

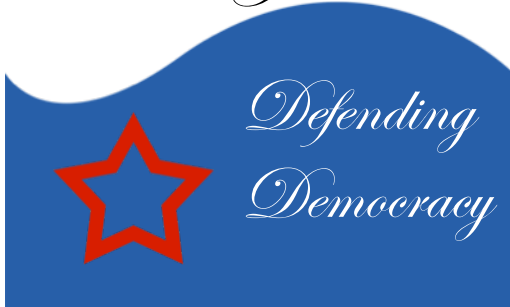


# The Voter

April/May 2024

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



## April Topical Tuesday: The Lorax, Fifty Years Later To Be Topic For This Month's LWVPA Meeting

Our guest speaker this month will be Dr. David McClough, professor of economics at Ohio Northern University. He will present for Topical Tuesday on April 9, at Way Public Library at 7 p.m.

*The Lorax* is a children's book written by Dr. Seuss and published in 1971. It chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax, the main character, who "speaks for trees" and confronts the Once-ler, a business magnate who causes environmental destruction.



Dr. David McClough

The story is considered a fable concerning the danger of greed causing human destruction of the natural environment. It encourages activism and involvement in making the situation better. The Lorax states, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

*The Lorax* expresses Dr. Seuss's views on climate change and pollution, teaching children how important it is to do our part to protect the environment. He said it was his favorite book.

Topical Tuesdays, sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Way Library, are free and open to the public.

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## State of the League Address

The late Dr. Deborah Ann Turner served as the 20th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). She recorded the State of the League address just days before her passing. We have posted a link to her address on our [LWVPA homepage](#).



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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



Happy Spring LWVPA Members,

LWVPA's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at the Way Public Library in the lower level. The business meeting will be from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### *Members-Only Business Meeting*

During the Members-Only business meeting, we will vote on our 2024-25 program, budgets, and nominees for Board of Directors. We will also be voting on two proposed bylaw changes: one to eliminate the Board position of Corresponding Secretary (we have found there is little for this position to do) and one to update our Membership Dues process. You will find all the proposals in this issue of *The Voter*.

If you have any questions about the above items, please reach out to a board member before the meeting or bring your questions with you on May 18.

### *Brunch and Presentation*

Immediately following the business meeting, we will take a short break, then a catered brunch will be served, our LWVPA scholarship winner will be recognized, and our speaker will be introduced. Your invitation will be mailed to your home in a few weeks. Please feel free to invite a friend!

Nancy Kelley, VP Program, has engaged an excellent speaker for this event: Bob Clark-Phelps, volunteer for Citizens Climate Lobby. He will be speaking on Climate Change. Mr. Clark-Phelps spoke to a full house at our December 2023 Topical Tuesday event. We are glad to welcome him back!

I encourage you to attend both sessions of our Annual Meeting. A quorum is necessary for the business meeting, so your attendance and participation are vital. It is also a perfect time for socializing -- making new friends and catching up with long-time friends!

*Mark your calendar now: Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m., Way Public Library.*

*Debra Greenley Gorman*

President



## Upcoming Meetings

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

### [League Calendar](#)

**Tuesday, April 9** — 7 p.m. *The Lorax* — *Fifty Years of Environmental Education*, Dr. David McClough, Prof. of Economics, Ohio Northern University

**Saturday, May 18** — 9:30 a.m. *Annual Meeting*, followed by catered brunch and speaker at 10:45. Speaker: Bob Clark Phelps, volunteer for Citizens Climate Lobby

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

**All programs will be announced on our web page and in *The Voter* as soon as the dates are secured.**



## Members-Only Annual Meeting

*Saturday morning – May 18*  
Way Public Library, lower level

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Members-Only Annual Meeting

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM: Brunch and Speaker

*Invite will be mailed to your home in next few weeks.*

***We have an excellent speaker!***

Bob Clark-Phelps

Volunteer for Citizens Climate Lobby

Speaking on Climate Change

## Program Planning Updates



*Updates for a few 2024 Program Planning suggestions made by members.*

**Suggestion:** *Do voter registration at high schools.*

★ LWVPA currently has an on-going high school voter registration project.

**Suggestion:** *School board meetings should be recorded and published online.*

★ Good news -- these meetings are recorded and online! Here is the schedule:

[Perrysburg School Board meeting schedule](#). Per this webpage, “Board of Education Regular Meetings and Work Sessions are held in-person at the Perrysburg Board of Education Office Cafeteria; 140 E. Indiana Avenue, and are posted afterward on the [Perrysburg Schools YouTube Channel](#).”

**Suggestion:** *Weekly Newsletter*

★ Each League member should be receiving LWVO’s *Weekly Update*. If you are not receiving it, contact us at [lwvperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperrysburg@gmail.com).

If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to see the complete list of ideas and comments, please email [lwvperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperrysburg@gmail.com).

# Proposed 2024-2025 Slate of Officers

## *2024 – 2025 Slate of Officers, Directors, and Non-Board Positions*

2024 Nominating Committee: Barb Baumgartner, Sharon Dela-Hamaide, and Starr Wlodarski

### All are two-year terms unless otherwise indicated:

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership	Sue Hoffman, Starr Wlodarski
Recording Secretary	Kathy Donahue
Treasurer & Registrar	Shirley Johnson
Co-Directors, Voter Services (one-year Term)	Heidi Meyer, Michelle Sweetser
Director, The Voter	Roseanne Barker
Director-at-Large	Stephanie Johnstone
Director-at-Large	Karen Roderick-Lingeman

### Non-Board Positions:

2025 Nominating Committee	Lynn Fleure, Judy Reitzel, Starr Wlodarski
Education Fund Trustees	President, Treasurer, and Board to appoint remaining members

### The following are in the middle of a two-year term:

President	Debra Greenley Gorman
Vice President, Program	Nancy Kelley
Director, Natural Resources	Carol Hall
Director, Communications	Cindi Britt

## 2024 – 2025 Program Changes

### Changes Recommended by Board of Directors

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Green = add new text

#### Priorities

- ~~Clean and Sustainable Water~~ Environmental Issues
- Voter Participation
- Local Government
- Public Education

There are no other changes to Program.

## Corresponding Secretary -- Bylaws

### Changes Recommended by Board of Directors

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#### ARTICLE IV

##### Officers

**Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers.** The officers of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area shall be a President, a Vice President, Program, a Vice President, Membership, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers, except the Treasurer, shall take office immediately following the annual meeting. The treasurer shall take office on the first day of the fiscal year following the annual meeting.

- a. The President, and Vice President Program and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd numbered years.
- b. The Vice President Membership, Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms in even numbered years.
- c. Any two of the above offices may be combined and held by one member.
- d. Two members may hold any one of the above offices jointly.

**Sec. 2. President.** (No changes to this section.)

**Sec. 3. Vice Presidents.** (No changes to this section.)

**Sec. 4. Secretaries.** Recording Secretary ~~There shall be two secretaries.~~

a. **The Recording Secretary** shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and any business meeting of the membership. The Recording Secretary shall notify all officers and Directors of their election and shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

b. ~~The Corresponding Secretary shall help the President with all correspondence and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.~~

**Sec. 5. Treasurer.** (No changes to this section.)

**Sec. 6. Executive Committee.** (No changes to this section.)

## Dues Process -- Bylaws

### Changes Recommended by Board of Directors

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#### ARTICLE VI

##### Financial Administration

**Sec. 1. Fiscal Year.** (No change to this section.)

**Sec. 2. Dues.**

a. The dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Dues invoices shall be mailed on June 1 with a due date of July 1 beginning in 2024, payable on the first day of June of each year, beginning with 1982. A reminder invoice shall be mailed on July 10 to members who have not paid. A second reminder invoice shall be mailed on August 1 to members who have not paid. Members joining after ~~January~~ December 31 shall pay one-half the regular dues for the first year. Members whose dues are not paid by August ~~31~~ 1 shall be dropped from membership. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, dues shall be one and one-half times the individual member payment.

b. The LWVUS may authorize the payment of a designated part of each per member payment to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

c. A state and local league shall be excused from making a per member payment for life members and students.

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg  
Education Fund Budget July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Members	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Non-Members	1,300.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	850.00	800.00
Memorials	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fundraising/Scholarship	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Transfer from General Fund *	1,120.00	1,085.00	1,335.00	1,025.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,620.00</b>	<b>5,085.00</b>	<b>5,935.00</b>	<b>3,075.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
National PMP	800.00	785.00	960.00	1,025.00	1,000.00
State PMP	320.00	300.00	375.00	400.00	350.00
Finance Drive	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Program Support	100.00	800.00	2,025.00	755.00	700.00
Scholarship	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,450.00
Candidates Forum	400.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	700.00	250.00
Voters Guide	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,925.00	2,055.00	3,500.00
Gov't Official Pamphlet	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
Website Support	450.00	965.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Homecoming Event	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Stranahan Award	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00	
Administrative Expense	75.00	75.00	135.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,895.00</b>	<b>8,575.00</b>	<b>10,020.00</b>	<b>7,835.00</b>	<b>8,650.00</b>
<b>Income Over / (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>(1,275.00)</b>	<b>(3,490.00)</b>	<b>(4,085.00)</b>	<b>(4,760.00)</b>	<b>(2,650.00)</b>

\* This line item is a planned transfer to cover the State/National dues and budget balancing.

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg  
General Fund Budget July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Dues	4,170.00	3,185.00	3,900.00	4,160.00	3,800.00
Finance Campaign Members	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	400.00
Finance Campaign Non-Members	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	800.00
In-Kind Donations	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Investment Income	500.00	500.00	300.00	300.00	-
Meeting Lunch Revenue	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,400.00	2,400.00	1,500.00
Misc.					300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,270.00</b>	<b>5,285.00</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>	<b>6,960.00</b>	<b>6,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
National PMP	800.00	785.00	960.00	1,025.00	1,025.00
State PMP	950.00	975.00	1,200.00	1,275.00	1,275.00
National/State Convention	750.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	800.00
Memorials	100.00	100.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Meetings, Coalitions, Special Even	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	3,000.00
Membership	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Meeting Lunch Expense	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,400.00	2,400.00	1,500.00
Executive Board Operating	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	700.00
Printing and Postage	200.00	400.00	900.00	800.00	1,000.00
Transfer to Education Fund	1,120.00	1,085.00	1,335.00	1,025.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,270.00</b>	<b>5,805.00</b>	<b>7,455.00</b>	<b>8,185.00</b>	<b>13,300.00</b>
<b>Income Over / (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(520.00)</b>	<b>(1,555.00)</b>	<b>(1,225.00)</b>	<b>(6,400.00)</b>

\*This line item is a planned transfer to cover the State/National dues and budget balancing.

Deficit in 2024-2025 Budget of \$6,400 may come from investments.



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