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Happy Holidays

## **...from the League of Women Voters of Ohio**

As 2011 draws to a close, we at LWV Ohio look back with pride on a year filled with significant accomplishments by the state and member Leagues across Ohio. Thank you for all that you and your League have done to further our shared mission-and we look forward to a new year filled with continued opportunities to make democracy work, including the following:

- **2012 Voters' Guides: Primary Election Information Packets for Local Leagues**
- **February All-member Conference Call**
- **February Regional Meetings**
- **"Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report: The Elephant in the Room"**
- **2012 Statehouse Day / Council: April 10th**

### ***2012 Voters' Guides: Primary Election Information Packets for Local Leagues***

One of those opportunities in 2012 will be for local Leagues to distribute Voters' Guides for the Primary and General Elections. LWV Ohio Education Fund will email presidents the 2012 Primary Election Voters' Guide Information Packet following our January board meeting. Presidents, please be on the lookout for this email on Jan. 10th and forward it to your Voter Service Chair as soon as possible.

### ***February All-member Conference Call***

Look for detailed information in the January League Leaders' Update about our all-member conference call on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, noon- 1 p.m. Please note that there will be no Jan. 3rd conference call because that date falls the day after a holiday.

### ***February Regional Meetings***

LWV Ohio Education Fund will host regional meetings in February focused on The Accountability Project. This initiative is designed to develop capacity at the local level for analyzing community issues with a focus on accountability and reform--and reinforce Ohioans' role as stewards of good government.

***"Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report: The Elephant in the Room"***

On Dec. 12, 2011, the Ohio Campaign for Accountable Redistricting, lead by LWV Ohio Education Fund and Ohio Citizen Action, issued the "Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report: The Elephant in the Room." This report details how the party in power used the 2011 redistricting process in political backrooms to manipulate districts and gain maximum political advantage-all at the expense of Ohio voters. You can download the report at <http://drawthelinemidwest.org/ohio/transparency-report/> .

On Dec. 14, the General Assembly passed House Bill 369 which provides for one spring Primary Election, March 6 - and did little to change the egregiously gerrymandered congressional districts. The Campaign for Accountable Redistricting gave the new map a failing grade. [See House Bill 369 Press Release.](#)

***2012 Statehouse Day / Council: April 10th***

Please save the date and join League members from around the state in Columbus for this informative day focused on critical and timely public policy issues.

***LWV Ohio Holiday Office Hours***

The League office will be closed Dec. 22-23 and Dec. 26, 2011, and January 2, 2012.

***To you and yours, best wishes for a wonderful 2012!***