

## 2016 Annual Meeting a Buzzing Success!

The Annual Meeting was held Monday, May 16, at the Goodwill Easter Seals Building on South Main in Dayton. As always, the celebration of our League, its accomplishments, our history and plans for the future were discussed and voted on.

Proposed programs for 2016-2017 will include a comprehensive discussion of elections, gun policy, food insecurity, the heroin epidemic, tax policies for funding local governments as well as an annual program on the environment. The Program Planning Meeting will be in January 2017 and the next Annual Meeting is scheduled for May.

Elected officers are: VP Community Relations, Laurie Siebenthaler Fanning; Co-Voter Service Vice Presidents, Pat Bradley-Falke and Mario; Treasurer, Becky Kirkland; and Secretary, Lillian Moskeland who has agreed to a one-year term

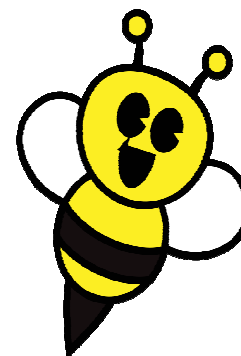
Elected Directors include: Action Director, Valerie Lee; Funding & Development Director, Karla Hollencamp; Membership Director, Nancy Bain; Co-Natural Resources Directors, Kathleen Turner and Paul Lamberger; Public Relations Director, Susan Darcy; and Volunteer Coordinator, Tonya Wilson-Wood

Our featured Speaker for the evening was Karen Levin, Executive Director of the Levin Foundation, who spoke of the foundation's Propolis Project, a new collaboration to assist in restoring healthier honey bee populations in Ohio. Thanks to the generosity of member Laurie Fanning, of Siebenthaler's Garden Center, tables for the evening were adorned with plants that are friendly to the bee population. Also present on the tables were bottles of honey, harvested from local hives.

The Jo Columbro Environmental Award was given to Karen Levin and the Levin Foundation for their work with Ohio's honey bees and to David Nolan for his dedicated work maintaining and acquiring land for Dayton Metro Parks. Mr. Nolan was given a gift certificate from Siebenthalers for the purchase of a tree to be planted in Dayton Metro Parks in honor of Jo Columbro.

We also celebrated long time members Marilee Baird for 50 years and Peggy Hewitt, Tim Holmen and Lucy Ann McKosky for 25 years.

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director



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*The League of Women Voters recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. The LWV affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of America in its membership, leadership and programs.*

**2016 DANGEROUS DAMES OF DAYTON**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 P -- NEW DATE**  
**NCR COUNTRY CLUB, 4435 Dogwood Trail Kettering**

The Fourth Annual Dangerous Dames of Dayton featuring Jay Newton-Small has been re-scheduled. We regret the inconvenience. Ticket price is \$96 in honor of the LWVGDA's 96th birthday. Please contact the League office, 937-228-4041 to make your reservation or order online at [www.lwvdayton.org](http://www.lwvdayton.org).

### Quarterly Meeting

Join us for our next League Quarterly Dinner Meeting. Our next Dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00 at Brixx Ice Company. Brixx is located downtown near the ballpark at 500 E. First St. There is a parking lot next to the outside patio and another next to the building. The Dragons are off that night, so there should be plenty of spaces. As always, we will be ordering from the menu and each attendee will pay for her/his own meal.



Our discussion for the evening will include stories of gender bias and harassment from the days in the not so distant past from several of our members...events that are no longer possible thanks to the women who fought for legislative change. Consider bringing the young women in your life who are not likely to truly understand how things were for their Mothers and Grandmothers. The

Grandmothers of today have lived through monumental changes for women and their stories need to be shared. Don't miss this exciting and informative evening...you will find it unforgettable.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by calling or emailing the League office before July 5, 937- 228-4041, [League@lwvdayton.org](mailto:League@lwvdayton.org)

We look forward to seeing you!

Susan Byerly, President Elect

**BROAD INFLUENCE BOOK CLUB**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 P**  
**Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Dayton Mall**  
**2619 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, Dayton 45459**

Bring your friends, daughters, book or garden club to a discussion of Jay Newton-Small's book *BROAD INFLUENCE; How Women are Changing the Way America Works*. We will discuss the book and also share our personal struggles and challenges of being a woman in the workplace then and now. This event is a lead up to Dangerous Dames of Dayton.



Since our monthly Voter is the keeper of League history, I feel it appropriate to acknowledge the accomplishment of Hillary Clinton, (Democrat) as the first female presumptive presidential nominee for president.

July 4, 2016 marks the 240<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country, women have only had the right to vote for 96 years; they accomplished that milestone because of the suffragists who struggled for equal rights and then founded the League of Women Voters. Politics aside, we must celebrate.

But, before Hillary, there were 5 other women who chipped away at the path for the presidency. They too deserve recognition.

- Victoria Woodhull, Equal Rights Party, 1872: Though her name was never on a ballot, she ran as a running mate with Fredrick Douglass. Commenting to the New York Herald, "I claim the right to speak for the un-enfranchised women of the country..."
- Gracie Allen, Surprise Party, 1940: Ran as a publicity stunt. Speaking to the National Woman's Press Club, "my opponents say they're going to fight me 'til the cows come home...why aren't the cows home? Because they don't like the condition on the farm. Cows are smart ...they're not coming home 'til there's a woman in the White House."
- Shirley Chisholm, Democrat, 1972: First African American elected to Congress in 1968. She admitted, "Sometimes I have trouble, myself, believing that I have made it this far against the odds."
- Linda Jenness, Socialist Workers Party, 1972: Challenging George McGovern, she predicted her own defeat declaring "socialists do not fool themselves that they have a chance of winning any major victories this year."
- Jill Stein, Green Party, 2012: Though her campaign was thought to be more of an afterthought than a milestone, Stein's presidential candidacy was the most successful by a woman with 469,015 votes.

Way to go ladies!

Sue Hesselgesser, Executive Director

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In the shadow of the worst terrorist attack on America since September 11, 2001, the Orlando shooting has caused much discussion on gun control in the United States. With that in mind, we wanted to share the League of Woman Voters policy on gun control.

America faces an epidemic of gun-related violence that puts us in great need of stronger gun safety measures. Every day, 32 Americans are murdered with guns, and 140 are treated for a gun assault in an emergency room. Death due to gunshot wounds is the second-leading cause of death for young people in the U.S., with a death rate that is nearly 12 times higher than that in other developed countries.

The League of Women Voters believes that it is past time for Congress and state legislatures to establish common sense solutions to prevent gun violence. Since 1990, local and state Leagues have held community meetings, testified before state legislatures and organized rallies in efforts to find common ground when it comes to gun safety.

In efforts to protect public health and safety, the League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of guns, including banning assault weapons and limiting high capacity ammunition magazines, as well as funding much-needed research on gun violence in America.

The League has also shown support for mandating waiting period for background checks, closing the gun show loophole and increasing penalties for straw purchases of guns.

Millions of Americans are at risk every day from senseless gun violence. The League is committed to working at the local, state and national levels to implement gun safety measures that will protect all Americans.

## **From Birth to the Boardroom: Empowering Women, Empowering Ohio” Women’s Lobby Day Call to Action**

Other than what is reported in the newspaper or other media outlets, do you ever wonder if our legislators are actually working for us in the state capitol? You can rest assured there’s a bevy of talented, competent, and compassionate women introducing bills that can make our lives better if they can get some traction. The League has not taken a position on many of these bills, so this is not a blanket endorsement. Take time to review this document and you can make your own determination if you want to engage in some of the activities designated in the opening paragraph that might help to move the legislation forward.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/e9q7wyrinmv7el/empowering\\_women\\_ohio.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/e9q7wyrinmv7el/empowering_women_ohio.pdf?dl=0)

Even though many of us in the League have passed the time when we have to make regular purchases of feminine hygiene products, think of your children and grandchildren as I bring special attention to a piece of legislation that has been getting some long overdue attention. The legislation has been known as the “pink tax” and it should draw your ire particularly when you consider the items exempted from sales tax!

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/greta-johnson/press/rep-johnson-joins-advocates-ohio-litigants-to-mark-national-momentum-in-axing-pink-tax>

Valerie Lee, Action Chair

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- ◇ **QUARTERLY MEETING**—July 12, 6:00 pm, Brixx Ice Company, 500 E First St, everyone will order from the menu and pay for his/her own meal; contact office (937-228-4041) to make your reservation
- ◇ **LEAGUE-LED BIG READ OF "BROAD INFLUENCE"** - July 26, 6:30 pm, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Dayton Mall, 2619 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd, free and open to the public
- ◇ **REMINDER OF NEW DATE FOR DANGEROUS DAMES**—September 21, NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering, 6:30 pm. Reserve today online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org) under Calendar or mail check (made out to LWVGDAEF) to League of Women Voters, 131 N Ludlow St, Ste 1208, Dayton 45402. Ticket Price is \$96 in honor of our 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary. \$60 of your ticket price is tax deductible, proceeds support the League Education Fund.
- ◇ **REMINDER: Support the 2016 Presidential Voters Guide.** We expect an increased demand for the *Guide* this election cycle. Your donation of \$80 will deliver 1,000 *Guides* on the street and YOUR name or the name of YOUR BUSINESS will be listed inside the *Guide* as a Community Sponsor. Donations of 7,000 *Guides* or more are listed as a Cornerstone Sponsor. The *Voters Guide* is our key connection to the community. Please join in and help support a 96 year tradition of delivering nonpartisan election information to Greater Dayton Area voters. Send your check to the League office, please be sure to write *Voters Guide* on the memo line. Thank you!!!