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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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Bi-Monthly Meeting

State Board of Education Representative Will Address Perrysburg League

Our next Bi-Monthly Meeting is Saturday, May 16. This meeting will be held at Schaller Memorial (140 W. Indiana Avenue) 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 talking about public schools in Ohio and their connection to the Ohio League of Women Voters.

Ms. Fedor earned a B.S. in education from the University of Toledo. Her career experience includes working as an educator with Toledo Public Schools. She is a past Ohio State Representative, State Senator and a veteran, having served with the U.S. Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard.



Teresa Fedor

Ms. Fedor has voiced concerns over the elimination of some education measures that would eliminate all-day kindergarten requirements. While new legislation has come forth to give more communities education choices, Fedor has stated that she thinks districts were offered some choice with the waivers for all-day kindergarten that were provided in the past.

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

9:30 - 10 a.m. Coffee/Breakfast

10 a.m. Future events and opportunities

10:15 - 11:30 Guest speaker and discussion

Please mark your calendars and join us for what should be a very interesting meeting.

Congratulations
LWPA 2026
Scholarship Winner!

Ella Hahn



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

Our billboard is FREE thanks to 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,



One thing many of our members encountered this spring while doing voter registration was the accusation that the League is partisan. In today's climate, that charge is made far too easily, especially when people do not like a fact, a position, or even the simple act of helping citizens participate in our democracy.

For that reason, it is important that we respond with clarity, confidence, and calm: **the League of Women Voters is nonpartisan.** We do not support or oppose political candidates or political parties. We do not endorse campaigns. Our role is to serve voters through education, advocacy, and support for fair democratic processes.

It is equally important to remember that **nonpartisan does not mean silent.** The League has always taken positions on issues, particularly when those issues affect voters, elections, and the strength of our democracy. Those positions are not shaped by party loyalty. They are grounded in careful study, thoughtful discussion, and member consensus. We are, and always have been, issue-based rather than party-based.

That distinction matters. Supporting voter registration, informed participation, fair elections, and equal access to the ballot is not partisan. It is central to the League's mission. Yet in a time when nearly every public issue is quickly framed in partisan terms, even basic civic engagement can be misunderstood or unfairly criticized.

When that happens, members do not need to argue or respond in kind. Often the strongest response is also the simplest:

“No, the League is nonpartisan. We do not serve parties or candidates. We serve voters.”

That is the truth of who we are. The League's purpose is not to satisfy political parties or to avoid criticism from those who would prefer silence. Our purpose is to stand firmly for voters, for facts, and for democratic participation. In a time marked by noise and division, that steady commitment matters more than ever.

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

lwvperrysburg@gmail.com

★ *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.

Brought Back By Popular Demand



Our popular Brews and Views Event is returning! We hope you and your guests or family members will join us at Sidelines Sports Eatery in Country Charm Shopping center on Thursday, August 13, between 5 and 7:30 pm.

We have the front room reserved just for us! Pop in for a beer or stay and select your meal from the menu. Appetizers will be provided but cash for your meals and drinks.

General league information and an upcoming calendar of events will be available. If you've been looking to get to know the league a little better, get involved with any of our initiatives or just want to catch up with friends while making some new ones, please mark your calendar!

LWVPA Members Attend *Suffs* at the Historic Fisher Theater

By Karen Lakis
Membership Chair

Members of our League attended the Broadway musical *Suffs* at the historic Fisher Theatre in Detroit, a story of the suffrage movement that led to the 19th amendment and women's right to vote. The book by the same name, its music and lyrics were written by Tony Award winner Sharina Taub.

We enjoyed the story, the voices and the Art Deco theatre, boasting truly outstanding acoustics. Attending were Ann Worden, Jacki Stedman, Karen Roderick-Lingeman, Carol and John Hall, Karen and Bob Lakis, Starr Wlodarski, Erin Daly (and her aunt), Kathy Donahue, Roger and Barbara Blem.

You can watch *Suffs* on PBS Great Performances on Friday, May 8, at 9 p.m. Watch it on our local WGTW/PBS station or stream it from PBS.



Members Ann Worden and Kathy Donahue

LWVPA Members attended a production of Suff's at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit



League of Women Voters of Perrysburg
General Fund Budget July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Income	2025-2026 Budget	2025-2026 Actual With YE Estimate	2026-2027 Budget
Dues	1,080.00	600.00	1,050.00
Finance Campaign Members	800.00	225.00	300.00
Finance Campaign Non-Members	900.00	190.00	200.00
Donations and Gifts	250.00	515.00	600.00
Investment Income	1,200.00	155.35	155.35
Meeting Lunch Revenue	1,500.00	690.00	1,500.00
Misc.	300.00	-	300.00
Transfer from Raymond James		13,000.00	
Total Income	6,030.00	15,375.35	4,105.35
Expenses			
National PMP	950.00	3,013.66	-
State PMP	1,150.00	-	-
National/State Convention	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Memorials	500.00	-	200.00
Meetings, Coalitions, Special Events	100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Memberships	-	-	-
Meeting Lunch Expense	2,500.00	1,200.00	2,500.00
Executive Board Operating	700.00	729.00	800.00
Printing and Postage	1,500.00	1,400.00	2,000.00
Advertising		2,399.80	3,000.00
Consulting Fees for Tax Exempt Status	1,500.00	514.50	-
Voter Services	-	2,904.16	3,000.00
Financial Review & Software		5,512.50	4,000.00
Awards	-	800.00	800.00
Transfer to Education Fund	6,600.00	-	-
Total Expenses	16,500.00	21,473.62	19,300.00
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	(10,470.00)	(6,098.27)	(15,194.65)

Expected Cash in Bank at Fiscal Year End 300.00

Investments - Raymond James as of March 2026 \$ 103,918.04

Deficit in 2026-2027 Budget of \$15,194.65 will come from Cash in Bank Balance and a transfer from the Raymond James Investment Account.

2026/2027 Budget Notes and Highlights:

- 1) Membership is at 70 members
- 2) National, State and Local Dues are as follows: National: 33%, State: 47%, Local 20%

League of Women Voters of Perrysburg
Education Fund Budget July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

	2025-2026 Budget	2025-2026 Actual With YE Estimate	2026-2027 Budget
Income			
Members	2,000.00	1,515.00	2,000.00
Non-Members	250.00	100.00	200.00
Memorials	100.00	-	100.00
Fundraising/Scholarship	100.00	50.00	100.00
Transfer from General Fund	6,600.00	-	4,200.00
Total Income	9,050.00	1,665.00	6,600.00
Expenses			
National PMP	-	-	-
State PMP	-	-	-
Finance Drive	100.00	-	-
Program Support	700.00	-	-
Scholarship & Jr. High Awards	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Candidates Forum	1,200.00	2,005.22	2,000.00
Voter Services	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Gov't Official Pamphlet	200.00	-	-
Website Support	500.00	-	-
Homecoming Event	300.00	-	-
Administrative Expense	200.00	9.61	100.00
Total Expenses	7,700.00	2,014.83	6,600.00
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	1,350.00	(349.83)	-

Expected Cash in Bank at Fiscal Year End \$130.00

Transfer from General Fund to Education Fund may be \$4,200.00.

Proposed 2026-2027 Slate of Officers

2026 – 2027 Slate of Officers, Directors, and Non-Board Positions

2026 Nominating Committee: Lynn Fleure, Josette McCarthy and Judy Reitzel

All are two-year terms unless otherwise indicated:

Vice President, Membership	Karen Lakis
Recording Secretary	Kathy Donahue
Treasurer & Registrar	Shirley Johnson
Directors, Voter Services (one year)	Erin Daly
Director, The Voter	Roseanne Barker
Director-at-Large	Karen Roderick-Lingeman



League Book Club:

MEETING: Wednesday, May 13

WHERE: Way Library

BOOK: *Giving Up Is Unforgivable* by Joyce Vance