



# The Voter

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## League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area



### September Topical Tuesday: Native Plant Expert Will Speak on Use of Native Plants in Home Landscape

The Perrysburg League in conjunction with Way Public Library will welcome Kate Mason-Wolf, president of the Wild Ones Oak Openings Chapter to speak at our September 26 meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the library and is a Topical Tuesday presentation. She will speak on native plants.



*Kate Mason-Wolf  
Wild Ones Oak Openings  
Chapter*

Wild Ones is a national organization with local chapters that promote the use of native plants in home landscape. Kate also volunteers with Toledo Metroparks on the rare plant monitoring crew and helps to maintain the native plant demonstration garden at Kitty Todd Nature Preserve.

Please plan to join us for a very informative evening — and bring a friend!

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#### In Memoriam

Walter C. Hales passed away July 31, at the age of 96. He and his late wife, Gloria, were longtime League members who were very active with the Natural Resources Committee.

### LWVPA Zooms!

The LWVPA has a Zoom account that is available for League business. If you are having a League meeting and want to do it via Zoom, you are welcome to use it. Our account can accommodate a number of people and does not limit the length of the meeting.

If you would like to use Zoom, email [lwvperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperrysburg@gmail.com) and we will be in contact.



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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 LWV members, our Summer has been a busy one – and we are not slowing down! We worked hard on the *Vote No on Issue 1* campaign (along with many others throughout Ohio) resulting in a victory for Democracy! Within days of the victory, LWVPA issued a media statement in support of [Citizens Not Politicians](#), the ballot initiative to end gerrymandering in Ohio.

The very public support of these issues sometimes prompts the comment from the community, “I didn’t think the League took positions.” Here is how I answer that question.

First, the League never supports or opposes candidates or parties. But, the League (national, state, and local) studies, develops, and approves positions on many topics. By having a position, we can then advocate for public policies consistent with our positions.

Second, the League has robust Voter Services activities – which just might be the activities our local League is best known for. The LWVPA’s Voter Guide, Vote411, Candidates Forum, voter registration, (to name a few), all fall under this category. These activities / materials are designed to “provide citizens with unbiased, factual information that they can use as a basis for reaching their own decision.” In other words, the League is “neutral” in all things Voter Services. Which is why some may be confused when we advocate for a position and are no longer “neutral” on a topic, which brings me to the last point.

In addition to “neutral” Voter Services, the League also has Advocacy activities where we work to “achieve public policies consistent with our positions.” It is under this advocacy branch that we worked on the *Vote No* campaign. It is also the branch under which we continue our work to do away with gerrymandering in Ohio – a public policy for which the LWVPA and local leagues has supported for over 40 years. Your local league, LWVPA, also takes positions such as we did in 2021 when the Board voted to support the Wood County Committee on Aging Levy and issued a media release on our support. Not as large or flashy a campaign as the ones above, but a stance that supported our local Aging in Place position.

Be assured, LWVPA is always mindful to keep our Voter Services activities and our advocacy activities separate. I hope this is useful and will help you if you are asked about this topic.

*Debra Greenley Gorman*

President



## Upcoming Meetings

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

### [League Calendar](#)

**Tuesday, September 26** — 7 p.m. *The Many Benefits of Growing Native Plants*, Kate Mason-Wolf, Pres. Wild Ones Oak Openings Chapter

**Tuesday, October 10** — 7 p.m. *Empowering the Blind and Visually Impaired*, Tim Tegge, Exec. Dir. Sight Center of Northwest Ohio

**Tuesday, November 28** — 7 p.m. *Algal Blooms in Lake Victoria*, Dr. Kefa Otiso, BGSU Professor of Geology

**Tuesday, December 12** — 7 p.m. *Holiday Luncheon*, Belmont Country Club

**Tuesday, December 19** — 7 p.m., *Climate Change*, Bob Clark-Phelps, Citizens' Climate Lobby

**January Date TBA** — 7 p.m. *Panel Discussion in Food Insecurity*

**February Date TBA** — *Perrysburg State of the City Presentation*, Council Chambers

**March Date TBA** — *What's Happening in Perrysburg Township*

**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.**

## Introducing Our New Social Media Specialist

My name is Cindi Britt and I would like to introduce myself as one of the newer members on the LWV board. My position on the board is for social media as Communications Director.

I owned my own salon and spa for 24 years and always took care of social media, which is why it brings me much pleasure to be able to lend my services for such a great cause.

I have high hopes that we will all be able to contribute by tagging LWV on FB @League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg area and IG @ LWVPerrysburg1. Other ways to help ...

– make sure to go to Facebook and Instagram and hit like and follow

– recommend for your friends and family to like and follow

– check in on the pages

– like comments on posts

– post pictures and tag us or send them directly to me at 419-392-5595 or [orgnlqnbee@bex.net](mailto:orgnlqnbee@bex.net).

We look forward to turning our social medias into a fun engaging place to touch base and see what's going on.

If you are in need of a little refresher or some help to get on Facebook or Instagram, I would love to meet with you. You can reach me at 419-392-5595. Please feel free to call or text me, and we can set up a one-on-one time. We can meet at the library or the Flying Joe. It'll be fun!

Thank you!



Join us for 2023 LWV Ohio's annual Statehouse Day event on Wednesday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square in downtown Columbus.

You will hear from experts about pending legislation, learn best practices for lobbying elected officials, and enjoy an inspiring keynote lunch. Teams of advocates will then be assembled to educate lawmakers on our policy priorities.

**[Register for LWVO Statehouse Day Today!](#)**

**When:** 10:00AM to 5:00PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2023

**Where:** Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square,  
75 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

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If you are interested in attending, but have some questions, contact [lwvperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperrysburg@gmail.com) . If you already know you want to attend, click the registration link on the previous page.

*LWVPA will reimburse our members who register for the event.* After you have registered, email [lwvperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperrysburg@gmail.com) that you have done so, and we will forward our LWVPA Expense Reimbursement form to you. (You will need a copy of your registration confirmation to attach to the Reimbursement form.) Once we know who is attending, we can make carpooling arrangements if anyone is interested. (FYI: we have three people already registered.)

### **Reminder:**



Please let Roseanne Barker ([roseannebarker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roseannebarker@sbcglobal.net)) know if there have been any changes in your information in the past year. She is preparing this year's Membership Directory for the League and needs to update information, such as home address, phone numbers and email addresses, as soon as possible.