



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

January, 2016

Save the Date

January 26, Tuesday 7:30 LCNB Community room

“Immigration: What it Means for Our Democracy”

January 31, Sunday Oxford Community Arts Center from 4-6:00pm

LWV Oxford Social A time to Meet and Greet our newly elected local public officials

February 10, Wednesday, 4 pm, Lane Library LWV Oxford Board meeting

February 13, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm LCNB Community Room

“Reflections and Directions 2016” Program Planning Meeting

February 24, Wednesday Noon Brown Bag Lunch Meeting at Patterson Place

Dr. Kimberly Hamlin, from the Department of History at Miami University



Immigration: What it Means for Our Democracy

We will have two panelists from Miami University. Jacque Rioja Velarde is Associate Director Center for American and World Cultures and Dr. Hannah Noel, from the Department of Global and Intercultural Studies. Come **January 26, 7:30 pm, LCNB Community room** to learn more about this very important, timely issue.



LWV Oxford Social

A time to Meet and Greet our newly elected local public officials

The League of Women Voters of Oxford is hosting this event to meet, welcome, and interact with our local officials. This is an important opportunity to let them know who we are, what we do, and to meet with them informally.

Sunday, January 31, 4 to 6 pm, at the Community Arts Center. Bring a guest! Spread the word!

PLEASE RSVP FOR A RESERVATION

It is \$5 for each person (to be collected on arrival). RSVP to judyrymer@gmail.com by January 25. The Membership Committee is coordinating a wonderful spread of food and beverages based on our responses. If you wish to prepare or provide a food item, please contact her directly (523-9273) to see what is needed.

It is important to remember that if you are not able to attend after making a reservation, to please cancel by January 29 or we will ask that you pay regardless of attendance.



“Reflections and Directions 2016” Program Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 13

10:00am-2:00pm LCNB Community Room

This is our annual planning session, an especially important meeting as it sets the agenda for all our work in the coming year. For fellowship and work, the Board invites all League members, their guests, and interested public to engage with our local League in “grassroots action.”

Our event begins with coffee at 10:00 am followed by group discussions of LWVUS and Oxford League positions. The goal of the February meeting is to discuss and assess for relevance and progress of both national and local positions of the League. We will identify possible future studies of specific issues and will make recommendations to LWVUS and Oxford League’s Board of Directors.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The cost of lunch is \$12.00, paid in advance; \$14, paid at the door. Vegetarian and other special diets are available with advance notice. PLEASE RSVP with checks sent to Ginny Scott, P.O. Box 504, Oxford, OH 45056.



Brown Bag Lunch Meeting at Patterson Place, Noon, Wednesday, February 24

Our speaker will be Dr. Kimberly Hamlin, from the Department of History at Miami University, who will be talking about her work, “From Eve to Evolution” in which she has a chapter on Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Patterson Place proved to be a delightful place to meet in December and we are excited about drawing in members at lunch who find evening meetings more difficult. Parking is possible near the building with a Visitor’s Pass obtained in the house upon arrival. Using the bus from the Chestnut Street Parking lot is also possible.

The LWV Membership Committee is providing beverages and dessert; please bring your own “brown bag” lunch.



The 2016 Government Services Directory is on the way. Thank you to Rhonda Jackson, Carolyn Hennessy, the Oxford City Staff, Mary Ann Eaton and Lynn Taylor and the Talawanda School Board Office for their research and updating. These will be available at all of the League functions in January and February as well as distributed throughout the community. It will be on the League website, <http://www.oxford.oh.lwvnet.org>

Prue Dana, Voter Service



How to contribute to the LWVOx column in the *Oxford Press*

In the fall of 2014, our League began a regular column in the *Oxford Press* under the title "The League Looks at...." Starting in September of that year with an article on aggregation by Sandi Woy Hazelton, the column has given our League opportunities for members to publicly promote understanding of issues important to our organization. Topics have ranged from voting as civic responsibility, to women's history, to redistricting, to transparency in campaign financing, to advocating for specific ballot issues, such as the senior services levy. So far articles have been written in response to specific requests from the Communications/Publicity Committee, but any member of the LWVOx may contribute an article and all members are encouraged to do so.

If you have a topic you would like to research and write about for our League's column, please contact the Chair, Communications/Publicity Committee, to begin the process. The LWVOx Executive Board works as an editorial board to approve articles for publication. Look for the January 24 column by Jacque Rioja Velarde, about the League's January 26 public forum on immigration.

Past columns as they appeared in the *Oxford Press* are posted on our public website under "League Looks At..." at <http://www.oxford.oh.lwvnet.org>.

Toni Saldivar, Chair, Communications/Publicity Committee



Members' Help Wanted and Needed

Nametags: Please bring from home the nametags made for you – then please take your plastic covered nametag home with you. (Space and time to arrange your nametags alphabetically takes away from greeting you and guests.) If you forgot your nametag, please make one – and help guests to do the same.

Sign in Sheets: Please do sign in and fill out your email and phone. Your doing so will encourage our guests to do so. As Membership Director, I follow up with our guests.

Ambassadors and Greeters: At meetings for the public, Membership Committee members will be Ambassadors. They will greet guests, provide them with information about the League, introduce them to and suggest they sit with members, and, as they leave, invite them to consider joining the League.

HOSPITALITY! Please see that each of these steps is a part for **each of us taking on the role of greeting members and welcoming guests** whom we hope will consider joining the League.

These steps are urged by the League of Women Voters US and Ohio. Under former Co-President Mary Jo Clark's leadership, our League Board voted 2 years ago to join the state and national League initiative,

Membership and Leadership Development (MLD). Our current Team is Sally Southard, Marcia Waller, and Linda Williams. If you would like to become a member of the team for this great effort to grow our League and develop future leaders, please let one of us know.

Sally Southard, Chair, Membership Committee



LWVOx Member Receives Well Deserved Honor

League member Steve Gordon, Administrator of the McGuffey Museum, Miami University, and Oxford community leader and volunteer, is being honored with the Citizen of the Years Award for 2015 for his long-time commitment to preserving historic sites and local history as well as natural areas and habitats. The award, a civic tradition in Oxford for more than six decades, is given annually and jointly by the *Oxford Press* and the Oxford Kiwanis Club.

Steve's knowledge, generosity and spirit of collaboration have benefitted many organizations, including OCAC, Three Valley Trust, Miami Audubon, ILR, Des Fleurs, just to name a few. The League of Women Voters of Oxford thank Steve especially for his involvement in the League's efforts to preserve the Stanton-Bonham House.

His leadership, professional expertise, good will, and passion for this project--which included facilitating our exhibit on the Stanton family in the McGuffey Museum in 2014-- were essential in our obtaining the Ohio Historical Marker for the Stanton-Bonham House. The program on the campus of Miami University for the dedication of the marker on November 9, 2015, with speakers that included Miami President David Hodge, was entirely arranged by Steve and was a heartfelt celebration of this collaborative achievement.

Congratulations, Steve, on being named Citizen of the Years!

Toni Saldivar, Member, Stanton Bonham House Ad Hoc Committee