

# November Voter 2014

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*The Akron Voter* November, 2014



## LWVAA Upcoming Events

**November 6**  
LWVAA Board  
Meeting  
380 Mineola  
6:00 - 7:30

**November 11**  
All Member Call  
12:00 - 1:00  
866.740.1260  
#4691505

**November 20**  
2014 Election Review  
7:00 pm  
Dr. Steve Brooks,  
Bliss Institute

## President's Message

It's been quite a month. As most of you know, we had significant problems with the *Voters' Guide* and had to pull the printed version. We had still more issues updating the online version in a timely manner and that further exacerbated those in our community who were convinced that our errors were, in fact, evidence of partisanship. The League of Women Voters of the Akron Area is not now, never has been, and never will be partisan. But we are going to be better proof readers in the future - that I guarantee.

Thank you to our many members who reached out with messages of support, especially Janice Jacobs and the Ed Fund Committee, who fund the *Voters' Guide*. This year's *Voters' Guide* was our first in collaboration with Hudson and Tallmadge and their communities were also adversely affected by Akron's errors. Tammy Shomo, Tallmadge president, and Kathy Cybulski, Hudson president, worked to pick up *Guides* and communicate our joint message of apology to their members and the

Tallmadge HS  
140 N. Munroe Rd.

**December 4**  
LWVAA Board  
Meeting  
380 Mineola  
6:00 - 7:30

**December 6**  
Holiday Brunch  
11:00 am  
Portage Country Club

**January, 2015**  
Program Planning  
Meeting

public. The Board and I apologize to each and every one of you and want you to know that we will work diligently to be sure this debacle never repeats. However, I cannot stress enough that there was *absolutely nothing partisan, targeted, or intentional* about any of the problems we had in the publication and dissemination of the *Voter's Guide* for 2014 general election.

And what a sad election it was. Voter turn out under 40%. For Millennials, the turn out is estimated at 12%. Many of our League members volunteered as poll workers and others worked for Election Protection with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law (also non-partisan). The work for the larger League remains clear - voter protection and education efforts are desperately needed as states require different forms of id, as the dates, times and places for voting change. Our mission to support an informed, participatory democracy is as urgent as ever. The race for 2016 began on November 5, 2014.

Since it is November I also want to add some words of thanks - most especially to you, our members and friends who support us in our work to educate the community on League positions and protect voter rights. Also thanks to our Board - all volunteers, all dedicated to the League and our Akron area. The Board works hard to make sure we have events and programs that advance the role of the League in our community. We have Board positions open and if you are thinking it is time to do more to give back, we would welcome your contributions to our effort. Please contact the League at [lwvaa@lwvaa.org](mailto:lwvaa@lwvaa.org) to find out if your skills and interests would be a good match for our needs. If you aren't able to volunteer right now, please be sure you have [renewed your membership](#). And thank you.



## **Election Review November 20**

Dr. Steve Brooks of the Bliss Institute at the University of Akron will present a review of the 2014 election on November 20 at 7:00 at Tallmadge High School. The meeting will take place in the Community Room. The high school is located at 140 North Munroe Road in Tallmadge. This is an excellent opportunity to consider the political ramifications of our recent election with our sister Leagues from Tallmadge and Hudson. All Akron Leaguers and their friends are welcome to attend and the event is free.

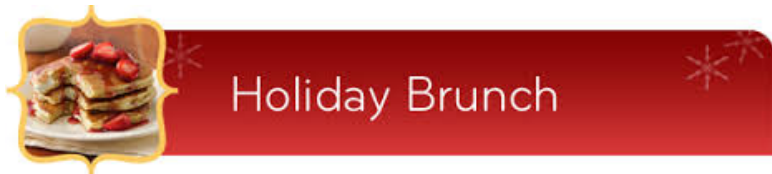


## **Holiday Brunch December 6**

Our holiday party this year will be a brunch on Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 at Portage Country Club with the Tallmadge and Hudson Leagues. The cost is \$18.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. Summit County Executive Russ Pry will be our speaker.

Attendees are asked to bring a food donation for Dare to Share, a local program run by the Future Career and Community Leaders of America at Tallmadge High School. The student group sends bags of food home on Friday for students who are food insecure at home. Donations should be single serving type items like fruit cups, oatmeal packets, or crackers.

Please RSVP to Jill Cabe, [jillcabe@gmail.com](mailto:jillcabe@gmail.com), by November 29 if you plan to attend. All members and their guests are welcome.



## Acme Cash Back

As you begin your holiday shopping, be sure to save your receipts from Acme for our Cash Back fundraiser. Receipts can be collected and saved from September 18 to February 4.



## LWV Action Alert!

Use these links to send a message to government agencies and politicians to support national League positions. It's easy and quick and helps demonstrate the power of the League!

[Support the EPA's proposal to limit carbon pollution.](#)

[Tell your representative to move forward on voting rights.](#)



## LWVO All-Member Call

The November All-Member call will be with Professor

Daniel Tokaji, an election law professor at the Moritz Law School at the Ohio State University. Professor Tokaji will be sharing his new book, "The New Soft Money: Outside Spending in Congressional Elections".

The call is from 12:00 - 1:00 on Tuesday, November 11. Call in to 866.74.1260 and use PIN #4691505 to join the call. In order to anticipate the number of people on the call, they request that you RSVP by emailing [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org). An RSVP is not required; however, it will help LWVO to administer the call effectively if they know how many people are planning to call in.



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