

# Naturalization Report

2015-2016

The Naturalization Committee had interesting and exciting year. We came together as Team Naturalization which was helpful when we setup refreshments for new citizens at the 5/ 3 rd Bank Building on the river front of downtown Toledo. This was a first for League of Women Voters Toledo Lucas County (LWVTLC). This event gave some new Leaguers an opportunity to see the operations of the Naturalization process. Our own Nancy Hughes was a part of the presenters on stage. She read a poem for the ceremony. Our other team members were there to help setup and skirt the tables as well as make make coffee, arrange home baked cookies and juices. The set up allowed the team to visit with new citizens, their families and vote friends.

Sometimes, the court takes the ceremony to other counties. One such time was a trip to Defiance High School by Audrey Berning Matell and Jonnie Taylor. July 4th is a holiday as well as a time for new citizens to receive their citizenship certificates at Sauder's Museum along with the LWVTLC 's voters folders. The Voters' folder includes a registration form and a New Citizens' Guide to Voting in Ohio". This guide includes County Boards of Elections in Northwest Ohio' Voters' Bill of Rights Ohio Election Cycle by years for the Presidential elections, congress, off years, state elections and other voter information.

Lourdes College hosted a ceremony for new citizen. Pat Carmean and Jonnie Taylor presented voter information to the new citizens.

Team Naturalization came together again to bake cookies for the ceremony held at the Main Branch Library on Michigan Street, downtown Toledo.

Kudos to Team Naturalization and all those who made this great year by helping new citizens and for volunteering your time and talents. This year we provided voter information for 463 new citizens.

The Naturalization Committee

Jonnie Taylor, Chairman