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### Need a Ride to a LWVPA Meeting?

We want to make sure that everyone who wants to attend a Perrysburg League of Women Voters meeting is able to do so.

If you would like a ride to a meeting or if you would like to volunteer to pick up a member for a meeting, please contact LWVPA President Carol Russell by emailing [crussell@bex.net](mailto:crussell@bex.net) or calling 419-931-4416.

## Annual Meeting Will Be Held May 21 At The Carranor Club in Perrysburg

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area will hold their annual meeting and spring luncheon on Tuesday, May 21 at the Carranor Club.

The business meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Aiken Room and is for members only. Lunch will be take place at noon in the Founderø Room and guest are welcomed.

Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, Ph.D., President of Bowling Green State University was to be our speaker, but had to cancel, because she will be out of the country. A replacement speaker will be announced soon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$17. Reservations may be made by phoning Carol Russell at 419-931-4416 or emailing [crussell@bex.net](mailto:crussell@bex.net).

We encourage members to come and bring a guest. Members of neighboring Leagues will also be invited.

## Go Perrysburg — May 7 Transportation Levy

Many of our members have been active in supporting the transportation levy scheduled for vote on the May 7 ballot. Thank you to those who have volunteered sign placement in their yards, those who have come out on Saturday mornings to help canvass, and those who have contributed money to support the activities of the campaign. Below is the ballot language for the levy. A vote YES will support the levy and provide transportation options for those people in our community who rely on public transportation:

*An additional tax for the benefit of Perrysburg City for the purpose of public transportation services at a rate not exceeding eight tenths (0.8) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eight cents (\$0.08) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.*

We encourage you all to get out and vote to support the levy. If anyone needs transportation to the polls, there will be coordinated efforts to provide transportation. Please go to the Perrysburg4transit website for up-to-date information on the campaign.



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**Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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## Presidents' Letter

Dear League Members:

It doesn't seem possible May is almost here. Our LWV year has been an eventful year with a presidential election, the local transportation issue, and the normal monthly program activities. However, as we are winding down, we still have some important activities to end the year.

May 4-5 is the LWV Ohio Bi-annual convention in Cleveland. At this point we are still looking for interested members who may want to attend. Our local LWV qualifies for three delegates and we have funding to cover expenses of the convention. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. It is a great way to connect with other Leagues and learn about programs that are working for the Leagues across our state.

May 21<sup>st</sup> will be our annual meeting/luncheon at the Carranor Club. At this point, Nancy and I are looking for a new speaker because our scheduled speaker, Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President of Bowling Green State University, will unexpectedly be out of the country. However, we expect to have a speaker lined up in short order. It is an important meeting for our year and you know that lunch will be good.

Please support transportation by voting YES for the levy at the May 7 election. A special thank you to all of the members who have contributed to the effort in many ways: financially, canvassing, and being part of the committee that is coordinating the campaign. The LWV Perrysburg area has been a presence in this campaign.

*Carol Russell*



## Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday, May 21 — 10:30 a.m.** Annual Meeting, LWVPA, Carranor Club\*  
**Noon Luncheon** LWVPA Scholarship presentation. Speaker: To Be Announced.  
 Location: Carranor Club\*

\*New location for meeting

## Visit to Maritime Academy of Toledo

LWV Perrysburg Area and guests toured the Maritime Academy of Toledo on Water Street as their program activity for the month of April. The Maritime Academy as a charter school provides a standards based, grade 5-12 program integrating a nautical/maritime-focused curriculum. The curriculum supports Ohio's k-12 standards in Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, the Arts, Music, Physical Education, and Health

There are currently over 200 students enrolled; thirteen of the fifteen graduates in 2011-2012 went on to college; one of the graduating class became gainfully employed by Interlake shipping.

The curriculum choices include classes in shipbuilding, galley culinary arts, certification in life saving and water rescue, Marine biology, and marine engineering — just to name a few. The Maritime Academy is the only school of its kind in the USA. As guests, we toured classrooms and labs and our tour guides were student cadets. The Academy also participates with Owens Community College, University of Toledo, and Lourdes College in post-secondary options programs which give students high school credit as well as college credit for coursework. All who attended were very impressed with the program and the students.



*League members enjoyed a fantastic lunch and a very interesting tour of the Maritime Academy of Toledo during the April Meeting.*

## Recycling Event in May

The annual Perrysburg/Perrysburg Township recycling event will occur on Saturday, May 4. We will need five to six volunteers to help with the project. Recycling will be between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. We will need to be there at 8:30 a.m. This is a fundraising activity for us. Please let Carol Russell know if you can help out for a two hour shift.

## Budget for General Fund for 2013-14

LWVPA General Fund Budget For FY 2014				
Compared to 2013 Budget				
<b>Date Submitted: March 6, 2013</b>				
	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	Inc/Dec	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Dues	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 3,835.00	\$ -	
Cont/Members	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)	
Fund Raising	\$ 550.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (250.00)	
In-Kind	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ (25.00)	
Stranahan Funds	\$ 700.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 50.00	
LWV Rebate		\$ 22.50	\$ (22.50)	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 5,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,632.50</b>	<b>\$ (347.50)</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Ex.Board Operating	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)	
Postage	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (25.00)	
Website Support	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Memorials	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
State PMP	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,051.00	\$ (151.00)	
National PMP	\$ 783.00	\$ 865.00	\$ (82.00)	
Coalitions/ Special Events	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
State/National Convention	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Clean Water Program	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Perrysburg Voter	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ (25.00)	
Membership	\$ 275.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00	
Program Meetings	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
Publications	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Position Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,183.00</b>	<b>\$4,541.00</b>	<b>\$ (358.00)</b>	
<b>Gen Fund Reserves Transfer to Ed Fund</b>	\$ 717.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (283.00)	
<b>Net To/(From) General Fund Reserves</b>	\$ 385.00	\$ 91.50	\$ 293.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,285.00</b>	<b>\$5,632.50</b>	<b>(\$347.50)</b>	
<b>2014 Budget Changes from Prior Year</b>				
<b>Revenue: Net Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ (348)</b>			
Memberships have decreased by 7 members (63 in 2012 and 56 in 2013)				
\$250 decrease in Fund Raising from the annual Finance Drive based on 2013 results				
\$100 decrease to Contributions from members based on 2013 results				
\$50 increase to interest earned on investments based on 2013 results				
<b>Expenditures: Net Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ (358)</b>			
\$100 decrease to Board Operating Expenses based on 2013 results.				
\$233 decrease in State and National PMP based on actual confirmed rate and number of members in 2013.				
Other: \$692 will be allocated from General to Education Fund to help balance the Ed Fund for 2014.				
In 2013, \$1000 was allocated and not required; thus there was no transfer of funds.				
<b>Increase to Net Excess (after transfer to Ed fund) from 2013 to 2014</b>				<b>\$ 293.50</b>
<b>2014 Critical Budget Information</b>				
2013 members total 56; 47 full, 7 second household and 2 honorary. Prior year was 63 members.				
Local dues for the Perrysburg League are \$65 for a full member, \$32.50 for a second household member.				
For a full member, National Per Member Payment (PMP) is \$31. State PMP is \$25 less a 5% early payment discount or \$23.75				
Total National and State dues = \$54.75				
\$10.25 remains for the local chapter after National and State PMP are paid.				
To Balance the Educational Budget, \$717 will be transferred from General Fund to the Education Fund if needed.				
\$1,000 was also budgeted in 2013 for the same, however, the funds were not required and therefore not transferred.				

## Budget for Education Fund for 2013-14

LWVPA EDUCATION FUND				
2014 Budget <i>Detail</i> Compared to 2013 Budget				
<b>Date Submitted: March 6, 2013</b>				
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	
MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 200.00	
NON -MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (100.00)	
MEMORIALS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
IN -KIND VOTERS GUIDE	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ (2,450.00)	
OTHER IN-KIND	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
REBATES	\$ 25.00	\$ 45.00	\$ (20.00)	
FUNDRAISING/Scholarships	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.00	
<b>FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES</b>	\$ 717.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (283.00)	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 9,442.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,045.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,603.00)</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
FINANCE DRIVE	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	
PROGRAM SUPPORT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -	
STATE PMP	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ (50.00)	
NATIONAL PMP	\$ 782.00	\$ 865.00	\$ (83.00)	
OTHER VOTER SERVICES	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
CANDIDATES NIGHT	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (50.00)	
VOTERS' GUIDE	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	
GOV. OFFICIALS PHAMPLET	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (75.00)	
STRANAHAN AWARDS	\$ 325.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 9,442.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,675.00</b>	<b>\$ (3,233.00)</b>	
<b>To/ (From) Ed Fund Revenue Reserves</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (630.00)</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>	
<b>Voters Guide for 2013: Actual</b>			<b>Voters Guide Budget for 2014:</b>	
<i>13,700 Copies</i>	\$ 9,935.00		<i>Copy Expense</i>	\$ 7,000.00
<i>In Kind Donation Welch Pub.</i>	\$ (7,712.50)		<i>In Kind Donation</i>	\$ (5,250.00)
<i>Net Expense to League</i>	\$ 2,222.50		<i>Net Expense</i>	\$ 1,750.00
<b>2014 Budget Changes from 2013</b>				
<b>Revenue: Net decrease</b>	<b>\$ (2,603.00)</b>			
\$100 net increase in contributions based on 2013 results.				
\$2,450 decrease in the In-Kind Voters Guide due to off-year campaign cycle. (Less pages to print)				
\$308 decrease in potential transfer from the General Fund.				
Other small adjustments				
<b>Expenditures: Net decrease</b>	<b>\$ (3,233.00)</b>			
\$158 net decrease in State and National dues (fewer members)				
\$3,000 decrease in Voter Guide expense				
Other small adjustments				
<b>Net increase (decrease) to Education Fund from 2013 to 2014:</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>			