

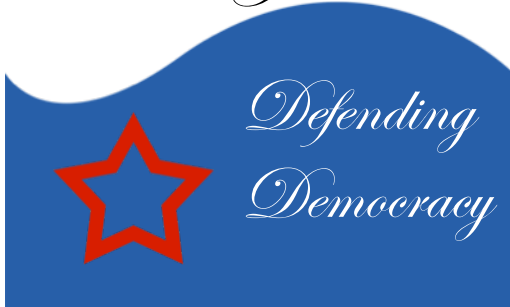


The Voter

November 2022

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



Upcoming Topical Tuesdays: Plan to Attend These November/ December LWVPA Meetings

The Cocoon

Tuesday, November 22 at 7 pm, Way Library

The Cocoon is Wood County's comprehensive domestic and sexual violence agency serving survivors for over 17 years. Executive Director Kathy Mull will share the mission and vision of The Cocoon, the impact and scope of services provided, ways to get involved, and plans for the future.

Fort Meigs Historic Site

Tuesday, December 13, at 7 pm, Way Library

The library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area welcome Ashley Philpot, Executive Director of the Fort Meigs Historic Site. Ms. Philpot will discuss how Fort Meigs Historic Site is striving to refocus the storytelling of this significant and often misunderstood battlefield by expanding the historical narrative, introducing new technology onsite and virtually, and correcting misconceptions about the property and its purpose.

Meigs Museum Tour (off-site, Fort Meigs Historic Site)

Wednesday, December 14, at 10 am, Fort Meigs

Join Ashley Philpot, Executive of the Fort Meigs Historic Site, for a tour of the museum. Ashley Philpot has been with the Fort for 14 years and she is fascinated by the lesser known stories of the War of 1812. Ashley's research focuses on the lower ranking soldiers' and women's roles in the conflict. Registration is required and link will be available on Way Library website.

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This Voter covers the months of November and December.



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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>

***The deadline for
Voter articles is the
25th of each month.***

Board Letter



Dear League Members,

An important part of the League of Women Voters mission has been providing education opportunities for the citizens in the many communities we serve. Vehicles for education have included candidate debates, forums, program meetings focusing on public policy issues, the voter guides, and most recently VOTE411. While we advocate for issues such as public education, human trafficking, etc., we are non-partisan regarding candidates.

Our community has historically responded well to the efforts we have made, especially regarding information around elections. I am sure I am not alone in being thanked for the Voter guide as I have been out and about in the city. Our candidate forums have been well attended when we had them in person, and we have had a wonderful response on our website tuning in to our remote events in the last two years.

This year we have been faced with a new challenge ... one that has previously been in other areas of the state, but not in our community. If you go to VOTE 411 you will find a number of our candidates running for state and local offices have not submitted information to VOTE 411. You will also note that our voter guide printed as part of the Messenger did not include several candidates. We also had only two offices represented at our candidate forum. Because of our non-partisan position, if one candidate does not participate, we cannot allow the other candidate to participate. Nationally, the League and other sponsoring debate entities have been accused of being partisan, and in some instances that is the reason given for non-participation.

The opportunities for the voting public to get information regarding candidates are diminishing. As I have looked at most candidate websites, I have not found information that would help me make a decision in voting. More importantly, most voting citizens are busy and may find it difficult to get information when it is not readily available.

I do not have a solution to this problem. I would challenge you to think about where you are getting information regarding candidates running for our state and local offices. I do believe that we have some intelligent and creative thinkers in the League that may have some new ideas. I think our mission of education increasingly important in contributing to the democratic process.

Carol Russell

Director



Upcoming Meetings

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

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, November 22 — 7 p.m. Kathy Mull, Exec. Dir. of the Cocoon (Women's Shelter).

Tuesday, December 13 — 7 p.m. *America's History in Our Backyard*, Ashley Philpot, Director of Fort Meigs.

Wednesday, December 14 — 10 a.m., *Tour of Fort Meigs Museum*.

Tuesday, December 6 — Noon, *Holiday Luncheon*, Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons.

All meetings will be held at Way Library unless otherwise noted.

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

Save the Date!

Please Join Us For The Perrysburg League of Women Voters Holiday Luncheon

When: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Registration and Social Time 11:30 A.M.
Noon Luncheon

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Levis Commons, Perrysburg, Ohio

Speaker: Jan Dixon, *Plant It and They Will Come*

Meal: Baked Potato Bar, Soup, Salad and Dessert
With your choice of coffee, iced tea or Tazo teas.

Price: \$29.50

An invitation will be sent out the first week in November with instructions for making reservations.



2022 Candidates Forum Now Available On-demand at LWVPA's Website:

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

The 2022 Candidates Forum was recorded on Sunday, October 9, and can be watched on-demand through Election Day. Jacki Stedman, LWVPA President, was host for the event and Board Member, Lynn Fleure, was moderator. Lynn did such a professional job, no one could not tell it was her first appearance at the Forum. She and Jacki made a good on-camera team.

Lynn's assistant was Lee McLaird, LWV Bowling Green Board Member. Lee has much Forum experience -- we were lucky to have her on our team.



Behind the scenes, were our timers, Board Members Roseanne Barker and Shirley Johnson. Timers are so important in maintaining the integrity of the Forum. They ensure each candidate gets their allotted number of minutes to respond and that the candidates know when that allotted time has expired. Roseanne and Shirley ensured all went according to plan.

Please watch the Forum!

LWVPA Receives Gift from Ann and Charles Dana

This fall the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area was fortunate to receive a monetary gift from the Charles and Ann Dana Charitable Trust. Ann passed away June 9, 2019 and Charles passed away December 30, 2021. Ann was a very involved League member for many years and served as President from 1983-1985. She could always be counted on to help when called upon. One of her passions was serving on the Perrysburg High School scholarship committee which awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a PHS graduate.

We would love to hear your stories of Ann and publish them in upcoming issues of *The Voter*. If you have a memory of Ann, please send it to our email at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com.

Celebrating Our Past

On Saturday, October 8, Perrysburg League members were invited to the dedication of a marker in honor of NWOH suffragist and Toledo League founder, Olive Colton (1873-1972). A local historian discovered that Ms. Colton did not have a plaque on her gravesite in the historic Forest Cemetery in Toledo. The Toledo League raised funds for a permanent marker. The event attracted the attention of the National and Ohio Leagues. Dr. Deborah Turner, President of the LWV United States Board of Directors, and Iris Meltzer, President of the LWV Ohio both spoke at the event.

At the event's conclusion, Gail Conrad from the Toledo league offered a toast with this quote from Olive Colton: "As the people are sovereign in a democracy, the League believes an improved electorate would mean better government. But first the voters must have access to the facts instead of half truths; to find the facts there must be an opportunity to hear all sides, and the League holds that authorities know more than politicians about public matters. [thus] the slogan is: *Every woman an intelligent, conscientious voter.*"

To learn more about Olive Colton, please visit PBS Backstory:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/women-northwest-ohio-spotlight-olive-colton-5aktrb/>



Pictured are: Jacki Stedman, Malti Kumar, Iris Meltzer, Dr. Deborah Turner, Debra Gorman

You Did It!

Thanks to the LWVPA members who answered Voter Services' *call-to-action* for the current election. We accomplished a lot:

- ✓ Registered 74 voters.
- ✓ Provided over 20 blank Voter Registration forms for individuals to complete later. We also gave information to these individuals on how to register online.
- ✓ Distributed 300 each of the **Voting 1-2-3** and the **Voter Resources** palm cards to individuals and six of our public libraries in Wood County.
- ✓ Over 70 of our **Just Vote Please** yard signs are on display in yards, buildings, and windows. (Email lwvperryburg@gmail.com if you still want a sign.)
- ✓ Mailed all 2,000 of our **Get-Out-The-Vote** postcards. Members affixed mailing labels and postage and wrote, "Please vote," on each card – all while chatting and laughing with other LWVPA members.

Thank you to the volunteers below who organized multiple voter registration events and the postcard drive, registered voters, distributed voting information, encouraged voters to take signs, worked the LWVPA's booth at Perryburg's Homecoming Festival, and showed up to the postcard gatherings.

The next time you run into one of these members, tell them, "Thank you for your League work!"
John Hall, Sue Hoffman, Barbara Blem, Roger Blem, Alice Godsey, Carol Hall, Carol Pankratz, Carol Russell, Christine Johnson, Debra Gorman, Jacki Stedman, Jeanne Emch, Jerry Mills, Judy Reitzel, Kathy Donahue, Mark Weber, Marlene Mills, Mary Clark, and Sue Brotje.

**Statehouse Day 2022
To Be Held at the Sheraton
Columbus Hotel
at Capitol Square**



LWV of Ohio is hosting our Annual Statehouse Day unusually late this year, as we expect the outgoing Ohio General Assembly to attempt to pass legislation that could reduce early voting, make it harder for citizens to place initiatives on the ballot, enact even harsher abortion laws, or infringe on the rights of diverse Ohioans. We need LWV members and supporters throughout the Buckeye State to join us for Statehouse Day. You will hear from experts about pending legislation, learn best practices for lobbying elected officials, enjoy an inspiring keynote lunch, and meet League members from across the state.

Jacki Stedman and Debra Gorman from our League have already registered to attend. They will be carpooling and welcome more passengers. If you are interested in attending, have questions about the day's activities, and to have your registration fee reimbursed by LWVPA, email lwvperryburg@gmail.com.

We promise you will be energized when you leave Statehouse Day!



Voter Checklist

- ✓ Watch Candidates Forum online at LWV Perrysburg's website
<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>
- ✓ Go to Online Voter Guide for Candidate's Q&A and their Social Media
www.Vote411.org > *Find What's on Your Ballot*
- ✓ Be Informed. Vote Informed. Find links to ballot issues and voting info.
<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area/voting-elections>
- ✓ Vote Your Way
 - Early In-Person Voting through 11/07/22 – find dates and times at LWVPA's website.
 - In-Person Voting on Election Day, 11/08/22, at your polling location.
 - If Voting-by-Mail, follow instructions, note due dates, and return your voted ballot ASAP.

Vote!

In Case You Missed It ...

The Topical Tuesday panel presentation on Media Literacy, Tuesday, October 18, was a great success. Over 30 attendees listened to panel members Colleen Boff, Beth Church and Tim Kitson. The panelists offered personal insight into how students are educated in identifying credible sources. It was agreed that source checking can take time, but the payoff is a more informed citizenry. Colleen Boff shared her list of media literacy resources – see below.

Media Literacy Resources

Fact Checkers

FactCheck.org

- <https://www.factcheck.org/>
- A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania
- Since 2003

*Created by Dr. Colleen Boff, Bowling
Green State University ~ cboff@bgsu.edu*

Media Bias / Fact Check

- <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>

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- <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>
- A fact checker that compares the fact checkers
- Since 2015
- CAUTION: there are tons of ads on this site. Be careful what you click on.

PolitiFact

- <https://www.politifact.com/>
- Since 2007

Snopes

- <https://www.snopes.com/>
- Since 1994

Washington Post Fact Checker

- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/>
- Since 2011

Evaluation Tools

CARRDSS by Joyce Valenza, School Librarian

- <http://vtdoenetworks.pbworks.com/f/CARRDSS.pdf>
- Credibility, accuracy, reliability, relevance, date, sources behind the text, scope

CRAAP developed by librarians at California State University at Chico

- <https://library.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/craap-test.pdf>
- Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, Purpose

IMVAIN created by Stony Brook University's Digital Resource Center for News Literacy

<https://digitalresource.center/content/introducing-imvain>

- Independent sources, multiple sources, verify sources, authoritative/Informed sources; named sources

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Bias Detection

Interactive Media Bias Chart

- <https://adfontesmedia.com/interactive-media-bias-chart/>
- Since 2018
- Rate the news for reliability and bias

Media Bias / Fact Check

- <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>
- Created by Vanessa Otero, CEO of Ad Fontes Media

Further Exploration

Wineburg, S. and McGrew, S. (2019). Lateral reading and the nature of expertise: Reading less and learning more when evaluating digital information. *Teachers College Record: The Voice of Scholarship in Education*, 121(11).

Teaching Lateral Reading

- <https://cor.stanford.edu/curriculum/collections/teaching-lateral-reading/>
- This is a prepared curriculum for teaching lateral reading designed by Civic Online Reasoning at Stanford