
In League

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Athens County

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from the co-presidents

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Fund Raising

Welcome. We have a new addition to our chapter. Alice Clapp, a long time League member has moved to Athens from Westchester County, New York, and has joined our Athens County Chapter. Welcome Alice - we hope to keep you busy.

Looking forward. Please notice on our calendar that we have a very active fall. It includes a general membership meeting September 23 in which we will come to a consensus on the State Taxation and Finance issue. Materials for study will be sent in advance. This is an important part of our League activity. Plan to attend.

Candidate Forums. We have a fantastic line up of candidate forums before the November election. Plan on attending on October 5, 13, 19, 26. This is a major way to assure that Athens has an informed electorate.

LWVAC Members' Consensus Meeting on State Taxation and Finance: Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Hocking Valley Bank meeting room on Stimson Avenue, across from the main bank building.

The State League's study committee has prepared four resource documents and here is how to obtain them from the LWVOhio website. You do not need a password to get these.

Go to www.LWVOhio.org to get the League's homepage. Put cursor on MEMBER LOGIN on the right side, just above "GET INVOLVED". You will then get a drop-down menu. Choose the second selection, which is "Taxation and Finance". This yields the four documents, which you can download. Their titles are in red in the lower-right area. Just click on each, in turn, and it will download. The most important one is the last one. It contains the background material from the League's study committee to guide our discussion.

Ellsworth Holden has also prepared a packet of background information, suggestions and recommendations. This will be distributed to members later, but before the meeting itself. Some copies of all of these documents will be available at the meeting.

Carol Patterson and Ellsworth Holden

**2010-2011
LWVAC Board
Meeting Schedule**

September 7 and 23 -
HVB

October 28 – HVB

November 30 –
Lamborn’s Studio
6:00 (before tea)

January 27 – HVB

February 24 - HVB

March 24 - HVB

April 28 - HVB

May – Annual
Meeting - TBA

June 23 - HVB

July 21 - Board
Picnic Meeting - 30
Fairview Ave 6:00

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Meetings at 5:30
except where other
time is indicated.

Meeting locations:
HVB indicates
Hocking Valley
Bank meeting room.
Locations are subject
to change and will be
announced prior to
the meeting.

Meetings

LWVAC

NEXT ALL-MEMBERS

MEETING: Thursday,
September 23, at the Hocking
Valley Bank meeting room, at
6:30pm.

This will be a League of Women
Voters of Ohio **consensus**
meeting on *Taxation and
Finance*. Please come and give
the state League your input on
these important issues.

NEXT LWVAC BOARD

MEETING: brief follow-up right
after Sept. 23 consensus meeting

**Highlights from LWVAC Board
Meeting – 9/7/10**

Thursday, former Treasurer, Mary
Costello, will pass the books on to
new Treasurer, Leslie Schaller..

Some discussion of timing of the
newsletter took place. Debbie
Schmeiding will check on the cost
of using “Constant Contact”
online service to create and e-mail
the newsletters.

Ellsworth spoke on the plans for
the September 23 State Taxation
and Finance Consensus meeting.
He will send out information on
reference materials to
membership.

Members can download the study
guide.

Muriel Grim reported that the
Voter Services Committee is
working on the Mock Election
plans with some of the materials
from Mary Wryst from two years
ago.

News

LWVO resolved the final item (relating to
the accuracy of Ohio’s voter registration
database) in its lawsuit to fix defects in
the way Ohio conducts its elections.
After careful review of Secretary
Brunner’s reports on voter registration
database issues and a meeting between
Secretary of State administrators and
League leadership and election
specialists, LWVO concluded there has
been sufficient progress, in improving the
accuracy of the database and ensuring
procedures are in place to address
inaccuracies that arise in the future, to
warrant dismissal of the remaining claim.

Announcements

The League of Women Voters of Athens
County and the Athens County Public
Library

**Schedule of Candidates’ Forums
for Fall 2010**

Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.
at **the Athens Public Library**
Candidates for the Ohio House - 92nd
House District :
Ty Collinsworth, Debbie Phillips,
Mike Hunter

Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m.
at **the Nelsonville Public Library**
Candidates for the U.S. House – 18th
Congressional District
Bob Gibbs , Zack Space

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.
at **the Athens Public Library**
Candidates for Athens County
Commissioner
Lenny Eliason , Matt Gaiser

Tuesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.
at **the Athens Public Library**
Candidates for the U.S. House – 6th
Congressional District
Richard E. Cadle, Martin J. Elsass,
Bill Johnson, Charlie Wilson

2010-2011 Calendar for LWVAC

September

Thurs. 23rd full membership - State Finance/Tax Consensus meeting 6:30 Hocking Valley Bank Meeting Room (HVB)

October

Tues. 5th 97th House District Candidates' forum. Athens County Library - Athens. 6:30 pm
Wed. 13th 18th Congressional District Candidates' Library in Nelsonville 6:30 pm
Tues. 19th County Commissioner Candidates' forum @Library in Athens, 6:30 pm
Tues. 26th 6th Congressional District Candidates' forum @ Library in Athens, 6:30 pm

November

Tues. 2nd ELECTION DAY
Fri. 19th Attend Actors' Moveable Theater performance at ARTS/West 8:00
League Fundraiser - \$10 per ticket (League retains \$5)
Tues. 30th Membership Tea Lamborn's Studio 7:00

January

Town Hall Meeting TBA

February

Thurs. 24th 6:30 membership for review of US League issues, HVB

April

Wed. 6th LWVO Statehouse Day
Thurs. 28th 6:30 speaker on state finance for membership, HVB

May

ANNUAL MEETING - TBA

June

Town Hall Meeting TBA

REMINDER

The fiscal year for LWVAC begins on July 1. If you have not yet paid your dues (\$50 for an individual and \$85 for a household) for the year starting July 1, 2010, please send a check to P.O. Box 5788, Athens. If you are uncertain about whether you have paid, you can double check by emailing daschmieding@yahoo.com.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: (1) brief meeting after the Sept. 23 All-Members Meeting; (2) Oct. 28 at 5:30pm at the Hocking Valley Bank meeting room