



## *Making Democracy Work*

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## *The Oxford Voter*

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### **Save the Date**

- **Tuesday, November 6**, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.: Election Day.
- **Tuesday, November 13**, 7 p.m. at Hillel Foundation Center: Human Trafficking Program.
- **Wednesday, November 14**, 12:00-4:30 p.m. at MU Shriver Center Multipurpose Rooms: MU Human Rights and Social Justice Information Fair.
- **Tuesday, January 22**, 7 p.m. at LCNB Community Room: Local Energy Study and Consensus
- **Saturday, February 9**, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Marcum Conference Center: Program Planning and Social



### **Vote "YES" on Issue 2.**

The League of Women Voters of Ohio has just released a press report, [Ohio's Redistricting Reform History](#). It documents 40 years of efforts to change the way Congressional and State legislative districts are drawn in Ohio.

LWVO's message: Vote "Yes" on Issue 2. Passage of this proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution would create a Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission, which would draw district lines according to the criteria of fairness, competitiveness, geographical compactness and community preservation.

Joan Lawrence, LWVO Past President and former state legislator, began efforts in the 1980s to reform redistricting when the Democrats were in charge of drawing the districts and the Republicans pushed for reform. Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Districts are so heavily stacked in favor of one party or another that voters have no chance of voting them out. Joan notes that the politicians have had many chances to reform the process of drawing lines. They have failed to do so.

Passage of Issue 2 will finally bring reform.

*Steve Dana, Government Chair*



## **Human Trafficking, a Modern Scourge**

Human trafficking, a modern-day form of slavery, is one of the largest criminal activities in the world that affects young children, teenagers, men and women. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Nationally, over 100,000 children have been identified to be involved in sex trade. In the state of Ohio, around more than 300 victims have been reported.

In order to educate ourselves and advocate for human rights, the League of Women Voters of Oxford (LWVOx) is organizing a workshop entitled “Human Trafficking 101 and Victim Identification.” The invited speaker will be Ms. Erin Meyer, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager, The Salvation Army Coalition Manager from *End Slavery Cincinnati*.

**The training will be held Tuesday, November 13 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Hillel at Miami University, 11 East Walnut Street, Oxford, OH.**

Other sponsors include Miami University *Center for American & World Cultures*.

### **Ms. Erin Meyer’s bio**

Ms. Meyer began her work with the Anti-Human Trafficking Program at The Salvation Army in Cincinnati at its inception in May of 2012. Ms. Meyer has also served as the Coalition Manager of End Slavery Cincinnati (ESC) since November of 2011. She is responsible for providing case management to trafficking victims in the area; the development and maintenance of service provider, law enforcement, and member contacts with the coalition; the coordination of public education programs sponsored or implemented by the coalition; and the management and development of Anti-Human Trafficking Program and ESC projects and volunteers. Prior to joining ESC and The Salvation Army, Erin was employed with the Polaris Project and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline. As a Program Specialist and Shift Supervisor, she fielded and responded to hotline calls from community members, victims of trafficking, service providers, law enforcement, and other actors working in the anti-trafficking field. In these positions, Ms. Meyer has conducted training and presentations for service providers, government officials, community members, and international audiences.

Ms. Meyer also spent 3 years teaching ESL to high school and elementary school students and representatives of international businesses in the Czech Republic and Ecuador. While living in Ecuador, Ms. Meyer worked with the Casa de Maria Amor domestic violence shelter to coordinate a volunteer childcare program with the language school and to facilitate and administer relationship violence awareness workshops for area high school students. Before moving abroad, she served victims of sexual assault as a Victim Advocate with the Sexual Assault Center of Prince George’s County, Maryland. Ms. Meyer is proficient in Spanish and has a BS in Psychology and Masters of Public Policy, with a concentration in Social Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park.

*Eva Rodríguez-González, Ph.D, Social Policy Co-Chair*



## **Thank You From Voter Service**

A very big thank you to all League members who spent much time in Voter Service this fall with both the Voter Information Guide and the Candidate Forum. Helen Gorman trained me and kept me up on tracking inquiries on the League G mail account.

### **Voter Information Guide**

- Sandi Hazleton, Steve Dana and JoAnne McQueen helped compose the questions.
- Debbie Gross of the Oxford Press put together all of information I delivered to her.
- Sandi Hazleton, Jane Jackson, Donna Hofmann for proof reading.

- Patrons, Sponsors and Supporters: Please add to the published list Donavon and Carolyn Auble.
- Delivering: Becky Quay, Devona Miller, Judith Kolbas, Donna Hofmann, and Linda Williams.

### Candidates Forum

- Sally Southard, Moderator
- Donna Hofmann, Time Keeper
- Becky Quay and other Leaguers who met and greeted the candidates.
- Vicki Trostle and Tim MGowan of the Knolls of Oxford

**Voter Registration** hit all time records with Becky Quay organizing registration uptown and at Kroger's, both with the NAACP. Also, many were registered at Women's Equality Day on Miami's campus.

Karen DeLue was our advisor and I thank her for all of her work in previous years on the Voter Information Guide.

*Prue Dana, Voter Service VP*



### LWVOx Awarded Historic Marker



LWVOx members Joanne McQueen, Sallie Killian, and Toni Saldivar with marker dated 1868 which will be placed on the Stanton-Bonham House.

The League of Women Voters of Oxford has been awarded an historic marker for the Stanton-Bonham House by the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission (HACP) of the City of Oxford. LWVOx members Joanne McQueen, Sallie Killian, and Toni Saldivar researched and wrote the application for this award. They received the bronze plaque, soon to be placed on the house, at the HACP annual marker presentation ceremony, September 27, 2012, in the Oxford Community Arts Center Ballroom.

The three League members have been committed since 2010 to helping raise Oxford community awareness of the importance of the Stanton-Bonham house, the ample Italianate brick structure built in 1868 on the corner of Spring and Oak. There, two nineteenth-century Miami University presidents made homes for their families and welcomed Miami University students. There, in 1870, Elizabeth Cady Stanton stayed as a guest while on a lecture tour promoting women's rights. The structure is owned by Miami University.

Valerie Hodge, wife of the current president of Miami University, received a marker for Lewis Place, built in 1839 and home to Miami University presidents since 1903. The TKE fraternity received a marker for The Swing House, Number 2, built in 1857. Oxford residents Andrew and Amy MacGee received a marker for the meticulous restoration of their pre-World War II home, "The Fullerton," built from a Sears and Roebuck kit.

*Toni Saldivar, Publicity*



## **Recycling in Oxford: Important Dates**

Household hazardous waste can be recycled at the former Talawanda High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**October 27.** Items that can be recycled include paint, fluorescent tubes and compact bulbs, mercury-containing devices, automotive fluids and motor oil, batteries of all sorts, varnish, pesticides and herbicides, antifreeze, and more.

Waste tires can be recycled at Ross high School, 3601 Hamilton-Cleves Rd, on **November 3** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All tire sizes will be accepted. Tires must be off the rim.