



THE VOTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Sunday, September 2, TOUR de GEM, Downtown Dayton. See pg 3.
- ◆ Tuesday, September 25, NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY. See pg 8.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 23, DINE & DISH, Bier Hall at Carillon Park, 6:00-9:00 pm. See pg 3.
- ◆ Tuesday, November 6, ELECTION DAY. See pg 5.

...and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation



One of the best things our League does, and my guilty pleasure when I get the chance, is to attend the Naturalization Ceremony held once a month in Dayton at the Federal Court House. Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, standing among our country’s newest citizens, is one of the most emotional ceremonies I have the honor of attending. Newly naturalized citizens are the happiest Americans in the country; they revere what many of us take for granted.

The League’s role at these ceremonies is to talk a little about how women got the vote and the importance of voting. We also hand these new citizens their first voter registration form; they are as delighted to receive it as we are to present it.

My husband and I recently debated whether we live in a republic or a democracy. After all, we pledge our allegiance to the flag and “to the republic for which it stands.” A republic is defined as a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected president rather than a monarch. I like that.

Merriam-Webster defines democracy as a government by the people, especially the rule of the majority, in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them through a system of representation involving free elections. Hmm, I like that too.

Truth is the United States is both a republic and a democracy; we are a country of laws (elected representatives) who follow the will of the people. I like this best of all.

Right now our office is busy working with candidates who hope to be representatives of the people. We are also planning forums to allow the majority to meet those who wish to represent us. We are preparing the *Voters Guide* to educate voters about what and who will be on their individual ballots. It’s an exciting time to be a member of the League, to be an American!

Elections are the only way the supreme power of the majority is exercised. Let’s pledge our allegiance to exercise our power. What ALL of us need to do, to support this “republic democracy” of ours, is VOTE—and make sure your friends, families, and neighbors do the same. And, if you can, be a sponsor of the *Voters Guide*!



Susan Hesselgesser, Executive Director, LWVGA



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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).

With every deed you are sowing a seed, though the harvest you may not see.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

(Refer to the 2017-2018 Membership Handbook for answers.)



1. **What are the three League Legislative Priorities?** (See pg 9.)
2. **How many male members of the LWVGDA are listed in the handbook?** (See pgs 21-36; answer is also listed on pg 5 in this issue.)
3. **What hours are the polling locations open?** (See pg 38.)
4. **Look at the list of LWVGDA Presidents on page 40. What do you notice?**

DINE & DISH



Save the Date

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00–9:00 pm
Bier Hall at Carillon Park

Enjoy a delicious German Buffet and meet:

Dayton Historian Jim Charters

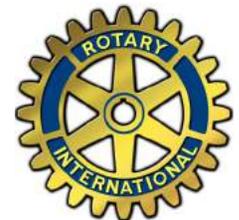
who will talk with us about NCR Founder John H. Patterson's amazing role in the Women's Suffrage Movement in Dayton



TICKETS ARE \$35 EACH; CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

This is a fundraiser for our Education Fund; \$15 of your ticket price is tax deductible.

- WHO:** All ages; Helmets are mandatory
- WHEN:** Sunday, September 2
- WHERE:** Don Crawford Plaza at 5/3 Field (Start & Finish)
- DISTANCE:** 3, 6, 10, up to 107 miles
- SPONSOR:** Rotary Club of Dayton
- REGISTRATION:** League Treasurer & Acting Team
 Captain Becky Kirkland has registered the LWVGDA.
- PARTICIPATION:**
 - ⇒ Donate to LWVGDA team @ tourdegem.org or donate to *Becky* as your rider.
 - ⇒ Sign up your own team or as an individual rider.





OHIO LEAGUE NEWS

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UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS

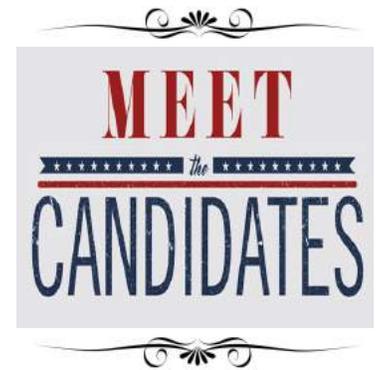


***Monday, Sept 10, 6:30 pm at Miami Township Library, 2781 Lyons Rd, Miamisburg**
Ohio House District 42: Niraj Antani and Zach Dickerson
Montgomery County Commissioner: Doug Barry and Carolyn Rice

***Tuesday, Oct 9, 7:00-9:30 pm, Beavercreek Twp Fire Station 61, 2195 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek**
Invited candidates include:
OH House District 73: Kim McCarthy and Rick Perales
OH House District 74: Bill Dean and Ann Gorman
Greene County Commissioner: Dick Gould and Susan Lopez
Greene County Clerk of Courts: Cyndi Pauwels and AJ Williams

***Wednesday, Oct 10, 6:30-9:00 pm at Jewish Community Center, 525 Versailles Dr, Centerville**
All Montgomery County candidates are invited to attend.

***Watch for updated list to include:**
Ohio House District 40: Phil Plummer and Ryan Taylor
Ohio House District 43: Dan Foley and Todd Smith
Ohio Senate District 5: Paul Bradley and Stephen Huffman



ARE YOU STILL REGISTERED TO VOTE?

On June 11 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Ohio's method of purging voters is legal, in the decision *Husted v. Randolph Institute*.

What this means is that Ohio's secretary of state can remove from the voting rolls anyone who goes six years without voting—and also does not respond to a written notice from the state. If you show up to vote after being purged, you would not be able to complete a provisional ballot because it would end up being invalid, and thus not counted.



Vote.org

Because the Supreme Court ruling came too late to allow the minimum time frame for removing people before an election, the secretary of state will not purge anyone before the November midterms. But it's still a good idea to check the status of your voter registration.

Simply log on to the website **Vote.org** and click on the red box, "Check registration status." Fill out the online form and you'll receive your voter status in 30 seconds.

If you're not registered to vote—or need help finding your polling place or applying for an absentee ballot—you can do that from the same web page.





Of the 306 listed in the Membership Handbook, there are 55 males or 17.97% of our local League.

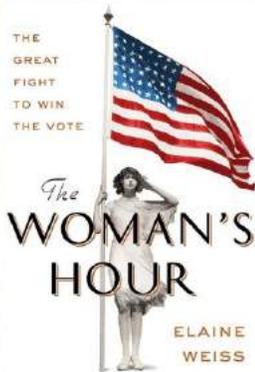
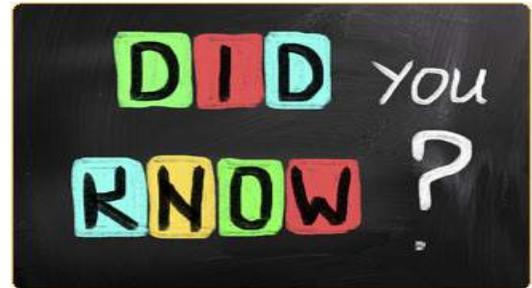


(Answer to question #2 from page 3)



VOTE411.org guides.

In August, VOTE411.org hit one million users for the year—thanks to all the Leagues who work tirelessly to reach out to candidates to build their online voter



Hillary Clinton is setting her sights on a new office: executive producer. The former secretary of state is teaming with Steven Spielberg's Amblin Television to bring Elaine Weiss' critically acclaimed book *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* to the small screen. The drama will mark Clinton's debut as an exec producer.

The book, published in March, follows the activists who led the decades-long fight to grant women the right to vote and sheds light on how close the battle to ratify the 19th Amendment really was. The book celebrates those who changed history and laid the foundation for the civil rights movement that came decades later.

After optioning the book, Amblin plans to adapt it as either a TV movie or a limited series. A writer is not yet attached. Amblin TV, a division of Spielberg's Amblin Partners, will shop *The Woman's Hour* to premium cable (think HBO, Showtime) or streaming platforms (Netflix, Apple, Amazon, and Hulu). Clinton will exec produce alongside Amblin TV co-presidents Darryl Frank and Justin Falvey and author/journalist Weiss.

Source: hollywoodreporter.com

ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINES

sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/absentee-voting



All Ohio voters whose registration information is up-to-date have the opportunity to vote in any election from the convenience of their own homes by requesting an absentee ballot. Absentee voting has many benefits: you can vote early, it is convenient, it reduces the chance of lines at the polls on Election Day, and **absentee ballots are the first votes counted on Election Night.**

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is three days before the election in which you want to vote, but voters can submit their application any time. If mailed, absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted. You can also return your absentee ballot in-person to your county board of elections before the close of the polls at 7:30 pm on Election Day.



THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE... **My Summer Vacation**



This is going to sound like a commercial for the Smithsonian Institution, but I can't help myself. My schedule on a recent long weekend in Washington, D.C., was turned a little upside down when I learned that white supremacists would be out in force at the Mall on the day I planned to take my nieces to see the monuments.

This was the anniversary of the events last year in Charlottesville, Virginia, and several of the same organizers were planning the D.C. event. Violence was a real possibility. I am not going to say anything else about that event. That faction got more attention than deserved for their pitiful attempt to demonstrate that hatred is a legitimate political platform.

So what I choose to remember about my trip to our capital are the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. These two museums are in the same building, and you can easily wander from one to the other. We visited the Portrait Gallery to see the latest additions. The docent, with an attempt at modesty, explained to us that the National Air and Space Museum is, bar none, the most popular Smithsonian museum and no other museum ever beats it for attendance. That changed for a single day, when the National Portrait Gallery achieved the "World Series Win" of the Smithsonians. Shortly after the arrival of the Obama portraits, the National Portrait Gallery topped the National Air and Space Museum for attendance! Considering what was going on in other parts of the city, that information tickled my sense of fairness.

Your League has positions on individual liberties. I strongly support these positions, but sometimes it takes effort!

Susan Byerly, President LWVGD



Love is the answer, at least for most of the questions in my heart.
 Like why are we here? And where do we go? And how come it's so hard?
 It's not always easy
 And sometimes life can be deceiving
 I'll tell you one thing, it's always better when we're together.

~ Jack Johnson (lyrics excerpted from "Better Together")



2018-2019

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING



A big THANK YOU to all who have already contributed to this year's Leadership Circle Campaign. If you haven't already supported this campaign to help our own League keep the lights on and the doors open to continue to be the strong and respected voter information resource for our community that we have been for the last 98 years, please DO IT NOW. Dig our solicitation letter out of the bottom pile on your desk now and mail in your contribution (or your pledge to contribute) by September 1. If you can donate \$100 or more, you will be listed as a Leadership Circle member on the back page of our upcoming 2018 *Voters Guide*. If you cannot donate \$100, we happily welcome any amount!

Thank you in advance, Your Funding & Development Committee



SEPTEMBER WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA



September 3, 1914 (1984) – Dixy Lee Ray was a marine biologist whose scientific papers and research on marine invertebrates led to public television programs, appointment to the Atomic Energy Commission (1973-1975), and election as 17th Governor of Washington state in 1976.

Source: nwhp.org/events/september/

A nuclear power plant is infinitely safer than eating, because 300 people choke to death on food every year. (1977)



SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

Source: EducatingJane.com and Wikipedia



Sept 6, 1860 Birth of Jane Addams, known as the "mother" of social work, who was a pioneer American settlement activist/reformer, social worker, public philosopher, sociologist, public administrator, protestor, author, and leader in women's suffrage and world peace. Addams was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (in 1931).

Sept 14, 1879 Birth of Margaret Sanger, who thumbed her nose at the Comstock Laws (forbidding distribution of birth control information), and landed in jail. She founded what is now Planned Parenthood.

September 30, 1983 Sally Ride rode into space—the first U.S. woman to do so.

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Note: If you are already registered and would like to monitor your Kroger Community Rewards account online, please use the new account #XM870, not the old one #80841.



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****Please note that there has been a button added to the LWVGDA homepage for Voters Guide donations. It links to a separate page with a brief explanation of the VG and a PayPal link. ****



SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

The League of Women Voters Of the Greater Dayton Area will participate in National Voter Registration Day. **If you are interested in helping with voter registration on this day, in the late afternoon or early evening** (two-hour shifts; locations TBD), please contact Mario at 937.671.1178 or sending an email to: *imario@woh.rr.com*