

**K.O.'s Corner- A column submitted by LWVGY, President Kristen Olmi
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Greetings! Hopefully everyone is staying warm as we get through these winter months. Thank you to everyone who attended the Legislative Brunch. Thank you to the following: Maryann Limmer, Susan Russo, Don and Deb Mathews, Sue Anzellotti Ray, and Dana and Tony Cina for their donation of art for our raffle. Additional thanks to all the speakers; Sarah Lowry and John Ryan from Senator Brown's office, Pearlette Wigley from Representative Ryan's office, Dawn Baker from Representative Johnson's office, Mahoning County Commissioner Carol Rimedio Righetti and Senator Schiavoni, Representative Boccieri, and Representative Lepore-Hagan for sending their kind regards and remarks. Each speaker was informative and we appreciate their service to our community.

As we look forward February, will be a planning month. Our Board meeting will be on held on Tuesday, February 27 at the Newport Public Library, starting at 6pm. Please remember these meetings are open to all members, those wanting to learn more about the League of Women Voters or get more involved are welcome to attend. Additionally I am pleased to announce we have a new website www.lwvgy.com and thanks to Sue McGrew for being our webmaster. Anyone wishing to have news or articles posted on the website should email Sue at susanmmcgrew@gmail.com

March is Women's History Month! We have an exciting month of March planned! First on **Monday, March 5, 2018** we will be showing the film "*Iron Jawed Angels*" the story of the women's suffrage movement at Park Vista in the community gathering room, this program is in collaboration with AAUW. We will have snacks and light refreshments. Admission is free but you are encouraged to bring a canned food item for the food pantry at Martin Luther King Elementary school. League member Deonna Lampley works at this school and the food pantry has been a project she has gotten off the ground. The film will start promptly at 6pm. Our second event will be our **League of Women Voters Hall of Fame Dinner** which will take place at the **YWCA on March 20 at 5pm**. Nominations will be accepted until February 16th, please email your nominee to me at Kristen.olmi@gmail.com. Event admission and further details should be included elsewhere in this publication and on our website. There are many events throughout the month of March to celebrate women if you know of additional events let us know and we will do our best to post on our website and social media.

Let me end by saying this issue and the month of March is dedicated to all the women who have dared to make history- those who were firsts; to space, to congress, to the nomination by a major political party for the Presidency of the United States, those who simply refused to move to the back of the bus, those who dared to speak out even when very few were willing to listen, to our educators, nurses, inventors, business owner, mothers and sisters; this month is for you and all the women to come- who will stand on the shoulders of giants and continue to shatter glass and break barriers. "You may write me down in history. With your bitter, twisted lies, You may tread me in the very dirt. But still, like dust I'll rise" –Maya Angelou