



THE VOTER

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ANNUAL MEETING MAY 14

2015 Calendar of Events

May

5 Election Day; some precincts, some local issues.

14 LWVTLC Annual Meeting, see this page.

15-17 LWVO State Convention, Cincinnati

30 LWVTLC Garage Sale 9am to 4pm, 3655 Lainer Dr. Toledo.

June

2 LWVO conference call Noon to 1pm., Toll free 866-740-1260 with prompt enter PIN 4691505#

4 Community Shares Fund Raising event Share Our Dreams. 6-10 p.m. St. Clement's Hall see pg. 3 for details.

5 LWV Kent panel discussion: Not a Drop to Drink, 7 to 10 pm. Kent State Hotel and Conference Center see pg. 4 for details

13 Joint/Change over Board Meeting, location TBA

This year's Annual Meeting will be at Mancy's Italian on Monroe St. in Toledo. Our after dinner speaker is Gary Daniels chief lobbyist for the ACLU Ohio. He will talk about effective lobbying and how to get there. The meeting part of the Annual Meeting will start at 5:15 and is our wrap up of this year and the beginning of the coming League year all at the same time. At this meeting we will elect the officers and board members, present and vote on the budget and advocacy program for the upcoming year.

So far 36 Leaguers and friends are coming, we hope you are one of them. Socializing starts at 4:45, dinner after the meeting at 6:45. If you haven't reserved and would like to come it's not too late. Reservations will still be accepted until the 13th with a promise to pay at the door by calling Lucy Abu-Absi 419 491 8383. But be forewarned if you reserve and don't come you will be billed.

Good Bye and Good Luck Bonnie Bishop

Bonnie Bishop, long time leaguer, former president and all around doer of league things is moving to San Diego to be with her daughter and grandson. Bonnie served five terms as president or co-president and several board terms. She also spent several election seasons as Voter Services chair. She, along with Peg Hull Smith, was our observer at the Board of Elections during and after the League's 2005 lawsuit against the Secretary of State, Governor and Lucas County Board of Elections. "Gutsy" is the word one leaguer (Sue Nichols) used to describe Bonnie when she first joined league. Gutsy, funny, smart, ready to advise and help continue to be descriptions of Bonnie. Not to mention her garage sale expertise. We will miss you and look forward to your visits back 'home.' Bonnie is coming to the Annual Meeting, a good time to say your goodbyes.

A note about the logo.

In celebration of the 90th anniversary of LWVUS the LWV logo included the note 90 yrs. That major milestone was reached in 2010. As we count up to the more significant 100 year mark we are recognizing on our logo not only the years that LWVUS has been in existence but also our own League, hence 95/94 years.

President's Letter

Happy Spring to all,

This past year has been a very busy one for league members doing the business of the league. Our communities are in need of much attention. Organizations like ours will always have work to do helping others, from advocating for issues that are personal in our lives, to helping new and uninformed voters learn about the voting process, the candidates and the issues.

The league has been operating on all levels of government, national, state and local for 95 years and the Toledo League for 94 years. The history of our local league is archived in the Lucas County main library. Our records go back to 1905 starting with the local women's suffrage fight and are a source for scholars and anyone interested in tracing the activity of the many women and men who volunteered their time to keep democracy alive, giving a voice to the people.

I am very proud of the men and women of this organization that have served with me for my term as president. League members are deeply involved in environmental issues, voter service projects including voter protection, represent us at Community Shares, welcome new citizens, keep us all informed via the website and Voter Bits, and those sitting on the board who gave sage advice and good discussion at each of our meetings. I commend all the members for the passion and strength to keep this organization going in the spirit in which it was started 94 years ago.

Yvette Thompson

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Community Shares Update

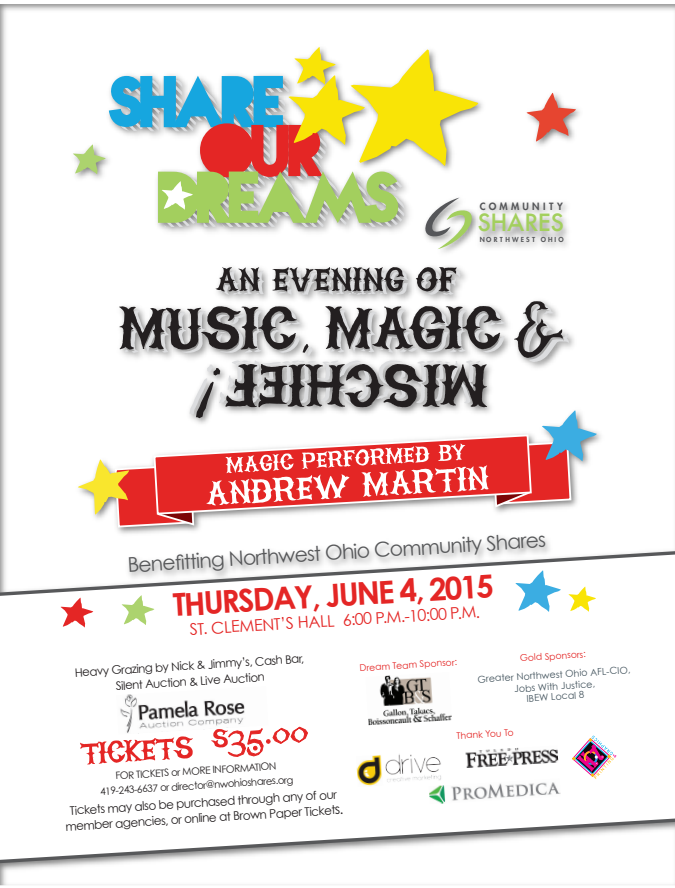
by Darcy Yates

Northwest Ohio Community Shares is northwest Ohio's only workplace giving federation with a focus on social justice, animal rights, the environment, arts and education, and health and human services. By expanding donor choice in workplace giving, Community Shares generates essential support for local, independent charities. The League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County is one of 27 participating non profit organizations.

Monies from Community Shares(CS) have been the primary source of funding for our Directory of Public Officials and other Voter Services Activities. So far this year we have received three of four 2013 Campaign disbursements for a total of \$2200.86.

As a participating agency, we are required to have a representative and attend quarterly CS agency-wide meetings, participate in various CS Activities and provide 30 volunteer hours. These hours are accrued by attending meetings, helping in the CS office, helping with fund raising events and making presentations at work places during the campaign. Volunteer hours can be earned by any member of the League as well as the LWV-TLC representative.

Leaguers can support this major source of Education Fund finances by helping our League accrue the required volunteer hours, by attending or selling tickets to the Share Our Dreams fund raiser event or making direct tax deductible contributions to CS. Contact Darcy to help keep these funds coming for our work.



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COMMUNITY SHARES NORTHWEST OHIO

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, MAGIC & MISCHIEF!

MAGIC PERFORMED BY ANDREW MARTIN

Benefitting Northwest Ohio Community Shares

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015
ST. CLEMENT'S HALL 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

Heavy Grazing by Nick & Jimmy's, Cash Bar, Silent Auction & Live Auction
Pamela Rose Auction Company
TICKETS \$35.00
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Don't miss the fun & magic support Share Our Dreams get your tickets from Darcy email or call her at darcyjyates@bex.net or 419-885-1257

In Memoriam

Marcia Michelson

Long time league member Marcia Michelson died Jan. 1 at the age of 91. She was a league constant, faithfully attending every meeting and many events, always on time and always interested in learning about whatever issue or topic was being presented. She served as a league board member for several terms through out the 1980's. Her academic training was in biochemistry and an expressed interest of her's was environmental protection. Her daughter said the league was very important to her, she was proud to be a member. Good rest Marcia.

LAKE ERIE BASIN COMMITTEE WANTS US TO KNOW

The League of Women Voters Kent and the Kent Environmental Council are presenting a panel discussion ***Not a Drop to Drink*** on June 5 at Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center from 7 to 10 p.m. Blade science reporter Tom Henry will be among the panelists along with Dr. Robert Heath, Chair of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Advisory Council, and Kristy Meyer, Managing Director of Agriculture, Health and Clean Water Programs for the Ohio Environmental Council. This is a free public meeting but reservations are encouraged as seating is limited. Contact Chris Mallin at CJMallinEsq@aol.com

Environment TidBits

Recycling has become almost second nature to many of us. Curbside recycling on garbage collection day is fairly common throughout much of the county but there are still some things we put into the landfill by way of our garbage that could be recycled. Here are a few ways you can keep them out of the landfill.

The No Nonsense Pantyhose Recycling Program

The No Nonsense Company has developed the first pantyhose recycling program repurposing the pantyhose materials, turning them into infrastructure such as park benches, running tracks, car insulation, playground equipment and children's toys. The Nylon/Spandex fiber blends take 30-40 years to decompose. The No Nonsense Company will take any brand pantyhose, tights, knee highs at their North Carolina plant and send them on to a recycling facility. Go to their website <http://www.nononsense.com/pantyhose-recycling.htm> to download a mailing label, box up your old hose and send them. Pantyhose are light weight so mailing/shipping is relatively inexpensive.

Brita Water Filters

The Brita company has two nearby recycling drop off points, both in Ann Arbor for those of you who use the water filter system and travel from time to time to U of M country. Just let the filters dry out for three days, wrap each one in a plastic bag and drop them off at the Whole Foods on Eisenhower or Washtenaw Aves. Here is their website for more info: <https://www.preserveproducts.com/recycle/partners/204/brita>

LWV-TLC Garage Sale

The annual garage sale is May 30 from 9am to 4pm at 3655 Lainer Dr. Bring or call Ann 419 531 7460 for pick up any of your cast offs before May 30. This is a great opportunity to relieve yourself of stuff you no longer need other than throwing it out. If you don't have stuff but want to help (this is a fund raiser) donate some bottled water, we'll sell it and have a recycling bin for the cast off bottles as well.



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Join the League!

The League of Women Voters of Toledo-Lucas County is part of a nationwide group of women and men who care about democracy. Join us and become part of a group that since 1920 has worked to keep the power of democracy in the hands of the people.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
EMAIL: _____

Membership Levels

- ___ \$55 Olive Colton (Local, state and national memberships and all publications)
- ___ \$75 Carrie Chapman Catt (Memberships plus a \$20 contribution to general fund)
- ___ \$100 Susan B. Anthony (Memberships plus a \$45 contribution to general fund)
- ___ \$27.50 Additional household member (Local, state and national memberships)
- ___ \$30 Full-time Student (Local, state and national memberships and all publications) is also rate for associate members: non citizens and students under age 18.

Membership checks should be made payable to LWV-TLC. Any contribution above the basic \$55 membership fee will be gratefully accepted as a non tax-deductible donation to the LWV/TLC general fund for operating expenses.

Tax-deductible donations can be made with a separate check to LWV Education Fund.

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