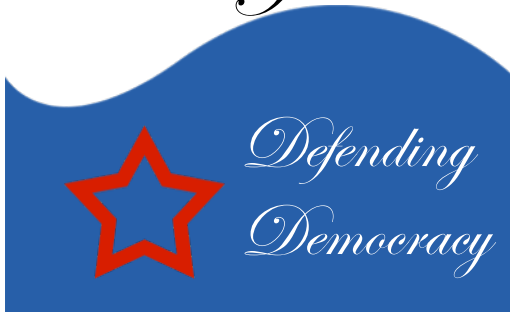


The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



January Topical Tuesday

Perrysburg Science Teacher Will Speak On the Health of Lake Erie

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library will present Amy Boros, a science teacher at Hull Prairie Intermediate School, to speak about the health of Lake Erie for a Topical Tuesday on January 14 at 7 p.m.

Ms. Boros will talk about her week aboard the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency research vessel *Lake Guardian*.

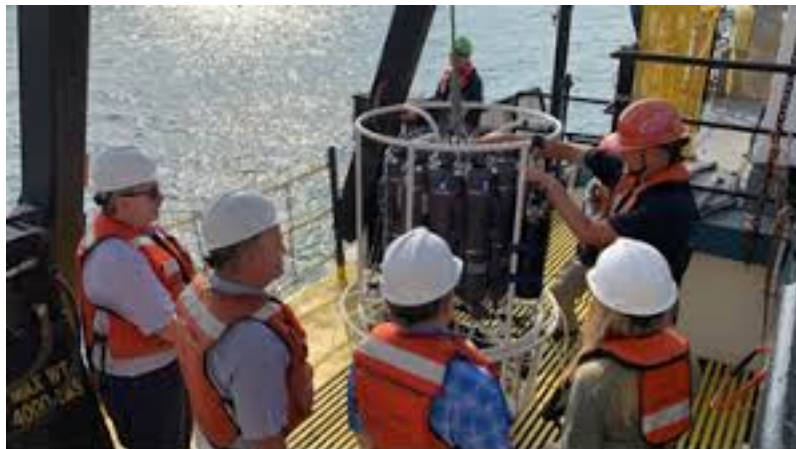
The *Lake Guardian* is a research vessel that serves on the Great Lakes. The ship has three laboratories onboard: multipurpose, chemistry and biology.

The largest research vessel in the U.S. EPA fleet, the *Lake*

Guardian assists the

Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) in monitoring and reporting on the status and trends of the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The GLNPO has mandates to help restore and protect the health of the Great Lakes as required under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The ship also provides educational opportunities around the Great Lakes Basin.



Monitoring water quality on the Lake Guardian research vessel.

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President's Letter

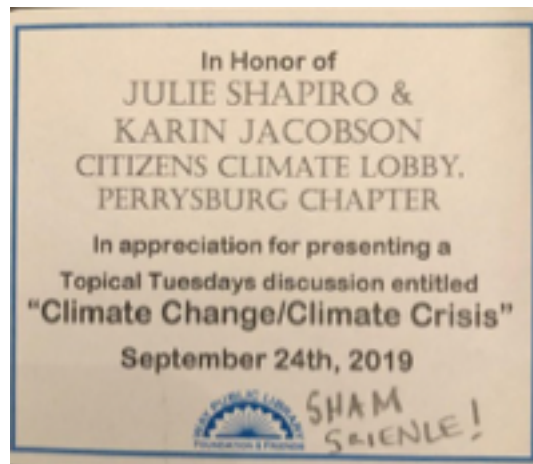
Resolution for 2020: Educate, Educate, Educate

Happy New Year! As I think ahead to what 2020 has in store for us as League members, quite honestly, I get a little overwhelmed, but equally enthused. As this edition of the Voter illustrates, we have many activities to look forward to including:

- The 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote,
- a presidential election,
- continued efforts to raise awareness about the use of plastic bags in Perrysburg.

All of these issues require our dedication to the League's vision for educating the community: "The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy."

I want to share a recent experience that illustrates the importance of our goal to educate. As you may know, at the conclusion of each Topical Tuesday, the Way Library foundation donates a book in recognition of the speaker(s). The September 2019 Topical Tuesday was on Climate Change, by speakers Julie Shapiro and Karin Jacobson from the Perrysburg -Toledo chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby. The donated book was The Uninhabitable Earth, Life after Warming by author David Wallace-Wells. Upon checking out the book later in the fall, I found the following:



These two simple words, authored by anonymous -- someone with enough conviction to deface a public library book, but without the confidence to share his/her name -- reinforced the importance of our educational role in the community. The community relies on us to offer timely, thoughtful programs. The LWVPA and Way Library collaborate to bring some of the brightest speakers to share their expertise. The presentations are

are intended to be thought-provoking and offer attendees a chance to stretch their understanding of the topic.

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Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

— 7 p.m. *Health of Lake Erie and the EPA Research Vessel, Lake Guardian*, Amy Boros, Hull Prairie Intermediate School Science Teacher

Tuesday, January 21 —

Noon *Annual Program Meeting*. Luncheon.

MEMBERS ONLY.

Tuesday, February 25 — 7

p.m. *The Suffrage Movement, Particularly in Regard to Women of Color*, Chelsea Griffis, Associate Lecturer at University of Toledo

Tuesday, March 24 — 7 p.m.

Current US Immigration Policy, Patty Hernandez, Attorney for ABLE

Tuesday, April 14 — 7 p.m.

School Safety, Brook Price, Perrysburg Schools Interim Asst. Supt.

Tuesday, May 12 — *Annual*

Meeting, 11 a.m. Carranor Club, *Luncheon*, Noon, LWVPA Scholarship, *On Women Suffrage — The Right to Vote*, Speaker: Kathy Saco, Robbins House Museum, Waterville, Docent

Tuesday, May 12 — 7 p.m.

The Kurdish Militias as US Allies, Syrian Secessionists and Turkish Terrorists, Neal Englehart

* All programs will be at Way Library, unless otherwise noted.

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So how can you be involved in the League's educational undertakings? Attend Topical Tuesdays to listen, learn and ask questions; invite a friend to come to League activities; participate in the January 21 "members only" luncheon to review our program and let the board know what is important to you, or join the program committee and offer suggestions on topics and speakers.

Regardless of how you participate, I encourage you to resolve to make 2020 the year of education!

Best wishes for a healthy 2020,

Jacki Stedman

Program Planning Luncheon To Be Held January 21

Our annual Program Planning Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21, at noon at Way Library. It will be **for members only** and will include soup and salad plus light dessert buffet prepared by our board members.

What is a League Program Planning Meeting? The answer is it is the one time of the year that we look at the program or mission that we locally have voted on and the areas we have decided to concentrate our time and efforts.

Plastic Pollution

*By Carol Hall,
Natural Resources Committee*

From The Toledo Blade, November 4, 2018

Plastic particles are found in higher concentrations in certain parts of the Great Lakes than in any other body of water on Earth.

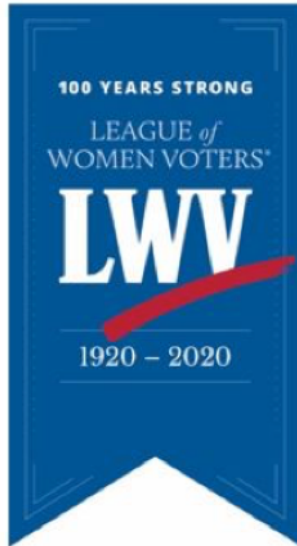
A dozen brands of beer brewed from Great Lakes water contained plastic.

Toxic chemicals, bacteria, and heavy metals often attach to plastic.

Research is being done to look at the risks of plastic ingested by fish might pose in human consumption of fish.

Two water samples from Lake Erie showed three times the number of plastic particles than any other sample collected in the world.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Happy Birthday LWV!

Debra Gorman, Voter Service

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment — giving women the right to vote — and the 100th Anniversary of the LWV! Thanks to the 100th Anniversary Committee, a number of activities have been planned throughout 2020 to celebrate these milestone anniversaries.

The three northwest Ohio LWV organizations, Bowling Green, Perrysburg and Toledo-Lucas County, under the extraordinary leadership of Toledo-Lucas County League member Judy Kehrlé, formed the 100th Anniversary Committee. As activities are announced by the committee, please add them to your calendar and plan to attend. It will be fun!

Celebrating the LWV's 100th Anniversary

The first big event will be celebrating the LWV's 100th Anniversary on Valentine's weekend! The **Valentine Theatre** is presenting a performance by the **Dance Theatre of Harlem**. In addition to the dazzling performance, those attending will also get to view the LWV and the Ohio History Connection's display highlighting the struggle for women's suffrage.

The performance is open to the public and is on **Saturday, 02/15/19**, (Susan B. Anthony's birthday), at **8:00 PM**. Call the Valentine Theatre Box Office at 419-242-2787 to purchase tickets. Get your ticket today and invite a friend to join you and celebrate the LWV's 100th Anniversary.

Toledo Museum of Art // Localeyes 100th Anniversary Celebration

A monthly Toledo Museum of Art series, Localeyes, will be reserved for women leaders of northwest Ohio. The LWV is scheduling the women for these programs. The women will identify their favorite works of art at the museum and then be paired with a museum docent for a public tour of the chosen works.

The schedule for the first six months of 2020 is shown below. Localeyes tours are at 6:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month. The tours are free and open to the public – and of course LWV members. Add this to your 100th LWV Anniversary calendar and invite a friend to join you!

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Date	Featured Leader
January 16	Chrys Peterson, former WTOL anchor, Leadership Consultant
February 20	Christie Weininger, Executive Director, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums
March 19	Nina Corder, Manager and Program Director, Women of Toledo (WOT)
April 16	Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Lucas Co. Commissioner
May 21	Suzanne Rorick, Executive Director, Toledo Opera
June 18	Teresa Fedor, Ohio State Senator



New Public Affairs Series Premieres
January 31 at 8:30 PM

WGTE is partnering with the League of Women Voters on a new current affairs television series, "BackStory". This monthly, 30-minute interview-format program will air the last Friday of each month at 8:30 p.m. following **Washington Week in Review**. The programs will focus on topical issues important to an informed public.

A three-member committee from the Bowling Green, Perrysburg and Toledo-Lucas County leagues will identify and research the program topics, plus schedule the topic experts to be interviewed in each episode. Judy Lanzinger, former Ohio Supreme Court Justice with a career span of over 30 years as a judge, is the host of the program. The programs will focus on topical issues important to an informed public. Once aired, there will be links to the programs on our website and on WGTE's site.

Save the Date

April 21, 2020
LWV Ohio's Annual Statehouse Day

Hosted by the LWV Ohio, Statehouse Day focuses on state-level public policy issues that affect our democracy and gives us an opportunity to lobby the General Assembly. It's an informative day and all LWV members are encouraged to attend.

Information about registration and program details will be announced by the LWV Ohio once plans are finalized.

LWV of Perrysburg — Our Beginnings

by Nancy J. Kelley

Part 4: The 1970's

From the local newspapers --

October 8, 1970 -- On September 29, the Annual Meeting was held at the Toledo Club. Mrs. Stephen Virkin (Judy) was elected president for the 1970-71 years.

September 28, 1971 — The Perrysburg League opened its fall season with a General Meeting held at Belmont Country Club. Mr. Charles Whitten, General Manager of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, spoke on the benefits that TARTA will bring to the community. The issue of public transportation will be on the ballot in November.

January 13, 1972 — HURT (Help Us Recycle Trash) is supported by the League as well as City Council. Recycling Centers will be set up at various places in the City.

March 2, 1972 — The Third Annual rummage sale will be held on March 14 at the First United Methodist Church. A study of public transportation needs in the community has been initiated by the League. A survey of local residents is being conducted for the League by the senior government class at PHS under the direction of Mr. Larry Studer.

April 26, 1972 — The Annual Meeting, held at the Toledo Country Club, celebrated the Perrysburg League's twentieth anniversary. Stephen Stranahan spoke on the importance of Community Planning.

April 30, 1974 — The second Annual Meeting was held at the Carranor Club. Mrs. Lloyd Young was elected President. The PB Public School System study will be continued as well as a study of the correctional facilities available to Perrysburg residents. The study of public transportation in Perrysburg will also be continued.

May 23, 1974 — The Toledo Blade noted that although the LWV of the US voted to open its membership to men, only the Toledo-Lucas County League has a male member, Fr. Robert Jackson, a professor at the University of Toledo.

December 11, 1975 — The Perrysburg Messenger Journal reported that on November 5, 1974, Perrysburg became the first city in Ohio to vote itself into an established regional transit authority (TARTA). The PB League had strongly supported this issue.

May 25, 1976 — Twenty members and friends of the League spent a very interesting morning discussing the city and township, studying problems of zoning, land use and growth in the area. Directed by the Land Use and Planning Committee, the auto tour was the result of growing concern by League members that not enough attention is being paid to consequences of rapid growth now being experienced in Northwest Ohio. (Martha Baldoni is head of the the Land Use Committee). Keep in mind that the population of the city of Perrysburg is 9,000 and the Township is 6,000.

December 23, 1976 — On November 30, over 100 members and guests gathered at the home of Virginia Stranahan to hear about area planning and land use.

To be continued next month.