



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



April Topical Tuesday: Discussion on COVID Vaccine Scheduled

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library will host a discussion on the COVID vaccine on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Cathy Cantor, Chief Medical Officer, Mercy Health Physician Group, and Ben Robinson, Wood County Health Commissioner.

Dr. Cantor will speak about the vaccine from a medical perspective and Mr. Robinson will discuss the rollout of the vaccine and how people can

access it.

Registration is required and the Zoom link will be sent to you at least 12 hours before the discussion. Registration closes 12 hours before the beginning of the program. Register online at waylibrary.info or by calling 419-874-3135, X119.

This should be an interesting and informative topic and a great chance to have questions you may have about the COVID vaccine answered.

Climate Change Calls for New Habits and Technology

*By Carol Hall
Natural Resources*

Regarding climate change, Bill Gates suggests we humans need to both change our habits and develop new technology.

As you know, our LWVPA Natural Resource Committee has worked to change the habits of our community regarding the use of plastics. Now Sautter's Market stores in Waterville and Sylvania have decided to bag the plastic. They are using 100% compostable grocery bags made by Biofutura-US.

The bags are made from cornstarch and other compostable materials. These bags completely break down in 80 days (as opposed to 500+ years for plastic) in a municipal site. New technology, new habit - good for our planet. What a fine example for others. We need to thank our merchants who are using paper bags (or no bags) and ask those who are still using plastic to switch. We might also mention the 80-day biodegradable bags.

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Please note: Register early for Topical Tuesdays

Did you know, Way Library closes the registration 12 hours before an event in order to ensure registrants are sent the ZOOM link in a timely manner? Don't miss reserving your spot!





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Mission Statement

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

Web Site

<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>

Board Letter

Dear League Members,

Voter suppression is not new. The Ku Klux Klan, educational tests, poll taxes, the requirement of having to have a grandfather who voted ... these have all been used at one time to intimidate and suppress voters.

But as Americans, we need to be always vigilant in the protection of voter rights. Even though there has been no proof of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election (Christopher Krebs, former director of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency, called it “the most secure in American history”) many states are now taking steps to limit accessibility to voting.

I find it particularly appalling that this is happening when we should be celebrating the fantastic job that the men and women who man the polls and the public servants who oversee elections did during this last election. Despite a worldwide pandemic and attempted interference from foreign governments, this country managed to pull off one of the safest, most valid elections in our history. Instead of receiving the praise they deserved, these people had their integrity questioned and their reputations slandered.

In addition, we set records for voter turnout all over the country. This, too, was a real victory for democracy.

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has made it part of their mission to fight voter suppression. They have stated that “we challenge all efforts and tactics that threaten our democracy and limit the ability of voters to exercise their right to vote.”

Recognizing that voting rights are currently under attack, the League is working year-round to combat voter suppression through advocacy, grassroots organizing, legal action and public education. “Our efforts have resulted in the protection of voting rights and ballot access for millions of Americans,” they say.

I hope that as a local League and as individuals we join in this fight to stop voter suppression and stand with the national League to ensure that elections are always free, fair and accessible.

Roseanne Barker

Director, Voter
Voter Editor



**Please welcome new LWVPA Members
John Meier and Mark Weber!**





Upcoming Meetings

For the most up-to-date information on League activities, click on

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, April 20 —

7 p.m. *COVID-19 Vaccines*, Dr. Cathy Cantor, CMO, Mercy Health Physician Group and Ben Robison, Wood County Health Commissioner and a Mercy Hospital of Perrysburg nurse.

Tuesday, June 8 —

1 p.m. *Annual Meeting Via Zoom*

The Program Committee, headed by Nancy Kelley and Way Library's Programming Specialist Natalie Diehlman, are busy planning next season's Topical Tuesdays.

These virtual programs will be announced on our web page and in *The Voter* as soon as the dates are secured.

Summary of Arming School Personnel Meeting

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area convened a members-only meeting on March 10, to hold a consensus discussion on the proposed state position on Arming School Personnel. A total of 19 participants took part in the two-hour evening meeting via zoom. The group reviewed 12 questions in five different content areas: decision making; cost and liability; the armed personnel, checks and training; storage; and perceptions of safety. The questions and research articles can be found at the link in the March Voter.

In general, consensus was met regarding all areas we discussed except decision making. There was confusion over how the questions were written for the decision-making section, in particular questions 1 and 3 since there was no option for “arming school personnel should not be permitted”. For question 1 there was not consensus on the statements regarding the state government’s involvement in determining the right of local school boards to arm school personnel. For question 3, some members believed all parties should make the decision and others believed no one should make the decision; ie, arming school personnel should not be permitted.

Consensus was met on all other topics: cost and liability; the armed personnel, checks and training; storage; and perceptions of safety with the overwhelming agreement that “arming school personnel should not be permitted”.

Thanks to everyone who moderated topics: Kathy Donahue, Josette McCarthy, Lynn Fleure, Jacki Stedman, and Carol Russell and to Nancy Kelley and Lynn Fleure for setting up and running the meeting via Zoom!

Perrysburg Senior Chosen for 2021 LWVPA Scholarship

The Perrysburg League has announced our 2021 scholarship winner, Perrysburg High School Senior Hanan Sjah.

The League awards a \$1,000 annual scholarship to an outstanding honor roll and citizenship qualified senior. The scholarship will be presented to Hanan at the League’s annual meeting in June.

During her time at PHS, she was a member of the French Club and the mock trial and debate team. She volunteered for the Toledo Muslim Community Center’s Youth Council. She also has served as a Way Library volunteer.

Hanan participated in the University of Toledo’s Social Justice Poetry Slam, which led her to be involved in the high school anti-human trafficking workshop. In her junior year she attended a high school anti-human trafficking summit at the Ohio State House, which piqued her interest in the continuing effort to confront this social problem. She is studying and expanding her knowledge under the guidance of Dr. Celia Williamson, executive director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute at the University of Toledo.

Her future plans include studying the various components offered in a collegiate arts and sciences enrichment program and pursuing the ramifications of legal practices from various venues.

Hanan has not yet decided on which college to attend.

***The LWVPA Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.
The following information will be voted on by
the membership at that meeting.***

2021-22 Nominating Committee Report

All are two-year terms unless otherwise indicated.

President – Jacki Stedman

VP Program – Nancy Kelley

Corresponding Secretary – Shirley Johnson

Director- Voter Service – Debra Gorman

Director- Natural Resources – Marlene Mills

Director at large (Finance Drive) – Lynn Fleure

Director at large-Harrison Rally Day (one-year term) – Carol Russell (Board to appoint)

Director at large-Natural Resources (one-year term) – Carol Hall (Board to appoint)

Non-Board Positions

Nominating Committee (1 year term) – Josette McCarthy, Judy Reitzel, Nancy Kelley — Board Member

Education Fund Trustees - Roseanne Barker, Nancy Kelley, Carol Russell, Carol Shepard, Jacki Stedman, Sara Weisenburger

The following are in the middle of a two-year term:

Co-Vice Presidents – Sue Hoffman, Star Wlodarski

Recording Secretary – Kathy Donahue

Treasurer – Sara Weisenburger

Director Observers – Stephanie Johnstone

Director Voter – Roseanne Barker

Director Publicity – Carol Shepard

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee; Josette McCarthy & Stephanie Johnstone

Revised Program Review

LWVPA PROGRAM – Annual Review January 26, 2021

Additions in red

Deletions ~~striketrough~~

LWVPA Focus Areas of Interest

Clean and Sustainable Water

Voter Participation

Public Safety

Education

LWVPA Other Areas of Interest

Human Resources and Social Policy

Education: ~~Study of~~ Monitor current trends issues in education with continued support of the Perrysburg School District (including Penta County) for a good academic program. Support levies (both property and income tax) when shown to be needed to sustain current educational standards and/or to provide specific needed improvements or maintenance. Study and analyze bond levies to finance new buildings, additions to current buildings and/or purchase of existing buildings when designed for economy and flexibility in adapting to future space and program needs.

Parks, Recreation and the Arts: Support of the Perrysburg area recreation needs and their financing with continued support for a well-rounded program for parks and recreation by the city, township and county.

Health and Welfare: Support effective services to meet the basic physical and mental needs of Wood County residents with consideration of programs to meet future needs.

Youth Issues: Support of Youth Services in Wood County to achieve maximum benefit of available funding to alleviate youth problems.

Human Trafficking: Support efforts to combat human forced labor and sex trafficking. Support creation and improvement of services to victims of human trafficking to facilitate their integration into the community. Support efforts of local and state agencies to aggressively enforce the trafficking laws and prosecute traffickers and offenders (consumers). Support training and education of the public, law enforcement, and service providers regarding human trafficking.

Aging in Place: support of efforts to allow for residents to age in place in Perrysburg and Perrysburg Township.

Government

Public Transportation: Support public transportation in the Perrysburg area with particular attention to the special needs of the physically and economically challenged. Continue to advocate for public transportation in the Perrysburg area.

Public Safety: ~~Study~~ Support public safety, including police and fire departments of Northern Wood County, the transportation of hazardous waste and safety in schools and other public areas.

Library Services: Support of good library service with adequate funding.

Finances: Monitor the financial accountability in Perrysburg city government with consideration of hiring,

Natural Resources

Clean Water: Support continued public access to clean and safe water. This support would include, but not be limited to:

- A. Improved waste water transportation and treatment systems, economical system for sludge disposal and monitoring of water quality.
- B. Precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that produce untreated animal waste that jeopardizes ground water quality.
- C. Continued monitoring of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and outcomes that may endanger water access and quality.
- D. Protection of water quality in the local aquifer, the waters of Perrysburg Township, the City of Perrysburg, the Maumee River and Lake Erie.
- E. Support efforts to educate community and reduce use of plastics in League and city activities.

Transportation of Hazardous Materials: Support of state signage and traffic patterns for all state and interstate highways, including access roads and rail transportation routes where hazardous materials are transported.

Recycling Waste: Support recycling in the Perrysburg area, including curbside recycling availability.

Land Use

Community Planning: Continued support of community planning (land use policies and procedures) to meet the changing needs of the Perrysburg area. Keeping currently abreast and monitoring planning, zoning, zoning appeals commissions in the City, Township and County, with emphasis on promoting orderly growth.

Historic Preservation: Support of historic preservation which should be of benefit to the Perrysburg area and of the City's historic zoning ordinance.

Voter Participation

Support efforts to educate community members on the importance of voting activities that may include voter registration, how and where to vote, candidate information and promoting maximum turnout at all elections and citizen participation in government.

Bylaw Changes Recommended by the League of Women Voters US

Submitted by Carol Russell

We have recently received some by-law changes to be incorporated into our local By-laws. While some were optional, those optional changes made sense as they clarified current practices and/or issues that may occur in our organization.

The first non-optional change is in the purpose/policy section in Article II. The LWV is emphasizing diversity, equity and inclusion as part of their recruiting and programing. I think you will see more programming and activities throughout the national and state leagues to emphasize this stated policy in the coming year.

The second change is in Article III, membership. This change defines qualifications for a student membership which is a membership status that the local league does not have to pay per member dues.

Article V, Board of Directors has a recommended change under section 4., Powers and Duties. This change provides a process for dealing with a board member who has not adhered to the mission, policies, positions, or procedures of the League.

There are three changes in Article VI, financial administration. (B.) clarifies the policy that we can use a designated part of per member dues payment from the education fund. (A practice that we have been following) (C.) clarifies that life members and student members are excused from per member payments.

Sec. 3 under Article VI spells out the financial distribution of funds should a local league go through dissolution.

As you read through these changes, you will find the new material in caps and red ink. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. These changes will be on the agenda and voted upon at our annual meeting this Spring.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. POLICIES. THE POLICIES OF THE LWV ARE:

- 1. POLITICAL POLICY. The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.**
- 2. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY. THE LEAGUE IS FULLY COMMITTED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE-IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE-WITH LWVUS' DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY.**

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

- A. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state at-large members; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from payment of dues. **(4) THOSE WHO ARE STUDENTS ARE DEFINED AS INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED EITHER AS FULL OR PART TIME WITH AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.**
- B. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors. Three Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years beginning June 1, or immediately after the election whichever is later, or until their successors have been elected. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWV of the Perrysburg Area. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire May 31st.

Sec.2 Qualifications. Any person who serves as an officer or director of this organization shall be a voting member of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area.

Sec.3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties.

A. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention and the Annual Meeting. Authorization for any single expenditure over one hundred (\$100) must be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

B. IN EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF THEIR OFFICE, BOARD MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AS WELL AS LEAGUE BYLAWS, MISSION, POLICIES, PRINCIPLES, POSITIONS, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES. BOARD MEMBERS WHO DO NOT SHALL BE COUNSELED. IF VIOLATIONS PERSIST, THEY MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Sec. 5. Committee Structure

- a. **Program Committee** shall be chaired by the Program Vice President,
- b. **Membership Service Committee** shall be chaired by the Membership Vice President.
- c. Each committee may be expanded to include members in good standing of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area who are not members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 7. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

ARTICLE VI**Financial Administration**

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area will coincide with that of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. Dues.

A. The dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Dues shall be payable on the first day of June of each year, beginning with 1982. Members joining after January 31 shall pay one-half the regular dues for the first year. Members whose dues are not paid by August 31 shall be dropped from membership. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, dues shall be one and one-half times the individual member payment.

B. THE LWVUS MAY AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF A DESIGNATED PART OF EACH PER MEMBER PAYMENT TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND. C. A STATE AND LOCAL LEAGUE SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM MAKING A PER MEMBER PAYMENT FOR LIFE MEMBERS AND STUDENTS.

Sec. 3. Budget. The budget committee shall submit a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall send the proposed budget—as submitted or amended—to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee.

Sec. 4. DISSOLUTION. UPON WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION, LEAGUES SHALL FOLLOW LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAW TO CLOSE OUT. ANY REMAINING FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE LWV, LWVUS OR LWVEF AS APPROPRIATE. FUNDS HELD BY AN ILO SHALL BE PRORATED AMONG THE MEMBER LEAGUES.

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg
Education Fund Budget July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Income					
Members	1,200.00	1,500.00	2,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Non-Members	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,300.00	1,800.00
Memorials	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
In-Kind Donations	1,200.00	800.00	-	-	-
Rebates	25.00	25.00	-	-	-
Fundraising / Scholarships	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Misc*	1,750.00	950.00	1,375.00	1,120.00	1,085.00
Total Income	5,525.00	5,025.00	5,675.00	4,620.00	5,085.00
Expenses					
National PMP	850.00	675.00	900.00	800.00	785.00
State PMP	300.00	275.00	350.00	320.00	300.00
Finance Drive	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Program Support	150.00	300.00	100.00	100.00	800.00
Scholarship	550.00	550.00	550.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Candidates Forum	150.00	300.00	400.00	400.00	1,900.00
Voters Guide	3,000.00	2,600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Govt Officials Pamphlet	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Website Support	-	-	600.00	450.00	965.00
Harrison Rally	-	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
Stranahan Award	300.00	-	400.00	400.00	400.00
Other Voter Services	25.00	50.00	-	-	-
Administrative Expense	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Total Expenses	5,525.00	5,025.00	5,675.00	5,895.00	8,575.00
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	-	-	-	(1,275.00)	(3,490.00)

* This line item is a planned transfer to cover the State/League dues and budget balancing

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg
General Fund Budget July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Income					
Dues	3,300	2,700	4,200	4,170	3,185
Finance Campaign Members	100	100	100	100	100
Finance Campaign Non-Members	100	100	100	100	100
In-Kind Donations	100	100	100	100	100
Stranahan Funds	600	600	700	500	500
Meeting Lunch Revenue	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,300	1,300
Total Income	5,700	5,100	7,000	6,270	5,285
Expenses					
National PMP	850	675	900	800	785
State PMP	900	850	1,200	950	975
National/State Convention	-	-	375	750	110
Perrysburg Voter	25	25	-	-	-
Publications	25	25	-	-	-
Program Meetings	150	150	-	-	-
Position Support	50	50	-	-	-
Special Programs - Dues and Fees	50	50	-	-	-
Memorials	100	100	100	100	100
Meetings, Coalitions, Special Events	50	50	350	350	350
Membership	150	150	500	500	500
Meeting Lunch Expense*	1,100	1,500	1,800	1,300	1,300
Executive Board Operating	200	200	200	200	200
Printing and Postage	100	125	200	200	400
Website Support	200	200	-	-	-
Misc**	1,750	950	1,375	1,120	1,085
Total Expenses	5,700	5,100	7,000	6,270	5,805
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	-	-	-	-	(520)

* This item includes the Holiday Luncheon and the League Annual Luncheon in May

** This line item is a planned transfer to cover the State/League dues and budget balancing