



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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Presentation on Voting and Elections Will Be Topic for October 7 Meeting

Examining Voter Turnout, Analyzing Campaign Strategy and Previewing the Upcoming Elections will be the topic of our October meeting.

Dr. Dale Lanigan, Director of the Criminal Justice Studies at Lourdes University, will be speaking at Way Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7. He will be the featured speaker for a Topical Tuesday jointly sponsored by the Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library.

His talk will include a discussion of the upcoming House and Senate races as well as factors affecting turnout at the polls.



Dr. Dale Lanigan

Dr. Lanigan was born and raised in Cleveland. He received a B.A. in political science from Elmira College in Elmira, New York and a masters degree in theological studies from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. He furthered his education at the University of Toledo, earning a doctorate in educational sociology.

After serving as an instructor at the University of Toledo for 11 years, he moved to Lourdes College, now

Lourdes University, in 2000. Since joining the faculty at Lourdes, he has taught a variety of classes in sociology, including Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Multicultural Diversity, Urban Life and Development and Religion and Human Behavior, and has served as director of the school's criminal justice program.

He is currently chairperson of the department of sociology and justice studies at Lourdes. Dr. Lanigan also is on the university's curriculum and policy review committee and the diversity awareness and action committee. He is vice president of the Ohio Council on Criminal Justice Education and has made numerous presentations on issues related to health care, immigration, diversity and political campaigns at conferences and other venues across the midwest.

DON'T FORGET!

Candidates Forum

Sunday, October 12

at Way Library

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Program begins at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Perrysburg Area and the Bowling Green League



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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:

GO VOTE is the theme this year for the LWVPA. Voting makes a difference and don't ever think your vote doesn't count. The following are some good examples of when one vote made a difference: In 1800 Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one vote in the House of Representatives after a tie in the Electoral College. In 1941 Congress amended the active-service component of the Selective Service Act from one year to two-and-one-half years by one vote, 202-203. An interesting, but minor election took place in 2002 in Nevada when Republican Dolores Honeycutt and Democrat R.J. Gillum tied 107-107 for an open seat on the Esmeralda County Commission. The election was settled by a deck of cards when each pulled a jack, but Gillum's jack of spades beat Honeycutt's jack of diamonds.

There are many more examples, some are true and some turn out to be urban legends. Here is an example that I have heard many times, but turns out not to be true. In 1923 one vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party. Another one is that in 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German. These are FALSE, even though they have been printed in many lists as being true. Even Ann Landers was taken in by these claims. (See Snopes.com for *One Vote Fallacies*)

What is true is that in the United States 39% of eligible voters vote, while in Belgium, Italy and Turkey 90% of the eligible voters go to the polls. In a very recent election, 85% of the Scottish voters turned out to vote yes or no on independence for Scotland. The vote was to remain part of the United Kingdom.

I would like to close with something I just read. "Over time, the best way to build a stronger democracy is to make voting a habit instead of a difficult chore." Let's remember that this year as we spread the word to GO VOTE!

Nancy Kelley

577 Book Sale Will Be Starting Soon

Our League has been selected to host the Once-Read Book Center at the 577 Foundation this fall, including a book fair on October 25 and 26. The League will receive 50% percent of the profits, with the other 50% going to Read for Literacy. One hundred percent of the profits from the book fair will go to the League.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, please contact Carol Shepard at 419-872-9436 or e-mail her at lnshepard@msn.com. This promises to be a great fundraiser for the League with a minimum amount of work.



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 7 – 7 p.m.
Examining Voter Turnout, Analyzing Campaign Strategy and Previewing upcoming Elections, Dr. Dale Lanigan, Asst. Prof. Lourdes University

Sunday, Oct. 12 - 1:30 p.m. doors open, program at 2 p.m. Candidates Forum,

Tuesday, Nov. 18 – 7 p.m.
Solving Our Lake Erie Algae Crisis, Dr. Carol Stepien, Lake Erie Center Director

Tuesday, December 9 – Noon. Holiday Luncheon. Speaker: Mary Bilyeu, Toledo Blade Food Editor. Location: Carranor Club

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 – 7 p.m. *Human Trafficking and Its Unique Threat to NW Ohio*, Laura Neal, Lucas County Children Services

Tuesday, Jan. 20, – Noon. Annual LWVPA Program Meeting. **Members only.**

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – 7 p.m. Panel Discussion - LWVUS *Position on Federal Agriculture Policies*

Tuesday, March 17 – 7 p.m.
Pretty in Pink: the Princess Culture and Gender Norms in the New Millennium, Dr. Parama Sakar, Asst. Prof. University of Toledo

Tuesday, April 14 – 7 p.m.
Protecting Our Natural Heritage, Sarah Brokamp, Advancement Coordinator for Black Swamp Conservancy

Tuesday, May 12– 7 p.m.
Local Resources Fighting Hunger/Malnutrition in Our Community, Stephanie Cihon, Community Relations Director for Promedica.

Tuesday, May 19 – 11 a.m. Annual Meeting Noon - Luncheon. Location: Carranor Club. Speaker: TBA

**All meetings at Way Library unless otherwise noted.*

Program on Toxic Microcystin and Your Health October 8

Microcystins are in our drinking water. As problems with algae in Lake Erie affect our public water system, it is critical that we understand how serious it can be.

Dr. Earl W. Campbell, Jr. MD, emeritus professor of medicine, MCO-University of Toledo, will give a presentation on *Lake Erie Blue Scum, Toxic Microcystin -- and Your Health* on Wednesday, October 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. at WW Knight Nature Preserve, Hankison Great Room.

He will help us to understand cyanobacteria, its unique survival features, and the microcystin toxin it produces. Dr. Campbell will discuss dangerous long-term and short-term health effects of microcystin on humans, including cancer and death.

The presentation will include current recommendations from the International Joint Commission report of the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority. This program is sponsored by Lake Erie Waterkeeper Alliance, the Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Perrysburg Boat Club.

Observers Needed

Would you like to be an observer of City Council or School Board meetings? The league is looking for volunteers to observe from one to all meetings throughout the year. It's an easy task, you learn more about what is going on, and you can report back to the rest of the league members. There is a simple response sheet and that's about it.

Meetings are held:

City Council – the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers at 201 West Indiana Avenue.

Board of Education – the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Commodore Building cafeteria and the Work Session on the first Tuesday at 7 a.m.

Please reply to Sue Hoffman if you are interested.

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