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## October Meeting Will Feature Talk On US/North Korean Relations

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area in cooperation with Way Library, will welcome Dr. Neil A. Englehart of Bowling Green State University, for a discussion on North Korea on Tuesday, October 9 at 7 pm.

Dr. Englehart will discuss United States and North Korean relations, how we got to this point, how the North Korean government stays in power, and what we can expect for the future.

Dr. Englehart holds a bachelor of Arts degree in History and East Asian Studies from Oberlin College and a Ph.D. from the

University of California, San Diego. He is Associate Professor and chair of the Political Science Department at Bowling Green State University.

He works on human rights, state failure, state capacity, non-state armed groups and the politics of Asia. His most recent book is *Sovereignty, State Failure and Human Rights: Petty Despots and Exemplary Villains* (Routledge, 2017). This program is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.



Dr. Neil Englehart

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### Correction:

The officers listed in this year's membership directory should read Vice President Program Virginia Luce; Vice President Membership Joyce Quinlivan, and Director Voter Service Debra Gorman.

This change aligns with our new bylaws.



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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.  
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## President's Letter

Dear League Members,

This month I am continuing my article on the talk that I heard given by Bari Weiss, a writer and editor for *the New York Times*. Ms. Weiss was speaking at the Chautauqua Institute in July. Her topic was the modern-era seven dirty words. Last month I explained her use of *the word imagination*. *This month the second word is humility*.

Weiss asked us to consider the case of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of *the Little House on the Prairie* series. Wilder's work has become a synonym for racism because she wrote, "There were no people, only Indians lived there," and "the only good Indian is a dead Indian." This was written in the 1930s. It is true that if written today by an author she would be chastised, but Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in 1867. "She was, like every one of us, a creature of her time." Weiss went on to say, "Yet the arbiters of culture are convinced that she deserves to be censored for nineteenth century morals based on morals we hold dear today." (Wilder's attitudes toward Native Americans led the Association for Library Service to Children to strip her name from its children's book award.)

More recently, Mia Merrill, an art history major, pleaded to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to warn patrons about Balthus's sexually suggestive painting of a young girl – as Weiss put it, "the dangers of looking at art," Merrill argued. She claimed that the Met is, perhaps unintentionally, supporting voyeurism and the objectification of children.

Following that logic, "Most art would be deemed vulgar — art across the globe features naked forms. It is a given that literature and art will offend. That is its nature." Weiss continued by saying, "Likewise, it is also a given that the cultural and social mores of the past will change. Fifty years from now, which one of us will be erased for the sin of eating animal flesh?"

Modern-day morality isn't the end game — "Let go a little of our hubris, and lean into humility."

Next month's column will deal with her third word: *proportion*.

*Nancy Kelley*



## Upcoming Meetings

**Sunday, Oct. 7** — 2 p.m.  
*Candidates Forum.* Holiday Inn French Quarter, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9** — 7 p.m.  
*North Korea.* Neil Englehart, PhD, BGSU Political Science Department.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13** — 7 p.m.  
*Perrysburg Moving Forward.* School Asst. Supt. Kadee Anstadt, Mayor Tom Mackin, Police Chief Dan Paez, Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz, Councilman Haraz Ghanbari.

**Tuesday, Dec. 4** — Noon  
*Holiday Luncheon.* Carranor Club, Music.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019** — Noon  
*Annual Program Meeting.* Luncheon.  
MEMBERS ONLY.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22** — 2 p.m.  
*Women Running for Office.* Lydia Mihalik, Mayor of Findlay.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** — 7 p.m.  
*Effects of Global Warming in the Midwest.* Timothy Davis PhD, BGSU Biology Dept.

**Tuesday, March 26** — 7 p.m.  
*Free Speech on College Campuses.* Dr. Samuel Nelson, Univ. of Toledo Political Science Dept.

**April 23** — 7 p.m. *Net Neutrality.* Dr. Samuel Nelson, Univ. of Toledo Political Science Dept.

**Tuesday, May 21** — 11 a.m.  
*Annual Meeting.* Noon Luncheon, Presentation: *One Hundred Years of the League of Women Voters.*

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

\*New Information. Please note changes.

## Do You Know Which Industry Uses the Most Fresh Water?

By Sue Hoffman, Natural Resources Committee

If you are like me, you might love reading articles that inspire and teach new things. Such was the case with *Rivers Run Through Them* by Katherine Weil in the July/August issue from Sierra Club. It opens with a question: "Which industry is responsible for the greatest volume of freshwater withdrawals in the United States?" My guess was agriculture; it was wrong. The correct answer is energy generation.

The following facts are from this article.

1. On an average day, U.S. power plants use about 161 billion gallons of water. They are responsible for 41 percent of all freshwater withdrawals, compared with agriculture's 37 percent.
2. Our modern coal, natural gas and nuclear power stations are what engineers call thermoelectric plants: essentially, sophisticated steam engines that heat water to create steam to drive turbines.
3. In order to operate, the nation's thermoelectric power plants use, on average, three times more water per minute of operation than what flows over Niagara Falls in that same 60 seconds.

The article continues to point out that "older power plants' reliance on huge quantities of water makes them vulnerable to climate change disruptions like drought and extreme summer heat." In addition, as we found after the last hurricane in the Carolinas, "thermoelectric power plants are usually built next to freshwater sources like rivers. If the coal-ash pits leak or break, they can release toxics into the water." This just happened.

The article also points out that "power plants are thermoelectric stations that heat water in boilers until the water becomes steam. Water is also used to cool their operations and then it is released back into the streams or rivers which changes the aquatic ecosystems. Fish become stressed or die in the process. The average fresher water temperature is 67 degrees F and the average discharge temperature is 73 degrees F. Also, the fish can get trapped against the screens fitted inside the pipes, and smaller fish, eggs, and aquatic larvae sometimes get sucked into the cooling system and die."

The bottom line is that power plants require water — a lot of it — to generate electricity. In the process, they kill fish, disrupt riverine ecosystems and threaten drinking water.

## Next Brews and Views Event To Be at New Location

Our next Brews and Views event will take place in the back room at Te'kela on Wednesday, October 17, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The address is 25481 North Dixie Highway in Perrysburg. Along with lively discussion the event will feature the outstanding Te'kela happy hour (half off all appetizers and drinks) which runs until 5:30 p.m.



*An Invitation:* To Meet Jen Miller, Executive Director  
of the Ohio League of Women Voters  
(newly appointed in May 2018)

*Where:* POCO PIATTI, Levis Commons,  
3155 Chappel Dr., Perrysburg, 43551

*When:* Saturday, October 13, 2018

*Time:* 11:30-1:30 pm

*Cost:* \$13.00 includes a lovely selection of hummus, fatoosh, chicken wraps, and other delicious Lebanese/Mediterranean food

*How to pay:* Make a check out to Nancy Kelley, 14650 Dexter Falls Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551. (Your check will be your receipt.)

*NOTE:* Jen is going around the state trying to meet as many LWV members as she can. She will have a brief 20 minute presentation and then answer questions from us. Here will be your chance to find out what the State League plans are for this year and the next.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 8. So look at your calendars, plan to come to this "Meet & Greet"

***LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GIVE JEN MILLER  
A WARM WELCOME TO NW OHIO!!***

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