



# The Voter

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## Welcome New Member!

Barbara Winkle

### April Mindful Matters

## Perrysburg Mayor Mark Weber To Give State of City Address



The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area and Way Library will welcome City of Perrysburg Mayor Mark Weber to a Mindful Matters meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. He will provide reflections on state of the city and describe the future of Perrysburg.

Mayor Weber was elected to Perrysburg City Council in 2021 after having twice been appointed to fill vacant Council seats. During his time on Council, he chaired the Finance and Economic Development Committee and served on the Personnel Committee and the Service Committee, where he played an active role in guiding the city's fiscal planning and operational priorities.



Mayor Mark Weber

He is a member of the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council and the Perrysburg Rotary Club and serves on the board of directors for the Perrysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Perrysburg Area Historic Museum. His prior service includes chairing the Historic Landmarks Commission, graduating from the Perrysburg Citizens Police Academy in 2018, and participating in the Perrysburg Fire Division Strategic Plan in 2019.

A lifelong resident, Mayor Weber has called Perrysburg home for more than 60 years. He is a 1975 graduate of Perrysburg High School and attended Jackson Community College. Mayor Weber retired from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 8.



### **The digital billboard across from Krogers has our LWVPA Early Voting Now running until May 3!**

Check it out ... but don't get in a car accident. Park across the street and wait for it. It lasts eight seconds and rotates with ads, the township brush pickup and Perrysburg America 250 Treasure Hunt. Our billboard is **FREE!** Thank you Perrysburg Township!



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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,

As we move into April, we also move into one of the most important parts of our work: making sure every eligible voter is informed, prepared, and ready to participate.

Early voting for Ohio's May 5, 2026 primary begins on Tuesday, April 7.

That means this is not the moment to tune out. It is the moment to check your registration, make a voting plan, and remind others to do the same. Whether someone prefers to vote early in person, cast an absentee ballot by mail, or vote on Election Day, the key is simple: do not wait until the last minute.

For all of us in the League of Women Voters, this season is a reminder of why we do this work. We are here to support informed and active participation in government. We are here to provide clear, nonpartisan information. And we are here because democracy works better when more people take part in it.

In a time when confusion, noise, and misinformation can make civic participation feel more difficult than it should, our role matters. The League continues to be a trusted source of facts, fairness, and encouragement for voters in our community. That work is not flashy, but it is essential.

So this month, I encourage each of you to do three things: make sure you are ready to vote, help one other person get ready to vote, and continue being an ambassador for nonpartisan civic engagement. Those small actions add up, and they matter more than ever.

Thank you for everything you do to strengthen our community and support voters. I hope to see that same League energy throughout April and into Election Day on May 5.

**In League,**

*Starr Wlodarski*

President



## 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

[lwperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwperrysburg@gmail.com)

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

★ *Bi-Monthly Meeting, Members Only*, Saturday,  
5/16/26, 9:30 a.m., Speaker:  
Theresa Fedor, Vice President  
of Ohio State Board of  
Education, Schaller Memorial  
Hall

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

★ *Bi-Monthly Meeting, Members Only*, Saturday,  
7/18/26, 9:30 a.m., Schaller  
Memorial Hall

★ *Brews and Views*,  
Thursday, 8/13/26, 5:00 to  
7:30 p.m., Sidelines  
Restaurant

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

## Teresa Fedor To Speak at May Bi-Monthly Meeting

By Karen Lakis  
Membership Co-Chair

Our first Bi- Monthly Meeting was a great success, and we were so happy to see a few new faces. Thanks to Judy Reitzel for helping with the breakfast items and especially to Karen Roderick-Lingeman who spoke on Ohio Primaries. Karen also introduced to us to how to use the “5 calls app” on our phones. With just a few clicks, the app lists your elected officials, gives you a script and presents upcoming bills at the national level.



Click again and you can connect with your lawmaker by phone to express your views. five minutes, five calls! Get the app!

Our next Bi- Monthly Meeting is May 16, 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at Schaller Memorial and include breakfast and social time. Our speaker is Teresa Fedor, current Vice-President, District 2, of the Ohio State Board of Education. She will be speaking on the history of the LWV and the Ohio State School Board. Teresa is a past Ohio State Representative, a veteran and a former public -school teacher. You won't want to miss this one. Mark your calendars!

## League Book Club:

Members-Only and Invited Guests Book Club

Want to Join the Club? Contact Ann Hymel at [lwperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwperrysburg@gmail.com) to RSVP.

- Future Book Club Dates: **May 13**; and **June 10**  
(more dates coming) Books TBD

Event Location:

Way Public Library, Local History Room



## ***Educating New Citizens — Want to Help?***

Have you ever attended a naturalization ceremony? It is a great opportunity to observe the swearing in of new citizens and to participate in registering and advising them on their voting rights. The Perrysburg League, along with Toledo and Bowling Green League members, attend these monthly events at various locations.

If interested in participating contact Karen Lakis at [lakiskaren@gmail.com](mailto:lakiskaren@gmail.com). Upcoming dates are May 13, 11 a.m. at the Toledo Zoo, July 4, 11 a.m. at Sauder Village and August 12, 11 a.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art.

## Thank You Voter Registration Volunteers!

Many thanks to our members who volunteered to make our spring high school voter registration drive a success. We registered 50 students! Kudos to Jan Dixon, Karen Roderick-Lingeman, Chris Johnson, Veronica Mora, Jenn Simpson, Judy Reitzel, Connie Murphy, Karen Lakis and John Hall.

Special shout out to John who will be stepping back as coordinator of this program. He has spearheaded the program for many years and empowered hundreds of young voters. If interested in participating in the future, please contact any Board member.

*Pictured: LWVPA Member Veronica Mora registering her daughter.*



## Statehouse Day 2026

Two LWVPA members, Karen Lakis and Debra Gorman, attended Statehouse Day last month. They had a chance to meet with legislators regarding LWV positions on election integrity, election funding and maintaining state control over elections. They also attended a panel discussion with two county Board of Elections directors and participated in a ground breaking for a new Woman's Sculpture on the state house grounds.



*Picture above: Bowling Green LWV Member Lee McLaird, Debra Gorman, BG Member Sharlyn Katzner, Karen Lakis and Toledo LWV Member Ann Payne at Statehouse Day.*

*Pictured at left: Governor Mike DeWine leads the groundbreaking for a new Woman's Sculpture.*

## Convention Delegates Chosen; Observer Spots Still Open

Debra Gorman and Karen Lakis have volunteered to be our delegates to the LWVUS convention in Columbus June 25 - 28. Any member interested in attending as an observer (fully participate, but not vote) should contact Starr Wlodarski. The Perrysburg League will reimburse the registration fee, hotel stay and parking expenses.

This is a great opportunity to represent LWVPA, learn more about League priorities at the national level, and be part of the conversations shaping our work going forward.