



# THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

November / December, 2017

**[VOTE TODAY! Click here to find your polling place and info!](#)**

## *Please join us for our 2017 Holiday Brunch*

**Saturday, December 9, 2017, 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**Laurel Lake, 200 Laurel Lake Drive, Hudson, Ohio, 330-650-0681**

Join us for our scheduled speaker **Jan Leach**, Kent State professor who will share her thoughts on Fake News and Holiday Conversations. Please RSVP through Paypal or send a check for \$20.00 by

12/4 to LWVAA, PO Box 5449, Akron, Ohio 44334.

\$5 will go toward Fair Districts Campaign.



We're proud to support the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, please consider bringing donations including the Super Six: boxed cereal, peanut butter, and canned tuna, vegetables, beef stew, or soup.



LWVAA

## Upcoming

## Events



**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  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

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## A Message From the President

### The Election, and then What?

Today's election features State Issues 1 and 2, which have generated much discussion, particularly Issue 2. A frequent comment about the drug-pricing proposal is that it is confusing.

As is so common these days, proponents and opponents have made serious claims about the benefits and shortcomings if passed, and it's hard to know what is factual and accurate without being a healthcare financing and legal expert. It has put the problem of high prescription drugs on the front burner again and resulted in highly emotional discussion and debate. Whether Issue 2 will help remedy the problem remains to be seen if the Issue passes.

Once the elections are over, we need to increase our efforts on the Fair Districts campaign. It's easy to feel an energy lag after the amazing results in the first few months of signature gathering. Now about halfway to the goal, we have winter to contend with and less accessibility to voters that in the summer months of so much outdoor activity. We must push ahead even as the State's working group, composed of two republicans and two democrats, strives to come up with a redistricting plan by May that is acceptable.

Redistricting reform may also be affected by the outcome of the Wisconsin extreme-gerrymandering case that was heard by the US Supreme Court in October. A decision is

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

Speaker: Jan Leach, Kent  
State professor speaking  
about Fake News and  
Holiday Conversations

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Members and guests  
welcome

**December 31, 2017**

not expected until June 2018, right before the due date for having 305,590 valid voter signatures submitted to the State. Again, we can't bank on a favorable outcome to solve the gerrymandering problem in Ohio.

The League's impressive track record so far leaves no doubt in my mind that the Issue will qualify for the November 2018 ballot. The level of enthusiasm and commitment to reach that goal is a great example of democracy in action and has galvanized thousands of people to work together. We can look forward to an exciting new year with redistricting reform and the mid-term elections!

Barbara Hunsicker  
LWVAA President

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## 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.

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## 2017 League Holiday Brunch

We are excited to once again team up with LWV Tallmadge and LWV Hudson for the 2017 League Holiday Brunch. Thank you to LWV Hudson for picking a great location and speaker!

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

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

**January 4, 2018**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

**January 20, 2018**

**LWVAA Program  
Planning**

Location Announced Soon  
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for details  
closer to the date

**February 1, 2018**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

It will be Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am - 1:00pm at a new location, Laurel Lake in Hudson.

Our scheduled speaker is Jan Leach, Kent State professor who will share her thoughts on Fake News and Holiday Conversations. You may remember her from the LWV Ohio Convention in May, you won't want to miss her!

Please RSVP through [Paypal](#) or send a check for \$20.00 by 12/4 to LWVAA, PO Box 5449, Akron, Ohio 44334. \$5 of the cost will go toward the Fair Districts Campaign.

We're proud to support the [Akron Canton Regional Food Bank](#) at this year's Brunch. Please consider bringing donations including the Super Six: boxed cereal, peanut butter, and canned tuna, vegetables, beef stew, or soup. Cash donations will also be accepted, and every \$1 provides 4 meal.

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## In Memoriam: Katy Lester

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Akron, Ohio  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Board Members only

**March 1, 2018**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

**April 5, 2018**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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

Board Members only

**May 3, 2018**

**LWVAA Board Meeting**

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



Long time Board Member and League advocate Martha Lester lost her mom Katy earlier this year, and was kind enough to share a tribute to her from a memorial service on Saturday, November 4. What an amazing woman!

In attendance were former and current LWVAA members including Amy Mitch, Mary Lou Gault, and Gerry Hall.

A tribute written by Martha's cousin Anne Messenger:

Of sturdy Dutch descent, she was a wife, mother, Girl



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**June 7, 2018**

**2018 Annual Meeting**

Location Announced Soon  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Members and their guests  
welcome

**August 23, 2018**

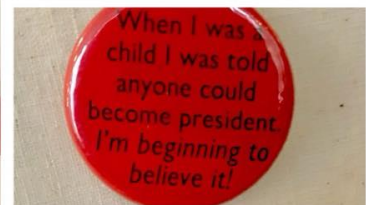
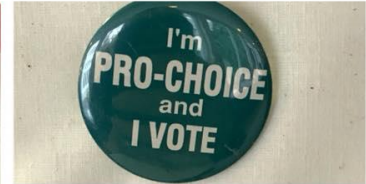
**2018 LWVAA Picnic**

Location Announced Soon  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

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Scout executive and fearsome member of the League of Women Voters' Akron & state boards. This was a woman who knew her own mind.

Rest in deep peace Katy, and thank you for your commitment to League.



**EARN 5% CASH BACK**  
for Your Non-Profit Organization!

**GAVE OVER \$190,000**  
Cash Back to Local Non-Profit Organizations in 2015!

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 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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