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Newsletter for LWVAA Members and Supporters

March, 2019

Public Policy Event

The 2020 Census: What's New, What Are the Challenges and Why It's Important to You

Date: Tuesday, March 19

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Akron-Summit County Public Library
60 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308

Free & Open to the Public

Every 10 years the U.S. government is mandated to conduct a headcount of everyone - citizens and non-citizens - residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territorial islands. Headcount numbers are used to allocate federal dollars to state and local communities and are central to determining U.S. Congressional representation when districts are redrawn in 2021. But new methods including increased reliance on electronic participation and the current climate of mistrust in the government could impede participation.

PANELISTS: **Kent Camino,**
Partnership Specialist for Summit County,
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census

Larry Chadwick,
Akron Urban League, Interim President

Ilene Shapiro,
Summit County Executive

MODERATOR: **Barbara Hunsicker,**
LWVAA, Past President

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LWVAA

Upcoming

Events

TONIGHT!
March 1, 2019

**Crooked
Chronicles: A
Century of River
Cleanup in
Cuyahoga Valley**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00

Happy Days Lodge
1403 West Hines Hill
Rd, Peninsula, Ohio

A panel of experts piece together the 100-year story within Cuyahoga Valley using historic photos, archival documents, and personal memories.

A Message From the President

Dear Members,

I've been reading **The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote** by **Elaine Weiss** and I wholly recommend it to all of you. Yes, this book is our selection for March 7 and I hope you'll attend our discussion at the Montrose Panera, and yes, the author will be at the Hudson Library on March 18 (see details below for both), but regardless of whether you attend either event, this is our League history and Ms. Weiss has done a remarkable job of making this cliffhanger of a story come to life.

It's a worthy book for all of us to read as we're entering the League's centennial year.

As Winston Churchill said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

Carrie Catt and the other warriors for the vote worked tirelessly to secure the agreement of each individual who could approve or block the vote and that meant engaging in the horse trading / favor exchanges that are the essence of politics. They understood the motivations and manipulations of the men (mostly) and women who sought to preserve the old order and prevent women from gaining a voice in the legislative bodies that governed them.

Today we see an increasing infringement on women's health care rights and it would serve us well to understand why the effort to undermine the victories of the past has become such a defining issue for certain constituencies.

March 7, 2019

LWVAA Book Discussion "The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the War" by Elaine Weiss

10:30 a.m.

Panera Back Room
Montrose location
2895 Medina Road,
Akron, Ohio

In preparation for the author's appearance at the Hudson Library on March 18 and our Centennial next year!

Have you read a great book recently? Let us know and maybe we'll include it in a future Akron Voter and Book Discussion!

March 7, 2019

LWVAA Positions and Priorities

7:15 p.m.

1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio

All members are invited to join the Board after our

We know that as women lose control over their reproductive health they lose the ability to control their destinies. This has the biggest consequence for low-income women in both urban and rural communities, but ultimately it impacts us all. We could take a lesson from our suffragist forebears on how to fight the fights that matter most to women and to prevail.

Jackie Derrow

LWVAA President

Volunteer Corner

Watch for SignUpGenius requests for volunteer opportunities for upcoming programs.

[Email](#) us if you want to get more involved with LWVAA!

Upcoming Community Events

Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine Weiss, author of [The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote](#) will be at the Hudson Library to speak about her book. Click [here](#) to register or call (330) 653-6658.

2020 marks 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. Weiss' book recounts the nail-biting climax of one of the greatest political battles in American history.

regular meeting from 6-7pm to set local priorities.

Refer to your Member Handbook and the suggestions in the article for guidance, or bring your idea!

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VOTE411.ORG and April 16 Primary Election Forum

Submitted by Kathy Duncan

Forty-three candidates in contested Primary Election races in the cities of Akron and Green are being invited by the LWVAA to participate in the online VOTE411.org Voters Guide for the May 7 Primary Election.

They are being reminded that according to computer analytics over 10,000 Summit County residents used the VOTE411.org guide to help them make their voting decisions in 2018.

The candidates are provided links to their own personal site and instructed on how to post their photo and biographical data, and are also invited to answer several questions pertaining to their positions on local issues.

The information provided by the candidates will be published online at VOTE411.org after March 22.

In concert with our interest for supporting an informed electorate, we will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates Primary Election Forum" on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St. The mayor and all city council seats will be up for election.

Attendees will have the chance to hear public statements from the candidates running for mayor, followed by audience Q&A in the first half of the program. The same format will be followed for the candidates running for city council at-large in the second half of the program.



March 27, 2019

**LWV Ohio
Statehouse Day**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sheraton Columbus
Hotel, 75 E. State St.,
Columbus, Ohio

LWV Ohio's Annual
Statehouse Day
event focuses on
state-level public
policy issues that
affect our democracy
and women's rights.

League members and
supporters from
throughout the state
will hear from experts
about LWVO's
legislative priorities
such as voting
rights/access,
women's reproductive
health, and education
funding and have
time to lobby their
statehouse
representatives.

To register [Click here](#)

April 10, 2019

Money in Politics

Candidates running for individual Ward seats will be invited to meet constituents at tables after the formal program where they can share literature and chat informally.

LWVAA to Set Local Positions, Priorities for 2019-2020

Submitted by Jackie Derrow, LWVAA President

All members are invited to attend our LWVAA Positions and Priorities Meeting on March 7. We will hold our regular Board Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W.

Exchange St., from 6-7pm and then at 7:15pm, welcome all members to share their input for the Board's decision-making as we update our local positions and priorities for the next year.

Please review the current local positions located in your Member Handbook received earlier this year in advance of the meeting.

I shared the following ideas with the Board as possible ways in which we may work on effecting a change this year in alignment with our mission:

- Promote Election Day as a paid holiday. Sandusky recently swapped its Columbus Day holiday for Election Day as a paid holiday for its city employees. The city hopes to encourage private companies to follow suit as they emphasize the importance of voting. Cincinnati is considering a similar measure and we could promote the same to our city council.
- Work on expanding the jury pool to include individuals with driver's licenses. This will provide more representative juries and negate the argument we often hear: "I'm not registering to vote because I don't want to be called for jury duty"

Forum: The Impact of Unchecked Campaign Financing

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Olin Hall, Room 124
University of Akron
160 E Buchtel Ave,
Akron, Ohio

[Email](#) for a free parking pass

Moderator: Bruce Wings, VP & Editor
Akron Beacon Journal

Panelists:
Cyndra Miller Cole, Bliss Institute for Public Policy, U. of Akron

William D. Rich, Emeritus Professor, University of Akron School of Law; Chairman, Summit County Board of Elections

Catherine Turcer, Executive Director, Common Cause Ohio

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- Take action to reduce plastic waste. In advance of any statewide ban that may prohibit communities from attempting to curb the use of one-time use plastic containers, promote the use of a fee (disincentive) or incentive to reduce plastic waste

- Take specific action to promote participation in the Census

These are just thoughts; other ideas are welcome. With the Centennial approaching, we'll have a busy year as is, but if we concentrate our energies and some newer members jump in to help, we can make some lasting change for our community.

[Submit your idea or article for the April issue of the Akron Voter](#)

LWVO Statehouse Day

Join us for LWVO Statehouse Day 2019 - [register today!](#)

When: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 8:30 am -5:00 pm

Where: Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
75 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Registration: Member \$50, Non-member \$55, Student \$35

Keynote Speaker: We are very pleased to announce that our 2019 keynote lunch speaker will be Frank LaRose, who just took office as Ohio's 51st Secretary of State. Prior to this role, he served two terms in the State Senate representing the 27th Senate District.

Legislative Visit: All attendees are encouraged to meet with their legislator and will be teamed up for the meeting. Please note that the last day to request a meeting with your legislator is **Friday, March 8.**

Sponsorship Opportunities: Sponsorship opportunities are available! [Click here](#) to learn more. Please contact the LWVO office at 614-469-1505, if you, your organization, or your business is interested in sponsoring this event.

Voters of Greater
Cleveland; Common
Cause Ohio

April 16, 2019

**LWVAA Candidates
Forum for May 7
Primary Election**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Akron, Ohio

Public statements by
candidates followed
by Q&A

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Sigma Theta Sorority,
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May 10-12, 2019

**LWV Ohio State
Convention**

Nationwide Hotel and
Conference Center,
100 Green Meadows

Scholarships for Students: This year LWV Ohio is excited to offer scholarships to Statehouse Day for female students from middle school through college. Scholarships are available on a first come, first serve basis until the funds are exhausted. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

LWVO State Convention

State Convention is a wonderful time to come together in League, participate in dynamic workshops, share ideas and successes, plan for our League's future, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

When: May 10 - 12, 2019

Where: Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive, Lewis Center Ohio 43035

Hotel Reservation Information: LWV Ohio has secured a limited room block for the nights of Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Reservations must be made by individual attendees. To make a reservation, call 614-880-4300 or [click here](#).

The group access code is 193932.

Room Rates: Reservations must be made no later than **March 29, 2019** to secure the following rates.

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Standard	\$119	\$119	\$129	\$139
Deluxe Suite	\$129	\$129	\$139	\$149
Parlor Suite	\$139	\$139	\$149	\$159

Voting Delegates: The Convention shall be composed of Voting Delegates, Visitors and Guests. Voting Delegates include:

- The members of the LWVO Board of Directors.
- The President {or designated alternate} from each Local League.
- One delegate from each Local League for each 50 voting members, or fraction thereof, based on the records in the state office on January 31, 2019. All other League members may attend the Convention as Visitors.

Please watch your emails for information about registration, agenda, proposed budget, and bylaws.

Do you have suggestions for speakers and or topics you would like

Dr, Lewis Center,
Ohio

to see at Statehouse Day or Convention? Please [email](#) them to LWVO.

June 6, 2019

LWVAA Annual Meeting

More details soon

LWVAA Board Meetings

March 7 (6pm followed by priority setting open to all members at 7:15)

April 4

May 2

June 6

(Annual Meeting)

6:30-8:00 p.m.

1250 W. Exchange
St., Akron, Ohio

Board Members only

FREE PUBLIC FORUM

Wednesday • April 10, 2019 • 7–8:30pm

Money in Politics

*The impact of unchecked campaign financing
and what we can do about it*



It's been 9 years since the Supreme Court issued its **Citizens United** ruling.

While we know campaign financing has increased exponentially, what we don't know is where all the money's coming from.

Dark money, money from non-profit political action committees (PACs) that do not require source disclosures, has become more prevalent in state and local office campaigns.

What can we do, if anything, to shed light and stem the flow?

MODERATOR

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