

Voter Services Report

LWV-TLC 2016 Annual Meeting

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LWV-TLC once again participated in the annual National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 22, 2015.

We look forward to participating again this year on Sept. 27, 2016.

In 2008 the National Association of Secretaries of State declared September as National Voter Registration Month and the 4th Tuesday of September as National Voter Registration Day. For more information visit:

<http://www.nass.org/>

<http://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

- Eleanor Dombrowski

We had a very successful campaign registering voters and giving out voting information for two weeks in September and November, from National Voter Registration Day on September 22 through October 5, the last day to register and be able to vote in the November General Election on November 3. Many shifts, ninety-one hours' worth, were covered by eleven dedicated volunteers. They worked alone, in pairs and occasionally in teams of three. They were generous with their time and knowledge and fellowship. Lucia Cooper, for one, was able to take advantage of the special permission our group received to "roam" the library and gently solicit people to register. She's very effective at that! This privilege is given to very few groups, and we value it tremendously. Besides the 182 forms we were able to turn in to the Board of Elections, (a terrific outcome), we also dispensed a lot of answers and dispersed a lot of voting materials to at least five to ten other people each day. It was a great effort, and we should be proud and thankful that we were able to do it.

The volunteers involved were Mary Ann Player, Darcy Yates, Marylyn Lucas, Lucia Cooper, Lucy Abu-Absi, Audrey Berning Mattel, Ann Fabiszak Payne, Jonnie Taylor, Phyllis Barnes, Pat Carmean, and I. Congratulate any and all of them for representing the League so well in this project. We now have an even more cordial relationship with Main Library and with the Board of Elections.

Thank you to one and all!

- Nancy Hughes

We helped the Springfield H. S. put on a forum for School Board Candidates and also helped Whitehouse put on candidates forum.

We were invited to speak to the students at Glass City Academy about voting and elections. Fifteen students were registered to vote and a number of TRYs were left with the teacher.

We spoke at the Church Women United monthly meeting in October about the upcoming elections. TRYs, Issue lists, and our web Voters Guide's address were distributed to the 12 representatives who were in attendance. Additional copies of these materials were left for the representatives to take back to their respective churches if they wished.

TRYs were distributed to every Senior Center listed on the Area Office of Aging site, and to most governmental entities listed, as well as 1200 to the Library System.

We monitored the Section 4, 6, 8 Block Watch elections.

Assisted Demos Organization as a trustworthy neutral party in obtaining a signature on a deposition for an elections lawsuit. Demos is a public policy organization “. . . working to reduce both political and economic inequality, deploying original research, advocacy, litigation, and strategic communications to (that end).”

Responded to numerous phone calls for information about registration, voting procedures, absentee and early voting and rides to the polls, as well as requests for TRYs and other election information.

LWV-TLC Board of Directors has voted to print and distribute “Electing a President”, an activity book designed for grades 4, 5, and 6 featuring the election process for president through selecting the cabinet. Our goal is to make this book available to as many of the Lucas County Public School students in these grades as possible. Estimated total cost is \$5155. Distribution will be in September. We need everyone’s help to implement project. There is a sign up sheet by the Mystery Wine Raffle display. All of the proceeds from this raffle will go towards this project.

Voters Services Training was conducted in the Fall lead by Eleanor Dombrowski. Yvette Thompson, Ann Fabiszak Payne, Jonnie Taylor and Darcy Yates participated in Educating the Next Generation of Voters a collaboration between LWV-TLC and the Women of the NAACP.

- Ann Fabiszak Payne