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President's Remarks by Diana Kingsbury

In the month of February, as we recognize the League of Women Voters' birthday, we have the opportunity to reflect on the many things the League has done and continues to do for our democratic system.

Established in the 1920s as a result of the women's suffrage movement, the League continues to be an advocate for voter information and grassroots participation in the political process. We have much to be thankful for as we consider the women and men who have worked actively for the success of our organization, and it is our mission to continue upholding the ideals on which we were founded.

Last month, League members

participated in our yearly program planning meeting. At this year's meeting, we took a look at LWVUS' positions and determined potential areas in need of updates and/or studies. Program planning is such an important piece of setting the League's agenda and I'm grateful for all who attended. Please see the article about our program planning meeting elsewhere in this edition of The Voter.

In the coming months, LWVAA has many exciting events in store that I hope you'll consider attending. On March 17th, we will be honoring female journalists in Northeast Ohio who have worked through a variety of media to bring information to the public. Our "Women in Journalism" brunch will feature keynote speaker Connie Schultz and is sure to be inspiring. Please fill out and

return the form provided in the flyer by March 7. A big thanks goes out to Erica Greer and her committee for their work on this exciting event.

LWVAA will also participate in a joint consensus meeting with the League of Women Voters Hudson on March 13th. Through this meeting, our Leagues will have the opportunity to consider information brought forth by LWVUS' privatization study and to come to a consensus. It's great to have the opportunity to pair together on an important topic like this - I encourage you to attend!

On May 4th, LWVAA will also host a fundraiser at Weathervane Playhouse. This event has been a great success in the past, as it gives League members and their guests an

opportunity to enjoy a wonderful play and try their luck in a raffle of some great items. Additional information about tickets and the raffle will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars!

As we continue to progress through the year, I ask that you keep the League in mind if you're looking for the opportunity to get more actively involved. Your assistance, skills, and talents are always welcome - in the planning of events, in chairing committees, helping out at meetings, or serving on the board. It's through the assistance of volunteers like you that we are able to provide the voter service that is so important to our community.

Diana

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Acme Cash Back Report

by Janice Jacobs

Hello from your Acme Cash Back Coordinator. As you know, we have participated for several years in this program provided by the generous folks at Acme Fresh Market for local non-profit organizations. We receive 5% on selected brands such as Acme, Food Club, Full Circle, Paws, Top Care & others. These items are highlighted in the store and then are totaled at the end of your register tapes as "Community Cash Back."

Thanks to all Leaguers & Friends who have sent tapes so far. We are lagging behind last year's total, and we are closing in fast on the deadline to earn credits, **02-11-12**. Please send tapes to me at:

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Tapes need to reach me by or before, **02-25-12**. The cutoff date for turn in is 03-03-12, and I need the time to sort,

tabulate, and neatly bundle the tapes.

This is one of the easiest fundraisers we have found. The amount we earn is small but consistent. Thanks to all for helping. A reminder to the ultra "neatniks": do not iron tapes as some have tried, because they will be rendered useless (heat turns the print to a solid black). Count on League members to put forth the extra effort though!

