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May 7
LWVAA Board
Meeting
380 Mineola
6:00 - 7:30

May 21
LWVAA Spring Social
Cafe Bricco
3150 W Market St.
Fairlawn, OH
5:00 - 7:00

May 15-17
LWVO State
Convention
Cincinatti, Ohio

President's Message

We have had a busy spring so far. Akron, Hudson and Tallmadge co-sponsored an Education Forum that brought about 60 participants to the Akron Summit-County Main Library to hear a panel of speakers discuss standardized testing. Audience members asked questions and Leaguers worked tirelessly as usual to make sure the event went smoothly. We had a nice write-up in the Akron Beacon Journal the next day and everyone learned about how testing is affecting our students and our schools (hint - it's not pretty).

We chose testing topic as a topic because we thought it would appeal to our members and the general public. We want to provide programs that people will find interesting and helpful. We are able to offer information in a trusted and non -partisan format. But we want to give you want. What kinds of programs would you attend? What topics need to be brought up in our community in an open forum? What can we, your League, do for you?

Later this month we are planning a social event at Cafe Bricco in Fairlawn for members and friends to get to know each other and the League a bit better. We are asking all our attendees to bring toiletries, hygiene

products, or diapers to donate to ACCESS, the shelter for women and children. One of the things that our League can do more of is reach out to other organizations in the Akron to register voters and provide information to the people these non-profits serve.

Many of our members serve on multiple non-profit boards and we would welcome opportunities to network and plan events with your groups. Our Board is excited to have a good mix new and old members coming on board this June at our Annual Meeting. How can we work with you, our members, to reach out to the people of Akron and surrounding communities to provide voter information and empower others to political action? Bring your ideas to the Annual Meeting June 4 and let's plan for a busy and productive 2015-2016.

Jill C. Cox

LWVAA Spring Social May 21

LWVAA Membership and Voter Services Committees are sponsoring a Spring Social and Membership Recruitment event on May 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 at Cafe Bricco in Fairlawn next to the Doubletree at 3150 West Market Street (*not* the downtown Bricco). The League will provide pizza and a local speaker to discuss the importance of voting. Guests are asked to purchase their own beverages. All members and friends are invited to attend and all attendees are requested to bring a donation for ACCESS, the shelter for women and families. They always need feminine hygiene supplies and diapers. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend who is considering League and wants to get to know us a bit better.

Please RSVP to Diana Kingsbury at kingsbury.diana@gmail.com or (330) 309-7555
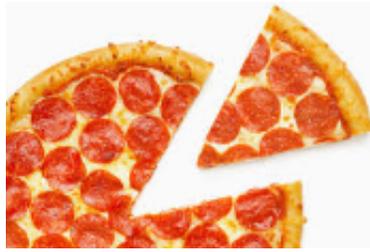
Annual Meeting June 4

5:30 pm cash bar social
6:00 pm dinner 7:00 pm meeting
Papa Joe's Restaurant
1561 Akron Peninsula Rd, Akron, OH

Please join us for our Annual Meeting as we review our year and greet old and new friends. We will approve our budget, vote on changes to our positions, and meet our slate of candidates for the 15-16 fiscal year.

You can attend the meeting only or come early for dinner. Entrees are: Chicken Francaise $29.00, Salmon $31.25, Eggplant Parmesan $24.00. All entrees include salad, bread, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and gratuity. Please make all checks payable to LWVAA. This is a League members' only event.

Please send your RSVP by May 22 to:
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Nominating Committee Report

For FY 2015

President Elect: Barbara Hunsicker
Secretary: Jackie Derrow
VP Organization: Roberta Aber
Program: Karen & Ray Bartos
Health Care: Barbara Venesy
Membership: Ardith Keck
Natural Resources: Arrye Rosser
Newsletter: **Available**
Nominating: Gerry Hall, Maureen Sullivan
Gina Van Vorous
Publicity: Jessie Coffey
Voter Registration: Mary King
At-Large Board Member: Martha Lester

Respectfully submitted by: Jodie DeLamatre
Roberta Aber, Ardith Keck, Diana Kingsbury

Edith Chase Lecture June 5

The Edith Chase Lecture Series presents "Not a Drop to Drink," a panel of experts and a journalist talk about the toxic algae bloom incident that affected 500,000 Toledo area residents. The date is Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m in the Dix Ballroom of the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. The sponsors are The Portage Foundation, Kent Environmental Council and the League of Women Voters of Kent. Edith was a long-time and significant member of both KEC and the LWVK. The event is free and open to the public.

To make a reservation email Chris Mallin at CJMallinEsq@aol.com. There is no admission cost. You can also make a reservation and donate online at http://kentenvironment.org/Membership-NEW.html .

New Voters Registered

Thanks To Roberta Aber and Mary King who registered nineteen new voters this past month at the [University of Akron Street Law Day.](#)

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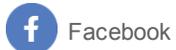
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