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**Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.**

**The Voter**  
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**Hello from the League:**

We had quite a month with our well-attended Equality Day celebration and our Hot Topics Brown Bag Luncheon, as well as our presentations at the Delaware Rotary Club. We are looking forward to September to our National Voter Registration Day events on September 25 at Columbus State Community College and a discussion with Jen Miller, new Executive Director of the Ohio League of Women Voters at our Hot Topics Luncheon on September 26.

We are always interested in ideas about events that you would like to see the League sponsor or be involved in, especially if they are related to the education and advocacy about fair elections and voting rights. And we would really welcome your involvement at any level. Feel free to reach out with your ideas through [email](mailto:email). We'll get right back to you!

We hope to see many of you at our events this month!

**Voter Updates:**

**Balderson wins the US Congressional District 12 Special Election**

In a very close race, Troy Balderson (R) won the special election for US Congressional District 12. He was sworn in on September 5th and will hold this seat until January. He will face Danny O'Connor once again in the General Election in order to gain the opportunity to represent US Congressional District 12 for a full 2-year term to begin in January.

**LWV-Delaware Continues to Support LWV-Ohio in Verify Your Vote Campaign**

The League is still out in the community with the Verify Your Vote Campaign. If you have any ideas of events where this would be a welcome and fruitful venture, please let us know. We have until October 9 to help people register, update and verify their vote before the November 6 General Election.

We were scheduled to attend the Community Unity Day in Delaware sponsored by the Second Ward Community Center on September 9th. However, due to weather conditions it was **rescheduled to October 6, 10am-6pm**. We would love to have more volunteers for this effort as this is just before the cutoff for participation in the General Election. Please reach out to Alice at [lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com) to sign up now!

If you just want to help folks figure out how to verify their vote from home, you can share the [myvoteohio.com](http://myvoteohio.com) link and let them know they can check and update their information anytime.

Our main mission is helping people to understand the issues and to get out to vote so this is a perfect opportunity to help, even from home.

**LWV-Delaware to Supports Upcoming Candidate Forum**

Watch for details for an upcoming candidate forum for the general election which we will support with the LWV-Metro Columbus.

**Upcoming Events:**

**September Hot Topics Brown Bag Lunch: Meet the Executive Director of the LWV of Ohio**

**Speaker: Jen Miller**, Executive Director of League of Women Voters of Ohio  
**Date and Time:** Wednesday - September 26, 2018, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm  
**Place:** [Delaware County Board of Elections Office](http://Delaware County Board of Elections Office)  
2079 US Highway 23- Suite 4 - Delaware

This month you will get to meet the new Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio. Jen grew up in a small town here in Ohio. She came to the LWV from the Sierra Club, where she'd been since 2008. For nearly twenty years she's worked with diverse communities to promote social and environmental justice through positions with Columbus Parks and Recreation, King Arts Complex, Global Gallery, and OSU. Miller earned her Master's in Arts Policy, Education and Administration, a program of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. She is also a graduate of the US Department of Energy NREL Leadership Academy. Inspiring others to participate in civic engagement is her deepest passion. She is a jazz singer and proud mother of one daughter.

Come meet Jen, hear her thoughts on where all of us in Ohio League of Women Voters are headed...what are the priorities...and what can we in Delaware County do to help achieve the goals.

For more information, contact:  
Trish Bishop 614-394-8339

Bring your lunch and a drink, no reservation necessary.

Don't miss your chance to learn about the League's priorities for the upcoming year! Hope to see you there!



Jen Miller, Executive Director of LWV Ohio will brief us on State priorities on September 26 at noon.

**National Voter Registration Day Event**

National Voter Registration Day has been celebrated since 2012. It is held annually on the 4th Tuesday of September. The holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). It is further supported by the National Association of State Election Directors (NAS-ED).

The Delaware LWV has been holding the event in cooperation with the Delaware Campus of Columbus State Community College for the past several years and we will be out there again this year. We will be helping students and the public register to vote and verify their existing registrations.

We'd love to have your help. Please RSVP to the League at: [lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com)

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 10am-2pm  
Location: Columbus State Community College  
[5100.Comerstone Drive, Delaware, OH](http://5100.Comerstone Drive, Delaware, OH)



**12th Annual Community Unity Day.**

Join the League in a registration event at the Community Unity Day in Delaware sponsored by the [Second Ward Community Initiative](http://Second Ward Community Initiative). This annual event was originally scheduled for September 8th but was rescheduled due to the rain for October 6.

The theme of this years event is: Be the light, wisdom, and hope. The mission is to unite all members of the Delaware Community by striving to network and foster relationships with positive resources available to our community.

It sounds like a perfect fit for the League. We will have a table and tent set up to help register and verify registrations for members of the Second Ward community.

Please let us know if you would like to take a shift. Email the League at: [lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com](mailto:lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com)

Date and Time: October 6, 10am-6pm  
Location: [Second Ward Ross Street Park & 50A Ross St., Delaware, OH 43015](http://Second Ward Ross Street Park & 50A Ross St., Delaware, OH 43015)



Attendees enjoyed a presentation on Courts in Ohio from Camille Wimbush of Ohio Voices at our August Hot Topics Brown Bag lunch and a presentation and opportunity to socialize on Equality Day with special guest The Matrons.

**Committee Updates:**

**Outreach and Programming Committee:**

**Hot Topics Brown Bag Lunch Series Recap**

This past month we had a wonderful presentation about the Court system in Ohio by Camille Wimbush of Ohio Voices. We learned about how the Supreme Court Justices are voted and about the limited regulations regarding recusals in cases where there might be a conflict of interest. Camille was an integral part of the Fair Districts Redistricting Committee and now will be working on Fair Courts. If you are interested in learning more about her efforts, please contact her at: [camille@ohiovoice.org](mailto:camille@ohiovoice.org)

**Equality Day Celebration**

Ale Wine and Spirits in Powell was the venue for LWV Delaware County's annual Equality Day Celebration August 28. League members and guests munched hors d'oeuvres and sipped wine while listening to Elyssa Schneider, Executive Director of Matrons, a nonpartisan PAC which supports women candidates for Ohio public office.

Ms. Schneider stated that the PAC had its beginnings with six women who met eighteen months ago to consider ways to encourage more women to run for Ohio public office. Electing more women who will promote a healthy economy conducive to success and prosperity for women is the purpose of Matrons.

The organization consists of a thirteen member Board of Directors that establishes policy and strategy for the PAC, is regulated by the Secretary of State, and permitted to endorse and contribute to candidates for state and local office. Any person who contributes to the PAC under Ohio election law is a member. The organization \$750,000 in contributions from 500 members.

Source: Matrons Fact & FAQs

**Media Communications and Community Relations Committee:**

- The Committee is investigating changing website platforms, enhancing features and posts on FB, and continues to keep the newsletter posted monthly and the website calendar up to date.
- We are continuing to investigate non-profit status for the LWV of Delaware County with Facebook which would allow us to have donations made through our page.
- 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](mailto:lwvdelawarecountyohio@gmail.com)

**Development (Membership and Fundraising):**

- The Committee presented our newly revised presentation at the Rotary Club of Delaware County on 9/10/18 to a full house.
- They'd love to present at other local organizations to expand both membership and community partnerships. Please reach out to the League to schedule and event.

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

**Other Items of Interest to League Members:**

**City of Delaware Comprehensive Plan: Request for Participation**

**Delaware Together**  
The City of Delaware Comprehensive Plan is being developed and an important part of creating this plan is for residents to provide ideas and suggestions. There are five workshops scheduled for September, and the Steering Committee is hoping to have wide attendance and input. Please put one of the dates on your calendar.

- Sept. 13 at Willis Education Center, 6:30
- Sept. 25 at YMCA/ Ohio National Guard at 6:30 or at Conger Elementary School at 6:30
- Sept. 26 at Source Point at 5:30
- Sept. 27 at Second Ward Community Center at 6:30

More information is available at: [delawarestogether.net](http://delawarestogether.net)

Planning for the Future is important and this is an opportunity Leaguers should not miss.

**Statehouse Update:**

**Update on Human Trafficking: Online Trading**  
The Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission recently heard the results of a study it had commissioned on how social media exploit Ohio youth. The University of Toledo's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute's "Social Media and Sex Trafficking" report notes that sex trafficking of minors can now be conducted exclusively through e-commerce, avoiding detection.

The study cites a proliferation of websites that specialize in human trafficking—Bedpage, Cityxguide, Skipthe games, SeekingArrangement.com and Sugarbabies.com. (Bedpage replaced the notorious backpage.com.) One contributor to the study estimated that 42 percent of victims that initially met their trafficker online never met their trafficker in person and were still being trafficked.

Foster children are particularly vulnerable to being trafficked. One of the victims cited at the commission meeting was quoted as saying: "Being in foster care was the perfect training for commercial sexual exploitation. I was used to being moved around without warning and without my say, not knowing where I was going or whether I was allowed to pack my clothes." She felt that it made sense that her new trafficking "family," like her foster family, would make money off her.

Prof. Celia Williamson, director of the institute, stated that parents who are educated about internet trafficking can defend against potential recruitment and exploitation of their youth online by monitoring where youth may go on the internet and who is talking to them.

Sadly, the commission was told that human trafficking has expanded into illicit trade in human organs, adopted babies, child brides and child soldiers.

-Karen Rainey

**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. There are some scholarships available. Please inquire.

Visit our [website](http://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 programming.
- Strive to maintain our status as the respected nonpartisan resource for voter education and advocacy in the county.

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