

League of Women Voters State House Day Inspiring Event

As many of you probably know, when you pay your annual membership dues, a portion of those dues goes to our State and National Leagues. Statehouse Day is a great time to get to see those membership dollars at work. It is also a pleasure to represent our League as one of the oldest Leagues in the State and the Nation.

On Tuesday, April 26, several of our members attended the annual event at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbus just across the street from the Statehouse and a short walk from the Riffe Center. During the course of the day many members had the chance to schedule appointments to visit with local legislators.

The theme for Statehouse Day 2016 was - What the candidates should be talking about (but aren't). The agenda included panel discussions on:

- Money in Judicial Elections
- Looking back at DeRolph: How Ohio is doing on addressing equitable school funding?
- Ohio's Infrastructure: "What problems are hiding in plain sight?"
- Addressing the Epidemic of Mass Shootings :- How can we balance public safety, constitutional rights and sensible regulations?



Michael Li

The keynote speaker for the day was Michael Li, Senior Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law.

League lobbyists furnished information on the topics of Human Trafficking, Abolition of the Death Penalty, Juvenile Justice, Land Use, Hydraulic-Fracturing/Fracking, Election Law, The Housing Trust Fund, Redistricting, Alternative Energy and Ohio House Bill 48, aka "Guns Everywhere Bill."

This was truly a jam-packed event of information. Materials on all of these topics are available on the LWVO website www.lwvohio.org.

In addition to good information and conversation on interesting topics, Statehouse Day is a great opportunity to meet with League members from across the state and discuss their events, projects, membership and goals. Each League is a little different but we are all very much the same as we support the mission of the League.

It is encouraging to see our membership dollars are well spent and making a difference. Mark your calendars to attend Statehouse Day April 2017 - I promise it is well worth the trip.

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director

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I had the pleasure of representing the LWVGDA at the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Ohio State Convention held at Northern Kentucky University on April 16. LULAC, founded in 1929 has more than 1000 Councils, advocates in civil rights, education, economic development, health and immigration. Each subject was well developed by representative speakers. LULAC's effort in each topic area was impressive.



I was particularly impressed by the two intelligent and well-spoken Xavier University students who shared their immigration story and the promise they bring to the future.

Attorney Marilyn Zayas-Davis, candidate for Judge for the 1st District of Appeals, and Judge Cynthia Wescott Rice, Appellate Court Judge for the 11th District and Presiding Court Judge, informed the audience on the "Power of the Vote." Judge Rice recognized the LWVGDA table, encouraged reading materials there, but regretted not seeing a handout on Judicial Candidate information. Something, I later assured her, would be made available by us.

The entertainment had many of us singing along with the "Así es Colombia" Dance Troupe. Giovanni Santiago, a local artist and poet from Columbus, gave a powerful performance.

Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for the lunch to hear the Keynote Speaker, C. G. Newsome, president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center based in Cincinnati.

The day was a unique and valuable opportunity initiated by Claudia Cortez-Reinhardt, LWVGDA member (LULAC Parliamentarian). I was hugely impressed by this excellent Ohio Hispanic organization.

Lillian Moskeland



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On Saturday, April 23rd ten LWVGDA members, family, and friends visited Five Rivers MetroParks' Wetland Mitigation Bank in Trotwood for a morning of birding, touring the site, and then enjoying brunch at Valerie Lee's gracious home nearby.



A wetland mitigation bank is hydric (wet at least part of the year) land that businesses or government agencies can buy credits in ("the bank") in order to make up for destruction of other wetlands. Five Rivers MetroParks has established such a bank on Little Richmond Road in Trotwood. Mike Enright, the interim Conservation Director of Five Rivers MetroParks, told us that this is "his baby", and that he loves to talk about it. In 2008 MetroParks bought the former farmland from Waste Management Corporation which had

hoped to put a landfill there. It took several years to work through the regulatory process, and then MetroParks became the only publically owned wetland mitigation bank in Ohio. Since that time staff and volunteers have removed the old farm's drainage tiles, planted thousands of trees, and removed invasive plant species. Recently the MetroParks also bought the adjoining land of the former Larch Tree Golf Club which nearly doubled the size of the protected space.

What did we learn and experience? Val Lee says she and her husband worked hard to keep this land from being a landfill, and they are pleased to see the progress MetroParks is making to return the land to its natural state. Mike Enright says it would have been a horrible site for a landfill . The groundwater is just beneath the surface so drinking water supplies would surely have been contaminated. Vivienne Himmell learned why it is called a bank , and that the site is open for visitors daily. Dennis Turner learned about a research grant that MetroParks shares with university ecology researchers to measure the impact of the mitigation bank on release of carbon dioxide and nitrates. Paul and Carol Lamberger found a new birding spot and a new birding group to join. Pat Stidham is impressed with the care MetroParks is taking to meet the complex requirements for a wetland mitigation site. They have to satisfy the requirements of many state and federal agencies. Dianne Herman is impressed that this site is earning significant revenue for MetroParks. Patsy Thurin learned some birding and binocular skills, and is happy to tell her husband that catch- and -release fishing is available here.

It was a beautiful day of learning and comradery.

Kathleen Turner, Natural Resources Co-Director

In Memoriam

Evelyn Ferguson

We mourn the death of Evelyn Ferguson, a 50 year honorary member. She served our League in many capacities, but most of all we valued her expertise in the area of parliamentary procedure. She was our By Laws guru who kept track of changes at State and National, and saw to it that we were always in compliance. Evelyn touched the lives of every member she met, as she supported the mission of the League through thoughtful, intelligent, and kind leadership. We send our sincere condolences to her family.



Dream On: A Documentary
Monday, June 27, 6:30 P
Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road
Free and open to the public



Dream On features political comedian John Fugelsang as he hits the road in search of the vanishing American Dream after decades of income inequality and declining economic mobility. Join us for a screening, followed by a discussion about whether the American Dream is even a possibility any more. The film will show nationwide on PBS in late summer in advance of this fall's general election. Offered in partnership with the library.

LEAGUE-LED BIG READ of "BROAD INFLUENCE"
Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 P
Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Dayton Mall
2619 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, Dayton 45459

In preparation for our 2016 Dangerous Dames of Dayton award ceremony (see next page), LWVGDA is leading a BIG READ of Jay Newton-Small's book "Broad Influence: How Women Are Changing the Way America Works." The Dayton Barnes and Noble store located near the Dayton Mall has ordered copies of "Broad Influence" and will provide space for our League to host a group discussion of the book on July 26 at 6:30 PM.

"Broad Influence" explains how an influx of women in any organization can change the climate of the workplace. The book details how women create a more receptive place for females while fundamentally changing how an organization operates. Chapter by chapter, Newton-Small shares stories of how the willingness of women to cooperate by listening and collaborating is eventually more successful and more able to get things done. Her statistics show that in ways large and small, organizations become more successful when women reach between 20 and 30 percent of their workforce.



Jay Newton-Small

Please gather your sisters, daughters, friends, neighbors and local book club members to join in this Read. Buy your copy of the book locally from our partners at Barnes & Noble, enjoy coffee and discussion with fellow readers, share your own workplace experiences and successes, and then plan to attend the Dangerous Dames of Dayton celebration on August 24 to meet author Jay Newton-Small.

2016 DANGEROUS DAMES OF DAYTON**Tuesday August 23, 6:30 P****NCR Country Club**

The fourth annual Dangerous Dames of Dayton celebration will feature keynote speaker Jay Newton-Small, Washington correspondent for TIME Magazine, MSNBC political contributor and author of "Broad Influence: How Women Are Changing the Way America Works."

Against the backdrop of this historic election year, Newton-Small's book presents a compelling picture of how politics and culture are transformed as women begin to exert broad influence by reshaping the world and changing the way America works.

The Dangerous Dames of Dayton award ceremony is our League's annual "tip of the hat" to the Dayton suffragists who courageously fought for women's rights, and who, for their efforts, were dubbed in the local media as "dangerous to polite society." Six months prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment, these women opened the doors to the Dayton League of Women Voters, making our League one of the first in the nation.

So, invite the Dangerous Dames in your lives to join us as we celebrate the women we are because of the women they were. **PLAN AHEAD AND PUT AUGUST 23 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** Call the office to reserve your space. Ticket price is \$96 in honor of LWVGDA's 96th birthday. All proceeds from this event go to our League's Education Fund.

Do not lose sight of the nuclear war threat: Tools of resistance

Informing the public on issues is the crux of the League of Women Voters.

My attention was captured by a blog recently written by a friend who has worked diligently for disarmament and the proliferation of arms. A friend whom I admire, Mary Ann McGivern, a Sister of Loretto, has published her blog in National Catholic Reporter and it appears online at www.globalsistersreport.org/node/39296.

Mary Ann has outlined the US arms present-day situation and history. "The Department of Energy budget for Fiscal Year 2017 includes over \$23 billion a year on the research. ... To put this in perspective, the National Priorities Project provides interesting comparisons for what the money spent on nuclear weapons could have paid for instead. ...

Military author and professor, Colonel (ret.) Andrew Bacevich identifies this issue of nuclear escalation as a significant unasked question of the 2016 presidential primary race, though there has been a back-and-forth recently between the president and candidate Donald Trump."

Researching where LWN stands in regard to arms control, I was encouraged by the League's position, though somewhat surprised by the dates where this threat was discussed and voted upon. I clearly need to catch up on how these issues become updated positions.

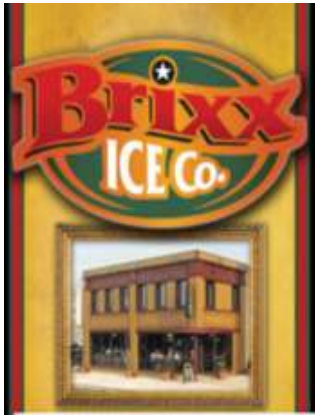
*"Statement of Position on Arms Control, as Announced by National Board, December 1983 and Updated by the 2010 Convention: **The League of Women Voters of the United States** believes that arms control measures are essential to reduce the risk of war and increase global stability."*

In the upcoming presidential elections and the unrest that surrounds the potential nominees, we should all stay informed on these ever-present issues.

Lillian Moskeland, Secretary

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 off 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. You should 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

We look forward to seeing you!

Susan Byerly, President Elect

Polling, Politics and Pizza



Reserve June 29, 6:00 pm, Marion's Piazza, 8991 Kingsridge Dr (behind the Dayton Mall) on your calendars for an evening of "Polling, Politics and Pizza." Polling experts from the University of Dayton and Wright State University will be on-hand for this timely and stimulating conversation about the polling process: its methods, its accuracy, and its results. Cost is \$20 per person. Call the office to save your spot, 937-228-4041.

Peg Schulz

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.

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Our President's Corner

The National League of Women Voters (that includes us!) supports the abolition of the Electoral College and supports the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote. The Electoral College, established long before the technology we enjoy today, has outlived its usefulness. With the 24 hour cable news networks giving every citizen front row access to debates, rallies, and press conferences, voters can find all the information they need to cast their votes without their preferences being filtered through a convoluted process that varies from state to state. Nine times in our history the winner of the popular vote did NOT become our President. Most recently Al Gore received over 500,000 more votes than George W. Bush, yet George Bush became our President. Surprised? It gets even more interesting. Did you know that even if a candidate does not get a single vote in 39 states (or DC) they will still become our next President if they win the popular vote in California, New York, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina and Georgia. And...American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies says that the Presidential Election boils down to nine states...Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. Hmmm...doesn't seem right does it? Notice that Ohio is on both lists. We are important! So whatever else you do this year, make sure you exercise your right to make your preference known. As I write this, today is Indiana's primary. I will be glued to my television waiting for results...hope you will be watching too. !



Patty Skilken