



Serving Montgomery and Greene Counties

Mission Statement

The LWV, 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.

REPORT

TO THE

COMMUNITY

July 2020 - June 2021

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If you would like to receive an email invitation to our many community events, please send an email to league@lwvdayton.org and put "notifications" on the subject line.

**The LWV of the Greater Dayton Area
welcomes everyone.
Any person 16 or over may join.**

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Purpose

Advocate for voter education and action on issues

Core Values

- Respect individuals
- Value diversity
- Empower grassroots
- Recognize the power of collective decision-making for the common good
- Encourage civic engagement

Services for Montgomery & Greene Counties

- Election Hotline
- Candidate Forums
- Candidate interviews on cable television
- Voter registration services
- Legislation/election information
- Speakers Bureau
- Observation of government meetings
- Community Board participation
- Link to State and National LWV
- Facebook and website election information

Publications

- Annual *Voters Guide*, versions in English and Spanish, distributed through local news publications, on-line @ lwvdayton.org and Vote411.org
- Annual *Directory of Public Officials*
- Monthly *Voter* Newsletter
- Report to the Community

Funding

The LWV depends solely upon contributions from our members and the community.

Membership

We continue to expand our membership and welcome all who are 16 and over to join us.

Highlights

Presentations:

- The 100th Anniversary of the Signing of the 19th Amendment
- The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area's (LWVGDA) First 100 Years
- Childcare during the Pandemic
- Hunger and Food Insecurity in the Miami Valley
- Bridging the Partisan Divide

Participated in:

- National Voter Registration Day
- Naturalization Ceremonies
- The City of Kettering's showing of *Not For Ourselves Alone*
- *The Complicated Struggle for Woman Suffrage*, in partnership with LWV Ohio
- Women's history events with nine local organizations
- Virtual Candidate forums in partnership with Dayton Access Television (DATV) and the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC)

Activities:

- In partnership with DATV, the League produced the play, *The History of the LWVGDA 1920-2020*, by Susan Hesselgesser
- League members wrote and filmed a program with MVCC about the history of the 19th amendment and how the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic affected the efforts of women working toward their right to vote
- Organized eleven voter registration drives prior to pandemic, and two drive thru voter registrations during the pandemic
- The **Dangerous Dames of Dayton** event kicked off a new century of the League's efforts to encourage informed and active participation in government
- Worked with Greene County Board of Elections to clarify acceptable voter identification for students at Central State and Wilberforce Universities
- Mailed election information and absentee ballot forms to naturalized citizens during the pandemic to assist them as they cast their first votes as new citizens

Collaborated with:

- Dayton Daily News
- Sinclair Community College
- League of Women Voters Ohio
- Girl Scouts of Western Ohio
- DATV

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