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League of Women Voters Announces 2018 Dangerous Dames

Women named lead by example

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area revealed the names of this year's Dangerous Dames of Dayton. Lucinda Williams Adams and Deb Feldman will be honored at the annual Dangerous Dames dinner on March 22 at the NCR Country Club.

"The Dangerous Dames dinner came about when we discovered a newspaper article from the early 1900s in which a local journalist referred to women active in the suffrage movement as 'dangerous to polite society,'" said Susan Hesselgesser, executive director of the local LWV. "We thought we'd have a little fun with it and began singling out area women for recognition. They may be women who are working hard against social injustice, or creating a business, or serving as an example of engaged citizenship."

This year's honorees have been leaders in very different fields of endeavor. Lucinda Williams Adams was an Olympic gold medalist in the 1960 summer games and later served as a dedicated teacher and administrator in Dayton Public Schools. Deb Feldman served as Montgomery County's first woman administrator and is the President and CEO of Dayton Children's Hospital. She has received numerous leadership awards over her lifetime.

"As we learn about the woman who fought the early battles for women's rights, we learn that they were often engaged in other social justice issues. Today's Dangerous Dames walk in the footsteps of the suffragists by continuing to take on difficult tasks that benefit our community."

The Dangerous Dames of Dayton dinner raises funds to support the League's voter education programs. The public is urged to attend and show their appreciation for the lives and work of this year's honorees. Contact the LWV at (937) 228-4041. Tickets can be purchased via PayPal at www.lwvdayton.org.

The League of Women Voters has worked for 98 years to encourage active and informed participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters is political, non-partisan and never supports a political party or candidate. If you want more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with the League of Women Voters, please call the Dayton LWV Office, at (937)228-4041 or email league@lwvdayton.org