



# First Thursday Forum

**March 6**

## “Solar Energy — Repowering Ohio’s Economy”

**Athan Barkoukis**

*Northeast Ohio Program Manager  
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**Alan R. Frasz**

*Vice President and a principal owner  
Dovetail Solar and Wind*



**Athan Barkoukis**, a graduate of Colgate University, studied climate change and the disintegrating Larsen Ice Shelf on the Antarctic Peninsula. He states that “Ohio cannot sit

idle and let neighboring states surpass us: rather, Ohio must address the need for cleaner energy and capitalize on the potential. 1.2 million new ‘green collar’ jobs can be created locally in the energy efficiency and renewable energy fields.”



**Alan R. Frasz**, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, is vice president of Dovetail Solar and Wind, one of Ohio’s oldest and largest renewable energy system installers. He will provide information about existing solar energy applications for both residential and commercial solar systems. He will speak about available grants, tax credits and other incentives.

- \*Can the development of solar energy businesses and the application of solar technologies have an impact on Northeast Ohio?
- \*Will there be solar energy in your future?

**Join us** to hear the latest information about solar energy in Ohio, its potential both as a clean energy and as a part of the emerging green energy economy.

**March 6, 2008  
7:00—9:00 PM**

**Trinity Commons  
Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave.  
Information: 216-781-0555**

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*Remember to  
make your  
date with  
Mr. Darcy!*



The Cuyahoga County Library system is presenting **Living Voices** – a video and interactive performance about the Suffragist Movement in the early 1900’s Presented at various branches, consider taking some young people along – it’s a great learning opportunity. See the Calendar of Events for dates and places.

### The Least Understood Branch — April 23

The Fairview Park Chapter in cooperation with the Rocky River, Lakewood, and Westlake/North Olmsted Chapters will sponsor an evening with local members of the Ohio Bar Association on April 23 at 7:00 pm at the Fairview Park Library located at 21255

Lorain Road, Fairview Park. The program includes a short DVD and a panel discussion with local attorneys and judges. All members are invited to this interesting evening. For more information, contact Nikki Salupo at 440-333-3842.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Friends,

Last May many of you participated in a telephone survey.

- You said you enjoy thought provoking programs and wish there were more.
- You said that you really get into the swing during election season volunteering in your own and neighboring communities.
- You said the League's voice has been quiet too long.
- You said League must be heard in public debate on critical community issues.
- You said that you know the League's mission is important.
- Most of you said you are willing to pitch in if someone asks and the job is small.

Our Strategic Planning Committee took your responses to heart and developed a Plan that the board believes will help us move forward for the next five years. Cuyahoga Area is a large League with grand ideas and ambitious plans requiring many minds and hands doing large and small tasks. The Strategic Plan is all about connecting, igniting the passion, and moving forward together. Steps are being taken now to facilitate implementation of the Plan by the next board. But don't think we are waiting to address the issues you raised on the telephone. The following are being acted on now.

#### Communication

- Exploring opportunities to improve communication

- with members who don't have Internet connections.
- Redesigning the website to provide more information with greater appeal to a wider audience.

#### Advocacy Acting with LWV Cleveland Area and LWV Shaker Heights to:

- Support the Health & Human Service Levy.
- Encourage use of optical scan technology at the polling place.
- Share the League's concerns about transparency and accountability with the County Commissioners and 85 "ABCD" Board Chairs and EDs.
- Carry the message to the public in a Guest Writer (op-ed) piece by Lynda Mayer that appeared in the Sun Newspapers.

#### Voter Education

- Posting the County Gov't Committee's work on ABCDs and our Sprawl Gets Personal teaching module on the website.

Nothing happens without money! And not all expenses can be charged to our Ed Fund. So...Thank you, thank you to the **Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter** for their unrestricted contribution to help defray the cost of operating our office--phone, copier and printer supplies, office supplies, and postage--it all adds up!!! AND thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To the **Heights Chapter** for their very generous unrestricted support for technology upgrades. In League — *Lolly*

### Candidates Forum: 10th District Congressional Candidates

The Cleveland League of Women Voters with west side ward clubs 17, 18, 19, and 20, are cosponsoring a candidates forum with 10th District Congressional candidates on **February 26 at Mt. Carmel Church, 6928 Detroit Avenue**, in Cleveland beginning at **6:30 p.m.** We believe Cimperman, Kucinich, and Ferris are confirmed. Two others are invited but not yet confirmed.



**Support the League.  
Keep your date with Mr. Darcy!**

#### PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Sunday, March 30  
12:45 pm, Pre-performance Reception  
2:00 pm, Matinee  
Cleveland Playhouse, Drury Theatre  
\$60.00 per ticket

Pre-performance Reception includes Mimosas and brunch-type hors d'oeuvres. Send checks to reserve your spot early to the LWV-CuyA office (newsletter return address)



### LWV-CuyA MEMBERSHIP FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ \$58.00 for Annual Individual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$87.00 for Annual Household Membership (two persons)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to affiliate with the following Local Chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would prefer being considered a member at large

Clip this form and mail it along with your check to LWVCA, 50 Public Square #938, Cleveland OH 44113.

## Support Issue 15: The Health & Human Services Levy

The LWV – Cuyahoga Area Board voted to support the Health & Human Services Levy that will be on the ballot on March 4. Issue 15 provides funding for services over the full spectrum of life, including:

- ⇒ Prenatal care and early childhood development.
- ⇒ Foster and adoption services, and child abuse prevention.
- ⇒ Senior home health care, emergency heating aid, and protection from abuse and exploitation.
- ⇒ The Burn Care Center and Metro Life Flight Services at Metro-Health Hospital, the region's only Level 1 trauma center hospital.

The dollars raised by this issue provide critical health and human services for all County citizens. With a struggling economy, lost jobs, lost benefits, and state budget cuts, we need these services more than ever. If approved, the levy will replace and reduce the current 4.9 mill levy with a 4.8 mill levy beginning in January 2009 which will generate an additional \$18.6 million annually.

You can help with the Issue 15 Campaign in the following ways:

- ⇒ Post yard signs, which can be picked up at the Center for Families and Children, 4500 Euclid Ave. Chapter chairs wishing to coordinate a pick-up for their members should call the League office (216-781-0555) before February 22.
- ⇒ Help distribute yard signs. Contact Emily Campbell at [ecampbell@communitysolutions.com](mailto:ecampbell@communitysolutions.com) to sign up.
- ⇒ Phone banking at the United Way at 1331 Euclid Avenue from 5:30–8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (except President's Day, Feb. 18). E-mail Bridget Hawes at [bhawes@yfc-oh.org](mailto:bhawes@yfc-oh.org) to sign up. (You will be given a script to follow.)
- ⇒ Literature drops, on February 16, 23, and March 1. 400 volunteers are needed. Contact Emily Campbell at [ecampbell@communitysolutions.com](mailto:ecampbell@communitysolutions.com) to sign up.

More information: [www.Issue15.org](http://www.Issue15.org).

## Election Day Help Needed

The Board of Elections is looking for help March 4, over and above working at the polls. Tasks include Absentee Clerk, Ballot Drop off Assistant, Ballot Drop Off Captain, Election Processing Clerk, Election Support Rover, Nursing Home Official, Supply Bag Clerk, Vehicle Loader.

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving their community on election day please contact:

**Betty Jones** (*Democratic Office*), 216-443-6435  
[beblj@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:beblj@cuyahogacounty.us)

**Kimberly Bartlett** (*Republicans & Independents*)  
216-443-6450, [bekab@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:bekab@cuyahogacounty.us)

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**Calendar of Events**

**LWV CUYAHOGA AREA EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES!**

- Feb. 21 **Living Voices** 7:30 pm, Garfield Hts. Branch, Cuyahoga Cty Library, 5409 Turney Rd. 216-475-8178
- Feb. 27 7:00 pm, Berea Branch, Cuyahoga Cty Library, 7 Berea Commons, 440-234-5475
- March 4 **Primary Election**
- March 6 **First Thursday Forum: Solar Energy — Repowering Ohio’s Economy** with Athan Barkoukis and Alan R. Frasz 7:00—9:00 pm Trinity Commons, 2230 Euclid Avenue Call the League office for more information
- March 30 **Pride and Prejudice !** Cleveland Playhouse, Drury Theatre  12:45 PM Reception, 2:00 PM Performance Contact the League office at 216-781-0555
- April 3 **First Thursday Forum**
- April 6 **League Book Club**, 3:00-5:00 pm Hostess: Lolly Jacobsen, 2327 Edgehill Rd. Please RSVP: 216-795-8400

April 23 **The Least Understood Branch**, 7:00 pm Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd. Contact Nikki Salupo: 440-333-3842

May 31 **Annual Meeting**

**League Book Club**

Seven people, including two men, attended the first meeting of the LWVCuyA Book Club. Discussion was quite animated about Al Gore’s Assault on Reason. There was disagreement around Gore’s premise regarding the role of the internet in preserving democracy, and the writing could have been honed, but all enjoyed the lively discussion and the opportunity to read a good, provocative public policy book.

The club will next discuss The Nine by Jeffrey Toobin. This highly readable book about the Supreme Court reveals the complex dynamic among the nine people who decide the law of the land.

The “roving” Book Club will meet at Lolly Jacobsen’s home – 2327 Edgehill Road (just above Little Italy) on Sunday, April 6th, 3-5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Lolly [Jacobsen.Margaret@att.net](mailto:Jacobsen.Margaret@att.net), or call 216-795-8400 for parking instructions. Spouses are heartily welcomed!

**Join us to benefit the LWV-CuyA — Make a date with Mr. Darcy!**  
**PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** March 30

- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS- CUYAHOGA AREA EDUCATION FUND, INC.**  
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  - Bedford
  - Bedford Heights
  - Bentleyville
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  - Brooklyn
  - Brooklyn Heights
  - Chagrin Falls Township
  - Chagrin Falls Village
  - East Cleveland
  - Cleveland Heights
  - Cuyahoga Heights
  - Fairview Park
  - Garfield Heights
  - Gates Mills
  - Glenwillow
  - Highland Heights
  - Highland Hills
  - Hunting Valley
  - Lakewood
  - Lindale
  - Lyndhurst
  - Maple Heights
  - Mayfield Heights
  - Mayfield Village
  - Moreland Hills Village
  - Newburg Heights Village
  - North Olmsted
  - North Randall
  - North Royalton
  - Oakwood
  - Orange
  - Parma
  - Parma Heights
  - Pepper Pike
  - Richmond Heights
  - Rocky River
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