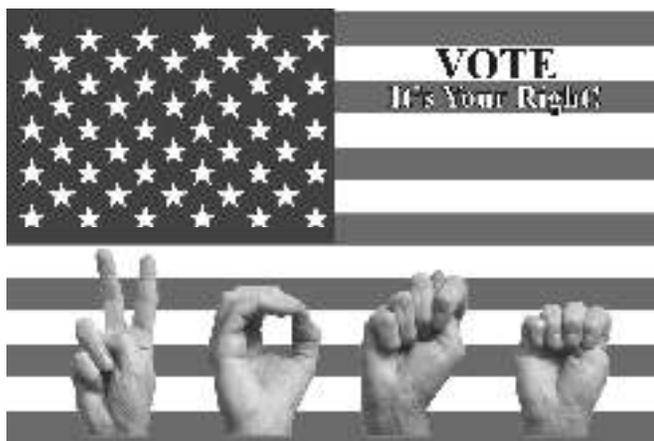


Last Chance to be a Part of History

It is hard to believe we are getting ready to compile the *Voters Guide* for the 2016 Presidential Election. Inside the League walls, our *Voters Guide* library is a treasure trove of local, state



and national history. Every 10 years we provide copies of the *Guide* in the Dayton Public Library to be preserved in their archives. In this high tech age there are those who wonder why we still print the *Voters Guide*. The simple answer is easy, tradition.

Since our inception in 1920, the League has produced election information for our community. From mimeograph, to typeset to flash drive, our members have compiled the information that follows the League mission: to provide non-partisan information on candidates and issues to voters and to encourage informed and active participation in government.

Our *Guide* is unique because it is published in the candidate's exact words; we never correct spelling, punctuation or grammar. That simple rule gives the publication a local flavor that represents the climate and culture of the day and insight into the current issues, problems and successes of our community. It is a snapshot in time.

A few years ago, the Hispanic Chamber challenged us to reach out to Dayton's growing Spanish population; with their help, we are among only a handful of Leagues who publish the *Voters Guide* in English and Spanish. This year we will partner for the first time with League U.S. in the Vote411 project which is a *Voters Guide* for national reference. Our *Guide* is also available on our League website; www.lwvdayton.org. Our *Voters Guide* continues to evolve.

With all of this, why do we continue to publish a hard copy? Because annually thousands and thousands of voters look for it at libraries, college campuses, businesses, churches, senior centers, and the VA. They want the *Guide* on their doorstep. High School teachers use hundreds of copies in their classrooms as a civics lesson. The *Guide* reinforces our mission; it is a respected voter service, a solid link to our community, a historical snapshot and... a 96 year tradition.

Every donation, of any amount, helps. Donors to the *Guide* are recognized as sponsors inside the front cover. Don't miss your chance to be a part of history and tradition; please support this very special project.

Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director

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In one of the most historic nights in political history in the USA, twenty-six women met at Barnes & Noble on July 26, 2016 to discuss a book about how women are changing the way America works. It seemed that the ghosts of the suffragist movement were watching the proceedings.



Led by Barbara Buddendeck, this diverse group of women enthusiastically participated in a discussion of *Broad Influence* by Jay Newton-Small. The book's chapters touch on vignettes about how a "critical mass" of women in politics can change political operations, workplace comfort zones, and the future of America. Since the group was so diverse, age and generational perspectives were a part of the discussion. Older women remembered the inability to be recognized as professionals, and, indeed, mistaken for secretaries or aides; of how there were no available women's bathrooms in the halls of professionals; of how they were excluded from upper level decisions, even though their positions demanded participation in decisions.

Younger women reported their comfort level as professionals in the current work force: of their need to be surrounded by those who have diverse talents; of the ability to separate kindness from weakness; to keep from becoming strident, but remaining firm.

The idea of "critical mass" is emphasized in the book, and was an important part of the discussion. One woman, walking into a meeting of men, would be either ignored or asked to leave. Two women would possibly be tolerated, but also ignored. Three women would be recognized and would be able to make a difference in the arc of the discussion. The author cites this premise in the beginning, when she recounts the ability of the women in the U.S. Senate to negotiate a compromise, and keep the government open for business. In other words, critical mass is enough to make a difference.

In this election year, this book is a "must read" for those who care about the political process and the survival of our democracy. Remember: the League is here to "Make Democracy Work."

To pursue further discussion on this enlightening book, and to meet the author, please join us on September 21st at NCR Country Club when Jay Newton-Small will be our keynote speaker and we will honor Michelle Riley, Executive Director, The Foodbank Inc., and Sharon Barrett-Mitchell, Executive Director, Dakota Center Inc., as the League's 2016 Dangerous Dames. See Page 2 for reservation information.

Vivienne Himmell

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Please come join the League of Women Voters of Greater Dayton on September 27th from 6-8pm as Wright State University and Wittenberg University political science professors discuss the benefits and challenges of the Electoral College. We plan to have an engaging panel discussion about the current system as well as possible alternatives. The event is free and open to the public and will take place on Wright State University's campus in the Endeavour Room (Room 186) of the Student Union. The Student Union can be found by taking Colonel Glenn Highway, turning North onto University Boulevard, then turning right onto P East Drive, where the student Union will be on the left. There is a large lot available for free visitor parking. For more detailed directions, please feel free to contact the League office at 937-228-4041. If you're interested in an engaging discussion about the uniquely American system that is the Electoral College, the program committee would love to have you join us!

Ana Crawford, VP of Programming

National Voter Registration Day, September 27, 2016

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 27, and the League is partnering with the Dayton Metro Library to man a table at each of their 18 branches from 10 am to 8 pm. **The big message to the community is the voter rolls have been purged.** More than 32,000 names were removed from voter rolls in Montgomery and Greene Counties last year. **If someone has moved, or not voted in the last 6 years, they may no longer be a registered voter.**

We will be working with Dayton Metro staff and volunteers to assist community members with checking their registration status and getting their voter registration completed, if needed. This includes updating addresses. The link on the League website, under Voter FAQ, provides immediate access to voter information. There will be a laptop available at every library for our use.

Greene County members, we are also looking at potential possibilities in Greene County, but have not confirmed as of press time.

If you are interested in volunteering for this very special service, there are still openings at every branch. (This is also a great opportunity to visit the newly redesigned branches). Please call Mario, Co-Director of Voter Services, at 252-9088 or email her at imario@woh.rr.com.

Event on Gun Policy at the Neon!

Please come join the League of Women Voters of Greater Dayton at the Neon to view the gun policy film *91%*! The event takes place on Sunday, September 4th at 7:30 pm and will include a viewing of the film, followed by an engaging discussion on the issues raised. The film *91%* is a collaboration between John Richie and Dayton Native Ian Cook examining U.S. gun policies with a focus on the background check system. The name of the film comes from the statistic that 91% of Americans are for background checks on all gun sales, yet Congress continues to fail to close the loophole. The film examines how Congressional inaction affects public safety. Traditional ticket prices apply and are on sale now at the Neon Box office. The Neon is located at 130 E 5th Street, Dayton, OH 45402, with free parking available across 5th Street. We would love to have you join us!

Ana Crawford, VP of Programming

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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Phillips Academy, widely known simply as Andover, is a highly regarded boarding school in Andover Massachusetts. Andover was founded in 1778 and Paul Revere created the school coat of arms on which he inscribed the motto "Non Sibi," which roughly translates as "Not for self alone." With the Presidential election bearing down on us, perhaps we should give more thought to the idea of not considering our own interests before also paying attention to the greater good for the many. Most of us have at some time voted in favor of a school levy, or funding for our libraries, parks, playgrounds and others, even though the result would be an increase in the tax we would pay. I love that about us...that we recognize that in the end we will get fair value for our money even though it might not benefit us immediately or directly. I cringe just a little when I hear someone announce, "I just vote my wallet!" Naturally we all worry about the state of our businesses and finances, but no election addresses only a single issue, but many issues, which can affect our individual lives, wallets, health, happiness, and future, as well as the lives of millions of people we will never know. The wonder of the internet lets us all find out where all of the candidates in all of the contests stand on all of the issues. Armed with the information available to us and a belief in Non Sibi, we can cast our votes in that greatest of ceremonies and pageantry...the envy of the world...Election Day in America!!!



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