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Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Athens County

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Again this November we will host both a Membership Tea and a social evening to enjoy area Community Theater.

On Friday, November 19, we will attend the Actors' Moveable Theater production of two one-act plays directed by Norm Cohn. "Turn of the Screw" is a ghost story depicting two lovely children and their governess. Full of spine-chilling revelations it promises to keep you riveted. No less thrilling, "Sorry, Wrong Number" tells the story of a bedridden woman who overhears a plot for murder on her telephone.

The evening will not only be fun, but also will serve as a League fundraiser. Of the \$10 ticket price, \$5 is returned to League. Last year we made about \$200 on this event. Please plan to attend and bring friends. Reservations can be made through any board member or by calling me (Carol Patterson) 593-8752 or cpatte1@columbus.rr.com. I am rarely at home, so please leave a message. I will call back to verify. Remember Friday, NOVEMBER 19, ARTS/West, 132 W. State St. at 8 pm. Thanks go to Actors' Moveable Theater for this partnership.

Also in November we will have our annual MEMBERSHIP TEA on November 30 at 7:00. Our hostess is again Christine Tom at Lamborn's Studio at 19 West State St. The official invitation is below. Please, as a member, plan to attend and bring a friend who might be interested in learning more about the League. Last year's tea garnered three new members; let's surpass that in 2010.

PLEASE, if you have not sent in your dues, sit down and do it now. Dues are \$50 for individuals and \$85 for a household. Send them to LWVAC, Box 5788, Athens, OH 45701.

At the Board Meeting on October 28, in addition to our regular business, we will spend a brief time with a discussion about of our mission of "creating an informed electorate" and what that means and how it can be accomplished. Members are welcome to attend our board meetings. This meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. in the Hocking Valley Bank meeting room on Stimson Avenue, across the street from the main office of the bank.

We are all saddened by the death of our long-time and very active member Ted Foster. Ted has served Athens as an active citizen, contributing to Athens County Transportation, OU Emeriti, and the Athens Village. Our condolences go to his family and especially to his wife Sue (League President 1969-1971 and 1995-1997)

RECENT EVENTS

Our LWVAC is hosting a candidates' forum each week during October. After opening statements, the candidates have responded to a wide range of questions from
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<p align="center"><u>2010-2011 LWVAC Board Meeting Schedule</u></p> <p>September 7 and 23 - HVB</p> <p>October 28 – HVB</p> <p>November 30 – Lamborn’s Studio 6:00 (before tea)</p> <p>January 27 – HVB</p> <p>February 24 - HVB</p> <p>March 24 - HVB</p> <p>April 28 - HVB</p> <p>May – Annual Meeting - TBA</p> <p>June 23 - HVB</p> <p>July 21 - Board Picnic Meeting - 30 Fairview Ave 6:00</p> <p align="center">=====</p> <p>Meetings at 5:30 except where other time is indicated.</p> <p>Meeting locations: HVB indicates Hocking Valley Bank meeting room. Locations are subject to change and will be announced prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Presidents’ Message cont’d.</p> <p>representatives of the local news media and from members of the audience. These forums have received extensive coverage in the local news media, helping to fulfill our “informed voter” mission.</p> <p>On October 5, the candidates were Debbie Phillips and Mike Hunter, 92nd House District. On October 13, 18th Congressional District candidates Bob Gibbs, Zack Space and Lindsey Sutton met in Nelsonville. The October 19 forum was for Athens County Commissioner candidates Lenny Eliason and Matt Gaiser. Finally, on October 26 at 6:30 pm. at the Home Street Library in Athens, the candidates for the 6th Congressional District, Bill Johnson, Charlie Wilson, Richard E. Cadle and Martin J. Elsass, will appear.</p> <p>Our thanks to the following League members who planned and conducted these forums: Ed Baum, Muriel Grim, Tom Walker, Katherine Jellison, Debbie Schmieding, Ann Fox, Alice Clapp and Jean Drenstedt. We also thank our co-sponsor, the Athens County Public Library System.</p> <p>On September 23, LWVAC members met for a consensus meeting on State Taxation and Finance. Three groups of members reviewed the State League’s proposals and recommended action to the members present. A fourth group reviewed a proposal by Ellsworth Holden that the State League consider studying a possible constitutional amendment for a mandated stabilization fund (rainy-day fund) which would be large enough to carry the state’s finances through a recession of the size of the recent downturn and which would be maintained throughout the long-run future. The members’ positions on the consensus questions and the recommendation that the stabilization fund be studied were then sent to the State League. Carol Patterson and Ellsworth Holden</p>	<p align="center"><i>Meetings</i></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>You are cordially invited to an Athens County League of Women Voters Open House and Tea November 30th - 7 to 8 pm Lamborn’s Art Studio 19 West State Street, Athens Ohio RSVP (740) 593-8752</i></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><u>2010-2011 Calendar for LWVAC</u></p> <p align="center">November Tues. - 2 ELECTION DAY Friday - 19 Actors' Moveable Theater performance at ARTS/West 8:00 Tues - 30 Membership Tea Lamborn's Studio 7:00</p> <p align="center">January Town Hall Meeting TBA</p> <p align="center">February Thurs 24 6:30 membership for review of US League issues, HVB</p> <p align="center">April Wed 6 LWVO Statehouse Day Thurs 28 6:30 speaker on state finance for membership, HVB</p> <p align="center">May ANNUAL MEETING - TBA</p> <p align="center">June Town Hall Meeting TBA</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>To be an informed voter visit</i> (and tell your friends to visit) <i>www.athensvotes.org</i> *candidate responses to LWVAC questionnaire *everything that is on the ballot *links to the LWVO and LWVAC Voter Guides</p>
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