

LWVAA June, 2016



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## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Get involved with  
LWVAA!

Each month in The Akron Voter we will feature the top ways to be more active with League, click [here](#) for a complete list or fill out this [form](#).

- Volunteers needed for upcoming voter registration events and 2017 LWVOhio convention in NE Ohio, [contact](#) Jackie Derron
- Join the Observer Corps, openings for Summit County Council and Akron City Council
- Voter Services Committee to work on

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

As I write this, the entire country is gearing up for the primaries that will certainly result in Hillary Clinton acquiring enough delegates to be guaranteed the Democratic nomination for President. Many feel that after June 6, the gloves will come off and the campaign for the November election will accelerate. It will be easy to be distracted by the drama at the national level. However, we will be well-served to devote attention to the local elections, whose results will affect our lives on an everyday level more than the Presidential election.

In Summit County, many offices will be voted on including, County Executive, Prosecutor, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, Fiscal Officer, Engineer, Common Pleas Judge and Domestic Relations Judge. In addition, all County Council seats are contested.

This summer and fall, the LWVAA will work in collaboration with the Tallmadge and Hudson Leagues to hold candidate forums for various county offices. We also will include information in the newsletter and on the website about the scope of responsibilities for the offices at stake. We will work to educate voters about the candidates and how to exercise their right and responsibility to vote.

Stay tuned for more. It's an exciting year.

Vote411 (replacing  
Voter's Guide)  
- Update the National  
Database (ongoing)

To volunteer, email  
lwvaa@lwvaa.org

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LWVAA  
Upcoming  
Events

August 11, 2016

LWVAA Annual Picnic  
6:00-7:30p.m.



Mingo Pavilion at  
Sand Run Metro Park  
1501 Sand Run Pkwy,

Barbara Hunsicker, President

## 2016 Annual Meeting

On Thursday, June 2 the LWVAA Annual Meeting took place at Café Bricco in Fairlawn. Almost 30 members attended. During the dinner hour, LWVAA member Sandra Kurt, current Clerk of Courts described the role and responsibilities of the office which go far beyond setting the court schedule. As in previous years, Bruce Greer showed an outstanding slide presentation of the activities the League and many members participated in over the past year.



LWVAA Board Members share updates on Finance, Membership, Voter Services, and Programs.  
Photo by Bruce Greer.

Prior to the business meeting Barbara Hunsicker made a brief presentation showing changes in membership, which has increased in the past year. Members also were shown how their dues payments are divided among the local, state and national Leagues, with the LWVAA retaining only \$10 or 15% of total dues. The support of the Educational Fund enables us to widely distribute voter educational materials and to cover costs of hosting forums and maintaining the office.

The business portion of the meeting included three items for membership approval. The first was approval of a three dollar dues increase bringing member dues to \$70, followed by approval of the 2016-2017 budget.

Akron, Ohio 44333

Celebrating  
Women's Equality  
Day!

LWVAA will provide  
beverages and paper  
supplies, all members  
and friends are asked  
to bring a dish to  
share.

Click [here](#) for more  
information and  
ongoing updates

September 1, 2016  
LWVAA Board  
Meeting

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

This meeting is for  
Board Members only

October 6, 2016  
LWVAA Board  
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Additional household members and student dues remain at half the regular dues, with financial assistance available for hardship cases. Next were changes to the LWVAA program, with a new position to "support a comprehensive intermodal transportation system that takes into consideration pedestrians and bicyclists." In addition, the LWVAA program for 2016-2017 carried over priorities from 2015-2016 and added a third priority to "offer voter services and education in areas of Akron that have low rates of voter registration and voting."



LWVAA Board Member Jackie Derrow welcomes members with the new table cloth. Photo by Bruce Greer.

Last, the Nominations Committee presented a slate of candidates including John Fitzpatrick as Treasurer and Mary Ann Jopperi as Education Chair. Karen Barta was elected to a two-year term as Vice President of Program and Rebbeca Chunn was elected to serve the second year of a two-year term as Secretary. Outgoing treasurer Sharley Greer will serve as an at-large board member. Barbara Hunsicker was elected to a two-year term as President.

Members who continue to serve on the board are Jessie Coffey as Communications Chair, Ardith Keck as Membership Chair, Martha Lester at-large and Arrye Rosser as Natural Resources Chair.

November 8, 2016

VOTE!

Ohio General Election



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Special guest Sandra Kurt addresses LWVAA. Photo by Bruce Greer.

Several informational reports were presented. Ardith Keck welcomed new members present at the meeting; Frederica Cohen, Laura Hunsicker, Mary Ann Jopperi and Jan Nolan. Jackie Derrow discussed several planned activities under voter services and emphasized the need to educate the public on the use of the LWVUS online voters' guide VOTE411, which will also be distributed in print form for the general election. Webmaster Bruce Greer showed statistics on use of the website, which show the greatest number of visits around primaries and general elections.

Please view the photos of the event taken and posted on the [LWVAA website](#) by Bruce. It was a very successful meeting, and a big thanks goes to all who participated!

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## 2016-2017 LWVAA Plans

These priorities for LWVAA were established at the 2016 Annual Meeting, and will help us focus our resources for the next 12 months.

- Hold voter registration and education events in areas of Akron with low voter turnout
- Promote online voters guide VOTE411.ORG
- Widely distribute printed voters guides and voter information
- Hold candidate forums for Summit County candidates with Hudson and Tallmadge Leagues
- Hold forums on issues of interest to Akron area citizens

- Host booths at local community events  
We look forward to a great fiscal year!

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## Committee Updates

### **Voter Services**

Submitted by Jackie Derrow

Check out our new banner on display at the 2016 Annual Meeting while President Barbara Hunsicker shares League updates.



Photo by Bruce Greer

We are looking for volunteers to help at voter registration events this summer and fall during this critical Presidential Election. Please [contact](#) Jackie Derrow at if you have an interest.

### **Membership**

Submitted by Ardith Keck

We added 11 new members over the past year! If you know anyone who would make a great member, please share our online resources or connect them with Membership Chair [Ardith Keck](#).

### **Communications**

Submitted by Jessie Coffey

We're always looking for feedback on how we can improve our newsletter The Akron Voter, and our social media presence. Please [contact](#) Jessie Coffey with your thoughts and suggestions.

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## New home for LWVAA

The LWVAA office is moving! Unfortunately our current location is closing, which meant time for some spring cleaning and archiving files. Thank you to all of our members and supporters who helped with this task!

We were also lucky to find a wonderful location at a very reasonable price, and want to thank Ardith Keck for all of her extra effort. Please update your records with our new location and address:



Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio

The location and space are ideal for keeping our materials and supplies, and for holding League and Ed Fund board meetings. Office operations and communications costs will be reduced by terminating the internet connection, changing the phone to an audio file and greater use of e-mail and social media (instead of USPS).

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