

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF CINCINNATI AREA

2026 ANNUAL MEETING



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AGENDA

PRESIDING: Claire Wagner

5:15 p.m. Registration and Social

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Recognition of Long-term members, Past Presidents,
and Martha B. Taft Society

Recognition of Office Volunteers and Unit Leaders

Presentation of the Martha Taft Service Award

Roll Call and Report on Credentials

Approval of Agenda

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Reports

LWVCA Budget

Nominating Committee Report

Local Program Positions

Directions to the Board

Announcements

Claire Wagner

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Elizabeth Brown

Christine Carli

Claire Wagner

Christine Carli

Theresa Fisk

Theresa Fisk

Brenda Hogan

Elizabeth Brown

Members

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total LWVCA Assets as of May 1, 2026: \$ 566,023

The assets of the LWVCA consist of three parts as described below:

CASH ACCOUNT

The cash account includes a U.S. Bank checking and PayPal accounts. The checking account is used for the ongoing operation of the organization. The PayPal account is used to pay a few bills and collect online donations, and payments. PayPal revenues are regularly transferred to the checking account. See the chart on the next page for details of cash revenue and expenses for this fiscal year through May 1, 2026, compared to the 2025-26 budget.

Change in Cash	
7/1/2025 BOY Balance	\$ 33,151
<i>Net Revenue</i>	(1,029)
5/1/2026 Balance	\$ 32,122

STEINER FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

The charge given to the Steiner Fund Trustees by the Board, when it was established in 1965, was “to further and broaden the League’s effort to let the people know, make the people care, and help the people act.” The LWVCA Board, as the Steiner Trustees, continue to act in accordance with that purpose. Disbursements are made at the trustees’ discretion to support League activities—with a focus on special projects. The Investment Committee will continue to monitor the Steiner Fund carefully to maximize earnings.

Shown below is the change to the Steiner Fund from July 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026 (10 months) and the current asset allocation percentages:

Change in Steiner Fund Assets	
7/1/2025 BOY Balance	\$ 71,453
<i>Investment Gain (Loss)</i>	9,804
5/1/2026 Balance	\$ 81,257

Asset Allocations at 5/1/2026	
Mutual Fund Bonds	28.2%
Mutual Fund US Equities	27.3%
Mutual Fund Int’l Equities	29.1%
Mutual Fund REITs	15.4%

EDUCATION FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

The purpose of the Education Fund investment account is to grow in the long-term and produce a stable source of funds to support the operation and activities of the LWVCA. Annual disbursements from the Education Fund are subject to the Board’s discretion but will normally be set at 3.5% of the average of the market values at the end of the last 12-quarters through December 31 of the prior year. The Investment Committee will continue to monitor this Fund carefully to maximize earnings and enable it to continue to support the LWVCA.

Shown below is the change to the Education Fund Investment Account from July 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026 (10 months) and the asset allocation percentages:

Change in Education Fund Assets	
7/1/2025 BOY Balance	\$ 407,448
<i>Revenue/Contribution</i>	1,622
<i>Investment Gain (Loss)</i>	54,416
<i>Transfer to Checking</i>	(10,842)
5/1/2026 Balance	\$ 452,644

Asset Allocations at 5/1/2026	
Mutual Fund Bonds	27.4%
Mutual Fund US Equities	28.3%
Mutual Fund Int’l Equities	30.1%
Mutual Fund REITs	14.2%

Treasurer's Report (con't)

Current Year Actual vs Budget Cash Accounts	Actual YTD at 4/30/2026	FY 2025-26 Budget	Under/(Over) Budget	Notes
REVENUE -- CASH				
400 Membership Dues	4,278	3,600	(678)	
420 Contributions--Personal*	56,847	60,000	3,153	
427 Cincinnati Community Shares	1,569	1,700	131	
428 Shopper Rewards	369	250	(119)	Kroger & US Bank rewards
441 Seasongood Grants--for Voter S	22,500	22,500	-	
430 LWV Products sold (T-shirts)	375	700	325	
450 Membership Events	1,061	2,200	1,139	Dinner w/ Leag/Findlay mkt tour
455 Annual Membership Meeting	220	1,000	780	
429-01 July 4th Event Donations	2,075	-	(2,075)	equals amount paid out
Total Cash Revenue	89,294	91,950	2,656	
EXPENSES				
General Operating Expenses				
505-01 General Supplies	1,198	1,100	(98)	
505-05 Printer/Copier	3,217	3,900	683	
505-06 Online-Web Sites	1,693	2,000	307	
506 Telephone, internet	1,844	2,340	496	
507 Rent	12,300	15,030	2,730	
510 Postage	911	1,600	689	
540 Payroll Expenses	32,558	40,500	7,942	
Technology purchase & repair	-	2,000	2,000	
Total Operating Expenses	53,721	68,470	14,749	
509 Insurance/Bonding	1,641	1,575	(66)	
670 Tax Preparation & Review	1,225	1,250	25	
530 LWV products (T shirts)	520	400	(120)	
640 Membership Events	962	2,000	1,039	
555 Annual Membership Mtg Exp	-	800	800	
560 Conventions (LWVUS)	4,175	2,500	(1,675)	BOD voted 2/4/26 inc to \$4,600
573 Presidents' Expenses	-	100	100	
575 Program/Unit meetings	105	300	195	
576 Hospitality	239	-	(239)	BOD voted 9/3/25 to add \$500
710 Coalitions/Conference Dues	103	325	222	
715 Community Shares annual fee	-	500	500	
730 Womens' City Club Events	300	300	-	
740 PayPal & Stripe Fees	581	450	(131)	
742 Bank fees & supplies	-	100	100	
800 Voter Service Activities			-	
830 Voter Service /marketing	1,801	6,000	4,199	
825 Voter Guides	17,000	17,000	-	\$6,500 CB; \$10,500 Herald
880 VOTE411	525	500	(25)	
Total 800 Voter Service Activities	19,326	23,500	4,174	
780 July 4 Event Payout	3,075	-	(3,075)	Equal to donations received
795 Per Member Pmts	15,192	15,415	223	All pmts completed
Total Expenses	101,165	117,985	16,820	
487 Total from Reserves	10,842	10,842	-	Scheduled for FY 2025-26
NET CASH REVENUE (Rev - Exp)	(1,029)	(15,193)	(14,164)	

* Additional donation of six shares of Apple stock paid directly to Fidelity EF inv acct on 10/31/2025, with value of \$1,622.

Program Reports 2025-2026

Program Development Committee

The Program Development Committee (PDC) consists of the chairs of each of the program committees who come together once a month, along with the unit meeting discussion leaders, select board members and committee members, to coordinate activities, share information, discuss advocacy and plan the annual program schedule. PDC is chaired by the VP of Program Development, Lynne Miller. Members are encouraged to participate in the LWVO's Statehouse Day, which was held in March 2026. Local advocacy efforts are reported in the individual committee reports.

The 2025/2026 calendar:

June – Tour of Greater Cincinnati Water Works Facility

August – Tour of Cincinnati Metro Queensgate Facility; Education Funding Forum panel discussion at Clifton Cultural Arts Center

September – Voting in Ohio: An Update unit discussion; Cincinnati City Council Forum at Heart of Northside

October – What's on the Ballot (The Voting Guide) unit discussion

November – Status of the EPA and Regulatory Changes unit discussion

December – Dinner with the League with speaker, Judge Anne Flottman

January – Health Equity and Access to Care unit discussion; Skirball Museum Tour

February – What's So Wrong with DEI unit discussion; Annual Program Meeting, open to all members (Review of local positions, discussion of proposed state concurrences and consensus on proposed LWVUS program)

March – Proposed Dismantling and Defunding of the Department of Education unit discussion; In-person Voter Registration, open to members and non-members

April – The Electoral College, History and Proposed Reforms unit discussion

May – Annual Meeting

Vice President, Program Development, Lynne Miller

City Government

The City Government Committee has not met over the past year. However, one member did attend several Cincinnati City Council meetings and provided notes that have been posted on our website. We would like to reconstitute this committee and establish a regular observer corps.

Committee Chair: open

County Government Committee

During the past year, members of the County Government Committee have monitored the proceedings of Hamilton County's Board of Commissioners and the Tax Levy Review Committee online. Some midterm Tax Levy Review Committee meetings were attended in person. The Committee continues to write county levy explanations for the annual Voter Guide and Vote 411.

The County Government Committee continues to monitor Know Hamilton County (booklet explaining county government details) on the LWVCA's website. It also continues to attend First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio. Other activities are attending Program Development Committee meetings, organize summer tours of City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County government. We toured Cincinnati Metro's Bus and the Hamilton County Coroner's facilities in 2025.

Our involvement as a MSD Stakeholder Committee member has ended.

Committee Chair: Janet Smith

Education Committee

The Education Committee monitors and acts on issues involving public education at the national, state and local levels. This past year, the state's failure to fully fund the Fair School Funding Act has been a topic of high interest.

The committee has also monitored ongoing cuts and changes to the federal Department of Education as well as several proposed local school levies which were on the November 2025 ballot. Current meeting time is online, the 4th Monday of the month at 5pm. New members and a committee are actively being sought. This committee organized the August Education Funding Forum.

Interim Committee Chair: Lynne Miller

Health Equity Committee

The Health Equity committee formed in June 2025. We developed the January 2026 Health Equity study page. Each unit had a member of the committee present to facilitate discussion and provide clarifications as needed. Based on feedback from some of the units, the committee is in the planning stages of a panel discussion centered on what health care for all means, what an effective and affordable system could look like, and how people can advocate for equitable healthcare. The program would be open to the public.

Facilitator: Patricia Grimes

Housing Committee

The LWVCA Housing Committee did not meet regularly this year. The League continued its membership in the Affordable Housing Advocates coalition and was represented at its monthly meetings. Information from the coalition was shared with the Program Development Committee and the LWVCA Board throughout the year. The major housing concern continues to be the lack of affordable housing, made worse this year by increasing rents in the Cincinnati area. Proposals from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development indicate a significant decrease in funding with strict punitive requirements in the coming year.

Committee Chair: Elizabeth Brown

Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources Committee continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 11am via Zoom and is eager for new ideas and members. We are excited to see our November 2025 Study Pages on environmental challenges in the Cincinnati Enquirer. The information is well researched by committee members. It provides us with an opportunity to show the public the LWVCA does more than register voters. We have been exploring the AI data centers and their adverse impacts on the environment; increases in utility fees and water usage. There are additional human and societal impacts from these huge plants; drop in real estate values in nearby residential areas, increased traffic and noise. The city of Cincinnati has issued a 12-month moratorium on data centers to explore zoning and regulations on future centers.

We are fortunate to have Bob Gedert as a member to share insights and discuss his book: UNTANGLING PLASTICS; THE MISSING LINK IN MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE. He is currently working with OES on a program to provide recycling services for Cincinnati members who live in multi-unit buildings with more than 4 units, which currently do not receive recycling services. This is a staggering 60% of Cincinnati residents who are excluded from the recycling program.

Our next assignment for 2026 study pages is storm water. The frequency of storms and rain events are raising havoc with our combined sewer system and citizens' basements.

Committee Chair: Pinky Kocoshis

Policing and Race Committee

Advocacy projects

Request to the Hamilton County's Sheriff Department: How are Hamilton County Sheriff Department deputies and staff trained to interact professionally with cultures other than their own, training that officers receive regarding bias, diversity, etc.? The response outlines training topics for both the Corrections Academy (those working in Hamilton County jail) and the Patrol Academy. We sent a follow-up request asking how they check

that officers are following the training. A response was received to these questions: What are the qualifications of the people who provide the training? Are different experts brought in for the various and complicated topics that are addressed? What kind of schedule exists for periodic retraining to reinforce these subjects for all officers and for officers with complaints filed against them?

Idea: a Zoom event for the public or all LWV, with library/local partnership as a community event.

Discuss their bias/diversity training, policy on female officers, community focus - tied together with the topic of recruitment. Could do multiple, one with CPD and one with Hamilton County.

Letter to the City Manager:

The committee sent a letter to the Cincinnati City Manager conveying our perspective that Ms. Iris Roley's contributions as a consultant to the city have been significant. The letter was prompted by the FOP's call for her resignation.

Letter to Cincinnati Police Chief Theetge in early summer 2025:

Commending the CPD's summer programs initiated to reduce violence among adolescents in Cincinnati - signed by the President of our local League as well as from our P&R Committee, and included in the League's August Voter. We want to spread the word about the city programs as well as about our P&R Committee.

The Cincinnati Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) Board update

During the December 2025 CCA Board meeting, Policing & Race Committee members publicly repeated our concern that, although the CCA makes recommendations for improvements to Cincinnati Police Dept (CPD) protocols, CPD does not indicate if they have incorporated any of the recommendations into their practices. The Assistant City Manager and the Director of the CCA stated that they would take steps to make this happen.

The Assistant City Manager, Ms. Cathy Bailey, sent this written response to our committee:

"Internally, we have been discussing how we move forward to resolution with all these recommendations.

What we are currently working on:

- Reviewing and updating the recommendations list.
- Talking with Law about posting the list to our website; posting the list to the website.
- Meeting with the City Manager for her to set her expectations on how long it should take for CPD to resolve/respond to recommendations.
- Putting action behind that decision.
- CCA Director John Kennedy has been meeting with Chief Hennie on several topics, this being one of them."

In Spring 2026, the CCA recommendations were posted on the CCA website. We, and the Cincinnati Black United Front, applaud this much needed progress!

Convention 2025, League Women Voters Ohio – Two P&R Committee members served as panelists for *Developing an Advocacy Program at the Local League Level*.

Committee Chair: Mary VanAusdall

Voter Service Committee

FY 2025-2026 Voter Services Summary-"A year of Challenges, Progress and Plans for the Future"

Voter Education, Voter Registration and the Voter Guide/Vote411 are the "trifecta" of Voter Services, *including everything in-between*. Voters are top priority, and we are fortunate to have exceptional Leads and their teams that continue to move us forward. Thank you to Liz Shockey, Patty Kelly, Mary Kate Genis, Jean Henderson, Veronica McCreary Hall, Bethe Goldenfield, Sally Cuni, Brenda Hogan, Kathy O'Connell, Deb Moy, Andi Christopher and Christine Carli for continuing to lead the way in your respective areas. And thank you to all League volunteers who continue to support the various aspects of Voter Services.

Challenges

Impediments to voter registration and voting were nonstop and will continue throughout this fiscal year and beyond. White House Executive Orders, Passage of Ohio's SB293, "gutting" of the Voter Rights Act by the Supreme Court and the threat of the Save America Act all culminate in voter suppression, voter disengagement and not surprisingly voter apathy. Follow Legislative updates via the LWV Legislation tracker at <https://tinyurl.com/LWVO-leg-tracker>.

A word about **Redistricting** and its negative counterpart, **Gerrymandering**. Redistricting is a normal process typically done after every 10-year Census. What we are seeing now across the country, Gerrymandering, is the attempt by both major political parties to redistrict mid-cycle to gain seats in Congress, with some cases going to the U.S. Supreme Court. You may recall that Ohio's Constitution requires proportionality in drawing districts to represent the two major political parties related to voting records, about 55% R/45% D. Following disingenuous actions at the Statehouse in recent years, Ohio is still voting on unconstitutional maps. The League is non-partisan and encourages all voters to express their opinions to legislators via mail (the most effective way,) phone calls and/or by email. See the TRU Guide for contact information (available online and at the League office.)

Progress

Regardless, numerous League initiatives and activities have addressed the challenges and will continue to counter by:

- Multiple **Voter Registration** drives held throughout the city, at prior and new locations, took off on the 4th of July 2025 and were held through May 17, 2026 at the Arnoff Center. Drives are ongoing with more scheduled and planned into the fall. Sign up for Signup Genius to volunteer. Online Voter Registration training has been updated and is required and when you complete it, contact Hope Fountain to be added to the Signup Genius list. At **Colleges and Universities**, LWVO's Airstream visited Cincinnati State last fall, and a drive was held at Xavier University. Voter registration continues at UC. Now we *finally* have contacts to schedule an Airstream visit or at least drives at Christ School of Nursing and Mt. St. Joseph University. Thanks to all who reached out to make this happen. **High School** Voter Registration has taken off initiated by Brenda Hogan to register Seniors at "Cap & Gown" distributions. What better way to enter the adult world than to register to vote! And peers' encouragement has made this approach a resounding success. At Withrow High School, students funneled down the line ending at the League's table where approximately 1/3 of the graduating class registered. We registered many new citizens, averaging more than a 90% rate at **Naturalization Ceremonies**. However, both the number of ceremonies and those eligible to be naturalized has dropped by about 17% due to cancellation of ceremonies and country restrictions put in place by the White House. The **Jail Program** continues to expand registering voters and assisting with absentee ballot requests. They plan to hold more registration events and voter education in the fall. A **"Through the Eyes of a Voter"** Q & A document is underway and will be posted to our website shortly.
- **Voter Guide and Vote411.org** continued to provide nonpartisan information for Hamilton County voters. Last fall, we distributed more than 35,000 guides via churches, civic organizations, the Barbershop Campaign, libraries, community events, personal requests, retail employee breakrooms and at many other locations. Our guide is continually viewed as the most trusted source of nonpartisan election information --- so popular that we receive requests beginning in early September. Use of Vote411.org continues to grow and was used for the 2026 May Primary.
- We continue to monitor **Hamilton County Board of Election** meetings. Monitoring covers election voting equipment testing, post-election verifications, voter challenges and validates more to ensure that all requirements are conducted in a timely and fair manner. Reporting meeting results to LWVO helps them to spot trends and concerns across the state.
- **Outreach Efforts** continue with The Civics Center and Students Learn Students Vote for high school and college/university students, co-presenting an OLLI class at UC on Women's Suffrage and Voter

Suppression, tabling at INN’s Neighborhood Summit and at a No Kings Rally, Panel discussion for the Mill Creek Democracy Network, Mason Votes, JCC Fall Market, a public reading of the Declaration of Independence and much more to continue to spread the word on how LWVCA supports democracy throughout our community.

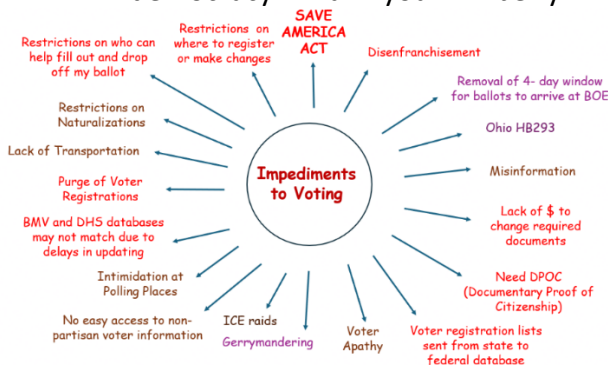
- **Speakers Bureau** In 2025, we presented at a total of 29 speaking engagements. The Community Outreach expanded to approximately 47 organizations. Our speaker volunteer interest expanded to eight new interested volunteers expressing an interest in the Speakers Bureau. Veronica instituted and created the Speakers Bureau Volunteer Orientation, working with Lynne Miller and Claire Wager we created guidelines for new speakers. Additionally, LWVCA slide presentation guidelines were updated to reflect the changes/requests of the LWVO speaker presentation guidelines. Monthly, Hope provided a list of potentially interested volunteers for the Speakers Bureau which Veronica followed up to increase awareness and potentially increase the Speaker Bureau presenters. In October 2025 Veronica connected Claire with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., to collaborate on a “Get in the Game” voter education social media campaign. There was annual training for “What’s on the Ballot” by Elizabeth Brown and Brenda Hogan presentation on successfully presenting to high school students for speakers. Veronica met virtually with the LWVCG Board of Directors to provide information and assistance in their League starting a Speakers Bureau in the Greater Cleveland League in July. Veronica attends monthly to bimonthly meetings for OVRC and the Education Committee. New collaborative presentations with CAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Jack and Jill of America Inc., Cincinnati Chapter Legislative Committee in October.
- **Miscellaneous** Purchases of 100 “Vote411” yard signs, additional small American flags, business cards with LWVCA information, a button-making machine, branded emery boards and beefing up the Voter Registration kits to ensure all have a tablecloth, standardized staples and vertical brochure holders for tabling events will further support our efforts. Thank you to Hope for keeping our kits supplied and ready at a moment’s notice for use.

Plans going forwards

- The current Voter Services structure is strong and functioning well. Going forward, I have full confidence that the incoming Vice President, Voter Services will provide excellent guidance and further expand what we offer to voters and to support democracy.

A final word

- It has been an honor to work with all of you --- those who kept up with Voter Services happenings via the monthly report, attended meetings, led teams and volunteered for events. It takes all of us, each in our own way, to continue to make Voter Services stronger and better able to support democracy. Thank you. Kimberly



Kimberly Jacobs, Vice President Voter Services

Organizational Reports

Office Volunteers

Our office volunteers are "the heart of the League", and they are the face and voice of the League to those who call and come to our office for help. It is their knowledge, patience, and willingness to do the tasks necessary to making sure the League works that helps our League continue to help others.

I cannot thank these wonderful volunteers enough for making my job as Office Manager easier. Thank you to the regulars-Barbara Chamberlin, Elizabeth Brown, Judy Stober, as well as those like Pinky Kocoshis, Theresa Fisk, Glenda Bernstein, and others who have come in for mailings and projects! The LWVCA would not run without you.

Hope Fountain, Office Manager

Unit Report

LWVCA Units are an opportunity for members to meet in small groups and discuss the important issues of our democracy. Members are invited to attend whichever Unit meets their schedule. Five Units were active in 2023-2024: Hilltop (virtual), Central Evening, Central Day, Warren County, and Maple Knoll. Each month about 35-45 members attended Unit meetings. The Central Evening, Warren County and Maple Knoll Units were particularly active. In addition to the monthly discussion topics, some units planned annual dinners. Others planned activities like voter registration events and invited local guest speakers.

Lynne Miller, Vice President Program

Communications Committee

The team had about a dozen members, with 6-7 active during most of the year. Highlights:

Last summer: Cara and Ally advocated for a LWVCA TikTok channel. Now we have one! Follow us there and on Instagram. Give us content ideas!

For the Northside 4th of July parade, Ally made LWVCA cards to pass out and Cara promoted our entry with a graphic and video. Hope and Lori updated election info and fixed broken links on our website. Claire made a time-lapse video of our tabling at the Cyndi Lauper concert that was a hit with more than 1,200 views on social media – and copied by other leagues. Kelly Lund made other videos for social. We promoted our LWVCA school funding forum on social and traditional media. We updated the surface-safe stickers for the Barbershop/Salon program. Several LWVCA members co-founded a Voter Engagement Coalition with the NAACP, Urban League, ministers and the National Council of Negro Women. We created and shared voting graphics for all groups to use.

Last fall: Pat wrote several articles for The Voter in all seasons. Kate made the Council Speed Dating event flyer. We put out many social media posts about registering and voting.

We ran an op-ed in The Cincinnati Enquirer on the importance of voting. We promoted the general election with social media posts. Hope still posts many graphics online.

We updated our linktr.ee site, <https://linktr.ee/lwvcincinnati>.

Last winter: We needed to organize images for better access, so Claire moved items from DropBox to a Google Photos account where albums can be shared among members and Hope. Ally designed nametags for board members and business cards for interested board members. Lori designed branded emery boards to give away at tabling events. We designed and ordered a tall vertical flag to have while tabling. Kate made a flyer for the Speakers Bureau.

This spring: We worked with Broadway Across America marketers to promote the LWV via "Suffs" at the Aronoff Center. Last week, we had volunteers tabling at all 8 performances, some in costume! Cara made a fabulous video promoting our fundraiser night at "Suffs" with the contemporary need to still promote women's right to vote! Among our efforts promoting the primary, Cara made specific social media graphics for issues and judges in Hamilton and Warren Cos. At the request of the local AFL-CIO, Pat wrote an article about

the primary for the union's early May newsletter. We may submit other voter-related articles. Mary Kate designed Vote411 yard signs (paid for from the Voter Service budget) that many volunteers took around Hamilton and Warren Cos., including at libraries. We hope to distribute more for the fall election.

Cara is moving back to Columbus and we will miss her a lot!

Committee Co-Chairs: Claire Wagner and Pat Frey

Membership Committee

The adjustment in membership intake through LWV US has been of assistance to LWV Cincinnati growth this year, channeling members through a centralized portal. In 2026, we've welcomed 50 new members since January and we welcomed 67 new members in 2025, growing our total membership to 285 LWVCA members as of May 2026. We're fortunate to have so many interested and engaged citizens in our region looking to learn more and share in the efforts to educate and advocate for voters. You're welcome here!

We would especially like to acknowledge our lifetime members, those who have been with LWVCA for 50+ years. Without their leadership and guidance to sustain this group, we could not be where we are today.

THANK YOU to the following individuals for their sustaining efforts as LWVCA members for 50+ years:

- Pat Passer
- Nancy Forbriger
- Dot Christenson
- Mary Kay Gardner
- Burt Roehr
- Dee Stegman
- Joyce Asfour
- Jane Anderson
- Carolyn Miller
- Elaine Heidrich
- Joan Honeck
- Helen Rhoad
- Carolyn Meyers-Hughes
- Marlene Muse
- Bill Muse
- Chris Moran

We would also like to acknowledge those LWVCA members with tenured engagement. THANK YOU for continuing to support and engage in LWV efforts.

40+ years of membership:

- Elizabeth Brown
- Louise Stinchcomb
- Susan Poulos
- Peter Poulos

30+ years of membership:

- Kelly Dehan
- Ruth Hardy
- Rebecca Algenio
- Judy Stober
- Rina Saperstein
- Kimberly Thompson
- Julie Baughman
- MaryAnne Benedict
- Alice Stadler
- Barbara Myers

20+ years of membership:

- Melissa Currence
- Emily Hodges
- Lucia Hudson
- Judith Guthrie
- Glenda Bernstein
- Pinky Kocoshis
- Sam Kocoshis
- Alice Schneider
- Malcolm Bernstein
- Marjorie Davis
- Pam Reichelderfer
- Judy Shaffer
- Marilyn Sesler

10+ years of membership:

- Nancy Dawley
- Keith Kern
- Susan Lehman
- Mary Van Ausdall
- Chot Van Ausdall
- Sarah Gideonse
- Susan Noonan
- Mary Wells
- Barbara Phenix
- Bette Evanshine
- Janet Smith
- Emily Thobe
- Liz Shockey
- Patricia Currence
- Marcia Futel
- Theresa Harper Kolodzik
- Amy Katzman
- Jean Sepate
- Karen Suedkamp
- Theresa Wright
- Katie Campbell

Emily Thobe, Vice President Membership

Development Report

To achieve our mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area has been active in our development program over the past year.

Annual Fund

The Annual Campaign is the most dependable source of funding for LWVCA. It generates donations from the community through our direct mail campaigns twice per year. We are also beginning to supplement our Annual Fund mailers with outreach on digital platforms. We are very grateful for the contributions from our members and friends so we can make democracy work in our communities.

Martha B. Taft Planned Giving Society

The Martha B. Taft Planned Giving Society was re-launched in May 2015, and we invite you to join us! Planned giving is the act of making a commitment to give a major gift to a charitable organization, such as the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, either over time or at death, as part of a donor's overall financial and estate planning. With a planned gift to the LWVCA, your legacy continues far into the future. Each planned gift guarantees that the League will be here to make democracy work in our community for generations to come. There are many ways you can make a planned gift. It can be through a retirement account, bequest, will or other assets. Talk to your financial advisor for more information. To make a planned gift, you will need LWVCA Employer Identification Number (EIN): 31-6030294.

If you have made a planned gift to benefit LWVCA, we would love to recognize you! Please contact the office for more details.

Grants

The Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation has continued to support the printing of the Voter's Guide, with a grant of \$60,000 in 2025. In addition, Seasongood Foundation supported our work at naturalization ceremonies and jail voting with a \$6,000 grant.

Giving Programs

LWVCA is the member of several donation programs and we invite you to connect to them as another way to help democracy work in our community.

Community Shares

The LWVCA is a member of Community Shares. You can donate to our efforts through Community Shares by naming us, or making a general donation. Keep this in mind if you are participating in a workplace campaign.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

You can connect your Kroger Plus Card to LWVCA and help raise funds for our organization. You can register your Kroger Plus Card online at krogercommunityrewards.com and enter the League's nonprofit organization code, 80874. The Kroger Service Desk at any location also will be happy to assist you.

Making Democracy Work: LWVCA Donor Honor Roll 2025-2026

With over 100 years of history, the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area is remembering the hard work and dedication of our foremothers with our giving levels. With each level, we honor a woman who has made a difference in the civil rights of all citizens.

Our highest level (\$5,000 and above) is named for **Lydia Chapin Taft**, the first woman to vote in Colonial America in 1756.

Our next level (\$1,000 - \$4,999) is named for **Celia Lazarus**, LWVCA president from 1950-1952, who was well respected for her fundraising abilities for our local League.

Agnes Hilton (\$500-\$999) was the second president of the LWVCA from 1922-24. She was a suffragist and one of the founders of the Cincinnati Charter Committee and later served as LWV Ohio president.

The **Mary Gorman McManus** Level (\$250-\$499) was named for our LWVCA president from 1946-1948 and who served as director of Ohio Public Welfare, now known as Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The next level (\$100-\$249) is named in honor of **Harriet Iglauer**, who was LWVCA president from 1964-1966 and was past president of the LWV of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She also served on both the Michigan and Ohio State LWV Boards.

The following level (\$99 and below) is named for **Gloria Walker**, who served as LWVCA president from 1989-1991, and for whom many remember for her passion for growing our League's membership ranks.

Our planned giving society, the **Martha B. Taft Society**, is named for LWVCA's first president, who served from 1920-1922 and again in 1932-1934.

We take much inspiration from those who came before us.

We thank the following donors for your continued support of the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area from May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026! Please contact the office to notify us of any errors or omissions.

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