

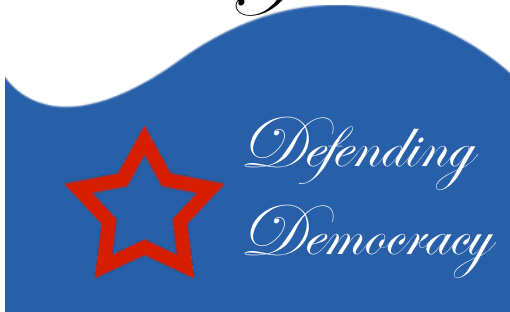


The Voter

September 2019

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100 Years



September Topical Tuesday Meeting Will Focus on Climate Change

Climate Control will be the timely subject of our September meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, at Way Library at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by the League and the library.

Julie Shapiro and Karin Jacobson, from the Perrysburg-Toledo chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby, will present the latest information on climate change, innovative developments that are in the works and action we can take immediately to lessen our environmental impact.

Citizen's Climate Lobby is a non-profit, nonpartisan grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change.

The group says its "consistently respectful, nonpartisan approach to climate education is designed to create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political inclinations. By building upon shared values rather than partisan divides, and empowering our supporters to work in keeping with the concerns of their local communities, we work towards the adoption of fair, effective, and sustainable climate change solutions."

Successful Voter Registration

The LWVPA was busy earlier this year registering over 150 high school students from Penta Career Center and Eastwood, Elmwood, Perrysburg and Rossford High Schools. Wow! A HUGE thanks to League Member John Hall who organized and worked all of the events.

Two more registration events are on our calendar. First, we will be registering voters at our Harrison Rally Day booth on September 21, and then, on Tuesday, September 24, we will be at Owens Community College for the afternoon registering voters as part of National Voter Registration Day. We are excited to partner in this national event where the goal is to register thousands of voters nationwide, all in a single day.

If you would like to work with other volunteers to do voter registration, contact Debra Gorman at Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com. It is fun, easy and you get to work alongside some very cool League members!

*Debra Gorman
First Vice President
Voter/Community Service*

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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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President's Letter

Hello League members!

My first order of business as your newly elected President is to thank you for putting your faith in me to lead our organization into 2020. When I look back on the list of previous Presidents, I am humbled. I know (or have known) past presidents including Adelaide Morse, Jean Duston, Ann Dana, Josette McCarthy, Polly White, Lois Bigelow, Mary Clark, Carol Russell and Nancy Kelley. Given the talents and strength of these leaders, I am hopeful to accomplish a fraction of what they did during their tenure.

For those members I have not yet met, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I grew up in a family of six in Norwalk Ohio and am married to Jon and have two sons, Paul and Nate. I received my BS from BGSU in Biology and Chemistry and my MPH from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. It was in Minnesota that my interest in the political process grew. I worked with a lobbyist for the Community Action Programs who advocated for funding programs for underserved Minnesotans and those living in poverty. Spending time at the State Capitol in St. Paul was interesting and at times agonizing. It reinforced the importance of making sure we have informed voters and representatives.

I have been a member of the LWVPA for 12 years and have served as a director of various offices, including public relations, voter services and recording secretary. What impresses me most about our membership is that everyone, regardless of party or belief, joins together to support our mission and activities.

We have a lot to look forward to this year and much work to do. Some highlights include: continuing our voter registration efforts, celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, and supporting our natural resources committee as they raise awareness about the impact of plastics on the environment and our health. The fall will be busy with Harrison Rally Day and our annual candidate's forum. There are many ways for you to get involved. Please reach out to a board member to learn more as "many hands make light work."

Thank you again for placing your confidence in me — I am looking forward to a great year!

Jacki Stedman



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — 7 p.m. *Climate Change*, Julie Shapiro and Karin Jacobson, Citizen's Climate Lobby, Perrysburg-Toledo Chapter

Sunday, Oct. 6 — 1:30 p.m. doors open; 2 p.m. *Candidates Forum*.

Perrysburg Junior High School Auditorium

Tuesday, Oct. 22 — 7 p.m. *Census*, Tim Sarko, Data Dissemination Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

Tuesday, Nov. 26 — 7 p.m. Patrick L. Jones, Chief of Perrysburg Police Department

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Noon *Holiday Luncheon*.

Carranor Club, Lucretia Mott telling us about her stand on women's rights in the 1860's and more of her activities.

2020 Programs To Be Announced

** All programs will be at Way Library, unless otherwise noted.*

Observer Report

By Starr Wlodarski, Observer Chair

Debra Gorman and I are looking for members to join our committee. Debra has been doing a great job observing Perrysburg City Council meetings. We are looking for coverage for Perrysburg School Board and Perrysburg Township.

All you need to do is go to the meeting and observe and fill out a one-page report. Our long term goal is to create a pool of observers, so we can provide timely information that builds expertise and potential for advocacy for making our League and community stronger. The League has a strong history of seeking transparency and accountability in government. The Observer Corps are the vanguard of this tradition. Contact me for more information at starrwlod@bex.net.

Upcoming Perrysburg School Board Meetings (5:30 p.m. Commodore Building Cafeteria) September 16, October 21, November 18

Perrysburg School Board Work Meetings (7:30 a.m. Commodore Building Treasurer's Boardroom) These are the meetings where business is done. September 3, October 1, November 7

Perrysburg Township Trustee Meetings first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at the Trustee Hall 26609 Lime City Road September 4 and 18, October 2 and 16, November 6 and 20.

League Will Participate in Harrison Rally Day Events

The Perrysburg League will host a booth at the annual Harrison Rally Day on Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The booth will be located in the 100 block of Louisiana Avenue, in front of the Perrysburg Messenger Journal Office.

League volunteers will register voters and distribute Perrysburg League of Women Voters information and membership applications. We invite you to stop by!

Judith Reitzel

Harrison Rally Day Committee

Volunteers Needed

The Natural Resources Committee of the Perrysburg League of Women Voters is looking for more members. The group usually meets once a month.

If this is a subject that interests you and you would like to help make a difference, please contact Committee Chairman Carol Hall at 419-332-4630 or email her at priemierprep@yahoo.com.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome these new members as you meet them: Christy Besozzi; Lynn Fleure; Carie Cufur; Liz Lauer; Bette Ann Gilwee; Noah Bunting, and Stephanie Mattoni.

LWV of Perrysburg — Our Beginnings

by Nancy J. Kelley

This year and next I plan to highlight items I have found interesting and hope you do too, of the Perrysburg League from its founding to the present. I plan to do this by decades, starting in 1951.

As my sources, I am using the Board Minutes, the Newsletter and a notebook of newspaper articles all found in the archives of Way Library. NOTE: The Board Minutes are always very formal, never using a woman's first name. In the later 1950's, in the newsletter at least, articles began using first names.

January 3, 1951 -- First Meeting held at Carranor. (No minutes found)

January 8, 1953 — the Board of the Provisional LWV met in the home of Mrs. John Morse (Adelaide), Mrs. Werner J. Blanchard, state President of the League was guest. Noted that there were 80 paid members and \$96.61 in the treasury. Mrs. Blanchard explained UNIT Organization and urge it be adopted by our League. UNIT members discuss various programs of the League, no more than 25 to a UNIT, and they should meet two times a month. "The aim is to make each member a well-rounded citizen rather than a specialist in one field."

February 17, 1953 — Board Meeting at President Mrs. Willis Stork (Helen) — Talking about starting a newsletter. They will also fill out the form to become a "full-fledged League."

March 17, 1953 — Annual Meeting will be held at the Carranor on April 14. Charge will be \$2.00 a person. After discussion it was decided that the Bar would be closed on the day of the luncheon.

April 14, 1953 -- Mrs. John Morse (Adelaide) will be the President for the next two years. "Trial by Jury" was presented by the Toledo Bar Association.

April 16, 1953 — At the Board Meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Morse, a letter was read congratulating the League on reaching the status of a full-fledged league. There are 72 members. The newsletter to be called *VILLAGE VOTER*.

From the Newspapers files ...

September 29, 1952 — A 2:30 p.m. Meeting was held at the Carranor. Guest speaker was Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, one of the top members of the U.N. Secretariat and Chief Coordinator for the U.S. Radio and T.V. Relations with the U.N. The Public and members were invited.

April 26, 1955 — The Annual Meeting was held at the Carranor. It was decided that a study of the Sewage Problem in Perrysburg and a study of the Wood County Welfare, especially in reference to the Juvenile Department, would be the emphasis for the next year.

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February 1, 1955 —The PB League has 101 members. So far \$47 has been raised. While a good response, it was suggested they contact the wives of the men that were solicited in the next drive! Cost of the Annual Meeting will be \$1.75.

May 3, 1955 — At the Board Meeting it was stated by the committee studying the Wood County Welfare, “Juvenile division, is the most inadequate organization in the department.”

October 6, 1955 — It was suggested that dues be raised to \$5. The U.N. and World Trade are still of high interest to the group.

April 29, 1958 — Annual Meeting held at the Carranor. More than 100 ladies were present according to the Perrysburg paper. World Trade was the theme. Mrs. Duane Stranahan introduced the speaker, Mr. Kevin McCann, an advisor to President Eisenhower and president of Defiance College. “He had a lot to say in few words — tariffs were originally a stop-gap measure and should be used with discretion and only when necessary. Free world trade is a real guarantee of peace!”

January 7, 1959 -- There are 118 members. The St. Louis LWV found that setting up an Educational Fund could be tax-deductible.

October 5, 1959 — The board will continue to use Way Library Meeting Room for all further Board Meetings. It was noted that one drawback was that there is a \$5 charge for coffee!

February, 1959 — From the Village Voter newsletter, which is much more informal than the Board Minutes — “Be an Egghead and scramble on over to the Carranor on February 18, at 8:00 p.m. for a meeting on *What’s a Master Plan.*”

December 1, 1959 — At the Board Meeting it was announced that there were now 134 members.

To be continued...

Compiled by Nancy J. Kelley, Program Chair and retired Librarian

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