



THE VOTER

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Appl ause Appl ause Appl ause!!!



Of the last 31 days, 27 have been filled with one or more League activities that serve the voters in the Greater Dayton Area. The calendar on my desk is filled with highlighted notes and scribbles trying to keep track of who is where and what they are doing. The whiteboard across from my desk has 28 activities that will take our League and its volunteers through Election Day.

Election activities include candidate forums and cable interviews in Montgomery and Greene counties, working with students at Antioch, Wright State, Central State, University of Dayton, Wilberforce, and Sinclair. We have been to senior centers and classrooms and have registered voters at every festival and concert throughout the Miami Valley. The Speakers Bureau has been, or is scheduled to, speak to groups from the Latino Connection, to retired postal workers and the Girl Scouts.

The *Voters Guide* team once more cranked out the *Guide* in record time. It has been delivered to over 98,000 voters and is online for thousands more. The Spanish version of the *Guide* is ready to hit the streets next week.

Election activities aside, members trained to use Constant Contact are working on a strategy to begin an online women’s chat group for women who are handicapped and housebound. We hosted a packed theatre for the movie *Dark Money* and are co-hosting another on Preschool Promise. In October our Funding & Development committee held a successful event called “Patterson, Politics and Petticoats” at Carillon Park. This month we will, once again, host lunch for Judge Wiseman’s Women’s Therapy Court; and here I am racing to meet the deadline for our monthly *Voter*. We are a well-oiled machine!

This is incredible work, and I am so overwhelmed and humbled by the members who have jumped in to make our League one of the most active and successful in Ohio. We never stop; there is always another idea, event, or challenge to consider. It is exhausting and, at times, nerves are frayed and balls get fumbled, but somehow we manage to pull it together because . . . we can. We talk, we figure it out, we are the Greater Dayton Area League of Women Voters, with a 98-year history of serving this community.

As we move into the countdown to 100 years of service, I personally invite every member to attend something, share an idea, come to a dinner and mingle. I promise you will not be sorry you did.

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director, LWVGDA

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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, 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).



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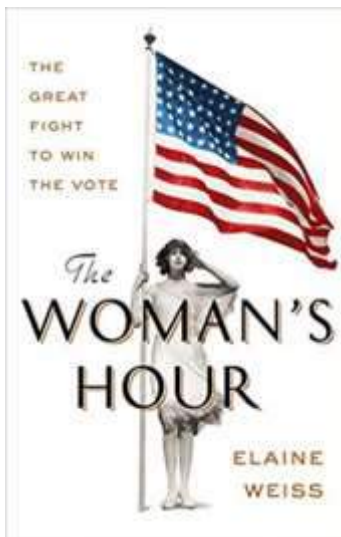
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DATE

2019 DANGEROUS DAMES OF DAYTON

Friday, March 22, 2019, 6:00-9:00 pm



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



**The final job of the Voters Guide team:
deliver the bundles to libraries and other locations around Montgomery and
Greene counties.**



Jo Lovelace Hill & Lucy Anne McKosky



Peggy Coale & Vivienne Himmell

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.

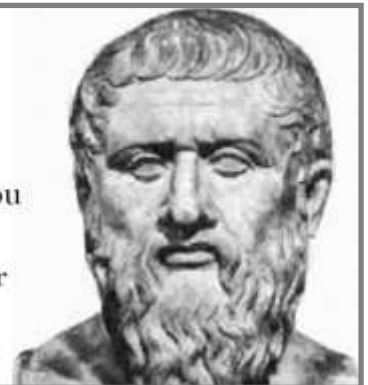
This is a joint program offered by Washington-Centerville Public Library and the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area.

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

A people is not defeated
until the hearts of its
women are on the ground.
~ Cheyenne Saying



One of the
penalties for
refusing to
participate in
politics, is that you
end up being
governed by your
inferiors. *Plato*



Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe,
and stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.



**"WHATEVER THE
PROBLEM, BE PART
OF THE SOLUTION.
DON'T JUST SIT
AROUND RAISING
QUESTIONS AND
POINTING OUT
OBSTACLES."**



AS WE EXPRESS OUR
gratitude,
WE MUST NEVER
FORGET THAT THE
HIGHEST APPRECIATION
IS NOT TO
UTTER WORDS, BUT
to live
BY THEM.
-JOHN F. KENNEDY



ON

SOCIAL MEDIA!

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DARK MONEY: How the Influence of Untraceable Corporate Money Threatens Our Democracy

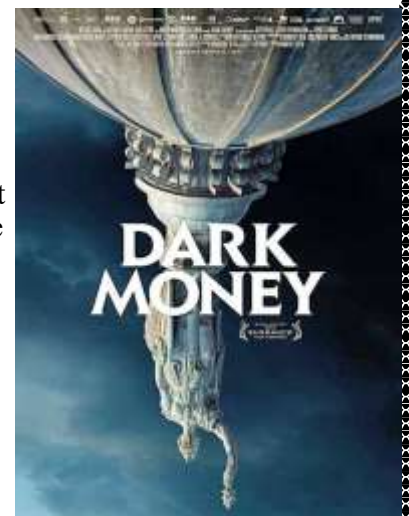
A sold-out audience at Dayton's Neon Theater joined with the League of Women Voters on September 27 to preview the documentary *Dark Money*. Catherine Turcer, executive director of Common Cause Ohio, and Dr. Lee Hannah, political science professor at Wright State, gave a summary of the film and addressed questions. The substance of the film is about efforts to preserve fair elections and how that noble cause was impacted by the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision. It would not be possible to see the film and fail to gain new-found respect for journalism's role in shining a light on corrupt practices.

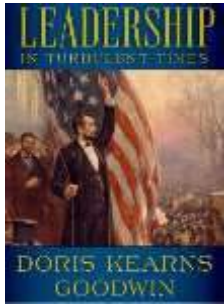
In a recent court decision, Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that dark money groups cannot hide the identity of donors. The ruling came in response to a complaint brought by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) and a registered Ohio voter, Nicholas Meziak. The case revolved around matching funds offered by an unnamed donor for donations in support of the Josh Mandel Senatorial campaign in 2012 against Senator Sherrod Brown.

In the court ruling, a decades-old FEC regulation on disclosure was thrown out and the FEC was given 45 days to come up with a replacement regulation. The Supreme Court refused to block Judge Howell's decision. Perhaps this represents a first step in preserving our democracy from the vagaries of dark money influence. (*Washington Post* 9/21/18).

Catherine Turcer suggested going to the *Democracy2018.org* website where you can find (under our solutions) more information about reducing money's influence in politics.

Valerie Lee, Action Chair





Leadership in Turbulent Times

Doris Kearns Goodwin



In a recent appearance at the National Constitution Center, historical author Doris Kearns Goodwin gave an overview of her latest book, *Leadership In Turbulent Times*, comparing the leadership styles of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson, and drawing parallels with today's times. Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson were studied for their leadership qualities during uncertain times in our democracy. Though Goodwin had undertaken an in-depth study of these historical figures in past writings, her previous analyses were not under the prism of leadership.

The book begins with the four presidents as they embarked on their lives of public service. Lincoln was 23 years old **when he ran for a state legislative office. He learned early in his career a "hot letter" technique. When confronted with angry provocations, he composed a hot letter but put it aside and let the circumstances de-escalate.** That embodied his approach to conflict: think before acting.

Goodwin more closely examined the strong partnership between Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt as he navigated the office of the presidency. The need to keep the country informed and trusting of his decisions was tantamount to his view of how to run the country. He held two press conferences every week, and in 1942 he encouraged all citizens to get a **map so they could follow his war updates. Roosevelt's fireside chats went through several drafts, particularly if he was angry or distressed.** He never wanted to diminish the office of the presidency through his human frailties.

Theodore Roosevelt ascended to the presidency in the wake of the industrial revolution. Financial corporations were taking the place of familiar business associations. A basic bargaining inequality between employer and employee had developed. Teddy had come from a family of wealth, yet he was a student of history who used that knowledge to provide perspective. His interventions to resolve the 1902 coal strike demonstrated how to restrain consolidation of corporate wealth. He understood the need for the government to exercise supervision and regulation over corporations.

Lyndon Baines Johnson was best known to Goodwin because she worked for President Johnson as a White House Fellow. That was somewhat surprising, as shortly after she became a Fellow, her article denouncing the Vietnam War, **"How to Remove Lyndon Johnson from Office,"** was published in the *New Republic* magazine. Paradoxically, she helped write his memoir when he left office. She found Johnson lacked confidence due to his limitations in knowledge **about world affairs. His focus was on his Great Society programs. Doris's husband, Richard Goodwin, helped write a speech presented to a joint session of Congress promoting said programs. Some of LBJ's antics raised eyebrows.** However, Goodwin just viewed him through the background of his need to always finish his sentences, so you had to follow him wherever he might go, including what others might consider off-limits territory.

Closing thoughts included the following:

- ◆ One has to recognize the difference between campaigning and governing. If governing, your words matter.
- ◆ **It's important to understand our past history . . . that will help us to understand where we are and where we're going.**
- ◆ Having a common mission is more important than personal ambition. We should strive to be part of something.
- ◆ We need leaders who can mobilize a national spirit even in the absence of a war or crisis.
- ◆ **Leaders should aspire to achievements that make people's lives better.**

Valerie Lee, Action Chair



THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE...



Your League of Women Voters is Still Relevant!

By the time this *Voter* is published, the midterm elections will almost be over. Have you ever seen an uglier midterm election? This election seems to be all about taking sides. Bombastic rhetoric in place of thoughtful dialogue, including from two groups we usually count on to be neutral players, the U.S. Supreme Court and the national League of Women Voters. On the one hand we had a nominee for the Supreme Court make blatant partisan remarks about a former president and his wife. On the other hand, the national League Board decided—without a consensus from its national membership—to allow League CEO Virginia Kase to "participate in our democracy through civil disobedience." Long story short, she was arrested protesting at the Kavanaugh hearings.

Meanwhile back in Dayton, the local League of Women Voters continues plodding forward, maintaining an active, relevant, nonpartisan agenda. If you have not been to recent LWV events, then you have missed fair, balanced debates. You missed an informative movie on campaign finance where you would have learned how vast (big doesn't even begin to cover it any more) amounts of anonymous money pit members of the same party against each other and weaken the voters' role in selecting their representatives. You've missed a thoughtful presentation on the benefits of preschool education. You've missed study-group style forums examining the question, "Where have all the Voters gone?" You missed a local author talk about the activities of a group of Catholic nuns during WWII and a world-class Olympic Athlete and lifetime educator enlighten us on the importance of education. And this is only a sampling.

These are challenging times, if you are looking for unbiased information. LWVGDA is still an organization providing political, nonpartisan information and events. We want to see you there!!

Susan Byerly, President LWVGDA



WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA

SOURCE: [history.com/topics/womens-history/benazir-bhutto](https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/benazir-bhutto)

"Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto was the first democratically elected female leader of a Muslim country, during a tumultuous life that ended with her assassination. Benazir Bhutto was born June 21, 1953, in Karachi, Pakistan, the eldest child of former premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. He founded the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and was prime minister from 1971 to 1977. After completing her early education in Pakistan, Benazir pursued her higher education in the United States. From 1969 to 1973, she attended Radcliffe College, and then Harvard University, where she graduated with a BA degree in comparative government. It was then on to the United Kingdom to study at Oxford from 1973 to 1977. There she completed a course in international law and diplomacy. Bhutto returned to Pakistan in 1977 and was placed under house arrest after the military coup led by General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq overthrew her father's government. In 1978 Bhutto and her mother Nusrat took control of the PPP and led the country's Movement for the Restoration of Democracy. Benazir was twice elected prime minister of Pakistan—from 1988 to 1990, and again from 1993 to 1996. She was assassinated in 2007."

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			NOV 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day ~ 6:30am-7:30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Dec & Jan Voter articles DUE to LWV office	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Thanks-giving Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	DEC 1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Wild Rivers 6:30-8:30pm pg. 4		9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 