



## *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, April 29**, 7:00 PM at the LCNB Meeting Room: Local Annual Convention
- **Saturday, May 3**, 11:00 AM at Clawson Hall Western Campus: Freedom Summer “Walk with Me” tour



## **Annual Convention Reminder**

The Annual Convention on Tuesday, April 29, in the LCNB Meeting Room will begin at 7 p.m. with a Dessert Party—a time for socializing and renewing friendships. At 7:30 p.m. the business meeting will start. We will review the achievements of the year and look to next year with the elections of officers and directors and give directions to the new board of directors.

You have already received the Annual Convention Packet. Another copy accompanies the electronic version of this Voter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention.

Mary Jo Clark, Co-President, Organization VP



## How To Save on Postage LWVOx Style

The membership committee will send annual dues reminders to members in late May in preparation for the new League year which begins on July 1. If you would like to save a postage stamp for the League and for yourself, please bring your dues check to the April 29 Convention. The dues are still a bargain at \$45.00 (or \$75.00 for a family membership) and if you wish to make an additional contribution, please attach a note indicating if it is for the General Fund, the Education Fund or the Voter Information Guide. Thanks for helping to keep our League strong and vibrant!!



## Oxford LWV Agriculture Update

Oxford LWV members met on April 8 to reach consensus on questions supplied by LWVUS related to agriculture technology. Because of the large number of questions set by LWVUS, Oxford LWV followed a consent agenda format.

Under the consent agenda, recommendations prepared by a study committee were distributed in advance to Oxford LWV members. A motion was introduced and seconded to approve the committee's 31 recommendations. Amendments were offered and seconded to remove eleven of the 31 recommendations from the consent agenda. These eleven questions were discussed under time restrictions, and the members voted whether to accept or alter the committee recommendations. Members voted to accept nine of the eleven committee recommendations and alter two.

The two changed recommendations concerned these questions:

(8f) Should the government limit use of antibiotics in animal production to treat and control disease?

(8i) Should the government fund, train and add personnel for assessment and compliance functions of regulatory agencies?

The committee had not reached a consensus on these two questions, but the members voted to answer these two questions "yes." Please refer to the materials distributed in the April VOTER for the wording of the other 29 questions, as well as the committee recommendations, which have now been accepted as the consensus of Oxford LWV and forwarded to LWVUS.

Jim Rubenstein, Chair, Study Committee



## Oxford League Increases Membership by 10%

*We received this email from LWVUS congratulating us on our increased membership. Thank you Judy Rymer and her membership committee for the good work.*

Congratulations!

There were over 100 local Leagues across the country to grow their membership by 10% or more in 2013, and you are one of them! Such substantial growth is very exciting and important to the success of the League and our impact on making democracy work. Your community-based network of volunteers, with your nonpartisan and other service, is what has ensured our place as one of America's most trusted organizations for more than

94 years. It's your work in your local community that not only has you seeing membership growth, but also makes the LWV visible and important. Thank you for ALL you do--and again, congrats!

Karen Nicholson LWVUS Board liaison to OH



## LWVOx and McGuffey Museum Mount New Exhibit

The William Holmes McGuffey Museum of Miami University and the League of Women Voters of Oxford are co-sponsoring an exhibit at the McGuffey Museum titled "The Remarkable Stantons and the 'Magnificent Dwelling.'" The exhibit tells the story of four members of this nineteenth-century family as they relate to each other, to history, and to the Stanton-Bonham House, an Oxford landmark built in 1868 by Robert L. Stanton, when he was president of Miami University.

The four individuals include President Stanton, whose career began as an abolitionist pastor in the pre-Civil War South; his brother Henry Brewster Stanton, anti-slavery agent, organizer, and activist in Free Soil politics; his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, founder and leader of the woman suffrage movement for more than fifty years; and President Stanton's son, Robert Brewster (Bob) Stanton, intrepid explorer and civil engineer in the Old West. The exhibit celebrates their conviction and courage as legacies for succeeding generations.

The McGuffey Museum, located at 410 E. Spring St. is open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The exhibit is free and open to the public.



Exhibit organizers from left to right: Stephen Gordon, of the McGuffey Museum, with LWVOx exhibit committee Toni Saldivar, Jo McQueen, and Sallie Killian in front of two of the eight panels in the exhibit. The panels, with text and images, were designed by Miami graphic arts major Kyle Asperger, '15.



## Freedom Summer Tour

We will be taking a Freedom Summer “Walk with Me” tour on Western campus on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. This tour is an interactive walk around some of the key locations of the Freedom Summer training that took place in 1964. Here are some details about the tour:

Tours start at Clawson, in front of building or in lobby if it is raining. Clawson is the grey stone dormitory on Western Drive with three archways. It is across from Boyd Hall

Tours start no later than 5 minutes after the designated time. Tours last 45 minutes, and at least one tour guide will be able to stay for conversation/discussion after the tour.

The tour will require walking, and part of the tour will take place outside, so bring your walking shoes!

Tours will be adapted in the circumstances of mildly inclement weather, but dress accordingly. If there are extreme weather conditions, the tour will most likely be canceled.

It's not required that you send me an e-mail, but sending me an e-mail letting me know you want to come on the tour will help me gauge the number of participants. My e-mail is [hartsea@miamioh.edu](mailto:hartsea@miamioh.edu)

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