

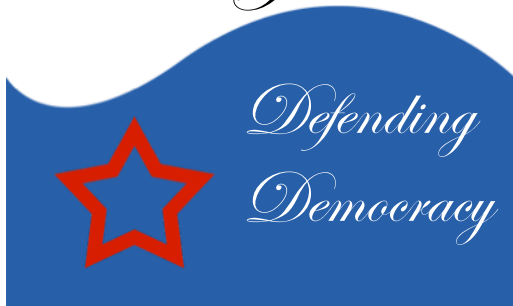


The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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In Memoriam

Sadly, LWVPA member Jan Samples passed away on August 25 at the age of 88.

She and her late husband Gary were longtime active members of the League.

September Topical Tuesday:

LWVO Executive Director Jen Miller Will Present Program on Voter Rights

Way Public Library is one of 25 libraries nationwide selected to participate in *Let's Talk About It (LTAI): Women's Suffrage*, a grant designed to spark conversations about American history and culture through an examination of the women's suffrage movement.

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area and Way Library will welcome Jen Miller, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio for a presentation on voting rights on Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. at the library, as part of the LTAI project.

LTAI: Women's Suffrage is a humanities discussion project from the American Library Association (ALA) supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Jen Miller has over twenty years' experience working with diverse communities to promote social justice and civic action through positions with Columbus Recreation and Parks, Martin Luther Jr. King Arts Complex, the Ohio State University, and Global Gallery.

She earned her Master's in Arts Policy, Education and Administration, a program of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State. She holds bachelor's degrees in Vocal Music and History and Ethnic Studies from Capital University. Ms. Miller is a graduate of the US Department of Energy NREL Leadership Academy. She is a board member for the Ohio Debate Commission, the Ohio History Connection, and Kids Voting Ohio.

Inquiring Minds Need Your Help!

Please Share Your Questions for Our October 18 Topical Tuesday on Media Literacy

The Topical Tuesday on October 18, at 7 p.m., Way Library, will feature a local panel of experts discussing Media Literacy. The panel includes: Tim Kitson, PHS Teacher; Colleen Boff, BGSU Librarian, and Beth Church, Rossford Journal Editor.

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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



Dear League Members,

Fall is always a hectic time as schools are back in session, and we find ourselves with busier schedules and shorter days. For the League of Women Voters, fall means a focus on voter participation as we prepare for election season.

As some of you may recall, at our January members-only program-planning meeting, we asked you to recall why you joined the LWVPA. We then collated the responses into our areas of interest: government, natural resources, human resources and social policy, voter participation and land use. By far, the majority of members listed voter participation as why they joined. Some specific comments included:

“to improve and increase education on issues and participation of residents in the political process”

“to make a difference in voter participation”

“to educate and register voters”

“redistricting and fair voting”

“voter participation, voting, learn about issues and candidates”.

Fall is the perfect time to capitalize on your purpose for joining the League. You will find in this issue of *The Voter*, an article outlining upcoming voter participation activities including: voter registration, a post-card drive to get out the vote, and our annual candidates forum. You also have the opportunity to come to Topical Tuesday on September 13, and hear Jen Miller, Executive Director for the Ohio League. Jen represents our interests at the State level and is a leader for fair districts in Ohio.

Now is the time to show up and bring meaning to your membership. We want to have phenomenal turnout at our activities so we can show the community that the League is a strong and vital resource in the Perrysburg Area!

I hope to see you all soon —

Best regards,

Jacki Stedman
President



Upcoming Meetings

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

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, September 13 — 7 p.m. *Importance of Voting Rights*, Jen Miller, Exec. Dir. LWVO.

Sunday, Oct. 9 — 2 p.m. *Candidates Forum*, Viewing by television available at the Library.

Tuesday, October 18 — 7 p.m. *Panel Discussion on Media Literacy*, PBHS Teacher Tim Kitson, BGSU Librarian Colleen Boff and Rossford Journal Editor Beth Church.

Tuesday, November 22 — 7 p.m. Kathy Mull, Exec. Dir. of the Cocoon (Women's Shelter).

Tuesday, December 13 — 7 p.m. *America's History in Our Backyard*, Ashley Philpot, Director of Fort Meigs..

Wednesday, December 14 — 10 a.m., *Tour of Fort Meigs Museum*.

Tuesday, December 6 — Noon, *Holiday Luncheon*, Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons.

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.

Share Your Questions on Media Literacy *Continued from Page 1*

According to the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), media literacy is “the ability to ACCESS, ANALYZE, EVALUATE, CREATE, and ACT using all forms of communication. Media literacy empowers people to be critical thinkers, effective communicators and active citizens in today’s world.”

In order to offer the best program to our members and the community, we need your questions to spark discussion with our expert panel. If you have a question about media literacy or how these professionals approach the topic/handle challenging situations, please forward your question or comment to lwvperryburg@gmail.com. Please insert Media Literacy in the subject line. Questions due by September 30.

Mis/Disinformation – Identify – Rectify

Source: *LWVUS Women Power Democracy*

Definitions

Misinformation: inadvertently sharing false information without the intent to harm.

Disinformation: intentionally creating and sharing false information with the intent to harm.

Bottom Line: Both share information that is false.

Examples of Election Mis/Disinformation

Wrong Information regarding Vote-by-Mail, Early Voting, and Election Day voting.

False Voting Issues like claims of fraud, double counting, ballot dumping, and machine errors.

Attempts to Cast Doubt on the security of the election process, especially Vote-By-Mail.

Untrue Claims About Results of an Election which casts doubt on a fundamental process of our democracy -- voters having their voices heard at the ballot box.

Casting Doubt on Election Audits which are a key part of our elections. (See [Ohio's "Post-Election Audits Explained" 2-minute video from the Ohio Secretary of State's office](#))

Identify Mis/Disinformation

Research the Source: identify who is sharing the content.

Check the Date: confirm if it is a current event or a past event being re-circulated.

Cross-Check: check to see if reliable sources are reporting the same information.

Read Past the Headline: avoid falling for click-baits -- content and headlines taken out of context to make it seem more dramatic to get people to engage.

Pause & Question: if content triggers a visceral, emotional response from you, that's a red flag!

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Stop Mis/Disinformation

Do Not Engage: Avoid amplification. It might sound counter-intuitive, but do not provide the oxygen to false content by commenting, reacting, or sharing.

Debunk Misinformation -- with correct information. Counter mis/disinformation that is spreading rapidly: 1) name what is false; 2) name the motivations behind the misinformation; and 3) state the truth and link information with trusted sources. **Never link the mis-disinformation content.**

Avoid Cross-Pollination: avoid sharing from one social media platform to another.

Report When Needed: whenever you see mis/disinformation, flag it for removal from the social media network. Collaborate with LWV partners by also reporting it on www.ReportDisinfo.org.

More Information

[Your Guide to Mis- and Disinformation | League of Women Voters \(lwv.org\)](#)

[Ohio's Post-Election Audits Explained](#)

New LWVPA Election Activities

There are always so many interesting and exciting Voter Service activities during an election season. This year is no exception. We have several events on our radar, but here are some highlights:

- ✓ National Voter Registration Day, 09/20/22: we'll be at Owens Community College registering voters.
- ✓ Vote411.org ready for online viewing in mid-September.
- ✓ Perrysburg Homecoming Festival, 09/24/22: at our booth, we'll be handing out voter resource materials, registering voters, and informing the public about the League. (Keep your fingers crossed for a sunny, cool-ish day, with a very-slight breeze!!!)
- ✓ Virtual Candidates Forum, 10/09/22: stay tuned and check our website for details on how to register for livestream and how to view on-demand. We'll be soliciting questions to ask the candidates from the community at large.
- ✓ **New this year:** "Please Go Vote" yard signs. When they arrive, we'll be asking to use your front yard!
- ✓ **New this year:** Get-Out-The-Vote postcards. We've ordered 2,000 postcards to remind voters to vote in the General Election. Look for a Call-to-Action when the cards arrive!

We need you to make our General Election activities successful. If you are interested in volunteering and being a team member for one or more of the above activities, email:

Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com.



Virtual Event – No In-Person Audience

Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Live Streaming the Afternoon of the Forum

Available On-Demand after the Forum

Television viewing will be available at Way Library during the forum.

Details as they are Finalized at [LWVPA Website](#)

Candidates for these Contested Races are Invited to Participate

US Congressional District 5, US Congressional District 9

State Representative District 75

Ohio Board of Education District 2

Court of Appeals District 6