



# THE VOTER

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## *The Woman's Hour, 1920*



Since I joined the League, I have read a fair amount about women's history; I love it, I am empowered and inspired by it. Somehow I didn't expect to be so absorbed by Elaine Weiss's book, *The Woman's Hour*, but it is mesmerizing. Her story begins on a Saturday night in mid-July 1920 with three women racing toward Nashville on steam-powered trains, determined to be a part of American history:

Carrie Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; Josephine Pearson, president of Tennessee State Association opposed to Woman Suffrage; and Sue White, a young militant working under Alice Paul, determined to gain the vote for women.

The detailed background of the weeks prior to Tennessee's taking the vote is electric. The very idea that women should have the right to participate in a government "by and for the people" is considered radical and dangerous, yet women are emboldened. They are marching and carrying picket signs!

The anti-suffrage folks, however, believe women having the right to vote would undermine a woman's purity and threaten home and family. Suffragists advocated free love and loose morals. Men were even more concerned. They stressed that a woman's dual physical handicaps, pregnancy and menses, rendered her unfit. After all—as quoted in an anti-suffrage pamphlet—"a woman's life is one of frequent and regular periods marked by mental and nervous irritability."

## *The Woman's Hour, 2019*



Well ladies, "physical handicaps" aside, we have indeed persisted. The #MeToo and #TimesUp movements have emboldened women with a united voice. We have just sent over 100 women to Congress and, with five women now declared for 2020, the thought of having a female president no longer seems revolutionary. Granted, the Equal Rights Amendment, gently written to guarantee equal rights for all American citizens *regardless of sex*, has not yet passed, but women are only one state away from equality under the Constitution: imagine!

Pending legislation aside, women today definitely enjoy more perks. One is curling up with *The Woman's Hour*, and another is sharing the joy of celebrating the success of Dayton-area women. I hope you'll make plans to join us on March 22 for the much-anticipated event, "Dangerous Dames of Dayton," with keynote speaker author Elaine Weiss. The League of Women Voters was founded by the suffragists; the incredible *Woman's Hour* frames the story of how they made it happen. **Register online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org) or call the League office at 228-4041 by March 14 to reserve your seat.**

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director, LWVGDA

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*January 17 — February 14, 2019*



## Remembering ALL the Ladies



As you are well aware, we are on the cusp of the 100th anniversary of women’s getting the right to vote. I am both thrilled and surprised how many other organizations are joining in on the celebration; selfish of me to have thought it belongs solely to the League and the suffragists who fought for women’s rights and founded our organization. However, the celebration of women’s equality truly does belong to every woman and every suffragist.

In honor of Women’s History Month, I want to pay tribute to a few of the forgotten African American Suffragists, whose dreams for equality were even more marginalized and more elusive, yet who valiantly and eloquently stood tall and spoke out loud so their voices would be heard, then and now.

Anna Julia Cooper: “The old, subjective, stagnant, indolent, and wretched life for woman has gone. She has as many resources as men, and many activities beckon her on. As large possibilities swell and inspire her heart.”

Nannie Helen Burroughs: “When the ballot is put into the hands of the American woman, the world is going to get a correct estimate of the Negro woman. It will find her a tower of strength of which poets have never sung, orators have never spoken, and scholars have never written.”

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper: “I do not think the mere extension of the ballot a panacea for all the ills of our national life. What we need today is not simply more voters, but better voters.”

Sojourner Truth: “If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down, these women together ought to be able to turn it right again.”

And then there is Ida B. Wells, founder of the Chicago-based Alpha Suffrage Club, who arrived in Washington, D.C. to participate in the 1913 suffrage parade. Organizers asked the black women if they would mind very much marching at the end of the demonstration. Wells refused to go to the back of the line but later emerged from the crowd to take her place between two white delegates as they marched into history.

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director



MARCH IS  
Women’s History Month







# OHIO LEAGUE NEWS

LWVO<sub>Ohio</sub>

## Save The Date

Dear Leaguers,  
Mark your calendars!

The 2019 LWVO State Convention will be held on  
May 10-12 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in the Columbus area.

Yours in League,

Jennifer Miller, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of Ohio | 614-469-1505 | [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)

For updated information go to: [my.lwv.org/ohio/event/2019-lwvo-state-convention](http://my.lwv.org/ohio/event/2019-lwvo-state-convention)

**WE ARE YOUR LEAGUE!  
MAKE AN IMPACT!**



## RECAPitol CHAT

League members and friends were treated to an up-close and personal discussion with local elected representatives at the Greater Dayton League's Capitol Chat event, January 28, at Top of the Market in Dayton.

Laura Bischoff, *Dayton Daily News* Ohio statehouse reporter credited with breaking some of the most important stories on Ohio government in recent history, moderated the event.

Bischoff asked timely and pointed questions to Montgomery County senator Peggy Lehner (R-6<sup>th</sup> Dist), and representatives Niraj Antani (R-42<sup>nd</sup> Dist), Jim Butler (R-41<sup>st</sup> Dist), and Fred Strahorn (D-39<sup>th</sup> Dist). Their answers were candid and provided a view into the usually positive working relationships experienced by members on both sides of the political aisle as they tackle important issues like access to affordable health care, justice system reform, and education system reforms. However there was an overall agreement that the political divide currently seen on the national level does affect Ohio politics, and that lobbyist influence continues to negatively drive the legislative agenda. All encouraged constituents to get more involved with what is happening on the local and state level. They also praised journalists like Bischoff who help ensure our legislative process is transparent and accountable to Ohioans.

Mary Robertson



Quarterly Dinner  
Monday, April 30, from 6-8pm  
@ Corner Kitchen, 613 East Fifth St, Dayton





# National LEAGUE NEWS LWVUS

Women Congress members, dressed in white in tribute to the women’s suffrage movement, pose for a photo as they arrive for the State of the Union address on February 5, 2019.

*Saul Loeb/AFP/Getty Images*



The Dayton Metro Library will host a program on the involvement of Dayton women in the struggle for women's right to vote, presented by librarian Nancy Horlacher. The event is **Thursday, March 21**, at the Miamisburg branch (545 E Linden Ave., Miamisburg), and **Tuesday, April 23**, at the Vandalia branch (330 S Dixie Dr., Vandalia). **Both programs are from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.**



On **Thursday, April 11**, Dianne Herman and Jessica Hunter of our local League will present an educational program, "Let Women Vote: The Long Quest for Suffrage," at the Miami Township branch of Dayton Metro Library, 2718 Lyons Rd., Miamisburg, from **6:30 to 8:00 pm.**



## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women getting the right to vote with your own League of Women Voters eco-friendly tote bag! The bags are royal blue and emblazoned with the white & red LWV Logo, as well as the mission statement,

**“Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.”**

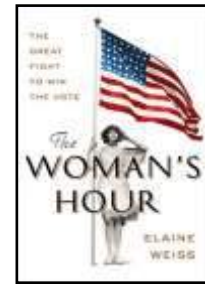
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# Dangerous Dames of Dayton

**WHEN:** Friday, March 22 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

**WHERE:** NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering, OH 45429

**WHO:** Keynote Speaker ~ Elaine Weiss  
Honorees ~ Vivienne Himmell & Joyce Young  
Artwork by ~ Emily Buddendeck



- ◆ **Tickets are \$99 each in honor of the League's 99th anniversary.** (\$40 of your ticket price is tax-deductible.)
- ◆ **Deadline to order tickets by check or online is March 14.** Checks should be made payable to: *Dayton Area LWV Education Fund*. Order online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org) by clicking on "Calendar," then click on "Dangerous Dames of Dayton."
- ◆ **This fundraiser supports all of the League's educational projects (including the Voters Guide).**



## An Autopsy of the Midterm Election: Teasing out the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

On January 24 the Dayton League moderated an informed discussion on the 2018 midterm elections for the University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The forum brought together political science professors, a media representative, a party official, and newly elected members of the judiciary.

Dr. Lee Hannah of Wright State covered what went right and what went wrong in polling, with implications for the 2020 election. Dr. Christopher Devine of the University of Dayton addressed the question, "Is Ohio a Red State?" Dr. Anne Whitesell of Ohio Northern University covered gender and politics. Anthony Shoemaker, the political editor for Cox Media, addressed ever-widening media coverage in a number of different formats. Sarah Greathouse represented Montgomery County Democratic Chair Mark Owens. Montgomery County Republican Chair Phil Plummer was invited but was busy with his new responsibilities as an elected legislator.

We were fortunate to have newly elected judges: Judge Gerald Parker (Montgomery Co. Common Pleas Court), Judge Helen Wallace (Montgomery Co. Juvenile Court), and Mary Montgomery (Montgomery Co. Common Pleas Court). Judge Parker was elected as the first African American male in the General Division of the Montgomery County Court. Judge Helen Wallace was the first elected female to Juvenile Court. Mary Montgomery will exit a stellar career serving as Chief of the Civil Division in the Prosecutor's Office.

The forum offered a safe space for a civil discussion of various issues relating to elections and the judiciary. Through our program planning process, we hope to continue having forums throughout the community to help ensure an informed constituency when ballots are cast.



Valerie Lee, Action Chair



# Volunteer Voices



Meet Mario, Voter Service Vice President. Voter Service is at the heart of the League of Women Voters, and the reason for the League’s existence! Mario, along with a cadre of volunteers, educates citizens on issues and candidates, as well as voting rights and information. How does she do this? Let’s count the ways!

1. Voter information and registration

*Particular attention is paid to community event participants, high school and college students, and senior housing residents. This is an ongoing effort.*

2. Voters Guide (VG) and the Directory of Public Officials (DPO), overseen by Lucy Anne McKosky

*Volunteers are needed to help publish these voter resources. EVERYONE can help with distribution of the VG to places of worship, libraries, offices, book clubs, etc. The VG is also available at the LWVGDA website.*

3. Candidate and Issues Forums, coordinated by Pat Bradley-Falke

*Volunteers are needed to collect audience questions and distribute information at public events.*

4. The Observer Corps

*Volunteers represent the League as observers at various public meetings (such as city council), observe their deliberations and report back to the League.*

National Voter Registration Day is the fourth Tuesday in September. Many volunteers are needed in the weeks leading up to this date, so get acquainted and trained to be part of the effort to register new voters and assist others in updating their address.

I hope your interest is piqued! If you’d like to learn more about how you might plug in with our Voter Service projects, you may contact Mario directly at [imario@woh.rr.com](mailto:imario@woh.rr.com).

I am happy to answer your questions about volunteering, and can be reached at 937.409.0536 (phone or text) or [laurel.kerr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurel.kerr@sbcglobal.net).

Laurel Kerr, Volunteer Coordinator

## **DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (DPO)**



It’s time to order your copy of the 2019 *Directory of Public Officials* which will be published in late March.

Send order form and check to 127 N. Ludlow St, Dayton, OH 45402-1703 OR fax your order to 937.228.4104 OR order online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org).

Please make checks payable to: **Dayton Area League of Women Voters Education Fund.**

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Current Resident or:

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