



The VOTER

P.O. Box 712, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552

November LWV/Topical Tuesday Program

Your Taxes: 2013 Tax Changes and How They Affect Citizens

We have all experienced firsthand one of the many tax changes that have come to Ohio residents with the new state budget.

On September 1, our sales taxes were increased from 05.5% to .0575%. Other purchases that were not previously taxed, are now taxed. There are changes with the homestead exemption for seniors. There are additional changes that will affect state government subsidies in school and other community levies.

More is yet to come. There are current legislative proposals that are being considered that will affect our local taxes.

The Perrysburg League and Way Library Topical Tuesdays will host a program featuring local experts who will address tax law changes in Ohio.

Tom Hosler, superintendent of Perrysburg Schools, will talk about how the new tax law changes will impact our public schools. Tom has been superintendent since 2007. Prior to his position in Perrysburg, he was superintendent of schools for seven years at Huron Schools in New Boston, Michigan. Tom currently serves on the YMCA Board, the Owens College Foundation, the Perrysburg Schools Foundation, and is active in the Perrysburg Rotary. Tom has his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Toledo and his Educational Specialist Degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Steve Bonder, Income Tax Commissioner for the City of Perrysburg, will discuss tax changes that have affected our city taxes. Steve has been with the City of Perrysburg since 2011. Prior to this position, he served for 20+ years in different management positions for American Health Care Group, a third party health claims administrator. He is a Bowling Green State University alumnus with a degree in accounting in business administration.

Mike Sibberson, Wood County Auditor, will outline changes in property taxes and other county administered tax laws. Mike has served as Wood County Auditor since 1993. He is a graduate of Lake High School and the University of Toledo. He currently serves on the TMACOG Finance Committee, has served on the legislative committee for the County Auditors Association, the Wood County Library Foundation Board, and the Wood County Historical Finance Board.

This should be an interesting meeting that will help us all understand the tax law changes and how they will affect our personal taxes.

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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Letter from the President

Dear League Members:

I recently read *The One World Schoolhouse* by Salman Khan and I highly recommend that you also read it. The author is the same person who is the founder of the online Khan Academy, which has the goal of providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. The book describes how Mr. Khan began with a simple project of helping his niece, a bright student, with algebra. He devised some software that she was able to understand and she became an outstanding student in math. Other relatives begged him to help their children with other subjects and he wrote more and more software. Eventually he quit his very lucrative job as a financial planner to begin his own company, which became the Khan Academy where millions of students, parents, and teachers use the Academy's free videos and software for every subject imaginable. It certainly helped when Bill Gates invested in the company after the Gates' children used the Academy website and loved it!

The book is filled with a great many ideas on how to change our educational system. Examples are given where Khan's ideas have been tried and proved successful when the students have been tested. Book Browse states "Salman Khan has written what is destined to become one of the most influential books about education in our time."

Other people are beginning to examine our educational systems -- primary, secondary and higher education are all under the microscope and changes are coming slowly, but surely. Marilou Johaneck, Toledo Blade columnist, on November 2, wrote about the Friends of Public Education groups that are developing in NW Ohio and other parts of Ohio. This is a group that has been formed with the mission to become activists in defense of public schools.

In the special section, Education Life of the NYT, on November 3, several articles of note are worth reading. In the section called "The Disrupters," The University of the People, which offers online classes for free is highlighted. They are not accredited yet, but several students have enrolled. University Now is another school to watch. Adaptive learning and low-tuition replace lecture halls and financial aid.

The State League Position concerns itself with state funding that should be equitable and realistic. I think it is time to study these new ideas of providing education online that change the old ideas of education that take place in the school buildings from September to June. Change is in the air!

Nancy J. Kelley



Upcoming Meetings



Tuesday, Nov. 19 – 7 p.m. Ohio Tax Changes – Impact on Schools, City and County. Panelists: Tom Hosler, Steve Bronder, Mike Sibbersen.

Location: Way Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Noon Holiday Luncheon. Speaker: Lee Conklin, Channel 13 News Anchor and Host of Conklin & Company. Location: Carranor Club, 502 E. Second St., Perrysburg

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Noon Luncheon and LWVPA Program Planning Session. *Members only.* Location: Way Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 7 p.m. Vision for Perrysburg. Location: Way Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 11 – 7 p.m. Women Engaged in Public Service. Dr. Shanon Orr, BGSU. Panelists: Doris Herringshaw, Jill Engle and Sara Weisenberger. Location: Way Library Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 15 – 7 p.m. Human Trafficking, Theresa Fedor, Ohio House Representative, 45th District. Location: Way Library

Tuesday, May 13 – 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

Noon Luncheon, LWVPA Scholarship presentation. Speaker: TBA Location: Carranor Club, 502 E. Second St., Perrysburg

TV Anchor Lee Conklin Will Speak On Non-Partisan Reporting at Luncheon

Make your reservations now for the LWVPA Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10. The event will begin at noon at the Carranor Club.

The cost of the luncheon is \$19. Reservations need to be called in or sent to Carol Russell by Thursday, December 5. Her address is 13917 Eckel Junction Road, Perrysburg and her phone number is 419-931-4416.

Lee Conklin, Channel 13 News Anchor and host of Conklin & Company, will speak on the *Challenges of Non-Partisan Reporting in Broadcast Journalism*.

Mr. Conklin is a native of suburban Detroit, but has called the Toledo area home for the last 26 years. He started with WTVG, Channel 13 in 1992 doing the weather on weekends and serving as the University of Toledo's play-by-play announcer for basketball. In 1994 he became a full time weatherman and not long after that began co-anchoring the news.

When he is not reading the news he reports on stories in the field. He covered the late Pope John Paul II's papal visits to St. Louis and Toronto, was in Cape Canaveral for John Glenn's return to space and attended President Bush's inauguration. He also made two trips to New Orleans to report on the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. He reported live from the scene during the crane collapse at the I-280 bridge, which killed four ironworkers, and he also covered the memorial service involving the Bluffton College baseball team. His weekly show, Conklin & Company has been nominated for an Emmy.

Mr. Conklin has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 28 years. They are the parents of two girls and two boys.

Please join us for a delicious meal and a sure-to-be interesting talk on reporting the news.

The Holiday luncheon will feature a menu of orange tomato soup, chicken piccata and penne pasta with a vegetable medley, rolls and butter and an assortment of dessert treats.



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When Local Law Enforcement and
Individuals with Mental Illness Meet

November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Wood County Public Library

The League of Women Voters of Bowling Green hosts a presentation on new and existing programming for individuals in the mental health care and criminal justice systems. This three-part panel presentation shows the importance of the systems working together, with the Sequential Intercept Model being used as a guideline for programming. Presenters are:

- Carol Asmus, Board Member of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Wood County
- Laura Selders, Criminal Justice Coordinator of Family Service Counseling Center
- Eric Reynolds, Deputy Chief of the Wood County Sheriff's Office

They will lead the audience through the model and highlight the work being done for Wood County citizens.

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