



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF METROPOLITAN COLUMBUS

2007-2008 Annual Report

The mission of the **League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus** is to encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

Established in 1980, the **League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus Educational Fund** supports the charitable and educational goals of the League of Women Voters by allowing individuals to make tax-deductible contributions. The League's Educational Fund is a 501(c)(3) citizen education and research organization.

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Highlights

From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the League:

- » Published the nonpartisan Voter Information Bulletin (VIB) in October, helping voters with comprehensive information about the candidates and issues in the 2007 general election. More than 400,000 copies of the VIB were distributed on Sunday, October 28 in *The Columbus Dispatch* to households across central Ohio. The VIB was available online and was also distributed to area schools, United Way agencies, public libraries, and businesses. It was advertised on the *Dispatch* website with a link to the League's website.
- » Sponsored 12 Meet the Candidates forums throughout central Ohio in partnership with the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government.
- » Hosted public meetings on a range of civic issues, including election reform, Senate Bill 16 (a bill making changes to state law that regulates the operation of sexually oriented businesses), immigration, predatory lending, and global climate change.
- » Published the Central Ohio Civic Directory in February 2008, listing all national, state, and local office holders and their contact information. The directory is available for no charge at libraries, on the League website, and through the League office. One thousand copies have been distributed.
- » Staffed the WBNS-10TV Phone Bank on Election Day, providing callers with information on polling locations and answers to other voting-related questions.
- » Held voter registration drives at the Ohio State University and other area colleges, libraries, coffee shops, and businesses across central Ohio. Approximately 300 voters were registered.
- » Provided voter registration materials and voter service information to groups and businesses across central Ohio.
- » Toured the Freedom Center juvenile justice facility and several Community Shelter Board-funded homeless shelters.

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Democracy In Action

Recipients of the 2008 *Democracy In Action* award were **Judith Brachman**, former director of the Ohio Department of Aging; **Lou Briggs**, former Worthington City Council member; and **Peg Rosenfield**, one of Ohio's leading experts on elections. The *Democracy In Action* award is given annually to members of the central Ohio community who exemplify a commitment to promoting democracy.



Financial Statements

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus Statement of Activities July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Revenue		Expenditures	
Membership Dues	\$10,700	Program	\$2,520
Contributions	13,628	Management & General	15,010
Program	808	Fundraising	2,452
Interest	540	Payments LWVUS/OH	10,456
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Total	\$25,675	Total	\$30,438

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2008

Cash/Savings as of July 1, 2007	\$54,672
Total Revenue	25,675
Total Expenditures	30,438
Change in 2006 Assets	(305)
Cash/Savings as of June 30, 2008	49,604

Corporate Donors to League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus: Columbus State Community College, Crane Group, and Squire, Sanders, & Dempsey.

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus Educational Fund Statement of Activities, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Revenue		Expenditures	
Contributions/Grants	\$2,240	Program	\$34,770
Publication Sales	1,127	Management & General	3,546
Fundraising	25,077	Fundraising	4,739
Interest	1,409	Payments LWVUS/OH	3,392
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Total	\$29,854	Total	\$46,447

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2008

Cash/Savings as of July 1, 2007	\$84,171
Total Revenue	29,854
Total Expenditures	46,447
Cash/Savings as of June 30, 2008	67,578

Corporate Donors to the Educational Fund:

AARP, American Electric Power, Elaine Gunderson, Honda of America Manufacturing, Lawyers Development Corp., The Ohio State University, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, Time Warner, and Twenty-First Century Communications.