

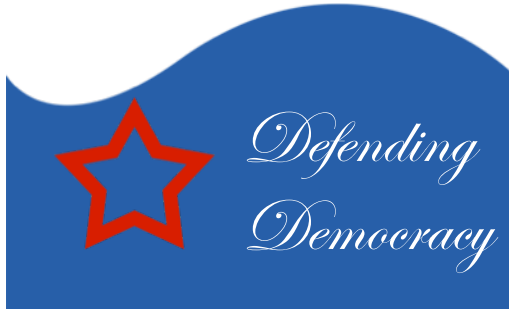


The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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Welcome New members!

Veronica Mora
Catherine Crumley

Mindful Matters

New Great Lakes Center Director to Share Current Research on Protecting Our Lakes

The Great Lakes hold 90% of North America's surface fresh water and are vital to our region's economy, ecology and culture.

Yet they face serious threats, including nutrient pollution, climate change, contaminants, habitat loss and biodiversity decline.

Dr. Sarah Emery, new director of the Bowling Green State University's Center for Great Lakes and Watershed Studies (CGLWS), will speak **Monday, November 17 at 6 p.m. at Way Library**, on this topic.

She will discuss these environmental changes and share highlights of the center's collaborative research to better understand and protect Great Lakes systems.

The CGLWS aims to advance the understanding of the Great Lakes by encouraging and promoting multi-disciplinary and collaborative research.

Dr. Emery is a professor of biological sciences at Bowling Green. She earned her Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

This program is part of the Mindful Matters series the Perrysburg League presents in collaboration with Way Library. The program is free and open to the public.



Dr. Sarah Emery



The Great Lakes Center promotes multi-disciplinary and collaborative research.



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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.**

President's Letter



As we wrap up another successful election season, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication and energy this fall. Whether you helped with **Vote411.org**, assisted with the **Candidate Forum**, distributed our **printed Voter Guide in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal**, or participated in **voter outreach**, you've contributed to the League's core mission — providing voters with the tools and confidence to make informed choices.

Our **Candidate Forum** once again served as an invaluable resource for the community. By filming the event, we ensured that residents could watch at their convenience and hear directly from the candidates in their own words. Pair that with our *Messenger Journal* Voter Guide and Vote411, and we truly reached voters where they are — online, in print, and on screen. The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive and reminds us how much this work matters.

This fall, our **voter outreach efforts** expanded in exciting new ways. We were invited to participate at several **Perrysburg school events**, connecting with students, parents, and community members. In addition, the **Perrysburg Athletic Boosters** graciously asked us to host a League table at a few of the **football games**, giving us the opportunity to reach new audiences and share information about registration, voting resources, and the League's mission. These outreach opportunities help keep our presence strong and visible within the community.

With the election now behind us, it's time to pause, reflect, and reconnect. I'm delighted to share that our **annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 9**. This event is always one of the highlights of the year—a chance to gather in good company, celebrate our accomplishments, and enjoy the fellowship that makes our League so special. It's also a wonderful opportunity to welcome our newest members and thank those who have given so generously of their time and talents throughout 2025.

More details about the luncheon will be coming soon, so please mark your calendars now. I hope you'll plan to join us—it's the perfect way to close out the year together.

As we look ahead to 2026, we'll continue to build on this momentum with a focus on voter education, community engagement, and growing our membership. The work of the League never truly ends, but it is sustained by the strength, enthusiasm, and collaboration of our members.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support, thoughtful participation, and commitment to the League's mission. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving season and look forward to celebrating with you in December.

Warmly,

Starr Wlodarski

President



Upcoming Meetings

**Bookmark
Our [Homepage](#)
And [Calendar](#) for
Up-to-Date Info!**

Want to get involved with
our planning committees?
Want more information on
any of the following
events? Contact us at
lwvperrysburg@gmail.com

★ *Mindful Matters Program*
— Dr. Sara Emery, Director
of BGSU Center for Great
Lakes and Watershed Studies,
Great Lakes Watershed,
Monday, 11/17/25, 6 p.m.

★ *Annual Holiday
Luncheon*, Tuesday,
December 9, 11:30 a.m.
Social Time, Noon Lunch,
Belmont Country Club.

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



*Pictured are:
Starr
Wlodarski,
Karen
Roderick-
Lingeman,
Sue Hoffman
and Jen
Simpson.*

Membership Chairs Host New Member Event

*By Karen Lakis
Membership Co-Chair*

A new member drop in event was held on October 7, at the home of Karen Lakis in Perrysburg.

The event was hosted by Karen and Sue Hoffman, membership co- chairs. Over the past year over 10 new members have joined our League! Two newer members were able to attend along with board member Karen Roderick- Lingeman and President Starr Wlodarski.

League initiatives and new member interests were explored. Thanks for attending and welcome Jen Brouwer and Jen Simpson!

Since this event two more new members have joined the Perrysburg League — Veronica Mora and Catherine Crumley.



Pictured are: (Back) Jen Brouwer and Starr Wlodarski, (Front) Sue Hoffman and Erin Daly.

League Members Attend Local Naturalization Ceremonies



There is a naturalization ceremony for Northwest Ohio held every month at varying locations throughout the area. The June ceremony was held at the Toledo Zoo; July at Sauder Museum; August at the Toledo Museum of Art (see above photo); September at the University of Toledo Law School, and October at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Museum in Fremont.

Members of the Perrysburg League of Women Voters attend these ceremonies and provide information to the new citizens on how they can register to vote.

If you are interested in participating in this voter service opportunity, please contact League Member Karen Roderick-Lingeman. Volunteers are welcome!

In Memoriam

Longtime Perrysburg League of Women Voters Member Dr. Shirley Rayport passed away September 17 at the age of 102. Shirley was a leader in the development of the field of neuropsychiatry and was known for her humane, whole-person approach to psychiatric care.

She served as director of the Medical College Unit at the Toledo Mental Health Center from 1971 to 1982.



**You are cordially invited to the
Perrysburg League of Women Voters
Holiday Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 9

11:30 Social Time, Noon Luncheon

Belmont Country Club

Perrysburg, Ohio

The cost is \$30

**Menu: Soup, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Vegetable,
Dessert, Iced Tea or Lemonade**

Cash Bar

(Vegetarian option and food allergy sensitive meals

available upon request. Please note on check.)

To make a reservation: send a check made out to Lynn Fleure to

1205 Louisiana Avenue, Unit 253, Perrysburg

or drop off a check to Lynn Fleure at Way Public Library

Reservation deadline: Tuesday, December 2