



League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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November Meeting

BG Professor Will Speak on Concussions At Way Library Topical Tuesday Presentation

According to *US News and World Report*, children and young adults are being diagnosed with concussions at an increasingly high rate, up 500 percent from 2010 to 2014. This data comes from Fair Health, an independent, national nonprofit.

Concussion, also known as minor head trauma, is the most common type of traumatic brain injury. It is typically defined as a head injury with temporary loss of brain function.

Across the United States, approximately 175,000 children receive emergency room treatment every year due to sports-related activities, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On Tuesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. the Perrysburg League of Women Voters, in partnership with Way Library, will host a Topical Tuesday discussion on concussions. The speaker will be Andrea Cripps, Ph.D., assistant professor of the athletic training program at Bowling Green State University.

Dr. Cripps will discuss what concussions are, why they are a concern and how to properly care for someone after they sustain a concussion.

A graduate of Lake Superior State University, Dr. Cripps earned her master's degree from Central Michigan University and her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

The November 22 meeting will be held at Way Library and is open to the public.



Dr. Andrea Cripps

Make your Holiday Luncheon Reservation Today!

Thursday, December 15

\$20

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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,

What a crazy election year we are having! I am writing this letter before November 8, so who knows what the final results will be. Meanwhile at the state level, the League of Women Voters of Ohio is staying very busy and keeping the local leagues up-to-date, which I appreciate.

On October 31, a press lease was issued concerning the Congressional Redistricting Reform Proposal. It goes as follows, although I have edited it slightly because of its length.

“We’re tired of waiting for the Ohio General Assembly leadership to act,” stated Carrie Davis, President of the LWV of Ohio. “The Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition wants to see congressional reform on next year’s ballot. Today we are putting forward a draft plan for public comment that we hope will prompt action in the legislature when they return after the election.” Their proposal makes the newly created bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission responsible for congressional as well as state legislative redistricting and includes the following reforms:

A transparent, public process for mapmaking and an opportunity for the public to submit maps.

A prohibition on drawing congressional districts that favor or disfavor a political party or candidate.

A prohibition on a member of Congress serving on the Ohio Redistricting Commission that draws congressional lines .

(For the complete proposal go to the website of LWV of Ohio)

In closing, I quote Dr. Martin Luther King , “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”

Nancy Kelley



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 22 — 7 p.m.

Concussions. Dr. Andrea Cripps, Licensed Athletic Trainer, BGSU

Thursday, Dec. 15 —

Noon *Holiday Luncheon.*

Dr. Sharon Gaber, President, University of Toledo, Carranor Club

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — 7 p.m.

Economic Ramifications in Raising Minimum Wage.

Dr. Peter VanderHart, Dr. Andrea Schneider, Dept. of Economics, BGSU

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Noon

Annual Program Meeting.

Luncheon

Tuesday, Feb. 28 — 7

p.m. *Lucas County Land Bank.* David Mann

Tuesday, March (TBA) —

7 p.m. *Refugee*

Resettlement in Toledo Area.

Sunday, March 26 — 2

p.m. *Stranahan Award.* 577 Foundation

Tuesday, April 25 — 7

p.m. *Perspectives on Declaring Lake Erie*

“Impaired.” Karl Gebhardt, Ohio EPA

Tuesday, May 9 — TBA

Tuesday, May 23 — 11 a.m. *Annual Meeting.* Noon Luncheon. Speaker TBA

** All programs will be at Way Library, unless otherwise noted.*

University of Toledo President To Speak at League Holiday Luncheon

Let's welcome the holiday season with a festive luncheon on Thursday, December 15, at noon at the Carranor Club in Perrysburg. Guests are expected.

The League will host University of Toledo President Dr. Sharon Gaber, who will update us on what is happening at the university.



Dr. Sharon Gaber

Dr. Gaber began her tenure as the 17th president of the University of Toledo in the summer of 2015. Throughout the past year, she has worked to build upon the many strengths of the university, while also identifying key areas for growth.

Collaborating with faculty, physicians, staff and students, Dr. Gaber has established five strategic goals for the University:

- Raise its national status by recognizing the tremendous achievement of faculty, researchers, clinicians and students;
- Increase student enrollment and ensure students are better prepared;
- Increase externally funded research so UT may continue to make gains in developing new knowledge in multiple fields;
- Grow philanthropic support for student scholarships, faculty endowments, updated facilities and other University initiatives; and
- Reduce administrative expenses to improve UT's financial standing.

Additionally, Dr. Gaber is moving the university forward through several major plans, including: a strategic plan that will chart UT's course for the next several years; a diversity plan that helps to ensure UT's campuses are welcoming and inclusive for everyone; a master facilities plan to reduce UT's footprint and use space more efficiently; and an enrollment plan to increase enrollment and improve student retention rates.

By realigning the administrative team, she also has streamlined executive positions and, with approval from the Board of Trustees, has merged UT Colleges to reduce the number from 16 to 13.

Dr. Gaber currently serves on the board of trustees for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as the board of directors for the Regional Growth Partnership. A city and regional planning expert, she came to UT following six years as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas. Prior to that, Dr. Gaber served in multiple roles in the provost's office at Auburn University in Alabama, and also worked at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles, a master's degree from the University of Southern California, and her doctoral degree in city and regional planning from Cornell University.

Luncheon Cost - \$20

Reservation Deadline
Friday, Dec. 9



E-mail Carol Russell at crussell@bex.net or send a check made out to LWVPA to Carol at 13917 Eckel Junction Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Natural Resources Report

Water studies seem to be in the news this month; our Messenger Journal has posted two that seem rather important to all of us. The first was posted October 5, 2016. It discusses other options for water supply rather than Toledo. The Wood County Economic Development Committee conducted a “water study due to Toledo’s rising costs and concerns over water quality first encountered in August 2014 during the harmful algal bloom crisis which impacted the city’s water intake and left nearly 400,000 residents without potable water” (page 1). This study was conducted by the Poggemeyer Design Group, and it is hoped that the study will provide some options for future analysis.

For comparison information of Toledo, Bowling Green, Bayshore and Maumee Intakes and more details, go to the Messenger Journal, October 5 issue.

The second study in the October 19 issue of the Messenger Journal discusses a look at changes to our water supply. Should groups ban together? Should cities build their own water plants? Are there alternatives to Toledo water that could save money for the consumer? The three studies involved are: TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments) Study, City of Sylvania Study and the WCEDC (Wood County Economic Development Study). Each of these is explained in detail in the Messenger Journal article, so check it out at your leisure.

We can all be more positive about water conservation. To remind us of what we can do, here are three ideas.

1. One is to take no more than a five minute shower.
2. Another is to turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth
3. The last is to wash your dog on the lawn or wash any objects that seem easy to transport to the lawn.

As we head into the season of entertaining, lets be mindful of water conservation. Run full dishwashers, avoid too much rinsing with running water and check for any leaks or drips. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Sue Hoffman
Natural Resources Co-Chair

October Observer Reports

Perrysburg City Council Meeting, October 4, 2016

During the Citizens Concerns portion of the Council Meeting, this issue was raised:

- A citizen expressed concern regarding the communication between herself and the Planning and Zoning Administrator regarding her efforts to change city code to allow chickens on one’s property. The Administration confirmed she is in the process of gathering more information and that the subject will be on a future Planning and Zoning agenda. (See Observer Report for 10/18/16 below for a follow up on this subject.)

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- A second citizen expressed concern over the lack of specificity in the Jobs Creation Grant (Ordinance 85-2016) granted to “A Renewed Mind” at the last council meeting. The City Finance Director explained that the legislation language for all of these grants is somewhat vague, but there are thresholds within the final grant that are very specific in regards to the requirements of the company receiving the grant.

Remainder of Council Agenda:

- Passed Ordinances 87-2016 & 88-2016 authorizing a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and a Job Creation Grant for the company, “Cousino Group”
- Prior to voting on Ordinance 89-2016, Council went into Executive Session citing required discussions for a real estate transaction. Following the Executive Session, Ordinance 89-2016 was passed authorizing the sale of a Carronade Drive right-of-way (approximately .2 acres) to Sunrise Hospitality, Inc. for \$5,000.00.
- Passed a number of ordinances and resolutions authorizing updated code language, bridge inspections in cooperation with ODOT, upgrades to traffic signal, installation of HVAC system at the Municipal Court, annexation agreement with one property owner at the owner’s request, and accepted the amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission for tax levies. (Ordinances 86-2016, 90-2016, 91-2016, 92-2016, 93-2016 and Resolution 16-2016.)

Perrysburg City Council Meeting October 18, 2016

During the Citizens Concerns portion of the Council Meeting, this issue was raised:

- The Citizen, who spoke at the last Council Meeting regarding issues with the Zoning Administrator regarding chickens on one’s property, came before Council and apologized for her comments at the last meeting. She said she misunderstood what was taking place and was mistaken in her comments and just wants to move forward with her request.
- Two Citizens representing the Slow Rollers presented Council with a request to consider adding “bike borders” to South Boundary.

Remainder of Council Agenda:

- Council adjourned to Executive Session regarding a real estate issue before Committee Reports were presented.
- Passed other ordinances and resolutions authorizing the pay down of existing notes on the water towers, sewer and sanitation projects and the purchase of a vehicle for the Dept. of Public Utilities. (Ordinances 94-2016, 95-2016 and Resolution 17-2016.)

*Debra Greenley Gorman
Observer*