted, absentee ballots, ballot issues, candidates, and more.

There was a steady stream of calls from 6:30 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., when Channel 10 closed the call center. It made a very positive difference that WBNS ran the crawl with the phone number every 15 minutes all day long and showed a live picture of the League volunteers every hour. In past

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Post-Election Message from League of Women Voters of Ohio

Dear Friends,

First -- our sincere thanks to each of you -- you who worked tirelessly with passion and perseverance to pass Issue 2. You did this because of your belief in the importance of a redistricting process which benefits Ohio voters, not politicians. You did this in the face of unrelenting, fierce and well-financed opposition by those fighting to maintain their power and their ability to choose their voters.

This was not the outcome we all wanted and worked so hard for... But things we know...

- We know that if we had never started fighting for reform -- or quit now -- if we just give up...redistricting reform will never happen.

- We know that just as our grandmothers and great grandmothers fought for suffrage for 72 years before achieving success, we League members, too, are committed to continuing the fight for redistricting reform - however long it takes.

- We know that there were a lot of promises for reform made during the campaign by those opposing Issue 2 -- and we know League members must ensure that those who promised reform keep their word -- or those promises, like so many in the past, will be forgotten.

- We know we must continue to advocate for redistricting reform based on the principles that serve the voters' interests, not the politicians'.

- And finally, we know that the stature and importance of the League rose dramatically in the eyes of many Ohioans as they watched our valiant efforts.

We are reminded of Carrie Chapman Catt's words following the founding of LWV and on the eve of achieving women's suffrage: We are the League of Women Voters -- and we will "Finish the Fight."

Thank you,
Nancy Brown and Meg Flack,
LWV Ohio Co-presidents

LWVMC President's Message

Amy Pulles

Whether you are happy with the election results or disappointed, we can all be proud of the efforts of National, State, and our local League office this election season to get educated voters to the polls. Our Voter Information Bulletin was in high demand this year and by Election Day, we were only down to a couple hundred copies. As always, our phone was ringing off the hook with voting related questions, such as "Where do I vote?," or "How do I get an absentee ballot?"

Many of our members spent hours, days even, trying to get out the vote for Issue 2. It may have been defeated but our state

League Presidents vow "to finish the fight." I wanted to share with you an email sent out by LWVO Presidents Nancy Brown and Meg Flack. I realize some of you may have already seen this, however, I felt their passion for redistricting and the State League's dedication to the issue was important enough for me to be sure that all local League members have a chance to read the message. Please read their message in the box on page 1 to see how the League can 'finish the fight' for redistricting.

Thanks, Amy



I voted early on Morse Rd. and found the overall experience pleasant and efficient. I used the accessible voting machine with headphones because I am visually impaired. There is still one problem with the Franklin County machine in that it insisted on reading the issues back aloud completely in review mode and would not allow me simply to review my vote. This meant that voting took an inordinate amount of time, even though I went prepared with my ballot choices in hand and could have voted as quickly as anyone else except for this one issue. I have reported this to the Franklin County Board of Elections before several times.
Linda Wyman

I voted absentee with my friend Tom about three weeks before election day.
Cathy Elkins

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years, the station did not show the phone number for several hours in the early afternoon, and the number of calls would drop dramatically. In addition, the station did two on-air interviews with me during the noon and 5:30 news broadcasts on election day and on the Sunday morning news a few days before the election.

Volunteers received training materials addressing many of the questions they were likely to face. Ten volunteers also took advantage of the in-person training session, where they had the chance to practice using the computer to find information on polling places, sample ballots, and more.

Many thanks to the excellent Phone Bank volunteers who, in typical League fashion, arrived early and prepared, provided information

cheerfully and accurately, and who made sure they found out the answers to those few questions they didn't already know:

Mary Austin-Palmer, Paul Bingle, Scott Britton, Kitty Burcsu, Lucy Buzzee, Jean Byrd, Esther Connors, Cathy Elkins, Anne Hammerstein, Rosemary Hamrock, Marilyn Huheey, Janyce Katz, Ayisha King, Pat Larson, Rose Luttinger, Judy Mead, Ron Miller, Anne Nelson, Sonya Nelson-Jones, Ashley Nittle, Linda Paul, Eleanor Pearlman, Louise Pence, Carolyn Piper, Judy Shoemaker, Wanda Suber, Jodi Tully, and Amanda Wilson. Special thanks are due Peg Rosenfield, who spent the entire day at Channel 10, helping us answer the toughest questions.

Beth Taggart



More than you ever wanted to know about The Electoral College

The election is over, right? Well, not completely.

The Electoral College is not just a number, it is an actual body of real people who must gather and cast their votes for President and Vice President. Does that mean that the outcome is uncertain? No, but we thought you'd want the details on how it works.

Where does the number of votes come from?

The number of Electoral College (EC) votes each state has is equal to its number of US Senators (always 2) plus its number of representatives to Congress (which is determined by population). So, the fewest EC votes a state can have is 3.

Ohio has 18 EC votes, putting it behind only California (55), Texas (38), New York (29), Florida (29), and Pennsylvania (20). Ohio and all but two other states are winner-take-all, meaning the candidate who gets the most votes in a state earns all that state's EC votes.

Maine and Nebraska apportion their EC votes differently. The winner in each congressional district earns an EC vote, plus the winner of the popular vote in the state earns the other two EC votes.

Key dates:

- December 17, 2012: The Electors meet in their state and vote for President and Vice President on separate ballots. The Electors sign, seal, and certify six sets of electoral

votes, one of which is sent to the President of the Senate. (The others are for archives, state records, and emergency back-up.)

While there is no provision in the US constitution or federal law that requires Electors to vote according to the results in their state, in Ohio, Electors are pledged by statute to support the winning ticket. (As a practical matter, Electors are often chosen to recognize service and dedication to their political party. They might be elected officials, party leaders, big contributors, or personal friends of the candidate. Thus, they are very unlikely to "go rogue.")

- December 26, 2012: The electoral votes must be received by the President of the Senate.
- January 6, 2013: Congress meets in joint session to count the electoral votes. The Vice President, as President of the Senate, presides over the count and announces the results of the Electoral College vote.
- January 20, 2013 at Noon: Inauguration Day; the President-elect takes the Oath of Office and becomes the President of the United States.

You can attend the Electoral College meeting in Ohio on December 17 at the House Chamber of the Ohio Statehouse. It is free and open to the public, although you may need a ticket to attend. We will post the details in the League Update and on our Facebook page when they are available.

*Both Bob and I voted at the early voting center on Morse Rd. We did it fairly soon after it opened so no lines, very quick. It seemed strange to be using an absentee ballot and no need to show ID Not sure all that was initially understood by the public. Even the Bd of Elections didn't understand. My friend called the Bd and was told she had to ask for an absentee ballot to be mailed to her first and take that to the early voting center. Luckily she read the fine print- the part about that if you request an absentee ballot you can't vote in person. Very confusing.
Jan Patton*

*Brent and I took advantage of early in-person voting at the Morse Road Vote Center. There was not much of a line that day (October 16), and it moved pretty quickly. I was surprised at first that I did not have to show my ID, but the poll worker pointed out that I'd had to supply the last four digits of my social security number on the form. That number, combined with the other information I completed on the form, acted as my ID. It was an impressive operation overall. The best part might be that, once we'd both voted, we stopped getting phone calls from campaigns!
Beth Taggart*

Supreme Court Set to Review Voting Rights Act

Statement by Elisabeth MacNamara,
National President of the League of Women Voters



November 9, 2012 Washington, D.C. – Today, the Supreme Court decided to review the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act. In a week when American democracy was on display for all the world, this action by the Court is a huge step in the wrong direction.

The Voting Rights Act is an essential part of American democracy. The thought that the Supreme Court might overrule Congress and take away voting rights should send a chill down the spine of every American.

The Voting Rights Act ensures that every American has an equal right to vote. With the problems in our election system exposed once again this week, the Supreme Court should be enforcing voting rights, not taking them away.

Our friend Gordon White was in OSU's Ross Heart Hospital on election day, and he got to vote. Voting from the hospital is a complicated procedure, but the OSU staff were on top of things. A hospital worker visited each patient and asked if he or she wanted to vote, and helped them fill out the required paperwork if they did. Then they made sure these requests got to the Board of Elections by the 3 p.m. deadline. The Board of Elections sent a Democratic and Republican election official to work together to assist the patients in completing their ballots. The officials would provide whatever assistance the patient requested to vote the ballot, then have the patient sign it. Gordon said that the hospital staff and the elections officials were extremely helpful and dedicated; he filled out his ballot at 11:20 p.m., and the officials still had more patients to visit.

Beth Taggart



The Voting Rights Act of 1965

By 1965 efforts to put and end to states' disenfranchisement of minority voters had been underway for some time with little to no success. The country was reeling after numerous acts of violence and terrorism, such as the murder of voting-rights activists in Philadelphia, Mississippi and the unprovoked attack by state troopers on peaceful marchers in Selma, Alabama. President Johnson issued a call for a strong voting rights law that would become the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

President Johnson stated in his address delivered on March 15, 1965:

“Many of the issues of civil rights are very complex and most difficult. But about this there can and should be no argument. Every American citizen must have an equal right to vote. There is no reason which can

excuse the denial of that right. There is no duty which weighs more heavily on us than the duty we have to ensure that right.”

Since its inception the Act has been renewed four times since 1965.

Acting just three days after the 2012 election the Supreme Court agreed to rule on claims that Congress went beyond its authority to extend the Voting Rights Act in 2006.

Of special interest is Section 5 of the Act under which nine states and parts of seven others with a past history of racial bias in voting must have federal clearance for any changes in election laws or procedures.

In agreeing to rule on the Act, the Court will limit its review to :

“Whether Congress’ decision in 2006 to reauthorize Section 5



of the Voting rights Act under the pre-existing coverage formula of Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act exceeded its authority under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and thus violated the Tenth Amendment and Article IV of the United States Constitution.”

National League History of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

The right of every citizen to vote has been a basic League principle since its origin. Early on, many state Leagues adopted positions on election laws. But at the national level, despite a long history of protecting voting rights, the League found itself in the midst of the civil rights struggle of the 1960s without authority to take national legislative action on behalf of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Stung by the League's powerlessness to take action on such a significant issue, the 1970 Convention adopted a bylaws amendment enabling the League to act "to protect the right to vote of every citizen" without the formality of adopting voting rights in the national program. This unusual decision reflected member conviction that protecting the right to vote is indivisibly part of the League's basic purpose. When

the 1974 Convention amended the Bylaws to provide that all League Principles could serve as authority for action, the separate amendment on voting rights was no longer needed.

The 1976 Convention's adoption of Voting Rights as an integral part of the national Program and the 1978 confirmation of that decision underlined the already existing authority under the Principles for the League to act on this basic right. In May 1982, the LWVUS Board made explicit the League's position on Voting Rights, and the 1982 Convention added Voting Rights to the national Program. The 1986 Convention affirmed that a key element of protecting the right to vote is encouraging participation in the political process. The 1990 Convention affirmed that the LWVUS should continue emphasis on protecting the right to vote by

working to increase voter participation.

Leagues had lobbied extensively for the 1970 amendments to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1975, the League was part of a successful coalition effort to extend the act and expand its coverage to language minorities. In 1982, the League was a leader in the fight to strengthen the act and extend its major provisions for 25 years. In 1992, the League successfully sought reauthorization of the language assistance provision for an additional 15 years. In 2006, the League sponsored a major public initiative to support the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. After months of action by Leagues across the country, the bill was passed and signed into law.

National League Position Citizen's Right To Vote

Statement of Position on Citizen's Right to Vote, as Announced by National Board, March 1982:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed.

Information and pictures for pages 4 and 5 were from SCOTUSblog Supreme Court of the United States Blog, Lyle Denniston; www.justice.gov; www.history.com; and www.greatamericandocuments.com.

For more information about the US League's positions on Voting Rights and other issue go to 'take action' on the LWMC website, www.lwvcols.org

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

Rosa Parks,

African-American civil rights activist



Rosa Parks



To the left,
Fannie Lou Hamer.
To the right
Coretta Scott King.





MC League Activities

The LWVMC Education and Advocacy Committee along with Citizens for Public Discussion present a discussion on:

The Fiscal Cliff

Monday, Dec. 3, 2012

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Whetstone Library

**3909 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43214**

Professor Emeritus Paul Beck from The Ohio State University discusses the looming "fiscal cliff" that the U.S. government will face at the end of 2012 when the Budget Control Act of 2011 goes into effect.



You are invited to The Annual LWVMC Holiday Party and Auction!

Sunday, December 2, 2012,

12:00pm - 2:00pm

*1 Miranova Place, Suite 505
Columbus 43215*

Join with other LWVMC members and friends in celebrating the holiday season with a brunch and live and silent auctions featuring auctioneer Brent Taggart. Tickets are \$20 and include 10 raffle tickets.

Please RSVP to the League office at vote@lwvcols.org or 614-837-1089.

Democracy In Action

May 2013

See page 8 for more information about this year's recipients.

Remember LWVMC in Legacy Giving

The Development Committee is suggesting another opportunity for members to support the MC League. While the Development Committee structures a planned giving program through the Columbus Foundation, the committee also encourages those of you who are considering offering more support to the League to include LWVMC Ed Fund in your will.

Here is some suggested language from League of Women Voters (US):

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus Education Fund, a charitable organization formed in Columbus, Ohio, with offices at LWVMC, 6500 Busch Blvd. #129, Columbus, OH 43229 {the sum of \$ _____} {_____percentage of my residuary estate}."

You can have your attorney add a codicil to include LWVMCEF.

Also, please consider naming LWVMC as a recipient for donations in any pre-planning you may do for an eventual obituary.

Lucy Buzbee



Attention League Members!



The Membership Committee needs your help gathering information for a demographic profile of the current LWVMC membership. We ask that all members, new and seasoned, to go online at vote@lwvcols.org and complete the Member Survey.

The purpose of the survey is twofold. We want to gather information about age, gender, cultural or ethnic background and geography from all members to guide the League in

recruitment outreach for better representation in the membership of the Central Ohio community. We also want to be able to encourage newer members to get involved and to discover the skills or interests they might contribute as volunteers. The survey lists specific League activities and events for members to select any that interest them.

Thanks to those who have completed and returned the Member Survey. If you have not

completed the survey please take a few minutes to do so even though you may already be active on committees, in special programs or seasonal events. If you prefer, ask Elizabeth at the League office, 614-837-1089, for a paper copy. Thank you in advance for helping us get a better handle on who we are, what we do best as members of the League, and how we might better serve you.

The Membership Committee

LWVMC November Board Briefs

Kay Skopin reported that the Education and Advocacy Committee is co-sponsoring an event on December 3rd about The Fiscal Cliff. The Committee is also in discussion with Ted Celeste to organize a event about civil discourse this winter.

Karin O'Neil has compiled a book list relating to civil discourse. The Education and Advocacy Committee discussed organizing a book club event around one of these books.

Amy Pulles reported for the Communications Committee that Beth Taggart was recently

interviewed on the WBNS 10-TV morning program about upcoming election issues. The Committee has also increased LWVMC's Facebook presence and the number of "likes" on our page.

Kitty Burscu reported that the Development Committee is hard at work on next spring's Democracy in Action. John and Annie Glenn will be this year's DIA award recipients. The Committee is in the process of selecting a venue, and also a specific date for the event. Several pre-DIA events are also being planned. Additionally, the

Development Committee met with members of the Franklin County Board of Elections to discuss possible funding for next year's DIA.

Lisa Freeman-Williamson and Elizabeth Grieser reported on the 2012 VIB. 10,000 hard copies of the VIB were distributed to area libraries and non-profit organizations. The VIB also appeared in the Sunday, October 29th edition of the Columbus Dispatch. Lisa will be heading up a sub-committee to discuss how the VIB can be improved for the 2013 elections.

Elizabeth Grieser

Franklin County Statistics*
Precincts Counted: 1099
Registered Voters: 808,578
Ballots Casts: 545,022
Voter Turnout: 67.40% **

Unofficial Voter Turnout Numbers

* Taken from the Franklin County Board of Elections and the Secretary of States websites. Official numbers will be forthcoming.

** Voter Turnout is calculated by Votes Casts over Registered Voters

Statewide Statistics*
Total Number Precincts: 9,231
Registered Voters: 7,985,428
Population: 11,545,202
Total Votes Casts: 5,362,249
Voter Turnout: 67.2% **





Board Announces 2013 Democracy In Action Award Recipients: John and Annie Glenn

The LWVMC Board is proud to announce that John and Annie Glenn will be the recipients of the 2013 Democracy In Action Award.

John Glenn was a U.S. Marine pilot and one of the original Mercury 7 astronauts. He was the first American to orbit the earth and, later, the oldest person to go into space. Glenn served as a US Senator from Ohio from 1974 to 1999. Annie Glenn is dedicated to community service, focusing her activity on programs for children, the elderly, and the handicapped.

John and Annie Glenn founded the John Glenn Institute of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University, which, according to the Institute, "was founded on the principle that an informed and involved citizenry is essential for democracy to thrive. The Glenn School's programs equip students with the skills to become tomorrow's citizen-leaders or

public service professionals. The skills taught at the Glenn School give students the knowledge for civic engagement and the ability to make a lasting change in their communities and the nation."

Democracy In Action is the premier event of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus. It provides the opportunity to come together with friends, supporters, and community leaders to recognize outstanding individuals and groups. It is also a public recognition of the importance of active citizenship. Finally, funds raised from this event help to continue the important work of the League in central Ohio: providing reliable non-partisan voter information, citizen education, and protection of voter rights.

Recipients of the Democracy In Action Award are recognized for outstanding participation in civic

affairs. Recipients are not necessarily members of the League, but they embody, as does the League, a strong belief that our democratic system of government works best when citizens are active and informed. Democracy In Action award winners demonstrate a long-term commitment to and zeal for increasing the level of political activism and knowledge within the community.

In addition to the awards ceremony, LWVMC's Education Committee is working on an educational program featuring Senator Glenn and others on the topic of civil discourse.

The ceremony will be held in May. We will keep you updated on the exact date, time, and location. Call the office if you are interested in joining the committee to plan and implement either Democracy In Action or the educational program.

Date, time, and venue to be announced soon.
If interested in helping with Democracy in Action,
please contact the MC League office, 614-837-1089, or vote@lwvcols.org.

Shop Until You Drop - Kroger Community Rewards Program

The LWVMC Education Fund has signed up to participate in Kroger's Community Rewards Program, and we need your help! It's easy - just shop for groceries, swipe your Kroger Plus Card and earn money for the Educational Fund of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus.

Kroger will donate up to \$1,000,000 quarterly to its participating organizations. A percentage of your Kroger shopping dollars will go to our League's Educational Fund on a quarterly basis. Participation is easy:

1. Go to KrogerCommunityRewards.com and register with your Kroger Plus Card.
2. Enter "League of Women Voters of Metro Columbus" or our organization number: 91402

Please contact Elizabeth at the League office at 614-837-1089 if you have any questions about the program, or need assistance registering your Kroger Plus Card.

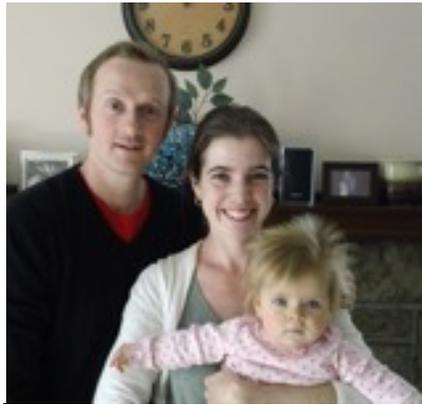


Meet the LWVMC Operations Manager: Elizabeth Grieser

The friendly voice in the League office, and the informative author of the weekly "League Updates," is Elizabeth Grieser. Elizabeth started working as LWVMC's sole paid employee in September, and she presides over our new office at 6500 Busch Blvd. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 – 5.

Originally from Wauseon, OH, which is about 30 minutes east of Toledo, Elizabeth earned a BA in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. She moved to Columbus to attend law school – she has her JD from the Ohio State University – and has lived here ever since.

She is married to Jacob Markey. Although they grew up in the same small town, they did not meet until they'd both moved to Columbus. With a new baby at home, Elizabeth was excited about the League's family-friendly work environment. Caroline, now 10 months old, keeps her very busy!



Elizabeth Greiser with Jacob Markey and daughter, Caroline.

Elizabeth loves reading. "Anything from historical fiction to crime/police novels," she says. "I just finished *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, set mostly in Burma in the 1940s. I would recommend it."

Elizabeth had heard of the League and knew it had its roots in the women's suffrage movement, but she wasn't aware that the organization was so large, and that there are local Leagues in almost all major cities. And so far, she's really enjoying it.

"I started working at LWVMC right at the beginning of the 2012 election season, and since then have learned a lot about voting rights and the mechanisms of elections in Ohio. I've had a great experience working with the Board and all of the LWVMC committees this fall. Before starting with the League, I did not realize that so many voters would call into our office looking for information about the election. Questions varied from finding polling locations, to details about absentee voting, and information about the issues on the ballot. From my experience this election season, people really depend on the League to provide accurate nonpartisan answers to voting questions," says Elizabeth.

According to League President Amy Pulles: "Elizabeth has done a wonderful job. She jumped right in and allowed for a seamless transition. I, for one, have been very thankful for Elizabeth and the great job she has done. She makes being President much easier!"

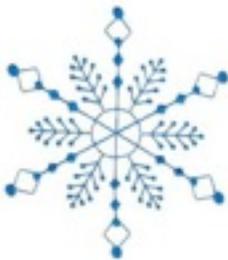
Do Not Forget to RSVP to the LWVMC Holiday Party.

Meet with fellow MC Leaguers, meet new members, and enjoy the food and auction.

RSVP for two and bring a friend. League office at vote@lwvcols.org or 614-837-1089.

It is never too late to volunteer for this event.

Call Elizabeth today.



Franklin County Consortium for Good Government ★ ★ ★

Franklin County Consortium Awards Given to Phyllis Shwartz and Amy Pulles

Amy Pulles, president of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus, has been given the John Shrack/Good Government Award in recognition of her public service. The award is named for one of the founders of the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government.

The nonpartisan consortium of community, religious and civic groups also gave its Good Government Award to the late Phyllis Shwartz, a local activist who lived most of her ninety years in the suburb of Berwick in Columbus.

The awards were presented Oct. 16 at the Candidate Night hosted by Temple Israel and Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. The Consortium has sponsored eight Candidate Nights throughout Franklin County this fall to help voters gain firsthand understanding of the candidates and issues on the Nov. 6 ballot.

“Amy Pulles has worked tirelessly, first as the staff person for the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus and now as its president, to educate voters,” Barbara Crabill, a former co-chair of the Consortium said in



Phyllis Shwartz

presenting the award. “She has worked on the League’s Voter Information Bulletin, staffed voter registration drives and helped the Consortium plan and execute its public forums.

“Since 2003, Amy Pulles has helped grow the Consortium by providing many hours of staff and volunteer time to coordinate and publicize the Candidate Nights. She is now leading the League’s push to increase voter awareness in Franklin County.”

Shwartz, who died last May, spent a high percentage of her ninety-plus years encouraging people to educate themselves about issues and candidates.

“She was a passionate advocate of issues, but an even stronger supporter of the democratic system,” said Janyce Katz, co-chair of the Consortium. “She encouraged people to learn about government, about issues, speak their minds and vote. She also served as a role model in the Franklin County area for many women.” Her two granddaughters, Ashley Saltzman and Marya Cassandra received the award in Phyllis’s behalf.

The Franklin County Consortium is a coalition of more than sixty churches, synagogues, mosques, and non-profit professional and community organizations, including ORT, Hadassah and the JCC. Founded in 1991, it is dedicated to providing voter information and presenting candidates and issues in a civil, rational setting. The Jewish Federation staffed the Consortium from 1992 until 2000. After that, LWVMC, staffed by Amy Pulles, provided staffing for the growing organization.

For further information about the Consortium’s programs please visit the Consortium website at www.franklincountyconsortium.com.

"Woman must not accept; she must challenge.
She must not be awed by that which has been built up around her;
she must reverence that woman in her which struggles for expression."
— Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood



This Month's Civics Test

This month's civics test is a little rough. The first three questions come from a sample AP Government and Politics test from the 2010 College Board.

1. The largest source of federal revenue is the
 - (a) capital gains tax
 - (b) Social Security tax
 - (c) property tax
 - (d) income tax
 - (e) sales tax

2. Which of the following is generally true of the gerrymandering of congressional districts?
 - (a) It results in more Democrats being elected to the House.
 - (b) It results in more Republicans being elected to the House.
 - (c) It guarantees that all minority parties will be equally represented.
 - (d) It creates districts that favor one political party over another.
 - (e) It violates the principle of one-person, one vote.

3. In the United States, which of the following is a rule on voting found in the Constitution or its amendments?
 - (a) No person may be denied the right to vote merely for lack of either state or federal citizenship.
 - (b) No person eighteen years of age or older may be denied the right to vote on account of age.
 - (c) No person may be denied the right to vote merely because he or she has previously served a prison sentence.
 - (d) A state may not establish a residency requirement for voting.
 - (e) A state may require a person to pay a poll tax in order to register to vote.

4. Identify this woman.



5. Identify this woman.



Last Month's Civics Test Questions and Answers

1. In October 1962 the United States and the Soviet Union came close to war over what issue? The Cuban Missile Crisis. President Kennedy announced that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. These missile sites were to house medium-range missiles capable of striking a number of major cities in the United States. Khrushchev announced his government's intent to dismantle and remove all offensive Soviet weapons in Cuba.

2. Which Indiana native founded the American Railway Union and was a five time socialist candidate for president? Eugene V. Debs

3. On Nov 14, 1946 what was the name of the individual who is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work as a co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom? Emily Greene Balch

4. Who said, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president" ? President Lyndon B. Johnson

5. Who said, "With malice toward none; with charity for all" ? President Abraham Lincoln

The VOTER editor asks members to send in their questions for the Monthly Civic Tests. See if you can baffle League members.

The VOTER recognizes Peg Rosenfield and Beth Taggart along with all MC League members and friends for their work on Election Day either at the phone bank or the polls. Thanks also go to the League MC and the League Ohio for their efforts on Issue 2.

*Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.
Martin Luther King, Jr.*





Calendar

Sunday, December 2

LWV Annual Holiday Party

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

1 Miranova Place

Monday, December 3

Fiscal Cliff

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Whetstone Library



Like LWVMC on Facebook! If you are on Facebook, check out LWVMC's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/LWVMetroColumbus>). "Like" us to see daily posts on important voting information and deadlines in Franklin County, photos from meetings, and more.

Office Hours and Office Address

League MC Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

LWVMC address
6500 Busch Blvd. #129,
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Phone and email address:
614-837-1089 vote@lwvcols.org

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
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