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On Tuesday, October 24, the Perrysburg League of Women Voters and Way Library will present a Topical Tuesday program on American government at 7 p.m. at Way Library.

Dr. Jeffrey Broxmeyer, assistant professor of political science at the University of Toledo, will speak on the current state of American politics.

Topics will include how our government works (or does not), both today and in the broader context of American history.

Dr. Broxmeyer joined the University of Toledo as an assistant professor in the spring of 2015. He received his PhD from The City University of New York - Graduate Center and previously taught at Hunter College as a graduate teaching fellow.



Dr. Jeffrey Broxmeyer

His current research is focused on the wealth accumulated by party leaders during the nineteenth century.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



Learn more about Fair Districts = Fair Elections:

- www.FairDistrictsOhio.org
- [What Is Gerrymandering?](#)
- [Text of the Proposal](#)
- [Ballot Summary Approved by the Ohio Attorney General](#)
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Don't Forget

To Vote on November 7



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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,

In this letter I am going to paraphrase a short article from the book *Don't Sweat The Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff*, by Richard Carlson, PH.D.

Practice Ignoring Your Negative Thoughts is the name of this article. He estimates that the average human being has around 50,000 thoughts per day — some will be positive and productive, but many others will be negative — angry, fearful, pessimistic, worrisome. The question should not be how does one stop these thoughts, but it's what you choose to do with the ones you have.

Dr. Carlson says you really have two options when it comes to negative thoughts. You can analyze your thoughts — ponder or think some more — or you can learn to ignore them — dismiss, pay less attention to, not take so seriously.

When you have a thought — any thought — that's all it is, a thought! It can't hurt you without your consent. You'll find in all cases that if you ignore or dismiss a negative thought that fills your mind, a more peaceful feeling is only a moment away. And in a more peaceful state of mind, your wisdom and common sense will tell you what to do. This may take practice, but it is well worth the effort.

And in a VERY POSITIVE THOUGHT — THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR 2017 CANDIDATES FORUM SUCH A SUCCESS — A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO DEB GORMAN, OUR VOTER'S SERVICE CHAIR WHO ORGANIZED THE EVENT!

Nancy Kelley



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 24 — 7 p.m.
American Government, Dr. Jeff Broxmeyer, Political Science Department, University of Toledo

Tuesday, Nov. 14 — 7 p.m.
Fake News and Social Media
Dr. Montanna Miller, Dept. of Popular Culture, BGSU

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Noon
Holiday Luncheon. Carranor Club, Halona Norton-Westbrook, Director of Collections, Toledo Museum of Art Economics, BGSU

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Noon
Annual Program Meeting. Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan. 23 — 2 p.m.
The Gender Wage Differential. Dr. David McClough, College of Business Administration, Ohio Northern University

Tuesday, Feb. 13 — 2 p.m.
State of the City of Perrysburg, Bridget Kabat, Perrysburg City Administrator

Tuesday, March 13 — 7 p.m.
Voter Participation, Wood County Board of Elections Representative

April Meeting — TBA
Tuesday, May 22 — 11 a.m.
Annual Meeting. Noon Luncheon, Sheila Otto, Storyteller

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

Natural Resources Report:

Bring Back the Great Black Swamp And Other Ways to Save Lake Erie

September has been a very active and vocal month for issues concerning Lake Erie's condition and its seriousness. First, the City of Toledo, along with many others, including the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, *The Toledo Blade* Editorial page and other groups, such as a group working on bringing the Black Swamp conditions back to a farm in Defiance County, want to see the lake declared impaired. Where other areas such as Chesapeake Bay have been declared impaired, more funds have been designated to solve the problem and with more funds and study, improvements can be made.

I urge you to read several articles in depth. The first is *Scientist's idea to Save Lake Erie: Bring Back Great Black Swamp* in *The Blade*. It is a fascinating suggestion to return to what was once here to help protect our water supply.

There is an exhibit assembled by the Black Swamp Conservancy which is open Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark, Berkey. The exhibit features 35 images telling the story of northwest Ohio's landscape and wildlife — from its pre-European settlement wild origin to its current condition and looking onward to how the Swamp's revival might be the key to protecting our region's water supply. The exhibit is free.

The second article is an editorial titled *The Threat Is Now* in *The Blade* on September 24. This explains that the crisis is not coming. It is here. There is a need for leadership, for senators and representatives to do more, and for the EPA to be more effective and make its plan more known to the public. "We need impairment status, a federal action plan and an infusion of dollars and science," the editorial noted.



*Sue Hoffman
Natural Resources Chair*