November / December, 2017

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Please join us for our 2017 Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Laurel Lake, 200 Laurel Lake Drive, Hudson, Ohio, 330-650-0681

Join us for our scheduled speaker Jan Leach, Kent State professor who will share her thoughts on Fake News and Holiday Conversations. Please RSVP through Paypal or send a check for $20.00 by 12/4 to LWVAA, PO Box 5449, Akron, Ohio 44334. $5 will go toward Fair Districts Campaign.

We're proud to support the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, please consider bringing donations including the Super Six: boxed cereal, peanut butter, and canned tuna, vegetables, beef stew, or soup.
A Message From the President

The Election, and then What?

Today’s election features State Issues 1 and 2, which have generated much discussion, particularly Issue 2. A frequent comment about the drug-pricing proposal is that it is confusing.

As is so common these days, proponents and opponents have made serious claims about the benefits and shortcomings if passed, and it’s hard to know what is factual and accurate without being a healthcare financing and legal expert. It has put the problem of high prescription drugs on the front burner again and resulted in highly emotional discussion and debate. Whether Issue 2 will help remedy the problem remains to be seen if the Issue passes.

Once the elections are over, we need to increase our efforts on the Fair Districts campaign. It’s easy to feel an energy lag after the amazing results in the first few months of signature gathering. Now about halfway to the goal, we have winter to contend with and less accessibility to voters that in the summer months of so much outdoor activity. We must push ahead even as the State’s working group, composed of two republicans and two democrats, strives to come up with a redistricting plan by May that is acceptable.

Redistricting reform may also be affected by the outcome of the Wisconsin extreme-gerrymandering case that was heard by the US Supreme Court in October. A decision is
December 9, 2017

**LWV Holiday Brunch**

**Laurel Lake**
200 Laurel Lake Dr., Hudson, Ohio
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Joint event with LWV Hudson and LWV Tallmadge

Speaker: Jan Leach, Kent State professor speaking about Fake News and Holiday Conversations

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Members and guests welcome

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December 31, 2017

not expected until June 2018, right before the due date for having 305,590 valid voter signatures submitted to the State. Again, we can't bank on a favorable outcome to solve the gerrymandering problem in Ohio.

The League’s impressive track record so far leaves no doubt in my mind that the Issue will qualify for the November 2018 ballot. The level of enthusiasm and commitment to reach that goal is a great example of democracy in action and has galvanized thousands of people to work together. We can look forward to an exciting new year with redistricting reform and the mid-term elections!

Barbara Hunsicker
LWVAA President

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**Fair Districts for Ohio**

We are still gathering signatures for this critical ballot initiative. Please email Jackie Derrow or call her at 330.869.5412 to arrange a pick up time or to volunteer for other upcoming Voter Services Events.

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**2017 League Holiday Brunch**

We are excited to once again team up with LWV Tallmadge and LWV Hudson for the 2017 League Holiday Brunch. Thank you to LWV Hudson for picking a great location and speaker!
Acme Cash Back receipts due for fundraiser

Please send them to:
Janice Jacobs
PO Box 26
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
44222-0026

January 4, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

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

Board Members only

January 20, 2018

LWVAA Program Planning

Location Announced Soon
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Click here for details closer to the date

February 1, 2018

LWVAA Board Meeting

It will be Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am - 1:00pm at a new location, Laurel Lake in Hudson.

Our scheduled speaker is Jan Leach, Kent State professor who will share her thoughts on Fake News and Holiday Conversations. You may remember her from the LWV Ohio Convention in May, you won't want to miss her!

Please RSVP through Paypal or send a check for $20.00 by 12/4 to LWVAA, PO Box 5449, Akron, Ohio 44334. $5 of the cost will go toward the Fair Districts Campaign.

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In Memoriam: Katy Lester
Long time Board Member and League advocate Martha Lester lost her mom Katy earlier this year, and was kind enough to share a tribute to her from a memorial service on Saturday, November 4. What an amazing woman!

In attendance were former and current LWVAA members including Amy Mitch, Mary Lou Gault, and Gerry Hall.

A tribute written by Martha’s cousin Anne Messenger:

Of sturdy Dutch descent, she was a wife, mother, Girl
Scout executive and fearsome member of the League of Women Voters’ Akron & state boards. This was a woman who knew her own mind.

Rest in deep peace Katy, and thank you for your commitment to League.
Submitted by Janice Jacobs

Once again this year the fine folks at Acme Fresh Market are supporting the Community Cash Back program. This year the qualifying dates are: August 10, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

To get the full scoop you can go to the Acme Website which explains that we receive 5% on eligible purchases and also outlines what items qualify as eligible. Acme brand items and many others are shown.

At the end of each register tape, during the period shown above, the Community Cash Back amount is totaled. Just send those Acme tapes to me and I'll do the rest: Janice Jacobs, PO Box 26, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222-0026

This has been a small but consistent fundraiser for League since 2002, and is easy!

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The Ohio Voter

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The National Voter