

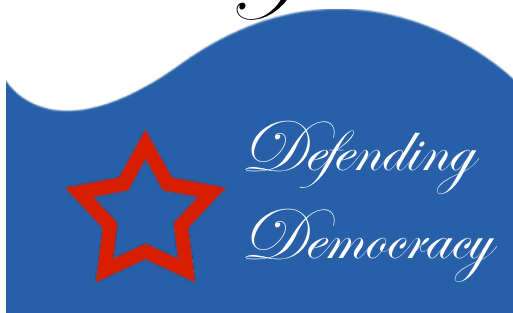


The Voter

March 2020

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



Note: The date of this meeting has been changed from what was previously announced.

Topical Tuesday

Questions About Immigration Laws Will Be Addressed at April 7 Meeting

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library will welcome Patricia Y. Hernandez, senior attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) for a presentation on Immigration 101 on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the library.

During this Topical Tuesday, Ms. Hernandez will provide an introduction to our immigration system — the main ways immigrants enter our country, the various statuses they may hold once they are here, and the struggles and barriers many face along the way. She will also address current immigration policy issues and answer frequently asked questions.



Patricia Y. Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez graduated cum laude from Florida International University with a B.S. in psychology and earned her law degree at St. Thomas University School of Law. Since graduating from law school, Ms. Hernandez has dedicated her career to the practice of immigration and nationality law and family law.

Her knowledge of the U.S. immigration process is enhanced by her own firsthand experience with immigrating to the United States. She immigrated from Columbia in 1983 and officially became a citizen in 1995.

Commemorating the Women’s Suffrage Centennial

On Thursday, March 19, a panel will speak about the women’s suffrage movement, challenges faced by early women leaders and why suffrage matters today. The program will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Way Library and will feature Dr. Carol Lasser, Emerita Professor of History at Oberlin College, Dr. Treva Lindsey, Associate Professor of Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies at the Ohio State University, and Jen Miller, Executive Director of the LWV of Ohio.

This program is sponsored by the three Northwest Ohio Leagues, Ohio Humanities and the LWV of Ohio. Many of our local officials have been invited and hopefully many of our own members, as well as the public, will attend.

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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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Board Letter

Hello League Members!

Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage has given me cause to reflect on my first voting experience. The year was 1972 and those who would be 18 by the election had just been given the right to vote by the ratification of the 26th amendment to the constitution. I would be turning 18 in late September, so I made the cut for the November presidential election. There was much talk among my high school classmates as we researched the candidates, George McGovern and Richard Nixon, and discussed who would be the better choice.

At home we discussed the pros and cons of each candidate, with my parents weighing in on who they felt was the best choice. I was determined to make my own decision and tried to find out all I could about both candidates. Back then, one had to read the newspaper and listen to the news to learn about the candidates, as there were no computers or internet.

On election day I went to my polling place along with my parents to vote. I was very excited going into the voting booth and pulling the lever to close the curtain. It seemed to take forever as I checked and rechecked my selections, making sure that I had pressed the correct levers, then pushing the lever back to cast my vote and open the curtain. The pride and sense of responsibility I felt that day as I exercised my civic duty continues to this day, and I have never missed an election since.

As we celebrate this 100th anniversary and the women who made it possible, think back on your first voting experience. Share your story with your children and grandchildren. I was lucky that mine was a presidential election with all of the national coverage and excitement.

Please consider sharing your memories with your fellow League members. Email your story to Roseanne Barker, Voter Editor at roseannebarker@sbcglobal.net and each month in 2020, they will be published.

And remember that we owe it all to those women who sacrificed and worked so hard over 100 years ago to secure our right to vote, a number of whom did not live to see it accomplished.

Josette McCarthy

Board Member at Large

Welcome New Members!

Barbara and Roger Blem



Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, March 19 —

6:30 p.m. *Panel on Women's Suffrage*, Jen Miller and Ohio Humanities Scholars

Tuesday, April 7 — 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.*

Don't Miss Our Next *Brews and Views* Event

Our next *Brews and Views* Event will be held on Monday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Tekela's on Route 25.

Brews and Views is a chance to relax, socialize and engage in civil conversation on topics important to our communities and our nation. Each gathering has a starter topic for conversation, but feel free to bring your own interests and concerns. Waitstaff will be available to take your food and drink orders if you choose.

This month's starter topic will be plastics — questions and discussion on how to eliminate them in our lives.



Voter Registration Tops 280!

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters registered 283 high school students to vote! John Hall, LWVPA member, arranged Voter registration events at nine Wood County high schools, starting in January and ending a week before the voter registration deadline of February 18. He selected this time period so these newly registered voters could vote in next month's primary.

The administrative staffs at each school were very appreciative of John's work and were eager to know how many students registered to vote. John told them we would be back next year.

Thank you, John, for organizing and working these events! And since we know it takes more than one person to register this many voters, we also thank our members Jerry Mills and Carol Hall, who worked side-by-side with John at each school to register all the new voters. Great job!

Support for Way Library

The League Board of Directors voted to support the Way Public Library replacement levy at the February Board meeting. Support of the levy falls under our program topic of "Government, Library Services" (see page 4 of your membership booklet). Learn more about the levy by visiting the www.supportyourlibrary.info.

Plastic Pollution

*By Carol Hall,
Natural Resources Committee*

About 22 million pounds of plastics end up in the Great Lakes each year. Research is being done to look at the risks plastic ingested by fish might pose in human consumption of fish.

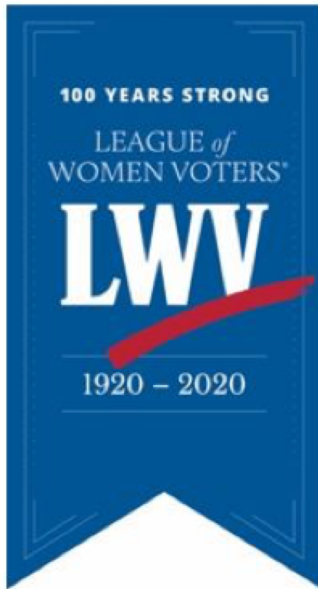
Plastic absorbs toxins in the water like PCBs, mercury and pesticides. When ingested by wildlife these toxins bioaccumulate. What will that mean for us as the plastics and toxins move up the food chain?

Eighty-nine percent of litter picked up on Great Lakes beaches in a recent cleanup was plastic.

Cut out single use plastics. Refuse, reuse & recycle.

From The Toledo Blade, November 4, 2018

Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary!



Listen to the awarding-winning *Rough Draft Diaries* with Haley Taylor on WGTE FM91

[The Fight of the Past and the Future](#)

Toledo Opera Guild celebrates International Women’s Day: Celebrating Generations of Ordinary Women doing Extraordinary Things!

Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, at the Pinnacle in Maumee

LWV will have a suffrage display and a children’s activity table!

For ticket and event details go to

[International Women's Day Celebration](#)

Would You Like to Volunteer at a 100th Anniversary Event?

Events are planned, suffrage display will be set up, and hand-out materials provided.

Here’s the link: www.VolunteerSignUp.org/mhab9 .

As you see on the sign-up page, volunteer opportunities fall into basically three categories:

- Table Set-Up and Staffing: answer questions and hand-out voting and League information just like we do at Harrison Rally Day -- materials provided.
- Display Docent: welcome attendees to browse suffrage display – will be set up.
- Children’s Activities: help kids make sashes and cast ballots – materials provided.

Let [Debra Gorman](#) know if you sign up for an event or if you have any questions.



WGTE / LWV presents: *2020 Census*
February 28 at 8:30 p.m. on WGTE

WGTE / LWV presents: *Immigration*
March 27 at 8:30 p.m. on WGTE

Save the Date

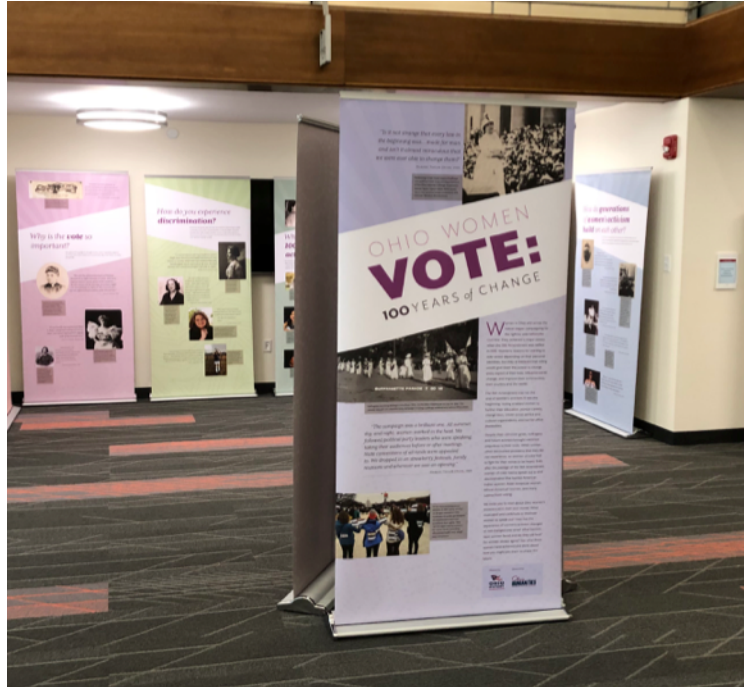
April 16, 2020 LWV Ohio’s Annual Statehouse Day

Hosted by the LWV Ohio, Statehouse Day focuses on state-level public policy issues that affect our democracy and gives us an opportunity to lobby the General Assembly. It is an informative day and all LWV members are encouraged to attend.

Information about registration and program details will be announced by the LWV Ohio once plans are finalized.

Ohio History Connection Display —

The Ohio History Connection display, *Ohio Women Vote: 100 Years of Change*, is now at the Main Toledo Lucas County Public Library until February 29, when it moves to Promedica Toledo Hospital. Voter registration / information tables are set up in conjunction with the display. The OHC display will be at Way Public Library March 13-22.



Valentine Theatre Event Kicks Off Centennial Celebration

Many League members were identifiable by their white *Vote for Women* sashes at the kick-off event of the League's Centennial Celebration on February 15, at the Valentine Theatre. The Northwest Ohio Leagues staffed two voter registration /information tables and shared the Ohio History Connection Display.

In addition, the Leagues provided a program insert on the history of the 19th amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters and in lieu of cake, had LWV cookies from the Cookie Lady.

The LWV was founded 100 years ago on Valentine's Day and the three local Leagues celebrated on Valentine's weekend at the Valentine Theatre with a sold-out performance of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. How perfect!



Know Your LWVPA Committee Chairpersons:

Program — Nancy Kelley

Voter Service — Debra Gorman

Membership — Sue Hoffman and Starr Wlodarski

Observers — Starr Wlodarski

Natural Resources — Carol Hall

Publicity — Sue Brotje

Harrison Rally Days — Donna Burke, Judy Reitzel,
Carol Shepard

LWV of Perrysburg — Our Beginnings

by Nancy J. Kelley

Part 6: 1980-1984 (From the local newspapers)

April 23, 1980 — On Sunday the Perrysburg LWV will honor local government and school officials at the first annual Celebrity Open House at the home of Virginia Stranahan, 577 E. Front Street from 2-4 p.m. On this day, community officials are the celebrities. Invitations have been extended to municipal, township, county and state elected and appointed officials, the library board, the school board, and school administrators.

November 19, 1980 — Last Tuesday evening the membership committee of the LWV donned their track suits and tennis shoes and introduced several prospective members to the *Gold Medal Track Team* and a variety of other League activities. The guests were treated to wine, cheese, cider and donuts while they were moved about Ricky Rudey's home every 10 minutes.

Committee chairs of the various program studies spoke briefly and all of the officers of the League were introduced.

March 25, 1981 — A need for long-range financial planning and management within the city of Perrysburg was urged by the Perrysburg LWV Tuesday at a public hearing on the city's 1981 appropriations, according to the BG Sentinel.

April 22, 1981 — The Library Study Committee of the League will present two meetings to discuss the information learned during a six-month study of library service and building needs of the Way Public Library. The new study was undertaken because of the bond issue that will be on the June ballot to finance an addition to the library. Committee members were Chair Barb Quail, Jean Duston, Carol Court, Ann Leider and Madonna Jones.

April 28, 1982 — The League sponsored an informational meeting on April 22, in the home of Virginia Stranahan to address the problem of waste treatment in the PB area. (In March, 1983 it was noted that the Country Garden Club's Conservation Committee has been working jointly with the LWV).

February 1,— It was reported in the Messenger that Ann Dana, President of the League, gave copies of the Ohio League's *Know Your Ohio Government* booklet to the Way Library, the High School, the Jr. High, and St. Rose school libraries.

May 22, 1984 — City Council was told that a survey of recreational opportunities in the city and the township, sponsored by the Perrysburg LWV, is now underway. The survey is in conjunction with the Department of Community Education of the Perrysburg Schools and the BGSU Department of Recreation, Physical Education, Health and Dance. It will be conducted by mail, tabulated by the BGSU Statistics Department, and presented to the community early in 1985.

NOTE: Throughout the 1980's and continuing to the present, the Perrysburg LWV publishes and updates the *Know Your Government Officials leaflet*. They also sponsored Candidate Forums every year which continue to be held today.

Also, most of the general meetings of the League during the early 1980's were held at noon at the Perrysburg Lucky Star Restaurant or at the home of Virginia Stranahan.