

Join us September 30 for Judicial Candidates Night

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September Board Meeting

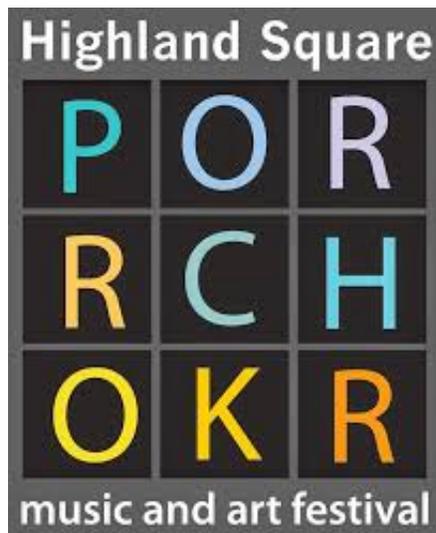
**September 4 6:00 - 7:30 380 Mineola Akron
44320**

Our next Board meeting is September 4 at the church. Members are welcome. Please note the later start time.

Voter Registration Porch Rockr

Saturday, September 20 in Highland Square

LWVAA will be registering voters and providing information about League membership and voting regulations on September 20 at the Porch Rokr (pronounced "porch rocker") festival in Akron. This is a community event where bands play on the front porches of neighborhood houses. Food vendors and other booths will be present as well. We need volunteers to work at our table to greet and register new voters and answer questions. Please email lwvaa@lwvaa.org or call Mary King at 330.535.7372 if you are interested in taking a shift at our booth.



Judicial Candidates Night

September 30 6:30 - 9:30 Hudson High School

The Leagues of Akron, Tallmadge, and Hudson are collaborating on a Summit County judicial candidates night. All Summit County judicial candidates have been invited to attend. Our Leagues were awarded a grant from LWVO to promote this event and we encourage all members and friends to join us for a night of questions and discussion.

Volunteers are needed to staff the tables as facilitators. Please contact Diana Kingsbury (kingsbury.diana@gmail.com) to volunteer. This forum is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to the Leagues' work and give them a chance to see grass roots politics in action.



President's Message

Jill Cabe, President

Every time I sat down to write this message something astounding happened. After watching aghast with the rest of the country at the green water in Toledo, I followed the nightmare in Ferguson on Twitter. Now I read that early voting in Ohio has been restored (and along with it some of my faith in the system, which was sorely tested by the previous events).

The League was a plaintiff in the lawsuit (filed by the ACLU) against the Secretary of State and I am proud to know that our PMP dues go to support that kind of direct activism. For many organizations, membership dues often seem to result only in an onslaught of mail. However, the dues for League, both State and National, support lobbying and activism in support of the League positions. These are true democratic (with a small d) principles that include access to the ballot, access to clean water, and judicial reform. It is money well spent – invested in democracy.

Here in Akron your local dues support programming and voter outreach efforts. We are working to coordinate our programming (and this year's Voters' Guide) with Hudson and Tallmadge to reach a wider audience, have access to more viewpoints, and offer more information in a timely manner. We have switched to an online newsletter to lower costs and lessen our environmental impact. In the past year the Akron League offered programs on guns as a public health issue, the storm sewer project in Akron. We celebrated women as champions for the environment, collaborated with Tallmadge and the Akron Food Bank on a program about hunger in our community, and hosted a school board candidates' night. All of these events were supported by you, our members, in service to our larger community.

I think you can see where this is going. [It's time to renew.](#) It's also time to recruit. We are truly grateful to you for your continued support. And we want your friends and family who share your commitment to our community, and to voting rights for all, to join us. The League is only as strong as its members. We in Akron are lucky to have a committed group of people who continue to be a core of strength and commitment. But we have many opportunities for those who are interested in doing a bit more, in reaching out, in trying something new. We on the Board are trying to stretch and grow the

League from within – making new connections, trying new things. If you know someone who is ready to try something new too, please invite them to join us in our work. And if you yourself are ready to reach out - to register a new voter, to meet a judge, to observe a public meeting - the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area is right here with you and for you.



November Election Recap

November 20, 2014 Tallmadge High School

The Tallmadge, Akron Area, and Hudson Leagues will welcome Dr. Steve Brooks, Associate Director of the Ray. C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, as our guest speaker in November.

The Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is a bipartisan research and teaching institute dedicated to increasing understanding of the political process with special emphasis on political parties, grassroots activity, and ethical behavior.

As Associate Director of the Bliss Institute, Dr. Brooks serves as advisor for Applied Politics students, assists in the Bliss Internship program and coordinates the academic programs of the Institute. His research work on campaigns has appeared in a number of book chapters, Ohio Speech Journal and Campaigns and Elections. Articles about policy agenda setting have appeared in book chapters and Public Opinion Quarterly.

The meeting will be held at Tallmadge High School Community Meeting Room on November 20, 2014 at 7:00pm. The public is welcome to attend.



Lake Erie Basin Report

Algae Bloom Action Alert

Recently nearly 400,000 residents of Toledo, Ohio that are served by the city's water intake in Lake Erie found they did not have access to safe drinking water. Excess levels of phosphorus fed the toxin, microcystin, to create this horrific situation. League members are encouraged to contact their State Representatives and use the following points to send a clear message that this situation must be remedied.

***Currently there are no limits set on the amount of phosphorus flowing into Lake Erie. The USA and Canada must establish requirements to ensure that each country meets the targets set in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 2012.**

***The US Environmental Protection Agency must establish a specific microcystin standard under the Safe Drinking Water Act so that protocols can be set for testing, monitoring and prevention.**

***Phosphorus fertilizers on crops and manure runoff pollute the Maumee River which flows into the western basin of Lake Erie. The Maumee River watershed should be declared a distressed watershed. Ohio regulators should clarify that the distressed watershed rule applies to both manure and fertilizer.**

***Source water protection plans must be developed for all communities that get their drinking water from Lake Erie.**



Acme Cash Back

September 18 - February 4

The Acme Cash Back fund raising program has been a small but consistent winner for us over the years. It's simple, has no overhead cost, and is not labor intensive for League members.

The format for the program this year is very similar to the last few years and is based on the purchase of Acme brand products. These products include: Food Club, Full Circle, Dining In, Top Crest, Top Care, Domestix, Paws Premium, Acme Fresh Market, ValuTime & others. When you shop at Acme and purchase these products the "Community Cash Back" amount is shown at the end of each register tape.

League members & friends can simply mail all the tapes Janice Jacobs who then bundles the tapes as directed by the program regulations and League receives 5% of the total Cash Back amounts. Last year we received a check in the amount of \$191.43.

Start saving your tapes September 18, 2014 through February 4, 2015. Janice will need to receive the tapes by February 20, 2015. Thank you in advance for saving your tapes for League.

Please send your tapes by February 20, 2015 to:

Janice Jacobs

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