



# League Line

Marietta Welfare League established in 1926

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## MWL continues to serve and invites YOU along

Everyone is saying it: “unprecedented times” “like nothing we have ever seen” “a year like no other” ... The sentiment is true, yet overwhelming none the less. Marietta Welfare League continues to work throughout this confusion. Our members have been quietly serving the community this entire time.

The Shoe Tag Fund is working. More than 600 vouchers have been distributed all over Washington County since the start of this school year. The redemption rate of said vouchers is yet to be determined, but we know the NEED is great. Our members are working very hard to raise funds to provide shoes to area children. YOU can help by spreading the word about this program which has been around for MORE than eight decades!! Children. can. get. shoes! It is as simple as that. Vouchers are available at every school and educational program in this county. Talk to your school representatives. Talk to your coaches. Talk to your teachers.

The Community Grant Program is working. Applications are available online. Visit our website [www.mariettawelfareleague.org](http://www.mariettawelfareleague.org) for a DIRECT link. MWL members have been hard at work raising funds to give back to Washington County organizations. The money WILL be given out to area groups for local programming whether we have an in-person check presentation in January or not. Our mission is to BETTER the community. We are helping and will continue to help just as we have done since 1926.

Look through this edition of The League Line and be mindful of the actions being taken: new members, active community programming, running a full-scale coffee shop and retail BUSINESS. Now, think and TAKE action too. What can you do? Take a deep breath. Smile. Sign up to go shopping. Make a donation. Tell someone about our programming. Small actions matter. YOU are a part of something BIG.

## OSU Football box seats RAFFLE tickets on sale!

### Raffle Tickets sales go to the Shoe Tag Fund

Marietta Welfare League is raffling off two box seats at Ohio State University football game vs. Penn State on October 30, 2021 donated by Tom Danford. The seats are section 25D-Row 2-seats 21 & 22 under the press box out of sun and rain. The winner will have the tickets transferred electronically. The value of the tickets is total \$470.00. Tickets can be purchased at The League Shop or you can purchase from Susan Strauss or Mel Aseltine. Price to purchase each ticket is \$20.00 or two for \$35.00. The drawing will take place on October 15, 2021. Be sure to get your tickets soon!





## Membership Dues are still being collected

Membership dues are still being collected. Active memberships dues are \$25 per year. Sustaining membership dues are \$15 per year. Those women who have completed ten years of service and would like to become Lifetime Members are able to make a one-time \$200 donation.

PLEASE continue to pay your dues, even as we are unable to get together for large social events. If you didn't pay last year, we kindly ask that you consider paying for both years and maintain your membership status. Dues are one small way to help us offset the costs associated with mailings and office expenses. This way our fundraising efforts can be directed to programming and community needs! Thank you!

Members may mail checks to P.O. Box 525, Marietta, Ohio 45750 Attn: Angie Huck. Please note on the check that it is for **Dues**. You may send in your dues along with any other donation (shoe tag, etc.). Please note the amounts for each piece, so that we may keep accurate records. Thank you again.

## Welfare League Lifetime Members

*As of October 1, 2021*

Mary Lou Atkinson

Carol Bergen

Jean Bergen

Sandra Blair

Tonya Booth

Kay Callihan

Kay Caltrider

Nicole Coil

Jane Combs

Janet Cranston

Jane Crumrine

Judy Deering

Amy Elliott

Shelley Elliott

Susan Feil

Betty Fleming

Peggy Forbes

Sharon Gegner

Martha Guinn

Penny Hall

Sheila Lankford

Becky Mallett

Donna Marks

Brenda Matthews

Nancy McCartney

Elizabeth Mendicino

Amy Mitchem

Mayra Ott

Pam Plaskett

Jo Powell

Barb Rankin

Janine Satterfield

Edith Seiffert

Jan Sheridan

JoAnn Stowe

Pat Thrash

Holly Watson

Jane Watson

Phyllis Wells

Joyce Williams

**\*\*YOUR NAME\*\***

...helping to continue  
the tradition of service in  
Washington County!!

We truly THANK these ladies for their continued support of The League and our mission. Lifetime memberships are open to any person that has completed her ten years of service in League. If you are interested in becoming a Lifetime Member, please contact our Treasurer Angie Huck 740-350-6201 or ahuck1@icloud.com



**Our website has LINKS to all  
kinds of information:**

**GRANT Applications**

**Newsletters**

**MITP Schedule (seasonal)**

**SAFE and SECURE donations via PayPal**

**Visit us TODAY: [www.mariettawelfareleague.org](http://www.mariettawelfareleague.org)**

# Meet Our New Members

## Welcome our new members!

We are so thankful to our community for stepping up and JOINING us this year - even during such a strange time!! Many women have become members during the last several months and we want to INTRODUCE them to you. When you see these hard working ladies, be sure to say HELLO and welcome to the League Family!

## Betty Decker

Betty lives in Devola with her husband Tom and cat Mokey. She is retired and loves to make crafts, take walks, and play pickleball. She has a son named Ian and two grandchildren, Diamond and Kyler. Betty really enjoys working with the League.



## Kelly Faires

Kelly lives on Harmar Hill with her husband of 30 years, Joe and son AJ, who is 13. They attend the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption and AJ is a 7th grader at St. Mary Catholic School. At school, she is assistant homeroom mom, works bingo, and helps with fundraisers, as time allows.



She works at the Bureau of Fiscal Services in Parkersburg and is a member of Moose Lodge 1823 where she enjoys a good glass of Merlot, music, trivia, or card games with friends. She loves to travel. Her favorite spots are Pigeon Forge, TN, as well as Hocking Hills and Lake Erie. Even just being six minutes away from home at Lang's Campground by the river, playing Euchre with other campers or just chillaxin' in a lawn chair is time well spent. Other interests include playing the guitar (and singing poorly), reading, sketching (or doodling), painting, hiking, cross-stitch, and line dancing.

Jumping right in to her League work, Kelly will take on the roll of Newsletter Chairperson for the next edition of The League Line.



## Lura Wilcoxen

Lura is a resident of Williamstown. She is retired and enjoys quilting, walking, and gardening. (Although she says it is mostly quilting!) She is a proud new great grandmother. In addition to her time with League, she also volunteers with Harvest of Hope.

**We have even MORE new members we hope to get to know in the future!**

**April Coss**

**Susie Warman**

**Pam Stephanik**

**Jean Cech**

If you or someone you know is interested in JOINING the League. Please let our Admission Chairperson and VP, Mel Aseltine know. (MelAseltine@aol.com) She will be happy to set up a meet and greet or lunch to introduce others to our organization.





## Cancellations Announced

In an attempt to keep everyone safe during such a strange time in our world, The League Board has decided to **cancel the Fall 2021 Luncheon** as well as **cancel the 2021 Fall Auction / Dinner Fundraiser** that was in the works.

We are very sad to miss these annual opportunities for FUN and connection. That said, we hope you will continue to stay connected with us via social media and visiting The League Shop as you feel comfortable.

Please note: We ARE still accepting GRANT applications online until October 31, 2021. We WILL still have some kind of grant review meeting for active members (keep up-to-date with emails from the board and finance committee). As of right now, we will continue to plan for our January grant reception. (More details and/or changes about that coming this winter.)

## MITP was a GREAT Success!

Music in the Park went very well from June 3 - August 26. Although we had a few rainy Thursdays, the concerts that we did have were enjoyed by 70-100 people each. Shows included The High Schools That Rock, Levi Westfall, Karl Kesselring, The Pottmeyers, The Hopewell, Madeline Brookover, Marietta High School Vocal Group, Marietta High School Marching band. Special thanks to all of the groups and all of the members who volunteered and participated as hostesses.

We are looking forward to 2022.

- Evy Bryant, Chairwoman



## Community invitation:

The River Cities Symphony Orchestra invites all League members and friends to celebrate LOCAL musicians with a variety of EVENTS this Fall including a WINE tasting, a Classical CONCERT at Peoples Bank Theatre, and a celebrity bartender night! *What FUN!* Scan the QR Code here for a direct link to their NEW website ([www.RCSO.info](http://www.RCSO.info)) We love supporting other LOCAL nonprofit organizations doing great work in the area!!

## A note of gratitude

We are very thankful to our League Shop employees. We couldn't make the difference that we do without them and the hours of hard work!!

We are also very grateful to our Sustaining Members and friends for sticking with us and trusting us to continue the tradition of service in Washington County!

Most directly and heartfelt.... To the employees, staff, and patrons at Marietta Memorial Hospital - YOU are the heroes here. Showing up, stepping in, and buying goods from our Shop. We maintain our Shop as a service to YOU and benefit to the community at large. We THANK YOU for continuing to support our mission and goals. It is our pleasure to provide foods and gifts to you. Thank you all.

## Holiday Giving opportunity

The Christmas / Holiday gift giving season will be here before we know it!

Members are asked to donate to the Salvation Army again.

Our local SA has a NEW family in charge this holiday season and we are waiting to hear how they would best like us to contribute (whether it be toys, gifts cards, or something else). Please check your email in the coming weeks for updated information about this opportunity to give to local children. If any Sustaining/Lifetime Members are interested in participating in this tradition of giving, please let President Susan Strauss know and she will make sure you get updated information.





### Shop Hours!!

**Mon -Thurs: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Sunday: 12 noon - 4 p.m.**

**Shop phone: 740-374-1429**



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*Note: We are still looking for members to HELP with Social Media. You don't need to know much about it, just be willing to learn. :) If you are interested, please contact Publicity Chairperson Susie Warman: [suswarman@mhsystem.org](mailto:suswarman@mhsystem.org)*

# Shop Updates

*Quick tip: NEW items arrive EVERYDAY!!*

\$5 lunch special is now available every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday! This special includes a sandwich (or soup or pepperoni roll), chips and a drink.

### New Menu Items:

**Seasonal Salad** - mixed greens with craisins, feta and pecans

**Hearty Oatmeal** - oatmeal with blueberries, pecans and one packet of sugar in the raw

**"Witches Brew" drink** - Ice cream, pumpkin, caramel, espresso

### Raffle Reminder:

Raffle tickets for the OSU vs Penn State football game are still available!! Tickets are \$20 each or 2 for \$35. The drawing will take place October 15th. Purchase tickets at The League Shop or via Susan Strauss [sdstauss@hotmail.com](mailto:sdstauss@hotmail.com).

### Gift Ideas:

Gift cards are available for holiday gifts!! They also make GREAT thank you presents for medical staff and employees.

Remember MWL members get a **20% DISCOUNT** on gift items! Pick up some amazing holiday gifts and home décor from The Shop and you are HELPING the community!

**BUCKEYE Drinks are 20% off on GAME DAYS!!**

Halloween Merchandise is currently ON SALE!!

Christmas and Holiday items will be out SOON!

## 100% of profits go to LOCAL charities!



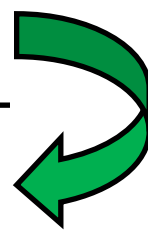
### Finance Committee is accepting grant applications until Oct 31

The Finance Committee is still accepting applications for the 2021 -22 Community Grant Cycle. Any nonprofit organization that directly benefits Washington County, Ohio is encouraged to apply for funding.

Online applications will be accepted until October 31, 2021 at 11:59p.m. Visit our website for the application link! (Paper

applications will NOT be accepted, if your organization needs help with the online process, please contact [mwlgrants@gmail.com](mailto:mwlgrants@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Subject line "Application help.")

Note: MWL Grants are project-based. Funds will not be awarded for salaries or general operating expenses. Multiple applications may be accepted from organizations for different projects. Yes, partial funding of requests is possible.



## A Note from Our President

Hello! League members and friends!

I became the new President of the Welfare League this February 2021. I take a lot of pride being your President for this year but first I want to go back one year just to fill you in on how we handled 2020 and fill you in on a little history.

To say it was a journey is an understatement. 2020 the year we all weren't expecting. The changes were great from mask wearing to our health professionals who were overworked and underpaid. For teachers who had to go to virtual learning and all those parents who had no idea how to teach and weren't paid at all. For those who lost jobs and had to go to food pantries to pick up food. The four walls in our homes never changed and the TV shows became less and less interesting. Holidays were lonely because families had to be separated.

The deaths mounted up and people lost their loved ones without getting to say goodbye. We were all in this together, but some had it worse than others.

I must say that our League board under the direction of our past president Ann Corbett kept us afloat while we could not have our annual auction or our shop open, but we managed to start a shoe tag fund fundraiser and made around \$14,000 toward shoes for kids.

So goodbye 2020 and hello 2021.

Of course, one thing for sure is that we can still find something to be thankful for. The virus took so much from so many, but God gave us so much to be grateful for and we have taken advantage of the important things that await many of us every day. Personally, I had to sit down and write how thankful I was for my wonderful husband, two grown children, four grandchildren, and 2020 brought me my first beautiful great granddaughter.

Now it is 2021 and we have to move forward. The virus is still hanging around holding us back in many ways, but we are treading forward with good things happening. Our Music in the park had to be cancelled due to weather on different occasions, but the nights we were able to hold the concerts were cherished, thanks to Evy. Our shop is running full force selling food and gifts on a daily basis and we have picked up some new members along the way this year. We all must have positive attitudes and enjoy everything we do to make it a better more powerful group.

I like the song "I am woman, hear me roar" so let's roar every chance we get because each of you are the ones that can make us look good. Remember to be kind to anyone who needs a pick me up. It's not always the money we make, it's that our treasures are the friendships we make and how we help the women and children in this community.

Thank you so much for each member old and new who has contributed so much time and effort to our organization and made it outstanding! Each one of you mean a lot to me and the League. I like to think that we are a lot like Disney because we light up people's face every day.

***Thank you,  
Susan Strauss***

