



THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

June, 2018

Thank you to Barbara Hunsicker for serving as our President for the past 3 years! We will miss you but know that you won't be too far away. Best of luck to you!!





LWVAA

Upcoming

Events

June 7, 2018

2018 LWVAA Annual Meeting



Café Bricco
Doubletree Hotel
3150 W Market Street
Akron, Ohio 44333

A Message From the President

This is my last column as your president. On Thursday, June 7, Jackie Darrow will become your next president for the 2018-2020 term.

For the last two years, Jackie served as the VP of voter service and has broadened the League's involvement in voter service and education, and built collaborative relationships with organizations with shared values. She will serve us well as LWVAA president.

When I became your president in August 2015, the League's immediate activities were directed to finding a new office and setting up the operations.

In 2016, the elections commanded attention and registering and educating voters was the priority. We took every opportunity to speak to community groups like Habitat for Humanity, Circles (Part of Bridges out of Poverty), and Copley High School.

5:30 p.m. Meet and Greet
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Meeting is for Members Only

Click [here](#) for more details

Please [RSVP](#) if you are only attending the business meeting to ensure seating

June 13, 2018

Celebrate the passage of Issue 1!

Pub Bricco

1841 Merriman Road
Akron, Ohio 44313

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Jackie Derrow, Jan Oakley, Barb Kaplan, Sherrie Weitzenhof

Raise a glass to thank everyone who worked on the Fair Districts initiative and the Issue 1 campaign

Please [RSVP](#) in advance

July 12, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

The LWVAA and other groups attended many public gatherings to register people to vote and distribute educational literature. The League, along with others hosted and moderated candidate nights for the state House and Senate, County Executive, County Council, and judges. We also moderated candidate nights for Copley and Richfield.

Last year was a very active year, to say the least. The LWVAA, LWV of Hudson and Tallmadge hosted a very successful biannual meeting of the LWVOhio at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. The meeting included a wide array of experts speaking on topics including gerrymandering, civility in politics, fake news and climate change.

Another activity was educating voters on ballot issues related to crime victim rights and state purchasing of pharmaceuticals.

During 2017, the LWVVO, Common Cause Ohio and other citizen groups launched a petition drive to modify the Ohio constitution to make the drawing of congressional districts fair and competitive. The LWVAA along with other local organizations collaborated to train signature gatherers and help collect the 600,000+ signatures needed to put the issue on the 2018 ballot.

Starting in July 2017, hundreds of Ohio

1250 W. Exchange St., Akron,
Ohio

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Board Members only

August 9, 2018

**ACME Cash Back Program
Starts!**

Look for details about how
you can save your ACME
receipts and Janice Jacobs
will turn them in for a donation
for the Ed Fund.

We raised over \$147 last year

August 23, 2018

2018 LWVAA Picnic



**Shady Hollow Lodge
Sand Run Metropark**
1750 Sand Run Parkway
Akron, Ohio

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Members and their guests
welcome

citizens began gathering signatures. By the end of the year, nearly 60% of the required signatures were obtained.

In the meantime, the state legislature developed its own proposal to change the way congressional lines were drawn. The proposal was completely unacceptable to reformers and signature gathering continued. Because of the pressure on the legislature to develop a viable proposal for the May 2018 primary ballot, a bipartisan agreement was reached and the measure passed by 75%. If it failed, we were well-positioned to get the Fair Districts issue on the November ballot.

Next up are the midterm elections. Between now and November, the League will register and educate voters on the importance of making their voices heard through voting. Volunteers will be needed for those activities.

Other League activities

In addition to all the activities above, the LWVAA has held educational programs on issues such as climate change, gerrymandering, school violence, health effects of fracking, and many more.

Two years ago the LWVAA began participating in the LWVUS online voter guide, VOTE411. At the local level, we compose questions for candidates and they can enter their answers using the online tool.

September 6, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St., Akron,
Ohio

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Board Members only

October 4, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

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Ohio

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Board Members only

November 1, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

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Ohio

6:30-8:00 p.m.

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In addition, an ongoing activity is the Observer Corps, where members attend city council, school board, county council and other public meetings to observe and report any issues or decisions of interest to the league.

Membership

The 2016 elections prompted many people to mobilize and get involved in political activism. Since then, the LWVAA has been fortunate to welcome over 20 new members who support the league's mission. Many are volunteering their time to help bring league efforts to fruition.

Membership is the lifeblood of all organizations and new members bring new thoughts and actions. We are grateful for their interest and time.

Finally, I want to say the past three years have been exciting, educational and sometimes frustrating. Overall, it has been a wonderful experience that has brought me new friends, involvement in my community and a great feeling of satisfaction for having contributed to the League's mission and activities.

I'm not going away and will continue to be involved in the League. It has become a very important part of my life. I thank you for the privilege of serving you as president.

Barbara Hunsicker

LWVAA President

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THANK YOU, REDISTRICTING REFORMERS!

WE DID IT!
YES ON ISSUE 1
WINS!

We are celebrating the passage of Issue 1 and thanking everyone who worked on the Fair Districts Initiative and the Issue 1 campaign

When:
Wednesday, June 13
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where:
Pub Bricco
1841 Merriman Rd.

What:
Hors d'oeuvres provided
Cash Bar

Please join us as we celebrate our victory! RSVP to Jackie Darrow at jderrow@icloud.com

Come raise a glass and **celebrate the amazing success** of our **grassroots** effort to rid Ohio of its egregious process of mapmaking. Whether you circulated petitions, called legislators, wrote postcards, worked the polls or posted signs, **YOU are part of this monumental change** that is now enshrined in our Ohio Constitution.

Please join us **Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 - 7:30pm at Pub Bricco** and let's appreciate the fruits of this hard-fought effort. Citizen-led wins don't happen every day. Let's enjoy it!

Hosted by Jackie Darrow, Jan Oakley, Barb Kaplan, Sherrie Weitzenhof

2018 Annual Meeting on June 7 at Café Bricco

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Café Bricco, 3150 W. Market St, Fairlawn (in the Doubletree Hotel across the street from Summit Mall).

This is for members only and will include:

Meet & Greet 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Business meeting 7:00 pm

If you plan to only attend the meeting, please RSVP to ensure adequate seating.

LWVAA May 14 Roundtable on School Violence

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The featured speakers were:

Eric Anderman: Ohio State University faculty member and member of the American Psychological Association task force team on the study of Violence Against Teachers, he will present the results of that study.

Tim Dimoff: former police officer and now a nationally recognized speaker and author.



Pam Hinton: former teacher / school administrator, school violence victim and one of the early backers of Senate Bill 133, who will be speaking on Senate Bill 133 and how it will impact the need to address the problem of violence against school staff.

Senate Bill 133 is a new bill for EMIS reporting and would start in the 2018-2019 school year.

Visit our [web site](#) for more photos from the event.



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