



March, 2017



[Click here to register for the LWVO Convention by April 28!](#)



Message from the President

Come to Convention!

We are fortunate to be hosting this year's LWV Ohio Convention. Not only is it in our own backyard, but who could argue that this is not one of the most exciting and opportune times to get involved with your Local League?

Since the 2016 elections, a vast number of advocacy groups have grown in membership as they organize and mobilize against challenges to democracy and erosion of many principles of a free and fair society.

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Upcoming

Events

March 14, 2017

Constitutional & Statutory Law: The Power & Limits of Presidential Decision-Making

Presented by the University of Akron School of Law
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Downtown Akron Public Library Auditorium

From the first day of his administration, President Trump has issued more Executive Orders and Presidential Memoranda than any other president in a comparable period of time. This forum addresses the legal status and legal effects of these actions under both the United States Constitution and applicable laws.

These issues, along with questions from the audience, will be addressed by three experts from the University of Akron School of Law:

William S. Jordan, III, C. Blake McDowell
Professor of Law
Wilson R. Huhn, Emeritus Distinguished
Professor of Law
Elizabeth Knowles, Assistant Clinical
Professor of Law

This [program](#) is free and open to the public. Please share this information with

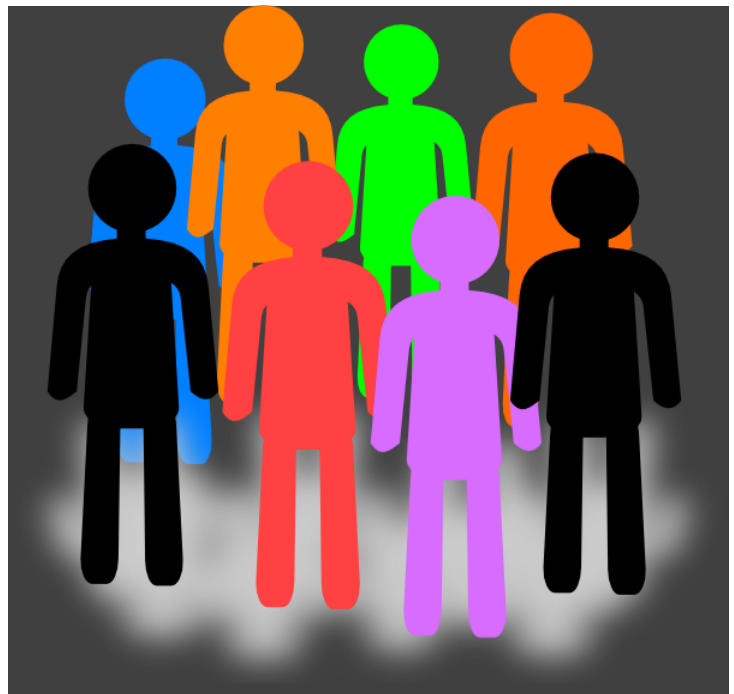
New groups are forming as well to participate in specific activities to achieve fair voting and fair districts as well as promoting positive changes. People are motivated to direct their energy to taking advantage of the opportunities for change that may not emerge again in the foreseeable future.

What does this have to do with the biannual LWV Ohio Convention? Plenty, since the League is of the most well-known and respected grass-roots political organizations. The convention is a gathering of like-minded members from all over the state and offers the opportunity to learn and network about the serious issues facing the electorate.

The convention has two parts: a business meeting that takes place over two days to establish the League's priorities for action and approve a budget for the next two years. The other portion is a series of workshops and presentations on vital topics of the day such as redistricting, immigration and fake news.

I went to the state convention for the first time in 2015. The warmth and welcoming manner of the participants put me at ease in a group of strangers. The educational sessions gave me a crash course in League policies and I went home feeling good about being part of such a great organization. Please try it. You'll like it!

Barbara Hunsicker
President



anyone who might be interested.

March 18, 2017

Speaker's Bureau Training

Sign up to attend a Speaker's Bureau Training in Columbus at 1 pm.

We need speakers to get the word out about congressional redistricting reform and educate others about the Fair Districts = Fair Elections proposal.

We will give you the tools you need to be comfortable talking about congressional redistricting reform in front of small and large groups.

Sign up today and bring a friend!

March 29-April 9, 2017

Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF)

You will find more details below to register for LWV Ohio Convention. Registration deadline is April 28 so don't delay!

Look for more details to be posted on our [web site](#) and [Facebook](#) in the next few weeks, or [email us](#) with any Convention questions.

LWVAA Community Sponsor for CIFF41

Submitted by Ardith Keck, VP Membership

For the third year, LWVAA will be the Community Sponsor for the 41st Cleveland International Film Festival, held from March 29-April 9, 2017.

This year's film [Voices of the Hill](#) (2016) is extra special because it was filmed locally by Cleveland native Director Carla LynDale Carter-Bishop. Heights Community Congress and The Housing Center are also Community Partners.

It chronicles a unique community in NE Ohio of only 14 streets, Twinsburg Heights. It's located in Summit County and tells the story of the struggles of the residents who are majority African American.

The film will be shown 3 times during the festival, including on April 1 at the Akron Art Museum. It's a special treat for LWVAA to host a CIFF film in our back yard. There will also be screenings on March 31 and April 2 at Tower City Cinemas.

Tickets go on sale to the general public Friday, March 17, and if you use code LWVAA you will receive \$2.00 off the ticket price.

Thank you to Jodie Delamatre for bringing us this opportunity, and to Ardith Keck for attending the film previews and working with the film selection committee.



For the third year, LWVAA will be a Community Partner in support of CIFF.

We're proud to support a local documentary [Voices of the Hill](#) which will be shown three times:

Saturday, April 1 at 6:30pm at the Akron Art Museum

Friday, March 31 at 4:05pm at Tower City Cinemas

Sunday, April 2 at 1:05pm at Tower City Cinemas

Tickets go on sale March 17, and **you can receive \$2 off with the code LWVAA**

Online: purchase tickets at www.clevelandfilm.org (available 24 hours a day)

Phone: call the Film Festival Box Office at 877.304.FILM (3456)

In-person: purchase tickets at the Film Festival Box Office in the Tower City Cinemas lobby



SAVE THE DATE!

LWVAA ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, June 8, 2017

Members and guests welcome!
More details revealed soon

LWV ACTION ALERT: No Repeal Without Replace

From lwv.org

Congress has taken the first steps to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in both the House and Senate. They are rushing to make major changes that will harm millions of Americans while throwing the U.S. health care system into disarray.

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



May 4, 2017

LWVAA Board Meeting

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

Board Members only

May 5-7, 2017

LWV Ohio Convention



Repealing the ACA without an effective plan to replace it is unacceptable. An analysis done by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that 32 million Americans will lose health insurance, premiums will double and out of pocket costs will sky-rocket.

Access to adequate, affordable coverage for people with pre-existing conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease could be endangered. Young adults would no longer be covered under their parent's plans, and women could face discriminatory rates.

It is critical that you tell Congress that now is not the time to take away health care protections and coverage without an effective plan that will assure we have affordable, quality health insurance.

Stand with the League today and tell Congress that they cannot repeal the ACA without a comprehensive plan to provide health coverage for all Americans.

In order to address your message to the appropriate recipient, we need to identify where you are. Please [look up](#) and use your full nine-digit zip for the best results.

After you send an email to your Representative, consider giving their office a call as well. Call 866-426-2631 and tell them:

"Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act without an effective plan that will assure we have affordable, quality health insurance."

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

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1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Co-sponsored with Hudson, Kent, and Tallmadge Leagues

Join us for LWVO's 62nd State Convention! State Convention is a wonderful time to come together in League, participate in dynamic workshops, share ideas and successes, plan for our League's future, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

[Registration](#) is open until April 28!

Registration Fees:

Whole Weekend - \$150

Saturday only - \$100

Sunday only - \$50

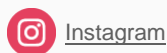
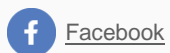
Meal Tickets:

Friday Pre- Convention Meet and Greet - \$35

Saturday Keynote Luncheon - \$30

Saturday Keynote Dinner - \$45

Special! \$10 off for all 3 - \$100



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