



THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

April, 2017

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LWVAA Upcoming Events

April 22, 2017

EARTH DAY



Message from the President

Statehouse Day!

Members from all over the state made their way to Columbus on March 8 for the LWV Ohio Statehouse Day. With about 150 people, a new record for attendance was set.

The full agenda included the current hot topics such as Women's Health and Charter School financial accountability.

The highlight was the luncheon keynote speaker, David Daley, author of *Rat F**ked: The True Story Behind the Secret Plan to Steal America's Democracy*. Daley told the audience about the plan developed by Carl Rove for Republicans to capture as many statehouse, governor, congressional and judicial seats over a 10+ year period to give them broad dominance at all levels of government. There is hope for bringing the balance back toward the middle; read the book and learn how!

A special session was held on the Fair Districts = Fair Voting plan to put a constitutional amendment for congressional redistricting reform on the 2018 ballot. It was well-attended by enthusiastic members ready to start gathering signatures.

Before that process can begin, organizational and financial support must be in place and volunteer training will be held all over the state.

Barbara Hunsicker
President

LWV Ohio 2017 Convention

Join us for LWVO's 62nd State Convention! State Convention is a wonderful time to come together in League, participate in

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



Sheraton Suites
1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Co-sponsored with Hudson,
Kent, and Tallmadge Leagues

[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

Members and guests are welcome,
so bring a friend!

dynamic workshops, share ideas and successes, plan for our League's future, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

LWV Ohio is thrilled to announce that our keynote lunch speaker for Saturday, May 6 is LWVUS President Chris Carson!

Her talk will discuss the importance of nonpartisan advocacy and engagement in this political climate and her vision for the future of the League.



We are pleased to announce a few of the exciting workshops that will be offered at Convention:

Where have all the voters gone? - Learn about the National Issues Forum discussion guide examining low voter participation, and prepare to lead conversations on this issue as Ohio begins the process of selecting a new Secretary of State next year.

How to write a diversity plan - This hands-on planning workshop will help your League learn how to create and implement your very own diversity plan in order to increase engagement of diverse populations in our work to strengthen democracy.

Fair Districts for Congress Too Training - Find out the latest on the congressional redistricting reform effort, including trainings on how you can get involved. We also anticipate having a petition distribution center, so you can pick up petitions to take home and receive instructions on the rules for signature collection.

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.

[Registration](#) is open until April 28 so don't delay!

June 8, 2017

LWVAA Annual Meeting

Spaghetti Warehouse
510 S Main St, Akron, OH 44311

5:30 p.m. Networking
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Members and invited guests are welcome

July 1, 2017

LWVAA New Fiscal Year

July 6, 2017

LWVAA Board Meeting

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

Board Members only

August, 2017

LWVAA Summer Picnic

Location announced soon!

September 7, 2017

LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio

Source: lwvohio.org

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CIFF41 Community Sponsor

Submitted by Barbara Hunsicker

For the third year, LWVAA was the Community Sponsor for the 41st Cleveland International Film Festival for [Voices of the Hill](#) (2016).

The film played at the Tower City Cinema in Cleveland on March 31 and April 2, and at the Akron Art Museum on April 1. League members hosted the Producer / Director Cleveland native Carla LynDale Carter-Bishop and her family for a reception prior to the Akron showing.

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.

ACME Cashback Results

Submitted by Janice Jacobs

Our Cash Back check for 2016, in the amount of **\$104.54**, has been received. This is about \$23.00 more than last year. A tip of the Ed Fund sombrero to newsletter editor Jessie Coffey is in order. Almost every newsletter since September featured an article reminding our members and friends to save their tapes & that really does make a difference.

Thank you to all our contributors:

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p.m.

Board Members only

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Also, many thanks to the fine folks at Acme. Throughout the inception of this program contributions of more than \$1.6 million have been made to various non-profit Akron area community organizations.

The next Cash Back period will begin on, 08-10-17. Indications are the program items and other details will remain the same as for 2016. I am unsure of the ending date at this time. Just remember to look for the little "Acme Cash Back" printout at the end of your register receipt. Just send 'em to me and I'll do the rest!



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