



The VOTER

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Have a Good Summer, But Don't Forget ...

Over the summer, please think about where you would like to work with the League next year.

Volunteers are needed for more than just board positions. We also need people to work on Voter Services projects, the finance drive, Harrison Rally Days, the Stranahan Citizenship Award and the League Scholarship.

These are one time projects that take place throughout the year. There is sure to be one project that will fit your schedule, talents and interests.

Volunteers Needed Now

The LWV Ohio has joined a coalition of organizations that are supporting a constitutional amendment which would reform Ohio's redistricting process. 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 e-mail Carol Russell at crussell@bex.net. The League would like to begin collecting signatures at Perrysburg's Farmers' Market, which starts this month.

Dr. Elizabeth Rupert to Speak on Topic of Lasting Impact of Early Literacy Experiences

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters will partner with Way Library this month to present a Topical Tuesday lecture and luncheon on May 15 starting at noon on the lower level of the library.

Preceding this meeting, the League will hold the annual meeting for members only at 11 a.m. in the Way Library Tech Lab. The League's 2012 scholarship will be presented at that time to a Perrysburg High School senior. Changes to the League's program, next year's budget and the 2012 slate of officers will be voted on. It is important that we have enough members for a quorum in order to approve the annual report.

Dr. Elizabeth Rupert, joined by Lori Legendre, Regional Director of Reach Out and Read, will talk on *The Lasting Impact of Early Literacy Experiences*. Reach Out and Read is a program supported by local pediatricians and educators in encouraging literacy, particularly in economically disadvantaged households.



Dr. Elizabeth Ruppert

Anyone is welcome to attend the free lecture at 1 p.m. Those who wish to eat a catered lunch from noon to 1 p.m. should send a \$9 check, payable to LWVPA, to Nancy Kelley, 1560 Saddlebrook Court, Toledo, OH 43615, or leave the check at the library's Information Desk.

With a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and a medical degree from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, Dr. Ruppert was at the Medical College of Ohio (now the UT College of Medicine) from 1977 to 2003, serving as professor of pediatrics and as a community advocate for EduCare Center, Initiative to Improve Birth Outcomes, United Way Early Childhood Initiative, and the early literacy program Reach Out and Read.

As part of the program, we will be presenting Dr. Rupert with books to be used in this outreach to families with young chil-

***Annual Meeting 11 a.m., May 15.
Lunch at Noon. Speaker at 1 p.m.***