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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan 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@lwvcincinnati.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.

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ELECTION 2012 IS COMING!

By *Glenda Bernstein, Vice President Voters Service*

Already, 2012 is proving to be a fascinating election year. We're seeing controversy, conflict, unity and division on many fronts. The Supreme Court will release its decision this summer on the Affordable Care Act. Wisconsin just finished an election to recall its governor. The Occupy movement is still around (I saw a European version in May when I visited Prague!) The Citizens United decision continues to generate much discussion and political activism. Financial crises both here and abroad fill the news. Voter rights is a hot topic. The list goes on. And oh, by the way, we will also be choosing our president in November.

Through all this and more, the League of Women Voters remains a steadfast champion for voter involvement and education. The League is respected for being a source of reliable, factual, nonpartisan information. We can and should be proud of our affiliation with this great organization.

Producing voter information and promoting fair, respectful debates and candidates and issues forums requires a lot of work. As Vice President for Voters Service, I urge you to consider volunteering to help in whatever capacity you are able. We need people to do things such as proofread materials, make telephone calls, speak to local groups, serve as timekeepers and moderators at election events, distribute literature, help with mailings, register voters, provide refreshments for meetings – and so much more.

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IRON JAWED ANGELS –

Re-live how one vote changed a country

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” The 19th Amendment, Section 1.

It took more than 70 years of sacrifices to get the 19th amendment through Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures. Details of this struggle are not found in school text books, so most people don't know what an up-hill battle it was, right to the very last vote in the State of Tennessee. Share this story with family and friends so that more Americans, through their vote, will shape the direction of our democracy.

The League of Women Voters & CINCINNATI WORLD CINEMA present

IRON JAWED ANGELS

The true story of the struggle to obtain the right to vote for American women

... SAVE THIS DATE !! ...

4:00 & 7:30 pm Saturday September 8

Carnegie Arts Center 1028 Scott Blvd Covington KY

More information coming soon from:
CINCYWORLDCINEMA.ORG and LWVCA.ORG

PASSING OF THE BATON

At our Annual meeting on May 24, 2012, we had a passing of the baton from outgoing President **Melissa Currence** to new President, **Shirley Jason**. We are fortunate to have messages from both women in this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone:

Entering into the role as President of the League of Women Voters is a privilege and very rewarding for me as the 50th National Convention kicks off in Washington D. C., June 8 – 12th: “Power The Vote, Imagine, Commit, Act.” I appreciate the opportunity of serving as your President and delegate.

As we continue our mission, we must maximize our efforts to grow membership, register voters and protect and expand the rights of every voter. The League’s unique ability has earned the organization the reputation as being the public trusted VOICE, which we have garnered by educating on issues, advocating for responsible government and sustaining our visibility at all levels - local, state and federal - for the past 90+ years.

I would like to thank **Melissa Currence** for the leadership and dedication she has given over the past two years as president. I thank you for passing the baton and look forward to the work we have ahead of us.

As we forge ahead to the upcoming presidential election, I encourage all individuals to get registered, and get out and VOTE. If you are not a yet member of the League of Women Voters, please become one.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president and I look forward to building new relationships and working collaboratively at all levels to achieve our goals.

Respectfully,

Shirley A. Jason

President



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear League Friends,

I'm very excited to giving this president report this year, because, friends, we truly do great work. I'm very proud of all the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area has accomplished over the past year, and I want you to be, as well.

Our program and action activities are many. Thanks to the guidance of our City Government Committee, our local League opposed city issues 46 and 48 this past November. Our County Government committee met with the chairman of the Cincinnati Business Committee and with County Commissioner Todd Portune.

The housing committee has focused on issues concerning the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and Anna Louise Inn. With the guidance of our Natural Resources Committee, we lobbied Cincinnati City Council to support the Clean Air Act and we learned more about the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's conservation efforts on our Summer Tour. The Education Committee led our consensus efforts on the LWVUS's study on "the role of the federal government in public education," and the Healthcare Committee focused on the local health care safety net and studying how the funds from the Health and Hospitalization levy are spent. Because of our program committees, our units discussions were well-researched, stimulating and informative.

Voter Services had a very active year as well, educating the voters with our nonpartisan approach. The City of Cincinnati

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BOARD MEETING BRIEFS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY 24

By *Sherrie Heyse*

- **Marjorie Davies** received the Martha B. Taft Award
- Life Members are: **Helen Hunter, Hannah Carp, Carolyn Briese** and **Barbara MacLeod**
- Budget for 2012-2013 approved
- League Positions were approved. The Wyoming School position was deleted. The Education Position is being updated.
- Board of Directors were elected: **Shirley Jason**, President, President Elect-vacant, **Randi Ditter**, Secretary, **Kim Thompson**, LWVCA Treasurer, VP Program-vacant, **Pinky Kocoshis**, VP Member Services/Organization, **Nancy Dawley** and **Susan Steele**, Directors. Nominating Committee was elected: **Mary Kercherval Short**, Chair, **Dottie Cowan** and **John Hunter**, members of nominating committee
- Special Fall Projects: Electing the President presentations and "Iron Jawed Angels" movie showing

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Health Commissioners invited us to provide voter outreach at the city's health center sites during the fall election season. We printed and distributed 80,000 copies of the Who and What of Elections and 25,000 copies of They Represent Us. Our online election guide at SmartVoter.org had more than (one hundred seventy-five thousand) 175,000 page views in the 31 days before the November election.

We formed the Elections Committee to better monitor voter rights issues and work with our Board of Elections. We sent letters to the editor regarding House Bill 194 and Senate Bill 148 that unnecessarily limit Ohioans' right to vote and to have that vote counted. With Voters First, we are working with the State League to gather signatures to put redistricting reform on the ballot this fall. We collaborated with Common Cause Ohio and held the first My Vote Counts: A look at voters' rights in our region. At the My Vote Counts, we had speakers from League of Women Voters of Ohio, Common Cause National, the League of United Latin American Citizens Ohio, The AMOS Project, Hamilton County Board of Elections, the Cincinnati NAACP, Ohio Citizen Action, Project Vote, and the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

And thanks to our Fund Development committee, our Susan B. Anthony Luncheon in February was a great success. Because of our committed volunteers, this Susan B. netted over \$8,000 for our Education Fund. We continue to receive support from Procter & Gamble and the Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation through their efforts.

Our membership committee was also hard at work, including ramping up our efforts on Facebook. To date, we have 194 fans and we keep growing. We had speakers from the FBI and 3CDC for Dinner with the League.

I wanted to share with just some of the organizations and groups we've collaborated with this past year: Affordable Housing Advocates, the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, Rookwood 6, Woman's City Club, Advocates for Ohio's Future, Wise Temple, Juneteenth Cincinnati, Occupy Cincinnati, Common Cause, the Unitarian Church, the Hamilton County Board of Elections, Applied Information Resources, Cincinnati, Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati-Kharkivi Ukraine Sister City Partnership.

Your board also has been working very hard to craft the future of our League. As you know, we hired **Jean Masthay** to serve as executive director in May 2011. Out of her 3-month review, a plan was developed to have Jean refocus her efforts to performing an organizational assessment to help us become an organization ready for the 21st Century. The board approved this plan at its October board meeting, and the fruits of that labor include her report, available now to you. Before I invite Jean to the microphone talk more about the report, I want to let you know that the board has developed a collective vision for the LWVCA, and I would like to



share that with you now: *"The League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area is our area's premier civic organization. We are visible and we engage our members and the community in public policy initiatives, educate and advocate for voter rights, and provide expanded voter*

services."

I'm excited by this vision and for the possibilities of strategic growth for our beloved League. The board has approved the formation of a strategic planning committee, which has been tasked to develop a plan within 90 days for the board to approve. If you would like to join us in these efforts, please let President **Shirley Jason** know.

My friends, can you believe we did all that together? In one year? It's amazing what this League accomplishes for its community, and I am in truly awe. It has been a remarkable journey for me to serve our League as president this past two years, and I thank you for the opportunity.

In League,
Melissa Currence

Board Members for 2012 - 2013

President: **Shirley Jason**
 President-Elect: None
 VP Fund Development: **Sherrie Heyse**
 VP Organization: **Pinky Kocoshis**
 VP Program: Open
 VP Voter Service: **Glenda Bernstein**
 Secretary: **Randi Ditter**
 Treasurer: **Kim Thompson**
 Directors: **Nancy Dawley**
 Dee Shaffer
 Susan Steele
 Gail Wick
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ELECTING THE PRESIDENT – LWVCA TAKES NATIONAL INITIATIVE

By Nancy Dawley

LWVCA is gearing up to educate citizens on why and how to vote in the November Presidential Election. Our primary material is the booklet created by LWVUS and Newspapers in Education Institute entitled *Electing the President: A Guide to the Election Process*. We will be sending copies to area schools as a resource for classroom teachers.

Our local League is taking the initiative to create additional materials to supplement the booklet. We are working on posters and a PowerPoint presentation that school teachers and civic organizations can use to assist their presentation. The Power Point will include such things as:

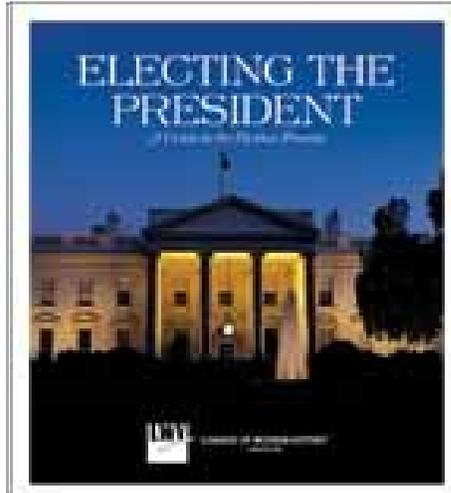
- *What the Constitution says about voting.*
- *Registering to vote.*
- *Steps for voting — at the polls and absentee ballots.*
- *Where to get non-partisan information about candidates.*
- *How to evaluate ads and polls.*
- *How to prepare for and listen to debates.*
- *The importance of each person's vote.*

A recent exciting development: we are offering our poster and PowerPoint materials to all Leagues in the county. Just think how many additional citizens might be voting in November because LWVCA is helping them understand why their vote is important to our democracy.

If you want to assist with this project, or if you know of a group that would like to view and discuss the PowerPoint program, call the League office (513-281-8683) and leave your name and phone number; we will return your call.

If you know of another League chapter that would like to be notified when the Power Point and poster are ready for distribution, have them sign up on our website at lwvca.org/signup.

If you would like to peruse the *Electing the President* pamphlet, it is available online at www.lwv.org/content/electing-president-2012-now-available.



PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

By Carrie Davis, Executive Director, LWVUS

Excerpted from testimony 5/7/2012 to the US Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

“During the last year and a half, we have experienced an unprecedented attack on voting rights. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 341 photo ID bills alone have been introduced in 41 states in 2011-2012. The League actively opposed a wide variety of voter suppression legislation in 22 states. To date, four of those states have new laws that create new and in some cases insurmountable barriers to the polls, and five more states suppressive laws are awaiting legal decisions.

“This assault on voters is sweeping across the country, state by state, and is one of the greatest self-inflicted threats to our democracy – our way of governing – in our lifetimes. These new laws threaten to silence the voices of those least heard and rarely listened to in this country – the poor, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and the differently abled. These state legislative threats include requiring restrictive photo ID and or proof of citizenship in order to vote. They include restricting independent voter registration drives, eliminating Election Day registration, dramatically shortening time periods for early and absentee voting, and imposing presumptions of voter error.

“The League of Women Voters opposes these new laws and legislation because:

They risk disenfranchising millions of eligible voters.

They will cost millions of dollars to implement.

There is no evidence that there is a need for such draconian measures.”

[Read more at www.lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/LWVO%20statement%20final_clean\(2\).pdf](http://www.lwvohio.org/assets/attachments/file/LWVO%20statement%20final_clean(2).pdf).

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

LWV Ohio's New HUMAN TRAFFICKING POSITION

The board of directors of the Ohio League adopted the following position on June 6, 2012, based on recent consensus results from local chapters including our own.

League of Women Voters Ohio believes that:

1. Human forced labor and sex trafficking should be stopped through legislation and changes in public policy.
2. Victims of human trafficking should be provided with services on an as-needed basis to facilitate integration into the community, including but not limited to counseling, drug and alcohol treatment, safe housing, physical and mental health care, legal representation, job training, ESL/GED/education and employment assistance.
3. Minors who have been commercially sexually exploited or forced into slave labor should be legally considered as victims and given special physical and mental health care.
4. Cooperation and collaboration among state and local agencies is necessary to enforce prohibitions and prosecute traffickers and other offenders (consumers).
5. There should be aggressive enforcement of laws dealing with traffickers and offenders (consumers).
6. Strategies to reduce the demand for commercial sex and forced labor trafficking should be employed by law enforcement agencies and the courts (an example would be court-ordered attendance at "john schools").
7. Training and education of the public, law enforcement, and service providers should be widely available.
8. Funding (state and local) should be provided as necessary to treat victims, prosecute traffickers and consumers, and enhance awareness of the issue through training.

OHIO REDISTRICTING TRANSPARENCY REPORT: The Elephant in the Room

From lwvohio.org

The 2011 redistricting process was in many ways "business as usual." The party in power used the process to gain maximum political advantage. The minority party was shut out. Public input was ignored. The result was the approval of new districts that will provide for largely predetermined elections where we will know which party will win before we even know who the candidates are. On December 12, the Ohio Campaign for Accountable Redistricting (OCAR) published the "Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report: The Elephant in the Room," a report that evaluates and documents the level of transparency used in the redistricting process. OCAR concluded that those responsible for Ohio's 2011 redistricting process deserve a grade of D minus. OCAR involves 25 Ohio organizations and was established through a partnership led by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund, Ohio Citizen Action and the Midwest Democracy Network, with funding provided by the Joyce Foundation. You can view the entire report here: [www.lwvohio.igpr.com/assets/attachments/file/Transparency%20Report-%20Ohio\(1\).pdf](http://www.lwvohio.igpr.com/assets/attachments/file/Transparency%20Report-%20Ohio(1).pdf)

GERRYMANDERING JOURNAL

By Nancy Dawley

NEEDED: OHIO REFERENDUM FOR

REDISTRICTING REFORM. View what could have been our new Congressional districts in Ohio – evenhandedly drawn by a non-partisan proposal in last summer's competition: drawthelinemidwest.org/ohio/. Now view the Districts as our politicians have drawn them. The 2012 – 2022 Ohio Apportionment Plan for House and Senate Districts is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/reshape/GADistricts/adoptedMap.aspx (You can view maps of the whole state by clicking on final apportionment plan, or you can click on Hamilton County for more detailed maps of our area.)

We will be stuck with these districts for the next 10 years unless Ohio voters approve a state referendum to set up a non-partisan commission of Ohio citizens to take over the process. Politicians, lobbyists and political insiders need not apply.

INTERESTING FILM ONLINE:

Gerrymandering 2010. Filmed before the latest round of redistricting, the film *Gerrymandering 2010* speaks to the issue of how politicians – sometimes the Democrats and sometimes the Republicans – design Congressional and state districts to give one party an unfair advantage. You can watch this movie for free by streaming online from Hulu at www.hulu.com/watch/255611/gerrymandering.



UPDATE ON CINCINNATI CHILD POVERTY FORUM

By Nancy Dawley

A large and interested crowd attended the forum at Wise temple in May discussing child poverty in Cincinnati.

The face of child poverty is very diverse. Hungry children can be found in all neighborhoods now that so many families have lost their homes and jobs.

Did you know that 30% of Cincinnati children live in poverty. Many are food insecure, meaning they don't know for sure when they will have their next meal. While other children welcome week ends, snow days, holidays, and summer break, these children in all likelihood will not have enough to eat when school is not in session.

The Freestore Foodbank is partnering with the Cincinnati Public Schools to develop innovative ways to see that hungry children have more meals. Two such programs are Power Packs – a bag of food a child carries home to eat on weekends; and Kids Café — an after school program to help children with their school work and provide a hot evening meal. Hungry children cannot learn. Hungry children are not healthy. Adults without education have trouble finding employment. Feeding children is a win for the whole community.

If you want to learn more about these kids programs, go to fsfbmedia.org/beta/programs/childhood-hunger/.

If you want to donate money or time to the power pack program, go to fsfb.convio.net/site/PageNavigator/PowerPack.



Gail Wick and her quilt from a previous SBA

PLANNING AHEAD: SUSAN B. ANTHONY 2013

By Sherrie Heyse

Plans are already getting underway for Susan B. Anthony Luncheon 2013. We are very excited to have some team members on board already. If you would like to be involved in planning this wonderful League event, please call or email **Sherrie Heyse**. There will a meeting in late August/early September to begin discussions of the event. We can have the traditional luncheon or have a totally new event but we need planners.

Also a reminder to those who do Silent Auction items (quilts, knitting, pottery, artwork, service donations or any kind of "basket"), please "start your engines" and call Sherrie with details of your donation. Keep the LWV in mind when you shop or talk to a vendor who might want to donate to our auction. You can ask or send the name to Sherrie and we will send a solicitation letter. We love coupons from any type of service such as hair, nails, pets, cars, yards, computers, etc. We can always use any size coupons with other items to make an auction basket. If you have a contact for a table sponsor or a program ad, please let us know. Every little bit helps!

NEW KROGER CARD DEAL (Kroger Community Rewards Program)

By Sherrie Heyse

As of May 1, the Kroger Community Rewards Program has changed and will be easier to use. All you need to do is sign up online with your Kroger Plus Card and identify the LWVCA Education fund as your organization. See detailed information below for signing up.

Any money that you loaded onto your Community Card before May 1 under the old program will still be counted for the League under the old program.

To use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

- Get a Kroger Plus card, if you do not already have one, at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Go to krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Unless you have signed up online previously, click SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Enter zip code, click on favorite store, enter your email address. Create a password, click your agreement to the terms and conditions.
- Check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (**80874**) or name (**LWVCA Education fund**) of organization; select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you should see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- Register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377 and select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.
- **You must reregister every year to remain active in the system.**



ELECTION 2012 ... (cont. from page 1)

Activities can be very flexible, allowing you to do what you can, when you can. Our Speakers Bureau offers training so that volunteers are comfortable in that role; a "buddy" system can also be arranged to ease new speakers into the role.

Just to give you an idea, here is a sampling of things we did for the Fall 2011 election:

- Held the Annual Issues Forum at the LWVCA offices in September
- Partnered with City Of Cincinnati Health Department Primary Care Clinics to distribute voter education materials and register people to vote during October
- Teamed with The Greenwich to host Cincinnati City Council Candidates' Forum
- Co-sponsored, with the Junior League of Cincinnati, a debate on State Issue 2 (referendum on Ohio SB 5)
- Presented LWVCA information on the ballot issues to the Walnut Hills Community
- Moderated and provided a timekeeper for City of Woodlawn mayor and council forum

Already this year, I have been contacted by a department of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to assist with registering voters. Another coalition has reached out to LWVCA to participate in a candidates' forum at the Aronoff Center designed to engage young voters. We are anticipating quite a few ballot issues which will keep us busy. Of course our Who and What of Elections, which voters look forward to and depend on every year, will be prepared.

If you can support Voters Service with your time, talents and abilities, contact me directly at my League email address, voterservice@lwvcincinnati.org. Alternatively, you can leave me a message at the League Office, 513-281-8683. We would love to have you on the Voters Service Team!

LWUCA ANNUAL MEETING 2012



LIFETIME MEMBERS MAKE US PROUD

This year, four wonderful members of our chapter were awarded lifetime memberships, honoring fifty years each of active membership. **Carolyn Briese** and **Barbara MacLeod** were not present; we will seek a few words from them to publish in the next Voter. **Hanna Carp** and **Helen Hunter** were present and accepted their awards with the following words. They made us all feel heart-warmed and proud!



Hanna Carp (Photo by Jan Evans)

HANNA CARP'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

About 50 years ago, the Cincinnati League got involved with an Americanization process. It was a different day and age. The Cold War was in full swing. In the Netherlands, we always felt it was going on over our heads - an uneasy feeling. My husband and I were already preparing for emigration to America. In 1956, the Hungarian uprising occurred. It was struck down. People in The Netherlands were already beginning to hoard food. There was fear that the Russians would march on and

occupy Western Europe. It reinforced our plan to go to America.

We arrived in Cincinnati in spring, 1957. Our sponsor was the Pioneer and Historical Foundation in Holland, Michigan. A physician of Dutch ancestry was the organization's liaison in Cincinnati. His wife, a nurse, was a League member. She decided that the perfect place for my Americanization was the League. She took me along to the September, 1957 meeting of the Clifton unit.

Now, remember, at that time America experienced domestic turmoil. Governor Faubus of Arkansas was in the news quite often. But most of all it was the McCarthy era, which eventually was brought to a conclusion by a question, uttered in exasperation: "Is there no decency left, sir?"

I do not remember what the general topic was for that September League meeting. I do remember a brief review of the general situation in America. One woman posed a question that seemed to be met with general approval by the group. The question was: "Who investigates the investigators?" I was amazed and impressed. I wondered about the League's influence. I understood I needed to know more.

So I decided to stick around for awhile.



Photo by Marjorie Davies

HELEN HUNTER'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

I joined the League shortly after we moved to Cincinnati when my husband began his career at Procter & Gamble. As a stay-at-home mom, I found the League's focus on important issues stimulating and welcome.

Also, I think I might have inherited a League gene from my mother. I have a pin that I found in her sewing basket that bears the slogan, "Votes for Women." She must have been a teenage supporter of the constitutional amendment that gave women the right to vote. Her involvement in community issues during my childhood may have influenced me to become active in the League.

I found many places to learn and serve, both within the League and outside as a representative of the League. Thank you for this opportunity.

LWUCA ANNUAL MEETING 2012

2012 MARTHA B. TAFT AWARD

Sherrie Heyse presented our chapter's highest honor, the Martha B. Taft award, at this year's Annual Meeting with the following words:

"The Martha B. Taft award is given each year to an outstanding member who has contributed time, talent and energy to the League. The recipient this year joined the League in 1991 and has served in almost every leadership role including President. She has shared her expertise (she is a CPA) in the financial field by chairing almost all the financial positions and has been Finance/Fundraising VP for the last few years. By now, I know you realize our recipient for the Martha B. Taft award is **Marjorie Davies**."

Marjorie was taken by surprise – she had spent the day previous working with Sherrie, who never breathed a word or gave any hint of what was to come.

Sherrie was not exaggerating about the diversity of leadership roles Marjorie has filled. She has served as LWVCA Education Fund secretary; Steiner Fund Trustee, Chair of Vision Committee and the Investment Committee. She has served as Finance VP, Education Fund Treasurer and Chair of Budget and Funding & Development Committees; and of course, as President. She is currently our Fund Development VP.

For all her expertise and leadership, Marjorie has not a grain of haughtiness. She is the first person to greet and welcome someone new with a radiant smile, and the first person to leap into action to help someone find a seat or clean up a spill. She really is a classy lady.

In her life outside the League, Marjorie is a UC graduate with BBA and MSBA degrees. She is a retired Procter & Gamble financial manager and CPA. She lives in Hyde Park with husband Gary.



ANOTHER STAR OF THE SHOW: THE FOOD!

PIP (Power Inspires Progress) caterers outdid themselves with the food for this year's Annual Meeting. For significantly less than our customary fee, members got to enjoy a choice between comfort food (tuna casserole) or something daring (African vegetable stew), along with side dishes like a strawberry-enhanced green salad and mom's-style peach cobbler. Along with the meal, we Leaguers got to enjoy the pleasure of knowing that our dollars went to a good cause: job training at Venice on Vine, downtown, for people with employment barriers. You can learn more about the PIP program online, at www.powerinspiresprogress.com. We are proud to claim PIP Executive Director **Rina Saperstein** as a League member, past President, and recipient of the 2010 Martha B. Taft Award.



Getting ready for the Annual meeting: L-R Bridgett Pincus, Nancy Forbriger, Pinky Kocoshis, and Mary VanAusdall Photo by Marjorie Davies

POWER BEHIND THE SCENES

Much of the real action for the 2012 Annual Meeting went on behind the scenes and in advance of the meeting. For all their work, **Pinky Kocoshis** wishes to thank the members of the 2012 Annual Meeting committee: **Helen & Don Rhoad, Sherry Heyse, Nancy Forbriger, Carolyn Meyers-Hughes, Bridgett Pincus, Randi Ditter**



GOURMET GRUB FOR GOOD 2012

(Previously Guys Grills and Grub)

Saturday, August 11, 2012

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Join Community Shares for its signature annual event! The League benefits, as Community Shares is one of our primary funders. And the event is fun!

- Up to 50 amateur chefs present their specialties in one of 6 categories: appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, side dishes and desserts.
- Guests sample as many dishes as they wish and vote for their favorite in each category and prizes are presented to winning chefs.
- Great musical entertainment and premium wine raffle.
- Silent auction filled with enticing artwork, jewelry, gifts and special theme packages.
- Opportunity to help build a vibrant, inclusive, thriving community - all while having loads of fun!

Location: The Manual D. and Rhoda Mayerson JCC, Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Campus, 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Tickets can be purchased now:

- Online at www.cintishares.org, or
- By telephone at 513-475-0475, or • By mail. Send check to Community Shares, 103 Wm. Howard Taft, Cincinnati OH 45219

Ticket Prices: Advance tickets \$40, through Thursday, August 9, 2012. Tickets at the door \$45.



Chef Ernie Mowell will represent the League in the competition for tastiest dish.

SALMON – A Consumers' Guide

From the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which ranks fish choices to keep the oceans and consumers healthy

There are many environmental problems related to farming salmon, which means most are ranked "Avoid." However, efforts to reduce some of these environmental impacts by raising fish in inland tanks have been successful. Salmon from these farms are a "Best Choice."

The majority of salmon farmed today are Atlantic salmon. A small quantity of Pacific salmon - Chinook and Coho - is also farmed. The Environmental Defense Fund has issued a health advisory for farmed salmon due to high levels of PCBs.

The environmental impact of salmon farming is still increasing as global production continues to rise. One of the biggest concerns is the amount of food required to raise farmed salmon. It generally takes three pounds of wild fish to grow one pound of farmed salmon.

Most salmon are farmed in open pens and cages in coastal waters. Waste from these farms is released directly into the ocean. Parasites and diseases from farmed salmon can spread to wild fish swimming near the farms and escaping farmed salmon can harm wild populations. As a result,

consumers should avoid all salmon farmed in ocean net pens.

Some salmon farmers are making changes to improve their practices. So far, one change has proven successful—raising U.S. freshwater Coho using inland tank-based, closed systems. Closed systems reduce environmental risks by containing pollution, disease, parasites and reducing fish escapes and result in a "Best Choice" ranking.

Recommendation: Look for wild-caught salmon or clearly labeled U.S. farmed freshwater Coho salmon. For now, "Avoid" all other farmed salmon.

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OFFICE HELP NEEDED

By Mary Kay Gardner

One or two mornings a month are all we need. Answering phones and responding to the public’s questions are essential to the League’s mission of educating voters. We will train you. Please contact **Mary Kay Gardner**.



OUT OF TOUCH?

We need your email address!

LWVCA’s email list is fewer than half our paid members. That means that many of you are not receiving up-to-date League information. Providing your email address allows us to email you the newsletter in color with links; to solicit your opinion on League policy issues; and to send reminders of a few pertinent issues or events throughout the year.

The League is very careful with our email list: we don’t give or lend it to anyone; we don’t allow it to be used to email solicitations; and we email events and advocacy requests only if they are a) sponsored by the League and b) came up too suddenly to be included in the Voter newsletter.

If you have an email address but are NOT receiving email from the League, please send an email with your name and email address to info@lwwcincinnati.org.

Thank you!

A REFLECTION ON THE FUTURE

“As I travel, I meet young people in every part of this country who are taking up the challenge of building a post-petroleum future: a 25-year-old farmer in New Jersey who plows with horses and uses no chemicals; the operator of a biodiesel co-op in Northampton; a solar installer in Oakland, California. The energy transition will require new thinking in every field you can imagine, from fine arts to banking. Companies everywhere are hiring sustainability officers to help guide them through the challenges and opportunities. At the same time, many young people are joining energy and climate activist organizations like 350.org and Transition Initiatives. So here is my message to you in a nutshell. Fossil fuels made it possible to build the world you have inhabited during your childhood and throughout your years in the education system. Now it’s up to you to imagine and build the world after fossil fuels.”

- Richard Heinberg, “Building a World That Can Run Without Fossil Fuels Will Be the Challenge of Our Lifetimes”

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*All meetings are open to the public and are held at the League Office, address above, unless otherwise noted.
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Thursday	July 12 7:00pm	Natural Resources Committee
Monday	July 16 7:00pm	County Government Committee
Friday	Aug 10 5:00pm	VOTER COPY DUE for September issue
Thursday	Aug 23 9:30am	Voter collating (tentative date)

As always, see our website (www.lwvca.org) for more information on upcoming events.