



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area



November Topical Tuesday: Lake Victoria Research Trip Is Subject Of League Meeting at Way Public Library

Dr. George Bullerjahn, Bowling Green State University Emeritus Professor, and BG Doctoral Student Katelyn Brown are scheduled to speak about their recent research trip to Lake Victoria in Kenya at this month's Topical Tuesday meeting.

The event, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area and Way Library, will take place Tuesday, November 28, at 7 p.m. at the Library.

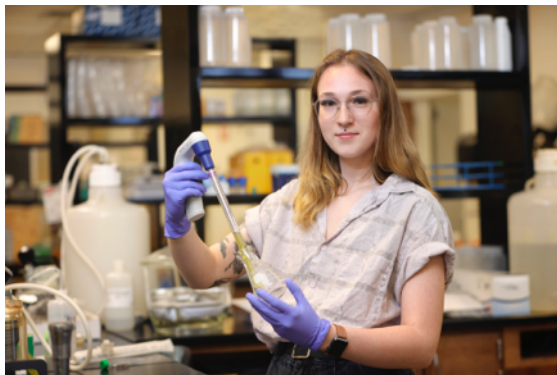
Dr. Bullerjahn is a former Distinguished Professor at Bowling Green and founding director of the Great Lakes Center for Fresh Waters and Human Health, a \$5.2 million project funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

His specialty is microbial ecology and his research has focused on the health of the Laurentian Great Lakes, particularly the harmful algal bloom forming populations in Lake Erie since the early 2000's.



*Dr. George Bullerjahn
BGSU Professor Emeritus*

Dr. Bullerjahn has served as an expert for multiple regional news outlets, organizing symposia and working with colleagues to assist Representative Bob Latta in drafting the Drinking Water Protection Act that was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2016.



Doctoral Student Katelyn Brown

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December Meetings:

**Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday, December 12,
Belmont Country Club
11:30 a.m.**

**Topical Tuesday — Climate
Change, Way Library
7p.m.**

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

President's Letter

Hello LWVPA Members!



One of our most prominent activities for Voter Services (where we provide neutral information so voters can make their own decisions on issues and candidates) is the publication of our Voter Guides. Yes, "Guides" as in plural. LWVPA publishes both a printed Voter Guide which is distributed via the Perrysburg Messenger Journal and an online Guide found at Vote411.org. We have published the printed Voter Guide for many years! (I don't even know the number of years, but if you do, please let me know and we will publish that number next month!)

Our online version of the Voter Guide, Vote411.org, was first published in 2019. Readership for Vote411.org increases every year. Don't get me wrong -- voters still like the printed Voter Guide (I say it is what LWVPA is best known for), but they also like the additional Q&A with the candidates and having access to the candidates' websites and social media links found on [Vote411](http://Vote411.org).

I was rather cocky that LWVPA had used Vote411.org for FIVE years. So, I was put in my place when I learned from LWVUS President Deborah Ann Turner's email that Vote411.org (a Voter Guide platform that LWVUS developed) was 17 years old! Who knew?

I hope you have taken advantage of Vote411.org to learn more about our candidates and issues. I encourage you to read the [timeline of Vote411](#) and learn about the awards and celebrity support (including John Oliver) it has received. And please share the link with your contacts.

If you are interested in LWVPA's Voter Guides, contact me to learn how you can become involved and help publish this valuable information for voters. Because we have published a Voter Guide for so many years, we have a pretty easy process in place. Please consider joining our Voter Guide Team. We would love to have your help!

Debra Greenley Gorman

President



Upcoming Meetings

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

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, November 28 — 7 p.m. *Algal Blooms in Lake Victoria*, Research Trip Presentation by Dr. George Bullerjahn and Katelyn Brown from BGSU.

Tuesday, December 12 — 11:30 a.m. *Holiday Luncheon*, Belmont Country Club

Tuesday, December 19 — 7 p.m., *Climate Change*, Bob Clark-Phelps, Citizens' Climate Lobby

January Date TBA — 7 p.m. *Panel Discussion in Food Insecurity*

February Date TBA — *Perrysburg State of the City Presentation*, Council Chambers

March Date TBA — *What's Happening in Perrysburg Township*

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.

Don't delay ... make your holiday luncheon reservation today!



November Topical Tuesday

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Dr. Bullerjahn earned a B.A. in Biology from Dartmouth University and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Brown was one of three students on the team of BGSU researchers who traveled to Kenya. Dr. Bullerjahn described the students as “actually driving the work” of the team.

Her goal was to give researchers a better understanding of when toxins are likely to be made. In addition, she is working on developing portable, easy-to-use infield technology that can do semi-quantitative counts of common types of cyanobacteria.



Holiday Luncheon

Please join us in celebrating the holidays on Tuesday, December 12, at our annual Holiday Luncheon, at Belmont Country Club in Perrysburg. Social time will begin at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon.

Our guest speaker this year is Perrysburg resident Maggie Kollman, who will talk about her life growing up abroad.

Maggie was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She was raised in Tokyo and traveled extensively throughout Asia and then lived in Kuwait and visited widely throughout the Middle East.

She says it was this worldly experience that was the beginning of an ongoing passion for physical and mental well-being that continues to this day. After earning her degree from St. Clair College in Windsor, Maggie moved to Northwest Ohio and eventually settled in Perrysburg with her husband and three children.

Maggie has been a member of the Way Public Library Staff since September 2021.

Belmont will be serving a luncheon of: Belmont salad, breast of chicken piccata, asparagus, duchess potatoes and for dessert, chocolate Yule log. Vegetarian pasta prima vera is available as a vegetarian option. A choice of ice tea, lemonade and coffee will come with the lunch and there will be a cash bar. The cost of the luncheon is \$30.

The reservation deadline is Thursday, December 7. Reservations may be made by mailing a check to Nancy Kelley, 14650 Dexter Falls Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.



Maggie Kollman

It's Time to End Gerrymandering in Ohio

Right now in Ohio, politicians and lobbyists manipulate voting districts to protect their interests and guarantee their re-election. As a result, incumbents running for reelection almost never lose. In other words, we let politicians choose their voters ...



You've seen the emails – we are gearing up to collect signatures for the **Citizens Not Politicians** ballot initiative! We already have LWVPA members who have taken the training and are ready to be a part of this important initiative.

But we've hit a bit of a snag!

Per Fair Districts' 10/25/23 email to volunteers, "There was a minor typo in the summary language of the **Citizens Not Politicians** approved by the Attorney General. (The typo changed the date from Sept 19, 2025 to Sept 15, 2025 for the Commission to complete new maps.)

"... in an abundance of caution, the campaign has decided that the safest and most thorough course of action is to resubmit the summary language to the Attorney General for approval and then pass through the Ballot Board once again for certification as a single subject."

Once the above mistake gets corrected, let's be ready to hit the ground running and start collecting signatures. Fair Districts (of which LWV Ohio is a partner) has added more online training sessions on the ins and outs of collecting signatures. Choose one to attend and be ready to collect those signatures!

- Wed., Nov 1 @ noon, register [here](#).
- Thurs., Nov 2 @ 7pm, register [here](#).
- Wed., Nov 8 @ 6pm Huddle , register [here](#).
- Tues., Nov 14 @ noon, register [here](#).
- Tues., Nov 21 @ noon, register [here](#).
- Mon., Nov 30 @ 6pm, register [here](#).

Questions? Contact LWVPA member Karen Roderick-Lingeman.

December Topical Tuesday

Bob Clark-Phelps
Volunteer for Citizens Climate Lobby
Speaking on Climate Change



Tuesday, December 19
 Way Public Library
 7 p.m.

Bring a friend!

