



# The Voter

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## League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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### October LWV Meeting

#### **Potential Impact of Drilling on Water Resources**

Dr. Ralph Haefner, Deputy Director of the Michigan-Ohio Water Science Center and hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey will be our guest speaker for our October LWV program on Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m. at Way Library. The program is a Topical Tuesday presentation and will be done in conjunction with Way Library.



*Dr. Ralph Haefner*

Dr. Haefner will give us an update of hydraulic fracturing and potential impacts on water resources in Ohio. Typically, two to eight million gallons of water are required for each hydraulic fracturing job. While the water may be used and recycled to the next well, eventually the water is disposed of in deep injection wells.

The presentation will focus on Ohio's geology, the process of drilling a horizontal well and subsequent hydraulic fracturing followed by an objective description of potential impacts to the citizens and water resources of Ohio.

A student of geology and water resources of the nation, Dr. Haefner has published over 30 articles related to groundwater flow and water chemistry. He obtained his BS degree in geology from the State University of New York College, an MS degree in geology from Bowling Green State University and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Join us for an interesting evening and please ask friends and neighbors to also attend.

***Want to help with Candidates Forum?***

Call Carol Russell at  
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***Please mark this and all our meetings on your calendar ... thought-provoking topics guaranteed!***



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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.

### **Web Site**

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## President's Letter

September has been a busy month for the Perrysburg League Members. First on the calendar was September 12. Several of us walked in the Harrison Rally Day Parade carrying signs that said "Go Vote" and other messages. It was a bright and crisp day and turned out to be a lot of fun.

Next, we held a reception at the 577 Foundation to honor our 2015 Stranahan Citizenship Award winner, Dr. Earl Campbell. We gathered at the Manor house on a beautiful September Sunday afternoon to thank Dr. Campbell for his community service and also listen to Richard Baranowski, local history librarian at Way Library, share stories and insights on his recently published book *Perrysburg Village Voices*.

Then on September 29, we partnered with Way Library on a program presented by Dr. James Evans from BGSU. The program was called *Why Are Dams Being Removed From Ohio?*, but it turned out to be a fascinating talk on why we have dams, the kinds of dams and why many of them are so old and need of repair that they present a real danger all across the country.

Now I want to briefly state the LWV of Ohio position on the State Fall ballot Issues.

Issue 1: **Support** Fair districts for Ohio Redistricting Plan for Ohio

Issue 2: **Support** Issue 2 because it protects the constitution as a document of general principles.

Issue 3: **Oppose** Issue 3 because the constitution should be a document of general principles.

However, LWVO is **Neutral** on the aspect of Issue 3 pertaining to marijuana as we have no applicable League position.

*Nancy Kelley*

**Don't Forget to Vote November 3!**



## Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday, Oct. 13 – 7 p.m.**  
*Drilling for Natural Gas: Potential Impact to Ohio's Water Resources.* Dr. Ralph Haefner, US Geological Survey. Way Library

**Sunday, Oct. 18 – 2-4 p.m.**  
 Candidates Forum. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Way Library

**Tuesday, Nov. 17 – 7 p.m.**  
*Issues of Homeless.* Panel Discussion to include mental health and veterans perspectives. Speakers: Jessica Schmitt, NAMI Wood County, Ken Leslie, Veterans Matter. Way Library

**Thursday, Dec. 10 – Noon**  
*Holiday Luncheon*  
 Speaker: Dr. Andrew Shockett, BGSU. Carranor Club

**Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 – Noon**  
*Soup and Salad Luncheon and Annual Program Meeting.* Way Library. **MEMBERS ONLY.**

**February Program — TBA**

**Tuesday, March 22 – 7 p.m.**  
*Understanding Constitution 101.* Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Zeitlow, UT Law School, Way Library

**Tuesday, April 12 – 7 p.m.**  
*Community Gardening.* Speaker: Yvonne Dubielak, Toledo Grows. Way Library

**Tuesday, May 17 — Noon**  
*Annual Spring Luncheon.* Speaker: Dr. Brandon Withrow, University of Findlay, Carranor Club

## Candidates Forum

*The Perrysburg League of Women Voters will present a forum featuring candidates for offices, including Perrysburg City Council, Perrysburg Township Trustees and Perrysburg School Board*

**Sunday, October 18**

**Way Public Library**

***Doors open at 1:30 p.m. so participants can meet and talk with candidates. Program begins at 2 p.m.***

## November Meeting Focus on Mental Illness and Homelessness

The November 17 League meeting will offer a discussion on Mental Health and Homelessness. The meeting will be held at Way Library at 7 p.m..

We will welcome two local experts for this discussion. They are Ken Leslie, founder of IMatters and Veterans Matter, and Jessica Schmitt, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Wood County.

Mr. Leslie will address the human aspects, past the labels and into the heart of people many have dismissed.

Ms. Schmitt will present a personal perspective on mental illness and

### **Observers Program Volunteers Needed**

Would you like to be a League Observer? The League needs observers for School Board, City Council and Perrysburg Township meetings. It can be very rewarding as you learn first-hand what are the key issues facing each entity, and you can help the rest of us know what key things are being discussed. Plus you can decide which group you would like to observe.

The process is simple. Attend a meeting, jot down on paper or via a tablet or phone the key points you think members and citizens should know about. The after the meeting, send these to Sue Hoffman and Roseanne Barker. News will be posted in the next *Voter*. If we have several people interested in each, we can work out a schedule.

With the upcoming election, there are many topics of interest to all of us, and it is always so much better to be informed. I hope you will consider this and email me at [rshuffyburg@bex.net](mailto:rshuffyburg@bex.net). Thanks for considering this vital role.

*Sue Hoffman, Chairperson*