

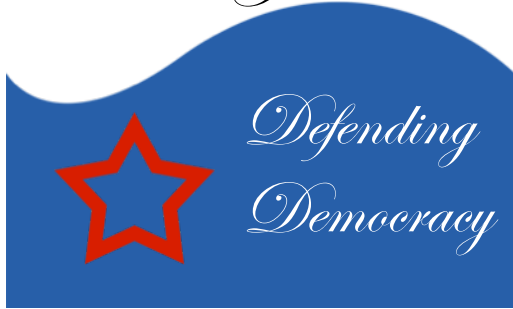


The Voter

February 2022

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



February Topical Tuesday:

Mayor Tom Mackin to Give State of City Address at this Month's League Meeting

Perrysburg Mayor Tom Mackin will give a state of the city address to the League on Tuesday, February 22, at 7 p.m. at Way Library. The meeting is being jointly sponsored by the League and Way Library as a Topical Tuesday program.



Mayor Tom Mackin

Mayor Mackin, who is in his second term as mayor, previously served on city council. He was appointed to city council to fill a vacancy and was then reelected four times.

He and his wife moved to Perrysburg in 1990 and have raised two children who have graduated from Perrysburg High School before moving onto college.

This month's Topical Tuesday Program will be held in person. Way Library no longer requires advance registration for in person meetings.

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Join Us for Presidential Love Letters — Celebrating President's and Valentine's Day

Please join us on Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. via zoom for a celebration of President's Day and Valentine's Day, as we explore *Presidential Love Letters*. The program, presented by Jeri Diehl-Cusack, will take a peek into the personal correspondence between some of our U.S. Presidents and their First Ladies. While some letters seem mushy and others just plain sweet, they all help us understand the people behind the words.

Jeri Diehl-Cusack's lifelong interest in U.S. presidents and first ladies inspires her to share her insights and knowledge after retiring from a career with public libraries in Cuyahoga County, Columbus and Grandview Heights, Ohio. Jeri served for five years on the board of the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Partnership, an organization committed to preserving Mrs. Roosevelt's cottage home in Hyde Park, New York.

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Please note:

In person meetings at Way Library no longer require advance registration. Zoom meeting registration can be done online at way.library.info or by calling 419-874-3135, ext. 119



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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>

Board Letter



Dear League Members,

“Speaking With One Voice” is a phrase applicable to LWV, but what does that mean? To answer that question, we need a little background info, and that starts with advocacy.

LWV’s advocacy is based upon League Principles, Positions, Priorities, and Program/Projects. They build upon each other. Think of it as an organizational flowchart with Principles at the top of the chart:

- 1) Principles are what we believe as an organization and are applicable to National, State, and Local Leagues.
- 2) Positions are formalized studies by the membership to support our principles. Once a position is formally adopted, we may choose to take action on the issue.
- 3) Priorities are those positions on which we want to focus and act upon over the next one-to-two-years.
- 4) Program is the umbrella which covers the projects and actions we take to advance our Positions and may include, studies, forums, letters-to-the-editor, completing Action Alerts, lobbying elected officials, or community events – just to name a few.

Speaking With One Voice

The above outlines the establishment of our advocacy and action.

Next, we must ensure our advocacy is messaged in a consistent and coordinated manner at all levels of League. This task is accomplished by “speaking with one voice,” which gives only League presidents the authority to speak on behalf of the League. It’s important that we all abide by “speaking with one voice,” and it’s easy to do if you keep these two points in mind from [League Basics](#):

- 1) Only the League president (or designee) speaks for the League in an official capacity.
- 2) However, members are encouraged to take action on League topics as informed individuals, not mentioning their affiliation with the LWV.

If you receive a question or a request from the media or other organization regarding a LWV position or viewpoint, do not give an answer. Instead, contact our President, Jacki Stedman, with the details of the request.

This topic is being highlighted, not because we have had any issues in our League, but to keep you informed. It is important information for new members to know and a good reminder for us “veteran” members. If you have questions about this subject, feel free to contact me.

Debra Gorman

Director, Voter Services



Upcoming Meetings

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

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, February 15 —
7 p.m. *Presidential Love Letters*, Jeri Diehl-Cusack, Zoom Meeting.

Tuesday, February 22 —
7 p.m. *State of the City*, Perrysburg Mayor Tom Mackin, Way Library.

Tuesday, March 15 —
2 p.m. *State of the Township*, Perrysburg Township Trustee Bob Mack, Location: Township Fire Station, 26609 Lime City Rd.

Wednesday, March 23 —
Noon. *Program Planning Meeting, Members Only Meeting*, (Special Note: If Covid protocols allow, lunch will be provided by Board Members.) Way Library.

Tuesday, April 19 —
7 p.m. *How People Communicate with Their Elected Officials*, Dr. Niki Kalaf-Hughes, BGSU Assoc.Assoc.. Prof. Political Science, Way Library.

Tuesday, April 26 —
7 p.m. *Workshop on Tools to Communicate with Elected Officials*, Dr. Niki Kalaf-Hughes, Way Library.

Tuesday, May 10 —
11 p.m. *Annual Meeting*, Noon Luncheon and presentation by Metroparks Toledo, Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons

Annual Members-Only Program Planning Luncheon — *Plan to Attend and Please Bring Ideas!*

Jacki Stedman, President

Please plan on joining us on Wednesday, March 23, at noon in the lower level of Way Library for the League's annual program planning meeting. If Covid protocols allow, we will start with a soup and salad lunch, along with socializing before we start the meeting.

The purpose of this members-only meeting is to hear what program areas are important to you and our community. We will spend a portion of the meeting asking for your ideas on specific projects or issues that we should focus on in the upcoming year. ***Please bring ideas to share with the group.***

We will also spend time reviewing the "language of the league" with an explanation of "Principles, Positions, Priorities and Program." We will end with a review of our current Program. A program-planning workgroup, including Josette McCarthy, Debra Gorman and Jacki Stedman, recently reviewed the Program and completed some minor edits to clean-up the language to align with league terminology. See Page 5 for the complete Program with changes.

We are looking forward to being together and making plans for 2022 and 2023. We have the whole conference area reserved in the library so we will be spread out in order to socially distance.

If you are unable to attend, but want us to hear your ideas, please email Jacki at stedmanfamily@sbcglobal.net and she will bring your ideas to the meeting. See you on March 23!

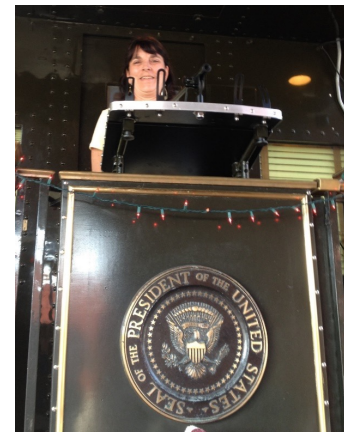
Presidential Love Letters

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She is a proud supporter of the FDR Presidential Library through the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and a lifetime member of Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. which maintains Eleanor's Little Village in Arthurdale, West Virginia. Jeri is also an active member of the White House Historical Association and the Ohio History Connection.

A former trustee of her local historical society and arts council in Grandview Heights, Jeri moved to Worthington, Ohio in 2019 in order to live closer to and make memories with her children and grandchildren. She dedicates her volunteer efforts to the Central Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, while fundraising for her Walk to End ALZ team, Hurry Up Cure.

Registration is required. Please visit <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area> or Way Library to register. Hope to zoom with you on February 15.



Jeri Diehl-Cusack

Saving Our Planet

*By Carol Hall
Natural Resources Committee*

Wildfires. Plastic islands floating in our ever-more-acidic oceans. Algal blooms. Fish full of plastic. Hottest year on record., etc. First, let's contact our local, state and federal leaders to say, "do something!" Ok then, let's look at ourselves and say, "Now what should I do?"

If you google how can I help save the planet, you will find hundreds of ideas. Some seem so obvious, but for me a reminder helps. Run multiple errands at a time to save fuel. Share/rent tools rather than buying your own, Buy local foods to save on transport emissions. Carpool. Collect memories, not things. Plant trees, etc.

Some are not so obvious. Save the old trees (at 50-150 years old, the Eastern White Pine goes from storing 20 tons of carbon per acre to more than 70 tons per acre). Clean the coils of the refrigerator. (Dusty coils increase energy consumption by 30%) Consider meat-free days. (The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reports that meat is responsible for 18% of global gas emissions).



If you want to have some fun, google crazy ideas to save the planet. Here's one: Astronomer Roger Angel wants to build a 10,000 square mile solar sunshade made of 16 trillion glass disks to put between our planet and the sun. He says this would reduce the sun's harmful warming effect 2%. The cost? \$4 trillion and 30 years to complete. That's a long time ...

So maybe it starts with me. There are almost 8 billion of us humans on this planet. If we all do something, we will make a difference. My son suggests we all need to be sufficiently uncomfortable in changing our ways.

I am still too comfortable.

LWVPA PROGRAM

LWVPA Areas of Interest Priorities

Clean and Sustainable Water
 Voter Participation
 Public Safety
 Education

Changes:
 Deleted Wording in Blue
 New Wording in Red

LWVPA Other Areas of Interest

Human Resources and Social Policy

Education: Monitor current issues in education ~~with continued support of~~ **to ensure good academic programs** for the Perrysburg School District (including Penta County) ~~for a good academic program~~. Support levies (both property and income tax) when shown to be needed to sustain current educational standards and/or to provide specific needed improvements or maintenance. **Study Review** and analyze bond levies to finance new buildings, additions to current buildings and/or purchase of existing buildings when designed for economy and flexibility in adapting to future space and program needs.

Parks, Recreation and the Arts: Support of the Perrysburg area recreation needs and their financing with continued support for a well-rounded program for parks and recreation by the city, township and county.

Health and Welfare: Support effective services to meet the basic physical and mental needs of Wood County residents with consideration of programs to meet future needs.

Youth Issues: Support of Youth Services in Wood County to achieve maximum benefit of available funding to alleviate youth problems.

Human Trafficking: Support efforts to combat human forced labor and sex trafficking. Support creation and improvement of services to victims of human trafficking to facilitate their integration into the community. Support efforts of local and state agencies to aggressively enforce the trafficking laws and prosecute traffickers and offenders (consumers). Support training and education of the public, law enforcement, and service providers regarding human trafficking.

Aging in Place: support of efforts to allow for residents to age in place in Perrysburg and Perrysburg Township.

Government

Public Transportation: Support public transportation in the Perrysburg area with particular attention to the special needs of the physically and economically challenged. Continue to advocate for public transportation in the Perrysburg area.

Public Safety: Support public safety, including police and fire departments of Northern Wood County, the transportation of hazardous waste and safety in schools and other public areas.

Library Services: Support of good library services with adequate funding.

Finances: Monitor the financial accountability in **Perrysburg City** local governments **(city, township and county)** with consideration of hiring, overtime, purchases, collective bargaining and budgeting.

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Regional Planning: Support of participation of City and Township in regional planning and regional projects.

Natural Resources

Clean Water: Support continued public access to clean and safe water. This support would include, but not be limited to:

- A. Improved waste water transportation and treatment systems, economical system for sludge disposal and monitoring of water quality.
- B. Precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that produce untreated animal waste that jeopardizes ground water quality.
- C. Continued monitoring of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and outcomes that may endanger water access and quality.
- D. Protection of water quality in the local aquifer, the waters of Perrysburg Township, the City of Perrysburg, the Maumee River and Lake Erie.
- E. Support efforts to educate community and reduce use of plastics in League and city activities.

Transportation of Hazardous Materials: Support of state signage and traffic patterns for all state and interstate highways, including access roads and rail transportation routes where hazardous materials are transported.

Recycling Waste: Support recycling in the Perrysburg area, including curbside recycling availability.

Land Use

Community Planning: Continued support of community planning (land use policies and procedures) to meet the changing needs of the Perrysburg area. Keeping currently abreast and monitoring planning, zoning, zoning appeals commissions in the City, Township and County, with emphasis on promoting orderly growth.

Historic Preservation: Support of historic preservation which should be of benefit to the Perrysburg area and of the City's historic zoning ordinance.

Voter Participation

Support efforts to educate community members on the importance of voting activities [that may include voter registration, how and where to vote, candidate information and promoting maximum turnout at all elections and citizen participation in government](#). Support may include but not be limited to:

- a. [voter registration](#)
- b. [how and where to vote](#)
- c. [candidate information](#)
- d. [promoting maximum turnout at all elections](#)
- e. [citizen participation in government](#).