



# THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

January, 2017

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LWVAA

Upcoming

Events

January 5, 2017

LWVAA Board Meeting

## Message from the President

The elections are over but many obstacles to register to vote remain. In Ohio, access to voter registration will be significantly increased on January 1 with the implementation of online voter registration.

A new law, SB 63, passed earlier this year implements a system advocated for years by Ohio Secretary of State John Husted.

Benefits will be felt immediately. First, registrations will be more accurate because an applicant's eligibility to vote is checked immediately, before processing the application.

In addition, the online system will save tax dollars, from fifty cents to \$2.54 as estimated by the Pew Charitable Trusts, over the paper registration process.

New processes like online voter registration take time to become widespread and understood. It will increase over the years, thus making it important to begin educating eligible voters immediately.

By beginning now, when the 2020 elections take place the online system will already be widely known and used. Hopefully, increased registration will lead to increased participation in the democratic process.

LWVAA is starting 2017 with two important meetings in January. On 1/7, Voter Services Chair Jackie Darrow will host a committee meeting at her home to review the Primary Election Systems and recommend alternative

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

Board Members only

### January 7, 2017

Committee Meeting for Primary  
Election Systems Study

Location: Jackie Derrow's home  
(West Akron)

Meet to review alternative  
approaches to the Primary Elections

Email [Jackie Derrow](#) or call  
330.869.5412 to RSVP

### January 14, 2017

#### LWVAA Annual Planning Meeting

Unitarian Universalist Church  
3300 Morewood Ave, Fairlawn, Ohio  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Planning and volunteer opportunities  
for 2017, including LWVO  
Convention



### January 31, 2017

LWVO study on Primary Elections  
due

approaches. Please [email](#) or call her at 330-869-5412 to  
RSVP.

The second meeting will be our Annual Program  
Planning, and we're taking a different approach this year  
to include discussing details around hosting the LWVO  
Convention in May, as well as other topics we want to  
focus on as a league in 2017. Be prepared to volunteer!

Barbara Hunsicker  
President



## Acme Cash Back Time is Over - send in those receipts !

Submitted by Janice Jacobs

It's the end of the Acme Cash Back promotion and time to  
send your receipts in! Just send them in and Janice  
will do the rest: Janice Jacobs, PO Box 26, Cuyahoga  
Falls, OH 44222-0026

To get the full scoop on the program visit the [Acme  
Website](#) which explains that LWVAA receives 5% on  
eligible purchases and also outlines what items qualify as  
eligible.

This has been a small but consistent fundraiser for  
League since 2002, and is easy!

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## Learn More About the U.S. Election Process: Join us for our Primary Election Systems Study on January 7

Submitted by Jackie Derrow

February 2, 2017

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

March 2, 2017

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

April 6, 2017

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

April 22, 2017

EARTH DAY

As reported in our last newsletter, the 2015 LWV Ohio convention delegates approved a study of primary election systems (PES).

The PES study committee prepared a [study guide](#) (this link will open a .PDF) and questions and has asked local leagues to form committees to review the materials and submit consensus responses to the questions.

A group of LWVAA members (our “committee”) will meet at my home in West Akron at 10:00 a.m., January 7 to discuss the pros and cons of alternative primary approaches and arrive at a consensus on the study questions. We welcome others to join us.

Please [email](#) or call Jackie Derrow at 330.869.5412 if you have an interest.

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## News from LWV Ohio

### **Congressional Redistricting Reform**

Fair Districts Coalition released a revised Congressional Redistricting Reform Proposal and invites the public to provide feedback on impasse options.

[Click here to read a summary](#), and [click here for a copy of the proposal](#).

### **Support LWVO Education Fund**

If you shop on Amazon, it's easy to support LWV of Ohio Education Fund. Just click [this link](#) first then shop like normal. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase back to LWVO.

### **LWVO 2017 Convention**

The LWVO 2017 Convention will be in our back yard, sponsored by the Leagues of the Akron Area, Hudson, Kent, and Tallmadge.

It will be held May 5-7 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. If you're interested in being part of the planning, please attend our January 14 Program Planning meeting, or [email LWVAA](#) to volunteer.

### **LWVO is hiring**

LWV Ohio is currently accepting applications for:

- [Legislative Public Policy Intern](#)
- [Voter Service Intern](#)
- [Communications & Marketing Intern](#)



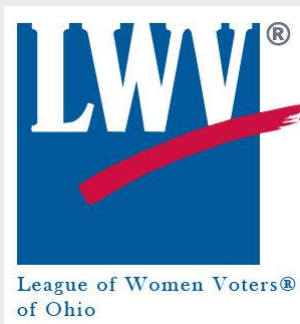
- [Part-time Office & Program Associate](#)
- [Part-time Development Campaign Director](#)



[Join us today](#) to support democracy, nonpartisan political action, and voter rights in your community.

May 5-7, 2017

LWV Ohio Convention



Sheraton Suites  
1989 Front Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Co-sponsored with Hudson,  
Kent, and Tallmadge Leagues

Email [LWVAA](mailto:LWVAA) if you would like to  
volunteer for the planning committee!

