

LWVAA September, 2015

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LWVAA Upcoming Events

September 10
LWVAA Board
Meeting
380 Mineola
6:00 - 7:30

September 17
Young Voters Event
The Barley House
222 South Main St.
6:00 – 7:30PM

September 24
LWV Hudson
Forum on
Redistricting
Hudson Library
7:00 - 9:00

President's Message

Greetings, LWVAA members. I am our League's new President as of August 20. Our previous President, Jill Cabe stepped down after 14 months in office. During her tenure, Jill guided the organization through challenging times and we are fortunate that she has agreed to continue editing our *Voter* newsletter.

This is a busy time. With the upcoming elections, the General Election Voter's guide will be finalized and distributed following the Primary Election. The League is hosting and co-sponsoring several events as well. On September 17, the LWVAA along with many cosponsors, including sister leagues of Tallmadge, Hudson and Kent, the Bliss Institute and the Urban League are holding an event for young voters at the Barley House in downtown Akron. Please see the list of upcoming events in the left hand column of our newsletter for details. Currently we are also working with other organizations to cosponsor a school board candidates forum and possibly a judicial candidates forum. Please take the time to view the Primary Election *Voters' Guide*, which is in electronic form only, on the League website at www.lwvaa.org.

This summer Jill surveyed the Board of Directors on

October 1
LWVAA Board
Meeting
380 Mineola
6:00 - 7:30

October 6
Akron School Board
Candidates Forum
Red Cross Building
501 West Market St.
6:30 - 8:30

November 5
LWVAA Board
Meeting
380 Mineola
6:00 - 7:30

December 5
Summit Leagues
Christmas Brunch
Portage Country Club

several issues related to the League's priorities for the next few years, its vision for the future and the challenges we face as an organization. The predominant themes were the need for more visibility in the community and the need for new members, with emphasis on attracting a more diverse populations, particularly young people. Many ideas were presented for activities that can increase visibility, which the Board will discuss over the next several months.

I am excited to work on the League's behalf and look forward to serving the organization for the next few years. Please contact me at bbaldwin1334@gmail.com if you'd like to discuss ideas or comment on the League's activities.



A Note from Jill

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the past year. The demands of a full-time job require that I leave the League in the very capable hands of Barbara and the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "jill C. Cove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Young Voters Event

Give Yourself a Voice...Vote September 17 6:00 - 7:30 at the Barley House

Join The League of Women Voters chapters of Akron, Hudson, Kent and Tallmadge for a casual event at The Barley House in downtown Akron. We invite young voters throughout Northeast Ohio to give yourself a voice, and learn why you should vote. We will also register voters at the event.

The event is timed to celebrate Constitution Day, and will feature Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands, Summit County Court of Common Pleas; Turner Anderson, a graduate student from the University of Akron; and a speaker from The Bliss Institute.

Thank you to our co-sponsors: The Akron Urban League, The Bliss Institute, The Greater Akron Chamber, and The Young Professional Network of The Greater Akron Chamber. The program is free and open to the public. You do not have to be a young voter to attend! Everyone is welcome. The event will be held at The Barley House, 222 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6:00 - 7:30PM. Refreshments and pizza will be provided, and free parking is available in the adjacent deck.



Click the button below to review our 2015 Primary Voters' Guide before you vote on Tuesday, September 8!

[LWVAA Primary Voters' Guide](#)

**Akron School Board
Candidates Forum**

**October 6 at the Red Cross 501 West Market Street
Doors at 6:00 Program 6:30 - 8:30**

LWVAA is proud to co-sponsor a forum for the candidates for Akron School Board with the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Please plan to attend the event and ask questions of our local candidates.



Annual Picnic

Our Annual Women's Equality Day Picnic was held August 20 at Sand Run Metro Park and we had an excellent turnout. New President Barbara Hunsicker talked about her experiences at State Convention and shared her thoughts on the League moving forward. New Board members Arrye Rosser and Ray and Karen Barta also attended. We even had a surprise visit by Akron Mayor Jeff Fusco!



Leaguers Jean Questel and Mary Lou Gault enjoy the Annual Picnic.

Acme Cash Back

Acme Cash Back has begun! Please save all your Acme receipts and ask your friends and family to do the same. A portion of each eligible expenditure is donated by Acme back to the League.



LWVGC Hot Topic Event

Zephyr Teachout, author of *Corruption in America: From Benjamin Franklin's Snuff Box to Citizen's United* (Harvard University Press 2014), will visit greater Cleveland on November 5-6 and speak on the history of corruption and campaign finance reform in the United States.

Teachout, associate professor of law at Fordham University, received a BA from Yale University and a double degree in law and political science from Duke University. An anti-corruption activist, she was the first national director of the Sunlight Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that uses open data to improve access to government information, especially the flow of money in politics. In July 2015, she was appointed CEO of Mayday PAC, a crowd-funded, nonpartisan Super PAC promoting campaign finance reform.

She will present two lectures at different locations for your convenience:

Date and time: Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 pm

Location: West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River

Free and open to the public

Date and time: Friday, November 6 at noon

Location: Cleveland Marshall College of Law, faculty conference room

Parking: See Cleveland State University Visitor [Parking Information](#)

Free and open to the public



LWV Hudson Forum

Why Should You Vote Yes on Issue 1: A Public Educational Forum on Redistricting Thursday, September 24, 2015 7-9 PM Hudson Library



Fair Districts for Ohio is a bipartisan coalition seeking to improve the process of drawing state legislative districts in Ohio. Co-Chairmen Matt Huffman and Vernon Sykes began building the coalition after a near unanimous vote by state lawmakers from both parties to place a constitutional amendment before the voters of Ohio to reform the process of drawing districts. With overwhelming support from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, the issue will appear on the ballot this November giving Ohioans the opportunity to ensure state legislative districts are fair for everyone.

About The Issue: The first major overhaul to Ohio's process of drawing state legislative districts in over 40 years, this measure brings reforms to several key areas:

- Bipartisan,
- Transparent,
- Fairness,
- Accountable,
- Protects Communities.

For more information: www.lwvohio.org and www.fairdistrictsforohio.org.

LWVO Fair Districts Update

Our Director, Carrie Davis, has written an [informative blog post](#) about Issue 1 and Fair Districts for Ohio. Please take a moment to read her post to familiarize yourself with the League's activities on this important topic.



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