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We Are the League, the Mighty, Mighty League

Back in the day, I was a cheerleader. One of our most robust cheers was proudly shouting the name of our team and telling our opponents who we were. That cheer keeps going around in my head as I speak about the League and the celebration of our 100th anniversary.

In a recent speech, I mentioned that the hygienist at my last dentist appointment inquired about the League and was surprised to learn women didn't always have the right to vote. This isn't news; I've heard this before. As members, we need to claim our history and share our story. Below are some talking points to share with your friends, coworkers, and hygienist!



Women have the right to vote because of the suffragist movement, which began before the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 (the first women's rights convention) and continued for more than 70 years. The suffragists were women who, with no constitutional rights, challenged and changed the Constitution of the United States.



Suffragist Susan B. Anthony wrote the 19th amendment in 1878, an amendment that in 1920 changed a nation without changing a single word from when it was written 42 years before. Suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt knew that the 19th amendment was not the end, but rather the beginning, of fighting for the rights of women and that women would have to continue to work together. Catt challenged the women with those famous words, "Now you have the vote, what will you do with it?" With that, Catt founded the League of Women Voters to ensure the work of the suffragist movement would continue.



We are the continuation of the suffragist movement, which was the first and is now the longest and most successful women's movement in America's history. When you join the League you become part of that movement and the League that was born of it. Our founders solidified a woman's basic rights under the Constitution. Today our mission is to continue to defend citizens' rights under a representative government and to engage citizens in that process. This goal is ensured and protected by the continued, disciplined, nonpartisan work of the League of Women Voters.

This is who we are. And as we move into our 100th year, we should all be mighty, mighty proud.

~Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director, LWVGDA

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On the left side of our homepage, click on "Education Fund" under "Our League." On the left side of that page, you will see a big Kroger button. Click on that and follow the directions. Our name is: League of Women Voters GDA Education Fund.

Our account is #XM870.

Presenting...

A Toast To Tenacity

Monday, August 26

6 pm — 8 pm

Rumbleseat Wine

5853 Far Hills Ave
Dayton, OH 45429

Enjoy wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres and **celebrate:**

- ◆ WOMENS EQUALITY DAY
- ◆ The 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment
- ◆ The amazing efforts of the Suffragettes to procure the vote
- ◆ And the continuing efforts for equal rights for women

Tickets are \$35 each. Pay online at

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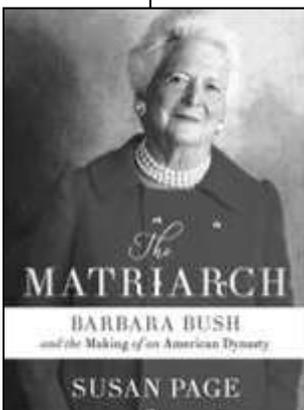
Dayton Area LWV Education Fund to the League office.

For more information, call **937.228.4041**.



Alice Paul, toasting suffrage victory

Reserve Your Book Today



As announced in the last *Voter*, Susan Page will be the speaker for the 100th anniversary Dangerous Dames of Dayton, to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Dayton Art Institute.

Page is an award-winning American journalist and Washington Bureau chief for *USA Today*. She has a long-standing career in American journalism, covering four White House Administrations and six Presidential elections. Page is a regular political consultant on cable news MSNBC, Sunday Morning Interview and Late Edition. Susan is a fan of the League of Women Voters and is thrilled to come to Dayton to participate in Dangerous Dames of Dayton and our centennial celebration. As part of our very reasonable contract with Susan, we have agreed to sell copies of her newest book, *The Matriarch*. The book will be on sale through the League office for \$20.

All books will be autographed at Dangerous Dames. To reserve your copy, please contact the office at **937.228.4041**, or email league@lwvdayton.org.

Leading Us Into the Next Century



From left to right: Executive Director Susan Hesselgesser, Outgoing President Susan Byerly, President (2019-2021) Andrea Cobb

At the League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area Annual Meeting, held May 21, 2019, members voted for the team that will lead us into the next century of empowering voters and defending democracy.

Congratulations to our 2019-2021 Officers and Directors:

Officers:

- President Andrea Cobb
- President-Elect Mario
- Vice-President Program David Bodary
- Vice-President Voter Service Jo Lovelace Hill

Directors:

- Action Valerie Lee
- Funding and Development Linda Fish
- Greene County Representative Sandy McHugh
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- Pat Bradley-Falke, Rebecca Morgann, Wendy Dyer, Laurie Fanning

*Celebrating 100 Years
of a Good Idea*

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Looking for a Good Summer Read?

The next event in the Dayton League's very own reading series is at Carillon Brewing on August 13 at 6:30 pm. This ongoing series includes books about the amazing accomplishments of women before, during, and after the vote, that somehow did not make it into the history books. Join your League friends for a discussion of what women were doing 70-100 years ago!

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm

The Woman Who Smashed the Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine who Outwitted America's Enemies, by Jason Fagone
 "One hundred years ago, Elizabeth Smith Friedman, a young woman in her 20s suddenly became one of the greatest code breakers in the country. She taught herself how to solve secret messages without knowing the key. She helped us to win world wars. And she also shaped the intelligence community as we know it today."

NPR Best Book 2017

Upcoming dates and books in the series:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm

The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers, by Elizabeth Cobbs

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm

The Girls of Atomic City: the Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win WWII, by Denise Kierman

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women, by Katie Moore

Voters Guide Sponsors Needed

Since its inception in 1920, the League has produced election information for our community. From mimeograph to typeset to flash drive, our *Voters Guide* teams have compiled nonpartisan information on candidates and issues to encourage voters to be informed and, most importantly, to VOTE. Our *Guide* is unique because it is published in the candidates' own words—we never correct spelling, punctuation, or grammar. The *Guide* provides pro and con information on issues of importance, as well as voting hours, options, eligibility, and ID requirements. In the last several years, we have posted the *Guide* on our website, and we participate in the Vote411 online voters guide for federal and state elections. In 2015, we began printing a version in Spanish.

Why do we still publish a paper version of the *Guide*? Because our voters demand it, libraries want it, classroom teachers use it, and businesses request it. The *Voters Guide* is a trusted and respected resource for election information. With your help we will once again place over 100,000 Guides into our community, distributed through the *Dayton Daily News* and *Aim Media* and other community papers as the budget allows.

The *Guide* is **not** a fundraiser; it is a 99-year tradition of community service. We cannot provide it without your help. Every donor of 1,000 copies or more is listed prominently in the *Voters Guide*, because without you, we can't make it happen. **SEE DONATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK COVER.**

LWV Greater Dayton Speakers Bureau**Let the Women Vote!**

In celebration of the upcoming 100th anniversary of women's winning the right to vote, the Speakers Bureau of the Greater Dayton League of Women Voters is offering a program entitled ***Let the Women Vote: The Long Quest for Suffrage.***

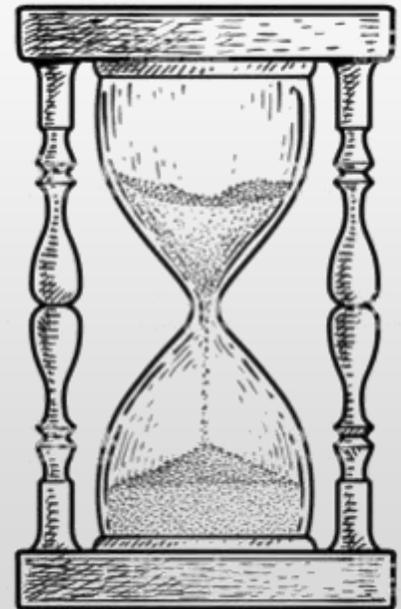
This program is available for groups, clubs, and organizations throughout Montgomery and Greene County and covers the suffragist movement from Seneca Falls, New York to Dayton, Ohio. Presentation is free to the public.

To schedule a program, contact the League at **937.228.4041**

Don't Miss Out on this Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity!

It's the truth—from now until March 2020 is the only time in your life you can help plan the events surrounding the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area! Both the Funding & Development Committee (don't let the name scare you — you won't be calling or visiting anyone to ask for money) and the Centennial Celebration Committee (CCC) are currently in the midst of organizing interesting and exciting events for the celebration; we would love to have you join in on the "fun of the plan." The CCC is specifically looking for help with the silent auction for the 2020 Dangerous Dames of Dayton event and for help in designing a League t-shirt. Remember, it's a limited-time opportunity, and it's open to all members. We need YOU to help us make these amazing events happen!

If you are interested in helping in any way, please call the League office at **937.228.4041.**

**Correction:**

In the June *Voter*, it was erroneously reported that both students who submitted their impressions of our Dangerous Dames event were nominated by UD political science professor Dr. Christopher Devine. While Emma Coning was indeed nominated by Dr. Devine, Michaela Grant is a former WSU student who was nominated by Dr. Lee Hannah. We apologize for the error!

VOLUNTEER VOICES



Meaningful Opportunities

What makes for a great and meaningful volunteer experience? Those who recently spent a day at the House of Bread (HOB) can tell you: Clearly meeting a need; interacting with those you are serving; and receiving immediate appreciation.

League members Debbie Gibson, Yvonne Curington, Cena Buchannon, and Lucy Anne McKosky, with HOB staff supervision, prepared, served, and cleaned up from a delicious hot lunch for approximately 275 hungry people. It was exhausting, but each volunteer is eager to go back this month, with reinforcements.

Help is needed in all aspects: preparing, serving, cleaning up, and also with registering voters and updating voter information. Registering people to vote in addition to providing a hot meal encourages those in need to take action for their future.

Yvonne explains that people in need of basics often feel disenfranchised and believe that their voice does not count.

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Reminding them how local democracy works and why their vote matters, then helping them register to vote, is a form of empowerment. But without more volunteers, this dedicated crew is barely able to serve lunch.

The League, through the Social Justice Committee, has committed to serving lunch the fourth Tuesday of every month. Six more volunteers are needed to accomplish this; will you help? Please contact me at laurel.kerr@sbcglobal.net or **937.409.0536** (text or call) if interested.

Thank you to those who recently stepped up to register voters at Naturalization Ceremonies; help with *The Voter* through proofing, mailing, or graphic design work; and put the LWVGDA on the map as part of the Dayton Adventure Race. More opportunities to make a difference through the League abound!

**~Laurel Kerr,
Volunteer Coordinator**

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*"Now that you have the vote,
what are you going to do with it?"*

-founder Carrie Chapman Catt

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