

# THE VOTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER +



- ◆ Saturday, October 10, **Deadline to Register to Vote**
- ◆ October 28-29, **Bus Trip to Seneca Falls, NY.**  
See pg. 3 for details.
- ◆ Tuesday, November 7 **Election Day: Local and State Issue Info,**  
See pgs. 4, 5, & 6 for details.



*I THINK I LOVE YOU....  
NO, I KNOW I LOVE YOU!*

Many thanks of all of you who heard my plea and sent in checks to help put the 2017 *Voters Guide* on the street. Though the *Guide* is a labor of love it is never an easy job and it takes a lot of work. Right now, Lucy Anne and her team are spending hours inserting candidate information and pictures into our 32 page format. This same information is also being translated into Spanish by Lillian Moskeland and Claudia Cortez- Rheinart. I have been negotiating printing and insertion costs with local newspapers and deciding on distribution sites and copy estimates.

Recently I invited some community leaders into our office to discuss messaging for the *Guide*. Our guests were frankly astounded we do this work, all in-house, by our membership. The *Voters Guide* is a mini-business, mingled in between all the candidate issues. The interest of the community is constantly on our radar because of the early voting timeline along with accuracy and availability of information and a solid distribution schedule – it all matters, it comes fast; and none of it could happen without financial support and the determination of incredible volunteers.

All donors will be listed in the *Guide* but I just can't help myself, I have to thank those of you who have already stepped up because you matter too. You have no idea how much opening the donations from our members means to me. So, many heart-filled thanks to: Anonymous, Theodora Artz, Chuck Berry, Peggy & David Berry, Pat Bradley Falke, Cena Buchannon, Julie Burneson in honor of Judy Gerhard, Catherine Clark, Susan & Tim Darcy, Alice Dinicola, Jeanne Eickman, Marlyce Erickson, Ina Green, Rebecca Jarvi, my hubby John Hesselgesser, Laurel Kerr, Jean Kmetec, Gary Leppla, Earl McDaniel, Elzie McIntyre, Pat & Jackie McGohan, Rebecca Morgann, Carolyn Rice, Peg and Bill Schulz, Elaine Sendelbach, Lillian Sagstetter, Stephanie Smith, Judy & Tom Thompson and Joyce Young.

Our League has been providing voter information to this community since 1920 – thanks to all of you, that's 97 years and counting!

~ Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director

Sunday, October 11, 2017

Early Voting Begins



Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Election Day

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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).*

## Hop on the for a Trip to the Past

In the wee hours of **October 28**, 50 or so people will board a luxury coach and journey back to small town America, circa 1840. You'll want to be among this lucky group.

The Dayton LWV is planning a visit to **Seneca Falls, NY**, birthplace of the women's rights movement in the United States. We'll visit the Women's Rights National Park where we'll have a chat with "Elizabeth Cady Stanton". Our next stop is the Women's Hall of Fame. You'll have time for browsing the quaint shops along the pretty main street of Seneca Falls. Following a group dinner and a comfortable night at the well-appointed Holiday Inn, we'll travel to Rochester to tour the home of Susan B. Anthony before returning to Dayton on Sunday evening.

Susan Hesselgesser, our League's executive director, likes to say that we are the women we are because of the women our foremothers were. Now is a chance to get to know our foremothers better. They were an inspired and visionary bunch!

The cost of this adventure is **\$349 for double occupancy; \$399 for single occupancy**. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited, so reserve your seat now. **Please call tour coordinator Susan Darcy at 503-0515 with any questions, or send your check to the LWV office, with "bus trip" on the memo line.**

### In Memoriam

The League has lost a long time member and staunch ally in the march toward equal rights for women. Lorine Reid, one of the first women attorneys in the Dayton area, died on September 2, 2017.

She supported so many of the events and actions of the League throughout the years, serving on our Board and hosting many of our Unit Meetings at her downtown apartment. She was a woman of action, and countless individuals have better lives because of her determination to make a better community. Lorine will be missed.



*Candidate Forum Valley View*



*Viv Himmell and Janet Hess with Lucy Gilbert, organizer.*



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## Statewide Issues on November 7 Ballot

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### **Issue 1: Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights"**

***Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 1: Rights for Crime Victims"***

Generally known as Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights", this initiative would alter the state constitution to require that crime victims be notified and consulted on developments in their cases.

A **YES** vote means approval of the constitutional amendment.

A **NO** vote means disapproval of the constitutional amendment.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 90 days after Election Day.

#### **League Explanation of Issue 1:      **Crime Victims' Bill of Rights****

Issue 1 (Marsy's Law) will alter the state constitution to significantly expand the rights of victims in Ohio. The law would ensure that crime victims have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems. It would provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about, and present at proceedings; to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case; to reasonable protection from the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview or deposition at the request of the accused; and to receive restitution from the individual who committed the criminal offense.

There is already language addressing rights of crime victims in the Ohio constitution which voters passed in 1994. However, Marsy's Law would replace it with language that, as described above, would expand the existing rights of victims and would establish new rights for victims.

#### **Pros:**

1. This proposed law will increase the legal rights and privileges of victims.
2. Marsy's Law would replace the 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment, which victims' rights advocates said has been unenforceable.
3. The proposed law would ensure that victims are informed when the accused offender is released from custody.
4. It will inform crime victims of their rights.

#### **Cons:**

1. The amendment would override state law, eliminating judges' abilities to weigh the rights of victims and defendants.
2. Victims are already protected by 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment in the constitution.
3. The amendment would allow crime victims to directly file an appeal, overstepping the decisions of Prosecutors.
4. Victims could refuse to be interviewed or to turn over pertinent evidence or testimony.

**PROPOSERS:** **Marsy's Law for Ohio** is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

**OPPOSERS:** As of our publication deadline, no organized opposition has formed, however representatives from the legal profession have voiced concerns and may formalize their opposition.

## Statewide Issues on November 7 Ballot

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### **Issue 2: The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act**

***Will appear on the ballot as “STATE ISSUE 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law”***

Prohibits the state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer for a price over the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

A **YES** vote means approval of the Act.

A **NO** vote means disapproval of the Act.

If approved, the proposed Act will take effect immediately after Election Day.

### **League Explanation of Issue 2:      The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act**

Issue 2 would limit the amount the state and state agencies could pay for prescription drugs. This act is designed to restrict the amount that any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the VA. The VA negotiates drug prices with companies and typically pays 20 to 24 percent less than other agencies for prescription drugs. Specifically, it would forbid state agencies to enter into any purchasing agreement with drug manufacturers unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than that paid by the VA.

State agencies would not be allowed to pay more than the VA pays for a particular medication. These state agencies include, but are not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the program for people with low incomes or disabilities).

The bill will only impact those who receive drugs paid for by the State, not those with any other type of coverage. If adopted, the proposed statute would affect only those associated with the above-mentioned state agencies - roughly 4 million Ohioans. The Act would not apply to those who use private insurance, Medicare, or other non-state-provided coverage - approximately 7 million Ohioans.

#### **Pros:**

1. Drug costs are the main driver of rising health care cost. There is an urgent need to control costs while maintaining access to needed medications.
2. Too many Ohioans must choose between the basic necessities and paying for their medications.
3. There is an indirect benefit to taxpayers as the state would save an estimated \$536 million per year on drugs. This could free up some substantial money that the state could use for other programs.

#### **Cons:**

1. The Act does not define some important terms, such as “drug,” “state,” “ultimate payer,” and “net cost.”
2. The Act does not address pricing of drugs that are *not* purchased by the VA and creates costly, complex purchasing arrangements.
3. Pharmaceutical companies might respond to passage of the Act by a) negating existing discounts and rebates, b) raising prescription prices charged to non-covered entities and individuals, and/or c) raising prices charged to the VA.

**PROPOSERS:** Yes on Issue 2, also known as **Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices**, is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

**OPPONENTS:** No on Issue 2, also known as **Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Ballot Issue**, is leading the campaign in opposition to the initiative.

A similar proposition (Proposition 61) appeared on the California ballot in 2016. It was defeated.

Analysis from Vorys Healthcare Advisors commissioned by Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Issue, the campaign opposing the proposal.



### Issue 3: 2017 Montgomery County Human Service Levy Renewal WON'T Raise Taxes

**ELECTION  
2017**

Montgomery County Human Services are critical elements in our community's safety net. Voters will be asked to renew one of our county's two Human Services Levies, on the November ballot as Issue 3.

The Issue 3 renewal levy won't increase taxes. It will continue to fund vital human services for 50,000 vulnerable children, adults, seniors and families from all over Montgomery County.

Issue 3 supports critical countywide human services such as:

- ◆ Protecting children from abuse and neglect
- ◆ Serving children and adults born with severe mental and physical disabilities
- ◆ Helping homebound elderly with home-based health care, meals, and assistance
- ◆ Combatting alcoholism, drug addiction, and mental illness with services and crisis facilities
- ◆ Making sure unemployed adults are matched with the right job training services
- ◆ Providing immunizations, flu shots, restaurant inspections, and disaster planning

Without the Human Services Levy renewal, more than \$50 million a year in essential funding for human services will be lost here. Services would be drastically reduced, and cuts will be felt by citizens in every community in our county. Passing Issue 3 will NOT increase taxes.

To find out more, please visit: [KeepMontgomeryHumanServices.com](http://KeepMontgomeryHumanServices.com) or [facebook.com/keephumanservices](https://facebook.com/keephumanservices)



## OCTOBER HISTORY TRIVIA

- **October 3, 1904** – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida
- **October 4, 1976** – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)
- **October 4, 1993** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice
- **October 8, 1993** – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature
- **October 10, 1983** – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements
- **October 11, 1984** – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to "walk" in space during Challenger flight
- **October 15, 1948** – Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy
- **October 16, 1916** – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.'s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York
- **October 23, 1910** – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight
- **October 24, 1956** – Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church
- **October 28, 1958** – Mary Roebling is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)

– excerpted from [nwhp.org/events/october/](http://nwhp.org/events/october/) (National Women's History Project website)



## REDISTRICTING – HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PETITION?



*LWVOhio is a founding member of the Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition, which means, of course, our League has also signed on to be a partner. The Coalition is working to put Congressional redistricting reform on the 2018 ballot. Why? Because Ohio is one of the 10 most gerrymandered states in the country.*

**Gerrymandering** is the practice of dividing election districts to give one political party an electoral majority in a number of districts while concentrating the opposition's voting strength in the fewest districts possible. This is done by manipulating the geographic boundaries of electoral districts to create partisan, incumbent-protected districts.

**Redistricting** is the process of drawing boundaries for electoral and political districts in the U.S. and is done every ten years after the census. The U.S. Constitution requires each Representative in Congress represent an equal number of citizens.

**What would the ballot language be in 2018 for Fair Districts = Fair Elections?**

- **No congressional district map shall be drawn to favor or disfavor a political party or candidates.**
- **Each district will be nearly equal in population (one person, one vote).**
- **The plan shall minimize the splitting of counties, municipalities and townships, and no county shall be split more than once.**
- **Districts shall be geographically contiguous and compact.**
- **The Voting Rights Act and other state and federal laws that protect minority representation shall be respected.**

Representational fairness is required. This means that the statewide percentage of districts leaning toward each of the two major parties shall closely correspond to the partisan preferences of the voters of Ohio as measured by the statewide proportion of votes in state and federal partisan statewide general elections over the previous ten years.

This is good nonpartisan legislation. This means representatives will be chosen by voters rather than parties choosing our representatives.

If you haven't signed a petition, contact Jan Underwood, our League representative heading up our redistricting initiative. Contact her at [janunderwood11@gmail.com](mailto:janunderwood11@gmail.com). There are simple ways you can make a difference for Fair Districts=Fair Elections!



*To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.*

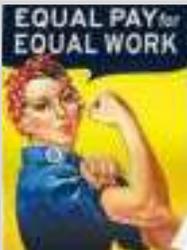
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## THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE.....

### Equal Pay is Still Someday...



The National LWV has a position on Pay Equity, and since I am writing this on Labor Day, I thought I'd check up on how women are doing in the wage arena. As always with this type of data, numbers vary. The data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics 1979–2012 showed women making large gains during that period. In 1979, women, on average, earned 62% of what their male counterparts earned. In 2012, the number was up to 81%; 19 % in 33 years. Hmm. I'm no mathematician, but that leaves women with a 19% gap until they are at full parity with men. If we continue to gain at the same rate we gained over that 33 year period, we only have to wait until 2045 to catch up! And that's the good news. The bad news is that there are indications that women's wages seem to have stalled a bit since 2012, so it could take longer for the gap to close. And these numbers are for white women. Women of other races and ethnicities are also trending up, but at a much slower pace.

This is not just an issue for under- or un-educated women. *Fortune* magazine listed the following jobs among positions with the largest pay gaps: Personal Financial Advisor, Physicians, First-line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers, Retail Sales and Teachers. The issue seems to cross nearly all sectors!

I had hoped to find better news on Labor Day. Well, at least I got 100% of the day off!

~ Susan Byerly, President LWVGD