

LWVAA February 2016

[View this email in your browser](#)*February 2016***LWVAA Upcoming Events****February 26**

A Burning River No Longer: Restoring the Health of the Cuyahoga River Lecture and Discussion. .  
Happy Days  
Lodge, Peninsula  
See article for time and ticket information.

**March 3**

LWVAA Board Meeting  
380 Mineola Ave. Akron  
6-7:30 p.m.

**March 15**

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

The primary elections have begun and Ohio's is fast approaching on March 15. This leaves little time to become educated on the candidates at the local, state and national levels. The Summit County Leagues - Akron Area, Hudson and Tallmadge are working together to compile a new online voter guide through Vote411. All candidates certified for the Ohio Primary are invited to participate.

The Local Leagues are inviting candidate participation of those running for state legislative and county offices. Candidates will enter their biographical information and answer questions developed by the three Local Leagues. We are asking candidates to respond immediately so their information will be available well before March 15. The LWV Ohio will gather information on state and federal races, including congressional and US Senate candidates. All candidate information on voters' local elections as well as the state and federal races will be available through the Vote411 website [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

VOTE!  
Ohio Primary Election

March 30-April 10, 2016



April 26  
**LWV Ohio Statehouse Day**  
Sheraton Hotel  
Capital Square  
75 E. State St.  
Columbus, 43215

June 2  
**LWVAA Annual Meeting**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Cafe Bricco  
3150 W. Market St.,  
Fairlawn

Judicial candidate information will be provided through another online voter guide, Judicial Votes Count, [www.JudicialVotesCount.org](http://www.JudicialVotesCount.org).

**LWVAA Program Planning Wrap-up**

On January 30, thirteen LWVAA members met to review the LWVUS and LWVAA programs and to develop the LWVAA's recommended priorities for 2016-2017. Three groups reviewed the LWVUS public policy positions in the categories of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, Social Policy. With nearly 50 national policies, the group concurred that LWVAA policies and activities are consistent with the existing national policies.

Several LWVAA policies are recommended for updating of wording and consistency with other regional Local Leagues. There was no recommendation for new LWVAA policy.

Three recommended priorities for LWVAA's 2016-2017 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

- Offer voter services and education in areas of Akron that have low rates of voter registration and voting. (New)
- Use our positions to educate and advocate on local issues of water quality, and water consumption and storm water management. (Continue from 2015-2016 program)
- Support efforts to make changes in how apportionment is done, consistent with League positions. (Continue from 2015-2016 program)

Members will have an opportunity to comment or recommend other priorities when the Annual Meeting program is published in the April Voter.

Many thanks to the individuals who donated their time on a Saturday to participate in this important activity: Sharon Gandee, Bruce Greer, Jackie Darrow, Sue Klein, Arrye Rosser, Martha Lester,

Jessie Coffey, Mary Lou Gault, Mary Ann Jopperi, Karen and Ray Barta and Jean Questel. Special thanks to Erica Greer, who graciously stepped in to facilitate at the last minute when the scheduled facilitator became ill. She educated the group on LWV program planning and guided the process of developing recommendations.

Barbara Hunsicker, President

### **Coming Soon**

LWVAA is thrilled to announce our second year as a Community Partner for the Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF)! This year's festival will be held March 30 - April 10, 2016, hosted at Tower City and other locations around NE Ohio. The March Voter will announce the film selected for the LWVAA.



Photo by Jeffrey Gibson

### **Health of the Cuyahoga River - Lecture and Discussion Friday, February 26**

The LWVAA is cosponsoring with the National Park Service, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cleveland Metroparks, Summit Metro Parks, Friends of the Crooked River, Cuyahoga River Restoration, and Ohio EPA a special evening event on Friday, February 26. Members and guests are encouraged to participate. For volunteer opportunities, contact Arrye Rosser, LWVAA Natural Resources Chair at [arrye33@aol.com](mailto:arrye33@aol.com).

Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12.  
General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4. Online purchase and additional information is available at [conservancyforcvnp.org](http://conservancyforcvnp.org) under Events.

Happy Days Lodge is located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula 44264.



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