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The Newsletter of the League of Women voters of Ohio **WINTER 2017**

LWV Ohio State Convention is May 5-7, 2017 Registration Open

Convention is a great opportunity to come together in League, find out about goings-on with LWV at all levels, hear from interesting speakers, and participate in exciting workshops. Don't miss out – register today!

When: May 5-7, 2017

Where: Sheraton Suites Akron Cuyahoga Falls 1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Registration Fees:

Whole Weekend - \$150, Saturday only - \$100, Sunday only - \$50

Meal Tickets:

Friday Pre- Convention Meet and Greet - \$35 Saturday Keynote Luncheon - \$30 Saturday Keynote Dinner - \$45 Special! \$10 off for all 3 - \$100

Hotel Information:

For the Sheraton Suites Cuyahoga Falls, where we are holding convention, there are two types of guest rooms available - a traditional suite with 2 double beds or one king plus a living room area with a pullout sofa, or a king multi-level suite with a king upstairs and living area with pullout sofa downstairs. The rate for traditional suite is \$139 single occupancy, \$139 double, \$154 triple, \$169 guad. For the king multilevel the rate is \$309 single, \$309 double, \$324 triple, \$339 guad.

Please note: The cut-off date for reserving rooms in our room block is Monday, April 17. After that date, it's subject to availability.

CONVENTION ATTENDEES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTEL.

Guests can make reservations by following the Convention link on the LWV Ohio website or by calling central reservations at 1-800-325-3535 and asking for the League of Women Voters Room Block. Please watch your email for additional announcements about the Convention schedule of workshops and speakers.continued to page 2.

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LWV Ohio Convention May 5-7, 2017 – Registration Form

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Are you interested in:

- Being a Sponsor
- □ Volunteering to help at Convention
- Reserving a Caucus space for a meeting on a topic to be proposed to the Convention or a topic of concern to the League
- Getting a display table in the marketplace area

Please make checks payable to LWVO and send this form with payment to: LWV Ohio, 17 South High Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For information call: (614) 469-1505.

A Moment in LWV (Pre) History: the effects of the first women's march on Washington — By Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, LWV Ohio Co-President

By 1913, women were able to vote in only six states and all movement at the federal level was stalled in spite of petitions presented annually to Congress since 1869 by organizations like the National American Woman Suffrage Association, LWV's predecessor. In order to infuse the suffragists with new vigor, a plan was developed to hold a march the day before Woodrow Wilson was sworn into office. Alice Paul took charge, raising almost \$15,000 (over \$300,000 in today's money) to support the more than 5,000 women who traveled to D.C., marched, staged pageants, and gave speeches at the event.

The march, moving from the U.S. Capitol to the Treasury Department, was met by hostility and derision from the thousands of spectators present. The police did little, if anything, to stop the harassment, and over one hundred women had to receive medical treatment. This response garnered much publicity and admiration for the women. The Woman's Journal proclaimed, "Parade Struggles to Victory Despite Disgraceful Scenes, Nation Aroused by Open Insults to Women - Cause Wins Popular Sympathy." The New York Tribune announced, "Capital Mobs Made Converts to Suffrage." After the march, the organizers continued working with the contacts they had made to advance women's suffrage. At its convention in November 1913, NAWSA noted that "the whole movement in the country has been wonderfully furthered by the series of important events which have taken place in Washington, beginning with the great parade the day before the inauguration of the president."

The march reinvigorated the suffragists who then worked closely with their new government allies. World War One provided a significant opportunity to show the importance of women's involvement in civic affairs, and Carrie Chapman Catt was a driving force in getting women to support the American war effort in visible ways. President Wilson became a convert to the suffragist cause, calling on the U.S. Senate to ratify the 19th Amendment in order to honor the women who had served "upon the very skirts and edges of the battle itself." These efforts from 1913-1920 showed the effectiveness of public demonstrations, behind-the-scenes lobbying, and open collaboration between citizen and government groups, the model that LWV continues to follow to this day.

LWV Ohio Statehouse Day—A Great Day for Advocacy!



Thank you to all the League members and guests who joined us for LWV Ohio's annual Statehouse Day on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. We had a record crowd, including many new members and first-time attendees. For those of you wondering - yes, it was early this year. During state convention years, we typically hold Statehouse Day earlier in year since we have convention in May.

We had a fantastic line-up for speakers and topics:

LWVO Co-president Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick led a discussion

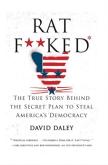
with LWVO volunteer lobbyists Ann Henkener and Rosie Craig on "How you too can be an LWV Ohio volunteer lobbyist." It was full of good tips on how League members can turn their passion for an issue into advocacy.

Wendy Patton of Policy Matters Ohio presented an overview of issues to watch in the state budget—everything from education to health care to infrastructure and more. Gavin DeVore Leonard of One Ohio Now, who served on the LWV Cincinnati Area board a few years ago, then led a discussion of how you can influence legislators as they debate the state budget and make decisions about funding. The key, he said, is to **Do Something** - don't just sit around thinking about it, make a phone call, send an email, write a letter to the editor.

Our lunch keynote focused on redistricting. LWVO's Carrie Davis gave an update on the Fair Districts campaign (see her ED Column for more), and our keynote speaker was **David Daley, author of the book** *Rat F**ked: The True Story Behind the Secret Plan to Steal America's Democracy.*



David Daley



In his book, Daley chronicles the unprecedented effort by political operatives to hack American democracy through an audacious plan to flip state legislatures and redraw state and congressional legislative district lines in their party's favor. There is even a whole chapter on Obiol Mr. Daley spoke about how successful that plan proved to be leading to lop-sided districts where

Ohio! Mr. Daley spoke about how successful that plan proved to be, leading to lop-sided districts where the legislators are picked by the political parties, not the voters.

Iris Harvey, the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and a member of the Kent LWV, gave a presentation on "Threats to Women's Health and what you can do." Iris spoke about the consistent attacks on women's reproductive health care rights, as well as what's at stake for women in the current debate over the future of the Affordable Care Act.

Trish Demeter from the Ohio Environmental Council enlightened us on "How well is Ohio faring in the clean energy era?" We learned how other states and countries are advancing in production and use of clean energy, as well as how efforts in the Ohio legislature are stifling similar growth in Ohio.

We ended the day hearing from Shawn Busken, Policy Director for State Auditor Yost, about their offices efforts regarding charter school accountability. Mr. Busken explained many of the new regulations put in place by House Bill 2 last year to improve accountability. He also shared figures showing a decline in the number of new charter schools opening, as well as a large number of charter schools that closed after the new regulations took effect.

Materials from the Statehouse Day presentations, LWVO volunteer lobbyist issue reports, the "take action" handout for talking with your legislators, and photos of the event are available on the LWVO website under the Member Area tab.

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A Special Thank You to Meg Flack By Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, LWV Ohio Co-President

I first met Meg ten years ago when I was a rookie state board member looking for role models to emulate. From the first day of my first board meeting, Meg showed by example what it meant to be a committed Leaguer, an effective leader, and, most of all, exactly the kind of compassionate human being all of us should aspire to becoming. That she went on to direct the Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) program after steering the state board as president and co-president through some difficult years speaks both to her abilities and her desire to strengthen the Ohio League in every way possible. Here are only a few of the accolades sent her way as she retires from her MLD position:

"Meg is a wonderful example of League leadership. Humble, caring and forward thinking, she serves her fellow league members with wisdom and humor. I appreciate all she has done for the MLD program over the years." *Deb Peluso, LWV Metro Columbus*

"When I joined the League, Meg Flack was the name that continually echoed in my head from State. My first occasion to meet her was at State House Day. By that time, I had heard so much about her, I expected she would have a crown on her head; but meeting Meg was more like a warm hug. That bright smile, can do and supportive attitude comes complete with advice that is thoughtful and encouraging. Meg brought all those skills into the tough job of MLD coach. It is always hard to start something new. Meg's consistent yet gentle nudges were the perfect blend to keep our attention and encourage us to embrace a





program that all Leagues will need as we move forward. If there was a crown to be had, it should go to "MLD Meg" for a job well done. Thanks friend, don't go too far." *Sue Hesselgesser, LWV Greater Dayton*

"Meg's work with the Ohio League has been a gift to all of us. Her leadership skills are such that she makes it look easy to start new initiatives and involve more people - sort of like dancing backwards in high heels. Local Leagues and Coaches signed on to MLD because they knew Meg and wanted to work with her in developing new leaders. Congratulations to Meg for getting us going!" *Marlene Muse, LWV Cincinnati Area*

"Meg Flack has been instrumental in coordinating the Ohio's Membership Leadership Development initiative. She has valued each of the participating Local Leagues and their MLD Coaches. The Ohio MLD coaches have always been able to seek information and clarity regarding our goals through Meg's knowledge and support. Thank You Meg!" *Susan Steele, LWV Cincinnati Area*

Such words of praise are echoed over and over throughout Ohio. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Meg, for ALL you have done, for the legacy you have left, for the future you continue to inspire!

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Guest Column: Legislative Brief on Medicaid

By Tom Smith, Public Policy Director, Ohio Council of Churches

Medicaid Expansion This Last Two Years Was Truly a Gift From Heaven!

For many years, Europe and much of the rest of the world minus America provided healthcare for all of its citizens. Medicaid was first adopted along with Medicare in 1965 under President Lyndon Johnson. It provided for hospital insurance for seniors under Social Security and healthcare for needy children.

Is there a topic you would like to see in the Voter?

Write a guest column about any issue related to a League position or current events for the Voter! Contact the state office with any questions or to submit your column for consideration.

Expanding Medicaid did more than extend health care to uninsured residents, many of **Consideration**, whom are working. Over the past few months Families USA have been closely monitoring the movement to expand Medicaid. Their research shows how residents and state economies will benefit from the expansion.

The influx of federal dollars boosted states' economic activity. Numerous states who originally opposed may have now joined 31 states including Alaska's recent decision to expand. In the 31 states that have accepted the federal government's 100 percent payment for all families below 133% of the federal poverty level. This means your family income is below \$16,394 a year for a household of one. Previously Medicaid eligibility was limited to poor children, parents, and the disabled.

Under the current law, the federal government pays the full cost of eligible beneficiaries until this year. The federal share of the costs drops to 95% in 2017and the state pays the other 5%. The federal share drops to 90% in 2020 and Ohio pays 10%.

Many states with Republican governors, particularly in the South, refused the federal healthcare guarantee for their poor families primarily because it was connected to the healthcare created by Barack Obama known as Obamacare insurance.

Governor Kasich deserves the major credit for his support of the Medicaid expansion despite vocal opposition from Republicans in Ohio's legislature. Kasich's administration released a report that Ohio's 2014 Medicaid expansion has improved the health and reduced the financial hardship for hundreds of thousands of poor Ohio families. The analysis requested by members of the Ohio General Assembly found that among the 702,000 who gained coverage as of May 2016 that 75% were previously uninsured for healthcare coverage.

More than one in four has been diagnosed with at least one chronic condition, most commonly high blood pressure or high cholesterol, and included 2% with cancer. About a third suffered from depression and anxiety disorders. Thirty-two percent were diagnosed with substance abuse or dependence. Forty-three percent were employed.

State Medicaid Director Barb Sears said, "This report clearly illustrates the benefits of extending Medicaid coverage to more low-income Ohioans, including helping to identify and control expensive chronic health conditions, while also making it easier for them to find and keep a job."

Expansion has pushed Ohio's Medicaid rolls to more than 3 million at a cost of \$25.3 billion. The *Columbus Dispatch* says, "The Kasich administration intends to maintain Medicaid expansion in the new 2 year budget seeing this as critical to helping to lift people out of poverty, supporting the working poor and treating those in need of mental-health and addiction treatment."

Expansion has helped hospitals reduce overflowing emergency room treatment and uncompensated healthcare.

Although the state begins to incur some costs in the expansion in 2017, it is only projected to be \$150 million as the state's share. It has reduced the share of uninsured people among poor working adults to 14%, the lowest ever reported. It is an 18% decrease from 2012.

Two-thirds of the enrollees reported improved access to medical care from the days of emergency room only. They also have benefited from the availability of doctors' prescriptions for needed medications. A third said they have needed fewer trips to the hospital when they can see local physicians. About half have said Medicaid coverage has made it easier to continue working and meeting job requirements.

Ohio was one of 31 states to expand universal care action network under Obamacare, allowing working-age adults without dependent children to qualify for Medicaid expansion coverage. Fifty-two percent said it was easier to secure and maintain employment, with that number increasing to 74.8% for those who were currently unemployed. Let your legislator know that health care for those in poverty benefits everyone. +++

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Key 2017 Election Dates

Starting January 1 – Applications for absentee ballots for all 2017 elections may be accepted

Feb 1 – Local issues and candidate petitions for May 2 primary/special election must be filed with local Boards of Elections

April 3 – Voter registration deadline for May 2 primary/ special election

April 4 – Beginning of early voting, Boards of Elections can begin mailing absentee ballots

April 29 – Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Boards of Elections by noon for May 2 primary/special election

May 1 – Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by the day before the election

May 2 – Primary/special Election Day, polls open 6:30am-7:30pm; absentee ballots returned by methods other than U.S. mail must be received by Boards of Elections before polls close

July 5 – Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by petition must be submitted to Secretary of State's office

July 10 – Voter registration deadline for August 8 special election

August 5 – Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Boards of Elections by noon for August 8 special election

August 7 – Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by the day before the election

August 8 – Special Election Day, polls open 6:30am-7:30pm; absentee ballots returned by methods other than U.S. mail must be received by Boards of Elections before polls close

August 9 – Local issues and candidate petitions for November 7 general election due to local Boards of Elections

October 10 – Voter registration deadline for November 7 general election

October 11 – Beginning of early voting, Boards of Elections can begin mailing absentee ballots

November 4 – Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Boards of Elections by noon for November 7 general election

November 6 – Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by the day before the election

November 7 – General Election Day, polls open 6:30am-7:30pm; absentee ballots returned by methods other than U.S. mail must be received by Boards of Elections before polls close

Meet the newest members of our team!



Brigid Iverson -LWV Ohio Office and Program Associate Brigid joins us after working as a Legislative Aide in the Ohio House of Representatives and on several political

campaigns across the country, specializing in voter registration and mobilization. She is passionate about educating and engaging people on the political process and how they can make their voices heard. She hails from Cincinnati, but will always hold a very special place in her heart for Athens. She is proud to be an Ohio University Bobcat, where she majored in Sociology along with specialties in Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies.



Lisa Givan - LWV Ohio MLD Coordinator

As the Associate Director of Pre-College Initiatives and Diversity Training at Kent State University, Lisa is responsible for developing, coordinating and delivering diversity related training for

the campus community as well as surrounding areas in northeast Ohio. With almost twenty years combined experience from both Corporate America and Higher Education, Lisa's area of expertise is content development that promotes and sustains cultural competence, leadership, inclusion, equity and respect. An engaging facilitator, Lisa's ability to be transparent with her participants allows them to push through topics that can be of a sensitive nature toward a growth mindset. As a seasoned facilitator, she travels extensively and presents on local, regional and national levels. Lisa is also an licensed Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory.

From the Co-Presidents' Desk

Although neither of us was able to go to Washington, we joined the millions of others participating in companion marches around the globe: Alison in Atlanta with "Library Folks in Solidarity" at the Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women, and Mary with a contingent standing on Oberlin's Tappan Square. We each proudly carried banners displaying our affiliation with LWV and are so grateful that LWVUS made the decision for us to be an official part of this momentous march. This, of course, is only the beginning of the work ahead of us. As this issue's "Moment in LWV (Pre) History" points out, after the 1913 women's march on Washington, it took another seven years for the 19th amendment to be ratified. It was the work done during those seven years that turned President



From left: Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, Alison Ricker

Wilson and many others in government into supporters of women's suffrage, finally ending the long game begun in 1848 at Seneca Falls.



Alison Ricker with "Library Folks in Solidarity" at the Atlanta March

LWVUS has already sent out a list of actions to take immediately: <u>tinyurl.com/lwv-whatsnext</u>. If every single League member undertakes these, we will be well on the road to the kind of activism that will help save our country from the authoritarian push intended to undermine our democratic institutions.

To that end, we believe that our most important goal is to eliminate gerrymandering nationwide, thereby making Congress members more responsive to their constituents. Closely related is the effort to undo the voter suppression laws that have kept many legitimate voters from choosing their representatives. These two goals are the sine qua non upon which all our work rests. Here in Ohio, we are working closely with our coalition partners to get Congressional redistricting reform on the ballot, most likely using the petition route rather than working through a recalcitrant legislature. This effort will require a lot of equity -- if we are going to accomplish this goal, we will need all hands on deck and opened pocketbooks. generously Everv

contribution, from the smallest to the greatest, will make a significant difference when they are all put together. The women's march of millions around the world happened only because each person did whatever he or she could to make an ocean of pussy hats marching for justice happen, one set of knitting needles at a time. Like those at Seneca Falls in 1848, like those marching in 1913, we have taken the first steps in a longer struggle. Let us march forward once again.

- Alison Ricker and Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick



Carrie L. Davis

ED Column: Tired of the disconnect between Congress and voters? Help us pass Fair Districts.

It's time. After many years of advocating for fair districts, now is the moment to take our case to the voters. Every week, people are marching in the street and showing up at Congressional town halls (even if their members of Congress do not), urging government officials to listen to the needs of their constituents.

But the current political climate begs a bigger question: Why do so many people feel that there is a disconnect between government and the people? There

are of course many factors that impact voter perceptions of accountability – the growing influence of big money in politics, political polarization, the rise of media that appeals to political extremes, and the echo chambers created when dialogue only happens with those who share one's same views. But there is one other big reason – gerrymandering – that we can do something about.

The connection between gerrymandering and polarization

I'm often asked why gerrymandering leads to political polarization. Here's the answer. Gerrymandering creates Congressional districts that are drawn to be safe seats for whichever political party is favored. Districts are packed so heavily with Republican or Democratic voters that they become virtually "un-lose-able" for the party favored. If one party is guaranteed to win, then the voters in the November general election do not decide who wins. Rather, the "real" election happens during the primary, and, even then, only for the party who's guaranteed to win that district.

Pundits often observe that candidates for a partisan primary are pressured by their party's supporters and donors to lean more to the left for Democrats and more to the right for Republicans. This tends to drive candidates of all parties farther apart and towards ideological extremes. Whereas, as primary winners head into the general election, they often move to the center and moderate their views to appeal to all voters. When districts are gerrymandered, the latter step doesn't happen, or at least rarely does. Furthermore, in order to hold onto their seats and not risk a primary challenger next time, legislators in gerrymandered districts are pressured to continue to shy away from centrist, more moderate, positions.

What we can do about it

In November 2015, Ohio voters overwhelming passed a ballot issue to improve how we draw our Ohio General Assembly districts to prevent partisan gerrymandering. Now, we need to pass another ballot issue to stop gerrymandering of our U.S. Congressional districts.

The Fair Districts = Fair Elections coalition, of which we are founding and lead member, has such a proposal for reform. We have been engaging stakeholders, collecting endorsements, recruiting and training volunteers, and fundraising – all the things necessary to build a strong foundation for a successful petition campaign.

Here's how you can help:

- Visit <u>www.fairdistrictsohio.org</u> Sign up for email updates. Read the blog posts and share them with your friends, family, and community.
- Volunteer We are recruiting and training volunteers for a variety of roles including local/county field captains to help coordinate petitions and local outreach, speakers bureau, communications, social media, fundraising, hosting a local house party, data entry, gathering endorsements, and more! Sign up at <u>www.fairdistrictsohio.org</u> and click "volunteer."
- **Donate** As much as we would like to reform money in politics, the current reality is that campaigns require money. Please make a donation to LWV Ohio and note that it is for "Fair Districts."
- **Social media** Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/OhFairDistricts. Follow us on Twitter @OhFairDistricts.

Thank You to our Donors!

A sincere thank you from all of us at LWVO to each and every donor who gave to support our 2016 End of the Year Campaign and 2017 Annual Campaign thus far. Every single dollar contributed helps us continue our critical voter education and advocacy work.

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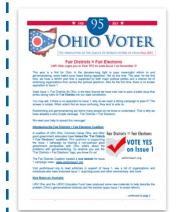
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Big news: The *Voter* newsletter is going green!



Beginning soon, you will have the option to receive the Voter by email. Call the state office at (614) 469 -1505 if you prefer to continue receiving it by mail or to let us know your preferred email address!

2017 Edith Chase Symposium

LWV Kent would like to invite you to the 2017 Edith Chase Symposium on June 2nd and 3rd! This year's theme is "Restoration Through Vegetation," about how to impact water quality through land use.

For more information, visit the Events section of the LWVO website or <u>http://www.edithchasesymposium.org/</u>.

Please Support LWVO's Annual Campaign 2017

Our Annual Campaign is here again! While so much of what we saw this past election season – low voter turnout, old and new voter suppression tactics, the spread of misinformation – was dismaying, we are not giving up our convictions or our commitment. What's more, many people share our concerns and are getting engaged when they haven't before. We hope you will join them and us in rededicating ourselves to making democracy work again!

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across Ohio getting involved and Governor Kasich joining the ranks of those pressing for reform. Whether it comes from the legislature or directly from the people, we are committed to this effort and you can join in the process of building this campaign by signing up at <u>www.fairdistrictsohio.org</u>.

The work we do is being recognized inside and outside Ohio, with groups like the Joyce Foundation and the Women's Fund of Central Ohio providing grants to advance our efforts to support fair elections and empower young voters. These foundations were impressed by the broad and committed support we receive from our members and allies. You making a contribution today helps us make that case to major funders more persuasively, so don't wait to make a difference!

You can donate securely online at <u>www.lwvohio.org</u> and click the blue "Donate" button, or you can mail a check to LWV Ohio at 17 S. High St., Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215. Thank you for *Making Democracy Work… for ALL!* ™

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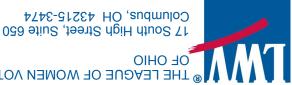
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