



6th Annual Meeting  
Saturday, June 13, 2020  
**"A Centennial Celebration"**

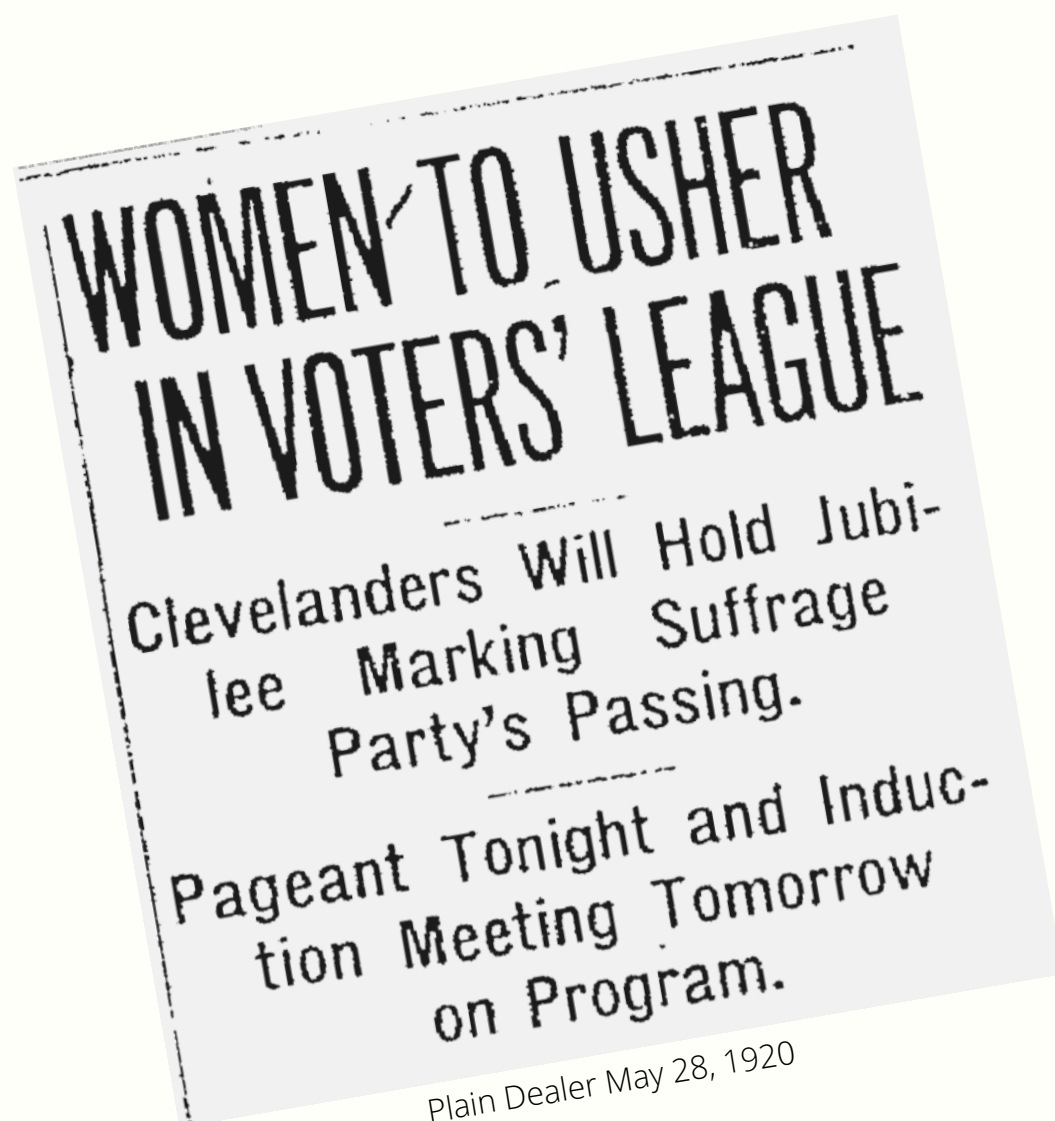


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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
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“2020: A Centennial Celebration”**

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**AGENDA:**

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Appointments, Credentials Report, Adoption of Meeting Rules
- Adoption of Annual Meeting Agenda
- Recognition of Lifetime Members and New Members
- Adoption of the 2020-2021 Program
- Presentation and Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget
- Recognition of 2019-2020 Board of Directors and Chapter Chairs
- Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2020-2021 Slate
- Directions to the New Board
- Talk by Jen Miller, Executive Director LWV Ohio

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2020 Annual Meeting**

**RULES OF THE MEETING**

Quorum and voting (Rules one to three as per LWVGC Bylaws)

1. Members who have paid dues as of April 29, 2020 will be eligible to vote. The Board of Directors will be the sole judge of whether a member is qualified to vote.
2. Ten percent of eligible voting members and 50 percent representation of chapters will constitute a quorum.
3. Absentee or proxy voting will not be permitted.
4. Any voting member who successfully logs in to the Zoom meeting on a computer or smart device is in attendance and can vote.

Appointments – the Chair will appoint:

5. A Minutes Review Committee to read and correct the minutes of the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall approve the reviewed and corrected minutes.
6. A Budget Committee to review the budget and changes made by the membership, if necessary.
7. A Parliamentarian to be the authority on procedure.
8. A Zoom Host, who will provide credentials and a Zoom Co-host, who along with the Zoom Host will handle the polling for votes. (Past in-person annual meetings had a credentials committee and election tellers, but their functions can be handled by the Zoom software.)

Special Meeting Rules

8. The Chair may change the order of business.
9. All motions must be recited to the Zoom Host, who will put it in writing prior to launching a poll/vote.
10. All LWV of Greater Cleveland members, including those who are ineligible to vote, may participate in discussion.
11. A member wishing to speak shall use the Chat function to ask for the floor and wait to be recognized by the Chair. After being recognized, the member shall unmute themselves and give her/his name and chapter before speaking to the action on the floor.

Parliamentary Authority:

12. In cases not covered by these special meeting rules, the LWVGC Bylaws and the most recent edition of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of this meeting.

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**50+ Years/Lifetime Members:**

Joan Bush  
Bonnie Caplan  
Anda Cook  
Elva Edger  
Lillian Emmons  
Gale Jacobsohn  
Jim Jacobsohn  
Carole Koscielny (New Lifetime Member!)  
Alice Lundskow  
Lynda Mayer  
Bernice McGovern  
Claire Moore  
Janice Patterson  
Beryl Peck  
Roz Peters (New Lifetime Member!)  
Jean Robejsek  
Henrietta Silberger  
Patricia Solomon  
Carolyn Sugiuchi  
Susan Taft  
Richard Talerico  
Roslyn Talerico  
Mary Warren  
Betty Weiss  
Barbara Williams  
Katharyn Woodbridge

# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND**

## **Proposed 2020-2021 Local Program**

### ***GOVERNMENT***

#### **Regionalism: Intergovernmental cooperation and regional tax-base revenue sharing (2009)**

LWVGC supports:

Voluntary intergovernmental, collaborative agreements which reduce costs, foster transparency and accountability, improve efficiencies, and maintain service standards;

Regional tax-base revenue sharing as a constructive form of intergovernmental cooperation for the mutual benefit of participating communities.

#### **County government (1979)**

LWVGC supports a structure of county government that would include:

A single county executive and a responsible representative legislative body;  
Adequate financing for county services and capital improvement;  
Provision of urban services by that level of government that can be most effective.

#### **Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Special Districts (2007)**

LWVGC supports measures to promote the accountability, accessibility, visibility, citizen participation in, and coordination of all boards (i.e., authorities, boards, commissions, and special districts) connected to Cuyahoga County governance.

#### **Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority (CCCPA) (2007)**

LWVGC believes that:

CCCPA should be required by its local Rules and Regulations to prepare plans for future developments and conduct public hearings to gather comments on these plans;

CCCPA should be required to present a budget that clearly demonstrates how tax levy funds are being spent;

CCCPA proposed capital projects funded by tax revenues should include: purpose, needs, and plans; demonstration of market demand and public consensus; cost effectiveness, including a projected Return on Investment (ROI); and overall community impact, including economic and environmental factors;

CCCPA capital projects should have a separate section in the operating budget.

The Northeast Ohio Development Fund LLC (NEODF), created by the CCCPA under the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) program of the federal government, should:

Have a board appointed by elected officials, such as mayors and the county executive  
Publicly disclose criteria used to select projects  
Give public notice of chosen projects before final acceptance  
Invite public comment on proposed projects  
Address possible conflict of interest issues of NEODF staff and board.

## **(CCCPA positions continued)**

LWVGC believes that:

In order to address the disparity of representation on the CCCPA Board, equal numbers of board members should be appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Executive, with a final member named by joint agreement.

Public officials who appoint board members should:

Require a disclosure statement of each CCCPA Board candidate and member  
Conduct periodic reviews of board members' compliance with legal requirements

Any CCCPA levies should be limited to a duration of not more than five years.

## **Ethics in government (2012)**

LWVGC supports a government ethics policy that:

Applies broadly to elected and appointed officials, employees, members and employees of boards and commissions, contractors, vendors, and lobbyists;

Prohibits conflicts of interest, use of position for personal gain, corruption in the awarding of contracts, nepotism, and favoritism;

Fosters transparency through financial disclosure by key elected and appointed officials, contractor and lobbyist registries, and online public posting of disclosures and registries;

Disciplines those who falsely file or fail to file required disclosures or who fail to report wrongdoing;

Instills individual commitment through ongoing training and education, signed compliance statements, and "plain speak" publication of the ethics policy;

Encourages ethical conduct among covered persons through obligatory reporting of possible violations and protections against retaliation;

Contains a complaint process, which honors privacy and anonymity and which protects from retaliation and unfounded charges;

LWVGC supports an ethics policy that has an effective enforcement mechanism that is:

Independent of political pressure;

Both reactive and investigatory;

Authorized by the strongest process permissible by law: charter, ordinance, resolution, or administrative rules;

Protective of due process rights for the accused;

Explicit in its range of penalties.

LWVGC supports ethics enforcement by a single entity, preferably an independent ethics board, with guaranteed funding and qualified professional legal staff.

### **Administration of Justice in Cuyahoga County (1971, 1973, 2003)**

LWVGC supports comprehensive planning, improved bail system, rehabilitation of offenders, alternative handling of some “no-victim” crimes, improved police-community relations, uniform code of training and conduct, and adequate financing.

### **Charter Review\***

LWVGC supports:

Periodic review of city charter or other governing documents  
Citizen participation in the charter review process

### **Taxation\***

LWVGC supports:

Taxes that are fair and equitable  
Taxes that provide adequate resources for government programs  
Taxes that are understandable to the taxpayer and encourage compliance  
Taxes that are easy to administer  
Continual evaluation of governmental tax resources and allocation

### **Planning & Transportation (1972, 1999)\* revised 2017**

LWVGC supports:

Collaborative planning by local, county, regional, state, and federal governments and agencies in order to achieve policies on transportation, tax structures, and allocations that promote the common good and will encourage a sustainable balance among urban areas, farmland and open spaces

Community planning programs for municipalities, *that specifically emphasize* land use, development and revitalization of aging areas, and mass transit as a public service

Comprehensive long-range planning programs with periodic updates  
Citizen participation in the planning process

Acquisition, development, and maintenance of green space and park-like areas within municipalities

Publicly controlled transit facilities with operating costs subsidized, to meet the transit needs of all residents of Cuyahoga County, including the special transit needs of senior citizens and handicapped persons



## ***SOCIAL POLICY***

### **Primary and Secondary Education\***

LWVGC supports:

- Quality, integrated public education
- Sufficient funding for quality public education
- Continued monitoring of educational facilities, allocation of resources, programs, and educational methods
- Citizen input in long-range planning of finances, facilities, staffing, and educational methods

### **Cuyahoga Community College (1962, 1964, 1979, 1999)**

LWVGC supports Cuyahoga Community College as the two-year higher education institution in the county that provides accessible and affordable educational programs and services that meet the needs of the county's population.

### **Public Libraries\***

LWVGC supports:

- The best possible public library services that reflect the needs of the community
- Continuing evaluation of financing and future development
- Cooperation between public libraries and school libraries

### **Health services (1973, 1983, 1984, 1997)**

LWVGC supports:

- A health care delivery system that provides adequate health care to all residents of Cuyahoga County, and effective comprehensive health planning by bodies representative of consumer interests as well as health professionals;
- Continued evaluation of health care services for all in Cuyahoga County, with particular attention to financing, delivery distribution, and availability;
- Continuation of health services to the medically indigent.

### **Housing\***

LWVGC supports:

- Enforcement of local housing codes to protect the health and safety of citizens
- Mandatory inspections including but not limited to: routine inspection of every dwelling, inspection of all rental buildings, re-inspection at specific intervals, point-of-sale inspection, and adequate staffing and training of impartial housing/building inspectors
- Access for limited-income owners to information about assistance in the correction of code violations
- Housing that meets the varying needs of residents, including assistance programs for those of limited income
- An adequately funded and efficient housing court

### **Diversity\***

LWVGC supports measures that engage diverse communities and promote understanding and civic responsibility.

### **Public Recreation and Land Use (1979)\* revised 2017**

LWVGC supports:

Coordinated public recreation programs involving federal, state, county, municipalities and school districts that will:

Provide recreation to all ages and abilities

Focus on needs of the community served

Maintain a balance of recreational facilities and publicly-owned open spaces

Involve citizens in the planning process

Develop and preserve the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

Show evidence of transparency and continual evaluation of programming, facilities and financing

### ***NATURAL RESOURCES***

#### **Natural resources / Environment – Lake Erie (1966, 1999) Revised 2017**

LWVGC supports the restoration and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries as presented in the positions of the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee (a multi-state collaboration) regarding:

Water resources and water quality (1967)

Phosphate detergent ban (1969)

Drilling for gas and/or oil in Lake Erie (1969)

Interbasin transfer of water (1985, 1986)

Power plants and radioactive waste (1990)

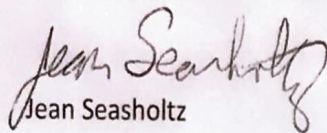
Concentrated animal feeding operations (2007, 2011)

*\*These positions were originally adopted by one or more chapters prior to the merger of the LWVGC. The LWVGC voted on May 30, 2015 to approve these as positions of the LWVGC as a whole. The histories of these positions are currently unavailable.*

*Several chapters have positions not held by all chapters or the LWVGC as a whole.*

At the request of Janet Kershaw, Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, I have made an informal review of the financial records of the Operating Fund for the year ended June 30, 2019.

I have found the records to be accurate, and all necessary supporting documentation was available and in good order. The current system allows a good paper trail, and your current bank provides very helpful supporting documentation, as does PayPal.

  
Jean Seasholtz

September 3, 2019

**LWVGC Balance Sheet**

	Operating Fund		
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	April 30, 2020
Cleveland Foundation - Cleveland Chapter	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland Foundation - GC	0.00	0.00	0.00
US Bank Checking	2,751.31	3,266.18	4,784.99
US Bank Savings	94,927.37	98,012.46	118,218.38
PayPal	469.11	251.24	410.85
<b>Assets</b>	<b>98,147.79</b>	<b>101,529.88</b>	<b>123,414.22</b>

	Education Fund		
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	April 30, 2020
	27,328.66	28,283.40	19,995.38 *
	48,448.68	46,607.48	39,936.31 *
	1,157.85	2,372.17	6,305.89
	27,664.98	39,034.57	82,531.97
	0.00	96.80	0.00
	<b>104,600.17</b>	<b>116,394.42</b>	<b>148,769.55</b>

**Restricted Balances**

Greater Cleveland	36,729.33	41,941.20	54,167.13
Bay Village Chapter	8,166.60	4,096.96	13,420.89
Cleveland Chapter	28,803.43	28,873.43	28,913.43
Cleveland Hts/University Hts Chapter	2,621.24	3,233.39	3,187.57
East Cleveland Chapter	619.38	640.07	780.57
Fairview Park Chapter	1,375.44	1,287.98	1,297.98
Hillcrest Chapter	1,232.50	1,473.54	1,464.54
Lakewood Chapter	2,907.46	3,878.72	5,081.24
Rocky River Chapter	5,768.27	5,333.27	5,386.60
Shaker Heights Chapter	8,141.08	8,619.60	7,376.58
Shaker Heights Chapter - Legacy Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westlake/N. Olmsted Chapter	1,783.06	2,151.72	2,337.69
2020 Centennial			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>98,147.79</b>	<b>101,529.88</b>	<b>123,414.22</b>

	8,211.74	13,986.32	23,441.14 **
	0.00	11.15	0.00
	52.80	52.80	77.80 **
	677.95	527.95	890.85
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,083.69	1,091.69	1,005.38
	230.61	230.61	73.81
	552.22	707.49	361.40
	225.22	162.46	162.46
	378.04	457.35	0.00
	12,059.13	10,282.29	10,432.29
	5,351.43	5,393.43	4,464.20
	0.00	8,600.00	47,928.53
	<b>28,822.83</b>	<b>41,503.54</b>	<b>88,837.86</b>

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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\* Cleveland Foundation balances are as of March 31, 2020

\*\*This total does not include funds at Cle Foundation

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND PROPOSED 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET**

OPERATING BUDGET						
Income		Current Budget	Thru 02/23/2020	Estimate thru 6/30/2020	Proposed 2020-2021 Budget	Notes
	Transfer from savings account	3,000.00		3,000.00	3500.00	
	Annual Meeting Income	500.00		900.00	900.00	\$15 per attendee
	Donations Other	2,000.00	1,074.70	1,200.00	1,100.00	
	Donations with Dues	3,000.00	2,520.00	2,600.00	2,500.00	
	Dues	24,000.00	25,595.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	406 primary members, 60 additional members(household)
	Election Service Income	7,500.00		7,500.00	7,500.00	CTU election
	Fundraising Income	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,500.00	
	Interest Income	63.00	47.05	70.00	70.00	
	Misc Income	120.00	216.00	216.00	100.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>43,183.00</b>	<b>30,952.75</b>	<b>43,286.00</b>	<b>43,170.00</b>	
Expense		Current Budget	Thru 02/23/2020	Estimate thru 6/30/2020	Proposed 2020-2021 Budget	Notes
<b>Administration</b>		<b>29%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	
	Accounting and Legal Exp	250.00	8.80	8.80	50.00	In case of emergency
	Banking Exp	450.00	413.08	430.00	450.00	PayPal fees
	Board and Committee Exp	200.00		180.00	200.00	Supplies for meetings
	Donation to Ed Fund	8,840.00	8,940.00	8,940.00	9,370.00	portion of PMP paid by Ed Fund
	Donation to Outside Groups	100.00		0.00	100.00	Placeholder as needed
	Insurance Exp	675.00	673.00	673.00	676.00	*D&O Liability, Property
	Misc Exp	200.00				
	Office Exp	400.00	44.71	100.00	400.00	Software, tax forms, postage, router/desktop
	Pres. Discretionary Exp	100.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	Gifts
	Rent	1,200.00	705.00	1,230.00	1,260.00	*\$105/month
<b>Fundraising</b>		<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>	
	Election Service Exp	3,000.00	1,505.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	CTU election
	Fundraising Exp	1,500.00	850.00	850.00	750.00	Expenses related to Fundraiser
<b>Membership</b>		<b>56%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>52%</b>	
	Annual Meeting Exp	2,000.00		1,400.00	2,000.00	Room rental, food, printing
	Convention Delegate Exp	7,000.00		7,000.00	4,000.00	LWVO 2021 Spring Convention
	Membership Exp	350.00	286.18	300.00	300.00	Printing , mailing
	Membership Subsidy Exp	90.00		90.00	60.00	Subsidized memberships
	MLD Exp	1,000.00	70.83	1,000.00	2,000.00	New member lunch, appreciation lunch
	PMP Ohio	7,180.00	7,258.60	7,258.60	7,178.00	Operating portion
	PMP US	6,448.00	6,520.00	6,520.00	6,976.00	Operating portion
<b>Program</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10%</b>	
	Advocacy Exp	500.00	827.11	1,000.00	2,500.00	
	Communication Exp	1,500.00	28.98		1,500.00	Spring Voter, Constant Contact,* website exp*, social media*
	Program/Meeting Exp	100.00		0.00	200.00	Program planning printing and room rental
	State and Area Meetings	100.00		0.00	100.00	Misc travel expense
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>43,183.00</b>	<b>28,181.29</b>	<b>39,630.40</b>	<b>43,170.00</b>	* Items split with Ed Fund
		0.00	2,771.46	3,655.60	0.00	Over/Short



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**Board of Trustees 2019-2020**

Officers:

Co-Presidents

**Audrey Morris and Catherine LaCroix**

Vice President

**Catherine Ryan**

Treasurer

**Janet Kershaw**

Secretary

**Nadia Zaiem**

Voter Service Chair

**Patricia Carter**

Directors:

Advocacy

**Sarah Swanson**

Auditor

**Janet Kershaw**

Chapter Liaison

**Penny Jeffrey**

Funding and Development, Investment Committee Chair

**Meryl Simon**

Membership

**Lisa Cech**

Membership/Leadership Development

**Lauren Orrico**

Program

**Michael Baron**

Appointed Directors

**Maryann Barnes**

**Roz Peters**

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**LWV of Greater Cleveland Chapter Chairs 2019-20**

Bay Village  
**Jane Blackie**

Cleveland  
**Leigh Tucker**

Cleveland Heights- University Heights  
**Maryann Barnes**

Cleveland State University  
**LaNiqua Jones**

East Cleveland  
**Dr. Bennanaye Brooks**

Fairview Park  
**Nikki Salupo**

Hillcrest  
**Roz Peters**  
**Jean Ganelos**

Lakewood  
**Catherine Ryan**  
**Mandee Young**

Rocky River  
**Judith Weiss**

Shaker Heights  
**Laura Creed**  
**Mary LaVigne-Butler**

Westlake/N. Olmsted  
**Janice Patterson**



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**2020 Nominating Committee Report to the Board**

We respectfully submit the following slate of officers for election at the 2020 Annual Meeting:

Co-President (2 years): Catherine LaCroix, Shaker Heights member, continuing

Co-President (1 year, to complete Catherine LaCroix's term): Audrey Morris, Shaker Heights, continuing

Vice President (2 years): Lisa Cech, Lakewood

Treasurer (2 years): Janet Kershaw, Westlake/North Olmsted, continuing

Voter Service (2 years): Catherine Ryan, Lakewood

Funding & Development (2 years): Meryl Simon, Shaker Heights, continuing

Outreach (1 year): Janet Ghiadoni, Cleveland Heights/University Heights

Membership (2 years): Kim Lenahan, Lakewood

The off-board members of the 2021 nominating committee are:

Susan Murnane, Chair, Bay Village  
Lynda Mayer, Shaker Heights Chapter  
Holly Wang, Shaker Heights  
Cynthia White, Bay Village

2020 Nominating Committee:

Susan Murnane, Chair  
Mike Baron  
Paula Deal  
Penny Jeffrey  
Nikki Salupo  
Cynthia White

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**2019-2020 LWV Greater Cleveland Year in Review**

It was going to be a celebratory year with an abundance of programming and special events to commemorate the Centennials of the 19th Amendment and the League. We spent two years planning a blockbuster lineup. On February 14, we joined in a National Day of Action celebrating how Women Power the Vote. We were rolling out our Women's Empowerment Lecture Series and were making the final preparations for our Women's Suffrage Centennial Symposium and Belle Sherwin Luncheon when in mid March, the coronavirus upended everything. All of our planned events were cancelled or postponed. It was not the year we were expecting.

Despite these unexpected challenges, we hope to emerge with some new and better ways of doing things. Just as in 1918, when the force of a pandemic flu risked derailing the long-planned campaign to secure women's right to vote, we will persevere. Using technology unknown in 1918, LWVGC pivoted quickly to holding virtual events, reaching hundreds of viewers. We used our enforced "work from home" to engage in a comprehensive review of the way our organization does its job.

In the months before the pandemic, we used the 2019-2020 year in active Voter Service, producing 10 Candidate/Issue Forums and 18 Public Policy Forums (6 of them virtual). We registered young voters at more schools than ever before, and registered new citizens at naturalization ceremonies throughout the year. We worked with Cleveland Votes and COHHIO to register a record number of new voters (2,481) on National Voter Registration Day in September 2019. We used our social media accounts to reach voters and engage in advocacy, provide non-partisan education about candidates, elections, and issues, partner with other organizations, and raise awareness of our League. We embarked on more energetic fundraising to support our mission.

In Cuyahoga County, 9,524 voters used Vote411.org for the November General Election. At the national level, Vote411.org won the People's Voice Webby Award! This recognition is a testament to the important election information Vote411.org provides to voters every cycle, with over one million users nationally so far this year.

We are part of the Cuyahoga County and City of Cleveland Complete Count Committees for the decennial US Census. This effort, too, was upended by the pandemic. We continue to find ways to boost the census, as the Census Bureau has revised and lengthened its timetable for census completion.

Unfortunately, the census delays also will affect congressional redistricting in 2021. The Census Bureau currently projects a two-month delay in transmitting official headcounts to the states. This will significantly tighten the timetable for the mapmaking process in Ohio, posing a challenge for the League.

When we learned that Ohio's 2020 primary election was shifting to an all vote-by-mail process, LWVGC quickly mobilized and worked in coalition with other voting rights organizations and partner groups (All Voting is Local, Cleveland Votes, Ohio Environmental Council, NAACP Cleveland), to reach eligible voters who had not yet cast their ballots. LWVGC along with Cleveland Votes distributed 8,300 vote-by-mail applications to over 30 regional grocery stores, community resource centers, and food distribution centers. In addition, with our partners, we texted more than 58,100 Cuyahoga County voters with messages about the vote-by-mail process and reminders to vote through April 27.

As we take time to reflect on Ohio's chaotic primary election there are a few takeaways that should inform our planning for the rest of 2020. The move to a mostly vote-by-mail election, combined with a too-short voting period, confusing changes of date, an unnecessarily complicated application process, and inadequate outreach to voters resulted in an election that disenfranchised voters in Ohio.

While it is essential to improve the vote-by-mail process, 85 percent of Ohioans traditionally prefer to vote in person on election day. Ohio needs postage-paid vote by mail ballot applications and ballots, online vote by mail requests, funding to support a higher volume of vote by mail, and improved poll worker recruitment that addresses the need to avoid possible contagion. Given that Covid-19 will likely remain a public health threat for the remainder of this year, these changes will help maximize voter participation in the November election. The LWV Ohio, in partnership with the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition, is working for legislative action at the state level.

LWVGC is actively making democracy work. We have educated and empowered voters and have encouraged increased voter participation. We advocated at Cuyahoga County Council for banning single-use plastic bags in the County and to preserve key reforms in the County Sheriff position.

LWVGC is all of us: our incredible observers, volunteers, members, and supporters like you. We're gearing up for programs to protect and empower voters in new ways due to Covid-19. We're stepping up our work to register more new voters, hold more forums and debates via Zoom, provide more ballot information and help all eligible voters participate in our electoral process. We'll also keep an eye on our local government; support fair districting that is transparent, non-discriminatory, and politically impartial; and ensure that our elections are fair, safe, secure, and accessible.

Yours in League,  
Audrey Morris and Catherine LaCroix,  
League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland Co-Presidents

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**Vice-President's Report for 2020 Annual Meeting**

Accomplishments

**Funding & Development** - In 2019 I transitioned from Funding & Development into the role of Vice-president. As part of that transition, I worked with the incoming F&D Director to create a more structured process for grant writing. These improvements include a spreadsheet to track requests, a form to be completed for requests, identifying resources such as Foundation Directory for research, and onboarding one of our members to help with research. We also now have a compilation of short bios of our board members, which is sometimes a requirement when writing proposals. In addition, I developed a Chapter Reimbursement Policy to clarify what expenses chapters can be reimbursed for and how to seek reimbursement that was shared with all chapters.

**Board Administration** - In the fall I introduced the use of a tool called Trello to help the board keep track of all the projects, questions, and tasks that we have on our plate in a single, consolidated view of virtual post-it notes on a board. This tool allows us to make better decisions regarding our capacity to take on new initiatives and remain current on the status of existing ones.

**Outreach** - This spring I brought two of our members who are marketing professionals on board to help restructure Outreach. As part of the Outreach committee we developed a roadmap and strategy for our marketing and communications, and I created an online form that can be used to request outreach through the various platforms we use today. As a result we have a clear understanding of what aspects of Outreach need to be improved, what we can do in-house, and what improvements may need to be outsourced.

**Membership** - I created an online survey that has been sent to our membership to gather information on demographics; volunteer skills, availability, and interests; and communication preferences so we can better engage our members.

**Voter Services** - This spring I stepped in as the interim Voter Services Director. I kicked off my first meeting with the chapter Voter Services Chairs in late April. In May we purchased volunteer management software called Volunteer Local that will allow us to create, manage, and view event sign-ups and calendars.

Goals

Goals for the upcoming year include:

- Add instructions for Voter Registration events to the Voter Toolkit
- Develop strategies for conducting virtual voter services activities
- Collect more data on voter services activities, including volunteer hours
- Increase collaboration with chapters and external partners
- Streamline process for signing up and managing volunteer events

Catherine Ryan

League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland Vice President

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**Bylaws Amendments**

There are no bylaws amendments on the annual meeting agenda this year. The current bylaws can be found on the LWVGC website at <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/greater-cleveland/lwvgc-bylaws>

In brief, the most salient points are that:

- The LWVGC board must implement a bylaws review at least once every three years (Article XIV, section 2).
- A bylaws review committee was appointed in 2019 and recommended changes that were adopted at the 2019 annual meeting.
- Any voting member may submit a proposed amendment (Article XIV, section 1).
- Any proposed amendment must be sent to the LWVGC board for review at least 60 days before the annual meeting (Article XIV, section 1a). The board will either recommend or not recommend adoption (Article XIV, section 1b).

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**2020 LWV Centennial Celebration**

Sadly, excellent plans for this year's celebration have been disrupted, but centennial events will still be appropriate in the next year, so we have opted to postpone some of our major events. Others will take place as virtual events.

The Women's Suffrage Symposium is rescheduled for April 17, 2021. If it appears that Covid-19 safety is still iffy at that time for large gatherings, especially for older and health-compromised individuals, we may plan a virtual, or partially virtual, conference.

The Belle Sherwin Luncheon will be postponed for at least one year until we can safely hold a live, in-person event at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS). Tentatively, the date would be in August 2021.

WRHS exhibit. The WRHS is closed now, but they are considering doing the Woman and Politics exhibit virtually. It would be available online for a price comparable to museum entry fees. The virtual exhibit will be free to WRHS members and, they have assured us, to LWVGC members as well. Because WRHS plans to make the Women and Politics exhibit permanent, it should be available to Belle Sherwin Luncheon attendees in 2021.

Women's Empowerment Lecture Series. On February 27, before the pandemic hit Ohio, Einav Rabinovitch-Fox, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), delivered the first of the Women's Empowerment Lecture Series, "Beyond Suffrage: Women's Reform Networks and the Road for Women's Rights." She presented a profile of the typical suffragist and noted that women's struggle for the vote was closely tied to their interests in reforms.

Subsequent lectures will continue as virtual, online events, with the first online lecture taking place June 27, when Angela Clark-Taylor, Director of the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women at CWRU, will deliver her lecture on "A Collector's Tale: Memorabilia of the American Women's Suffrage Movement." Anyone can register and get an online link for these lectures on the LWVGC website: [lwvgreatercleveland.org](http://lwvgreatercleveland.org).

Alice Paul Performance. We are pursuing the possibility of creating a video of "Alice Paul Herself Remembers," Mary Osborn's portrayal of the suffragist with accompanying slides. The video would be uploaded to LWVGC YouTube channel and be accessible for events and social media posts.

Other activities. Suffragists in costume registering voters will be put on hold. Educational projects will focus on the classroom setting, at least until large student gatherings are considered safe. In February, a successful book discussion group covered Paula Giddings book *When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex*.

Founding date for LWV Cleveland. This spring, a WRHS team researching local League history for the Women in Politics exhibit made a significant discovery relevant to the history of the Cleveland League. For years the founding date of the LWV Cleveland was noted as a somewhat unspecific "April 1920." While planning for the local League no doubt began in April of 1920, a May 28, 1920 Plain Dealer article reported the official induction of the LWV of Cleveland into the newly formed national LWV on May 29, 1920. More information as well as relevant links to the WRHS website can be found on the LWVGC home page.

Maryann Barnes and Susan Troia  
Centennial Co-Chairs

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**Advocacy**

All Communities Vote: The goal of this initiative is to help residents of Ward 14 (an area with low voter turnout) to consider the power of their votes, and to provide information about social/political issues in which participants express an interest. We collaborate with Metro West Cleveland and Cleveland Votes. Initially, we offered potlucks that included discussions about democracy, but due to the pandemic, have turned to other ways to register voters and help people apply to vote by mail.

News and Brews: Young League members from the Greater Cleveland chapters offer short programs on issues like voting rights, reproductive rights, and LGBTQ+ rights in local bars. The purpose of the group is two-fold: to educate and activate citizens on issues adopted by the League of Women Voters, and to give younger League members opportunities to collaborate with each other. Although the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland already facilitates excellent programs to educate the public. News and Brews members believe that a younger group of citizens is interested in learning about League issues but is not attracted to long programs. This group is currently developing an online program on healthcare accessibility for minority groups.

Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Group: This new group is interested in increasing diversity (age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or identify, etc.) within the League membership and also offering more League events in diverse neighborhoods. We will partner with other organizations to achieve our goals.

Other advocacy efforts during the year: We attended Senator Dolan's town hall to discuss gun violence, met with state senators to advocate for SB 186 which would allow people to register to vote at the DMV, and called senators to advocate that every voter receives a postage paid ballot by mail for the November 2020 election.

In the coming year: Surveys taken at programming meetings indicated interest in working on renewable energy, climate change, and cleaning Lake Erie. During the coming year, we will gather together League members who are interested in environmental issues.

Sarah Swanson  
Advocacy Chair

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**Chapter Liaison**

The LWVGC depends heavily on the cooperation and activity of its chapters to carry out League activities and functions. Of course, this year's pandemic has hampered activities, but there were a great deal of positive contributions prior to the 12 March shutdown.

Chapters distributed materials, held voter registration events in a variety of locations, sponsored candidate forums in chapter events and areas not covered by any chapter, distributed VBM applications, and two new communities expressed interest in forming chapters: CSU student chapter and the Bedford region.

We were only able to have one all-chapters meeting, but most of the chapters were represented. This was also an opportunity for members involved in the Census project and Voter Service to explain what they were doing and recruit folks to become involved in their activities.

During the buildup to the November 2019 election, in addition to candidate forums in chapter locales, we received requests from communities without chapters, e.g., Chagrin Falls, Solon, Euclid, Strongsville, Parma School Board, Bedford, Independence, and Berea. We were able to organize volunteers to hold forums in most of these communities. For the 2020 election, chapters should be working with Voter Service Committee on dealing with these requests, especially since they may have to be virtual. I am pleased that LWVO and LWVGC are already discussing how to accomplish these.

For 2020-21 I will work at organizing the chapters to collect the data needed for grants and for LWVGC records and other need that the Board expresses.

Penny Jeffrey  
Chapter Liaison Chair



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**Funding and Development**

Fundraising campaigns were held in the Fall to raise funds for the Ed Fund and the Centennial Celebration. LWVGC now has several ways to take donations.

- By mailing a check to PO Box 5310, Cleveland, OH 44101
- By credit card through the DONATE page on our website
- By texting LWV2020 to 44-321
- By donating to our endowment at the Cleveland Foundation

LWVGC Ed Fund received grants totaling over \$27,000 for various projects including voter registration, the Census, the Centennial Celebration, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and general operating funds. Grants were received from LWVUS Ed Fund, St. Luke's Foundation, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Votes, Children's Defense Fund and National League of Cities. We continue to look for opportunities to receive grants to fund our important work.

Meryl Simon  
Funding and Development Chair

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**Investment Committee**

The Committee reviewed the Fund Activity Statements for the LWVGC Education Fund and the LWVGC Education Fund, Cleveland Chapter provided by The Cleveland Foundation for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Our funds are invested in The Cleveland Foundation's Growth Pool which includes a number of Vanguard Funds. It is a low-cost diversified passive management approach that provides for reasonable growth. We recommend no change at this time.

Our investment policy allows the Board to authorize the distribution of up to 5% annually to support the LWVGC Ed Fund and its programs. As noted below, it did so in August 2019 from the LWVGC Ed Fund Endowment and in September, 2019 from the Cleveland Chapter account. When the committee met in late March, 2020 the stock market was in turmoil due to the global pandemic and the fund balances were down by 20% for the first 3 months of the year. Many of the League's programs and activities had been canceled or postponed. It is the recommendation of the committee that the board hold off on authorizing the distribution available in 2020 until 2021.

<b>LWVGC Ed Fund Endowment</b>	1/1/2019	41367.23
Gifts and Contributions		1528.20
Net Income (Loss)		8688.53
Distribution		-1862.00
Fees		-559.00
Balance	12/31/2019	49162.96

<b>Cleveland Chapter Fund</b>	1/1/2019	25116.50
Gifts and Contributions		0.00
Net Income (Loss)		4882.10
Fees		-368.00
Distribution		-5000.00
Balance	12/31/2019	24630.60

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Audrey Morris  
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**Membership Board Report**

**Current Membership:** As of May 18, 2019, we have 559 active members in the Greater Cleveland League, including 24 honorary 50-year members.

**Job Description:** The Membership Director is responsible for keeping membership records up to date, overseeing and implementing the annual renewal process, and providing accurate records to the Board of Directors and Chapter Chairs on a regular basis and on request. Records need to be maintained both in the LWV of Greater Cleveland database in FileMaker Pro, and in the LWV national database accessed online. The Membership Director is also responsible for compiling the credentials list for the Annual

Lisa Cech  
Membership Chair

**Membership Leadership Development (MLD) Report**

The Membership Leadership Development Director (“MLD Director”) is responsible for reaching out to communities to meet and recruit potential new members, connecting current league members with leadership opportunities, and helping current members develop leadership skills and confidence. In 2019-2020 the MLD Director worked with the Cleveland State University Levin College of Urban Affairs to form the first student chapter of the LWVGC at Cleveland State University and to actively recruit student members. The MLD Director will be working to hold a virtual volunteer fair for members, plan and implement the Voter Girl Scout badge program, and implement new ways to recognize members for their volunteer efforts.

Lauren Orrico  
MLD Chair

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**Program**

It was a year unlike any other but in spite of some obstacles, we were able to educate, advocate and advance the program of the League of Women Voters.

We had local program meetings with West Side Chapters and in Cleveland Heights/University Heights and Shaker Heights for all East Side Chapters in January 2020. We were able to unanimously affirm the LWV-US agenda of [Campaign for Making Democracy Work®](#) in advance of the LWV National Convention (June 2020)

We held a variety of public forums this year on a wide array of subjects, many central to the program of the League of Women Voters. Through collaboration with other like-minded organizations, we are able to extend our reach to do programming in all areas of Greater Cleveland. Almost every forum was taped and there now exists a library of public policy forums available to the public  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cNC\\_D5iWv4&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cNC_D5iWv4&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg)

Here is a mostly complete list of the issue forums produced, with video available to view now, from June 2019 through this meeting date (6/13/2020)

**Money in Politics June 2020 edition**

Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 7pm edt

"Following the Money: The History and Where We are Now"

<https://www.facebook.com/events/861997580976878/>

**Gerrymandering and Ohio video forum**

Thursday May 28 at 7pm

w/Michael Li, Brennan Center For Justice

Kathay Feng, National Redistricting Director, Common Cause US

Jen Miller, Exec Director LWV-Ohio

Catherine Turcer, Exec Director, Common Cause Ohio

<https://www.facebook.com/events/613244265938725/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBrH1ifXwq4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBrH1ifXwq4&feature=emb_logo)

**How will some of Cleveland's most critical non-profits survive Covid-19?**

Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7 PM

Video forum with Rachel Dissell, former Plain Dealer Reporter (Shaker Chapter sponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2918050641646847/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cNC\\_D5iWv4&t=112s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cNC_D5iWv4&t=112s)

**Vote by Mail in Ohio: The Best Way to Do It**

A video forum with voting rights experts from Colorado, Oregon and Ohio

Wednesday May 6, 2020

Amanda Gonzalez Executive Director, Colorado Common Cause

Jen Miller Executive Director, League of Women Voters Ohio

Kate Titus, Executive Director, Common Cause Oregon

Camille Wimbish of the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition

<https://www.facebook.com/events/657859568120751/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcd-Kx4x0CU&t=46s>

### **The Crisis in Local News**

Reinventing the Business of Journalism

Video Forum on Thursday April 16 at 7 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/666344060784945/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_609qfs-xT0&t=30s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_609qfs-xT0&t=30s)

### **The 2020 Census: Confronting Facts and Impact**

Sunday April 5, 2020 Video Forum at 9:30am

(Shaker Chapter Cosponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2688545714565866/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tV6j05L5k3o&t=44s>

### **"Beyond Suffrage: Women's Reform Networks and the Road for Women's Rights."**

Thursday, February 27, 2020 7pm

Lecturer: Einav Rabinovitch-Fox

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2903094519741314/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chYcbYXPZ2c>

### **EdChoice/Voucher/Ohio School Funding Forum**

February 25, 2020 7:00p.m.

25700 Science Park Dr #100 in Landmark Centre, Beachwood

•Chad L. Aldis, Vice President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

•Stephen Dyer, Education Policy Fellow, Innovation Ohio

•Frank W. O'Linn, Ed.D, Sec for Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

•Barbara Shaner, Ohio Assoc of Schools Business Officials

Moderated by Patrick O'Donnell, Plain Dealer Education Reporter

<https://www.facebook.com/events/171142010617759/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLAnz\\_U1MX4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLAnz_U1MX4)

### **Closing the Achievement Gap: Preschool and Early Child Education forum**

Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Rebekah Dorman, Director, Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children

Billie Osborne Fears, Executive Director, Starting Point

Beth Price, Exec Director Early Childhood Enrichment Center

Dr. Marla Robinson, Chief Academic Officer, Shaker Hts. Schools

moderated by Sharon Broussard, Former editorial writer, The Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com

(Shaker Chapter Sponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/559245741301294/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBqI7d19fcE>

### **Bail Reform in Ohio. What are our Options?**

Thursday December 12, 2019 at 7pm

Moderated by Nick Castele, WCPN/Ideastream

Judge John J. Russo, Administrative and Presiding Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Judge Charles L. Patton Jr., Judge, Cleveland Municipal Court

Claire Chevrier, Advocacy Counsel, ACLU of Ohio

Heights Public Library Main

(CH/UH Chapter Cosponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/577258456147521/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjVIXLo6r4g&t=131s>

### **How Do We Increase Voter Turn Out in 2020**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Shaker Heights Public Library Main

Ways to improve participation in the November 3, 2020 election

Panelists

Mike Brickner, Ohio State Director, All Voting is Local

Anthony W. Perlatti, Director, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

Jen Miller, Director, League of Women Voters Ohio

(Shaker Chapter sponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2720542901298414/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfg6jZEDhXE&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=11>

### **Senior Financial Fraud Town Hall**

Tuesday, September 24 · 2pm

Maltz Auditorium at Montefiore

[Sheryl Harris](#), Director of [Cuyahoga County Dept. of Consumer Affairs](#)

Jon Steiger, Regional Director for the East Central Region of the Federal Trade Commission

Sue McConnell, President, [Better Business Bureau Serving Greater Cleveland](#)

Natasha Pietrocola, Deputy Administrator, Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services

Mike Kallmeyer, Spectrum News 1 OH In Focus Host (panel moderator)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/504447353639607/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWpLiNA7E\\_g&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=22](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWpLiNA7E_g&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=22)

### **"Women's Health in Ohio"**

Tuesday September 17 6:30pm

with panelists:

Dr. Carla Harwell, University Hospitals

[Iris Harvey](#), President and CEO, [Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio](#)

Dr. Amy Hise, CWRU School of Medicine

Tracy Carter, VP Government Relations, [The MetroHealth System](#)

Moderated by [Marlene Harris-Taylor](#) WCPN/Ideastream

(Lakewood Chapter Sponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1136214719896762/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2u-MHpZOiI&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=22>

### **"The 2020 Census: what does it mean for Ohio and Greater Cleveland?"**

Thursday September 12 7pm

Lisa Neidert, Univ of Michigan Institute for Social Research

Daniel Ortiz, Policy Matters Ohio

[Michele Pomerantz](#) [Cuyahoga County](#) Government

The forum will begin with brief comments from County Executive Armond Budish, Co-Chair of the Cuyahoga County Complete Count Committee of the 2020 Census

Moderated by [Rich Exner](#) [cleveland.com](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/488572665022809/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUAJLDWWIok&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=18>

**"Plastics and Ohio" forum Plastic pollution, is it the next burning river? What can residents do?**

August 29, 2019 at 7pm

Moderator: Jocelyn Travis, Sierra Club Ohio

w/panelists:

- Cheryl Johncox, Sierra Club Ohio,
  - Sunny Simon, District 11 Cuyahoga County Council,
  - Sarah Damron, Surfrider Foundation,
  - Sarah Mathews, Rumpke Waste,
  - Cristie Snyder, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District
- Rocky River Public Library, 1600 Hampton Rd. Rocky River OH 44116

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2068556456773540/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG3CgWslDZs&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=18>

**Domestic Violence Forum: the tragic epidemic**

a forum on July 25, 2019

Shaker Public Library Main Branch at 7pm

Panelists

Rep [Janine Boyd](#) (D), District 9, Ohio House of Representatives

Judge [K.j. Montgomery](#) Shaker Municipal Court

[Alexandria Ruden](#), [The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland](#)

Megen Gergen, Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center

Moderated by [Rachel Dissell](#), [The Plain Dealer](#)

(Shaker Chapter Sponsored)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/368630317134227/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrI9JZuFgPw&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=23>

**Keeping Kids Safe in an Online World**

Monday June 17 at 6:30pm at Lakewood Library

U.S. Attorney: Justin Herdman

FBI Special Agent in Charge: Eric Smith

Cleveland Metropolitan Schools Psychologist: Bill Stencil

<https://youtu.be/hfPEKyxFOmA>

**Waste Water and the West Side...what are the issues?**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 6:30pm

Lakewood Public Library-Main

Panelists

Frank Greenland, Dir. Of Watershed Prog., NE Ohio Reg. Sewer District

Janine Rybka, Director, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District

Mike Summers, Mayor, City of Lakewood

Moderated by Prof. Howard E. Katz, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

(Cosponsored by LWV Lakewood, Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River & Westlake Chapters)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2397898613777002/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcTIU06D3I4&list=UUJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg&index=23>

Mike Baron

Program Chair

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**Bay Village Chapter**

The Bay Village Chapter has had a busy year. Below are our activities and accomplishments:

- Sponsored a meet-n-greet with candidates
- Attempted to get a candidate forum for the primary (the candidates could not agree on the format)
- Placed voter signs around town before each election
- Donated funds for a Voter Guide that was published in the *Observer*
- Purchased a license for the Voter Girl program (on hold due to the pandemic)
- Scheduled Alice Paul program at the Bay Library (cancelled due to pandemic)
- Participated in the Clark-Fulton project
- Dressed as suffragettes and attended the Women's Club Antique Show
- Hosted the Bay Schools Superintendent, Jodie Hausmann, at a membership meeting
- Observed Bay Village City Council meetings
- Distributed two \$1000 Good Citizen Scholar awards to two Bay High seniors
- Attend and publish notes on the LWV Ohio monthly voter service meetings
- Hosted a Mardi Gras party for our members and friends
- Planned the forum, The Addiction Disease with Michael Baron (on hold due to pandemic)
- Managed the ticket booth at Bay Days, our major fundraiser
- Participated in Cleveland Teacher Union fundraiser for LWVGC
- Made the change to electronic membership meetings on Zoom

Jane Blackie  
Bay Village Chapter Chair



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**Cleveland Chapter**

For over 100 years, we have been engaged in the community and driven by the mission of voter education and advocacy. Today, the Cleveland chapter is one of ten chapters making up the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland. The Cleveland Chapter, through the LWVGC, continues serving the community and playing a crucial role in grassroots activism and election protection - all while maintaining our commitment to nonpartisanship.

Over the past year, the Cleveland chapter has been focused on education and membership engagement. The members have participated in over 17 voter registration events, submitted 42 vote-by-mail applications, and participated in the annual ballot counting for the Cleveland Teacher's Union. Our own Chapter member, Penny Jeffrey (who also serves as Chapter Liaison), participated on a panel for the Literacy Learning Network and spoke about the basic rules of voter participation and voter registration.

In 2020-2021, we will have a continued focus on membership recruitment and engagement, ensuring that our members are actively engaged and involved in the public process.

1. We will also focus on building ongoing relationships and establishing new community partnerships to develop stronger affiliations and/or relationships between the chapter and the community it serves.
2. Because 2021 is a Mayoral and Cleveland City Council election year, the Chapter plans to hold several candidate events throughout 2021:
  - a) "Meet the Candidate" Cleveland City Council forums – dates and locations TBD (each ward will be hosted separately)
  - b) "Meet the Candidate" Mayoral forum(s) – dates and location TBD

Lastly, I want to give a huge **"THANK YOU"** to all our volunteers who always selflessly give of their time and who have continued to do so during this time of uncertainty

Stay Safe!

Leigh Tucker  
Cleveland Chapter Chair

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**Cleveland Heights/University Heights Chapter**

Voter Registration. Voter registration by Heights chapter members was productive, especially at Cleveland Heights High School, where 239 students registered to vote since last spring. Sadly, due to pandemic conditions, the chapter was unable to reprise the highly successful Cap and Gown Pickup Day on May 28, 2019, where 138 graduating seniors registered to vote.

GOTV. In the postponed, mail-only Primary Election, chapter members noodled and executed ideas to help voters navigate the vote-by-mail process (VBM), such as emailing neighbors, delivering completed VBM applications, and enlisting the help of public officials in texting and emailing voters.

Election Forums. The chapter held one candidate forum (co-sponsored with FutureHeights) and one issue forum for the fall General Election and an issue forum (co-sponsored with FutureHeights and Reaching Heights) for the March Primary. The issue forums covered especially contentious local issues (ironically both were “Issue 26”): in the fall, a Cleveland Heights City Charter amendment to replace a city manager form of government with an elected mayor (which passed) and in February, a proposed Cleveland Heights-University Heights (CHUH) school levy (which failed). All forums drew 100 to 200 attendees each.

Voter Guide. For the 2019 General Election, the chapter provided candidate questions and issue information for publication in VOTE411, and, using the VOTE411 information, partnered with FutureHeights, publisher of the *Heights Observer*, to produce a printed Voter Guide on the local elections as an insert in the paper.

Census. The Heights Chapter was represented on both the Cuyahoga County Complete Count Committee and the local Cleveland Heights Census 2020 Committee. Staffing a table at a local grocery store, Heights chapter members interacted with more than 100 people to communicate and distribute census information. Plans for more grocery store tabling and for assisting residents input census responses at the local senior center were canceled after the US Census Bureau shut down field operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Observers. Heights volunteers continue to observe meetings of the Cleveland Heights City Council, the CH-UH Board of Education, and the CH-UH Library Board of Trustees (all now meeting virtually). Their reports re published in the *Heights Observer*. The chapter is searching for more volunteers, especially to cover the University Heights City Council.

Advocacy. Public education advocacy is a major focus of the chapter as state policies have deeply harmed the finances of the CH-UH public schools. The Heights Chapter endorsed the school levy placed on the primary election ballot to cover about \$8 million in voucher costs (about seven percent of the district’s budget), but, sadly, the issue failed.

## **Volunteers**

We thank our volunteers, without whom we could not fulfil the League mission for our communities. We cannot list everyone here but do want to recognize Voter Service Chair **Blanche Valancy**, who organized several voter registration events and three election forums; **Wendy Duering**, who moderated all three election forums; **Sue Dyke** and **Kathy Petrey** for their leadership in promoting the U.S. census; **Susie Kaesar** for her leadership on public education advocacy both locally and statewide; and our chapter leadership team: **Robin Koslen**, **Kathy Petrey**, **Carol Spackey**, **Blanche Valancy**, and **Maryann Barnes** (chapter chair).

Maryann Barnes  
CH/UH Chapter Chair

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**East Cleveland Chapter**

The following are activities conducted by the east Cleveland chapter of the league of women voters during the period of May 2019 thru May 2020.

1. In May 2019 & May 2020, the chapter elected Dr. Bennanaye A. Brooks, President, and Mrs. Taunya Bickerstaff Young, Vice President. Dr. Mary Rice was appointed as Chapter Secretary, Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts was appointed Chapter Chaplain, and Gerald L. Silvera was appointed Voter Service Chair.
2. The East Cleveland Chapter hosted State Senator Sandra Williams at the East Cleveland Library where she gave a presentation on the State of Ohio's women suffrage programs. Chapter member Nathaniel Martin, East Cleveland Council Member, presented a Proclamation from the City making December 14, 2019, Women's Suffrage Day.
3. The East Cleveland Chapter conducted and/or participated in voter registration activities at the East Cleveland Public Library (2 days), Shaw High School (4 days), Forest Hill Park (1 day), and various locations throughout the East Cleveland Community, and various other locations.
4. The East Cleveland Chapter helped conducted a Candidates Forum for the East Cleveland School Board that was held at the East Cleveland Public Library.
5. The East Cleveland Chapter held a Holiday Party that was attended by members of the Greater Cleveland LWV as well as members from surrounding chapters.
6. East Cleveland Chapter participated in the Cleveland Teachers Union voting tabulation conducted at the Teachers Union Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.
7. East Cleveland Chapter member Gerald Silvera chaired the LWV Budget Committee.
8. East Cleveland Chapter President Dr. Bennanaye Brooks participated on the LWV Investment Committee.
9. East Cleveland Chapter has conducted monthly meetings at the East Cleveland Public Library.

10. The East Cleveland Chapter held an awards ceremony at the East Cleveland Library on May 18, 2019, in which the Chapter honored Ida B. Wells and Shirley Chisholm as suffragettes and supporters of women's rights. The Chapter also honored four local women for their service to the community. The honorees were Jane B. Sheats, Barbara Thomas, Taunya Bickerstaff Young, and Monae Harris.

Dr. Bennanaye Brooks  
East Cleveland Chapter Chair

### **Fairview Park Chapter**

Our small chapter, 12 members, had few chapter meetings before Covid 19 shelter at home order. But here is what we did do: one fall luncheon meeting to introduce our new member to our group. We had a holiday meeting to discuss what the other chapters and the League were doing. Individual members did participate in activities, such as, Fairview Park Community Council representative, a County Counsel observer, counting votes for the Cleveland teachers union, help register voters as they became new citizens, attend a training session on how to register voters.

So far we have no plans for the 20-21 year. We have another new member who joined in February.

Nikki Salupo,  
Fairview Park Chapter Chair

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**Hillcrest Chapter**

Our major priorities this year have been Voter Services focusing on Voter Registration & 3 Candidates Forums. We registered at Brush High School Parents Open House, Islamic Temple in Middleburg Hts., after-church Fellowship gatherings at Forest Hill Presbyterian, Western Reserve Historical Society, CWRU, Notre Dame College and Ursuline College. We were pleased to return to many of our High School Registration sites. We scheduled and participated at Mayfield High School, Beachwood High School, Collinwood High School, University School's Upper Campus and St. Ignatius. We gave out & helped fill out Vote by Mail applications for the Primary & General Elections. We also called Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to check for people who needed to know if they were already registered at their current address. We put up LWV Vote signs in local communities which were taken down and stored for next year. Our Candidates Forums were for South Euclid & Lyndhurst, Beachwood plus Bedford, Bedford Hts. Oakwood and Walton Hills which were together for one New Forum. This New Forum was successful and well received! It also had community organizations included as Co-Sponsors which we have in All of our Forums. Friends of the Libraries, PTSA's plus the American Association of University Women-Local Branch were this year's supporters.

Other General Activities: We helped the Bay Village Chapter put wristbands on children which is always fun during their fundraiser at the Bay Days and counted votes for the very appropriate plus important Cleveland Teachers Union Election. We greatly appreciate the variety of current issue topics at the Public Policy meetings which we attend as much as possible. We are specially happy about planning to have our Chapter Annual Meeting at the Museum of American Porcelain Art again this year. It is a Wonderful Venue! We are proud of our increased membership stepping forward to be involved in working at Voter Registration events & Candidates Forums.

A Special Thank You to Carolyn Suguichi, Gladys O'Mahen, Nora Stern, Virginia Aveni, Janet & Sadie Ghiandoni, Sandie Onorato, Susan Cahen, Barbara Williams, Graham Peters, Pat Moyer, Rebecca Parkes, Kathy Seasholtz, Heidi Parries, Cheryl McKnight, Nancy Kay and Jacqui Savoca for sharing their talents and time.

We send a Special Warm Welcome to our new members who we look forward to getting to know. We are so pleased to have membership growth again this year!

Roz Peters and Jean Gianelos  
Hillcrest Area Chapter Co-Chairs

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**Lakewood Chapter**

1. Membership

- 2019-2020 year-end: 59
- 2018-2019 year-end: 53

2. Voter Registration Efforts

- Registered 173 voters, exceeding goal of 80 for the year
- Voter registration efforts were undertaken throughout the year, with particular success at: Lakewood Arts Festival, North Coast College, Tremont Arts Festival, Lakewood LEAF farmers' markets, Metro Hospital, Lakewood Community Service Center, Welcome to Lakewood and Lakewood Diversity Potluck community events, St. Edward's and Lakewood High Schools

2020 Goals

- Register 200 voters
- Create a Voter Education Plan and a Voter Packet
- So far, we've registered 62 voters at Lakewood High School and 24 at the Lakewood YMCA

3. Candidate Forums

Lakewood Candidates Meet and Greet

- Tuesday, August 27; 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Inaugural such event, held at the Lakewood Library in partnership with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
- Candidates for Mayor, City School Board and City Council met with the public in a casual atmosphere to answer questions and discuss issues
- Approximately 100 people had an opportunity to mingle with the candidates

Candidates Forum

- Wednesday, September 25; 7 – 9 p.m.
- A smooth and successful event with approximately 200 people in attendance at Lakewood City Hall
- In partnership with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce

4. Other accomplishments/activities

Historical Marker (Photo Below)

Early in 2019, our chapter began the process of applying for a historical marker commemorating Lakewood women getting the vote in municipal elections two years before the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The application for a historical marker was

approved by the Ohio History Connection, and our chapter was awarded a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Historical documentation was researched by members Pamela Smith and Kathy Kosiorek, aided by Greg Palumbo, director of the Lakewood Historical Society. After thorough documentation and many rewrites, the text of the marker was approved on December 12, 2019.

The City of Lakewood has approved a site in Lakewood Park. While plans for an installation celebration in the park have been postponed due to the pandemic, we still aim to eventually celebrate this memorable event in Lakewood's history with the community.

The text of the marker is as follows:

“Women’s suffrage—the right for women to vote—was part of the women’s rights movement in the United States from the mid-1800s through the early 1900s. In 1912 and 1914, women’s suffrage was on the state ballot in Ohio. Both times, the issue failed statewide but passed in Lakewood. Led by Bernice Pyke, Lakewood women participated in the Suffrage Party of Greater Cleveland and gained support for their cause. Lakewood’s City Council put the suffrage issue on the local ballot in 1917. The male voters of Lakewood passed it, allowing women to vote in municipal elections. In 1919, Ohio ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. The amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution in 1920. The Lakewood League of Women Voters was chartered in 1922 and remains active a century later.”

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CHAPTER  
LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

Proclamation from City Hall (Photo Below)

During the February 18, 2020 Lakewood City Council meeting, our chapter received a resolution celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Greater Cleveland and our chapter were commended for significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work, and February 2020 was proclaimed as League of Women Voters Month in Lakewood.

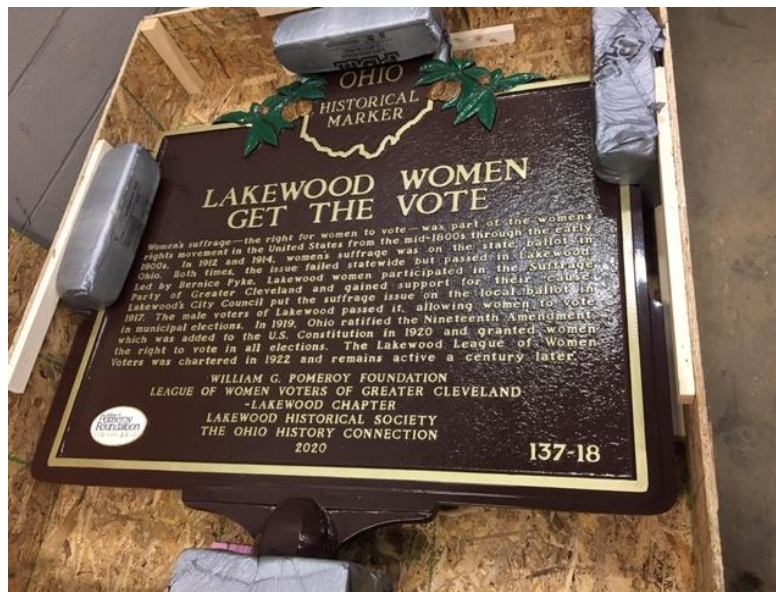
Collaboration with Lakewood High School

- We continued to build a relationship with Lakewood High School’s AP Government teacher Ron Lewis.
- We provided support to Mr. Lewis and a senior from the Student Committee of Activism (Sydney Heckeler) in introducing/brining civic activities to the school, including:
  - A letter writing campaign to teach students how to contact their representatives



- Wrote 30 letters that were sent to civic leaders
- Generated six voter registrations
- A Mock Trail
  - Participation for the first year: 9th grade: 5.8%, 10th grade: 7.7%, 11th grade: 11.3%, and 12th grade: 24.7 %
  - 2020 goal: increase participation by 5% per class
- Our relationship with Mr. Lewis has opened many opportunities to work within the high school in the years to come

Catherine Ryan and Mandee Young  
Lakewood Chapter Co-Chairs



Historical Marker from Ohio History Connection



Proclamation from Lakewood City Council (Feb 18, 2020) celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States

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**Rocky River Chapter**

Rocky River Chapter's activities were limited this year due to low attendance, reduced budget, and members' illnesses or conflicting activities. Most events occurred in 2019. After the New Year, the Chapter Chair went on vacation, only to return the day before Governor DeWine closed the schools, followed by everything else, after which nothing got done. In the coming year, we need to be better organized to get involved with the November election.

Here's what we did in 2019:

June: Co-hosted, with RRPL, the second annual Common Ground Community Conversation sponsored by the Cleveland Foundation.

July: Registered voters at Rocky River Days.

September: Hosted RR Candidates Forum, which was surprisingly well attended, considering only City Council and School Board candidates took part.

October: Discussed, but put on hold, a campaign to send new RR residents a welcome letter with voter registration forms and LWVGC membership brochures.

November: Held fund-raiser at One World Shop in Rocky River. Unfortunately, very few people attended, in spite of widespread publicity, resulting in disappointing returns.

May: Presented our annual scholarship to a RRHS student.

Our Chapter needs guidance as to how we can organize better, increase membership and involvement as November approaches.

Judith Weiss  
Rocky River Chapter Chair



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**Shaker Heights Chapter**

The Shaker Heights Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland is proud of its accomplishments for the 2019- 2020 year. The motto “we educate, we advocate, and we participate,” always guides our activities.

Educating the citizens of Shaker Heights is always top of the mind. Engaging and knowledgeable speakers allowed us to host forums on a wide range of topics from Food Insecurity in Shaker Heights to Domestic Violence: The Tragic Epidemic. We rounded out our lineup with a Shaker Heights Candidates forum in the fall, Increasing Voter Turnout forum, a Preschool and Early Childhood Education forum in early 2020, as well as a Health and Human Services forum.

Additionally, we began three of our Chapter meetings with speakers who educated us as well. Patricia Speese, Shaker Heights Director of Public Works, gave a presentation entitled “Challenges in Shaker Heights: 2020 & Beyond. Shaker Heights Chief Administrative Officer, Jeri Chaikin, highlighted League programs that are complimentary to City goals. Laura Creed, Chapter Co-Chair, spoke about the Court Resource Center, a project she spearheaded at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, which helps self-represented litigants navigate the civil justice system.

We continued our outreach and education of the next generation by offering the Legacy Fellowship to a high school student who is a resident of the Shaker Heights School District. Candidates undergo a vigorous selection process. They were of such high caliber this year that the committee selected two Fellows: Sydney Scott and Aria Zai. This mentorship program, which is in its fourth year of existence, is a unique opportunity for our Fellow(s) to learn about nonpartisanship and best practices in a partisan election, to understand the value of citizen involvement, and to learn about significant local issues to name a few.

This year the Chapter did not shy away from learning about and discussing difficult topics. In the fall, League member and certified diversity and organizational coach, Beth Welch, helped the Chapter to **begin** a conversation to raise awareness of the inequity in our community and our systems. While taking this initial step was crucial, the Shaker Chapter has made a long-term commitment to advocate for everyone in our diverse community. We will share and promote equity resources in our monthly e-Voter as well as supporting ongoing learning opportunities. To that end, (although postponed due to the pandemic), the Chapter is a co-sponsor of the visit and discussion with author, Debby Irving. In preparation for her visit, we hosted a book club and began reading and discussing her book, *Waking up White*.

During the past year, our hard-working League Observers attended **over 60** public meetings in Shaker Heights. Our Observers can give our members their written observations long before the official minutes of the meeting can be posted to the City’s

website. Although this important work goes on “behind the scenes” the Chapter appreciates this small but mighty group.

We encourage active participation in government by registering new voters. The Chapter provided voter information and registration materials while registering graduating seniors at Shaker Heights High School Passport to Graduation last June. We also registered students at the High School in October and offered school staff opportunities to obtain vote by mail applications and fill out change of status forms. In the fall we were at Fairmount Temple, and at the Martin Luther King Day of Beloved Community in January 2020. Several members worked with the LWVGC voter services efforts at Naturalization Ceremonies in Cleveland. Additionally, the Shaker Chapter provided voter registration training to about a dozen Shaker Chapter members.

Registered voters must also be informed about the candidates and issues on the ballot. While the League of Women Voters provides the indispensable online platform [vote411.org](http://vote411.org), the Chapter provided the questions for our local candidates for the election last fall. Not all citizens have access to computers, so in October the Chapter also printed and distributed 1000 copies of a local Voters Guide to area libraries, churches, and other establishments.

Our digital presence can be felt almost daily with social media posts. We are particularly proud of our new website page on the LWVGC’s site. The new page is much more robust than the old one, with videos of all our forums, some news, chapter programs, a Legacy Fellow information page, and more. Monthly e-Voters go out to all members and other interested citizens.

With all that we have accomplished we try to have a little fun too. A lovely Holiday Party was held at the home of outgoing Co-Chair Mary Lavigne-Butler.

Mary Lavigne-Butler and Laura Creed  
Shaker Heights Co-Chairs

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**Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter**

In 2019-20, chapter members rallied to support multiple League issues and learned to use computers and smartphones in new ways, all while honoring the original spirit and purpose of our now-100-year-old organization.

The chapter partied on Women's Equality Day, August 26, and introduced a "leadership team" approach to chapter management. Within days, members were out and about, accomplishing a wide range of education and advocacy aims:

Voter service (Bruce Robinson, Carole Koscielny & Gale Husney, co-chairs):

- Registered voters at NO Homecoming, at Westlake's Porter Public Library, at Northeast Ohio naturalization ceremonies and at Tower City, Cleveland. (12 volunteers, 2019; 14 volunteers worked 116 hours, 2020;
- Canvassed door-to-door (243 houses) in NO to inform unregistered and purge-list citizens
- Designed and delivered LWV door hangers and Vote411 material
- Presented Board of Education candidate forums in W and NO.
- Located new registration sites: Walmart (NO), West Cleveland Muslim Association Mosque, Center (W), John Knox Presbyterian Church (NO)
- Secured new partners: Westlake Chinese School, North Olmsted PTA
- Placed yard signs: October/November 2019 and April 2020
- Delivered last-minute info to NO businesses re. April 28 mail-in primary election

Action & advocacy:

- Responded individually to numerous LWVGC and LWVO calls for action
- Attended meetings conducted by our Ohio General Assembly elected officials
- Testified at NO City Council, objecting to the proposal to opt-out of the county's plastic bag ordinance.
- Moderated LWVGC forum on the County's Health and Human Services Levy
- Led LWVGC support for Cuyahoga Community College levy request.

Education (Jean Seasholtz & Karen Dodson, co-chairs):

- Held chapter meetings: Advocacy How-to's and Ohio's Education Report Card
- Attended LWVGC program planning
- "Zoomed" into LWVOhio Statehouse Day and other LWVGC & LWVO online presentations

Celebration:

- Sewed suffragist costumes for LWVGC events (3 members)
- Secured proclamations and resolutions from W and NO City Councils and Mayors
- Submitted a historical article to local newspaper
- Served on advisory committee for Western Reserve Historical Society's "Woman & Politics" exhibit.
- Met with AAUW chapter to hear a portrayal of Ohioan Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for President of the United States.

Membership (Diane Ahlers & Tina Gangadine, co-chairs):

- Welcomed five new members and "adopted" two members-at-large who live nearby
- Staffed a table at Westlake Community Services' Senior Volunteer Expo
- Achieved total chapter membership of 39.

Outreach:

- Participated in Porter Library's Community Reps meetings (3 members)
- Posted events and activities on LWV Westshore Facebook page
- Posted event notices and calendar items to local outlets
- Supported "digital literacy for seniors" exposition (May 21, 2020)

Plans for 2020-21

The chapter's annual meeting and leadership decisions have been postponed to June 30.

We plan to:

- Register voters and provide information for November election
- Share duties for Ohio House Dist. 16 candidate forum
- Set up anniversary display at Westlake Porter Public Library (August-September 2020)
- Study W & NO charter proposals

Janice Patterson

Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter Chair

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**2019-2020 Candidate and Ballot Issue forums**

\*Forum videos can be found on the LWVGC YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg/feed?activity\\_view=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ7rgBqka6ANkQakazxNPBg/feed?activity_view=1)

**Health and Human Services Levy Issue 33**

March 10, 2020, 7 pm, Rocky River Public Library

\*March 5, 2020, 7 pm, Shaker Heights Public Library

*(Sponsored by Shaker Heights Chapter)*

**Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools Levy Issue 26**

\*February 20, 2020, 7 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center

With representatives of Tiger Nation 4 Lower Taxes and Citizens for Our Heights

**South Euclid - Lyndhurst Candidates**

\*October 23, 2019, 7 pm, Brush High School

Candidates for Lyndhurst City Council (Lyndhurst mayor running unopposed)

Candidates for South Euclid City Council and South Euclid Mayor.

**Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood, and Walton Hills Candidates**

October 17, 2019, 7 pm, Bedford High School

Candidates for Board of Education

**East Cleveland Candidates**

October 12, 2019, 2:30 pm, East Cleveland Public Library

Candidates for Board of Education

**Beachwood Candidates**

October 10, 2019, 7 pm, Beachwood High School

Candidates for City Council and Board of Education

**Cleveland Heights Charter Amendment Issue 26**

\*October 10, 2019, 7 pm, Cleveland Heights High School

With representatives of Citizens for an Elected Mayor and Cleveland Heights Citizens for Good Government

**Cleveland Heights Candidates**

\*October 3, 2019, 7 pm, Cleveland Heights Community Center

Candidates for City Council

**Westlake Candidates**

\*October 1, 2019, 7 pm, Porter Public Library

Candidates for Board of Education



### **North Olmsted Candidates and Tri-C Levy Issue 3**

\*September 26, 2019, 7 pm, North Olmsted Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Candidates for Board of Education  
Representative from Cuyahoga Community College explains levy rationale

### **Shaker Heights Candidates Candidate Forums September 26, 2019**

\*September 26, 2019, 7 pm, Shaker Heights Middle School  
Candidates for Mayor, City Council, and Board of Education

### **Chagrin Falls Candidates**

September 24, 2019, 7 pm, Hamlet at Chagrin Falls  
Candidates for Chagrin Falls Mayor, City Council, and Board of Education  
Candidates for Chagrin Falls Township Trustees

### **Parma Candidates**

September 19, 2019, 6:30 pm, Parma Senior High School Auditorium  
Candidates for Board of Education

In addition to candidate forums, the Lakewood and Bay Village chapters hosted meet-and-greets with candidates in uncontested races.