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League Remains Steadfast Source of Truthful Unbiased Information

It's been an incredibly busy year and I'd like to thank you for your passion and your dedication to the League. So many wonderful things happened in our community because of your time and talent. You registered over 1000 new citizens to vote; thousands of voters who rely on the League for truthful and unbiased information picked up copies of the *Voters Guide* or visited our website; you educated citizens about redistricting and voting and issues; you rallied; you wrote letters; you drove change. You stood up for our rights. Truly, you are each a bright and shining star. This holiday season, I wish you:

- Laughter
- Peace
- Joy
- Serenity

Take time to rest and to recharge. Eat the cookies, stay in your pajamas for the day, enjoy a movie marathon. You've earned it!

~Chris Corba
League Executive Director

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GREATER DAYTON



CAPITOL CHAT

Tuesday, January 24
7:00 PM

Virtual (Link provided after registration)

Join the League via Zoom for Capitol Chat
Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Jo Ingles, who covers politics and Ohio government for the Ohio Public Radio and Television Statehouse News Bureau and Amelia Robinson, Opinion and Community Engagement Editor for the Columbus Dispatch, will discuss what they believe were the biggest stories from the Statehouse in 2022 and what to expect in 2023.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased via PayPal **HERE** or by sending a check to the League office at 127 N. Ludlow Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Questions? Call 937.228.4041 **Please provide an email address to receive the**



We're Celebrating the Holidays IN PERSON!

For the first time in too many years, members are invited to share some holiday cheer at our Dayton League office on Wednesday, December 14 from 5:30--7:30 PM. Bring an appetiser dish to share. Festive beverages provided as well as a few surprises!

Please let us know you are coming by December 12. So looking forward to this!



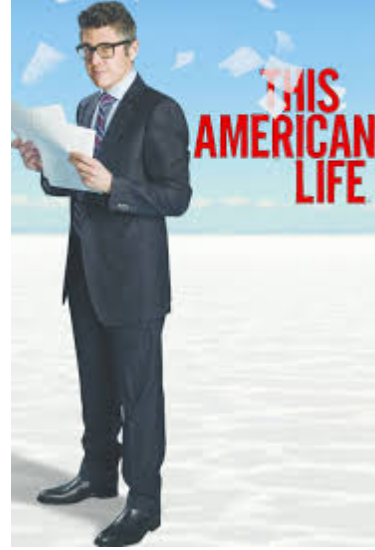
League Memberships Make Great Gifts!

Still looking for that perfect stocking stuffer? Wondering what to get that family member or friend who has a passion for the work of the League? Give them a membership to your League or donate in their honor! Individual memberships are \$66, household memberships are \$100, student memberships are \$10. We'll send a beautiful gift card to the recipient. Gifts can be purchased on our [website](#) or send a check to the office at 127 N. Ludlow Street, Dayton, OH 45402. Be sure to give us the name and address of the person for whom you are purchasing a membership or honoring, and we'll handle the rest!

Jen Miller and Catherine Turcer Featured in *This American Life* Episode

This American Life hosted by Ira Glass, is a weekly

podcast that knits stories around a theme. The November 5 episode, “Mapmaker, Mapmaker Make me a Map” highlights Ohio’s redistricting process. LWVO Executive Director Jen Miller and Common Cause Ohio Executive Director Catherine Turcer and others speak about the process from their points of view. Ira Glass weaves a compelling story. **Take a listen.**



League to Hold Listening Sessions with Membership

Last summer, the League hosted listening sessions in support of the ACLU’s efforts to identify priorities for 2023. A wonderful thing happened along the way. During those few hours as we answered questions about our communities and life experiences, we got to know each other at a deeper level. We connected. Some of those who participated thought it would be a good idea to invite the entire membership to engage in similar discussions. The DEI committee agreed, and a planning committee was born! Since this effort is being supported by the DEI committee, the discussions will place an emphasis on Diversity. Understanding each individual is unique and that by recognizing individual differences and similarities we add to the richness of the League experience. The DEI committee’s goals are for members to:

- Get to know each other at a deeper level
- Learn about issues that are important to members and their communities, and
- Move toward action At “Reaching Across the Aisle”

Ambassador Tony Hall shared stories of the past when elected officials socialized; their kids went to school together; their spouses were friends. Shared dinners, family trips and kids’ sports events led to friendships resulting in a willingness to work together toward the common good. He said, (and I’m paraphrasing) that in order to drive change, we need to be “vulnerable,” accept our differences and celebrate our similarities.

During our first committee meeting, we asked the group what they liked about the conversations. They told us that they enjoyed getting to know each other at a different level; that the discussions were “authentic” and “real.” One committee member said, “These are the conversations we really need to have.”

The plan is to get these conversations started in March. The committee is still working out the details, but we hope that when you get a phone call inviting you to participate, you’ll consider it.

~Chris Corba

League Member Honored for Commitment to Nourishing Our Community

Congratulations to Deb Mustard-Gibson, chair of the League's Social Services Committee (far left) for receiving the Montgomery County Food Champion Nourishing Spirit award at the 2022 Montgomery County Food Summit, held on November 10 at Sinclair Community College.



Deb is the driving force behind the Social Services Committee, which was created in 2021 to give League members the opportunity to give back to the community through volunteerism. The Social Services Committee continues to volunteer at the Food Bank and is resuming service at the House of Bread starting in January.

Volunteer service will be on the second Tuesday of each month. House of Bread service dates are January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The House of Bread requires that the committee provide no more than five volunteers, so volunteers are asked to RSVP.

The Food Bank service dates are February 14, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, and December 12 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are always appreciated.

If you would like to join these efforts, please contact committee chair Deb Mustard-Gibson at 937.409.4466 or via [email](#).

UPCOMING CALENDAR

December 13: Lobby Corps

December 14: League **HOLIDAY SOIREE** 5:30-7:30 PM

December 15: Naturalization Ceremony

December 23--January 2: League Office CLOSED for the holidays

January 16: Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 24: **CAPITOL CHAT**

January 31: Program Planning Meeting



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