



THE VOTER

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Join us on our ride to 100 years!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER.....& BEYOND

- ◆ Tuesday, September 5
@ 10:00am **Funding & Development ("F&D") Meeting**; *Everyone is Welcome!*
- ◆ Monday, September 11
@ 6:00pm **LWVGDA Board Meeting**; *Open ONLY to Board Members*
- ◆ Tuesday, September 26,
National Voter Registration Day
- ◆ Tuesday, September 26
@ 6:30pm **Party with the Parties**; *see pg. 6*
- ◆ Saturday, October 10
(verified), **Deadline to Register to Vote**



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE LEAGUE

Sometimes I wish everyone could see our League the way I see it; usually, I just get caught up in the flow and take it all for granted. Recently, after a gentle warning from Susan Darcy & Gina Arnett about the deadline for the news letter, I turned to Peg Schulz, volunteer extraordinaire, and pondered, ok, whined, "What should I write about?" She smiled and said, "Why not write about today?"

Hmm, today began at 8:30am at the Board of Elections, checking on candidates certified for the 2017 election. This is a big deal for us. Lucy Anne McKosky and her intrepid team have already been brainstorming questions for the *Voters Guide*. As soon as candidates are certified, those questions are pulled together for the candidate mailing. With early voting, that deadline is tighter than ever; after certification the *Guide* gets completed in three weeks.

Next up, cable television forums for all contested races, quick email to Pat Bradley Falke, VP Voter Services, to get those scheduled with MVCC and DATV.

Meeting at 10am with the Funding & Development team – amazing group – working on **Party with the Parties! Nonpartisan BASH!** This event is being planned to raise money for the *Voters Guide* (see pg 6). Pulling this together quickly, getting politicians to participate in games, it's going to be great.

Action Chair Val Lee picks me up at 10:45 for a meeting with the CEO of COPP Integrated Systems who is participating in one of the six forums the League is presenting for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton. Val has added the UD project under her portfolio and League forums are community favorites. The meeting goes well; turns out the CEO shares my Chicago roots. We have a new friend in the community and a great speaker for our forum.

Back in the office the *League Basics* (formerly *InLeague*) Committee, made up of long time members Judy Thompson, Viv Himmell and the aforementioned Peg is seated, updating League policies and procedures, a tedious yet necessary job.

Mary, our very patient office manager, is fretting over the millions of updates in the *Membership Handbook* – coming to your mailbox soon!

Today several people drop off & pick up petitions for the redistricting effort. I am working on forums for Issue 2 and the Dayton School Board Race with the *Dayton Daily News*, UpDayton, and the YWCA.

I am so proud of the work we do, which is why I wish all of you could see us from my vantage point. Our members are amazing. Never forget, this is YOUR League; come join in and see for yourself.

~ Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director

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Thank you to the following who have made a contribution to the League since our last *Voter*.

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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).



**LOCAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION
ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



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2017 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE • SEPT 20 • DAYTON, OH

Women in Business Networking (WiBN) is a group of diverse women in business who encourage one another’s professional growth and success. WiBN, a program of your Better Business Bureau, is based in the Miami Valley region that includes Dayton, Ohio. WiBN provides forums for building relationships so women will achieve career and personal success through networking, education, resources and recognition.

The flagship event for WiBN is the Annual Leadership Conference, held this year on September 20 at the Convention Center on E. 5th St. in downtown Dayton. The public is invited. To register and for more information about the conference, check out their website at wibn.org.



NEW MEMBER

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League of Women Voters 2017 Voters Guide

~ “A well-informed electorate is a prerequisite to democracy.” ~ Thomas Jefferson

YES! I want to support the 2017 *Voters Guide*. All donations are tax deductible. Complete payments due by October 31.



- ONE Payment of \$75
- TWO Payments of \$37.50
- THREE Payments of \$25.00
- Other amount \$ _____

Name _____
Phone/email _____

Make all checks payable to the: League of Women Voters Education Fund, 127 N. Ludlow, Dayton, Ohio 45402, or pay online: <http://www.lwvdayton.org/edfund/edfund.htm>

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO EDUCATE AND INFORM OUR VOTERS!



OHIO LEAGUE NEWS

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2017 Statewide Ballot Issue Information

Two citizens' initiatives have qualified for the statewide ballot in 2017: Marsy's Law (also known as the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights) and the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act.

Marsy's Law is an initiated constitutional amendment that is certified for the ballot as Issue 1. This would repeal and replace a section of the state constitution addressing the rights of crime victims.

The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act is an initiated statute certified for the ballot as Issue 2. This would require state agencies to pay no more for prescription drugs than the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The LWVO State Board is reviewing these measures in order to compile the Voter's Guide, which we expect to publish in early September. We will publish it on Vote411 and send to local Leagues to include in local print guides. If you receive questions about statewide ballot issues, let them know a Voter's Guide is forthcoming.



Fair Districts Update

Fair Congressional Districts for Ohio and the Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition are thrilled to announce that in one month redistricting reformers from all over Ohio collected more than 100,000 signatures and 8 counties are already over the 5% threshold.



Transport help wanted: We are looking for volunteers to help transport Fair Districts petitions between Columbus and other parts of Ohio. If you happen to be driving back and forth for other events (concerts, conferences, sporting events, etc.) and would be willing to deliver a box or two, please give us a call at the LWVO office at 614-469-1505.

Thanks!



Sunday, October 11, 2017

Early Voting Begins



Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Election Day

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS

LWVUS



Countdown to Convention 2018: See you in Chicago in 10 months! ★

Chicago is the site of next summer's Biennial National Convention. We are expecting several hundred League members to join us at the Chicago Hilton on Museum Mile during June 28 – July 1. Hotel reservations will open later this fall, with delegate registration starting in February 2018. The official First Call to Convention will go out in late October. Watch this space for details as they emerge.

Reminder: League Positions in Brief in Impact on Issues ★

A short summary of all the League's public policy positions is available in Impact on Issues. Check LWVUS website at lwv.org/content/summary-public-policy-positions. Please use these short summaries as a quick reference guide for the League's various positions.

Ideas to Combat the Hateful Demonstration in Charlottesville ★

We continue to grapple with the hateful events that were displayed mid-August in Charlottesville. In that vein the LWVUS would like to offer the following opportunities to act on an individual level with faith and social justice groups from around the country.

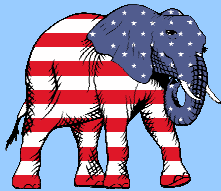
1. **Call your state legislators** and tell them to protect the protesters. Free speech and the right to peaceably assemble are among the cornerstones of our democracy.
2. **Share your story through Communities Against Hate.** If you or someone you know has experienced or witnessed a hate incident, please encourage them to share their story.
3. **Amplify #BeTheLightForJustice on your social media channels.** Leaders in the faith and racial justice communities, including the NAACP and Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, are teaming up to share positive messages of individuals standing up for justice.



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THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
CHARLOTTESVILLE AND AGAINST
WHITE SUPREMACISM.

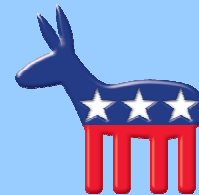
LWV CHRIS CARSON
PRESIDENT

Party with the Parties



A Nonpartisan BASH!

Putting the **FUN** in fundraising



Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Top of the Market, 32 Webster St., 45402

- ♦ See your favorite elected officials compete in wild and friendly parlor games
- ♦ "Bribe" them to sing a song, tell a joke, or reveal a personal story
 - ♦ Enjoy a casual dinner and cash bar

Tickets \$50, plenty of free parking. Bring your friends for a night to remember.

*** Seating is limited, so please make reservations early. ***

~ Proceeds help offset the cost of producing the *Voters Guide 2017* ~

Party with a Purpose

Every year, our League must raise between \$18,000 and \$22,000 to produce and distribute the *Voters Guide* – our annual publication that allows voters to read about all the candidates and issues they'll see on their November ballot. This year, we've decided to put some FUN in the fundraising by hosting a very special event.

We hope you'll join us for ***Party with the Parties – a Nonpartisan BASH*** on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM. Come to Top of the Market at 32 Webster St. in downtown Dayton for a casual dinner and a really good time. You'll get to see elected officials from both Montgomery and Greene counties as you've never seen them before. They'll be competing in friendly parlor games like the ones you've seen on NBC's popular show "Hollywood Game Night." We can promise you lots of laughs and more than a few surprises. (Maybe your favorite official will perform an impromptu song or reveal an embarrassing personal story.) The whole shebang will be hosted by Anthony Shoemaker and Amelia Robinson from the *Dayton Daily News*.

Tickets are \$50 and you'll be able to purchase tokens at the door to "bribe" the officials. There's plenty of free parking at this venue, so invite your friends and make it a night to remember!



SEPTEMBER HISTORY TRIVIA



- ◆ September 12, 1910 – Alice Stebbins Wells, a former social worker, becomes the first woman police officer with arrest powers in the U.S. (Los Angeles, CA)
- ◆ September 14, 1964 – Helen Keller receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom along with 4 other women: Dr. Lena Edwards, Lynn Fontaine, Dr. Helen Taussig, and Leontyne Price
- ◆ September 20, 1973 – Billie Jean King defeats Bobby “No-Broad-Can-Beat-Me” Riggs in the battle of the sexes tennis match
- ◆ September 25, 1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ September 26, 1971 – Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-New York) announces she will enter the Democratic presidential primaries
- ◆ September 29, 1988 – Stacy Allison becomes first American woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest

~ excerpted from nwhp.org/events/september/ (National Women’s History Project website)

I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.



Thomas Jefferson



Rita Jones Platt, a member of our League for over 40 years, died on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. She is survived by her children and their spouses, several grandchildren and their spouses, as well as 15 great-grandchildren. She held a life-long belief that every person had a responsibility to be civically active. Three generations of her family were enriched by her feminism. Memorial contributions may be made to Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, 505 S. Ludlow St, Dayton OH 45402 or League of Women Voters, 127 N. Ludlow St, Dayton OH 45402.

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One handy little book!



Susan Byerly, President LWVGDA

We have a past president who is known for a few things. One is taking people to lunch and turning them into board members. The other is answering every question with the same response – “It’s in the book!”

As a new member (and even now that I am not such a new member) when I ask questions I am frequently referred to the Membership Handbook. I always thought of this as a list of members in the League and never thought of it as a reference guide. But that is exactly what it is. The most obvious use for this book is to look up contact information for other League members. You can also look at the Operations Calendar and find out what is planned for next year, including the date of our annual Dangerous Dames event! As a League member, you are bound to have questions about voting rules, poll times, and voter I.D laws. It’s in there! Did you know the League has National or State positions on a wide range of policies including the United Nations, Sentencing Policy, and the Great Lakes Ecosystem? Yep – and it’s in there. You’ll also find the various committees that make up the Dayton area League and the various community boards that have a League representative.

If you’re looking for a way to be an active League member, this book is a good tool to help you find an area of interest and a way to get involved – It’s in there!

Don’t get me started on what you can find in the League’s *Directory of Public Officials!*