



THE VOTER

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Thanksgiving

The weeks building up to the election have quite literally been a blur!

Each day was filled with hundreds of emails, texts, and phone calls to schedule dozens of candidate interviews and to gather information for the *Voters Guide*, candidate forums, National Voter Registration Day, and just the day-to-day questions that we receive from citizens who want information about candidates and ways to vote.

When I speak to a candidate or a member of the community, I am awed that the first words they utter are usually “thank you.” Thank you for organizing the forum, for giving us the opportunity to be part of the *Voters Guide*, and for supplying us with voter information.

I wanted to make sure that you knew, because you make it all happen.

To the dozens of volunteers, led by Kim Senft-Paras chair of the League’s Fair Election Committee, who led map-making sessions across Greene and Montgomery Counties to educate the community, and who showed up in droves to testify in person and in writing to demand fair districts, thank you.

To Jo Lovelace Hill, VP of Voter Service, and again, the DOZENS of volunteers who registered voters at 15 locations on National Voter Registration Day, thank you.

To Sandy McHugh, Greene County Representative, and Greene County League members who organized a forum for Fairborn candidates and registered voters in Fairborn and Xenia on National Voter Registration Day, thank you.

To Peggy Ann Berry, Stephanie Smith and Dianne Herman who spent hours conducting candidate interviews which air on MVCC and DATV up until the election, thank you.

To Lucy Anne McKosky and her merry band of *Voters Guide* volunteers, oh my goodness, thank you! This year’s *Voter’s Guide* was a HUGE endeavor with over 200 candidates in contested races, requiring a 36-page magazine! And thank you to everyone who pitched in to get all those *Guides* delivered!

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted you to know just how grateful I am for everyone who has taken the time to explain advocacy issues and processes to me and pitched in wherever you were needed.

I’d like to wish you and yours a beautiful holiday weekend!



~Chris Corba,
Executive Director, LWVGDA

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From the President's Desk

There are some new faces in League leadership this month. Leslie Merry, our Membership Chair, resigned due to a conflict with her other community activities, although we are happy that she will still continue as a committee member. Fortunately, Alaina Shoemaker has agreed to step into that role.

Jo Lovelace Hill tendered her resignation as Voter Service Vice President effective December 31, but anticipating that, began to work with Dianne Herman this election season to take over that role. Dianne has a long history of service with the League and will be a valuable addition to the Board.

And last but not least, Cynthia Hatton Tepe resigned from the Nominating Committee to pursue other League activities. The Nominating Committee recommended Susan Hesselgesser to take her place. Sue will bring a wealth of knowledge of League activities, and she knows everyone!

Valerie Lee has been appointed as our Dayton representative to the League of Women Voters Ohio Lobby Corps. This work she has been doing for some time but is now formalized. There is so much more to League than voter registration and voter education. We can look forward to a better understanding of what is going on in Columbus and how we here in Dayton can be impactful.

This edition of *The Voter* also introduces you to Jessie Combs, our new administrative assistant. She has already proved to be a great asset to our organization.

As we move forward, there are conversations on how to engage our members in League activities. And as always, your ideas and comments are welcome. Email them to leaguedayton@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

~Mario, LWVGDA President



Meet Our New Administrative Assistant Jessie Combs

After a long search, we found a fantastic talent to provide needed administrative services to our League.

Jessie Combs started as our administrative assistant in October. She has a BA in Social Work and was a Customer Service Manager at the United Way. Most recently, she provided child care at her church's center and volunteered extensively with Girl Scouts, PTO, etc. as she was raising her children.

Say Hi the next time you are in the office!

Voters Guide a Trusted Cornerstone in Empowering Voters

When you receive this copy of *The Voter* we will be within a day or two of the November election. The *Voters Guide* will have been distributed throughout Greene and Montgomery Counties, including 3,750 issues in Spanish. This immense effort has been spearheaded for years by long-time member Lucy Anne McKosky, who worked with other League members Jo Lovelace Hill, Andy Cobb, Maria Cleary, Kim Senft-Paras, Deb Lukjanovs, Peggy Coale, Joanne Davis, Mario, Marylou Baker Jones, Bonnie Buddendeck, Sandy McHugh and Valerie Lee to create this year's edition. Lillian Moskeland, Claudia Cortez-Reinhardt, Derek Petrey and Julio Quintero translated the *Voters Guide* into Spanish.

The clock starts when the candidates are certified by the Boards of Elections. Each and every candidate is contacted via email or phone (emails this year were particularly problematic on our end, but that's a story for another day). Lucy Anne reached out to members in different communities to see what questions of candidates would be relevant. The League sent questions to each candidate, and after receiving responses, went to work on the layout for the publication. This year we were at a **record 36 pages**.



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non-partisan, non-biased information
directly from the candidates*

After weeks of formatting the final edition, it goes to press. The League contracts with the *Dayton Daily News* and AIM Media to print **85,234 copies**. 54,134 are inserted in local papers and the remainder are delivered to approximately 175 locations. Michelle Arostegui develops a spreadsheet with delivery sites and volunteers for delivery. Voters can thank Andrea Bauer, Becky Jamison, Carolyn Bohler, Chris Corba, Cindy Hatton Tepe, Cindy Newlin, Janice Rice, Jean Tarr, Jeanette Schultz, Jo Lovelace Hill, Joan Mansfield, Katherine Cyphers, Kathy Turner, Laurel Kerr, Louisa Scarpelli Dreety, Lucy Anne McKosky, Maria Cleary, Marilyn Stewart, Mona Bailey, Nancy Nerny, Paula Ewers,

Rebecca Bowman, Sandy McHugh, Jerry Sutton, Sue Koverman, Sue Oblinger, SuEllen Benson, Susan Byerly, Susan Daly, and Bill Davis for having the *Voters Guide* available close to them.

The League takes pride in providing non-partisan, non-biased information directly from the candidates. Written responses are printed as sent from the candidates. There is no editing done on their submissions. If a candidate does not respond, that also is noted. As a League member, you can take pride in the fact that we are still one of the most trusted sources of information to guide you through the voting process.

To see the *Voters Guide* online, go to <https://www.lwvdayton.org/election-information>

Grab your calendar, and save the date:

Zoom CAPITOL CHAT

7 pm Monday, January 24, 2022

Reservations begin Monday, November 8, 2021 by check or PayPal through our website:

www.lwvdayton.org



Moderator for the evening is Jim Gaines

Statehouse Bureau Chief for the *Dayton Daily News*,
Springfield News-Sun and *Journal-News* newspapers

We have invited as our panelists for the evening:

All of our sitting Ohio Senators and Representatives

Who serve Greene and Montgomery Counties

For \$20, in support of the League, on a cold night in January while you sip hot chocolate (or something else stronger), you can join us from the comfort of your easy chair as Jim Gaines gives us background on some of the stories he has been covering at the Statehouse, asks our panelists to comment on what they think are the most important issues before our Ohio Legislature this season, and then takes questions that you may have.

Starting Monday, November 8, you can either purchase your \$20 ticket through the PayPal button on our website, or send your check to the LWVGDA, 127 N. Ludlow St., Dayton, OH 45402. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. Your tickets MUST be purchased no later than Thursday, January 20. On Friday, January 21, the link to join this event will be sent to your email address.

Member News



On the Move

Vivienne Himmell and her husband Roger have moved to be closer to their daughters.

Viv and Roger Himmell's new address is:
Yardely Commons, 209 Laurel Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

In Memoriam

The League mourns the death of longtime member Beatrice (Bea) Delph on September 24, 2021. Bea was an active member of our League until a few years ago when she moved to Tucson, AZ. Bea was a groundbreaking woman. As her obituary states, she was the first member of her Hispanic family to graduate from the University of Arizona in 1954 majoring in biology. She had a successful thirty-year career working in the Dayton Community Blood Bank. She left a legacy of being an educated Hispanic woman with a well-established career, a loyal wife and dedicated mother, who also found time to invest in her community, and also be an active member of our League.



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Friends Invite Friends to Join the League

You know that friend who is also interested in nonpartisan political encouragement of informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy? Invite your friend to join the League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area. Annual dues for an individual membership is \$66; for a two-member household, \$100; and for a student membership \$10. A portion of your dues supports the Ohio and National Leagues. Get a membership form at www.lwvdayton.org/membership-faq/ or give us a call at 937.228.4041.

VOLUNTEER VOICES



Voter Service: Heart and Soul of the League Mission

The League of Women Voters, 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 education and advocacy.

As VP of Voter Service, Jo Lovelace Hill has exemplified the work of this mission, particularly encouraging informed and active participation in government.

So far in 2021, Jo has coordinated and/or attended 28 voter registration events. This includes two naturalization ceremonies and the 15 events she coordinated for National Voter Registration Day. She has been a leader in all aspects of voter services, including her invaluable participation in the redistricting effort and the publication of the *Voters Guide*. Jo describes one of her favorite memories as “seeing the *Voters Guide* unfold from the beginning to the end under the leadership and guidance of Lucy Anne McKosky. She is brilliant!”

While Jo is going off the Board, she looks forward to working with Leslie Merry as part of the membership committee. “My goal is to inform potential members that League membership is open to all, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. We are nonpartisan and take on issues that are approved by League’s State Board or National Board.” Jo is grateful to everyone she met who is interested in registering voters. “Thanks to all - you are all the best!!!”

Dianne Herman will be stepping into the role of VP of Voter Service. Tag-teaming with Jo, Dianne says: “My goal as the new Vice President of Voter Service is to continue the excellent work of Jo Lovelace Hill, who added new innovations to this position by enhancing the marketing of voter registration events with signage, posters and tablecloths with the League logo. (Like Jo,) I also think it is important that we reach out to underserved communities and sponsor registration events in collaboration with other groups.” Dianne says self-interest drives her desire to be involved, “because you get to meet the most interesting people in the community, as well as the fabulous members of the League. My day is always a bit brighter and my world is a bit wider when I attend a League event or volunteer opportunity.”

Dianne will continue to coordinate the Speakers Bureau, but is looking for someone to replace her in that role eventually. If you are interested, please contact me. Dianne will provide training and support.

~ **Laurel Kerr, Volunteer Coordinator**
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*"Now that you have the vote,
what are you going to do with it?"*




-founder Carrie Chapman Catt

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Current Resident or:

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Absentee ballots must be postmarked today Early Voting 8 am to 2 pm	2  ELECTION DAY Polls Open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm	3 An evening with local author Sharon Short	4	5	6
7 Daylight savings time ends	8 Board Meeting 6 pm	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving Office Closed	26 Native American Heritage Day Office closed	27
28	29  Hanukkah begins	30				