

# THE VOTER

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## League members stay active during pandemic



As we have all adapted to the practice of social distancing, the Speakers Bureau of our League has continued to provide public education programs utilizing today's technology. On June 4, for example, Dianne Herman engaged the public at a *Let's Talk* program via Zoom through the Wright Memorial Library to discuss barriers to voting.

In addition, Valerie Lee and Dianne Herman will be part of a Think TV Channel 16 panel on the airing of "Vote" an *American Experience* program about women securing the vote, scheduled for June 25. Plans are also underway to work with our local television affiliate (DATV) to produce a program on the history of the Nineteenth Amendment.

Just as the Spanish Flu did not deter the suffragists in their struggle to win the vote, our local League remains active in its goal to encourage an informed citizenry.

## George Floyd's death calls for new commitments



### In Remembrance of George Floyd:

"In every case of police brutality the same thing has been happening. You have protests, you destroy stuff ... so they want us to destroy ourselves. Let's do this another way," he said, encouraging the crowd to vote and to educate themselves. "Let's switch it up, y'all."

~Terrence Floyd (brother of George Floyd)

### LWV Ohio statement on the killing of George Floyd:

"With a mission of empowering all voters and defending democracy, we stand in solidarity with minority communities. The League shall do so not only by speaking out against racism in all forms, but by doing the work required of us to be anti-racist. The League of Women Voters is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, in principle and in practice."

~Iris Meltzer, LWV Ohio President

~Jen Miller, LWV Ohio Executive Director

## Be socially distant and save a river



### Looking for a way to volunteer and still be COVID compliant?

Little Miami River Kleeners, founded by Hope Taft and based in Greene County, has designated June 6-20 for cleaning up trash from the river and its banks. Look for guidelines and a link for registration on their website [www.lmriverkleeners.org](http://www.lmriverkleeners.org).

Volunteers may opt to clean up trash while walking in park areas or while canoeing on the river. Registration is required at least two days in advance of the date you would like to participate. Kathy Turner and Paul Lamberger, Co-Chairs of the Natural Resources Committee, are pleased this group has found ways to adapt to the challenges of COVID-19!

Questions? Email [info@lmriverkleeners.org](mailto:info@lmriverkleeners.org).

## New members to connect in new ways



Please join us in the comfort and safety of your own home for a new member Zoom party on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. Meet our Executive Director, board members, and other new members for an informal but informative gathering. Learn what we are up to and how you can become involved. Please email Leslie Merry at [meryleslie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meryleslie@sbcglobal.net) for the code, or call her at 937.291.2445.

Hope to see you soon. Welcome!

## DATV program returns to airwaves



We are happy to announce that *LWV Empowering You*, our monthly program on DATV, will soon return. This half-hour program, used to discuss hot-button topics, shows regularly on [DATV](#) through Spectrum Channels in Montgomery County, on-demand on [DATV YouTube Channel](#), and on the [League website](#). Following COVID-19 guidelines, we will limit our discussion to one guest rather than a panel. We truly look forward to resuming these great discussions, both for our League and for the greater Dayton community. Stay tuned for more details!

## WELCOME new members!

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