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Mindful Matters

Kathy Dowd

Thursday, Oct 22, 2026 · 5:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday, November 19, 2026 · 6pm-8pm
Way Public Library – Lower Level

The League of Women Voters of Perrysburg Area and Way Library welcome Kathy Dowd for a historical overview of how Americans on the home front contributed to the World War I war effort. Learn how civilians supported the troops overseas through rationing, Victory Gardens, Red Cross Service, Liberty Bonds, Boy and Girl Scout initiatives, and volunteer efforts. Kathy's presentation highlights the sacrifices, patriotism, and everyday contributions that united communities and strengthened the nation during wartime.
Kathy Dowd is the Fashion Historian-in-Residence at Way Library for September
through December 2026. For more than forty years, Kathy Dowd has combined artistic talent, meticulous historical research, and exceptional craftsmanship to bring the past to life through
historically accurate clothing and textiles. Kathy studies original garments, period photographs, paintings, fashion plates, diaries, and surviving textiles to ensure every detail from fabric and construction techniques to trims, fasteners, and
accessories faithfully represents the period.



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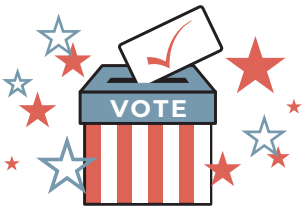
Come join us at our last

Bi-Monthly meeting of the year

at the Way Library
at 9:30 am on November 21.

Please note change of venue.

The elections are over, the post cards are written, we've completed all those Voter Registrations, (for now) and our election events and materials have all been completed. Whew! Now it is time for a fun member and friends event! We have a morning of civic trivia planned for you which will include National, State and Local knowledge plus some tricky and fun questions too. Bring a friend or friends and join in the fun! Light breakfast will be served!



League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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.



Sania Irwin,

President of the League of Women Voters of the United States and Chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund, recently sent an email to LWV members which, in part, said:

Long before I became involved with the League, I was shaped by my experiences as an immigrant, a student, an engineer, and someone deeply interested in how people work together to solve problems.

I grew up in Bangladesh and later came to the United States as a college student. Along the way, I had the opportunity to travel, study, and experience different cultures and communities. I saw firsthand how our nation's diverse immigrant history made it a place where people of all walks of life could unite in pursuit of a greater world.

Learn more about Sania, "her journey, how immigration makes our nation stronger, what shaped her belief in democracy, and why she is so hopeful about the future of the League." Click here for all LWV Blog posts.



Upcoming Meetings

Want to get involved with our planning committees? Want more information on any of the following events?

Contact us at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com

Bookmark Our Homepage & Calendar for Up-to-Date Info!

Annual Christmas Gathering
December 9 // 4-6 pm
Belmont Country Club
A festive time will be had by all as we enjoy time together with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Member Planning Meeting
January 23
The Way Library
More information coming.

Sunday Afternoon Table Talk
February 28 // 2:00 pm
The Way Library
Members and guests welcome.
Join us as we gather to learn about league initiatives, local and state happenings.

Saturday Table Talk
April 24 // 9:30 AM
The Way Library
Members and guests.
Bring your coffee!

Annual Member Meeting
May 22, in the morning.
The Way Library

President's Letter

As we move into November and another election season comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has worked so hard over the past few months. It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to do what our League does, and I hope everyone knows how much their efforts are appreciated.

What a great turnout we had for our first **Candidate Roundtable!** Since this was a new format for us, I think we were all a little unsure how it would work out. But it turned out wonderfully! A special thank you to **Jacki Steadman and her team** for the many hours of planning, preparation, and meetings with the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green. This was a joint effort, and it was great to see our two Leagues working together to make it happen. I certainly hope we'll consider doing it again.

Another big round of applause goes to **Erin Daly and our Voter Service Committee** for all their work on VOTE411.org and our printed Voter Guide. Gathering candidate information, getting it organized, and formatting everything for publication is no small task. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it is one of the most valuable services we provide to our communities.

And before we know it, we'll be starting this process all over again for the **2027 local elections**, including school boards, township trustees, and city councils. As the saying goes, many hands make light work! There are plenty of ways to get involved. Some of our work happens behind the scenes, while other opportunities are as simple as taking a shift at a voter registration or information booth. You don't have to take on a big project to make a difference.

Not sure where you'd like to help? Just contact me, and I'll be happy to connect you with the right committee. We'd love to have more members involved, and there's always room for additional volunteers.

By the time you're reading this, Election Day will likely be behind us. While our election activities may be winding down, the work of the League certainly doesn't stop. November gives us a chance to catch our breath, enjoy the upcoming holiday season, and begin looking ahead to our programs and plans for the new year.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, and especially grateful for the friendships, teamwork, and willingness of our members to pitch in whenever something needs to be done.

Thank you all for everything you do for our League, and I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Starr Wlodarski
President
League of Women Voters of Perrysburg Area

Growing our Membership

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area is always looking for new members to join in our mission. State leadership advises us that the best way to grow membership is by recommendation of our current members and by being visible in the community. We ask that each member think of a friend or neighbor that has interest in Voter outreach and education and invite them to become a member. In the near future we will be sending each member a tri-fold brochure. We ask that you invite one or two prospective members to join. Your membership team needs your help to grow the League!

Members are welcomed at whatever level of participation works for them. Some members provide financial support, others participate in voter registration events, attend Mindful matters presentations or monthly meetings. Others get more involved by serving on our Board and accepting leadership roles. Whatever level of involvement you choose, know that the organization needs you to help us grow and appreciates your commitment and support!

Look at all that we have accomplished this year!

Voter registrations in 10 area high schools- Spring

Bi Monthly Informational Meetings with Speakers- March, May, July, (speaker series), November (Civic Trivia)

All Member Planning Meeting- Feb

Mindful Matters Monthly Sponsored Events at the Way including State of the City and Perrysburg Township Programs

Monthly Book Club

America 250 Perrysburg Messenger Journal Education Spots February thru November

Billboard on Primaries- Route 20

Billboard on Roundtable event- Route 20

Attend "Suffs" musical in Detroit- April

Statehouse Day- March in Columbus, Ohio- 2 attendees

New Member Welcome meetings (2)

Candidate Roundtable – October at Perrysburg Heights

Perrysburg Heights Voter Registration- August, October

Naturalization ceremonies Voter Registration

Post card Writing Drop-in at the Way- August

Voter registration at Islamic Food Bank x2- August, September

National Convention Attendees (2)- June

America 250 Voter registration at Fort Meigs- September

Brews and Views- August

Data Training in Columbus- 3 attendees- October

Annual Meeting-June

Watch Party- Voter registration education June

Penta Voter registration- September

Creation of the 2026 Voter Guide- October

Voter Registration Downtown Perrysburg- September

National Voter Registration Day – September

Voter Registration – Lake HS- September

Voter Registration- Perrysburg High School- September

Holiday Gathering at Belmont- December

**You can pay your dues, join our membership, read our VOTER newsletter and view league initiatives at (https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area). While on the website you can see what our league is up to! Feel free to email us at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up for events.*

Welcome to our new member, Beth Cole!

Beth describes herself as a Perrysburg Native who is a married cat Mom, a proud Aunt, an office manager, millennial, potato connoisseur, theatre enthusiast, and community activist! Glad to have you join the league, Beth! Beth can be reached at bethcole419@potonmail.com. Please add her name to your League Directory.

New 2027 Bi-Monthly meeting format for LWVPA- "Table Talk"

Starting on February 28th, 2027 at 2:00 pm, our league will meet at the Way library to begin our "Table Talk" programs. Table Talks for the year will be held every other month either at 9:30 am on Saturdays or 2:00 pm on Sundays. We are making an effort to attract members with different weekend schedules.

The informal Table Talks will offer attendees opportunities to discuss any number of topics including current events, league positions and access to league resources. We hope to provide a comfortable space to brainstorm potential local league initiatives, share ideas and develop meaningful programs and relationships. Table Talks are designed to be a participatory and engaging with facilitator led discussion. If you would like to facilitate a program of interest to you and the group, or have a suggested topic, please contact us at lwvperrysbsurg@gmail.com. More information is coming but for now please mark your calendars for our first Table Talk on February 28th at 2 pm.



LWVPA Book Club



Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Event Location: Way Public Library, Lower Level, Conf Room 1

Members-Only & Invited Guests Book Club

Available at: Way Library is holding copies for Book Club members to pick up.

Want to Join the Club? Contact Ann Hymel at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com to RSVP.

Thank You

to everyone who participated in the

Candidate Round Table







