

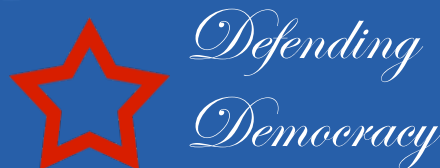


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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



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January Topical Tuesday: Policy Matters Ohio Researcher Will Speak On Overcoming Roadblocks to Health

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library will present Amanda Woodrum, senior researcher at Policy Matters Ohio, on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Ms. Woodrum will speak on *Overcoming Roadblocks to Health*.

She will share the findings of her report *Building a Healthy Ohio: Overcoming Barriers to Health from Poverty, Segregation and Racism*. This research helped form the basis for the League of Women Voters of Ohio statewide position on health equity.

According to Ms. Woodrum's biography, her research focuses on issues found at the intersection of health, equity and the economy. After living in New York City and experiencing 9/11, she returned to Ohio determined to make the state the kind of place she wanted to live. She joined Policy Matters Ohio in 2007 after receiving a master's degree in economics and a law degree from the University of Akron. She conducts research on the role transportation, energy, health and anti-poverty policy can play to promote a more sustainable and equitable economy in Ohio.



Amanda Woodrum

**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!*

Policy Matters Ohio is a non-profit research institute. Their purpose is to create a more vibrant, equitable, sustainable and inclusive Ohio through research, strategic communications, coalition building and policy advocacy.

Please plan to attend this informative presentation. You can register online at waylibrary.com or by calling 419-874-3135, extension 119. A Zoom link will be sent to you at least 12 hours before the discussion.



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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.

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[https://my.lwv.org/ohio/
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President's Letter

Dear League Members,

Happy New Year! If you are like me, the new year could not come fast enough. I am not one to wish time away, but I was grateful to start a fresh calendar with the year 2021 on it.

As you know, our 2020-2021 league year is still in full swing. Your board has continued to meet monthly throughout the pandemic and the program committee has interesting, informative Topical Tuesday events planned for the first quarter of 2021.

One meeting that I would like to bring to your attention, is the members-only program planning meeting on January 26. When I first joined the league, I found this meeting to be a little overwhelming so I thought I would break it down here.

The purpose of this meeting is for our membership to take time to review our Program (printed in this newsletter and in your membership booklet). As a local league, we use the program to guide our activities and programs for the year. Annually, we review the document, section by section, to make sure this still reflects our priorities and interests. Our local program is aligned with the state program. I ask that you take some time to review the program before the January 26 meeting and bring questions or ideas to the meeting.

At the meeting, we will also discuss additional bylaws that the state is requiring local leagues to adopt. These bylaw changes address the importance of diversity, inclusion and equity in our work.

Finally, we will make plans to get your input on state level positions to help the LWVOH set the state priorities for 2021. We will also introduce an upcoming study on Arming School Personnel. The study process is the first step to add a position to the state priority list and a grassroots example of how local leagues can impact the state objectives.

As you can see, our work doesn't end with the calendar year! If you have questions on this or other work the League is doing, please reach out to me or another board member.

Best wishes for a healthy year!

Jacki Stedman
President



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 19 —

7 p.m. *Health Equity: Roadblocks to Health*, Amanda Woodrum, Senior Researcher at Policy Matters Ohio

Tuesday, January 26 —

1 p.m. *Planning Meeting.*

Members Only

Tuesday, February 23 —

7 p.m. *State of the City and What Does the Future Look Like in Perrysburg*, Mayor Tom Mackin

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

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" Fundraiser a Success!

Jupmode sold 308 "VOTES FOR WOMEN" shirts and will be donating \$1,540 to the LWV chapters in Northwest Ohio. The Bowling Green, Perrysburg Area, and Toledo/Lucas County leagues will each receive a check for approximately \$513. Wow!

Thank you to all who purchased shirts. Thank you to Jupmode for their generosity.



Members-Only Program Planning Meeting

Please save the date for the program planning meeting on January 26 at 1 p.m. via zoom. Typically, this meeting is an in-person luncheon where we enjoy fellowship and focus on our program review. Due to the pandemic we will hold the meeting via zoom. Each year we review the program to make sure it still reflects our local priorities.

Our 2019 review was very detailed and resulted in us moving "education" to our list of major areas of interest, along with "clean and sustainable water, voter participation and public safety." The program helps guide our Topical Tuesday programs and activities for the year.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the content. Zoom invites will be coming the week prior to the meeting. "See" you then!

Below is our current Program, approved by our membership at our 2020 annual meeting via Zoom.

PROGRAM

Major Areas of Interest

Clean and Sustainable Water Voter Participation Public Safety Education

Human Resources and Social Policy

Education: Study of current trends 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.

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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 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, overtime, purchases, collective bargaining and budgeting.

Regional Planning: Support of participation of City and Township in regional planning and regional projects.

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.

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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.

To Nurture Nature, Neglect Your Lawn Is Good Advice

*By Carol Hall
Natural Resources Committee*

From The New York Times:

To Nurture Nature, Neglect Your Lawn

Why poison the earth when you can have wildflowers at your feet and songbirds in your trees without even trying?

Click on the link below to read this short, but very informative article.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/15/opinion/nature-lawns-environment.html>

Commemorating 100th Anniversaries

Passage of the 19th Amendment and LWV 100th Anniversary

The three leagues of Northwest Ohio came together in mid-2019 to plan for events in 2020 to commemorate the 100th Anniversaries of the 19th Amendment and the formation of the LWV. Members of the LWV of Bowling Green, Perrysburg Area, and Toledo/Lucas County met regularly to plan events throughout the area that were informational, fun, and open to the public. We expanded beyond our Leagues to partner with many organizations who were eager to get involved.

It was great having the three leagues work together once again on a big project and we thank the LWVPA members who participated in both the planning and in volunteering at events. The biggest kudos go to Judy Kehrle, Chair of the 100th Committee and member of the LWV Toledo/Lucas County. The scope and energy of the project would not have been possible without her leadership. Thank you!

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Below is Judy's report of the project.

100th Anniversary Committee 2020 Year End Report

Committee members represented all three leagues

For 2-1/2 months, 2020 was a year of celebration. Partnerships had been forged with 30 local organizations. A 12-month calendar of events provided opportunities to celebrate, promote and educate regarding suffrage. In mid-March, everything ground to a halt due to Covid-19. Minutes from all meetings and other documentation are available, along with copies of the history handout and materials for civic activities.

What did occur:

- * Chrys Peterson recorded about half of the — “Women of Northwest Ohio” spots for WGTE. The spots have continued to air on WGTE radio. Fewer were completed for WGTE television due to the library closure and subsequent inability to obtain visuals for the spots.

- * Participation in the “I Rise Coalition” Unity March in downtown Toledo on January 26.

- * The launch of “BackStory,” a monthly interview program hosted by Judith

Lanzinger on WGTE television. The programs were organized by a LWV committee, composed of representatives from all three leagues.

- * Participation in the Imagination Station “Girl Power” event with civic activities for attendees.

- * The 12-panel Ohio History Connection exhibit, “Ohio Women Vote,” was displayed at the Oregon Branch of TLCPL, the Valentine Theatre, Main Branch TLCPL, ProMedica Hospital, the Opera Guild event marking International Women's Day, and Owens Corning Corporate headquarters. It was then set up at Way Public Library in Perrysburg, but the library closed shortly thereafter. At each location LWV engaged visitors, answered questions, registered voters, and provided printed materials on the history of the 19th Amendment, LWV and voter rights.

- * The 100th Anniversary (on Valentine's Day) of the LWV was celebrated on February 15 at the Valentine Theatre with displays, costumes/sashes and cookies!

- * Two Localeyes programs at the Toledo Museum of Art were well attended with guests Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential Center, and Chrys Peterson leading tours of their favorite works of art.

- * The Toledo Opera Guild event in observance of International Women's Day at the Pinnacle.

- * Jupmode Community T-shirt to benefit LWV

- * The Arts Commission Young Artists At Work (YAAW) display **Among the many programs cancelled were:**

- * The YWCA Milestone Event

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- * The remaining nine Localeyes programs at TMA (Nina Corder, WOT; Tina Sheldon Wozniak, Lucas County Commissioner; Suzanne Rorick, Toledo Opera; Teresa Fedor, State Senator; Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Congresswoman; Lisa McDuffie, YWCA; Judith Lanzinger, retired Ohio Supreme Court Judge; Catherine Crosby, Chief of Staff Toledo Mayor's Office; Lori Hauser, Imagination Station)
- * Author Dr. Sara Egge at TLCPL
- * LWVOH Executive Director Jen Miller at Lourdes University
- * Black Lives Matter cofounder Malena Abdulla at TLCPL

- * OHC display at Way Library, Lourdes University, Wood County District Public Library, Sauder Village, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Wood County Historical Society, University of Toledo, Imagination Station, Wood County Courthouse and Girl Scouts "Believe in Girls Expo."

- * WOT Women's Empowerment Summit
- * Toledo Opera Outreach/Community Engagement events
- * "Scalia/Ginsburg" opera
- * The TLCPL film series
- * Toledo Press Club event at TLCPL
- * Manor House Suffragist Tea at Wildwood Metropark
- * Performances of Holly Monsos' "Rally" at Sauder Village, Jazz in the Garden, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Riverfront/Imagination Station and UT. Other venues with dates pending were Oregon, Bowling Green and Toledo Zoo Summer Concert. Sadly, we did not get to don our 1920's attire and march with our banners and placards. (Sauder Village, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums and Jazz in the Garden have indicated a desire to reschedule in 2021).
- * The UT Suffrage Summit with Christine Brennan as keynote