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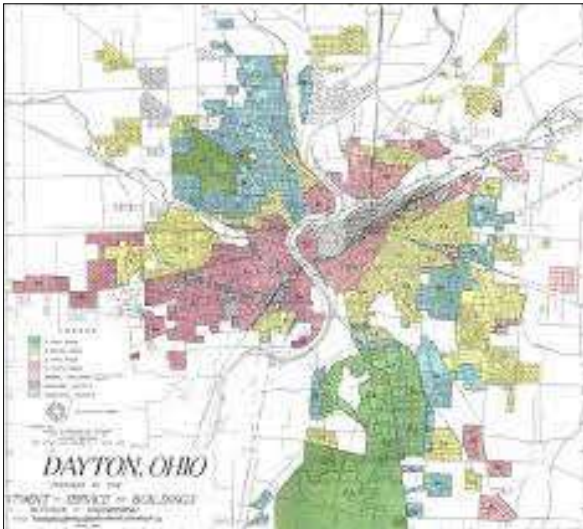
# THE VOTER

A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area

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## Where You Live Matters



20 Dayton neighborhoods where it is hardest to get a home loan

I am so excited that Dianne Herman, Lucy Anne McKosky and Jacqueline (Jacquie) Housel, the Chair of Sinclair Community College's Department of Sociology, Geography and Social Work, will represent the League at the University of Dayton's Imagining Community Symposium: Creating a More Equitable Dayton. The symposium will take place on April 7 and 8, 2022, at the PNC Hub at the Dayton Arcade. Their presentation will examine Social Inequity and Voting and will take place on Friday, April 8 at 9:15 AM.

Jacquie invited me to visit Sinclair's Mapping Equity Project exhibit, which illustrates the inequities that arose because of the "red line" that divides our community along racial lines; these include access to healthcare, poverty, and lack of greenspace. Particularly alarming to me was how the life expectancy of neighbors who live only a few minutes from one another can differ up to twenty years, depending on their address.

With support from the League's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, we set out to explore how these inequities might affect voting. Social Inequity and Voting will use maps from the Mapping Equity Project as well as maps created by Sinclair student, Jeremy Lisco, which illustrate how social inequity may affect voter turnout, and – spoiler alert – it does. Where you live matters.

I hope that you'll be able to join us as we talk about the maps and how we, as members of our community can find ways to ensure that all citizens have the tools they need to exercise their right to vote.

The symposium is free, but the University of Dayton strongly recommends pre-registering to attend by going this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imagining-community-shaping-a-more-equitable-dayton-registration-269164517317>

I hope to see many of you there!

~Chris Corba, Executive Director

## Our Contributors Fuel Our Mission

Thank you to all who have made a contribution to the League over the last month.  
A full list of contributors can be found on our website, [LWVDayton.org](http://LWVDayton.org)

### Thank you to new donors (as of March 15, 2022)

**Bonnie Buddendeck**  
**Barbara Gorman**  
**Roger and Macy Reynolds**  
**Beth and Alan Schaeffer**  
**Richard D. Smith**

### Program Planning

The LWVGDA Program Planning Committee met virtually in February to recommend and discuss issues/topics for consideration during the 2022-2023 program year. Since 2022 is an “even” year, discussion revolved around the League of Women Voters’ recommendation that local Leagues continue to support The Campaign for Making Democracy Work as the national focus. The group voted to support the national focus and brainstormed program ideas for the upcoming year. The program topics chosen by the committee were forwarded onto LWVUS.

They include:

- Expanding Voter Access
- Fighting Voter Suppression
- Money in Politics
- Redistricting
- Bail Reform
- Natural Resources with an emphasis on water safety

Planning is already underway to educate citizens about how the new district maps may affect where and for whom they vote. Look for hot topics on the League’s *Empowering You* monthly program, hosted David Bodary, Vice President of Program, as well as watch parties, and bringing in changemakers who help craft reform.



Welcome to our newest League members:  
Katherine and Paul Cooper  
Christie Csonka  
Helena Gerrard  
Dianne Marx  
Mary Kay Rehard



### LWVO Virtual Statehouse Day

Thursday April 7, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

\$10 for members/\$20 for nonmembers

[https://lwvohio.salsalabs.org/2022-lwvo-virtual-statehouse-day-event/index.html?](https://lwvohio.salsalabs.org/2022-lwvo-virtual-statehouse-day-event/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d80d972d-384a-4e7d-b3f0-a0c7775c01f3)

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### LWVGDA Annual meeting

Tuesday May 24, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, 660 S. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402

## From the President's Desk

Oh, where to begin? Our March Board meeting was packed with agenda items that needed approval so that we could offer them for your consideration. These items will be presented for formal approval at the Annual Meeting. They are found in the insert in this *The Voter*. Members will vote on the 2022-2023 budget, the slate of officers – some of whom are being proposed for a 2 year term, some for a one year term and Program topics.



The membership will also be asked to approve our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy, which is also found in the insert. Definitions of diversity, equity and inclusion can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. **Please read this in advance.** We welcome any comments or suggestions to make this policy an integral part of League activities.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, it will be held in person (woo-hoo!) on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 PM at the Goodwill Easter Seals building on Brown Street. Additional information will be sent out via email in May. Please make a point of attending. It is critical to our organization that we are able to meet and exchange ideas and experiences to find common ground in these interesting times.

As always, your ideas and comments are welcome. Email them to [leaguedayton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leaguedayton@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

~Mario, President

## 2022 Dangerous Dames of Dayton Honored

League members and the community gathered to honor the 2022 class of Dangerous Dames on March 8, 2022.



Keynote speaker, **Verna Williams**, Dean of the University of Cincinnati's College of Law presented "The Forgotten Founding." She shared the story of Congressman James Hinds, who advocated for the civil rights of former slaves, and was assassinated in 1868 by a Klansman because of his beliefs. Her fascinating presentation revealed that today's political climate resembles that of the 1860s when politicians tried to suppress the voting power of Black citizens through redistricting and accused the opposing party of election fraud.



In 1974, League member **Carol Graff** was the first woman appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals in Beavercreek and the first female Trustee of Beavercreek Township where she actively participated in the incorporation effort of the City of Beavercreek. She sat on the Beavercreek City Council for over a decade and was elected Beavercreek's first female Mayor in 1986.



Reverend **Dawn Martin** founded Girls Empowered and Mentored to success (GEMS) with the mission to mentor girls and their families from grade 6 until high school graduation, and help them to go on to college. Since 2007 Martin has mentored over 35 young women, 30 of whom enrolled in college.



Reverend **Vanessa Ward**, Co-Pastor Emeritus of Omega Baptist Church, founded the Omega Senior Living Project and Project Hope. She is the President of the Omega Community Development Corporation and oversees the organization's mission of providing services that help to develop and improve the lives of the youth, the families and the community of Northwest Dayton.

**Many thanks to our sponsors, Dayton Daily News, Houser Asphalt & Concrete, Sandy McHugh and Jerry Sutton, Rebecca Morgann and Carroll Day, Beth and Alan Schaeffer, Michelle Maciorowski Law, LLC and Sinclair Community College.**

## **The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area (LWVGDA) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Explanation**

### **Defining Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are mutually reinforcing. Increased inclusion is associated with increased equity; the majority of organizations with higher inclusion and equity also have greater demographic diversity.

#### **DIVERSITY**

Diversity includes all of the similarities and differences among people, not limited to gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, appearance, language, accent, ability status, mental health, education, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, and political perspective or affiliation.

#### **EQUITY**

Equity is an approach based in fairness to ensuring everyone is given equal opportunity; this means that resources may be divided and shared unequally to make sure that each person has a fair chance to succeed. Equity takes into account that people have different access to resources because of systems of oppression and privilege. Equity seeks to balance that disparity.

#### **INCLUSION**

Inclusion is an ongoing process, not a static state of being. Inclusion is the dynamic state of operating in which diversity is leveraged to create a healthy, high-performing organization and community. Inclusion refers to the degree to which diverse individuals are able to participate fully in the decision-making processes within an organization or group.

An inclusive environment ensures equitable access to resources and opportunities for all. It also enables individuals and groups to feel safe, respected, engaged, motivated and valued for who they are and for their contributions toward organizational and societal goals.

#### **DEI Lens**

A DEI lens is a way of examining a program, a process, a product, etc., with regards to how it is perceived by a variety of communities, voices, and perspectives, and what, if any, barriers may exist that are preventing it from being equitable or inclusive of everyone.

- Who is involved in the process?
- Who will be impacted?
- What are the intended and unintended outcomes?
- Does this align with our vision for an equitable and inclusive organization?
- What changes could be made to make this more equitable?

#### **DEI Focuses On**

- The Individual – analyzing our individual biases and diverse dimensions.
- The Organization – examines ways in which the League can represent our community through the course of equitable and inclusive participation with collective leadership opportunities.
- The Community – analyzes the way in which our League is helpful to our partners in uplifting underrepresented voices and acknowledging the value in democracy.

## Voters Guide Sponsors Needed

Each year, our community looks forward to the *Voters Guide*. In fact, we're already getting calls asking when it will be available! We need your support to continue this important service to our community.

The *Guide* has provided voting information for the Greater Dayton Area since we were founded in 1920. It is printed in English and Spanish and distributed in the Dayton Daily News, the newspapers of AIM Media, the *Oakwood Times*, *Yellow Springs News* and *La Guardiania* and delivered to over two hundred businesses, high schools and churches, as well as the Montgomery and Greene County libraries.

It provides information about candidates' views, written in their own words - we do not correct spelling, grammar or punctuation - and pro and con information about issues. The *Guide* also provides useful information to help citizens be ready to vote by providing voting hours, voting options, eligibility and ID requirements.

The *Voters Guide* is provided as a community service and is not a fundraiser, but we can't do it without your help. Each donation helps to underwrite printing and distribution costs, which increase each year. Your tax-deductible gift of \$100 will put the *Guide* into the hands of 1000 voters! Plus, those who sponsor 1000 copies or more will be listed on the back of the *Guide*.

You can use the donation form below or make your donation through the League's website, [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org). Please call 937.228.4041 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

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YES! I want to support the *Voters Guide*

I have enclosed my tax-deductible gift:

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I would like to distribute *Voters Guides* at my business

Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a check payable to LWVGDA with this form to:

127 N. Ludlow Street, Dayton OH 45402 or visit our website at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org) to donate!





## Earth Day is April 22

The theme for this year's Earth Day is *Invest in our Planet*. League of Women Voters states "As citizens of the world, we must protect our planet from the physical, economic, and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity."

### An Invitation to Environmental Enthusiasts

~Submitted by Kathleen Turner  
Natural Resources Director

The League will be participating in Five Rivers Metropark's Adopt-a Park Day in celebration of Earth Day, and to show our community spirit by getting gardens ready to flourish this summer for food, beauty, and carbon dioxide capture.

- When - Saturday, April 23 from 9 AM- 12 PM. There will be t-shirts given out commemorating the day. And at noon there will be free lunch for volunteers at Riverscape in Downtown Dayton.
- Who - anyone age 14 or older
- Where - Wegerzyn Gardens Metropark, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton 45414. At this time they have 4 more spaces available. If we get more people than that we can switch to the Adventure Central Metropark which has many spaces available.
- Our volunteer duties - "Assisting with clean-up of garden beds and borders. Specific tasks include weeding, edging, hoeing, raking, and mulching." This includes routinely "bending, kneeling, reaching, and possibly lifting objects of 15 pounds or more. However, there is something for everybody "

To sign up or ask questions- email Kathy Turner, LWV Natural Resources Director at [songbird\\_kt@yahoo.com](mailto:songbird_kt@yahoo.com) or call her at 937.222.4720.

### Recycle Medical Supplies

Looking for a place to recycle medical equipment and supplies? There are many organizations that will accept new or gently used items. Call ahead for more information.

~Submitted by Ann Wolf

#### The Food Bank

937.461.0265

Tube feeding formulas, tube feeding bags and tubing baby food, nutritional supplements (Boost, Ensure)

#### SICSA

937.294.6505

Dressings, syringes, needles, catheters

#### Reach Out Clinic

937.258.2000

Wheelchairs, walkers, unopened packages of diapers

#### Access Center

937.341.5202

Wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, shower chairs, hospital beds, scooters, unopened packages of diapers and pullups

#### Goodwill Easter Seals Medical Equipment Loans

937.528.6357

All Goodwill stores throughout the Miami Valley will accept items that will be loaned to people in need free of charge. Items donated will not be sold. Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, bedside commodes, nebulizers, CPAP and BIPAP, diapers (partial packages accepted)

#### St. Vincent DePaul

937.222.5555

Dressings, diapers (open packages accepted), personal care items

# VOLUNTEER VOICES



## Let's Hear it for the DDD...D?

You've hopefully had the pleasure of meeting and hearing about the Dangerous Dames of Dayton, honorees of the League's largest annual fundraising event. But have you met the DDDDs who make this and other fundraising events happen every year? Yes, I'm talking about the **Dedicated Development Dames** of the **Dayton League**.

I learned through a delightful conversation with Barbara Buddendeck that the Funding and Development Committee was born out of a dinner club, with members recruited by beloved and now-deceased League member Brenda Whitney. While several of the original 11 members are no longer part of the committee, others have joined their ranks over the years. Currently, six committee members are doing a tremendous amount of work, with help from the League staff and board members.

After experiencing the Dangerous Dames event last month, I had some questions; perhaps you're curious as well. Here is what I learned from Barbara:

When it comes to choosing a speaker and selecting the honorees, Barbara says, "It is a very 'free flowing' discussion. That is what makes the committee fun!"

In selecting honorees, "We look for women who are making a difference, women who are willing to stick their neck out. Sometimes they are women who are well-known and connected, but more often they are women who are working hard but have been unrecognized. When their stories are told, they draw attention to issues that need help."

And choosing a speaker? "Deciding on a speaker is a lengthy conversation within the committee. Who will be a draw? Who can we afford? Who will the Board approve? What topic is currently of interest? Who is available? So many factors must be considered...Dean Williams topic was timely and fit with the League's focus this year."

And something else I learned: Those delicious cupcakes, beautiful centerpieces, and other touches that make the event even more memorable are donated by the committee members themselves. DDDDG – Generous!

**Nancy Adkins**

Nancy Adkins, Barbara Buddendeck, Laurie Siebenthaler Fanning, Linda Fish, Peg Schulz, Mario, Beth Schaeffer and Cindy Hatton Tepe, we are grateful to each of you for your role in the success of the League through inspiring, timely, and informative fundraising events.

Does this committee and their work pique your interest? Contact me if you'd like to learn more and I'll put you in touch!



Linda Fish



**~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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