



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
CUYAHOGA AREA**  
Serving 48 Cuyahoga County Communities

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**Summer Calendar  
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Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7:00-9:00pm. A FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE with Dr. Eric Schreiber at The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard, Cleveland.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 7pm. CH/UH chapter hosts an ImPACT Town Hall Meeting on Redistricting and Gerrymandering, CH Community Center, 1 Monticello Blvd.

Saturday, June 30, (no Sunday event), then Monday thru Wednesday, July 2, 3 and 4. Work For League at Bay Days.

Monday, June 25, 2007, 9:30–Noon. Tour the YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER in Hudson.

Saturday, July 7, 2007. LWV Cuyahoga Area Board Retreat, Little Italy

Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 10am-2pm, LAKE ERIE BASIN COMMITTEE meeting. BEACH HOUSE, 22500 Lake Rd., Rocky River. Bring a brown bag lunch.

**First Thursday Forums** fourth season is completed. The LWVCA Education Fund, augmented by a grant from the Gund Foundation presented four “Hot topics” about global climate change, alternative fuels, Lake Erie water use and the Great Lake Compact, and a global perspective on sustainable land use.

Our fifth season series, titled The Environment II - A Green Future for Our Fragile Earth will present five forums. It begins on Thursday, September 13, 2007 with speaker Peter Annin, well known author “The Great Lakes Wars”.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT(S)

What is it about moving on that makes us look to the past? As I was preparing for this year's annual meeting I found myself reflecting on my years in League and the many wonderful people I've met along the way. Probably many of you remember the person who brought you into the League or a person in the League whom you particularly admire.

When I joined, one of our members was Dorothy Teare. She was also a member of the Lakewood School Board and over the years I heard her speak many times about the serving in elective office. She always made the same point, "It is an honor to serve."

That's how I feel about being your League president. It has been a honor to serve. And YOU are the reason. Over the years colleagues and friends would often step forward to say, "Let me do that for you, " or "I'll take care of that," or my favorite, "You have enough to do as it is."

So, I would encourage all of you to accept the honor to serve when you are asked because you'll find, as I have, that our strength is in our tradition of those ladies of long ago who discovered, "It's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit."

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve.

**Kathy**

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For a person with small feet, Kathy Woodbridge leaves very large shoes to fill. When we speak of legacies, we must acknowledge her leadership through the merger and the integration of our eight Leagues into one and we must applaud the vision that led to Cuyahoga Area's current strategic planning effort. If you have not been called by a member of the board or have not returned a phone call, and you want your thoughts and opinions to be included in the planning process, call the office 216-781-0555 and leave your number. Someone will call you back.

It is too early to know the specifics of the Strategic Plan, but it not too early to anticipate. Members should expect change! Members should expect to be challenged! Members should expect a new vision and plan to be part of it. I believe that all who value the League of Women Voters, must unite to grow League...to increase its viability and visibility, to support it physically and financially...to leave it stronger than we found it. Look forward to exciting times and opportunities. Plan to be an active participant in our dynamic, growing League.

**Lolly**

## FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

LWV Cuyahoga Area held its annual meeting at the Canalway Center in the Metroparks on Saturday, May 19th.

Highlights of actions taken:

- Adopted a budget for 2007-2008 with no increase in PMP
- Elected officers and directors for 2007-2008
- Adopted program for 2007-2008 including: Consensus on Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Special Districts, and Concurrence with the Lake Erie Basin Committee position on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Concurrence with the LWV Cleveland Area position on the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority
- Adopted proposed bylaw changes to comply with LWVUS bylaws and those that reflect current practices of the LWV Cuyahoga Area
- Welcomed new Chapter Contacts and enjoyed an afternoon in a lovely setting.

## imPACT TOWN HALL MEETING

The **Cleveland Heights-University Heights chapter of LWV-Cuyahoga Area** will host an ImPACT Town Hall Meeting for Wednesday, June 20, 2007 on **Redistricting and Gerrymandering**.

LWVO Lobbyist Ann Henkener will do a short presentation followed by small group discussions on this important issue.

At this Town Hall Meeting the Cleveland Heights-University Heights chapter will honor four Heights area nonprofits active in public engagement and advocacy in the community:

Heights Community Congress  
 Future Heights  
 Heights Home Repair Center  
 Reaching Heights

The Town Hall Meeting will take place at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Boulevard in Cleveland Heights. The program will begin promptly at 7:00 pm; doors open, 6:30 pm.

For further information contact: Donalene Poduska: 216 381-6941; [donalenesp@hotmail.com](mailto:donalenesp@hotmail.com)

**The Leagues of Women Voters of  
Cleveland Area, Cuyahoga Area, and Shaker  
Heights  
present**

**Dr. Eric Schreiber with**

**A FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7:00-9:00 pm

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park  
Boulevard, Cleveland

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Jean Koznarek.

216-371-1205

**Calculating Leaguers Wanted  
For Carnival Caper**

The Bay Village Chapter is looking for a few good Leaguers to help during our local Bay Days carnival event. For every 2 1/2 or 3 hour session you work at the Rides Ticket Booth, you can earn \$45.00 for your chapter. If you and a friend sign up (it takes two in the booth) you can earn \$90 per team.

Bay Days takes place on Saturday, June 30, (no Sunday event), then Monday thru Wednesday, July 2, 3 and 4. Ticket booth is open from 11:30 AM to 10 PM. If you enjoy a fast pace, have people skills, and can give accurate change, this job is for YOU! (Plenty of Purell provided.)

Please call Doyle Garrett, LWV Bay Days Chair, at 440 835-2061 to sign up.

**LAKWOOD CHAPTER LWVCA HOSTS  
imPACT EVENING**

The Lakewood Chapter LWVCA hosted a town hall meeting, Thursday, March 29 at the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park as part of the LWVOhio's imPACT project. The evening featured speakers: Nina Lalich, Research Analyst, Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development; Dr. Kate A. Foley, Director of Student Services, Lakewood City Schools; Michael Scherer, Director, Lakewood Christian Service Center; and Betsy Shaughnessy, Manager of Patient Access, Lakewood Hospital.

Moderated by LWV member Mary Osburn, *The Road to Independence: Government Gates and Roadblocks*, the program focused on accountability and how government agencies and private agencies are addressing the needs of the poor living in the West Shore communities. Small group discussions following the presentations revealed that most of the audience were unaware of the level of poverty in their communities.

**VISIT THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
CENTER**

**Monday, June 25: 9:30 - Noon**

League members are invited to join the Juvenile Court Citizens Advisory Board to visit the Youth Development Center in Hudson. The Center is a Cuyahoga County residential facility that provides help for troubled youth referred by Juvenile Court. Over 200 youth receive counseling, individual treatment, and other services to help them make positive life changes. The average length of stay is six months.

The Center is located on 350 acres. It was established in 1903 in a farm setting as a place to rehabilitate juveniles. The County Commissioners have stated that they desire to sell the facility. If they do sell it, what will happen to the youth who need out-of-home placement and treatment?

We can meet at the parking lot at 21st St. and Cedar Avenue at 9:30 and drive together to the Youth Development Center located at 996 Hines Hill Road, Hudson. For more information and to register, please call or e-mailing Ros-

**LWVO Convention May 4,5,6 2007**

--Adopted the budge for fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 including a PMP of \$22.00 for fiscal year 07-08 and \$23.50 for fiscal year 08-09.

--Elected new officers and directors

--Amended the bylaws

--Adopted the program including retention of all existing positions and the recommended edit of the hazardous materials and hazardous waste positions

--Adopted the program for 2007-2009 including and update of the State Taxation amd Finance positions and a potential look at issues related to global warming, conservation and/or alternative energy pending identification of interested members to staff the committee and chair it.

Members are reminded to watch their email for updates on state program issues. You may update your email address in the national database by visiting [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) and clicking on "For Members" or by letting the LWV Cuyahoga Area office know your email address has changed. Just call 216.781-0555.

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