



# THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

September, 2017

**Volunteer with LWVAA during 2017 Election Season!**



**LWVAA**

**Upcoming**

**Events**

**September 18, 2017**

**Constitution Day**

LWVAA will be at The University of Akron Student Union registering voters in the Trapezoid Lounge

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## A Message From the President

Fall is approaching and the work of the League is not slowing down. At the local level, the league is preparing to moderate several school board candidate nights in Akron and surrounding areas. The petition drive to gather enough signatures to place redistricting reform on the 2018 ballot continues. The challenge is to continue the momentum of the first few months when over 100,000 signatures were sent to the state office.

The LWVAA, along with other organized groups provides training for people who want to help gather signatures. It takes about 20-30 minutes and we can arrange training upon request. Contact [Jackie Derrow](#), President-elect and VP of Voter Service, or [me](#) for more details.

League volunteers also speak to groups who want to learn the background on gerrymandering and how it has affected Ohio districts. Again, presentations can be arranged upon request.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Stop by to see us!

**September 27, 2017**

**National Voter  
Registration Day**

LWVAA will be at Ohio Means Jobs and other locations registering voters

We need volunteers!  
Contact [Jackie](#) if you want to help on this day or for other events!

**October 5, 2017**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

**October 17, 2017**

**Akron School Board  
Candidates Night**



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At the state level, the LWV Ohio just completed an analysis of the two issues on this year's ballot, listing pros and cons. The five-page guide is available on the [LWVO website](#). At this point, additional analysis is needed to decide whether the League will take a position on one or both issues.

**Issue 1**, Marsy's Law, would alter the state Constitution to expand victims' rights and require that crime victims be notified and consulted on developments in their cases. At this time, Issue 1 has no organized opposition.

**Issue 2** would require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law. It also prohibits the state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer for a price over the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This issue is complex and it is worth the time to become educated on its provisions.

Also from the state level, the 2016 lawsuit against Ohio Secretary of State John Husted over the process Ohio uses to purge people of the list of registered voters has been appealed by the state and will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in October. The U.S. Justice Department has filed a brief in support of the Ohio Secretary of State and has been strongly criticized by LWVUS President Chris Carter:

*"By changing their position in the 2016 Ohio voter purge, the Justice Department is playing politics with our democracy and threatening the fundamental right to vote. We have seen this administration lay the*

Akron Red Cross  
501 W. Market Street  
Akron, Ohio

6:00 p.m.

Thank you to our co-sponsor Delta Sigma Theta

We need a few volunteers, please [email](#) us if you're interested.

Details will be updated [here](#) and on LWVAA [Facebook Event](#)

**October 24, 2017**

**Copley / Fairlawn  
Candidates Night**

7:00 p.m.

More details in next month's Akron Voter

We need a few volunteers, please [email](#) us if you're interested.

**October 25, 2017**

**Richfield Candidates  
Night**

Hosted by the [Richfield Civic Organization](#)

Featuring candidates running for office in Richfield Village, Richfield

*groundwork to roll back voting rights, but the latest brief in the pending Supreme Court case takes a dangerous step further: disenfranchising eligible voters. At issue in the Ohio voter purging case are thousands of eligible voters who were properly registered, and did not lose their eligibility but were nonetheless kicked off the rolls. The League of Women Voters will continue to fight unlawful voter restrictions at all levels and encourage active participation in our great democracy.”*

We continue to fight the good fight. Please [join](#) in!

Barbara Hunsicker  
LWVAA President

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## Welcome new members !

Submitted by Ardith Keck, Membership Chair

We're thrilled to welcome more new members to LWVAA!

**Kathryn Michael**

**Ruth Hoffman**

**Karen Mallison**

**Susan Ross**

Welcome to LWVAA, we hope to meet you in person at one of our upcoming events!

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Township, and the Revere School Board

Richfield Masonic Hall  
4586 W Streetsboro Road  
Richfield, Ohio  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

We need a few volunteers, please [email](#) us if you're interested.

**November 2, 2017**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only



**November 7, 2017**

**ELECTION DAY!**

Check your voter status and location [here](#) - make sure you double check!

Image courtesy of  
[myohiovote.com](#)

**December 7, 2017**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

1250 W. Exchange St.,  
Akron, Ohio



## Fair Districts for Ohio

We are still gathering signatures for this critical ballot initiative. Please email [Jackie Derrow](#) or call her at [330.869.5412](tel:330.869.5412) to arrange a pick up time or to volunteer for other upcoming Voter Services Events and Candidates Nights.

Upcoming Fair Districts events:

9/11, 11:00am-12:00pm: Forum 360

Jackie Derrow will speak about Fair Districts

10/18, 6:00-8:00pm: "Why Your Vote is Important"

President Barbara Hunsicker and Treasurer John Fitzpatrick will speak on 2017 ballot initiatives

Location: Habitat for Humanity, 2301 Romig Road, Akron, Ohio

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6:30-8:00 p.m.

Board Members only

December 9, 2017

LWV Holiday Brunch



Laurel Lake  
200 Laurel Lake Dr.,  
Hudson, Ohio  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Joint event with LWV  
Hudson and LWV  
Tallmadge

Members and guests  
welcome

Details released soon and  
published [here](#)



## Acme Cash Back Time!

Submitted by Janice Jacobs

It's time to start saving your Acme tapes. Once again this year the fine folks at Acme Fresh Market are supporting the Community Cash Back program. This year the qualifying dates are: August 10, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

To get the full scoop you can go to the [Acme Website](#) which explains that we receive 5% on eligible purchases and also outlines what items qualify as eligible. Acme brand items and many others are shown.

At the end of each register tape, during the period shown above, the Community Cash Back amount is totaled. Just send those Acme tapes to me and I'll do the rest: Janice Jacobs, PO Box 26, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222-0026

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



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