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Annual Luncheon

Teacher and Author Brandon Withrow To Address League at May Annual Luncheon

Teacher and author Brandon Withrow will speak on Transitions at the LWVPA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at the Carranor Club. He is going to discuss life changes and how to deal with them in a positive way. The loss of a loved one ... empty nest syndrome ... the loss of a job or moving to a new community ... he will tell us the positive things we can do to help with these transitions.



Brandon Withrow

Brandon Withrow teaches religious studies at the University of Findlay and is the author of nine books. His most recent book, co-authored with Menachem Wecker, is *Consider No Evil: Two Faith Traditions and the Problem of Academic Freedom in Religious Higher Education*. His work has appeared in *The Daily Beast*, *The Religion News Service*, *The Guardian*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *On Faith* and *The Huffington Post*.

We will hold our annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon will be begin at noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations can be made by sending a check made out to the LWVPA to Carol Russell, 13917 Eckel Junction Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551 or emailing her at crussell@bex.net or phoning for a reservation at 419-931-4416. The deadline for luncheon reservations is Tuesday, May 10.

Make a reservation with Carol Russell today!

Don't miss the Annual Spring Luncheon on May 17.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 10



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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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President's Letter

Dear League Members,

We are winding up a very exciting and active year. We started out in September with our Virginia Stranahan Citizenship Award Reception and then went on to hold monthly meetings with timely and interesting topics, ranging from the condition of Ohio dams to the impact of drilling for natural gas on our water resources. Other meetings dealt with the fundamentals of terrorism, understanding the Constitution, community gardening and the American Revolution. In October we held a candidates forum that included a particularly large number of local candidates for public office, and in January we had a lively discussion on money in politics at our yearly program planning meeting.

If you missed any of these meetings you will still have a chance to catch up with fellow league members and hear from local experts at our two remaining meetings — Jessica Batanian from Partners for Clean Streams on May 7, and Brandon Withrow from the University of Findlay at our Annual Luncheon on May 17.

Please make your reservation for our spring luncheon today. You don't want to miss the fun!

Nancy Kelley

New Member

Please welcome new member Virginia Luce and add her information to your membership directory.

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Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, May 10– 7 p.m. *Partners for Clean Streams.* Speaker: Jessica Batanian, Communications and Outreach Specialist for Partners for Clean Streams (PCS)

Tuesday, May 17 — 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
Noon — Spring Luncheon. Speaker: Dr. Brandon Withrow, University of Findlay, Location: Carranor Club, Topic: *Challenges of Change*

Clean Streams Will Be Topic of May Meeting

In conjunction with Way Library the Perrysburg League of Women Voters will present a Topical Tuesday meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the library.

Jessica Batanian, Communications and Outreach Specialist for Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), will lead a discussion on the mission of the organization, the various programs which engage volunteers and educate community members, the restoration projects in the area, and how the work of PCS contributes to the efforts to delist the Maumee Area of Concern.

The meeting is open to the public and admission is free.



*Jessica Batanian
Partners for Clean Streams*

League Scholarship Will Be Presented at Spring Luncheon

Perrysburg High School Senior Emily Byrd will receive the LWVPA Scholarship at the annual spring luncheon on May 17.

Emily has been a member of the cross country varsity team and the track and field varsity team, and played soccer. She has participated in National Honor Society volunteer activities, as well as serving as a food bank volunteer and church volunteer.

Emily plans to attend Michigan Technological University and major in environmental engineering. She feels strongly that everyone should have access to clean water and that none of our lakes, rivers and oceans should be polluted. She attributes the local water crisis of 2014 for sparking her keen interest in clean water and making it available to everyone. Her goal is to make a difference in the world water supply.