

League of Women Voters of the Oberlin Area Voter Guide

Republican Ballot

Primary Election - May 4, 2010

The League of Women Voters of Ohio is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Complementing it is the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund that provides nonpartisan information and educational services to citizens.

Prior to each state and national election, the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund provides nonpartisan information on candidates and issues to its local Leagues. This information is used in Voter Guides, which are distributed by local Leagues throughout the state.

Note: Every candidate on the ballot is listed. Only those candidates that are in **CONTESTED** races were asked to respond with information. For information on state-wide candidates and issues, please visit the website of the [League of Women Voters of Ohio](#).

Judge, Court of Appeals, 9th Appellate, term commencing 2/9/2011

William D. Wellemeyer
743 Upper Merriman Drive
Akron, OH 44303

Judge, Court of Appeals, 9th Appellate, term commencing 2/10/2011

Donna J. Carr
743 Diandrea Drive
Akron, OH 44333

Judge, Court of Appeals, 9th Appellate, term commencing 2/11/2011

Beth Whitmore
3346 S. Smith Road
Fairlawn, OH 44333

Judge, Court of Common Pleas, term commencing 1/2/2011

Debra L. Boros
251 Ashland Avenue
Elyria, OH 44035

Representative to Congress, 13th District (Avon, Avon Lake, Elyria, Lorain, North Ridgeville, Sheffield Lake, Carlisle Township (#1 and #2 split), Columbia Township, Eaton Township (#4 split), Elyria Township, Sheffield Township, Sheffield Village)

Question posed to candidates: In these very difficult times for Northeast Ohio, what measures would you propose and support to help our struggling economy?

James F. Brihan
3 Whitaker Cover
Avon Lake, OH 44012

Education: St. Ignatius of Loyola High School - Cleveland, OH; College For Financial Planning - Denver, CO; Capital University - Columbus, OH, *Business Administration - Graduated Summa Cum Laude*

Current Occupation: Certified Financial Planner (CFP®)

Training and Experience: I held several responsible government positions over the course of 28 years , including Program Director City of Cleveland - Impact Cities Anti-Crime Program; Land Agent/Senior Land Agent - Cuyahoga County Engineer; Approved Appraiser - Federal Highway Administration - Washington, DC; Approved Negotiator - Federal Highway Administration - Washington, DC . I have also been a CFP® for 31 years, with experience in the private business sector including Securities, Real Estate (Sales & Appraisals) and Insurance Industries. My community involvement includes President of Waterside Crossings Condominium Association; President, Cuyahoga County Golf Association; and, 17 years as an Ohio High School Football Official.

Response to question:

We Americans are currently paying 46 separate taxes to the various government entities, leaving us *little left over to spend* (thus, creating jobs) in our own communities.

An employer will be more likely to award pay increase to his employees if he is paying less taxes to the government. My solution, therefore, is to *Eliminate Corporate Income Taxes to any Employer who Employs Americans*. An employer will not put these tax savings into his own personal account if his competitor is using his own tax savings to attract better employees with higher pay and/or increased benefits. His competitor may steal his best employees away from him. He will have to match his competitor's efforts to attract the best employees.

Employees earning more money will have more disposable income to eat out once a week, buy new automobiles, travel, buy homes ... etc. In short, individuals will create jobs in areas as they see fit.

Frank Chestney
1087 Luray Lane
Brunswick, OH 44212

Tom Ganley
10802 Glen Forest Trail
Brecksville, OH 44141

Bill Haney
4745 Muirfield Avenue
Brunswick, OH 44121
Website: www.billhaney.org

Education: St. Ambrose Day School (1978); Brunswick High School (1982); Cleveland State University (BA 1986)

Current Occupation: Account Executive

Training and Experience: Politically, I was the Northeast Ohio Coordinator for Patrick J. Buchanan's Presidential run in 2000 and was President George W. Bush's local Coordinator for his re-election in 2004.

Personally, I have been married for 14 years and have three wonderful boys (The most recent one born on February 23, 2010).

Professionally, I have represented American manufacturing companies for over 22 years calling on folks making cars, trucks, lawn mowers, golf carts, dairy farmers, etc. I meet with a variety of positions including company Presidents, CEOs, Purchasing Managers, Engineers, Mechanics, Filler Operators, and everything in between. This experience has given me a

unique perspective on all Americans and has given me an understanding that is the basis of our platform: Traditional Family Values, Fiscal Responsibility, and American First Foreign & Domestic Policies.

Response to question:

First of all, we need to drop our existing business tax rate to 12.5% (Matching Ireland's) and reduce unnecessary regulations on our manufacturing companies. We also need to strategically place tariffs on goods produced outside the United States of America. This combination will allow companies to make money while employing American workers. We can not maintain our status as a superpower without a strong manufacturing base. I also believe that we should eliminate trade with any country allowing or promoting the servitude of women, especially those that have the "legal" practice of slave concubines.

I also propose a \$10,000 tax credit for married couples with children under 18-years old that have a parent staying home to raise their sons and daughters. This would not only help our families, increase education, and keep kids off the streets, but would also open up the job market and increase salaries.

We also need to provide a non-government controlled bi-partisan options to reduce medical costs, we need to make saving Social Security a priority, reduce our spending, and ensure we leave the country better off for our children and grandchildren. You can see more details at www.billhaney.org.

Jim Hrubik

2526 Reimer Road Ext.
Norton, OH 44203

Education: MA ED, University of Akron 1976

Current Occupation: State Certified Residential Appraiser

Training and Experience: 10+ years as certified appraiser, 10+ years as classroom teacher

Response to question:

The majority of jobs in the 13th District have always been supplied by small businesses, and those businesses typically operate on shoestring budgets with tight cashflows.

For most such businesses, the greatest encouragement is an atmosphere of regulatory stability. When a business owner must risk accumulated savings in an attempt to continue or to expand operations, the possibility that the rules will change before the investment produces a return reduces the willingness to take the risk. Short term, I favor a moratorium on new regulations, and cessation of policies and programs which have inflationary tendencies or which create new cost burdens to employers.

Long term, my position is that taxation of income discourages growth of wealth; I favor repeal of the 16th Amendment and repeal of Federal excise and employment taxes coupled with introduction of a national sales tax, which would impact both domestic and foreign products equally. Such tax equality would reduce the appeal to “outsource” jobs overseas. Additionally, I favor stabilization of the dollar near the current level, rounded, at 0.001 ounce of pure gold, as a means of stopping the inflationary erosion of wealth.

Jason Meade

5371 Pride Court
Barberton, OH 44203

Education: Graduated Edison High School, Milan OH - 1990
Theocratic Ministry School - Continuous education 1994 - 2006 (Theology, Public Speaking, Communication)

Current Occupation: Plant Scheduler, A. Schulman Inc., Akron Polybatch Facility

Training and Experience: 12 years of experience in public ministry work. This involved close work with my community in the areas of Bible education and volunteer work. Professionally, I have been a department manager along with continually being involved in areas that require a high degree of communication skills. I have strived to continually self educate myself in the areas of Constitutional government and free market economy.

Response to question:

I plan to propose measures that will lift the tax burden on both businesses and households (i.e., elimination of corporate tax, death tax, etc.). This will allow more investment into our market rather than into our bloated government programs. I propose holding Federal spending to only the enumerated powers specified within the U.S. Constitution which in turn will constrain government spending and reduce the need for a crushing tax

burden. This will also help the economy of Northeast Ohio by restoring the confidence of businesses and entrepreneurs in the stability of the market. This confidence will bring investment and jobs back to Northeast Ohio.

Todd Sharkey
1078 Winhurst Drive
Akron, OH 44313

Education: Center Grove High School, Class of 1986; Purdue University, Bachelor of Science, 1992

Current Occupation: IT Manager, The Chapel, 135 Fir Hill, Akron, OH 44303

Training and Experience: Ohio Valley region CSB Ministries, Inc. - Chairman
Christian Home Educators Co-op - Chairman
Story Glen Camp - Board Member
City of Akron's World Class Organization - Committee Member (2000)

Response to question:

1. First, we need to begin cultivating an environment that is pro-business. We can no longer expect jobs to stay in Northeast Ohio when we have leadership that is clearly anti-business. As businesses grow, jobs will return. As a representative in congress, I will work to cut the corporate tax rates as well as cut the capital gains tax to promote business investment and growth.

Second, we need to reduce the burden that over-regulation has placed upon our businesses. It takes far too long for businesses to build new factories. Government, business, and labor must change from an adversarial relationship and work together as partners; I will work to develop a relationship between business and labor.

In addition, we cannot grow the economy when the cost of energy continues to rise. We need to begin utilizing the natural resources in Northeast Ohio. We can start drilling for oil and natural gas right here. And, why not build a new refinery? It would bring high paying skilled jobs.

Lastly, I will work with the leadership in Columbus and Northeast Ohio to investigate what other states are doing that is encouraging investment and business growth. Then, we must work to implement these ideas.

Representative to Congress, 9th District (Carlisle Township (#1 and #2 split), Eaton Township #4 split, Grafton Township, Henrietta, Huntington, Kipton, LaGrange Township and LaGrange Village, New Russia Township, Oberlin, Penfield, Pittsfield, Rochester Township and Villlage, Vermilion City, Wellington Township and Village)

Rich Ioff

5245 Keener Road
Mondova, OH 43542

Jack L. Smith

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Holland, OH 43528

Website: www.jacksmithforcongress.net

Education: Associate Degree in Law Enforcement Technology, Owens College 1975

Current Occupation: Retired 33+years Toledo Police Department; Chief of Police 2006; Reitred 22years Unitd States Marine Corps Reserve

Training and Experience: Served in all capacities including FIELD Operations, Vice and Narcotics Unit, Communications Section, Bomb Squad Commander, Shift Commander, Precinct Commander and Chief of Police with budget responsibilities in excess of \$50,000,000 and 800 plus sworn and civilian employees. Attended numerous FBI schools, seminars and courses.

Response to question: Economic growth is tied to small business expansion and new innovative enterprises. Incentives for business by reducing the tax burden and promoting business-friendly programs will be required to take advantage of the skilled and very talented labor pool available in Northwest Ohio.

State Senator

Gayle L. Manning

5380 Barton Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

State Representative, 56th House District (AMHERST CITY Pct. 2-A split with 58th), ELYRIA CITY 5th Ward and 6th Ward, LORAIN CITY, OBERLIN, SHEFFIELD LAKE, AMHERST TOWNSHIP, SOUTH AMHERST VILLAGE, CARLISLE TOWNSHIP Pct. #2 split with 57th, ELYRIA TOWNSHIP #1 Split with 57th Dist. ELYRIA TOWNSHIP #2, ELYRIA TOWNSHIP #3, NEW RUSSIA TOWNSHIP, SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP)

Henry S. Lewandowski, Jr.
606 East Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052

State Representative, 57th House District (Elyria 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th, Avon, Avon Lake, North Ridgeville, Carlisle Township except precinct 2 split with 56th, Columbia Township, Eaton Township, Elyria Township #1, Sheffield Village)

Ray Lynn Brady
324 Ohio Street
Elyria, OH 44035

State Representative, 58th House District (AMHERST CITY - Pct. 2-A (split with 56th) BRIGHTON TWP, BROWNHelm TWP. CAMDEN TWP, GRAFTON TWP, GRAFTON VILLAGE, HENRIETTA TWP, HUNTINGTON TWP, LAGRANGE VILLAGE, PENFIELD TWP, PITTSFIELD TWP, ROCHESTER TWP. & VILLAGE VERMILION CITY, WELLINGTON TWP, WELLINGTON VILLAGE)

Terry Boose
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State Central Committeeman

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County Commissioner, term commencing 1/1/2011

Questions posed to candidates:

1. Do you believe the current system of electing three county commissioners-at-large best serves all the residents of the county, rural and urban, northern and southern? Give examples to support your position. Are there changes in the Board of Commissioners that you would support?
2. There are five other candidates for this office. What do you believe distinguishes you from your fellow candidates?

Mickey Corbin
11055 West River Road
Columbia Station, OH 44028

Education: Attended Lutheran High School West in Rocky River, OH from 1962 to 1966 graduating in June of 1966. I attended Wittenberg University from 1966 through 1969. I have also taken courses at Cuyahoga Community College and Baldwin-Wallace College.

Current Occupation: I have been an IT project Manager/Consultant for the past 30 years. My clients include: Internal Revenue Service, State of Michigan, State of Ohio, South Carolina FmHA, Kaiser Permanente, Sherwin-Williams, American Greetings, National City Bank, JPMChase.

Training and Experience: As a project manager, I have hired and fired personnel. I have been responsible for project budgets in excess of one hundred million dollars. In 30 years I have brokered consensus to get projects completed. I have worked with the Governor of Michigan and the Attorney General of Ohio as well as many CEOs of my clients. I also have trained numerous entry level employees to develop into productive workers. I have coached basketball and softball teams and taught the players about effort and winning and losing.

Response to questions:

1. I do not believe that the current Board of Commissioners represents the uniqueness that is Lorain County. For too long the power of the Board has been centered in Elyria and Lorain. I believe in **Synergy**; that the townships & cities should work together for the betterment of the county. I have met with residents of Huntington, Columbia, Wellington, Grafton, LaGrange, Penfield, Pittsfield, Carlisle, Eaton & Rochester and the common theme that I hear is that 1) the Commissioners don't listen to the people and 2) by severely cutting the sheriffs patrols to the out lying areas the citizens do not feel safe.

*The Commissioners don't listen to the voice of the people by placing a sales tax on the ballot, which is defeated and then unilaterally enacting an increase against the voters' wishes.

*The Commissioners don't listen to the Township residents by refusing to recommend the LCTA (Lorain County Trustees Association) nominee to the NOACA board but rather attempting to place their own Democrat candidate on the board along with the Democrat Commissioner.

2. Tom Williams is qualified to be a Commissioner. The difference is that I can be a *Full Time* commissioner. I don't have a full time job, 2 young children nor am I attending college or helping my family run a business.

Tom Williams

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Amherst, OH 44001

Website: www.loraincountyfirst.com,

Education: Admiral King High School, 1994; BS Manufacturing Engineering Akron University, Spring 2011

Current Occupation: Process Engineer, Invacare Corp.

Training and Experience: I have no prior political experience. I have worked for 15 years at Invacare Corporation, starting as an hourly assembler. I was

promoted to a lead technician, then technical trainer, and to my present position, process engineer in the quality department. My wife and I also own a small business which we opened in 2001 and have grown to expand to a second location last year.

1. The current system of electing three commissioners-at-large may sometimes result in large parts of the Lorain County electorate not having a voice in the county government. It is a natural reaction for each commissioner to feel greatest loyalty to his hometown and the people who helped him get elected. In turn, these local interests are placed above those of the entire

county. The larger cities of Lorain and Elyria have the advantage due to their size and numbers of voters resulting the majority of commissioners coming from these cities. The smaller towns and rural communities are often underrepresented. The commissioners, however, are elected to serve the entire county. I understand that the townships and smaller cities must be represented at the county level as well as the big cities. I will work to make sure every Lorain County resident is represented and heard. I will not ignore the voice of those outlying communities. I will work to find solutions so that the interests of the entire county are considered.

2. What makes me different from my opponent is that I have the energy, determination and knowledge to help solve the problems that face our county. I have the experience required to work with those who see things differently than I do, knowing that ultimately we have the same desire to make this county great. With that in mind, I can help focus our energy on the things that make us similar, rather than different, and get things done. I want to see this county great again. I want my children to grow up in a place that Lorain County has the potential to be.