

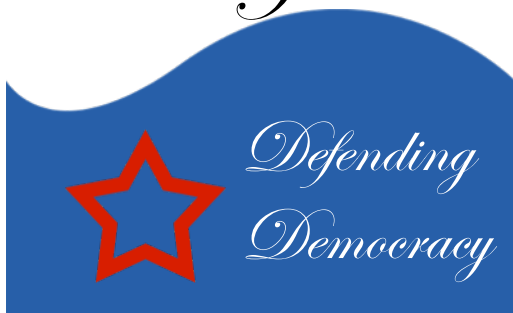


The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



LWVPA October Meeting

How Does the 2020 Census Affect You?

Tim Sarko, Data Dissemination Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, will provide an in-depth view of the 2020 Census at our Tuesday, October 22 meeting. The League will co-sponsor the meeting with Way Library as part of the Topical Tuesday program series at 7 p.m. that evening at library.



Attend this meeting and learn about the 2020 Census and its importance to you and your community. Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdown by sex, age, race and other factors.

Your responses to Census questions shape decisions about how public funds will be spent for schools, fire and emergency services, and healthcare for our community.

Learn how the Census Bureau goes to extraordinary lengths to make sure everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place.

The program is open to the public, so feel free to invited a friend to attend with you. Refreshments will be served.

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The Perrysburg League of Women Voters

Will Host our Annual Candidates Forum



Sunday, October 6



In the Perrysburg Junior High School Auditorium

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

The program will begin at 2 p.m.

Local candidates will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and to answer questions from the audience



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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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Board Letter

Hello League Members!

Collaboration has been an important practice of our Perrysburg League of Women Voters. For example, I would suggest that our current Topical Tuesday collaboration with Way Public Library has been a popular program, very much focused on current national and local issues. It has been a wonderful opportunity to facilitate the understanding of public policy and influences that is part of our Mission Statement. We are so fortunate to have the library as a partner willing to join with us in bringing these topics and resources to our community.

Both the Bowling Green LWV as well as the Toledo/Lucas County LWV groups have also been great partners. Our trio of groups worked very hard on getting both the State Process of redistricting, as well as the Federal redistricting process changed as we planned functions and coordinated visits to community celebrations where we could gather petition signatures. Perrysburg members were up bright and early at the farmer markets and out in the evenings as we visited union halls and other organization meetings with our sister league members. We continue this collaboration as we plan activities together to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women getting to participate as voters in 2020. And we continue to collaborate with Bowling Green for our Candidate Night, every other year when we are voting on county offices.

Collaboration offers an opportunity for new avenues to accomplish our goals of advocacy and education. It is also a great way to bring new members into the League. So my challenge to our members would be to think of new groups and stakeholders that might be willing collaborators as we identify projects pertaining to our mission and community projects. We have had excellent results in our collaborative efforts, and I hope that we continue to experience the benefits as we continue collaborating.

Carol Russell

Second Vice President

2019 LWVPA Election Activities

Candidates Forum

- Sunday, October 6

Voter Guide

- Published on 10/02/19 by the Perrysburg Messenger Journal
- Extra copies at Way Public Library and Candidates Forum

Vote411.org – NEW THIS YEAR

- Additional candidate Q&A available www.Vote411.org
- League's newest effort to educate more voters
- Share website with friends



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, Oct. 6 — 1:30 p.m. doors open; 2 p.m.

Candidates Forum.

Perrysburg Junior High School Auditorium

Tuesday, Oct. 22 — 7 p.m.

2020 Census, Tim Sarko, Data Dissemination Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

Tuesday, Nov. 26 — 7 p.m.

Patrick L. Jones, Chief of Perrysburg Police Department

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Noon

Holiday Luncheon. Carranor Club, Lucretia Mott on

Women's Rights in the 1860's

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, 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, 100th

Anniversary of LWV

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

League Board Votes to Support Critical School Levy

At our September board meeting the Perrysburg League of Women Voters voted to support the Perrysburg Schools operational levy on the November 5 ballot.

Passage of this levy is critical to help the school district maintain its current level of service to the community's rapidly growing student population.

Since 2008, Perrysburg's school population has grown by 19% or 882 students. To visualize that growth, this is more students than are currently attending the junior high school.

Because we are a fast growing district, the number of students counted in the state funding formula is "capped," which has resulted in a loss of \$3.9 million in funding in just the past school year. The consequence of this cap is that state funding does not keep pace with student growth.

The school board is asking the community to approve an incremental levy, as has been done in the past. This levy will grow in increments for the next five years as our population grows. An incremental levy sets a dollar amount to be collected each year. As more people move into the district the amount each property owner has to pay lessens.

If the levy does not pass, the Ohio Department of Education will require Perrysburg Schools to immediately implement \$2.7 million of mid-year reductions. The schools would then have to make an additional \$5.9 million in reductions prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Even if a levy is passed in 2020, no additional funds would be collected until 2021, so the district would still have to make cuts.

Perrysburg is known for its good schools. Our property values are high due in large part to our excellent schools. The LWVPA supports the efforts of the school district to pass this levy, because they believe it is necessary to maintain that high quality and to educate our growing number of students.

Please vote yes for Perrysburg Schools on November 5.

Next Brews and Views

Monday, October 7

5 to 7 p.m.

Te'kela Restaurant

25481 North Dixie Highway

Perrysburg



Guest: Tom Hosler
Superintendent Perrysburg Schools

How to Say No to Plastics

By Carol Hall
Natural Resources Committee

The LWV Natural Resource Committee is calling on local retailers, asking them to convert from plastic to paper. We ask that all of our members help us out. Here are examples of what you can say at the checkout:

I have my own bags. I am trying to save the planet.

I'll take paper, please. I'm worried about Earth.

Water (or soda) please, no straw.

May I have a paper take-home box? Or foil? And I don't need a bag at all.

Please tell the manager that it takes 1,000 to 10,000 years for plastic to biodegrade.

Making plastic bags puts CO2 into the air, contributing to global warming.

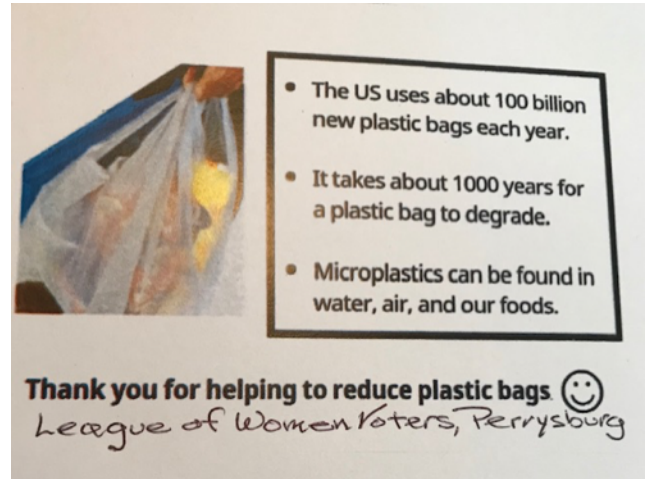
Did you know China no longer takes our used plastic?

Our landfills are filled with plastic, which is leaching poison into our soil.

The U.S. is using 102 billion plastic bags every year.

Plastic bags break into tiny (micro) pieces of plastic. Micro plastics are in the air all over the planet. They rain down on our soil and our water. We breathe them in, we eat them, and we drink them.

Please BYOB — bring your own bags, everywhere. If you forget, choose paper over plastic. And whenever you get the chance, educate those around you.



Signs like this are being given to store owners after members of the Natural Resources Committee talk to them about the use of plastics.

In Memoriam

In the past five months the Perrysburg League of Women Voters has lost three very active and valued members.

On May 1, Joyce Quinlivan, our third vice president and membership chairman, passed away after a valiant battle with breast cancer.

Ann Dana, LWVPA president from 1983 to 1985, died on June 9. She had recently moved to Illinois to be near family.

League Member Anne Ahern died at her home on September 6.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the families of these much appreciated ladies. They are missed.

LWV of Perrysburg — Our Beginnings

by Nancy J. Kelley

Part 2 “1960’s”

FROM THE NEWSPAPER articles

May 3, 1960 – The Toledo Blade reported that the Annual Meeting of the Perrysburg LWV was held May 3, at the Carranor Club. Mrs. Joseph Else will continue as president as she is serving a two-year term. Included among the items was that the group voted to go on record as favoring the charter form over the statutory law form of government for the Village. It will be on the ballot in November.

October 4, 1961— The *Bowling Green Sentinel Tribune* reported that the Perrysburg LWV decided NOT to support the proposed 3-mill school operating levy scheduled for a vote on November 7. (The League felt the proposed teacher salary increase could be made in 1962-63 without the levy.) The League voted to take no stand for the other two November issues, the \$1,240,000 bond issue for a new high school and the new five-mill levy to equip the school. The district needs a new high school, but the group didn’t indicate how soon. These decisions were reached after a three-month study of the Perrysburg School System by a committee of ten League members. *NOTE: THE LEVY DID NOT PASS ON NOV. 7.*

October 26, 1961— the *Perrysburg Messenger Journal* reported that the LWV “Candidates Fair” will be held on November 2, at 8 p.m. at the Elm Street School. League President Mrs. John Zachman announced that all 27 candidates for local offices had been invited. The Perrysburg High School band will play, refreshments will be served. This will mark Perrysburg’s first city government in its 145-year history since its growth two years ago from Village status.

October 31, 1963 — The *Perrysburg Messenger Journal* reported that at the League’s Candidates Fair held on October 29, the League stated that they supported the two local school levies to meet the need of the expanding school situation, the school asked for a renewal of the present 4.6-mill levy and a 3% levy for operating expenses. Local candidates’ offices will also be on the ballot.

September 30, 1964 — The *Toledo Blade* reported that the LWV Board welcomed members and guests with a song “Welcome Ladies,” to the tune of “Hello Dolly.” Their first meeting of the year was held on September 29, in the George B. Secor home on Rockledge Circle. A world’s fair theme prevailed during the morning when the members presented a view of today’s LWV via skits. A film, *Where were You?* was also shown.

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Information about the League was given to the guests — the LWV has monthly meetings at the Carranor Club the fourth Tuesday of every month, except December, June, July, and August when there are none, plus the separate group study meetings. Officers this year are Mrs. Cherrington, president, and Mrs. Duston, first vice-president.

September 23, 1968 — The *Toledo Blade* reported that the League's all day membership meeting at the Toledo Country Club was spiced with a skit called "Have a Cup of Tea with Greenlee," a take-off on the TV *Laugh-In* program. Mrs. R.E. Greenlee Jr., president, took the part of the hippie, and she interviewed different board members in a living room conversation-type program which was interspersed with TV-like spoof commercials. There was a protest march to celebrate the upcoming national league's fiftieth anniversary.

January 30, 1969 — The *Toledo Blade* reported that on January 28, the Toledo and Perrysburg LWV joined together at the home of Mrs. George Secor in Perrysburg to kick-off the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary. Mrs. Secor is a granddaughter of the late Sarah Bissell, an active suffragette, and the first president of the Greater Toledo LWV. Mrs. Secor and her sister Sarah S. Bissell reminisced about childhood days when famous suffragettes visited their grandmother in Toledo. They repeated a story their father Frederick Bissell had told them about returning home one time a night earlier than he had been expected. He went to his room and began taking off his shoes, when a surprised woman popped her head up from the bed and indignantly demanded, "And who, pray tell, are you?" The surprised father told his daughters he believed it was Susan B. Anthony, but didn't tarry long enough to find out.

The theme of the day was "We've Come a Long Way, Ladies." Mrs. Ben Beazley (Pat) represented the past and dressed in an appropriate costume, and Mrs. Terry Emrick, dressed as a space-age girl, represented the future. A luncheon was held in the East South Boundary Street, home of the President of the Perrysburg League, Mrs. R.E. Greenlee, Jr.

Next month will be a continuation of the 1960's with information reported in the League's newsletter, *The Village Voter*.

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