



# THE VOTER

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## *The Greatest Gifts of All*

*“Sometimes the smallest things take the most room in your heart”*  
~Winnie the Pooh~



The public is always stunned to hear the Greater Dayton Area League of Women Voters has only 1.75 paid staff. I proudly boast that the League runs on the energy and enthusiasm of our volunteers. And that is the truth! It took about three months into my position to realize I am nothing, NOTHING without our members/volunteers. Truly, I treasure you all.

In this season of celebration, I want to thank every member of this League. Many cannot, for a variety of reasons, volunteer; but your membership and donor dollars go a long way to keeping the lights on and the doors open and supporting and filling our events with fun.

For those who work with me day in and day out, occasionally or seasonally, I truly appreciate the hours you put in to make our work possible; every hour, every task matters. If I haven't already, I apologize for not always being calm, cool, and collected and for the *occasional* words that slip out when I should be saying “shucks or darn!” You are all troopers—but most of all friends. On behalf of our membership, allow me to thank our League Board and our volunteers who make LWVGDA run:

LWV Executive Board: Susan Byerly, Peggy Berry, David Bodary, Andy Cobb, Linda Fish, Janet Hess, Becky Kirkland, Mario, Sandy McHugh, Rita Peterson, Rosalie Bonacci-Roberts.

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And of course, my special thanks to our loyal and diligent office manager Bobbie Beach and bookkeeper Sylvia Stein.

**Happy Holidays to all!** Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director, LWVGDA

# DAYTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CONTRIBUTORS

*General Fund - a 501(c)(4) entity*

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**General Fund - a 501(c)(4) entity:** Joy Artman, Carolyn & Dick Bridgman, Vincent & Andrea Cobb, Elizabeth Lutes

**Education Fund - a 501(c)(3) entity:** Dona Fletcher, Sinclair College

## Have you considered...

Our League has served us well; help it continue to serve the next generation. Consult your attorney or your financial advisor to see how easy it can be to put the League in your will. Call the League, 937.228.4041, for more information on how to designate your donation to the League of Women Voters 501(c)(4), or to the Dayton Area League of Women Voters Education Fund 501(c)(3).



*We thank these Major Leadership Circle Members. We invite everyone to contribute to the LWV, including all elected officials, political entities, and candidates. The LWV is nonpartisan; the LWV does not endorse anyone on the Leadership Circle list.*



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Lucy M. Jett**

7735 John Elwood Dr.  
Centerville, OH 45459



OCTOBER 18—NOVEMBER 14, 2018



## WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA



**On December 1, 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the United States.**



After a long day's work at a Montgomery, Alabama department store, where she worked as a seamstress, Rosa Parks boarded the Cleveland Avenue bus for home. She took a seat in the first of several rows designated for "colored" passengers. Black people were allowed to sit there as long as no white person was standing. But when the bus became full, the driver ordered all black passengers to go to the back of the bus, where there were no open seats. Rosa Parks refused to move. Her arrest for this nonviolent protest spurred on the 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott that helped launch nationwide efforts to end segregation of public facilities. Rosa Parks received many accolades during her lifetime, including the NAACP's highest award. After her famous act, Parks lost her job and endured death threats for years to come. Upon Parks' death in 2005, she became the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

SOURCE: [biography.com/people/rosa-parks-9433715](http://biography.com/people/rosa-parks-9433715)



## QUARTERLY DINNER

Our next Quarterly Dinner will be at LILY'S BISTRO  
on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00—9:00 pm  
329 E. 5th St., Dayton, OH 45402



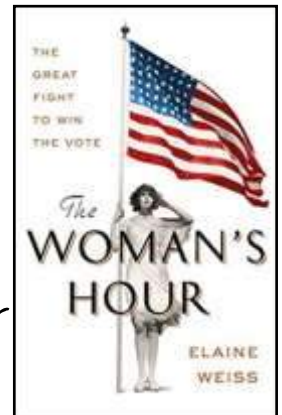
There is plenty of parking in rear of restaurant and no charge for this event.

We invite you to join us on **Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**  
for a lovely dinner at NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering, OH 45429  
as we celebrate the

## 2019 Dangerous Dames of Dayton

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Elaine Weiss, Author of *The Woman's Hour*  
*The Great Fight to Win the Vote*



*“Imaginatively conceived and vividly written, **The Woman's Hour** gives us a stirring history of women's long journey to suffrage and to political influence ...an inspiration in the continuing struggles for suffrage, and for race and gender justice, and for democracy.”* (Bookbrowse.com)

Tickets are \$99 each in honor of the 99th anniversary of the League of Women Voters.  
This fundraiser supports all of the League's educational projects (including the *Voters Guide*).  
\$40 of your ticket price is tax-deductible.

- ◆ **Deadline** to order tickets online at [lvvdayton.org](http://lvvdayton.org) is March 14.
- ◆ Checks to order tickets must be in the League office by March 14.
  - ◆ Put a ticket to this event on your Christmas Wish List.
  - ◆ Give someone YOU love the Christmas gift of a ticket!

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

~ Alice Walker



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Volunteer Marigrace Ryan outside  
the League of Women Voters  
Greater Dayton Area office

## HOW COOL WAS THIS????

RTA offered free rides to voters' polls  
on Election Day this year.

## THANKS A MILLION,





## National LEAGUE NEWS

### LWWUS

## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.



November 6, 2018 was a historic day. More women elected to office than ever before. The first Muslim and Native American women, the first black woman from New England, the first Latina women from Texas—all elected to Congress. Record high voter turnout for a midterm election. Voting rights expanded, with redistricting reforms and expanded registration passed in at least six states.

All year long, League volunteers across the country have been registering voters, reaching out to tens of thousands of candidates to provide more information on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) than ever before, and hosting hundreds of debates and forums so that voters could learn about the issues and engage with the politicians looking to represent them.

**And on Tuesday we turned out the vote!** I am so proud of this organization and our dedicated network of volunteers, supporters, and engagers. Thank you for sharing our resources. Thank you for registering voters. Thank you for asking your friends and families to make an Election Day plan. And thank you for turning out and getting it done!

**Now our work continues.** Together, the League will continue our work to create a more perfect democracy so that ALL Americans enjoy the same liberties and freedoms. With your help, we will register more new voters, provide more nonpartisan information on candidates, and host more debates and forums in future elections. We will continue to raise the voices of those least heard in this country—communities of color, the young, persons with disabilities, and people with limited income.

Our democracy is truly strongest when everyone participates and has their voice heard. On November 6, 2018, voters made huge steps toward full participation. But we still have so far to go.

We look forward to continuing our work together.

Chris Carson, President, LWWUS



It is with deep regret we announce the recent death of League member Colonel Bryon Lee Schatzley, USAF (Retired), husband of League member Carol Graff.



## CAPITOL CHAT 2019

Join us for a buffet of sumptuous sandwiches, delicious desserts, and a welcoming cash bar. Engage with a panel of our local state legislators, who will share insider news from our statehouse and address any questions you may have.

- ⇒ **When:** Monday, January 28, 2019 @ 5:30 pm
- ⇒ **Where:** Top of the Market, 32 Webster Street, Dayton 45402
- ⇒ **Parking:** Free parking in the well-lighted lot

Receipt of your \$40 check by January 18 confirms your reservation;  
You may also pay online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org) by January 18.

Capitol Chat is sponsored by the Dayton Area LWV Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity;  
a portion of your ticket is tax deductible.

For further information, visit our website at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org), Facebook at Lwv Dayton OH,  
or call the office at 937.228.4041.

### Annual LWVGDA Program Planning Meeting



**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, 660 S. Main Street Dayton  
**COST:** Dinner \$20

Program Planning is a great opportunity to meet with fellow League members to discuss the direction and ideas for programs for 2019-2020 while enjoying great conversation.

Please RSVP by January 15. Mail your check to League office at 127 N. Ludlow 45402,  
or pay online via PayPal at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org).

*Questions? Contact the office at 228.4041 or [league@lwvdayton.org](mailto:league@lwvdayton.org)*

### Celebrate 50 Years of Wild and Scenic Rivers with Hope Taft

Come to a special presentation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act passed by Congress in 1968. Learn about Ohio's role in scenic river preservation, and about our own local rivers, their tributaries, and local efforts to preserve their integrity. Presented by Hope Taft, co-founder of the Little Miami Watershed Network.

This is a joint program offered by Washington-Centerville Public Library and the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area.

**Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**  
**Woodbourne Library, 6060 Far Hills Avenue, Centerville 45459 (just south of Whipp Rd)**

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.  
(Unknown)



## A PLUG FOR PLUGGING IN!

Hi! I'm Laurel Kerr, your volunteer coordinator with the League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area. The spirit of volunteerism is front and center at the LWVGDA, making it a well-respected and recognized organization. You may be wondering how YOU can plug in!

Currently, the information regarding ways people want to connect is cumbersome (paper files), and the categories of volunteer opportunities are not current. THIS IS CHANGING! With the recent investment in an email management system, Constant Contact, each member with a working email address will receive an email with a new Interest Survey in the coming months.

Please read any emails that you see from the LWVGDA and be sure to respond to the Interest Survey when you get it, as this effort is only as good as the response we receive. I believe that nearly every member will find a way to plug in somewhere, sometime during the year, given the variety of volunteer needs and engagement opportunities. If you do not find what works for you or would like to get involved right away, call or email me at 937.409.0536 (cell phone) or laurel.kerr@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteering is a great way to get to know other League members, and learn more about this strong organization and our community. We need you, and you will be energized and connected by plugging in!



**The League's September showing of the documentary *Dark Money* was sold out!** If you missed it then, you'll be pleased to know the Greater Dayton Move to Amend organization will host four showings of *Dark Money* in January to coincide with the ninth anniversary of the Citizens United decision. The dates are January 17, 22, 26, and 29, in various libraries around the Miami Valley. Check [facebook.com/GreaterDaytonMoveToAmend/](https://facebook.com/GreaterDaytonMoveToAmend/) or [movetoamend.org/oh-dayton](http://movetoamend.org/oh-dayton) for times and locations. These events are a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV ([pbs.org/pov](http://pbs.org/pov)).  
**Contact [dayton-oh@movetoamend.org](mailto:dayton-oh@movetoamend.org) with questions.**



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| 16     | 17                                       | 18   | 19                                     | 20   | 21                                      | 22                                    |
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| 13     | 14 Deadline for February Voter articles  | 15   | 16                                     | 17 <i>Dark Money</i> showings start, <i>See p7</i> | 18                                      | 19                                    |
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