



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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Mindful Matters

Mark Your Calendars for Our Fall Meetings

September Meeting — Tuesday, September 3, 7 p.m.

LWVPA, in partnership with Way Public Library, opens the 2024-25 *Mindful Matters* series with a timely presentation on Ohio elections on Tuesday, September 3, at 7 p.m at Way Library.

Officials from the Wood County Board of Elections (Julie Baumgardner and Terry Burton) will present information and take Q&A. Their presentation will highlight the elections process in Wood County, the security and safeguards of Ohio elections, and voting methods for the upcoming election. LWVPA will have voting information available before and after the presentation such as voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, early-voting schedule, and more.

Please plan to attend as we would like to have as many League and community members in attendance as possible. It will be interesting and informative. *It is free and open to the public, so invite your friends!*

Also, take the time to re-read LWV' [December 2023 Letter-to-the-Editor](#) recognizing the Wood County Board of Elections.

October Meeting — Tuesday, October 1, 7 p.m.

October's *Mindful Matters* Meeting with Way Library will feature Dr. Paul Moore, Bowling Green State University Professor in Biological Science, discussing his research on the effects of dam removal on ecosystems.

Dr. Moore is Director of BGSU's Laboratory for Sensory Ecology. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Boston University and was a 2017-18 Fullbright Scholar.

He joined the Bowling Green faculty in 1994. His most recent book is titled, *The Hidden Power of Smell: How Chemicals Affect our Lives and Behavior*.

The October 1, meeting is open to the public and will take place at Way Library at 7 p.m.



Dr. Paul Moore

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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.

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<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>

**The deadline for
Voter articles is the
25th of each
month.**

President's Letter



Hello LWVPA Members,

The 56th Biennial LWVUS National Convention was held in Washington DC at the end of June.

Over 1,200 League members, board members, and staff from 50 states, DC, and the Virgin Islands participated in-person and virtually. I was happy to be appointed by the LWVPA Board to be a delegate for our League and attend the convention virtually.

Being a virtual attendee did have a few disadvantages such as missing Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, networking in-person with other League members, and sightseeing in DC. On the other hand, every workshop, interview, and plenary session (the business part of the Convention) was streamed or recorded for virtual attendees. Of the dozens of workshops offered, I selected topics ranging from successful Leagues to advocacy work to GOTV strategies. As a delegate, I voted online on behalf of our Perrysburg League regarding League matters.

Highlights of the convention that may be of interest to you:

- ü [One Person One Vote](#) – a discussion about abolishing the Electoral College.
- ü [LWV's late President Dr. Deborah Ann Turner](#) – a tribute.
- ü [DC Mayor Muriel Bowser](#) – championing DC statehood.
- ü [Celina Stewart](#) – LWVUS' new CEO.
- ü [Kimberly Teehee, Cherokee Nation Delegate to US House](#) – Native women in justice movements.
- ü [Dianna Wynn](#), our new LWVUS Board President.

LWVUS holds their convention in even-numbered years. Their next convention will be in 2026. State Leagues hold their conventions in odd-numbered years. LWVO's next state convention will be held in 2025 – usually in May on a weekend, although the date has not yet been announced.

Would you be interested in attending LWVO's state convention next year? It is an in-person event with an impressive array of workshops and presentations. You will network with League members from across the state and come away inspired.

The LWVPA Board approved budget dollars to cover registration and lodging for members wanting to attend. Although several months away, it is not too early to contact me for more information! Please consider it!

Thank you!

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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

★ *Mindful Matters* Program – Wood County Board of Elections officials will present information and take Q&A – Tuesday, 09/03/24, 7 p.m.

★ LWVPA Booth – Perrysburg Homecoming Festival – Saturday, 09/21/24

★ LWVPA Members-Only Meeting – Wednesday, 09/25/24, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., WW Knight Nature Preserve

★ Candidates Forum — Sunday, 10/13/24, 4 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building, 520 Conneaut Ave., Bowling Green

★ Documentary and Discussion — *We're All Plastic People Now* — Saturday, 10/26/24, 9 a.m.

★ New LWVPA Book Club — starting in October

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

Members-Only Meeting

**Members-Only Meeting September 25
Come for Dinner and Discussion!**



Did you know that the U.S. and Ohio League of Women Voters support a wide range of positions of critical importance to democracy? Your Board has selected five topics of interest to discuss at the Fall, members-only meeting on Wednesday, September 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the WW Knight Nature Preserve (29530 White Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551).

The meeting will be a chance to meet other members of the Perrysburg League while learning about League positions on: the Electoral College, School Finance/Vouchers, our Judiciary, the Equal Rights Amendment and Reproductive Choices. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and provide education about these positions through small group discussion.

We intentionally chose positions that have not typically been a focus of our education efforts in the past. We hope members will walk away with an appreciation of the breadth of areas that the League supports.

Dinner will be served (Middle Eastern food from Yala Kol) at the beginning of the meeting. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Please email or text Jacki Stedman at stedmanfamily@sbcglobal.net or text at 419-787-7092 by Friday, September 20. Also, if you need transportation, please reach out as soon as possible so we can make arrangements for carpooling.

We are looking forward to a fun and inspirational night for our members only!



Sign up today for our very own Book Club. The Club will start meeting sometime in October and is being chaired by LWVPA member Ann Hymel, lwvperrysburg@gmail.com.

Ann has already selected a few books to get us started. About her initial picks for the Club, Ann says, “I curated three selections, a combination of a short paper and two books, to provoke curiosity and thoughtful conversation and possibly, a course of action.”

Contact Ann today at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com to let her know you are interested and get more details.

Starting a Book Club was one recommendation received at our 2024 Program Planning meeting this past February. Thank you to Ann for taking on this member recommendation!

Voter Services Update

By Michelle Sweetser

Save the Date - Face-2-Face Candidates Forum

Your Voter Services team is coordinating to host a Face-2-Face Candidates Forum with the League of Women Voters — Bowling Green. The event will be held on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:30 p.m.) at the Veterans Memorial Building, 520 Conneaut Avenue, Bowling Green. Candidates for the following contested races will be invited to participate: U.S. Congressional Representative District 5, U.S. Congressional Representative District 9, State House Representative District 75, State Senate District 2, Wood County Commissioner (Term Commencing 01/03/25), Wood County Recorder, and Wood County Treasurer.

Attendees will be seated at round tables and will have 10 minutes to ask questions of each candidate. Uncontested candidates may also be in attendance. We hope you'll plan to attend and bring friends along! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to co-chairs Michelle Sweetser (msweetser@gmail.com) and Heidi Meyer (heidi.a.meyer54@gmail.com).

High School Voter Registration Effort

John Hall is coordinating voter registration drives in a number of local schools throughout the second half of September. If you are interested in helping to register high school students for the fall election, please drop John an email (premierprep@yahoo.com).

Absentee Ballot applications are being accepted for the November 5, 2024 General Election. *The Secretary of State will be mailing applications starting in late August or early September*



Wanted -- Observer Corps



Are you a LWVPA member who . . .

- Believes protecting our right to know is integral to the health of our democracy?
- Is interested in local government and what they are doing?
- Believes that decisions made by local government and boards should be made in an open and transparent manner?
- Is willing to observe meeting proceedings of one local government / board of your choice?

If you answered, YES to the above, please consider being an Observer representing the LWVPA. Contact Debra Gorman, Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com to learn more before committing to the committee.

The best news: a long-standing process is already available – we just need to start doing it!

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 lwyperrysburg@gmail.com and we will be in contact.



Women Making History

"Which presidential campaign produced the first nationally televised debate? The typical answer to that question is 1960, Kennedy v. Nixon." Read the [U.S. Senate's Art and History post](#) provided by the U.S. Senate Historical Office for the story of women making history.