

LWVAA July, 2018



THE AKRON VOTER

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LWVAA ANNUAL PICNIC

Celebrating Women's Equality

Thursday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Join your fellow LWVAA members for casual networking in a beautiful setting located

in the Summit Metro Parks. A special speaker will join us for the picnic.

Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Bring a friend too!



LWVAA Upcoming Events

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

A Message From the President

Dear League Members,

We don't typically publish a July newsletter to give our fantastic Communications Chair, Jessie Coffey, a summer respite, but a lot has happened since I was elected at last month's Annual Meeting that I wanted to share with you. Thank you Jessie for your indulgence.

I had a full immersion into League democracy at the national LWVUS convention last week in Chicago. As one of the 867 convention delegates and your representative I voted along with others to approve the LWVUS Program for 2018-20, the League's statement of positions it supports.

We voted to renew as amended The Campaign for Making Democracy Work® - our signature focus to ensure a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by concentrating our energies on:

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections and Advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting Reform

We agreed on many other advocacy priorities including:

- Support for a set of climate assessment criteria that ensures that energy policies align with current climate science
- A reinforced lobbying effort on gun control measures
- A reaffirmed commitment to the constitutional right of privacy as an individual to make reproductive choices.



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

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Members and their guests
welcome

Please bring a main dish, side
dish, or dessert to share.
Beverages, plates, and
utensils will be provided.

October 9, 2018

Voter Registration Deadline!

For November 6 General
Election

Launch www.vote411.org to
check your current status

October 10, 2018

Early Voting begins

For November 6 General
Election



A summary of the convention and actions taken can be found [here](#). As I'm confident you agree, the need for our work in these areas is more important than ever.



Other convention highlights included meeting the new LWVUS Executive Director, Virginia Kase, former COO of CASA, the largest Latino and Immigrant rights organization in the mid-Atlantic region. *(Pictured above with LWV President Chris Carson)*

Training focused on the [LWV Transformation Roadmap](#) for the Future to position the League for the next century. The Roadmap recognizes, among other things, that to succeed we need to grow our membership to better resemble our diverse national population.

But for us Ohioans, the biggest thrill was the announcement that **OHIO WON** the League's State award in the category of Strengthening Democracy for our redistricting reform effort! Take a bow one and all. Of course the real reward we anticipate is down the road with a fairer, more representative redistricting process.

Back here in Akron, Rosanne Winter, Voter Service Co-Chair, is planning a roster of voter registration opportunities. Look for SignUpGenius requests for volunteers in your Inbox.

Launch www.vote411.org to create a custom ballot and review non-partisan candidate information

November 3, 2018

Absentee ballot requests due to Board of Elections by 12noon

For November 6 General Election

November 5, 2018

Absentee ballots returned by mail are due

For November 6 General Election

November 6, 2018

General Election Day

Polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Absentee ballots must be delivered to the Board of Elections before the polls close

I look forward to working with you as we seek to advance LWV priorities. Please send me your ideas for programs, voter registration sites, speakers, etc.

Together we can do more.

Best,
Jackie Derrow
LWVAA President

Take Action: Citizen Question is Bad for the Census

Shared from lwv.org

U.S. Commerce Secretary Willbur Ross has chosen to include a question on the U.S. Census pertaining to citizenship. Including this question on the Census will discourage participation and impact the data collected in every community across the country.

This decision is bad for the census, bad for our communities and bad for America.

The Census occurs once every ten years, so it is imperative to get the most accurate count. Every community relies on Census data — from apportioning our national representatives to making decision about public safety and neighborhood resources — this information impacts every aspect of our lives.

A fair and accurate count lets our leaders and businesses make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving.

Including a citizenship question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our

Upcoming LWVAA Board Meetings

July 12

August 23

(before Summer Picnic)

September 6

October 4

November 1

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

Board Members only

democracy. We will do everything in our power to correct this issue before it's too late.

Stand with the League as we fight back against this decision.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition! 18,959 have signed so far

Congratulations Jackie!!

Welcome Jackie Darrow as the next LWVAA President! We're so excited to have you at the helm of our chapter and look forward to a wonderful two years under your leadership!





[Do you have something to say in a future newsletter? Click here to share!](#)



CONGRATULATIONS



**CLASS OF
2018**

GET READY FOR YOUR
NEXT STEP

REGISTER TO VOTE





[Join us today](#) to support democracy, nonpartisan political action, and voter rights in your community.

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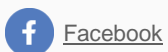
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