



**THE LEAGUE**

**OF WOMEN VOTERS of the CINCINNATI AREA**

# THE VOTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership is open to all men and women over 18. For information call 513-281-8683, or write to the LWVCA office at 103 Wm. H. Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219, or email at [info@lwcincinnati.org](mailto:info@lwcincinnati.org).

## LWV DIVERSITY POLICY

The League of Women Voters recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making.

The LWVCA affirms its commitment to actively seek diversity in its membership, leadership and programs.

## CURIOSUS???

See inside for this September's Discussion Topics... pick a unit meeting near you to discuss recycling, housing foreclosures and League future strategies.



*Cartoon by Don Rhoad*

## FOCUS ON HOUSING: 3 DISCUSSIONS THIS MONTH

### Sept 16: **The Foreclosure Crisis: Hitting Home in Butler County**

Speaker: Elizabeth Brown, Executive Director, Housing Opportunities Made Equal. (HOME)

Location: Fairfield Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive

Time: Catered dinner available at 6 pm; speaker at 6:45 pm

### Sept 23: **Affordable Housing in 2008 Economy: (Affordable Housing Advocates Annual Meeting)**

Speakers: Jim Cunningham, US Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Richard Rust, Director Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Stephanie Moes, Legal Aid Society.

Location: Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, 3458 Reading Road

Time: 4p.m.-5:30p.m.

### Sept 29: **Dinner with the League: The Facts about Stable Integrated Neighborhoods**

Speaker: Al Dejarnett

Location: Vernon Manor Hotel, 400 Oak Street

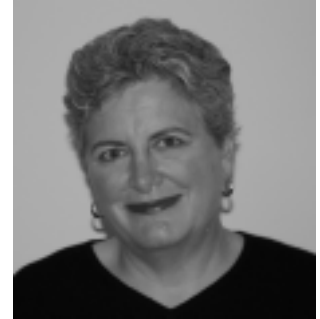
Time: Catered Dinner 5:30, Speaker, 6:30-8 pm

By Marjorie Davies, President LWVCA

Welcome to another exciting season of League activities! Are you refreshed from your summer adventures? Your board has been hard at work to make this the best year ever for the LWVCA.

Our popular speaker series, **Dinner with the League**, resumes September 29 at 6:00 pm at the Vernon Manor with *Hidden Treasures: Hamilton County's Stable Integrated Communities*. Make your reservation today on the enclosed flyer, and invite a guest.

Our website, **LWVCincinnati.org** has a new look: fresh content, improved navigation, and interactive features. Check out the latest news on our homepage. Coming soon: online registration for League events and Paypal processing of donations and membership subscriptions. Thank you, **Rina Saperstein**, our webmaster, **Marty Harrington**, and their committee for seeing this project through.



Renewal letters should be in your mailbox soon. As you complete your renewal form, consider making a contribution for dues scholarships, so that students and others of limited means may join. We value diversity in our membership!

**LWVCA Action committees** meet monthly to study issues, provide information for unit discussions and newsletter, invite guest experts, observe and testify at governmental meetings, and plan advocacy campaigns. Committees base their activities on local, state and national League positions. The chairs of the Cincinnati City Government, Health Care, Diversity, Education, Hamilton County Government, Housing, and Natural Resources Committees invite you to join their meetings.

**Membership** Director **Carolyn Meyer-Hughes**'s team is working to boost membership and encourage involvement. We currently have 406 members, up from 392 last August. Do you have friends or colleagues – male or female – interested in civic issues, politics, or elections? Invite them to join the League; our office volunteers can mail prospect packets. A **new-member orientation** is planned for October; see next month's newsletter for details.

This month, **Rina Saperstein** has taken over as content editor of the *Voter* newsletter. **Kit Berger** continues as layout editor. Our thanks to **Sue Gorman** for many years of editing. We continue to look for cost savings in light of postal rate increases. As our technical capacity grows, you will have the option to **receive your newsletter via email**, which can save us hundreds of dollars in postage. Please indicate your acceptance or refusal of that option on your membership renewal form.

Plan now to become involved with an LWVCA neighborhood discussion group. Any of our unit chairs will make you feel welcome. Attend whichever monthly **unit meeting** suits you: see list of locations, dates, and times on page 12. Bring a friend, and enjoy fellowship and discussion of matters important to our community. Current month topics are always explained in our newsletter's "buff pages" insert.

VP of Program **Don Rhoad** has scheduled two **Discussion Leaders' Briefings** at the League office each month to better serve our units. Ordinarily they will be held the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 pm and the fourth Saturday at 1:00 pm. August meetings are on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; in September, on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Members at the Marjorie P Lee Retirement Community have formed a new unit called Eastern Day. First meeting is Thursday, September 4, at 12:15 pm in the MPL library, 3550 Shaw Ave, Hyde Park. Chair is **Dottie Cowan**. Like all unit meetings, it's free and open to the public.

The Hamilton-Fairfield unit hosts *The Foreclosure Crisis: Hitting Home in Butler County*, a dinner meeting Tuesday, September 16, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. **Elizabeth Brown**, executive director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), will speak. The meeting is being promoted to the public in Butler County, but all LWVCA members are encouraged to attend.

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**LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION: June 13 - 18, 2008 - Portland, OR**

*By Helen Hunter and John Hunter, LWVCA Delegates*

National Convention successfully accomplished the business of the League and set its course for the next two years. Program and Budget were adopted, Officers and Board elected, and per member payments (PMP) increased to \$28.00 for 2009 and \$29.20 for 2010.

Beyond the business of the Convention, there was clearly a desire to increase the League's effectiveness as a political organization. A dynamic tension was apparent between the elected leadership seeking to focus on a few key issues and those seeking to achieve this by enabling grassroots efforts. A delegate, commenting on a motion to have issues voted on by all members, said that his experience with mail-in or e-mail voting was that it was rather "bloodless." He required an "antonym to bloodless" to describe the creative political process of caucuses and debating. The delegates voted to keep the current process.



The Convention approved an amendment to Principles by adding "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial."

The By laws were amended to:

- permit the Board to conduct special meetings by electronic means (conference calls, video conferencing, email) to address issues needing decisions before the next scheduled in-person meeting;
- award an additional convention delegate to state Leagues for each additional 100 members-at-large;
- reduce Nominating Committee members from seven to five;
- provide for convening emergency Council meetings between conventions;
- require that proposals to change LWVUS positions must be sent to all leagues at least six weeks before convention.

All current positions were retained in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy including a new position on Immigration adopted by the LWVUS Board in March, 2008. A Board-proposed Health Care program was adopted "to educate Members and communities in order to be better prepared to do health care advocacy as needed." Two proposals to amend the Program made by local leagues were approved by delegates:

- Add "a Multi-Level Education and Advocacy Campaign to promote solutions to global climate change";
- Add as a study item "The advisability of using the National Popular Vote compact among the states as a method of electing the President."

Concern over the thirty year trend of 3% annual loss in membership continues high and new member recruitment is a top priority. A LWVUS pilot program is in its second year of targeting 50 to 65 year old women (recently retired or about to retire). The five local leagues in the first year of the program experienced 9 to 33% net membership growth. The program is transitioning the role of training and coaching to the state level.

LWV of Ohio convened a luncheon to develop an Ohio-appropriate position on redistricting. Delegates from the State generally sat together during plenary sessions which provided an opportunity to become a little better acquainted. LWVCA delegates attended workshops, luncheons and caucuses including a Global Climate Change luncheon and a SmartVoter breakfast.

The leadership of LWVUS is clearly in dedicated and capable hands. Mary Wilson continues for another two years as President. The Staff and new Board are tested and competent and the momentum the leadership has created should make this a productive period for the League.

## WHAT SHADE OF GREEN WILL THE WHITE HOUSE BE?

### A Look at the Environmental Positions of the Candidates

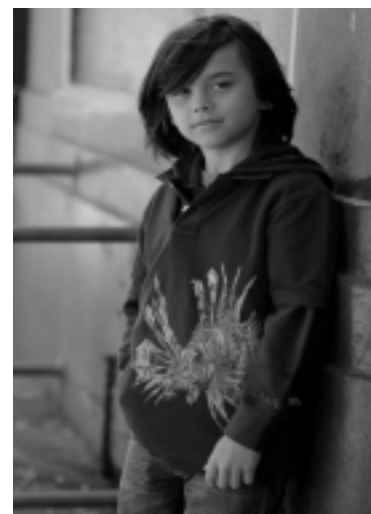
by Harlo Pippenger (Bette Evanshine's 10 year old grandson)

With rising gas prices, rising water levels, and rising temperatures, energy and the environment are becoming significant issues in this election. Let's take a look at each candidate's positions on the environment. They might surprise you.

The presumptive Republican nominee, Senator John McCain, and the presumptive Democratic nominee, Senator Barack Obama, have many similar positions on the environment. A shared belief between the two candidates is that global warming is a real threat to the U.S. Both have supported a cap and trade system which would require polluting companies to pay for their carbon emissions. Obama has stated that "no business will be allowed to emit any greenhouse gases for free." Although Obama originally opposed offshore drilling, it is an issue that both candidates now agree is necessary to lower gas prices. Both candidates have also supported alternative energies such as wind power, solar power, and biofuels.

Nuclear energy is an issue where the candidates diverge. McCain has proposed building 45 new nuclear power plants and a \$300 million award for creating a battery that would improve hybrid and electric cars. "Nuclear power alone is not enough. Drilling alone is not enough. We need to do all this and more. That is why I am calling for an 'all of the above' approach," McCain said at the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Plant. Obama, however, wants to proceed more cautiously with nuclear energy. He would invest \$150 billion in clean energies over 10 years.

The deciding environmental issue in this election may come down to nuclear energy. With both McCain and Obama offering similar and comprehensive energy plans, the White House certainly has a greener future.



Harlo's Questions for the Candidates:

Barack Obama: Development of biofuels is a major part of your energy platform. What do you think about the environmental consequences of ethanol production such as deforestation, destruction of wild life habitats and high energy costs?

John McCain: You've talked about building 45 new nuclear plants by 2030. But what will you do about the safety issue and the nuclear waste generated by the nuclear power plants?

### WEBSITES ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN:

**Sue Gorman** recommends several web sites:

Democracy in Action: P2008 Race for the White House [www.P2008.org](http://www.P2008.org). This website provides information for citizens following the presidential campaign. It points people to resources about the campaigns, candidates for President, media covering the campaigns and the electorate. There are useful links and a very informative article on Campaign Finance, plus a lot more. Democracy in Action is not connected to or part of any partisan or ideological group. The site is sponsored in part by George Washington University's Institute for Politics, Democracy & the Internet.

Annenberg's FactCheck.org ([www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org)) reviews the facts behind Presidential campaign ads and campaign promises.

### SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS VOTERS

Overseas voters are often disenfranchised because their ballots are not received on time. Ohio deadlines for overseas voters including military are: October 6 for Absentee Voter Registration, November 14 for Ballot Return. The League's partner, Overseas Vote Foundation (OVF) has developed the *Express Your Vote* initiative, supported by FedEx®, to offer discounted service rates to overseas voters shipping their 2008 General Election ballots. The site includes links for the *Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)*, an optional, downloadable ballot for use in cases where the ballot sent from your election office does not arrive in time. Learn more about overseas voting rules, rights and services at: [www.overseasvotefoundation.org](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org).

## REDISTRICTING REFORM WOULD INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT

Source: *League of Women Voters of Ohio imPACT*

At 48.3 percent, the United States' voter participation rate is ranked 139th in the world. Marc Dunkelman from the Democratic Leadership Council has done a study to explore how partisan redistricting (gerrymandering) limits the ability of voters to express their policy preference at the national level and how that frustration leads to low voter turnout.

This new study shows that voters will turn out to vote in larger numbers when they believe their votes will make a difference. Gerrymandered districts are designed to make certain that votes of citizens in the disfavored political party will not matter by making districts non-competitive. The study looked at the competitiveness of US congressional districts. The number of "safe" or non-competitive seats rose from 281 out of 435 in 1992 to 356 out of 435 in 2002. That means that in 2002 only 62 or 14% of the seats were "in play." Importantly, the study found that on average 30,000 more people voted in districts with competitive races.

One would expect quite a few competitive races in Ohio because Ohio is a "battleground" state, closely divided between the two major parties. This is not the case. A review of the results of the 2006 congressional races shows that Ohio falls into the pattern of gerrymandered districts in the study. All but 3 of the 18 races were won by a margin of over 12%. Half of the races were won by margins in excess of 20%. The more competitive races on average generated more voters.

As we learned in 2005, drawing every district in Ohio to be a competitive district will require some sacrificing of compactness. However, Ohioans deserve better than districts intentionally drawn to be non-competitive. Ohioans deserve a choice at the voting booth.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL: TOOLS FOR TEACHERS

The League of Women Voters of Ohio has produced an interactive, fun Ohio civics program available on a CD or on the imPACT website, [www.ohioimPACT.org](http://www.ohioimPACT.org). Its self-directed navigation lets students learn "*How Ohio Government Impacts You; How You Can Impact Ohio Government.*" This can be used in the classroom as a teaching tool or individually. The presentation gives students information about Ohio government organization; a brief history and some fun facts about the state; practical instruction on voting and ways to get involved in the political process.



Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner has agreed to place a link between the SOS website and the interactive CD and has distributed a letter to Ohio teachers encouraging the use of the tool. Additionally, the Civics CD was featured in the May/June edition of the Ohio Education Association's Ohio Schools Magazine, which is distributed to over 130,000 public education employees. These are a significant achievements for the League.

If you are aware of any organization, group or individual who might benefit from the use of the interactive CD, click on Contact Us at [www.ohioimPACT.org](http://www.ohioimPACT.org) or contact Project Manager Anne Nelson [anelson6@columbus.rr.com](mailto:anelson6@columbus.rr.com). The imPACT Project was underwritten by grants from the Kettering Fund and the Joyce Foundation.

## CONVERSATION ON OHIO PUBLIC EDUCATION

By Sarah Gideonse

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland hosted 12 town meetings across the state to ask Ohioans to re-envision public education. The governor presented his own six point plan and asked for public feedback. He stated that he would examine financing of education after Ohioans had discussed our goals and vision for education. The Cincinnati meeting was televised live on WCET-FM on July 28. Together, Cincinnatians, Citizens for Civic Renewal, League of Women Voters, Urban League, and Woman's City Club hosted a "Watch Party" to view the meeting, discuss, and provide feedback to the Governor. We worked in small groups to come up with our top three reform ideas to create a learning environment to educate Ohio children for a global 21<sup>st</sup> century. We thank members of this coalition and especially Sarah Gideonse and Steve Johns for organizing the event.

### From the full group: Top three education reform ideas for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

1. Overhaul the recruitment, training, mentoring, structuring of work, and reimbursement of teachers: teachers must believe that every child has a possibility of success; train teachers to be mentors, advocates, counselors as well as teachers through a structured apprenticeship or steps-to-learning program.
2. Overhaul the public school system with ideas such as the Governor suggested — interdisciplinary approach to teaching, hands-on learning, longer school year/day, etc. Education as an open system with flexibility to adapt to individual and community needs.

Assess each child's receptive and expressive abilities and tie the information to individualized development plans (IDP); use multi-sensory curriculum that responds to different learning styles. Also train teachers accordingly.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER/BOARD BRIEFS *(Con't from page 2)*

**Voter Services** is geared up for Fall 2008 elections. VP of Voter Services **Melissa Currence** is negotiating to print 100,000 copies of our popular annual non-partisan voter guide *Who & What of Elections*. You'll see enhancements to the electronic version on our user-friendly website **SmartVoter.org**. League volunteers are preparing candidate questionnaires, which will be sent as soon as the Board of Elections finalizes the candidate list. We'll have only a few weeks to process candidate responses, because we're going to press in early October to be able to better serve early/absentee voters.

The LWVCA is working with a consortium of organizations to cosponsor a **televised debate** of candidates for U.S. House Districts 1 and 2 in October. Our Anderson unit is planning a debate of U.S. House District 2 and Ohio House District 34 candidates. See next month's newsletter for details.

**Bylaws Committee** Chair **Jane Anderson** is seeking recommendations for revisions to the bylaws. VP of Finance **Dee Shaffer** needs volunteers for the following committees: Visions for Greater Cincinnati Luncheon, Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, and PowerPledge (Phoneathon). The **Ransohoff Committee** is looking for nominees for the League's annual Civic Award, to be presented at the Education Fund's Visions Luncheon in April. Recipient must have served in a volunteer capacity; League members are not eligible. Forward names to **Sylvia Mersfelder**. **Development Committee** chair **Sherrie Heyse** is planning corporate and community appeals and grant applications.

The Hamilton County Board of Elections needs poll workers. Call 513-632-7041 for Democrat, 513-632-7042 for Republican, or go to <http://www.hamilton-co.org/BOE/>.

Answer to *Summer Voter* quiz question: 35 women have served as U.S. senators, beginning with Rebecca Latimer Felton in 1922. Of them, 25 were elected and 10 were appointed; 22 were Democrat and 13 were Republican. Currently there are 16 female Senators, the most ever.

*September Voter* quiz question: How many women have served in the U.S. House of Representatives?

**OBSERVER CORPS:****Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Meeting - June 17, 2008***By Nancy Forbriger*

At the quarterly meeting on June 17, the Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) heard reports from its six standing committees which sometimes struggle to get useful data, but also report noteworthy achievements on their way to streamlining the Hamilton County Criminal Justice system with the goal of determining the type and size of new facilities and supporting services needed by the county. Each recommendation is to include the number of jail-bed days saved by the change.

One major report was on a county pilot project "Transitioning from Jail to Community (TJC)." TJC is a screening, assessment and transitional planning process that prepares individuals for release from incarceration beginning at the time of conviction and continues through the release and reintegration to the community. A complete assessment is done for each individual so that proper responses can begin with diversion or while a sentence is being served. Risk factors and needs are identified by a comprehensive team from jail, Court, Pretrial, Probation and Court Clinic staff members. This team of professionals worked with 402 offenders during 2007. 79% committed no new crimes, 75% were compliant while under one year probation.

Commissioner David Pepper reported for the new Juvenile Justice Committee which was formed four months ago. Donna Jones Baker (Urban League) and Roxanne Qualls, City Council member, are co-chairs. This committee is collecting examples of evidence-based practices from other counties in order to make recommendations on programs that could be adopted here. The committee's short term focus on violent juvenile crimes has spurred investigation of the possibility of using the successful adult CIRV (Community Initiative to Reduce Violence) program to halt teen-on-teen violence and criminal life style.

Mission statements, subcommittee reports and meeting dates can be obtained through John Bruggen (946-4316).

**HOME ENERGY USE***By Gene Gardner*

I recently attended a discussion course on Global Warming. Between class sessions, I borrowed a portable power measuring device and went around the house to check on consumption of various devices. I found some surprises, and thought you might like to see what I learned.

**LESS THAN EXPECTED**

- a) TV sets with remotes bought since 2000 (0.1 and 0.2 watts when off)
- b) The same two TV sets when on use 43 and 45 watts

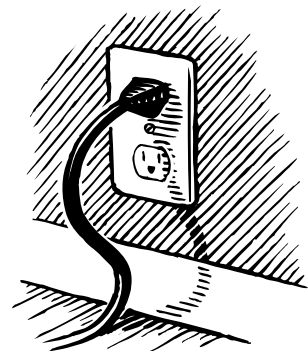
**ABOUT AS EXPECTED**

- a) PC and flat screen monitor (90 and 25 watts)
- b) HP & Canon printers: running (10 and 20 watts), standby (1 and 2 watts)
- c) PC when in Standby and Hibernate (6 and 0 watts)
- d) TV with remote bought in 1989 (3 watts off, 60 watts on)

**MORE THAN EXPECTED**

- a) APC Power strip with surge protector for PC (4 watts)

At 11cents/KWH, each watt, if consumed 24/7, amounts to about \$1 a year.





## LWVCA REACHES OUT TO COMMUNITY

League members set up a voter information booth at a Madisonville block party on August 2. More than 20 registration forms were distributed including some to first time voters in a youth marching band. A troupe of young girl praise dancers gathered around **Helen Rhoad** to learn about the suffrage movement and the League's involvement.

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## LWVCA CELEBRATES REDESIGNED WEBSITE

*By Rina Saperstein*

It took a while, but it's worth the wait. Our website redesign is intended to be easier to navigate and to incorporate the interactive features that attract younger viewers. It allows for online donations and membership payments and online action requests along with clear links to SmartVoter. The new site also includes more of our internal information so that members and supporters can easily find documents, forms and events online. And the site includes list signups so that we can easily communicate with our members and committees by email. Pictures on the site were contributed by League member photographer Tim Jeffries. Web designer is Beth Tindall. The League web committee includes **Sue Gorman, Marj Davies, Melissa Currence, Kim Thompson, Sherrie Heyse, Marty Harrington** and **Rina Saperstein**. Marty Harrington has agreed to serve as our internal webmaster to assure that our new site stays up to date.

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## VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE HOMELESS

September 21-27, 2008 is National Homeless & Low Income Voter Registration Week, sponsored by The National Coalition for the Homeless, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, and the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Since equal access to the right to vote is a crucial part of maintaining a true democracy, nonprofits and service agencies nationwide will dedicate the week towards registering homeless and low-income individuals to vote. For information, see <http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/policy/advocacy/voterregweek>.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LOUISE FLYNN

Louise Flynn Celebrates 100th Birthday!

By Corinne Gutjahr

Seated in a comfortable armchair, surrounded by photographs that represented some of her life story, **Louise Flynn** welcomed friends and associates to her 100th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, July 13, 2008.

Louise was raised in Springfield, Ohio. She came to Cincinnati many years ago to work and retired in the 1970s from the position of Director of Nursing at Cincinnati Children's Hospital after 30 years of service. Not fully ready for retirement, Louise extended her working career for several years by teaching nursing skills to aides and attendants at the Drake Hospital.

In retirement, Louise was active in and around her home and garden in Springdale. She enjoyed most animals and raised quite a menagerie of pets during her lifetime, even a rooster who crowed during a solar eclipse! There was always a companionable dog in her life. Some traveled with her in her Jeep when she visited her vacation home in Bat Cave, North Carolina.

A long time member of the League, Louise faithfully attended the College Hill Unit meetings. She held the office of Membership Chair until last year. As long as she was able to drive, Louise was an active LWVCA Office Volunteer.

Louise moved to Franciscan Terrace several years ago where she actively participates in the life of the community. She goes to the dining room for meals, exercises to keep limber and enjoys books on tape. A special guest at her birthday celebration was Hallie, Louise's dog of 8 years. Although Hallie has a new permanent residence, Hallie roamed the room greeting guests on behalf of her mistress – checking in for an occasional pat from Louise. Hallie visits Louise on a regular basis. Congratulations Louise.



L-R: Mary Kay Gardner, Gene Gardner, Louise Flynn, Loraine Schultz, and Corinne Gutjahr



**In Memoriam:** LWVCA mourns the death of **Dolores "Dee" Hazlebeck** on August 1 at age 78. Dee called every single new League member to welcome them to League, to find out their interests, and to encourage them to participate. She led our Phoneathon/PowerPledge efforts each year, and coordinated our work supervising union elections

(a fundraiser for League). She registered voters and participated in events, and served on the Board many years and on the nominating committee. Dee was very active in Hilltop Unit. She was an avid tennis player and a birder, and leaves three children and six grandchildren. She will be deeply missed.

**In Memoriam:** LWVCA mourns the death of **Charlotte "Tommie" Thompson** on June 24. Tommie was a longtime League member active in civic, neighborhood, and diversity issues. A memorial service will be held September 27 at First Unitarian Church.

*The LWVCA sends its condolences to the families of Dee Hazlebeck and Tommie Thompson.*

**THANKS TO OUR DONORS!**

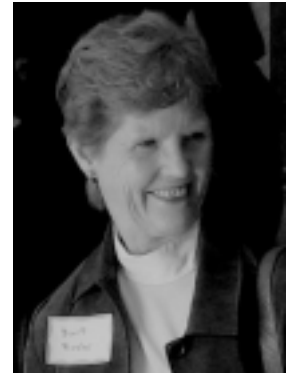
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**CELEBRATING A LEAGUER**

*By Pam Hinterscher and Kristin McClure.*

In honor of our mother **Burton Roehr's** birthday, we would like to make a donation to the League of Women Voters Education Fund. We have many fond memories of our mother's involvement in the Cincinnati chapter of the League.



We grew up with "ERA All The Way" t-shirts, League of Women Voters meetings in our living room, and the knowledge that Mom would spend Election Day outside a polling place handing out literature on key issues. More importantly, through her service to the League, she modeled for her daughters what it means to be a volunteer: teaching each of us that we have a responsibility to our communities. Even today, she continues her involvement in the League and is one of our biggest resources when it comes to understanding some of the important political issues of our time.

So, in celebration of her birthday, nothing seems more appropriate than to honor that which she holds so dear to her heart. Please find enclosed our gift, given in honor of our mother, **Burton Roehr**.

**SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETINGS**

**TOPIC:** HOT TOPICS; Home Foreclosure, Recycling, League Future

\*\*\* *Indicates new unit, meeting time, date or place*

\*\*\* **ANDERSON**

Wednesday, September 10, 7 pm  
Anderson Center, Conference Room  
7850 Five Mile Road

**CENTRAL EVENING**

Wednesday, September 10, 7:15 pm  
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
103 Wm. Howard Taft Road

Discussion Leader: **Bette Evanshine**

**COLLEGE HILL**

Tuesday, September 9, 11:30 am, Brown Bag  
Location: Home of **Doña Neiheisel**

Discussion Leader: **Mary Kay Gardner**

\*\*\* **EASTERN DAY**

Thursday, September 4, 12:15 pm  
Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Center Library  
3550 Shaw Avenue

Discussion Leader: **Dottie Cowan**

\*\*\* **HAMILTON-FAIRFIELD**

Tuesday, Sept 16, 6:00 pm  
Fairfield Community Arts Center  
(Dinner meeting, special topic, see insert)

Discussion Leader: **Elizabeth Brown**

**HILLTOP**

Monday, September 8, 7 pm

Location: TBA

Discussion Leader: **Donna Dansker**

**METRO DAY**

Wednesday, September 17, 12 noon, Brown Bag  
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
103 Wm. Howard Taft Road

Discussion Leader: **Ursula Hassel**

**NORTH CENTRAL**

Tuesday, September 9, 12 noon, Brown Bag  
Friendship United Methodist,

Corner Springfield Pike & Fleming Rd

**NORTHEAST EVENING**

Monday, September 8, 7:30 pm  
Madeira Municipal Building  
Corner Euclid & Miami Avenue

**WARREN COUNTY**

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 pm  
Mason United Methodist  
773 Mason-Montgomery Road

**E-UNIT**

Online at: [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/lwvca\\_internet](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/lwvca_internet)

*All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!*

**VOTERS LOST IN SPACE!!!!**

*By Pinky Kocoshis*

Through anecdotal reports and calls to the LWVCA office, we know that some of you are not getting your *Voter* newsletter. We would like to ascertain how widespread this problem is and possibly come up with a solution. Many people work very hard on this publication, and it is important to get it in members' hands.

Our intention is to get it in your mailbox by 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month. If you do not get your *VOTER*, please call the office and leave that information with the office volunteer. They will be keeping a list, and will send one out to you. We'll try to figure out if there is any pattern and communicate that to Post Office Bulk Mail folks.

Remember also that the *Voter* is posted on-line as a pdf file at [www.lwvcincinnati.org](http://www.lwvcincinnati.org).

**MEMBERSHIP: DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK/INVITE**

*by Carolyn Meyers-Hughes*

This is a great time to be a League member – a new program year begins, it is a Presidential Election year, and we have solid positions on which to take action! As units begin meeting, we will once again have a regular opportunity to discuss important issues with people who have similar interests (but not always the same view).

Make the most of these opportunities for increasing membership by:

- 1) Paying attention to HOSPITALITY; be welcoming.
- 2) Asking/inviting your friends to experience a League of Women Voters meeting – unit or general.
- 3) Carrying and sharing membership information at all times.

We have a wonderful organization! Let's increase our membership. More members means power in the community and it enriches our unit gatherings.

We are planning to have a Member Orientation prior to the general meeting for Election issues. More info to come. We hope to see you at a fall meeting...

