



THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

October, 2017

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Akron Area Candidates Forum

A non-partisan information event, free and open to the public

Meet the Candidates that Impact Your Daily Life:
Judicial, Clerk of Courts and Board of Education Candidates

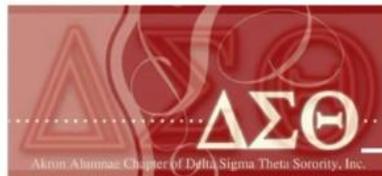
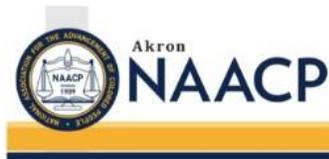
Bring Your Questions!

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

American Red Cross, 501 W Market Street, Akron, Ohio

Co-sponsored by: Akron Branch NAACP
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LWVAA

Upcoming

Events

October 17, 2017

Akron Area Judicial,
Clerk of Courts, and
School Board
Candidates Night



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Akron, Ohio

6:00 p.m.

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A Message From the President

Here in Ohio, the problem of gerrymandering congressional districts to favor the party in power has gotten considerable attention in the news and in op-ed pieces.

The current Fair Districts petition drive to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2018 continues. The proposal will require a bipartisan commission to draw district boundaries for congressional districts, modeled after the 2015 amendment that applies to state districts.

At this time, almost half the valid signatures needed to qualify for the ballot have been obtained. The League of Women Voters and other organizations and groups will be out in communities seeking signatures from voters until the required number is reached.

Recently the US Supreme Court began considering a case in which the plaintiffs claimed unconstitutional gerrymandering of districts in Wisconsin. Voters and politicians across the country are carefully watching the case, as it could result in declaring redistricting maps in 20 other states unconstitutional.

The case addresses a dispute over redistricting in 2010, where Wisconsin Republicans used computer models and voting data to redraw political boundaries in the Assembly, the Legislature's lower house. *The map ensured the Republican majority could not be overturned.* (Emphasis added) In the three elections since, Democrats have never won more than 39 of the 99 seats, even when they won a majority of the votes cast statewide for Assembly candidates.

The Supreme Court has long struggled with the gerrymandering issue. Although it has said extreme gerrymandering may be unconstitutional, it is difficult to measure how far is too far in it comes to partisan manipulation of districts.

Its most influential decision was in 1964, where the Supreme Court ruled that political districts must contain roughly equal numbers of people. (In the state at issue, Alabama, some State Senate districts contained as many as 41 times the number of voters of others.) Every vote must carry equal weight, the court stated; to dilute some voters' voices by packing them into more populous districts violated the Equal Protection Clause

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

Details on our website [here](#) and on LWVAA [Facebook Event](#)

October 18, 2017

"Why Your Vote is Important"

Habitat for Humanity, 2301 Romig Road, Akron, Ohio

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

October 24, 2017

Copley / Fairlawn Candidates Night

7:00 p.m.

More details in next month's Akron Voter

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October 25, 2017

of the Fourteenth Amendment.



Now, a third possibility for redistricting reform has emerged. A few weeks ago, Ohio Legislative leaders announced the creation of a congressional redistricting working group with a goal of developing "common sense" reforms on which all parties can agree.

The plan is for the working group to review current law, explore possible reforms, gather public input and make recommendations to legislative leaders by early December. The General Assembly would then consider whether to place a redistricting reform resolution before Ohio voters. The deadline for including it on the 2018 primary election ballot is February 7, but it has the authority to put a proposal on the ballot at any date of its choosing.

Regardless of the outcomes of the Wisconsin case and the Ohio Legislative Workgroup's product, the Fair Districts effort will continue toward its goal of placement on the 2018 ballot. Favorable outcomes of the other efforts don't guarantee acceptable reforms for all voters. We have a remedy in place for state legislative districts and it only makes sense to have the same kind of reforms for congressional districts.

Please [contact](#) LWVAA to help get the issue on the ballot by gathering signatures from your friends, families and at public events. Training is brief and you will be supplied with everything you need. Signature gatherers have reported positive responses from nearly everyone asked to sign.

Barbara Hunsicker
LWVAA President

Richfield Candidates Night

Hosted by the [Richfield Civic Organization](#)

Featuring candidates running for office in Richfield Village, Richfield 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!

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.

Akron Area Candidates Night October 17

Submitted by Jackie Derrow, President-Elect and Voter Services Chair

LWVAA, in partnership with the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Akron Branch NAACP, will hold a Candidates Night for the Akron Municipal Clerk of Courts, the Akron Municipal Court Judges and the Akron Public Schools Board of Education candidates.

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December 7, 2017

LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St.,
Akron, Ohio
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](#)

December 31, 2017

The event will be held at the American Red Cross building located at 501 West Market Street on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:00-9:00 pm. After opening remarks, the Clerk of Courts and Judicial candidates will appear until 7:15 pm. There will be a 15-minute break, then the School Board candidates will be addressing questions from 7:30-8:45 pm. The program will end at 9:00 pm.

The non-partisan host organizations do not endorse any candidate or party. The event is free and open to the public. For more details visit www.lwvaa.org



Acme Cash Back Time!

Submitted by Janice Jacobs

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

**Acme Cash Back
receipts due for fund
raiser**

Please send them to:
Janice Jacobs
PO Box 26
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
44222-0026

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!

January 4, 2017

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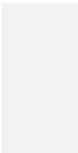
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