



*The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Report*  
for the *League of Women Voters*  
of *Bowling Green*



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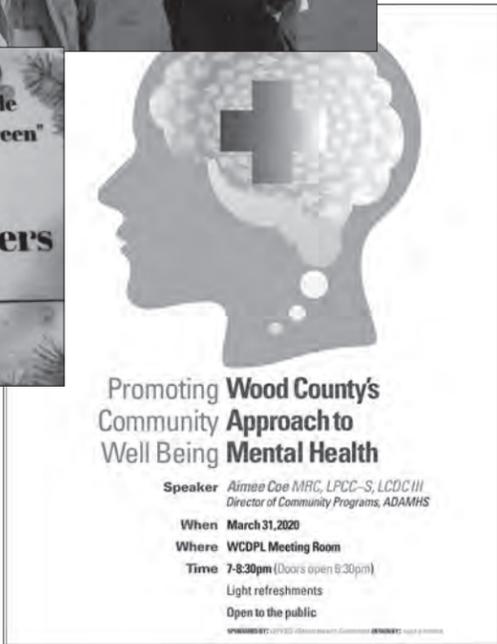
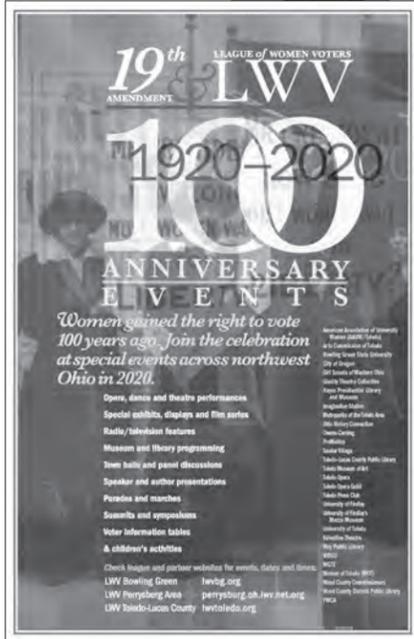
*The purpose of the  
 League of Women Voters  
 of Bowling Green shall  
 be to promote political  
 responsibility through informed  
 and active participation of  
 citizens in government, to  
 increase understanding of major  
 public policy issues and to  
 influence public policy through  
 education and advocacy.*

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# The President's Report: Visibility & Cancellation



Two words sum up the 2019-2020 year in our League: *visibility* & *cancellation*.

We have been very visible this year, beginning with our reenacting the "Votes for Women" marches of 1920 in the 2019 Bowling Green Holiday Parade in November. We carried our message and we were cheered by people all along the route. We were very visible at the Valentine Theater for the Ballet Theater of Harlem performance on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Before and after the performance, 15 of our members wore our "Votes for Women" sashes, handed out LWV cookies to theater attendees, showed them our history displayed on 15 banners... and told them about our local Leagues. They read more about the League on the insert in their programs. 20 Girl Scouts joined us because of the anonymous gift of tickets for all of us by one of our members. All attendees enjoyed a splendid performance by the Ballet Theater of Harlem.

- ★ We have been very visible observing the BG City School meetings each month.
- ★ We increased our visibility in Bowling Green with the addition of 50 "Early Voting Now Open" signs.
- ★ We are always visible on Facebook's and Instagram and now on VOTE411.
- ★ We were visible at the Frozen Swamp celebration in February, thankfully in the heated tent.

Our visibility and our standing in the community were increased by the exceptionally well-run Candidates Forum in October, which had a record attendance of 289. Our Finance Drive also set a record!

Our program, "Skilled Nursing Facilities: Care Close to Home" provided very useful information. This program was organized by the Senior Concerns committee.

But then the cancellations began as the COVID-19 pandemic hit Ohio: a program with LWVOhio Executive Director Jen Miller on March 19; a talk by Susie Kaeser LWVOhio Education Specialist on March 24; and a Mental Health public presentation on March 31. Each of these programs would have been interesting and fulfilling of our mission to inform voters.

Also cancelled were 41 events relating the 100th anniversaries of the passage of the 19th Amendment and the founding of the League. Judith Kehrle united the Perrysburg, Bowling Green, and Toledo Lucas County Leagues into a cohesive working unit which produced over 100 events and/or displays.

As of this writing, Ohio is under a stay-at-home order since March 22 which has brought League activities to a standstill, except for what we can do on-line. We very much hope that most of the planned May through December events will happen eventually. All of us are eager to be active once again.

*Lee Hakel*  
LWVBG President

# 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: League of Women Voters of Bowling Green

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**Saturday, June 8, 2019 Stadium View Community Room, Bowling Green, OH**

## Members Present:

Lynn Ackerson	Todd Childers	Jennifer Karches	Barbara Moses
Roger Anderson	Ellen Dalton	Flo Klopfenstein	Joy Potthoff
Betty Jean Anderson	Katelyn Elliott	Judy Knox	Jane Robb
Julieanna Armstrong	Anne Graves	Randy Kreischer	Char Sherer
Ruth Ann Beaverson	Lee Hakel	Jeanne Langendorfer	Ellen Scholl
Frances Brent	Sharon Hanna	Betty Laukhuf	Steve Vessey
Anne Bullerjahn	Kristie Herringshaw	Neocles Leontis	
Bob Callecod	Elayne Jacoby	Marilyn Levinson	
Joan Callecod		Lee McLaird	
		Judy Miller	

President Lee Hakel welcomed members to the 67th annual meeting of the League of Women Voters Bowling Green and called the meeting to order at 10:10am. She thanked Flo Klopfenstein for again overseeing the catering of the breakfast. President Hakel appointed Roger Anderson as the Parliamentarian. Roger then declared a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed. President Hakel thanked Todd Childers for designing the new New Member packets and asked members to please help distribute them. She extended thank yous as well to

Marilyn Levinson for securing the community room and to Denise Zephier and Tonya Eiden for keeping the website and social media up to date. She presented the President's Award to Judy Knox for her tireless work for the League and for helping make the League viable and visible. Judy's efforts helped make the Board operate efficiently and effectively. The speaker for the meeting was Dr. Wendy Manning, a sociology professor at BGSU. Dr. Manning spoke about the upcoming census.

## Secretary's Report:

President Hakel asked for three volunteers for the Minutes Review Committee. Judy Knox, Joyce Kepke and Lee McLaird volunteered and were appointed to the committee. Ellen Dalton moved to approve the minutes of the

2017 Annual Meeting as printed in the Annual Report. Jean Romans seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

## By-Laws Review and Revision:

The By-laws Committee members were Ellen Dalton, Elayne Jacoby, and Janet Parks. The proposed revisions were outlined. In Article IV Section 1 replace "Two of the elected directors shall be responsible for communication and development directly" with "The Board of Directors shall appoint one of the elected directors to be the Development Director". This eliminates the position of Communication Director and specifies the process for designating the Development Director. Ellen Dalton made a

motion to accept the revision. Elayne Jacoby seconded and it was passed by voice vote. In Article VI it was proposed to eliminate the reference to the Marilyn Singleton Fund, which no longer exists, and replace it with all monies and securities being transferred to Wood County District Library in case of disbandment. Ellen Dalton made a motion to accept the revision and Sharon Hanna seconded. It was passed by voice vote.

## Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Moses reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 operating budget with the members. She highlighted some new figures. The League of Women Voters Bowling Green Scholarship was increased to \$1,000 from \$750. The Guide to Public Officials cost of printing increased and the new budget reflects allowing for that. There will be costs associated with the National Convention that will be

in June in Washington DC. A new Memorial/Honors Fund has been established as a way to better utilize memorial contributions. The current overall balance is \$16,265.46. Barbara made a motion to accept the budget as written and it was seconded by Anne Bullerjahn. It was passed by voice vote.

## Policies:

The Non-partisan Statement and the Diversity Policy printed in the Annual Report were reviewed. Ellen Dalton moved to readopt the Non-Partisan Policy and the Diversity Policy. Jeanne Langendorfer seconded. They were readopted by voice vote.

**A written report of each committee's activities for 2018-2019 was printed in the annual report. Ellen Dalton made a motion to readopt the local committee positions. Julieanna Armstrong seconded and it passed by voice vote.**

## Nominations:

### Nominating Committee Members:

Neocles Leontis (Chair)  
 Ellen Scholl  
 Katelyn Elliott  
 Elayne Jacoby  
 Kay Sergent

### Slate presented for one-year terms:

#### Vice President Program

Anne Bullerjahn

#### Director

Ellen Dalton

### Slate presented for two-year terms:

#### President

Lee Hakel

#### Vice President Membership

Jennifer Karches

#### Secretary

Katelyn Elliott

#### Directors (two-year term)

Sheilah Crowley

Randy Kreischer

Janet Parks

Ellen Scholl

President Hakel asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Neocles Leontis made a motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers. Elayne Jacoby seconded and the slate was accepted by voice vote.

## Announcements:

Betty Jean Anderson won the gift basket prepared by Joy Potthoff. The gift basket raffle raised \$200 for the scholarship fund. Joan Callecod will be organizing a meeting of the Voters' Rights Committee to brainstorm ideas for promoting participation in the upcoming census. The meeting is open to all members. She also urged members to help with the Expand Your Horizons program at BGSU.

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Lee Hakel at 10:55am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kreischer,

Secretary

## Finance Drive 2019-20

Joyce Kepke & Sheilah Fulton-Crowley

A big **THANK YOU** to the 91 contributors to the 2019-20 finance drive! Our donors contributed a total of \$2975 to the Education Fund and \$4665.66 to the operating fund and scholarship fund for a total of \$7640.66. The list of donors includes both League members and members of

the community at large. Our dues dollars support state and national Leagues, while finance drive dollars support the work that we do locally as a League. It is obvious that our donors appreciate our work by being willing to support us financially.

## Finance Drive & Scholarship Contributors 2019-2020

Lynn Ackerson	Emily Guion	Larry & Diane Merschman	Barbara & Roger Sanchez
Cindy Adcock	Paul Haas	Marge & Lee Meserve	Charlotte & Don Scherer
Anne & George Ahrens	Lee & Milt Hakel	Judy Miller	Ellen & Chris Scholl
Betty Jean & Roger Anderson	Emmy Hann	Joan & Dean Morgan-Augenstein	Nancy Seifert
Evelyn & Jim Bachman	Linda Hanna	Barbara Moses & Tom Hudson	Kay & Dorsey Sergent
Ruth Ann & Royce Beaverson	Sharon Hanna	Joyce & Paul Mueller	Dawn Shinew
Jan & Carol Bell	Phyllis & Ted Hartwell	Eric & Linda Myers	Maria & Marc Simon
Becky Bhaer	Douglas Hess	Joanne & Leo Navin	Colleen Smith
Dolores Black	Cindy Hofner	Paula Nelson	Linda & Bob Spitzer
Anne & George Bullerjahn	Darlene Householder	Debbie Newlove	Marcy St. John
Joan & Bob Callecod	Leslie Lotshaw Jan	Laurie & Dick Newlove	Norma & John Stickler
Lisa Cesarini	Bruce & Amy Jeffers	Megan Newlove & Lloyd Triggs	Jo Tutolo
Norma & Michael Christen	Mary Lou Baty Johnson	Denise Neise	Steve Vessey
Pat & Mickey Cochrane	Jennifer Karches & Todd Childers	Janet Parks	Judy Wilbarger
Jim Corbitt	Joyce Kepke	Michael Penrod	Cheryl Windisch
Sheilah Crowley	Judith & Tom Knox	Rachel Phipps	Susan & George Winters
Ellen & Chris Dalton	Pamela & John Krebs	Vipa Phuntumart	Joan & David Woessner
Janet & Gary DeLong	Joel Kuhlman	Michele Raine	Bonnie Woods
Tonya Eiden	Jeanne & Steve Langendorfer	Diane & Scott Regan	Betty Yaris
John & Marilyn Fawcett	Betty Laukhuf	Mary Lou & Robb Riday	Denise Zephier
Rebecca Ferguson	Neocles Leontis	Jane Robb	
Martha Fether	Marilyn Levinson	Greg & Tina Robinette	
Jean Geist	Mike & Terry Marsh	Sue & Bill Rock	
Peggy Giordano & Ted Groat	Bob & Becky McOmber	John Sampen & Marilyn Shrude	

# Local Program: LWVBG 2019-20

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## Education (updated 2013)

### The League supports:

- ★ High standards of education at all levels, including: adequate and appropriate programs for the gifted and for students with special needs.
- ★ Adequate and appropriate use of technology within all content areas at all levels.
- ★ The provision of vocational and technical education.
- ★ And promotes a balanced program of extracurricular activities at all levels.
- ★ Sufficient funding for and accountability of programs and facilities at all levels.

## Mental Health (updated 2016)

### In order to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Bowling Green and Wood County, our League supports:

- ★ The continuing availability of mental health and substance abuse/addiction services for all.
- ★ We also support sufficient funding of mental health services, acknowledging the increasing influence of substance abuse addictions on an individual's mental health.

### To achieve the above our League supports:

- ★ Providing a wide range of effective services across the life span that employs practices informed by research, family members in shaping services and policies; continuing collaboration of among agencies including programming and funding; increasing public understanding of the impact of mental illness and substance abuse addictions on the individual and the community.

## Land Use (updated 2005-2006)

In order to maintain the quality of life in our small city, our League continues to support careful long-range planning. Because change is occurring rapidly, we believe that the Bowling Green Comprehensive Plan needs to be kept current.

### In addition, the League supports:

- ★ Top priority for the acquisition and maintenance of open space for public use.
- ★ Cooperation between governmental agents of the city of Bowling Green and the trustees of adjacent townships.

- ★ Public accessibility of the most recent version of the Comprehensive Plan, with any revisions dated and made evident.
- ★ Support of a precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that produce untreated animal waste. Support of improved and similar waste water transportation and treatment systems on each CAFO site within Wood County as required by the State of Ohio of municipalities producing the same volume of waste, with safe nutrient management practices and disposal of sludge, in order to maintain adequate water quality standards in our aquifers, ground and surface waters.

## Senior Concerns (updated 2005-2006)

### League supports efforts to maintain or improve the quality of life of the elderly population in Wood County.

The needs of the elderly population in Wood County steadily increase due to longevity and the problems of health, finance and other difficulties that accompany longevity. On the other hand, financial support for services to the elderly by federal and state governments is not keeping up with inflation.

## Policies

### Non-Partisan Statement (Adopted February 2000; re-adopted 2018)

The Board of Directors of League of Women Voters Bowling Green may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. However, it shall not support or oppose any party or candidate.

Board members shall not run for or hold partisan elective office. If a Board member declares for a partisan elective office, the member shall resign from the Board. Public notices released by the League announcing the resignation of a Board member to run for political office shall be carefully worded to avoid the appearance of endorsing the resigning Board member's candidacy.

Board members' activities must be limited to preserve the League's non-partisan position. The President and the Voter Service Chair shall not participate in any partisan way at any level.

A Board member may serve on any public board, commission, committee, or coalition. However that Board member does not represent the League unless officially designated as a League representative by the LWVBG Board.

A Board member may not speak or work against a League position in any way.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member.

### Diversity Policy (Adopted May 1998; Re-adopted 2018)

The Board of Directors of League of Women Voters Diversity Policy (Adopted May 1998; re-adopted 2018)

The League of Women Voters of Bowling Green affirms its belief in, and commitment to, reflecting the diversity of the community in its membership, leadership, and programs.

# By-Laws: LWVBG (as last amended 2019)

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## Article I Name

### Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, hereinafter referred to in these by-laws as LWVBG or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these By-laws as LWVUS, and of the League of Women Voters of Ohio."

## Article II Purpose and Policy

### Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

### Section 2. Political Policy

The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

## Article III Membership

### Section 1. Eligibility

Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

#### A. Voting members

Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life member excused from payment of dues.

#### B. Associate members

All others who join the League shall be associate members, without voting privileges.

## Article IV Board of Directors

### Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection & Term of Office

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, eight elected directors and not more than four appointed directors. Four of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The Board of Directors shall appoint one of the elected Directors to be the Development Director. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding four, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire June 30 following the Annual Meeting.

### Section 2. Qualifications

Only voting members shall serve as officers or directors of this organization.

### Section 3. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting. Three consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

### Section 4. Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

### Section 5. Meetings

There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

### Section 6. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## Article V Officers

**Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers**  
 cted in even-numbered years. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall be a President, a Membership Vice President, a Program Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office July 1. The President, the Membership Vice President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Program Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

### Section 2. The President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors; may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes; shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

### Section 3. The Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall be responsible for membership and program, respectively, and other duties as assigned by the President or Board. At the first board meeting following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall designate the Program Vice President to serve as President if that office becomes vacant. If the Program Vice President is unable to serve, the Board shall designate the Member-

ship Vice President. If the Membership Vice President is unable to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its elected Members, if possible, to fill the vacancy. If no current Board member is able to fulfill the position, a member shall be appointed provided that person has served at least one term on the Board.

### Section 4. The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall notify all officers, and directors, and nominating committee chairman and two nominating committee members of their election; shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

### Section 5. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies; shall be the custodian of these monies deposited in the bank designated by the Board of Directors; shall identify type of income deposited per the approved budget and pay and record budget expenses upon receipt of signed receipts or invoices; shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors prior to paying expenses not included in the adopted budget; shall complete a monthly reconciliation of all bank accounts and present monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

## Article VI Financial Administration

### Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall commence on the first day of July each year.

### Section 2. Dues. Annual Dues

to be voted on at the Annual Meeting shall be payable by October 15. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

### Section 3. Budget

A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

### Section 4. Budget Committee

A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be a member, but not eligible to chair the committee.

## Article VII Meetings

### Section 1. Membership Meetings

There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

### Section 2. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting shall be held before the end of the fiscal year, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

### Section 5. Financial Review Committee

The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee to review the prior year financial records no later than 60 days following the close of the fiscal year.

### Section 6. Disbandment

In case of disbandment of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, all monies and securities shall be transferred to the Wood County District Public Library Foundation to be used for the purpose of promoting democracy. Should the WCDPL Foundation not accept the funds, they shall be transferred to the League Of Women Voters of Perrysburg Area. All other property or whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall be disposed of by any officer of the organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green.

### The Annual Meeting shall:

- a. adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- b. elect officers, directors, and three member of the nominating committee;
- c. adopt an adequate budget;
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it;

### Section 3. Quorum

Twenty percent of the members of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings when a vote is taken.

## Article VIII Nominations & Elections

### Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members: the chairman and two members elected at the Annual Meeting, and two board members appointed by a newly elected Board of Directors.

### Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

## Article IX Program

### Section 1. Authorization

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the program.

### Section 2. Program

The program of the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green shall consist of:

- a. action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Ohio and
- b. those local issues chosen for concerted study and action.

### Section 3. Current Agenda & Continuing Responsibilities

These categories of program are defined as follows:

- a. The current agenda shall consist of those local governmental issues that the membership shall choose for sustained attention and concerted action.
- b. The continuing responsibilities shall consist of positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

### Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.

## Article X National Convention, State Convention and Council

### Section 1. National Convention

The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

### Section 2. State Convention

The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention in the

## Article XI Parliamentary Authority

### Section 1. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws.

### Section 3. Elections

The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the Secretary maybe instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. The majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

### Section 4. continued...

- b. The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.
- c. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d. Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that:
  1. The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and
  2. The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.
- e. Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made, provided that information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and final action taken.

### Section 5. Member Action

Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

### Section 3. State Council

The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

## Article XII Amendments

### Section 1. Amendments

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.



# Activities for 2019-2020: Reports

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## Education Committee

Frances Brent, Chair  
 Holly Cipriani  
 Lee Hakel  
 Leigh Herringshaw  
 Flo Klopfenstein  
 Sharon Libby

Lee McLaird  
 Barbara Moses  
 Brenda Pike  
 Sandy Rowland  
 Peggy Thompson

In 2019-20 the Education Committee had two areas of focus: the BG School levy renewal, and the statewide school crisis brought on by a variety of state level decisions, laws and edicts. Regular League attendance at School Board Meetings was organized by president Lee Hakel.

League formal support of the local school levies was complicated by the precise language required. Indeed no new monies were requested. However the format was going from renewal to permanent. The money saving and other positive advantages of this development did not translate into bumper sticker slogans. The LWVBG Board voted to support the proposed levies. They also voted to financially support placement of two ads in the BG Independent Media, running for the month before the original scheduled voting date.

## Land Use Committee

Leatra Harper, Chair  
 Anne Bullerjahn  
 Neocles Leontis  
 Judy Miller

Barbara Moses  
 Sue Rock  
 Steve Vessey

The committee met monthly for a portion of the year. Some discussion topics were: permaculture, regenerative agriculture, pollinator plants for Wooster Green, frack waste, JEHM disposal and proposed plastic bag ban issue for BG.

New members are encouraged to join meetings.

Contact Leatra at [wewantcleanwater@gmail.com](mailto:wewantcleanwater@gmail.com)

## Voter Services Committee

Ellen Dalton, Chair  
 Julieanna Armstrong  
 Ruth Ann Beaverson  
 Frances Brent  
 Sheila Crowley  
 Lee Hakel  
 Sharon Hanna  
 Elayne Jacoby  
 Joyce Kepke

Judy Knox  
 Lee McLaird  
 Barbara Moses  
 Joanne Navin  
 Debbie Newlove  
 Jane Robb  
 Char Scherer  
 Ellen Scholl

Meeting twice in early summer, the committee planned the Candidates Forum and wrote questions for the Fall candidates. Candidates were reached by email for all communication. The members kept in contact with candidates, organized the candidate Voter Guide and submitted the document to the Sentinel-Tribune. Three members proof-read the copy on the computer at the Sentinel-Tribune office. In addition, a member wrote three election information columns for the paper. A voter registration training session was held for BGSU students. Two members met with members of BGSU Votes!, which is a group of BGSU students interested in increasing student registration and voting.

The 2019 Candidates Forum was held this year on October 6 at the First United Methodist Church. Due partly to a spirited race for school board seats, we had

In the past the committee studied and struggled with understanding the complexities of the School Grade Card design, its true objectives and the local and state impact on school districts. We also studied the impact that vouchers, paying for charter and for-profit school admissions, were having on the financial health of districts. News stories over the winter indicated increasing alarm among school districts. Like COVID-19 virus victims, exponentially, over time, a few then, many districts were labeled as failures., which enabled the students to switch to non-public schools using school district money to pay tuitions.

Susan Kaeser is current Education Specialist for LWVO. She writes with great clarity about the difficulties Ohio school districts are facing. She is a long time and very successful organizer of school support organizations. Plans were made to sponsor her visit to BG on March 24. An afternoon workshop and an evening public presentation were planned. Coronavirus forced postponement. We hope to reschedule.

## Committee On Senior Concerns

Jeanne Langendorfer, Chair  
 Roger Anderson  
 Ruth Ann Beaverson

Flo Klopfenstein  
 Janet Parks  
 Joy Potthoff

This committee sponsored a presentation about "Skilled Nursing Facilities: Care Close to Home" at the Wood County District Public Library, October 21, 2019 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

Brooke Harrison of Bowling Green Manor & Jeff Orloveski of Wood Haven Health Care, presenters, included some history of the development of nursing homes, the Person-Centered Approach, people's perceptions of nursing homes today, choices available for care and ways to plan. The Wood County District Public Library displayed numerous books about the topic and related topics. Seniors, their children, friends and relatives were encouraged to attend.

a record attendance of 289 people! A member coordinated the placing of VOTE and VOTE TUESDAY signs to remind us all to vote before or on Election Day.

In January members began updating the information for the Guide to Public Officials. Publication and distribution of 2,500 Guides was completed before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The Guides were distributed to schools, companies, realtors, businesses, political parties, service clubs, agencies, churches, and other institutions. The Guide is funded by the LWVBG Education Fund and the Wood County Democratic and Republican parties.

Members Joyce Kepke and Char Scherer worked diligently with Deborah Gorman of the Perrysburg League to learn VOTE411 and put candidate information on that website for the March 2020 primary election. LWVBG hasn't gotten involved in primaries in the past because of their partisan nature. But this year the primary election was a good opportunity to learn how to use the VOTE411 tool in preparation for the general election in November 2020. VOTE411 increases our ability to provide information to voters. Kudos to Joyce and Char!

## Mental Health Committee

In July the Mental Health Committee met to plan our directions for the upcoming League year.

We decided our task was to keep our league members informed about our various studies and research. We met with Aimee Coe from the ADAMHS Board and Christen Giblin, who writes Mental Health articles for The Sentinel-Tribune, to get the latest overview of the kinds of concerns and questions people have in Wood County regarding mental health issues. We were also interested in finding out more about the kinds of questions and concerns called into the Wood County Crisis Line. We then started planning with Aimee Coe for a Public Meeting to be held in March. She would present

much of the material she presented to us in September: info about the mobile response service, protocol & statistics they keep and also the various Mental Health resources in Wood County and how to access them.

An awesome flyer was created by Todd Childers and distributed. Unfortunately, Coronavirus concerns forced us to cancel this meeting. Aimee is willing to reschedule and we hope we will be able to have the public meeting this fall.

We also made an ADAMHS information card about Mental Health in Wood County available at the League's Candidates' Forum. We planned to continue to distribute this valuable information at other meetings and gatherings.

## Voters' Rights Committee

Joan Callecod, Chair  
 Lynn Ackerson  
 Roger Anderson  
 Ruth Ann Beaverson  
 Bob Callecod

Katelyn Elliott  
 Sharon Hanna  
 Elayne Jacoby  
 Joe Jacoby  
 Joyce Kepke

Jeanne Langendorfer  
 Steve Langendorfer  
 Neocles Leontis  
 Lee McLaird  
 Deb Newlove

Char Scherer  
 Sherry Smith  
 Betty Yarris

The focus of this committee during the 2019-2020 year was on promoting the decennial 2020 CENSUS. Since the results of the data collected has impact on many areas, primarily congressional representation and redistricting, and Federal and State funding over the next 10 years, many organizations in Bowling Green and Wood County eagerly collaborated in disseminating information.

### These organizations included:

Wood County Commissioners  
 The City of Bowling Green  
 Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCOA)  
 Wood County District Public Library (WCDPL)  
 Wood County Health Department  
 Wood County Job & Family Services (JFS)  
 BGSU  
 The East Side Neighborhood Association  
 BG City Schools  
 BG Chamber of Commerce  
 La Connexion  
 Not In Our Town  
 Ministerial Association

### Outreach to the Community

- ★ Interview by Clint Corpe on WBGU 88.1 FM: Joan Callecod
- ★ Creating a Power Point presentation: Bob & Joan Callecod
- ★ Providing 2020 Census.gov literature to BG Independentmedia.org for posting on their news site: Joan Callecod
- ★ Posting on our social media sites: Denise Zephier
- ★ Meeting with Cocoon Shelter: Sharon Hanna
- ★ Distributing information to BGSU off campus students to respond at BGSU residence: J. Langendorfer & J. Callecod

### Nationwide challenges in clarifying the 2020 Census included:

- ★ Clarification that a 'citizenship' question was not on the census questionnaire.
- ★ For the 1st time, the census could be completed online. 44.2% of self-responders has been online.
- ★ Confidentiality of the responses is a legal mandate for Census Bureau employees.
- ★ That questions of political affiliation or request for financial information are not on census questionnaire.
- ★ Invitation to respond to the Census is mailed to every household address in the nation.
- ★ Request to extend December 31 deadline for Census Bureau to report results to a July, 2021 deadline due to the Pandemic.

★ We are pleased to report that as of April 20, 2020 self responding results are:

52.7% for BG,  
 55.6% for Wood Co.  
 54.3% for Ohio  
 compared to  
 50.5% nationwide.

We hope that the efforts of the Voters' Rights Committee of LWVBG has contributed to this strong level of response to date, especially during the stressful pandemic. We will continue to promote responding to the Census and hope to exceed the

2010 response level of 67.2% for BG and 70.1% for Wood Co.

- ★ Distributing 2020 Census.gov literature to local businesses: Joan Callecod
- ★ Making a tri-fold display for use at Collaboration, WCDPL and WCCOA programs: Elayne Jacoby & Joan Callecod
- ★ Co-authoring article in 2020 BG City Guide: Joan Callecod & Heather Saylor (Director BG Planning Commission)

# Visibility

Letters written to the Editor since July 1, 2019:

- [A] "League of Women Voters Celebrating 100th Anniversary of its Founding and Women's Suffrage"  
*BG Independent News*, July 22, 2019
- [B] "Don't Just See the League, Join It"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, July 25, 2019
- [C] "League of Women Voters Urges Support for School Levy"  
*BG Independent News*, October 14, 2019
- [D] "BG League Endorses School Tax"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, October 11, 2019

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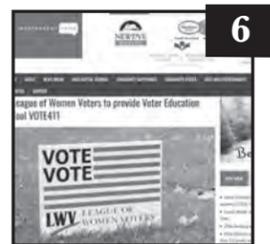


## LWVBG in the Media



Articles Featuring League of Women Voters of Bowling Green since July 1, 2019:

- [1] "Meet the Candidates at BG Forum"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, September 30, 2019
- [2] "Funding Tops Candidate Forum"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, October 7, 2019
- [3] "League of Women Voters Hosting Presentation on Skilled Nursing Facilities"  
*BG Independent News*, October 10, 2019
- [4] "Public Invited to 19th Amendment Talk at Exchange Club"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, February 12, 2020
- [5] "VOTE411 Provides Election Information"  
*Sentinel-Tribune*, February 24, 2020
- [6] "League of Women Voters to Provide Voter Education Tool VOTE411"  
*BG Independent News*, February 24, 2020



## Letters to the Editor



## Membership

**Jennifer Karches**, Membership Vice President

We now have 90 members, 16 new members since June 2019. Please save the enclosed membership list for future reference. And when you come to future League events please bring a friend (or two!) who may be interested in joining. In the pages of this annual report you will find descriptions of the many committees our members are involved in. Reach

out to the committee chairs if you share an interest and attend a meeting. There is no pressure...get involved a little or a lot with League activities. You may find you have a lot to contribute, and you are sure to enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of your fellow League members!

**The following are members for 2019-20. New members welcomed this year are in bold with an asterisk.**

Lynn Ackerson	Shirley Hoemann	Mary Lou Riday
Betty Jean Anderson	Darlene Householder	Jane Robb
Roger Anderson	Elayne Jacoby	Sue Rock
Julieanna Armstrong	Joseph Jacoby	Sandy Rowland
Vickie Askins	Jennifer Karches	Barbara Sanchez
Ruth Babel-Smith	Joyce Kepke	Char Scherer
Evelyn Bachman	Flo Klopfenstein	Ellen Scholl
Ruth Ann Beaverson	Judith Knox	Nancy Seifert
Dolores Black	Pamela Krebs	Kay Sergeant
Marilyn Bowlus	Randy Kreischer	<b>Vijaya Shrestha*</b>
Frances Brent	Jeanne Langendorfer	<b>Marilyn Shrude*</b>
Anne Bullerjahn	Stephen Langendorfer	Maria Simon
Joan Callecod	<b>Madalyn Laugherty*</b>	<b>Kacee Snyder*</b>
Bob Callecod	Betty Laukhuf	Jane Spoerl
Todd Childers	Neocles Leontis	<b>Jacob Strunks*</b>
Sheilah Crowley	Marilyn Levinson	Marcia Suter
Ellen Dalton	Sharon Libby	<b>Peggy Thompson*</b>
Janet DeLong	Lyn Long	<b>Alyssa Tomins*</b>
Tonya Eiden	<b>Brittany Massey*</b>	Jo Tutolo
Katelyn Elliott	Patricia McGinnis	Steve Vessey
Hilda Farrow	Lee McLaird	Judy Wilbarger
Martha Turnwald Fether	Judy Miller	<b>Susan Winters*</b>
<b>Michael Fether*</b>	Barbara Moses	Karen Wood
<b>Judy Gardner*</b>	Joanne Navin	Bonnie Woods
<b>Jean Geist*</b>	Paula Nelson	Betty Yarris
Anne Graves	Debbie Newlove	Denise Zephier
<b>Paul Haas*</b>	Denise Niese	
Lee Hakel	Janet Parks	
<b>Milt Hakel*</b>	<b>Rachel Phipps*</b>	
Sharon Hanna	<b>Brenda Pike*</b>	
Leatra Harper	Joy Potthoff	
Kristie Reichert Herringshaw	Gaynelle Predmore	

## Past President's Award

This award, presented by the outgoing president, is given to a deserving League member who has exemplified League principles with their time and talents.

Ann Baty	1983
Marlene Purdy	1985
Marilyn Singleton	1986
Jean Romans	1987
Ruth "Connie" Varney	1987
Kay Sergeant	1989
Rose Clements	1991
Anne Graves	1993
Barbara Lee	1997
Kristin Vessey	1999
Cathy Marcson	2001
Wanda Rich	2003
Kim Layden	2005
Joan Gordon	2007
Joyce Kepke	2011
Roger Anderson	2013
Julieanna Armstrong & Char Scherer	2017
Judy Knox	2019

## Board of Directors for 2019-2020

(date in parentheses is end of term)

<b>President:</b> Lee Hakel (2021)	<b>lhakel@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 352 0983</b>
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<b>VP Membership:</b> Jennifer Karches (2021)	<b>memphis81@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 378 2036</b>
<b>VP Program:</b> Anne Bullerjahn (2020)	<b>edalton@bgsu.edu</b>	<b>419 352 7230</b>
<b>Secretary:</b> Katelyn Elliott (2021)	<b>moweryke@gmail.com</b>	<b>330 461 2603</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> Barbara Moses (2020)	<b>bmoses@bgsu.edu</b>	<b>419 352 7979</b>
<b>Directors:</b> Sheilah Fulton Crowley (2021)	<b>pepperful@aol.com</b>	<b>419 352 6337</b>
Ellen Dalton (2020)	<b>edalton@bgsu.edu</b>	<b>419 352 7230</b>
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Flo Klopfenstein (2020)	<b>florenk@bgsu.edu</b>	<b>419 308 9525</b>
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Janet Parks (2021)	<b>janetparks987@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 352 0516</b>
Ellen Scholl (2021)	<b>cescholl6@msn.com</b>	<b>419 308 5260</b>
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Martha Fether	<b>mstfether@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 330 9697</b>
Janet Parks	<b>janetparks987@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 352 0516</b>
Sandy Rowland	<b>sandyrowland1@gmail.com</b>	<b>419 308 2339</b>

**League of Women Voters of Bowling Green**  
**Proposed Operating Budget 7/1/2020-6/30/2021**

	FY 2020 Jul '19 - May '20	FY 2020 Jul '19 - Jun '20	FY 2021 Jul '20-June '21
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Prop. Budget</b>
Census Project in-Kind	110.00		
Finance Drive Revenue	4,665.66	3,000.00	3,500.00
Interest Income	101.30	100.00	100.00
Meeting Revenue			
Annual Meeting	0.00	525.00	525.00
Fall Brunch	558.50	525.00	525.00
Total Meeting Revenue	558.50	1,050.00	1,050.00
Member Dues			
Renewed Members			
Renewed Members via Paypal	749.26	600.00	700.00
Renewed Members by Check	3,660.00	4,140.00	3,800.00
Total Renewed Members	4,409.26	4,740.00	4,500.00
New members			
New Members via Paypal	59.94	90.00	90.00
New Members by Check	210.00	210.00	210.00
Total New Members	269.94	300.00	300.00
Student Members	19.96		25.00
Total Member Dues	4,699.16	5,040.00	4,825.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,086.79		
Political Party Contribution for Guide	200.00	150.00	200.00
Scholarship Contributions	430.00	500.00	500.00
Sentinel Tribune In-Kind	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Income	16,851.41	14,840.00	15,175.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Census Project			
Census Project In-Kind	110.00		
Census Project Education	136.00		
Total Census Project	246.00		
Advertising	40.00	0.00	
Communication			
Annual Report	56.55	300.00	300.00
Total Communication	56.55	300.00	300.00
Delegate National Convention	0.00	1,500.00	
Delegate State Convention	0.00	0.00	400.00
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	150.00	150.00
Education			
Member Program Costs	0.00	100.00	100.00
Public programs			
Room Rental	0.00	100.00	300.00
Other - Printing, etc.	9.00	250.00	200.00
Public Programs - Other	426.00		
Total Public Programs	435.00	350.00	500.00
Voter Service			
Ads	897.50		500.00
Ads for School Levy	300.00		280.00
Candidates Forum	904.93	300.00	300.00
Guide to Public Officials	770.00	900.00	900.00
In-Kind Ad Voters' Guide	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Voter Service - Other	150.00		
Total Voter Service	8,022.43	6,200.00	6,980.00
Total Education	8,457.43	6,650.00	7,580.00
Finance Drive Expense			
Finance Drive In-Kind Stamps	0.00	250.00	250.00
Finance Drive Expense - Other	397.50	300.00	300.00
Total Finance Drive Expense	397.50	550.00	550.00
Meeting Expenses			
Annual Meeting	0.00	525.00	525.00
Fall Brunch	509.00	525.00	525.00
Total Meeting Expenses	509.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			
100th Anniversary	1,078.71		
Incorporation Expenses	99.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses - Other	30.00		
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,207.71		
Membership Drive	19.80	100.00	100.00
Office Expense			
Other	0.00	50.00	
Postage /PO Box	64.00	100.00	64.00
Website	267.95	250.00	280.00
Total Office Expense	331.95	400.00	344.00
Other Types of Expenses	15.00		
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	
PMP National (75%)	1,728.00	1,836.75	2,040.00
PMP State (75%)	1,282.50	1,540.50	1,657.50
Scholarship Award	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>15,191.44</b>	<b>15,077.25</b>	<b>15,171.50</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,659.97</b>	<b>-237.25</b>	<b>3.50</b>

**LWVBG Balance Sheet as of May 2, 2020**

<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Federal Bank	
First Federal Unrestricted	8,745.42
LWVBG Scholarship	1,594.00
Memorial/Honor Contributions	50.00
Total First Federal Bank	10,389.42
First Federal CD	6,726.49
Total Checking/Savings	17,115.91
Total Current Assets	17,115.91
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>17,115.91</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance 7/1/2018	13,891.85
Accumulated Income Prior FYs	1,564.09
Net Income	1,659.97
Total Equity	17,115.91
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>17,115.91</b>

**League of Women Voters of Bowling Green Education Fund 2020-2021**

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
	7/1/19-5/02/20	2019-20	2020-21
Ed Fund Donations (direct to LWVUS)	\$2,975.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
PMP NATIONAL 25%x\$32@85 members	\$576.00	\$612.25	\$680.00
PMP STATE 25%x\$26@85 members	\$427.50	\$513.50	\$552.50
Education: Public Programs		\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,003.50</b>	<b>\$1,625.75</b>	<b>\$1,732.50</b>
<b>Balance on 6/30/19 \$3,832.05</b>			
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,971.50</b>	<b>\$174.25</b>	<b>\$267.50</b>
<b>Balance on 5/02/2020</b>	<b>\$5,803.55</b>		



### ***LWVBG 2019-20 Annual Report Design***

Since 2017 LWVBG and the public have enjoyed the award-winning talents of League member **Todd Childers**, Associate Professor of Graphic Design, BGSU. Todd has devoted hundreds of hours creating approximately 30 designs for LWVBG such as print and digital flyers for member events, forms, name badges, buttons, letterhead, a table cover and runner, posters, annual report covers and typography and the logo for the WGTE PBS tv series "BackStory." The series "BackStory" was created in partnership with the three area LWV chapters in celebration of the 2020 100th anniversaries of the LWV and ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees all American women the right to vote.

The LWVBG is grateful and proud of Todd's creativity and generosity and thank him for his service