

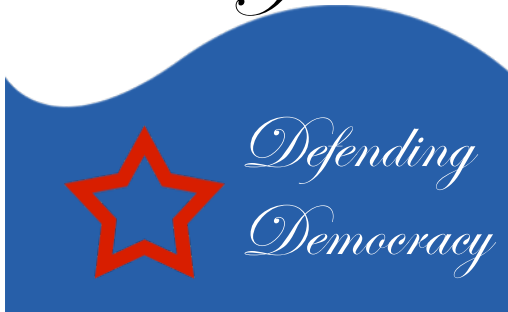


The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



LWVO Virtual Statehouse Day Provides Update on Ohio VVR

It was a first for the LWVO – a virtual Statehouse Day. With 250 league members in attendance, LWVO laid out issues we will be tackling over the next several months, including an update on VVR.

VVR (Voter Verification & Registration) is the new name for AVR -- Automatic Voter Verification. VVR is an Ohio-specific, legislative proposal that will update and modernize our voter registration system. Here's how it works:

- Every time an **eligible, unregistered citizen** interacts with a DMV office, they will automatically be registered to vote unless they take an action to decline.
- Every time a **registered voter** indicates he/she has moved (while doing business at the DMV) his/her voter registration address will be updated.
- The necessary data is electronically transferred to the Secretary of State (SOS).
- The SOS and local election officials will add the individual to the voter rolls or update the person's registration, unless he/she declines.

VVR is more accurate, efficient, secure, and cost effective than our current system. As of 2020, 22 states plus Washington, DC have adopted their version of VVR.

The 1993 National Voter Registration Act mandated voter registration opportunities at DMV's and other state agencies. It's time for Ohio to update and modernize our voter registration process. Check your emails for how you can get involved or contact LWVPA member Debra Gorman at Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com.

Harrison Rally Day Set

Harrison Rally Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 19 from 9:30 to 4 p.m.

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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](https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area)**

President's Letter

Hello League Members!

Recently, I was sitting at the stoplight at the diverging diamond interchange exiting 475 to route 25 south in Perrysburg. I looked up and saw the sign "Turn left on Red." The sign reminded me of the trepidation and uncertainty we felt three years ago when the diverging diamond was opening in Perrysburg. We were concerned with the unknown, especially driving on the wrong side of the road and making a left-hand turn on red.

Well, fast forward to today. The presence of COVID 19 is creating unprecedented feelings of fear and anxiety (it makes the diverging diamond seem like a piece of cake). Stay-at-home orders, closings and cancelations are challenging us to think differently. In a sense we have been asked to "Turn left on red" in every part of our lives. We have had to adjust to wearing masks, interacting with friends and families using face time or zoom and doing business through plexiglass.

So how do we adjust to being forced to operate outside of our comfort zone in our League activities? Much of what we do is about human connection. Traditionally, Topical Tuesdays, voter registration and candidate forums have all been face-to-face interactions. Over the next six weeks, you will start to see our plans for 2020-2021 take shape and the use of technology will be prominent. The League will be planning events with the goal of keeping each other safe while meeting our objective of educating our citizenry.

As upcoming LWVPA events are announced (for example, our upcoming Brews and Views via zoom on June 8 at 5 p.m), please do not hesitate to reach out to me or other board members if you have concerns over attending via your computer or phone. We want to do as much as we can to keep the human connection with our membership, even though it may be across the internet. Members who attended the virtual 2020 LWV Ohio Statehouse Day over Zoom said it was well organized (started and stopped on time!), well attended and educational. We hope to mimic this success as we plan our events.

Communication will be key as we move forward. Please share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas with me or other board members so that we can make 2020-2021 a year that is memorable for our programming and participation!

Stay safe!

Jacki Stedman



Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, August 9 — 2 p.m, Annual Meeting, 577 Foundation

Saturday, September 19 - 10 a.m. Harrison Rally Day, Downtown Perrysburg

PHS Student Awarded League Scholarship

Lincy Chen, the winner of the 2020 League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area Scholarship, has been given a check for \$500. With the annual meeting luncheon canceled, the board decided to go ahead and present her with the scholarship, unfortunately without the usual fanfare.

Lincy intends to focus on data science in college. She is bothered by injustice, and feels that statistics can be used to address the inequalities of workers in the US. Lincy gained first hand knowledge of this situation through her parents, immigrants from China. Each week Lincy mentors second grade immigrant children and witnesses the family struggles.

2020 Stranahan Citizenship Award

St. Timothy's Clothesline, an outreach mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Perrysburg, is the recipient of the 2020 Virginia Secor Stranahan Citizenship Award sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area.

The Clothesline began in the spring of 2009 and offers free gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories. Used seasonal clothing is collected in a covered area in back of the church. An on-site shop is open every Friday and coincides with the Perrysburg Christians United Food Pantry, and the Zoar Lutheran Church free monthly lunch. While shopping, guests are invited to share refreshments and conversation in a small café area. St. Tim's Mobile Clothesline also takes clothing and personal products to two sites in Toledo, partnering with the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo's monthly mobile food pantry.

The LWVPA Board is working with The Clothesline on how best to recognize their organization and celebrate their accomplishment as the LWVPA 2020 Stranahan Award recipient. Stay tuned for more information!

ZOOM Brews and Views Scheduled for June

Look for an e-mail invitation from Nancy Kelley for the next *Brews and Views* meeting using Zoom.

The e-mail will have the Zoom link and login instructions.

The discussion topics will be: experience with the March primary — what went well and what did not — how do we prepare for the general election and voter registration during a pandemic

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.





WGTE / LWV presents: *The Media: Who Do You Trust*
May 29 at 8:30 PM on WGTE

Discusses how, as consumers of news, we can evaluate the accuracy and/or bias within a news story.

Guests

**David Dupont, owner and editor of, “BG Independent News”, a local, online news source

**Kristin Schnere, Toledo Public Schools teacher, who developed and teaches a class on this subject

WGTE / LWV presents: *Board of Elections*
June 26 at 8:30 PM on WGTE

Questions for the 2020 General Election Voter Guide?

Do you have a question you would like to submit for consideration for the 2020 General Election Voter Guide?

The Voter Guide Committee (Carol Russell, Christy Besozzi, Debra Gorman, Judy Reitzel, and Kathy Donahue) will be working on questions for **Wood County Commissioner, Wood County Recorder and Wood County Sheriff**.

You can help us by submitting your question(s) on or before Monday, June 1, 2020. Please indicate which office your question pertains to. We can't use every question and questions may be “tweaked,” but we will include your suggestion in the mix.

You may email your questions to me at the address below on or before Monday, June 1.

Thank you for participating!

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Proposed Budgets for LWVPA 2020-2021

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg Education Fund Budget July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Income					
Members	2,100.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	2,700.00	2,000.00
Non-Members	1,500.00	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,300.00
Memorials	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
In-Kind Donations	1,200.00	1,200.00	800.00	-	-
Rebates	25.00	25.00	25.00	-	-
Fundraising / Scholarships	150.00	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00
Misc*	800.00	1,750.00	950.00	1,375.00	1,120.00
Total Income	5,875.00	5,525.00	5,025.00	5,675.00	4,620.00
Expenses					
National PMP	1,000.00	850.00	675.00	900.00	800.00
State PMP	325.00	300.00	275.00	350.00	320.00
Finance Drive	100.00	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Program Support	200.00	150.00	300.00	100.00	100.00
Scholarship	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Candidates Forum	200.00	150.00	300.00	400.00	400.00
Voters Guide	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Govt Officials Pamphlet	100.00	75.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Website Support	-	-	-	600.00	450.00
Harrison Rally	-	-	-	300.00	300.00
Stranahan Award	325.00	300.00	-	400.00	400.00
Other Voter Services	25.00	25.00	50.00	-	-
Administrative Expense	50.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Total Expenses	5,875.00	5,525.00	5,025.00	5,675.00	5,395.00
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	-	-	-	-	(775.00)

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

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General Fund Budget July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Income					
Dues	3,300	3,300	2,700	4,200	4,170
Finance Campaign Members	100	100	100	100	100
Finance Campaign Non-Members	100	100	100	100	100
In-Kind Donations	100	100	100	100	100
Stranahan Funds	600	600	600	700	500
Meeting Lunch Revenue	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,300
Recycle Funds	300	-	-	-	-
Total Income	6,000	5,700	5,100	7,000	6,270
Expenses					
National PMP	1,000	850	675	900	800
State PMP	1,000	900	850	1,200	950
National/State Convention	950	-	-	375	750
Perrysburg Voter	25	25	25	-	-
Publications	25	25	25	-	-
Program Meetings	250	150	150	-	-
Position Support	50	50	50	-	-
Special Programs - Dues and Fees	100	50	50	-	-
Memorials	100	100	100	100	100
Meetings, Coalitions, Special Events	50	50	50	350	350
Membership	225	150	150	500	500
Meeting Lunch Expense*	1,100	1,100	1,500	1,800	1,300
Executive Board Operating	100	200	200	200	200
Printing and Postage	125	100	125	200	200
Website Support	100	200	200	-	-
Misc**	800	1,750	950	1,375	1,120
Total Expenses	6,000	5,700	5,100	7,000	6,270
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	-	-	-	-	-

* This item includes the Holiday Luncheon and the League Annual Luncheon in May

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