



**PORTSMOUTH/SCIOTO COUNTY OHIO**

Welcome back to League for the 2009-2010 year. We have an exciting year planned for our members. Our first meeting was held at Shawnee State University Library at 7:00 p.m. on September 21. Connie Stoner was our presenter. She showed members the local LWV Board website, as well as the state and national websites. LWV Ohio provides both a CDRom and internet access to "How Ohio Government Impacts you; How you can impact Ohio Government". Thank you, Connie, for a great program.

Our first board meeting was held at Port City Café & Pub, 424 Chillicothe Street, Portsmouth. The Board has selected this location for further meetings unless otherwise designated. The Board meets at 4:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Previously we met on the fourth Thursday so mark your calendars regarding this change.

The Portsmouth League seems to be attracting more attention. We have been contacted by several organizations to either help or partner with their organizations.

Martha Wright from the Alexander House has requested that we help them with their in-house election for their board. We would need several people to volunteer for this task. The election will be held from 10:00 – 4:00 at a date designated by them (not yet selected). The League Board voted to assist them. Anyone wanting to help can call Sandra Reiser at 858-4302.

Angie Davis has resigned from her duties as **editor of the Voter**. Connie Stoner has graciously agreed to take over this assignment. Angie's close friend and co-worker passed away and she has been assigned more duties at her job and is unable to do the *Voter*. Thanks again to Connie. However, with the resignation of Connie, we now need someone to take over the duties of **Finance Drive Chair**.

Lou Carter, our treasurer, has also resigned. With the merger of National City and PNC, she has taken on more duties outside of the Portsmouth area. Thanks to Lou for her work for the League. Lou Wittenmyer has volunteered to take over this duty until we can find a new **treasurer**.

Inez Bloomfield has been working diligently on the plans for this year's schedule of programs. Thank you so much, Inez.

Rosalie Phillips and Melanie Ogg are our **publicity chairs**. Rosalie will do the articles for the *Times*, *Scioto Voice*, and *Community Common*. Betsy Phillips has requested she not be a member of the nomination committee. Melanie Ogg has agreed to assume that duty.

Fourteenth Street Community Center has requested that we partner with them on their "Weed and Seed" initiative. The "Weed and Seed" grant will be utilized to weed out crime and plant the seeds of community renewal over the next 5 years.

LWV U.S. has alerted us about a new organization calling itself the “League of American Voters” that is conducting an advertising campaign against health care reform that seeks to undermine public support by sowing fear and mistrust. An urgent letter has been sent calling them to task for using a name clearly designed to be confused with the League of Women Voters. LAV is disseminating misleading information to block health care reform.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio mourns the loss of Terry McCoy who died Oct. 2, 2009. Terry was an inspirational leader, dedicated advocate and fierce friend. Following her service as the Ohio League’s Legislative Director, she served as state president from 2001 to 2005. Among her many contributions to the state League were her passionate advocacy on behalf of judicial reform and the abolition of the death penalty, and her work to institutionalize the Ohio League’s Lobby Corps and make it one of the premier League lobbying groups in the country.

Terry held leadership positions in the League of Women Voters at all levels, including as president of the Metro Columbus League from 1991 to 1994 and as a board member for the League of Women Voters of the United States from 1994 to 1998.

Terry is survived by her husband, David McCoy (Portsmouth native), and their two children and families. Terry will be deeply missed.

**Please have your dues in ASAP. We need to send the information to the state by November 1, 2009.**

**Next meeting is October 19 at Scioto County Welcome Center - *Meet the Candidate Night* - 7:00 p.m.**