



## *Making Democracy Work*

*The League of Women Voters of Oxford reaffirms our commitment to diversity and pluralism which means that there are and shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.*

# *The Oxford Voter*

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## **Save the Dates**

- Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. at Talawanda Middle School: The third meeting about the role of the Federal Government in Public Education Study Meeting.
- Friday, October 14: Voter Information Guide distributed.
- Wednesday, October 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Knolls: Candidates Forum.

Mary Jo Clark, Organization VP



## **Part Three of the study “The Federal Role in Public Education” to be held October 5**

The third meeting of the Oxford League of Women Voters Study of “The Federal Role in Public Education” will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the Talawanda Middle School. The topic, Funding and Equity deals with the role of the federal government in achieving adequacy and equity across the diverse educational systems in our country. The nature of the diversity in size, funding capacity, student and community needs makes consensus about funding on a national level challenging at best. In this meeting, the members of the Oxford League will discuss and attempt to reach consensus on six questions which have been proposed by the national League of Women Voters for consideration by local chapters.



## **Voter Service Report, September 2011**

Voter Registrations uptown on New Student Day and on campus on Women’s Equality Day were both fun and very productive. We registered over 60 new voters uptown and 39 at the Women’s Equality Day in front of the women’s center.

We have responses from 19 of the 20 candidates for office in our local elections. Helen Gorman, our webmaster, has already posted the candidate information on our website, so everyone has access to it right away. I regret that I didn't get information on the candidates for the Butler County Educational Resource Center. In the past The Dayton League has covered that race and then shared the information. But.....not this year. Fortunately there are just two candidates for two positions. So this omission can cause no harm.

*The date for publication of our Voter Guide may be October 14<sup>th</sup> instead of October 7<sup>th</sup> as we had hoped. We are waiting on new precinct maps and polling places from the Board of Elections. I can't tell you yet which days we will need help proofing and then distributing the guide. I suspect we will proof on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please let me know if you might be able to help proof or distribute. We'll reward ourselves after running all over town with the Voter Guide, by going out for lunch together. Email [kdelue@yahoo.com](mailto:kdelue@yahoo.com), or phone 523-8852 if you are available.*

The Candidate Forum will again be at the Knolls of Oxford in the Community Room on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 7 p.m. and be over by 9. This has always been an all hands on deck affair, so we're counting on you come and participate. Let Prue Dana know how you'd like to help [pdana@bizwoh.rr.com](mailto:pdana@bizwoh.rr.com) 523-6579.

Karen DeLue, Voter Service Co-Chair



## **Petition Drive to Put Ohio H.B. 194 on the Ballot**

Ohio House Bill 194 will make voting more difficult. Among the harmful changes to current law in this bill is the provision that poll workers are not required to tell voters if they are in the correct precinct. It is difficult to believe that such a stipulation would be proposed but it's in this bill. A second measure will restrict mail-in absentee and in-person voting. Counties will be forbidden to establish early voting stations, send absentee applications to all voters or pay postage. This is a sample.

If registered Ohio voters collect 231,000 from registered Ohio voters by September 29, HB 194 will not be in effect through the November 2012 election, when it will be voted on. Don Daiker is likely to know who has a petition. Contact Don at [daikerda@muohio.edu](mailto:daikerda@muohio.edu).

Steve Dana, Government Chair



## **Celebrating "Women's Equality Day" the League Way**

Proudly wearing our VOTES FOR WOMEN sashes we registered thirty-eight students and one newly arrived professor!

We publicly thank Rhonda Jackson and Jane Goettsch of Miami's Women's Center for inviting the Oxford League of Women Voters to be a part of their Welcome Week event which reaches out to first year and returning students. Rhonda's invitation reads, in part, "I am reaching out to your organization as experts in this field to assist the Women's Center in encouraging young women to think about the roles our founding mothers played in projecting women's voices into the political scene. The symbolic reenactment of this moment in women's herstory was so inspiring last year and I really want to recreate that moment and passion".

All involved felt that Women's Equality Day 2011 was very successful and we passionately hope to be invited back next year.

As she was leaving, member Sandy Drewes said, "Have you thought about also registering voters next year on Miami's Hamilton campus?"

Jo McQueen Co-Program Vice-President



Our thanks to “Women’s Equality Day” participants, Judith Kolbas, Karen DeLue, Diane Tuma, Jo McQueen, and Sandy Drewes



Registering voters on “Women’s Equality Day”