

## HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The history of the **Canton Area League of Women Voters** parallels the history of the national League. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the National American Women Suffrage Association, launched the League of Women Voters in February of 1920 because the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was going to pass and women would gain the right to vote.

Just as Carrie Chapman Catt intended, all over the United States, leagues were formed to educate women about the political process and voting procedures.

In the past 86 years, the League has grown from an organization that informed and educated women voters into one that has helped win civil rights for minorities, strengthen voting rights for all Americans and safeguard our Constitutional liberties.

Yes, we are political. What's unique about the League is that we are strictly **nonpartisan**. We work for, through and with the American citizen. We don't support or oppose candidates or political parties in any way.

What we **do** is work for sound, reasonable solutions to today's most pressing policy challenges. And because we represent America's voice, the League is heard above party politics.

## BE A VOICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

You can make a real difference in your community by participating in voter service activities that inform the community about the voting process, candidates and ballot issues. However, as a member of the League of Women Voters, you, along with other league members, your friends and your neighbors, can make sure that quality of life issues like physical safety, educational opportunities, conservation of green space for parks and recreation and efficiently managed municipal and/or township government are also addressed.

## BE A VOICE IN YOUR STATE:

The League works for sound, reasonable solutions to today's most pressing policy challenges. Education, voting rights, health and welfare policies are some of the issues for which the League advocates at the state level.

## BE A VOICE IN YOUR NATION:

The League of Women Voters lobbies on behalf of its members on national issues as well. There are positions on worldwide arms control, the environment, fiscal responsibility, equitable tax laws and responsive social programs.

## JOIN NOW!

Even if you don't have the time right now to fully participate in League activities, you can still be a part of it! Our members are what give the League the clout to affect all levels of public policy – local, state and national. Every new member increases our effectiveness and influence on the issues **you** care about.

Lawmakers at every level, from your city council to the U.S. Congress, listen when the League speaks. They know when the League tackles an issue, we look to citizen answers – **your answers**. We want to know what **you** think. We actively solicit our members' opinions and study all viewpoints before we take action on an issue.

As a member of the League of Women Voters, you can influence how laws and policies are made on every level of government. **Have a hand in creating the laws by which you must live! Join today.**

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

Membership is open to any citizen, male or female, of voting age

**LWV Membership Dues 2010-2011:**

Individual Membership	\$55.00
Family Membership	\$85.00
Student Membership	\$27.50

Fill out the form below and send a check

to: **LWV of the Canton Area**  
4201 Valley NW  
Canton, Ohio 44708

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**LWV Membership Form**

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**DID YOU KNOW!**

**The League of Women Voters:**

- **Is nonpartisan and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.**
- **Mobilizes and encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government.**
- **Is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.**
- **Believes that grassroots initiatives and consensus building are the strengths of our organization.**

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