

## **Mission Statement:**

The LWV, a nonpartisan, 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.

The LWV of the Greater Dayton Area welcomes everyone.  
Any person of voting age may join.

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*Serving Montgomery and Greene Counties*

# **REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

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## Purpose

Advocate for voter education and action on issues



## Core Values

- Respect individuals
- Value diversity
- Empower grassroots
- Recognize the power of collective decision-making for the common good
- Encourage civic engagement



## Services

- Election hotline
- Candidate forums
- Candidate interviews on cable television
- Voter registration
- Information resource
- Speakers Bureau
- Observation of government meetings
- Community board participation
- Link to State and National LWV



## Publications

Annual *Voters Guide* in the *Dayton City Paper*  
 Annual *Directory of Public Officials*  
*Know Montgomery County*  
*Know Greene County*  
 Monthly newsletter



## Funding

The LWV depends solely upon contributions from our members and the community.



## Membership

We continue to expand our membership and welcome all who are eligible to vote to join us.



## Highlights

### Presented information on:

- Redistricting
- Fracking Pros & Cons
- Public/Charter Schools
- Healthcare – What the law changed, what's next?

### Participated in:

- Coalition against Human Trafficking in Dayton, helped pass SB 235
- Statewide LWV consensus on Human Trafficking
- Community Big READ of Senate Bill 5 – Collective Bargaining
- Monthly Naturalization Ceremonies
- Interviews with Montgomery, Greene & Warren County Boards of Elections to review best voting practices
- UD's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – Presidential Election & Ballot Issues
- Hands on History Community Project
- SWAN Project - Support Women Artists Now

### Provided:

- Provided the *Voters Guide* to all libraries in Montgomery & Greene Counties
- Community Program on Human Trafficking
- DVDs on Women's History to Germantown Public Library, Beavercreek Senior Center Library and DECA
- *Voters Guide LIVE!* events in Montgomery and Greene Counties
- Town Hall Meeting, with Updayton on Senate Bill 5 Legislation and recall petitions

### Collaborated with:

- Miami Valley Voter Protection Coalition - Voters Rights
- Ohio Attorney General Legislative Subcommittee on Human Trafficking
- MCO Future Advisory Committee
- STOP Human Trafficking Dayton
- Abolition Ohio
- Local media (DCP, MVCC, WYSO, ThinkTV, DATV)

- Local universities
- Kettering Foundation
- Updayton



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