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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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February Topical Tuesday

Complicated History of Women of Color And Suffrage Will Be Meeting Subject

Dr. Chelsea Griffis, Lecturer in History at the University of Toledo, will speak at our February meeting on the complicated history of participation by women of color in the movement to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment that guaranteed women's right to vote.

This Topical Tuesday, sponsored by the Perrysburg League and Way Public Library, will take place on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. at the library.

While the suffrage movement's overarching goal was for all women to have the right to vote, women of color had to navigate racialized boundaries that at times curtailed their activism, forcing them to question and challenge racism as well as sexism while they fought for their liberty.

Dr. Griffis earned her MA and PhD in history and a graduate certificate in women and gender studies from the University of Toledo.

Her book manuscript, titled *The Heart of the Battle Is Within: Women of the Political Right and the Equal Rights Amendment*, examines conservative women's divergent stances on the ERA based on how they conceptualized their own womanhood. A section of this work on evangelical Christian women was published in *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* in fall of 2017. She currently teaches courses on the histories of women, ethnic Americans and immigration and LGBTQ peoples in the modern United States.



Dr. Chelsea Griffis



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**Next Membership Committee Meeting: February 13,
4 p.m. Way Library, LL**



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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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Hello League Members!

Because it is February, and this year is the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, I would like to send a big Thank You Valentine out to the women responsible for the suffrage movement. Thank you to women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, Lucretia Mott and Lucy Stone.

What began in the 19th century as a quest for economic and political equality, came to fruition on August 18, 1920 when the 19th amendment to the constitution was ratified in Tennessee, the final state needed for passage.

Six months before American women earned the right to vote, the League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt. Deemed a “mighty political experiment,” the League was designed to help 20 million enfranchised women carry out their new responsibilities.

The League continues today as a non-partisan organization that is a recognized force for molding political leaders, shaping public policy and promoting informed citizen participation in all levels of government.

While the concern for women’s rights continues in the 21st century — such as gender equality (particularly the gender wage gap), violence against women and human trafficking, to name just a few — the League continues in its mission to increase understanding of major policy issues and to influence those policies through education and advocacy.

This month our Topical Tuesday meeting will be about *The Suffrage Movement, Particularly in Regard to Women of Color*, and should be an informative and interesting evening. Looking back on the women’s suffrage movement not only shows us how far we have come, but also points us in the direction we still need to go.

So, while I find this a good time to thank the women who have led us to where we are now, I also would like to send that big Thank You Valentine out to all the many women ... and men ... who are currently members of the League of Women Voters, here in Perrysburg and across this nation. Thank you for all your support in time, money and the great effort it takes to keep this League going.

Roseanne Barker

Voter Editor



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, February 25 — 7

p.m. *The Suffrage Movement, Particularly in Regard to Women of Color*, Chelsea Griffis, Associate Lecturer at University of Toledo

Thursday, March 19 —

6-8 p.m. *Panel on Suffrage*, Jen Miller and Ohio Humanities Scholars

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, April 21 — 6-8

p.m. Members Only Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 —

Annual Meeting, 11 a.m. Carranor Club, *Luncheon*, Noon, LWVPA Scholarship, *On Women Suffrage — The Right to Vote*, Speaker: Kathy Saco, Robbins House Museum, Waterville, Docent

Tuesday, May 12 — 7 p.m.

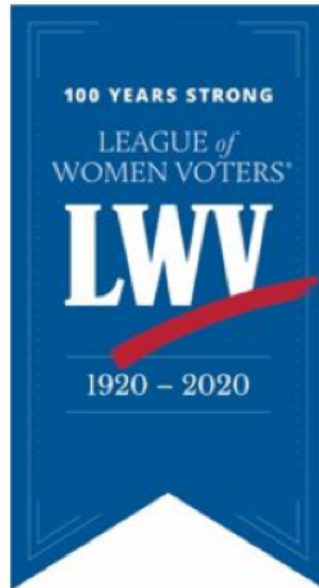
The Kurdish Militias as US Allies, Syrian Secessionists and Turkish Terrorists, Neal Englehart

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

Happy 100th Birthday LWV!

Upcoming Events to Celebrate

Our 100th Anniversary



BackStory in partnership with WGTE

100th Anniversary of the
19th Amendment and LWV
Airs on Friday, 01/31/20, 8:30 PM

Dance Theatre of Harlem at the
Valentine Theater
Saturday, 2/15/20, 8:00 PM

☆ Browse the LWV's exhibit of the 100th Anniversary.

☆ Tickets at 419-242-2787.

Save the Date - 2020 Statehouse Day



We are excited to
announce that
LWVO's 2020
Statehouse Day
will be on

Thursday, April 16

Location: Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
75 E State St, Columbus, OH 43215

More details about registration will be shared
in the upcoming weeks.

LWV of Perrysburg — Our Beginnings

by Nancy J. Kelley

Part 5 -- The 1970's continued

January 11, 1978 — The League will discuss energy, dilemmas and options. Study meetings to be held at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 8 p.m. Take your pick -- open to the public.

January 18, 1978 — A Luncheon Card Party to be held at the "Bee-Hive" on Tuesday, Feb. 28 to raise funds for the national campaign for the ratification of the ERA Amendment (Note: 120 people attended according to the PMJ article on March 8, 1978).

April 12, 1978 — The League will have a Forum on School Financing on April 18. Joseph Klein, clerk/treasurer for the Perrysburg Schools will speak.

May 15, 1978 — LWV of the US held its 33rd National convention in Cincinnati. History was made when four men joined 1,500 women as full-fledged voting delegates, according to the Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune.

August 15, 1978 — The League will hold a garage sale on September 14-16 with proceeds to go to the ERA Fund (Note: Jan Samples, a current member, was on the committee!).

September 20, 1978 — According to the PB Messenger, a series of articles is being written about the PB City Charter by Sandy Knapp, chair of the charter study of the PB League. Nine charter amendments will be on the November ballot, including term limits for the mayor (Note: The League is in favor of the amendments).

October 17, 1978 — Local newspapers reported that a non-partisan, bi-partisan old fashioned rally would be held in Bowling Green on October 22, sponsored by the Leagues of BG and PB. Refreshments will include hot dogs and popcorn provided by the Republican and Democratic Parties. Candidates for offices of county auditor, county commissioners, state representative from the Eighty-third District and congressman from the Fifth District will answer questions from the panel and the audience. Music will be provided by the BGHS Hobo Band.

November 22, 1978 — The League will begin a study of juvenile justice according to the PB Messenger Journal.

March 27, 1979 — Many meetings held to discuss state and federal aid for education led by Jean Duston as reported by the Blade and Messenger. The question of earmarking state lottery money for education, the guaranteed-yield formula, and the General fund will be included.

May 30, 1979 — Marion Gillette, former president of the PB League, was elected secretary of the Ohio LWV.

September 25, 1979 — Phyllis Gallo, Director of the Way Public Library, answered questions at the September 25 kick-off meetings of the PB League at noon and 8 p.m. Who pays taxes to support public libraries in Ohio, how the seven public libraries in Wood County share the monies, and what future changes are planned at the library were all covered.