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## April Meeting to Focus on Topic of Early Childhood Education Philosophy

The League of Women Voters of Perrysburg and Way Library will partner to present a meeting for the next Topical Tuesday on April 17 at 7 p.m.

The topic of the meeting, which will be held downstairs at the library, will be *Early Childhood Education: Reggio Emilia*. The presenters will be Deborah Ciecka and Sharon Libby of Owens Community College, who will be joined by other staff members who are now implementing the Reggio Emilia philosophy of early childhood education at Owens.

A program which has captured worldwide attention from educators, researchers and parents, the Reggio Emilia early childhood education philosophy emphasizes an aesthetic, playful learning environment in which children are provoked to problem solve in a setting emphasizing their interests. The teacher serves as a leader and researcher, and the families and the community are part of the process as well.

Ms. Ciecka, chair of teacher education and human services at OCC, received her master's of science degree in home economics education at Miami University and has served as president of the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children.

She traveled to Reggio Emilia, Italy, in 2003, where she studied the early childhood program recognized around the world as one of the 10 best educational systems for young children. The OCC Child Care Lab began implementing the philosophy in 2003.

Ms. Libby, director of child care centers and field placements at OCC, earned a child development and home economics education degree at the University of Georgia and continued her studies at Penn State University and Bowling Green State University, receiving her master's degree at BGSU.

Ms. Libby has been a peer reviewer of child care centers and now serves as president of the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Early Childhood. She also has been trained in the Reggio approach to early childhood education.

Both Ms. Ciecka and Ms. Libby have years of experience directing and teaching at child care centers and working with programs such as Head Start.



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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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oh.lwvnet.org**

## Presidents' Letter

Dear League Members:

One of the major goals of the LWV, (Nationally, state-wise, and locally) has been transparency in government. Most recently, the process of determining new districts because of the loss of our population in the 2010 census, has been a clear example of why we need to continue to voice concerns with the political process in our government. The redistricting process was anything but transparent. There was barely a week before the plan was presented and then voted upon. The meetings were held in secret & no public hearings were part of the process.

As a result of the flagrant gerrymandering and the lack of information available to the public regarding the process of the redistricted map, the LWV Ohio has joined a coalition of organizations that are supporting a constitutional amendment which would reform Ohio's redistricting process.

We briefly reported on this in the last newsletter as part of the report on our regional meeting. There is now information on the LWV Ohio website which we would encourage you to read regarding this constitutional amendment. As a local league, we have been asked to participate in getting signatures required for this to be placed on the ballot in November. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. It is important that you read the material on the website before you make this decision to help ([www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)) ... specifically information under **Voter's First** and the **Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report**.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 17, for our program featuring innovations in education. The topic will be on Reggio Emilia, a philosophy of education that has been instrumental in changing early childhood education curriculum.

*Carol Russell and Josette McCarthy*



## Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday, April 17— 7 p.m.**  
Reggio Emilia- Early Childhood Education. Speaker: Owens Community College representative.

Location: Way Library Meeting Room.

*Discussion of possible merger with Toledo/Lucas County League to be held prior to meeting at 6 p.m.*

**Tuesday, May 15— 11 a.m.**  
Annual Meeting with LWVPA Scholarship Presentation in Way Library Tech Lab

**Noon Luncheon-** Lasting Impact of Early Literacy Experiences, Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Ruppert.  
Location: Way Library Meeting Room

## Fundraising Opportunity

We have been given the opportunity to work the Perrysburg Township Recycle project again this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. to noon. LWVPA will earn \$300 for this morning activity. Volunteers are needed. No heavy lifting is involved. Please contact Carol Russell or Judy Reitzel if you can participate.

## Important Meeting ... Discussion of LWV Merger

As indicated in our March newsletter, the Toledo/Lucas County League has discussed with your co-presidents the possibility of a merger with our LWV group. While the executive board have discussed this, the decision to begin the process would need to be discussed and approved with the total membership. We have scheduled a meeting for this purpose on Tuesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at Way Library. (This meeting is prior to our regular program meeting on this evening) Please plan to attend. It is important that all voices are heard.

## Changes Proposed for LWVPA Program

*The following changes to the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area program have been proposed. These changes will be voted on at the annual meeting in May. **Please note that anything shown in red is to be deleted and anything in blue will be added.***

Government

Public Transportation: Continued study with

- Support of public transportation in the Perrysburg area with attention to the special needs of the physically and economically challenged. **A change in the provider of these services should not be considered until a new plan with equipment, personnel, and adequate funding is put in place.**
- Support of sales tax or property tax levies provided they are shown to be needed for adequate financing of existing or viable expanded services.
- **Support of changing the taxing method of TARTA provided that there is written guarantee of provision of flexibility of membership including withdrawal.**
- Support of long term plans for a regional Call-A-Ride for northern Wood County that also connects to Bowling Green's transit system.
- Support of aggressive marketing of services provided **and the sales tax issue.**
- **Continue to participate in public meetings regarding transportation needs for the Perrysburg area.**

## Proposed Slate of LWVPA Officers for 2012-13

*New officers (in bold type) will be voted on at annual meeting in May.*

President	Carol Russell
Vice-President (Administrative)	vacant
Vice President (Program)	Nancy Kelley
Co-Vice Presidents (Membership)	<b>Roseanne Barker</b> <b>Josette McCarthy</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Mary Baldoni</b>
Corresponding Secretary	Julie Liebenthal
Treasurer	<b>Regina Hyldahl</b>
Directors:	
Observer	<b>Dodie Strauss</b>
Harrison Rally Days	<b>Kevin Rantanen</b>
Public Relations	<b>Carol Shepard</b>
Natural Resources	<b>Ann Hymel</b>
Voter Service	Jacki Stedman
At Large	Jackie Brown
<b>Non-Board Positions:</b>	
Hospitality Director	Mary Turain
Webmaster	Mary Clark
Finance Drive	Mary Clark
Nominating Committee	<b>Marie Obrock</b> <b>Jean Emch</b> <b>Judith Reitzel</b>
<b>Education Fund Trustees</b>	
Regina Hyldahl	Carol Shepard
Carol Russell	Jacki Stedman
Josette McCarthy	Nancy Kelley

## LWVPA General Fund Budget

For FY 2013

Date Submitted:  
April 8,  
2012**REVENUE**

	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	Inc/Dec	Actual Thru Apr-12
Dues	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 3,624.50
Cont/Members	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 150.00
Fund Raising	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 920.00
In-Kind	\$ 125.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 122.74
Stranahan Funds	\$ 650.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 584.55
LWV Rebate	\$ 22.50	\$ 50.00	\$ (27.50)	\$ 22.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 5,632.50</b>	<b>\$ 4,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 782.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,424.29</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Ex.Board Operating	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 161.52
Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 111.76
Website Support	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
LWVP Scholarships ( to Ed Fund for 2013)	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ (360.00)	\$ 360.00
State PMP	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 1,229.00	\$ (178.00)	\$ 1,015.31
National PMP	\$ 865.00	\$ 854.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 855.00
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	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Membership	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 208.60
Program Meetings	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (58.12)
Publications	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Position Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,541.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,718.00</b>	<b>\$ 823.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,854.07</b>

Gen Fund Reserves Transfer to Ed Fund  
Net To/(From) General Fund  
Reserves

\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ (180.00)	
\$ 91.50	\$ (48.00)	\$ 139.50	\$ 2,570.22

**TOTAL**

<b>\$ 5,632.50</b>	<b>\$ 4,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 782.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,424.29</b>
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**CASH IN**

**BANK 3/31/12**                      **\$ 7,065**

**LWVPA General Fund Budget for FY 2013 *Continued***

<b>2013 Budget Changes from Prior Year</b>		
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**Revenue: Net increase** \$ 783

Memberships remain flat when compared to 2012 Budget; projecting a net of 2 new members for 2013.  
\$800 increase to Fund Raising from the annual Finance Drive based upon 2012 results

\$200 increase to interest earned on investments based upon 2012 results

\$300 decrease to Contributions from members based upon 2012 results

**Expenditures: Net Increase** \$ 823

\$100 Increase to Board Operating Expenses based upon 2012 results.

\$360 decrease in Scholarships - this was moved to the Education Fund for 2013

\$178 decrease in State PMP based on actual confirmed rate fro 2013

Reinstatement of \$1,200 for State/National Convention in 2013. This was eliminated in 2012 to help fund the

fund shortfall in the Education Budget.

Other: \$1,000 will be allocated from General to Education Fund to help balance the Ed Fund for 2013.

In 2012, \$1180 was allocated and not required; thus there was no transfer of funds.

**Net Excess** (after transer to Ed fund) from 2012 Budget to 2013 Budget is projected at \$ 139.50

**Net Excess thru April 2012 for Fiscal Year 2012 is currently at** \$ 2,570.22

**LWVPA Education Fund Budget Proposed 2013 Budget**

Recap of Projected Revenue & Expense	Budget 2013	Budget 2012	Inc/Dec.	Actual Apr 2012
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 12,045.00	\$ 12,900.00	\$ (855.00)	\$8,579.41
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 12,675.00	\$ 12,900.00	\$ (225.00)	\$8,852.57
<b>Difference - Net to From Ed Fund</b>	\$ (630.00)	\$ -	\$ (630.00)	\$ (273.16)