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The Voter November 2018

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Message from the President:

Presidents Message
Time to take a deep breath. One election is over, but the 2020 race for president will start soon, I suppose.

It was a historic election for women, with 98 in the House of Representatives, and 12 in the Senate. Many of these were first-time candidates. In addition, they are bringing a diversity of national origin, religion and sexual orientation to our national government.

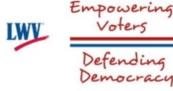
This election exposes the continuing need for the League, the ACLU, Common Cause and other groups to continue our vigilance on voter suppression. The attempts to obstruct access to the polls in Georgia and Oklahoma, especially, demonstrate that we can never let down our guard.

My goals for 2019 are:

- 1. Continue our membership growth; we are pleased that 6 new members have joined in 2018.
2. Create opportunities for our members to be involved in voter registration and legislative activities. I welcome input from all of you on how best we can do this.
3. Plan a celebration for 2020 of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment and the founding of the League (along with the State and other Leagues).

It is clear that the League's mission is as relevant as ever!

~ Alice Frazier



LWV-Delaware County was busy educating voters on issues and candidates this past month. As a non-partisan organization, we do our best to present all sides of issues and to promote civil dialogue. County Commissioner Barb Lewis (R) and Aileen Wagner (D) Candidate for County Commissioner were happy to display kindness and respect across the aisle at our candidate forum held at the Delaware Area Career Center in October.

Voter Updates:

November 6 Election had Immense Turnout and Full Slate of Candidates for Both Parties

Some interesting facts:

- Delaware County had a 65.66% turn-out which was much higher than the statewide turnout of 54.3%.
The number of voters who chose to cast early or absentee ballots rose significantly from the last midterm elections to 32,739 in 2018 vs. 19,488 in 2014.
For the first time in many election cycles, both parties had a full slate of candidates increasing the choices for the voters in the county and also increasing the competitiveness of the districts and therefore the accountability of our elected representatives.
All races went to Republican candidates in the county.
The Delaware County Board of Elections has some great online tools for you to use if you are interested in looking at precinct by precinct outcomes. The new "Scrolling Results" tool is especially informative.
You can also look at the results of the election on the Ohio Secretary of State Election Results page.
Please note that all results at this time are unofficial.
The LWV of Delaware had an active season holding Candidate Forums and voter registration drives. We could do more if we had more active members. Every little bit helps, reach out if you are interested in helping with voter initiatives! lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com

Membership Renewal:

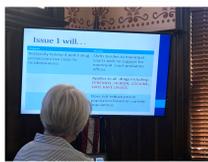
It's time to renew!

It's that time of year again! Not just are the Holidays fast approaching, but it's time to renew your membership in the Delaware County League of Women Voters for 2019. The renewal form can be found here. Once again, the Board has voted to keep the dues at \$65 for an individual and \$100 for a family. Since the County League keeps only about \$5 of our dues payment, any donation to our tax-deductible Melva Hunter Ed Fund would be very appreciated and will help us to continue our local Chapter activities. Please return your dues payment by the end of the year, preferably before or at our Holiday dinner on December 19th. If you have any trouble printing the form please contact Laurie Nolte at laurieang3@gmail.com.

Call Laurie with any questions about membership and/or dues: (614)649-2494

You can send the completed form to Laurie at: 182 Tinley Park Circle, Delaware, OH 43015

Thank you for your continued support for the League of Women Voters!



Judge Marianne Hemmeter discussed State Issue 1 with us on October 24th. She was joined by Delaware City Attorney Darrel Shulman and City Prosecutor Melissa Schiffl. It was extremely informative and gave us the type of resources we needed to make an informed vote.

Holiday Dinner: Save the Date

Please join us for the LWV-Delaware County Holiday Dinner. This year we will be at Tavern 42 in Concord Township. The meal will be December 19. Watch your inbox and Facebook for details! Hope to see you there.

Date: 12/19
Cost: TBD
Location: Tavern 42, 5200 US 42, Delaware, OH

Hot Topics Brown Bag Lunch

Due to the holidays, there won't be a Brown Bag luncheon in either November or December. If you'd like to be involved in finding venues or speakers, please contact Trish Bishop at basktroxministh@gmail.com Stay tuned for 2019, we're taking a look at changing things up a bit. Hope you all enjoy the holiday season.

Save the Date: 2019 LWV-Ohio Statehouse Day

Time and Date: March 27, 2019
Place: Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capital Square

Save the Date: 2019 LWV-Ohio State Convention

Time and Date: May 10-12, 2019
Place: Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center
100 Green Meadows Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio

Now You're 18!: Youth Program

The Delaware County League of Women Voters, Delaware County Bar Foundation and the Delaware Area Career Center App Development program are collaborating to update and adapt the Clermont County League of Women Voters and Bar Association's booklet, Now You're 18, to a website and an app. The basic format has been set up and the language is being formatted to better fit the online applications. The Delaware Bar Foundation is reviewing the material to make sure it is up-to-date and accurate. They are also providing funding for the expenses involved. The goal is to have the website and app ready for a test run with a group of students by early spring. lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com

Media Communications and Community Relations Committee:

- The committee is in need of a chair and members. Please contact the League if you are interested in helping to manage the image of the LWVDC through various media. lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com

Development (Membership and Fundraising):

- The Committee is actively seeking opportunities to share information about our League and its activities. Please reach out to the League to schedule an event.

We are keeping busy in the community and could do even more with your participation! Contact us now: lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com

Statehouse Update:

Get Ready for Lame Duck

Crazy things have been known to happen during lame duck sessions when Ohio's legislature reconvenes after the general election and the end of the session is less than a month away. Legislation has been rushed through at late hours with few or no hearings; legislators are emboldened to act before their time runs out and all bills not enacted die on December 31.

Be ready to respond to Action Alerts from LWV Ohio which we will share on our Facebook page. Our state League has already declared its opposition to the two "stand your ground" bills, HB 228 and SB 180. Governor Kasich declared in a recent press conference that he would veto these measures if passed, but there is some danger that the legislature could override his veto—so watch for this. The Ohio League already issued an Action Alert (Nov. 9) to ask for a 'No' vote on SB 250 to protect the right to peaceful protest. This bill would criminalize the right to peaceful protest at oil and gas facilities in Ohio deemed "critical infrastructure projects." The Action Alert notes that this legislation was drafted by "dirty energy" industries in reaction to protests against large pipeline projects, and is a copycat bill of others drafted by those same officials across the country.

Action Alerts are always based on existing League positions. The strength of our grassroots organization is that our members developed, know and support the advocacy positions taken by the League. Of course, there's always the possibility that a bill will move that we want to support, so keep an eye on your inbox and on Facebook—things happen fast in lame duck.

Also, the League's redistricting court case is set for trial on March 4. If we win, it would mean that the state would be redistricted for the 2020 election, and not wait until after the 2020 census.

Interested in becoming a member?

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages.

Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Through participation in League projects, you will:

- contribute valuable service to the community
gain knowledge and experience through the study and discussion of timely and important topics
discover new interests, develop new skills and learn about crucial issues in your community
make professional contacts and develop lasting friendships as you meet others in League who share your interests

Cost for memberships are: \$65.00 single member; \$100.00 two members in the same household; \$10.00 student membership (cost \$35 with \$25 scholarship available). There are some scholarships available. Please inquire.

Visit our website to learn more about us and how you can join.

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Mission: The League of Women Voters of Delaware County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through voter education and advocacy.

Vision: As the respected nonpartisan resource for voter education and advocacy, the LWVDC envision an inclusive community of informed citizens participating in civic affairs and the electoral process.

Core Values: The League of Women Voters of Delaware County will:

- Promote objective, nonpartisan, unbiased comprehensive voter information on federal, state and local community issues and candidates.
Engage with other Delaware County organizations to achieve successful programs on one or more key community issues each year.
Increase participation of a diverse community in voter education and other and outreach programs.
Strive to maintain our status as the respected nonpartisan resource for voter education and advocacy in the county.

Our mailing address is: 4477 Chapman Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

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