



## *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**

- **Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.** at LCNB Community Room: Local Energy Study and Consensus
- **Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m – 12 p.m.** at LWV Greater Dayton, 131 N. Ludlow Street, Talbott Tower, Dayton: SW Regional Meeting.
- **Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at Marcum Conference Center: LWVOx Program Planning and Social
- **Tuesday, March 19**, in Columbus: LWVO Statehouse Day
- **Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.** at LCNB Community Room: LWVOx Annual Convention
- **Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5**, in Cleveland: LWVO Convention



## **Local Energy Study Reminder**

This is a reminder that the **local energy study consensus meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Lebanon Citizens National Bank Conference Room to discuss the results of our three year study. We will be discussing the consensus questions about municipal aggregation as an Energy Conservation Position. The purpose of the study is to identify whether or not aggregation is an environmentally sound and economically feasible option for the supply and purchase of electrical utilities for the residents of the City of Oxford and eligible residents in neighboring jurisdictions.

The background information and consensus questions can be found in the December Voter and on the LWVOx members only website <http://oxford-members.oh.lwvnet.org>.

*Mary Jo Clark, Co-President*



## **A Most Special Event – Planning and Social – Set for Saturday, February 9**

Our 2013 planning session and annual League social is Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Marcum Hotel and Conference Center, Rooms 180-186.

Desiring both fellowship and work, the Board invites all League members, their guests, and interested public to participate and/or watch League grassroots in action.

Wishing this event to be an opportunity to recruit new members, individual Board members are telephoning prospective new members offering to pick up the guest and to cover the cost of the lunch. Other League members are asked to do the same or to call Steve Dana for his help. (513/523-6579).

Our event begins with coffee at 10:00 a.m. followed by group discussions of League positions in several areas: Government, led by Steve Dana, Portfolio Director; Social Policy, led by Eva Rodriguez-Gonzales, Portfolio Co-Director, and Natural Resources, led by Prue Dana.

Subcommittees working with the Portfolio Directors reviewed all Ohio and Oxford League positions and determined the top 2-4 principles most critical for our discussion and action on February 9. Shortly, through a separate email, you will have the opportunity to choose the portfolio group in which you would like most to be a participant.

The goal of the February meeting is to review and assess for relevance and progress both local and state positions of the League. We will identify possible future studies of specific issues and will make recommendations to the Ohio and Oxford Leagues' Boards of Directors.

Toasting our work to influence public policy, we will celebrate with wine. Non-alcoholic drink will be available.

Lunch, prepared by Executive Chef Ginny Thiell and arranged by Marcum Event Planner Jane Gaitskill— an Oxford League member, will be served at 1:00 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$13.00, paid in advance; \$15, paid at the door. Vegetarian and other special diets are available with advance notice.

Again invitations will be separately emailed (U.S. mail, if no email). Board members will be telephoning to emphasize the invitation and encourage attendance.

*Sally Southard and Kathleen Knight Abowitz, Co-Vice-Presidents, Program*



## **The 2013 Government Services Directory is here!**

The updated GSD is here—all 1,900 copies! Now we need folders and distributors! I will have the GSDs at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Energy Consensus meeting. If you would be able to assist with this, please take some home to fold. Also let me know if I can drop some off with you. [pdana@woh.rr.com](mailto:pdana@woh.rr.com).

Mary thanks to Mary Ann Eaton of the City and Holli Morrish of Talawanda and to Helen Gorman and Mary Jo Clark for the information and proofing and to Bridgite Dickenson of Letterman Printing.

*Prue Dana, Voter Service*



## **South West Regional LWV Meeting to be Held February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dayton**

LWV Ohio invites League members to join them at the Southwest Regional Meeting! At the meeting, we will discuss two topics:

**10am-11am:** Help shape the direction of your state League over the next five years by sharing feedback on LWVO's draft strategic plan.

**11am-12pm:** LWVO will begin participating in LWVUS' Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Program this spring. What does MLD have to offer Ohio Leagues? Join us for a discussion about new opportunities through MLD on member recruitment and retention.

You can register for the meeting by going to the LWVO website <http://www.lwvohio.org> .

Please let me know (523-6515 or <mailto:clarkmj1@miamioh.edu>) if you plan to go so I can help arrange transportation.

*Mary Jo Clark, Co-President*