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Welcome New Member!

Michelle Shipman-Stolar

March Mindful Matters

Two Mindful Matters Meetings



Two very different topics will be discussed at separate Mindful Matters meetings this month.

On Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at Way Library Dr. Daniel Pavuk will explain how insects are the basis for about everything. Bugs are critical as pollinators, predators of other insects who are pest insects, and they are food, too.

Dr. Pavuk, a Perrysburg resident, teaches biology courses at Bowling Green State University. He earned his doctorate at the Ohio State University.

His research interests are in insect biodiversity, parasitoid and predatory arthropod communities, conservation biological control, and ecology of insect vectors of pathogens. The ecology of insect parasitoids and predatory arthropods, and how these organisms structure phytophagous insect communities, are particularly of interest to him. His research emphasis has been primarily in agricultural ecosystems.

Later in the month on Tuesday, March 31, Wood County Auditor Matthew Oestreich will make a presentation on the recent changes to property tax law. That meeting will take place at 6 p.m. at Way Library.

Mr. Oestreich was elected Wood County Auditor in 2018 and previously served as Assistant Chief Deputy in that office. He has over 18 years of public sector experience, including serving as Weights and Measures Inspector. As Auditor, Mr. Oestreich serves as the County's chief fiscal officer and appraiser. He is the sealer of weights and measures, and is also the secretary of the Budget Commission, Board of Revision, and Data Processing Board.

A lifelong resident of Wood County, Mr. Oestreich is a graduate of Elmwood High School and holds an Associate's Degree in Agricultural Business from Owens Community College.

Both of this month's Mindful Matters Meetings are co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area and Way Public Library.



Dr. Daniel Pavuk



Matthew Oestreich



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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

Hello LWVPA Members,



Here's a quick LWV terminology refresher.

Principles are our shared, member-approved guideposts—how we stay grounded, consistent, and nonpartisan.

Positions are the League's "what we believe" statements on specific issues. They are what allow us to educate, advocate, and lobby. Positions exist at **local, state, and national** levels: LWVPA uses **LWVUS** and **LWVO** Positions for federal and state issues, and we can develop positions for local needs. You can find these in your membership booklet.

Study and Consensus are how we earn Positions. Study is the deep dive into an issue. **Consensus** is member agreement on key points.

Action is what we do with Positions: educate, advocate, and (when appropriate) lobby.

We don't need to do this alone. **Aligned groups** are organizations whose missions and work *match up with our Positions*—even if they're not "League" groups. Think: PTA/PTO, faith communities, neighborhood associations, service clubs, student groups, and business networks. The best thing you can offer is an **introduction**. I've been in a networking group for 10 years, and that's how we got set up at PHS football games: the Boosters President knew I was LWVPA.

Do you belong to any aligned groups? Tell us — we'd love to connect.

In League,

Starr Wlodarski

President

In Memoriam

We were recently informed that former LWVPA member Lotus Young passed away on October 7, 2025 at 89 years of age.

Lotus served as president of our League from 1973-1975. She had been living in Woodland Park, Colorado.

The League offers our deepest sympathy to her family.



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. Daniel Pavuk, BGSU,
Insects Rule!, Tuesday,
3/10/26, 6 p.m.

★ *Mindful Matters* Program
— Matthew Oestreich, Wood
County Auditor, *Recent
Changes to Property Tax
Law*, Tuesday, 3/13/26, 6
p.m.

★ *Bi-Monthly Meeting*—
Karen Roderick-Lingeman,
Primaries, Saturday, 3/21/26,
9:30 a.m. Breakfast included.

★ *Mindful Matters* Program
— Mark Weber, Perrysburg
Mayor, *State of the City*,
Wednesday, 4/15/26, 6 p.m.

★ *Annual Meeting*,
Members Only, Saturday,
6/20/26, 9:30 a.m.

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

First Bi-Monthly Meeting to Be Held March 21

By Karen Lakis
Membership Co-Chair

Mark your calendars for our first Bi-Monthly Meeting (BMM) on Saturday, March 21. It will be held at the Way Library, beginning at 9:30 am.

We will have some breakfast items, social time, a welcome and update from our president and learn about the importance of the May 5 primary from our own Karen Roderick-Lingeman. There will be voter action activities following. If you are able to attend please RSVP to Lynn Fleure at lynn.fleure@waylibrary.info, but a response is not required. All members are welcome, and guests are encouraged!



Bi-monthly meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every other month, beginning March 21.

Future meetings have been scheduled for May 16, July 13, September 19 and November 21, with topics to be announced. These meetings will take place at Schaller Memorial Building, 130 W. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, and will also start with a breakfast.



League Book Club:

Event Date:

03/11/2026 - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Event Location:

Way Public Library, Local History Room

Members-Only and Invited Guests Book Club

- The Book: *Abundance* by Ezra Kline and Derek Thompson
- 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.
- Future Book Club Dates: Wednesday's, April 8, May 13, and June 10 // Books TBD

Save the Date: 57th Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention Will Take Place June 25-28, 2026

Check out [the Convention 2026 website](#), where you will not only be able to register for Convention, but also find information about the event venue, submit a proposal to host a breakout/ caucus session, learn how to sign up for the wares market, access pre-Convention webinar recordings, find a robust FAQ page, and more.

