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Welcome New Members!

Lynn Kampfer
Melanie So

Mindful Matters

BGSU Popular Culture Professor Will Lead Discussion on Internet Influencers

Dr. Montana Miller, Popular Culture professor at Bowling Green State University, will lead a discussion on **Monday, September 29**, shedding light on the phenomenon of internet “influencers,” providing nuanced answers to burning questions such as: Is this a real job? How did this even become a thing? What are the positive aspects (for individuals and for society) and what are the drawbacks/dangers?

This program is part of the Mindful Matters series the Perrysburg League presents in collaboration with Way Library. The meeting will be held at **6:30 p.m. at Way Library**.

Dr. Miller, who has taught at Bowling Green since 2005, holds a bachelor of arts degree in folklore and mythology from Harvard University and a master's degree and PhD in the same subject from UCLA.

She told Harvard Magazine in 2006 that she thinks of herself as a phenomenologist and a nontraditional folklorist because she focuses on communication outside the conventional oral tradition. Contemporary folklorists think of Internet communication as being a form of orality, largely due to its immediacy and informality, she reports.

She adds, it is certainly possible to find the intersections between mass-media communication and ethnography that is, what people do with what they receive through TV, how they incorporate it into their daily lives. For example, adopting customs they see modeled on TV, or participating in discussion boards about TV shows, or simply getting together with friends for ritualistic viewings of *Desperate Housewives* or *Sex and the City*.

Mindful Matter meetings are free and open to the public.



Dr. Montana Miller



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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



I'm honored to be writing my very first letter to you as President of the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area. We are an active force in our community when it comes to **providing voters with clear, reliable information about candidates so they can make an informed decision.**

This election cycle, our timeline is tighter than ever. The August filing deadline for local elections is already behind us, early voting is right around the corner, and our voter outreach work is in full swing. **Vote411** will be live soon. Our beloved **printed Voter Guide**, the one neighbors ask for by name, must go to printers early this month so it can reach mailboxes in time. And, of course, our **Candidate Forum** is set for September 28. This year's forum will be taped, making it easier for busy residents to hear from the candidates in a trusted, nonpartisan setting at their convenience.

I'm pleased to share that we have members stepping up to cover major responsibilities. Christy Bezzosi is handling **Vote411**, working closely with Debra Gorman who is mentoring her through the process. Another former Chair, Jacki Stedman, has taken on both the **Candidate Forum** and the **printed Voter Guide**.

These are key parts of Voter Services, but the **Voter Services Chair** also oversees our **voter registration events** and ensures all these efforts — Vote411, the Forum, the Guide, and registration—work in harmony. We need someone in this role not only to coordinate this fall's work, but also to prepare for what's coming: **the May 2026 primary for state and congressional races, followed by the November midterms.** These larger elections will require even more coordination, outreach, and volunteer power, and having a Chair in place now will set us up for success.

If you have organizational skills, a knack for communication, or simply a passion for ensuring voters have the tools to make confident, informed choices, please consider stepping into this position. You'll have the full support of our board, experienced volunteers, and all the resources you need.

Our League has always been about showing up when it matters most — and right now, it matters. Together, we've met this busy season head-on and will continue the work that has kept the League strong for over a century.

Yours in service,

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

★ *Mindful Matters* Program – BGSU Professor Dr. Montana Miller will discuss *Internet Influencers*, Monday, 09/29/25, 6:30 p.m.

★ LWVPA Booth – Perrysburg Homecoming Festival – Saturday, 09/20/25

★ Candidates Forum — Will be aired by WBGU at a date to be announced.

★ Book Club — Thursday, 09/4/25, 6 p.m.

★ *Mindful Matters* Program – John Blakeman, *Of Hawks and Men, Birds of Prey in Modern Amewrica*, Wednesday, 10/8/25, 6:30 p.m.

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

Membership News

By Sue Hoffman,
Membership Co-Chair



The Perrysburg Area League is currently around 75 members. Most members renewed their membership by the end of June. Others were in August with a few more in the fall.

Are you just now remembering that you did not get back to a computer generated message or a phone call or a post card? No worries. Just go to: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>. Then, follow the prompt to renew, join or go to the portal. We hope to hear from you soon.

Also, some activities are being planned for new members, so stay tuned. We would love to know you better, find out what your concerns are and what questions you have. Here's to a wonderful fall and making a difference through the League!

Candidate Forum To Be Taped by WBGU

WBGU has agreed to tape the Perrysburg League's Candidate Forum this year. The program will be held on Sunday, September 28, at Way Library and posted on their YouTube channel sometime before October 7. The forum will also be posted on our LWVPA homepage for viewing.

League Member Michelle Sweetser has agreed to be the moderator and Lynn Fleure will relieve her if needed. Other volunteers will be needed for timers, moderator assistant and greeters.

This year we are anticipating having 18 candidates running for four offices — two for Mayor; four for City Council; four for Township Trustee, and eight for School Board.

The board believes that running the forum on YouTube will increase the number of citizens that the League will be able to reach with this important event.

Volunteers Needed

Please volunteer a little of your time at the League booth on Saturday, September 20, at Perrysburg Homecoming (formerly known as Harrison Rally Day).

Call or e-mail Cindi Britt if you are interested.



Next Meeting: September 4, 6 p.m., Way Library. *On Revolution* by Hannah Arndt. Study Guide available from Ann Hymel.

October Meeting: October 2, 6 p.m., Way Library. Book selection will be announced on the League website.