



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

- **Monday, August 26**, 10: a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in front of Shriver Center, Miami University: Women's Equality Day celebration and voter registration
- **Thursday, August 29**, Pig Roast Uptown, Voter Registration with NAACP
- **Thursday, September 12**, 7:00 p.m. at Oxford Community Arts Center:
 - **What's New in Oxford Transportation?**
- **Tuesday, September 24**, National Voter Registration Day
- **Monday, October 14**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Knolls: Candidates Forum.
- **Tuesday, November 5**, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.: Election Day.
- **Monday, November 11**, 7 p.m. at Boyd Hall, Miami University: What's New at MU with Energy?
- **Saturday, November 9**, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Day



Welcome to the New League Year

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are geared up for a stimulating League year. In addition to our usual election year activities, we have some exciting programs planned beginning with a forum on local transportation in September. Other programs include an update on our local natural resources position and a consensus meeting on the League of Women Voters Agriculture study.

I look forward to seeing you at League events.

Mary Jo Clark
Co-President; Organization Vice President



Women's Equality Day to be Celebrated August 26

Women's Equality Day August 26 will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote nationwide. In front of Shriver Center, Miami University, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, League members dressed as suffragists will register Voters and give out information on the long struggle that marked gaining the right to vote.

Prue Dana
Co-Voter Service VP



Come! Invite Friends! "What's New in Oxford Transportation?"

Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m., in the North Parlor at the Oxford Community Arts Center, a six person panel from the City and the University will discuss new implementation of mass transit for Oxford residents, vehicle parking, cycling and pedestrians, and Route 27 South.

David Prytherch, Chair, Oxford Planning Commission and Oxford Parking Committee, is the Moderator who will introduce the vision of transportation systems.

Panelists speaking to the implementation of the new transportation systems are:

Mike Dreisbach, Oxford Service Director
Ben Spilman, Miami University Police Lieutenant
Perry Gordon, Oxford Assistant to the Chief, Parking and Transportation
Carla Lakatos, Executive Director of Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA)
Vincent Cirrito, Miami University Architect/ Engineer, Physical Facilities.

There will be a question and answer period. Refreshments will conclude the event at 9 p.m. The public is invited.

Sally Southard
Program VP



Gearing up for the Election Season

Rhonda Jackson and Prue Dana, the co-Voter Service VP's, are organizing voter registration, the Voter's Information Guide and the Candidates Forum. They will be needing help with each of these! Contact Prue, 523-6579, or Rhonda, 529-1510, to volunteer.

Voter Registration in cooperation with the NAACP will be held at the Pig Roast in the uptown parks, Thursday, August 29. Call Becky Quay, 523-5747, if you can help.

The local election will include candidates running for Oxford City Council, Oxford, Reily, Milford and Hanover Township Trustees and one Township Fiscal Officer. Two Talawanda School Board members will also be elected.

Prue Dana
Co-Voter Service VP



Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee has been busy this summer creating and mailing the membership renewal letters. This is the time to renew memberships and join the League of Women Voters for the 2013-2014 year. It is extremely helpful to the League if membership renewal is completed by August 26th, Women's Equality Day.

The dues help fund programs that allow the League to fulfill its mission of making our community fair, vibrant and strong by increasing understanding of major public policy issues and by influencing policy through education and non-partisan advocacy.

If someone shows interest in membership, encourage them to talk to someone on the membership committee or invite them to a fall meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for September 12th, What's New in Oxford Transportation?.

Membership Committee:

Judy Rymer – Chair

Debra Bowles

Jo McQueen

Linda Simmons

Linda Williams

Linda Simmons
Membership Committee Member



Freedom Summer to be Remembered in 2014

The summer of 2014 will be the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer. The City of Oxford, Miami University, and Western College will be hosting various programs and activities to commemorate this anniversary. Since Freedom Summer was closely linked to voting rights, an issue that is very important to the League of Women Voters, we hope to participate in some of these activities. We will let members know about these upcoming events in *The Oxford Voter*, through e-mail, and on our Facebook page. We may also have some sort of event or program ourselves, so please be on the lookout for that. Also, if you ideas for an event or program that we could do, please contact Arianne Hartsell-Gundy (hartsea@miamioh.edu). Keep an eye on the Western College Archives website for more information: <http://westernarchives.lib.miamioh.edu/freedomsummer/index.html>

Arianne Hartsell-Gundy
Secretary

