



# THE VOTER

## Monthly News & Updates

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### League Members Shine Bright This Summer

The LWVO convention was held June 9, 10, and 11. Eleven LWVGDA members attended the annual event, but I want to brag about how AMAZING the Greater Dayton chapter is. LWVO voted to accept a position on Criminal Justice, on which LWVGDA member David Bodary has worked tirelessly for two years to craft. Peggy Berry was elected to serve on the LWVO Board of Directors. Jacquie Housel (VP Voter Service) and Jennifer Bryant provided a workshop on our Voter Empowerment program. Its goal is to find ways to increase voting among registered voters who don't vote. Those who, while registered to vote, aren't going out to the polls. We received kudos for all the work we've been doing surrounding Issue 1.

We've accomplished so much in the past eight weeks, I have to say we are STUPENDOUS! We hosted a program featuring Governor Bob Taft and Michael Curtin with nearly 300 people in attendance. We've distributed VOTE NO signs, buttons, and information to thousands of voters. We have been everywhere

**VOTE NO**  
ON **AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

### LAST PUSH TO AUGUST 8 ELECTION

We are days away from one of the most pivotal elections in Ohio history - the vote on Issue 1.

Here's a recap of why this vote is historic:

- The election is being put before voters in August, months after the Governor signed a bill that all but banned August elections because of their high cost and low turnout. It is obvious Ohio legislators supporting Issue 1 were hoping for a low turnout. This important issue deserves full voter participation in a general election.
- Issue 1 effectively takes away Ohioans' right to submit citizen-led amendments to the state constitution by making it almost impossible for citizen-led to even get on the ballot and creates a new 60% +1 voting threshold, ending a 111-year-old precedent. Asking Ohioans to vote away this right is undemocratic.
- Citizen-led amendments to the constitution were added by Ohioans

all summer long: speaking engagements, parades, markets, fairs...you name it and you're likely to see a LWVGDA member there wearing a VOTE NO button or T-shirt! We're headed into General Election time so we'll be registering voters, distributing the *Voters Guide*, hosting candidate forums and more. The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area is strong because of YOU!

*~Chris Corba  
Executive Director*

in response to a corrupt legislature that listened to special interests over the people's will. The checks and balances principle of government is a vital part of a democracy and the voice of Ohio voters should not be silenced by the passage of Issue 1.

- Passage of Issue 1 could jeopardize future constitutional issues deemed important by Ohio citizens for generations over short-term November gains, which is reprehensible.

Keep reaching out to family, friends and coworkers to urge them to VOTE NO on or before August 8. Tell them about our [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) site or call the League for voting information. **Not voting = a yes vote!!**

*~Mary Robertson  
VP Community Relations*



## Voting Information Made EASY

[Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) is an award-winning site that provides voters everything they need to exercise their right to vote, personalized! Early voting times, precinct location, what to bring to the polls...this site has it all! Really helpful to first-time voters. Spread the word!



## From the President's Desk

Wow! What a challenging but exciting time to begin my term as President. What normally would have been a gradual transition preparing for a November Election has been one of feverish activity focused on this unprecedented but important August 8 Election. It has been gratifying to work with staff, members, and the broader community who rallied

to accomplish so much in such a short time in order to inform and educate voters about the changes in voting requirements and the importance of their vote on Issue 1. A special shout out to everyone who showed up to march in parades, (wo)man booths, distribute literature, give presentations, write postcards, attended fairs and festivals, displayed yard signs, and make made sure family, friends, and even strangers are were aware of the importance of showing up to vote NO in this election. As I take a moment to reflect, I realize that this call to action has proven our League's ability to quickly mobilize, respond and collaborate. This was possible because of the sustained dedication and commitment of our members over the years. With the continued support of our longtime members, the energy and

engagement of new members, and increased community partnerships, our League is growing stronger and reinforces our value as a trusted source of information for voters and a defender of democracy. It is truly a pleasure and opportunity to serve with all of you, as we continue the League's important work to educate, inform and empower voters.

~Respectfully, Beth Schaeffer, President

## New Member? Meet the Team August 7

Board Officers, Directors and Committee Leads are anxious to meet you at our next New Member Orientation Monday, August 7 at **Centerville Woodbourne Library**. Come for the snacks, stay to meet the most amazing volunteers dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy.

### A Toast to Tenacity

August 24  
Wandering Griffin, Beavercreek  
6 PM

*Celebrate  
National  
Women's  
Equality Day*



### A Toast To Tenacity!

Celebrate Women's Equality Day at "A Toast to Tenacity!" on August 24, 2023, at **The Wandering Griffin**, 3725 Presidential Drive, Beavercreek, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 and include heavy appetizers and entertainment provided by Chris Heider – Just Passing Through.

The Wandering Griffin is brewing a special beer in honor of women winning the right to vote. You'll get to vote on its name and learn more about the brewing process and the suffrage movement. There'll be

music, conversation and fun. What more can you ask? See you there!

**Purchase your tickets here.**



### Be Part of the Leadership Circle

The Dayton League is among the largest and most active Leagues in the state, and that's because of the support it receives from its members and the community. You received a letter at the beginning of July asking you to consider a donation to help the League's efforts. This year, it's more important than ever. In the past twelve months, women's rights to make their own health decisions has been challenged; teaching "uncomfortable" history has been forbidden; voting has become more

difficult; unconstitutional district maps continue to dominate our elections, and we are in peril of losing our ability to effect change through citizen-led ballot initiatives. The political climate of our country is incredibly volatile and it's crucial that the League provide the information citizens need to make educated decisions at the polls. Our rights depend on it. You can help make it happen. This year's campaign will end August 31. Those who

donate \$100 or more during that period will appear in the *Voters Guide*. Remember: All donations to the League are tax deductible as allowable by law.

Thank you in advance for your support of YOUR League!

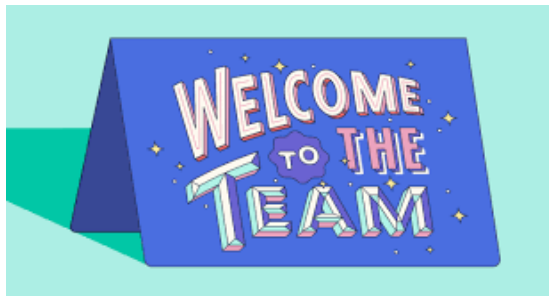
## **DONATE HERE**



### **Maria Camacho is a Community Gem**

Best wishes to member Maria Camacho as she prepares to attend Brown University this fall. Maria has been an active member of the League for just over a year. She interned in the office last summer, took part in our ACLU Listening Session and most recently participated in our Planning + Strategy process. She IS a gem!

**[Read Article About Maria](#)**



### **Welcome New Members!**

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## **Water Quality Follow Up**

On May 3, the League hosted “Threats to the Dayton Area’s Water Supply.” For those interested, here’s some follow-up information about forever chemicals in our food

and water:

## Avoid Forever Chemicals



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## UPCOMING CALENDAR

**August 7:** New Member Orientation, Centerville Woodbourne Library, 5:30 pm

**August 8:** Election Day: VOTE NO!  
LWVO Lobby Corps, Noon  
Funding and Development Committee,

**August 17:** Let's Go Together! African American Museum Tour 11:00 am

**August 22:** LWVO Lobby Corps, Noon  
Voter Service Call

**August 24:** A Toast to Tenacity! Wandering Griffin in Beavercreek, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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