



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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September Meeting Will Explore Common Core State Standards Initiative

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters, in cooperation with Way Library, will present Roger W. Minier, Ph.D., of the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation (NWOET), at a Topical Tuesday at 7 p.m. on September 9. Dr. Minier will speak on the Common Core State Standards Initiative.



Dr. Roger Minier, Ph.D.

He will discuss *Common Core History -- K-12 Testing and Beyond*, explaining how Common Core content standards were developed, how these standards relate to K-12 student testing, and what the future may hold for educational goals in Ohio.

He will also briefly discuss the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements, and how these may impact students' ability to get jobs with and without education beyond the high school diploma.

Dr. Minier has over 12 years classroom teaching experience and earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Toledo. He has served as Executive Director of NWOET for the past 12 years.

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

Two Perrysburg Citizens Will Receive This Year's Stranahan Citizenship Award

This year two outstanding Perrysburg citizens will be presented with the Virginia Secor Stranahan Annual Citizenship Award. They are Deb Buker and J.D. Justus. The award ceremony will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, at the former Secor Home, now known as the 577 Foundation.

Deb Buker has been an active volunteer, a leader in community organizations and an effective community advocate for more than 20 years. She has served as chairperson for Perrysburg Relay for Life for five years and is the current chairperson for the Bark for Life fundraiser. Ms. Buker is also president of the Exchange Club Foundation and currently vice president of the Perrysburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and will serve as president in 2015.

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Go Vote!

Will be a recurring theme this year for LWVPA

Help to pass the message on



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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

www.perrysburg.oh.lwvnet.org

President's Letter

Dear League Members:

In light of the upcoming vote on the Perrysburg school levy I thought we should be reminded of the League of Women Voters of Ohio position on education finance as well as our local education statement which was adopted at our Annual Meeting in May 2014.

The LWVO supports a funding system for public elementary and secondary education that is accountable and responsive to the taxpayers. LWVO believes that public funds should be used only for public schools (adopted May 1994).

The LWVO supports the following principle for the role of the local community in financing elementary and secondary education in Ohio: Individual school districts should be required to assume a reasonable share of the financial burden and should retain the option of increasing per pupil expenditure beyond this level through local taxes (adopted March 1969).

The LWV of Perrysburg Program under the section Human Resources and Social Policy Education states:

Study of current trends in education with continued support of the Perrysburg School System (including Penta County) for a good academic program. Support of levies (both property and income tax) when shown to be needed to sustain current educational standards and/or to provide specific needed improvements or maintenance. Support of bond levies to finance new buildings when designed for economy and flexibility in adapting to future space and program needs.

Nancy Kelley

Dues Are Due!

If you have not already paid your 2014-15 LWVPA membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. You can mail a check for \$65 for a single membership or \$97.50 for two members in the same household. Make the check out to LWVPA and mail to LWVPA, Box 712, Perrysburg, OH 43552.

This amount includes membership in your local, state and national Leagues.



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 9 – 7 p.m.

Common Core State Standards, Dr. Roger Minier.

Sunday, Sept. 21 – 2-4 p.m.

Stranahan Citizenship Award, Speaker: Tom Hosler, Perrysburg Schools Superintendent. Location: 577 Foundation

Tuesday, Oct. 7 – 7 p.m.

Examining Voter Turnout, Analyzing Campaign Strategy and Previewing upcoming Elections, Dr. Dale Lanigan. **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. **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

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.

Tuesday, April 14 – 7 p.m. *Protecting Our Natural Heritage*, Sara Brokamp.

Tuesday, May 12– 7 p.m. *Local Resources Fighting Hunger/Malnutrition in Our Community*, Stephanie Cihon, Promedica. **Tuesday, May 19 – 11 a.m.** Annual Meeting **Noon - Luncheon.** Location: Carranor Club

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

Stranahan Award *(continued from page 1)*

J.D. Justus has also had a positive impact on the Perrysburg community. He has organized countless fundraisers to help local families with medical bills. He has also volunteered at and raised money for Vail Meadows, an Oregon organization dedicated to helping persons with autism go horseback riding. Mr. Justus has served on the Perrysburg Board of Zoning Appeals and the Perrysburg Recreation Committee. A retired Perrysburg policeman, Mr. Justus helped to organize the Perrysburg Citizen Police Academy. Most recently he served for two and a half years as liaison to facilitate the completion of the Perrysburg Area Historic Museum.

Along with the awards ceremony on September 9, Perrysburg Schools Superintendent Tom Hossler will speak on the future of public education.

Observer Program Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being a league observer for Perrysburg City Council, Perrysburg School Board or Perrysburg Township meetings, please contact Sue Hoffman at rshuffy@bex.net or at 419-873-3753.

There will be an organizational meeting in September where we will discuss what needs to be done, how you can help and how much time is needed. The more of us there are, the less time for each of us. You will be making a difference and making sure that all League members get the news for each governing body.

Sue Hoffman, Chairperson

Be a Part of Harrison Rally Day

The Perrysburg League plans to make its presence known during Harrison Rally Day on Saturday, September 20. We are looking for volunteers to walk in the parade following a vintage Corvette with signs that say, "Go Vote!"

We will also need people to help with our booth, which will be located at the entrance to Way Library (inside the doors). League members will hand out "Go Vote" buttons and provide information on how to register to vote and information on the Perrysburg League.

If you would like to join the parade please contact Kevin Rantanen at 419-870-1771. To volunteer at our booth, call Nancy Kelley at 419-866-6013.

Kevin Rantanen, Chairperson

Book Sale Fundraiser at 577 Foundation

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.

Please save any books you no longer want for the sale. The center accepts fiction and non-fiction books. They do not take text books, damaged or musty smelling books, National Geographic magazines, books on tape, albums or movies, encyclopedias and reference books, Readers Digest novels, magazines over one year old or catalogs.

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.

Voter Registration in Full Swing

League members Judy Reitzel, Jan Samples, Martha Baldoni, along with President Nancy Kelley and Voter Services Chair Jacki Stedman attended junior/senior registration day at Perrysburg High School on August 11 to register new voters.

A total of 10 voters completed their voter registration forms and another five forms were sent home for siblings to complete. This means 15 new voters will be registered to vote in the November 4 election.

Thanks to these League members! There will be another opportunity to register voters during Harrison Rally Day on September 20 at Way Public Library. Call Nancy Kelley at 419-866-6013 to volunteer.



League volunteers Martha Baldoni and Jacki Stedman helped to register new voters at Perrysburg High School.

LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee Report

The Lake Erie Basin Committee held their annual meeting on July 16 in Rocky River, Ohio. The agenda included a proposal to revise the LEBC Program content, the election of officers for 2014-15, and an update on fracking.

The following officers will preside for the coming year:

Co-Coordinator: Kathy Hanratty and Carol Redmond

Recording Secretary: Mary Mundzak

Co-Corresponding Secretaries: Mary Bugeia & Marty Sickinger

Treasurer: Nena Hankins

The proposed Budget for 2014- 15 submitted by Nena Hankins and Mary Lou Gault was approved. The suggested contribution for the member leagues will remain at \$30. Some minor revisions were made to the proposed LEBC program content and then it was approved by the committee members.

The Lake Erie Basin members were invited to attend the Lake Michigan LWV Annual Meeting to be held in Traverse City, Michigan, October 3,4 and 5. The theme of the meeting is *Climate Change and Biodiversity for Lake Michigan*. Information on speakers, field trip options, and registration can be found at the LWVLMR.org website.

There will also be a meeting regarding the Asian Carp issue on September 24, in Oak Harbor sponsored by the Lake Erie Commission. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Carol Russell.

As part of the state reports, there are still concerns regarding the Lake Erie algae problem (and since this meeting, we all have experienced the Toledo Water Problem).

Carol Russell and Thurid Campbell attended the annual meeting representing LWVPA.

This letter, from the Lake Erie Basin Committee Leadership regarding our water problem, was sent to the member leagues on August 15.

**League of Women Voters
Lake Erie Basin Committee**

August 15, 2014

Dear LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee Members:

Recently nearly 400,000 residents of Toledo, Ohio that are served by the city's water intake in Lake Erie found they did not have access to safe drinking water. Excess levels of phosphorus fed the toxin, microcystin, to create this unthinkable situation. Attached to this email is a Lake Erie Alert related to harmful algal blooms (HABs) and recommended remedial action. We encourage all of our LEBC members to take action as individuals by contacting your state and federal legislators. If your local League program supports these actions, we urge you to act as a League when contacting your state legislators. Our five state Leagues can assist by recommending that State and Federal legislators act promptly on these issues. Thank you in advance for your supportive action.

In League,

Kathy Hanratty and Carol Redmond
Co-Coordinators
LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee

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