



THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Get involved with LWVAA!

Click [here](#) for a complete list of volunteer activities or fill out this [form](#).

- Volunteers needed for upcoming voter registration events and 2017 LWVOhio convention in NE Ohio, [contact](#) Jackie Darrow
- Join the Observer Corps, openings for Summit County Council and Akron City Council
- Voter Services Committee to work on Vote411 (replacing Voter's Guide)
- Update the National Database (ongoing)

President's Message

Dear Members,

Each year on August 26, Women's Equality Day commemorates certification of the 19th Amendment which, in 1920, gave women the right to vote. Almost 100 years later, women vote at a higher rate than men (in 2012, about 10 million more women voted than men) but are still underrepresented in all levels of government. Now, in 2016, voters have their first opportunity to elect a woman President of the United States. History may be made almost a century after gaining the right to vote by having a woman occupy the highest position in government.

The Best Way to Celebrate Women's Equality Day?



Register to vote!

VOTE411.org
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

To volunteer, email
lwvaa@lwvaa.org



LWVAA Upcoming Events

August 11, 2016

LWVAA Annual Picnic
6:00-7:30p.m.



Mingo Pavilion at
Sand Run Metro Park
1501 Sand Run Pkwy,
Akron, Ohio 44333

Celebrating Women's
Equality Day!

LWVAA will provide
beverages and paper
supplies, all members
and friends are asked to
bring a dish to share.

Click [here](#) for more

Every year since 1972, after Congresswoman Bella Abzug successfully gained passage of a resolution declaring August 26 Women's Equality Day, presidents have issued a proclamation recognizing the achievements and challenges that remain to have true gender equality. Following are excerpts from the first proclamation in 1973 by President Richard Nixon, and the most recent in 2015 by President Barack Obama.

"In recent years there have been great strides in extending the protection of the law to the rights of women, and in promoting equal opportunities for women . . . Although every woman may not desire a career outside the home, every woman should have the freedom to pursue whatever career she wishes. Although women today have a greater opportunity to do that, we still must do more to ensure every woman every opportunity to make the fullest contribution to our progress as a Nation." Richard M. Nixon, 1973

"Women's equality is a core civil and human rights principle in the United States and around the world. Across America, women are contributing to our economy and our Nation in innovative and exciting ways. From businesses to battlefields, women are vital to the prosperity and security of our country. As we celebrate the last 95 years of progress in advancing women's rights, let us rededicate ourselves to the idea that our Nation is not yet complete: there is still work to do to secure the blessings of our country for every American daughter." Barack Obama, 2015

The recurring theme noting the necessity to ensure that women have the same rights and opportunities as men in education, career, pay, representation in government and high levels of industry and commerce reminds us that although we have significant progress to celebrate, we still have a long way to go.

For more information, visit the [National Women's History Project](#) online.

Barbara Hunsicker, President

Tribute to Sally York, Joanne Shippy

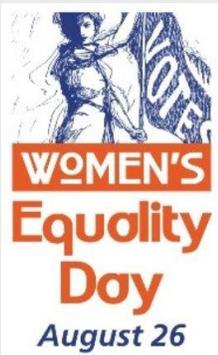
Submitted by Jean Questel and Gerry Hall

In Memoriam

In the 1980's and 90's Sally York and Joanne Shippy were major leaders in the actions and projects of LWVAA.

Sally was president from 1987 to 1989. She was a strong believer that meetings should never last longer than an hour or one hour fifteen minutes max. Her Board meetings achieved that goal, and all of the necessary business was accomplished. The fun, going out to eat, came later. She returned and worked as a co-president in 1997-1998 when the Board could only find "old" presidents to guide it. Sally was the League's secretary from 2005 to 2009. She also served as chairman of the Education Fund Board and was a member of that Board for many years.

Joanne was an avid advocate of voting, particularly in registering voters. She especially liked the slogan, "Voting is not a spectator sport!" She was



involved in expanding the distribution of the Voters Guide and publicizing our informative meetings before elections. Joanne was chairman of the League's Government committee for several years, was Vice President, Program, and then, Juvenile Justice chair. She, too, was a member of the Education Fund Board.

Physical problems curtailed their active participation, but neither stopped supporting the work of our League. The spirit and love of the League was evident whenever they were well enough to come to a meeting.

Both passed away this year, but the effects of their work on behalf of LWVAA will continue as a tribute to their dedication and leadership.

September 1, 2016

LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St.,
Akron, Ohio
6:30-8:00 p.m.

This meeting is for
Board Members only

September 1, 2016

Voter Information and Registration Event

Countryside Farmers
Market at Highland
Square
Conger Avenue at West
Market Street
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Swing State Day at Rubber Ducks



Submitted by Jackie Darrow

It was a sell-out crowd of 8,183 at the Rubber Ducks stadium on July 15 and LWVAA was there sharing voter information and American flags to the many attendees. Our booth was set up next to the popcorn station, so we had a captive audience and a perfect opportunity to chat with families as they waited in line.

The Rubber Ducks' "Swing State" promotion cleverly aligned with the League's work and the extra importance of voting in Ohio. The evening provided great exposure for the League and was an all in all success.

Many thanks to the LWVAA Education Fund for underwriting the cost of the booth.

Submit article or idea for The Akron Voter

September 22, 2016

Voter Information and
Registration Event

Countryside Farmers
Market at Highland
Square
Conger Avenue at West
Market Street
4:00-7:00 p.m.

September 24, 2016

Voter Information and
Registration Event

Countryside Farmers
Market at Howe
Meadow
4040 Riverview Road,
Peninsula
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

September 27, 2016

Candidates Night
for National Voter
Registration Day

VOTE411 Activities
Cuyahoga Falls High
School
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Committee Updates

Voter Services

Submitted by Jackie Derrow

We are looking for volunteers to help at voter registration events this summer and fall during this critical Presidential Election. Please [contact](#) Jackie Derrow at if you would like to assist.

Upcoming events

Thursday 9/1: Voter Information and registration at Countryside Farmers Market at Highland Square, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday 9/22: Voter Information and registration at Countryside Farmers Market at Highland Square, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9/24: Voter Information and registration at Countryside Farmers Market at Howe Meadow, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9/27: Candidates Night for National Voter Registration Day at Cuyahoga Falls High School, 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Summit County candidates are invited to participate!

Membership

Submitted by Ardith Keck

You should have received notice that it's time to renew your membership! As a member of LWVAA, you are also a member of the LWV of Ohio and LWV of the U.S. In addition to quarterly publications to members, these organizations provide LWVAA with organizational support, information on issues that reach beyond our local concerns, and by lobbying at the state and federal level, also serve to amplify the League's voice on state and national issues.

Click [here](#) to renew online. Thank you for helping us to Make Democracy Work!

If you know anyone who would make a great member, please share our online resources or connect them with Membership Chair [Ardith Keck](#).

Update your records!

The LWVAA office has moved! Please update your records with our new location and address:

Co-sponsored with
Hudson and Tallmadge
Leagues

Summit County
candidates are invited
to participate!

*More details in the
September Akron Voter*



Westminster Presbyterian Church
1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio

Mailing address: PO Box 5449, Akron, Ohio 44334

This is a good reminder if you have moved or your contact information has changed, please let us know right away.

Also, the new office voicemail system is working to allow LWVAA to respond sooner to incoming calls. Thank you to Roberta Aber for ensuring these messages get to the right person!

October 6, 2016

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Meeting

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[Join us today](#)

to support
democracy,
nonpartisan
political
action, and
voter rights in
your
community.

October 11, 2016

Voter registration
deadline in Ohio

Click [here](#) to check your
voter status and to
make changes online

November 8, 2016

VOTE!

Ohio General Election



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