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Message from the LWV-DelCo President:

September is the month the League and its partners place special emphasis on Voter Registration; we have had four events where we registered 50 new voters! We spent two days at Columbus State Community College in Delaware to support the National Voter Registration Day, where our volunteers Celia Yail, Carolyn Kneisly, Liz Gitter, and Rayna Patton registered most of these new voters. Last year nationwide there were over 850,000 voters registered and we are hoping our local numbers are reflective of the final nationwide tallies. You can keep updated at the National Voter Registration Day website. We also had tabling events at the Second Ward Community Unity Day, and at the Vintage Market and Gardening Fair at Scioto Gardens Nursery, where Corrine Lyman, Katherine Gharriy, Barb Tull, Julia Foster, Becky Cornett, and Candace Daniels signed up a couple of new voters and were also able to interact with members of the community and let them know we would welcome participation and new members! Many thanks also to Trish Bishop for use of her table and tent, and to Maree Bird for help in supplies and organization.

You have all read about the purge of “inactive” voters in Ohio. The removal process is intended to remove deceased voters and those who have moved to another state. After a person has not voted for two years, AND has not responded to mailings from the BOE, AND has not voted for 4 more years, they are removed from the rolls. However, when the LWV Ohio and other groups reviewed the list of 235,000 names submitted to the Ohio Secretary of State, they found voters mistakenly targeted for removal who were NOT inactive. Here in Delaware County, the number of names to receive postcards to verify their registration status is much lower, and has so far been accurate. We are very fortunate to have dedicated and conscientious Board of Elections personnel. This, however, illustrates a much larger, national problem. Individuals can lose their vote as a result of incompetence and carelessness, OR from deliberate obstruction to voter access by stricter ID laws, unjustified closing of polling places, restricted voting hours, and outright fraud, as occurred in North Carolina’s 9th Congressional District race in 2018. Here the winner was found to have tampered with and destroyed absentee ballots. (This race was subsequently decided in a special election in Sept. 2019.)

You can verify your registration status at MyOhioVote.com. The League is committed to defending democracy by registering voters and speaking up for voter access and voters’ rights. We welcome the participation of all our members in this mission.

Finally, I have been asked on multiple occasions if we will be having voter education events for this November’s election. As there is only one contested county-wide election, we will not be holding candidate forums. However, Vote11.org, our customizable voter information website, will be up and running with as much local information as we can obtain.

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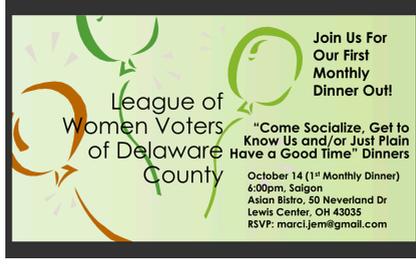
Member Engagement
Equality Day Celebration



On Monday, August 26 in celebration of Equality Day, the anniversary of day the 19th Amendment was ratified, we had a celebration featuring Dr. Richelle Schrock of Ohio Wesleyan University. She shared with us her valuable insight on the patriarchal system of governing and a potential alternative based on an ethic of care. The event was well-attended by seasoned and new members, as well as members from the community. We thank Dr. Schrock for her time and research.



League Members enjoying each other's company at the Equality Day Celebration.



Monthly Social Gathering

Come Join Us for our *Monthly Dinin' with the League*, An Informal Get-to-know you, Get-together for Members and Friends. We will be trying a couple of actions throughout the county and will try both lunch and dinner times. Watch for a monthly announcement! So far we have 10 folks signed up. Hope to get to know more of you there! RSVP is appreciated (so Saigon can get tables set up for us) but not required.

New Member Focus:

Welcome to Student Members and New Student Member Fee Structure
National and Ohio Leagues have both been offering free student LWV memberships. LWV Delaware has decided to jump on this band wagon in hopes of attracting students. We already have 2 new student members.

Welcome to:
Katie Gustafan, Ohio Wesleyan Student
Zinnia Erickson, Buckeye Valley High School Student.

We are happy to have you and hope to find ways to keep you engaged with voting issues here in Delaware County

Welcome to New Members

We are also very happy to welcome two new members.
Mitzi Ellis
Kathy Gosnell
We cannot wait to get to know you!

Welcome New Board Member, Becky Cornett



Becky has already been busy with us. She attends many of our events and is seen here working as a liaison between the community and the League at the Scioto Gardens Heritage Garden Festival



Becky Sutherland Cornett, Ph.D., is a community volunteer having retired in October 2017 after three decades of service at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center. Her professional experience spans clinical service delivery, operations management, regulatory compliance and fiscal integrity, government affairs, and strategic planning. Her primary expertise is in health policy and health care reform. Cornett has contributed over 130 articles, book chapters, and presentations, and two textbooks in speech-language pathology during her career. She was the first Director of Impact for the national board of Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) and currently serves on WELD's national External Relations Committee. Cornett was the inaugural chair of the Quality and Compliance Committee of the Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Board of Directors. In addition to her board appointment with LWV, Cornett serves on the Delaware County Transit Board and the board of directors of SourcePoint. She is a volunteer guardian for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and is a volunteer in the after school program at Dempsey Middle School. Cornett was inducted into Western Michigan University's Outstanding Alumni Academy in October 2017 and is a Fellow of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Cornett moved to Delaware County in 2018 (from Gahanna) with her husband The Rev. Ward L. Cornett. Her interest areas for LWV include the importance of informed voting, including judicial elections; and combating voter suppression.

Statehouse Update:

The legislature is back in action—sort of—after its summer hiatus. On the issue of gun control, numerous bills have been introduced but the process is in slow motion.

Governor DeWine’s 17-point proposal, which followed the mass shooting in Dayton, has yet to be introduced as legislation, although several other gun bills introduced earlier are beginning to be heard in the Senate. These include:

- Senate Bill 62, Prohibit Trigger Cranks, Bump Stocks
- Senate Bill 63, Firearm Transfers
- Senate Bill 64, Raise Minimum Age--Firearm Purchases
- Senate Bill 65, Firearm Transfers—Gun Shows

All of these had their first hearing on September 17 in the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, and all are sponsored by Sen. C. Thomas.

On the House side, the leadership is reluctant to move forward with the gun control bills that have been introduced. None has been heard as yet. The bills are:

- House Bill 316, Red Flag Protection Orders (referred to House Health Committee September 24)
- House Bill 317, Firearm Transfers (referred to House State and Local Government Committee September 24)
- House Bill 349, Large Capacity Magazines (introduced September 24, not yet referred to a committee)

The League’s position is that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. If you are interested in lobbying on this position, please let the state office know—more help is needed to follow these important bills.

In other nonaction, House Bill 305, School Financing was introduced on June 26, and referred to the House Finance Committee. This is the much-lauded school funding reform plan prepared by Reps. Cupp and Patterson, prime sponsors. It has been modified from the original proposal, but no hearings are scheduled yet. The big issue appears to be parity between wealthy and poor districts. League will be watching this.

For those interested in knowing the full range of legislation the League’s lobbyists are following, **consider joining the lobby corps** to have access to the Legislative Tracker, as well as the Hannah News Service, the premier reporting service on state government. Just call the state office (614-469-1505) or email info@lwxohio.org.

-Karen Rainey

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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; Free student membership. 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 programming.
- Strive to maintain our status as the respected nonpartisan resource for voter education and advocacy in the county.

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