

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE AKRON AREA

THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter for LWVAA Members and Supporters

August, 2019

Want to get involved? Click here or sign up when you receive a SignUpGenius request

AKRON RUBBERDUCKS

WOMENS EQUALITY DAY AT CANAL PARK

Tickets only \$7 - \$1 of each ticket will be donated to League of Women Voters!

The League of Women Voters, in conjunction with Girls on the Run, Girls Scouts of North East Ohio, The Kent State Women's Center, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., NAACP, and The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve, are partnering to bring you WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY at the BALLPARK!

Our coalition will be:

- Presenting the colors
- Singing the National Anthem
- Registering Voters
- Parading around the bases before the game
- Throwing out the first pitch
- AND MUCH MORE

WEAR WHITE to show your support for the suffragists!

To purchase tickets, visit groupmatics.events/s/other/Womensequality or scan the QR code to the right

Contact: Sherry at Lwvkmembership@gmail.com

Sunday, August 25 • 2:05PM

RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS VS AKRON RUBBERDUCKS

SCAN HERE

FOR TICKETS





LWVAA Upcoming Events



August 8, 2019

Acme Cash Back starts up again!

Acme Cash Back program starts up again, collect those receipts and a portion of the \$\$ will go right back to League!

Thank you to Janice Jacobs who runs this for us every year!

A Message From the President

Dear Members,

It has been anything but a quiet summer as we head into one of the busiest years we have had in a long time. Between the 2020 Centennial celebration, the presidential election, the U.S. Census and lots of planned programming we have a very full plate.

It all kicks off Sunday, August 25 with our Women's Equality Day celebration at the Rubber Ducks stadium. Learn about women's 70-year struggle to gain the right to vote while enjoying the 2:05pm game.

The event will feature:

- A parade around the bases led by Hudson League members, dressed as 1920s suffragists. All attendees are invited to wear white and join in. [Parade line up begins at 1pm.](#)
- A re-enactment of the famed Sojourner Truth speech
- Presentation of the colors by the NE Ohio Girl Scouts
- Singing of the National Anthem by Jen Miller, Executive Director of LWVO, accompanied by a local choir
- Voter registration by League volunteers – look for a SignUpGenius invitation soon
- And more!



August 25, 2019

**Women's Equality Day
Celebration at the Akron
Rubber Ducks**

2:00 p.m. (parade line up at
1pm)
Tickets only \$7 each

Joint event with LWV of Hudson,
Kent, and N. Portage + NE Ohio
Girl Scouts + NAACP + many
more co-sponsors

Details available [here](#)

September 9, 2019

LWVAA All Member Meeting

6:00 p.m.

[Akron Summit Public Library](#)
60 S. High St., Akron, Ohio

The topic will be Women's Health,
and Membership Chair Ardith
Keck will facilitate

September 17, 2019

Co-sponsors include: LWVAA, LWV
Hudson, LWV Kent, LWV N. Portage,
Akron Chapter of the NAACP, Alpha
Kappa Alpha Sorority, Boys and Girls
Clubs of the Western Reserve, Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority, Girls on the Run,
Kent State Women's Center, NE Ohio Girl
Scouts, Summit County Historical Society,
and WITAN.

Click [here](#) to sign up for \$7 tickets (plus a
per ticket service charge).

We need a good showing to be LWVAA
Akron strong! Be sure to buy tickets for
your friends and family and join us.

Jackie Derrow, LWVAA President

Fall Election Planning

Voter Service Co-Chair Kathy Duncan has
organized a planning committee to begin
candidate outreach for our online Voter
Guide, VOTE411.org.

The committee plans to electronically
publish the guide before early voting
begins on October 8. The committee is
also laying the groundwork for a candidate
forum on October 15.

[Contact her](#) if you're interested in assisting

Crooked Chronicles: What's Next for the Cuyahoga River

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Happy Days Lodge, 500 W Streetsboro Rd, Peninsula, Ohio

A panel of river leaders look back on the 2019 celebration successes and discuss how we “ignite the future.” Find out what’s next for renewing the Cuyahoga River and its cities. What would you like to see happen?

Supported by West Creek Conservancy, Xtinguish Celebration, Ohio Humanities, LWVAA

September 20, 2019

Centennial Corner The 19th Amendment at 100: From the Vote to Gender Equality

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
University of Akron Law School,
Brennan Courtroom 180

Free if you are not seeking CLE credit, click [here](#) to register.

September 26, 2019

Centennial Corner Victoria Woodhull: Shattering Glass Ceilings

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

with VOTE411.org – we could use the help!

Our League’s Voter Registration efforts are in full swing! We have completed four events in July, have at least eight confirmed for August, and 14 in September! These events include Taste of Ireland, Porchrokr Festival, Open M Ministry, Mustard Seed Market, Akron Pride Festival, University of Akron, Stark State Akron, and a second New Citizen Ceremony at the main library.

There also are several more events in the planning stage! Each opportunity for you to join in will be sent to you via SignupGenius. PLEASE join the effort and sign up for a few slots. Each event will be led by one of our trained event leaders who will give you supplies and training. Enjoy a fun day out with friends working to support our democracy.

Sign up!

LWVAA 2020 Women's Vote Centennial

Submitted by Rosanne Winter, Voter Service Co-Chair

Our Centennial Celebration plans are

Lorain County History Center,
284 Washington Ave, Elyria, Ohio

October 7, 2019

LWVAA Book Group

7:00 p.m.

Pub Bricco, 1841 Merriman Rd,
Akron, Ohio

Becoming, Michelle Obama, 2018

Click [here](#) for more details and
upcoming dates



October 8, 2019

**Early Voting begins for
November 5 Election**

Click [here](#) to stay updated

November 5, 2019

General Election

moving ahead! On June 20, 2019, Jackie and Rosanne attended the first meeting of the Summit County Centennial Committee.

This committee was organized by Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's office and the membership includes numerous representatives of civic and governmental organizations in Summit County. The purpose of the committee is to identify planned and developing events throughout Summit County that focus on the Women's Vote Centennial.

The County Executive's office will collect this information and develop a calendar of events to be shared with all organizations and the public.

The first event will be the Women's Equality Day (Rubber Ducks) Event scheduled for August 25, 2019. Gloria Irwin, Kim Nelson and Jackie Darrow are representing our League on the planning team of this event. See Jackie's column above for details.

We are still looking for members to head our Luncheon or dinner kickoff event in April 2020 at which local women "Trail Blazers" would be recognized and honored. We also need help with the culminating activities in August 2020, which include: a recognition of Women

Polls open 6:30a.m - 7:30p.m.
Click [here](#) to stay updated

Get your personalized candidate information after October 1 at VOTE411.ORG

Equality Day (August 18), 36th State Ratification day (August 19) and 100 Anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment (August 26).

Please let Rosanne Winter know if you are interested in helping with any of the Centennial events!

LWVAA Board Meetings

September	5
October	3
November	7
December	5

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

Board Members only

[Click here to renew your membership! Thank you!](#)

All Member Meetings, Book Group

Submitted by Jackie Derrow, LWVAA President

On September 9 we'll be launching All Member Meetings in response to your feedback. The meetings are intended to be informal gatherings facilitated by a LWVAA member and featuring speakers on topical issues with open discussion by attendees.

We hope these more intimate gatherings will help members connect with one another to find common interests for future League work.

The first meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 6:00pm at the [Akron Summit Public Library](#), 60 S. High St. The topic will be Women's Health, and Membership Chair Ardith Keck will facilitate.

These gatherings will alternate months with our reintroduced [book group](#) - this year focused on women's issues and the suffrage movement. We've also slipped in a well-recommended book on the Second Amendment. Members may choose to participate in one or all of these informal gatherings at Pub Bricco. Just show up, no RSVP needed!

First book: *Becoming*, Michelle Obama, 2018.

Monday, October 7 - 7:00pm
Pub Bricco, 1841 Merriman Rd, Akron, OH 44313



Akron-based artist Michael Marras installs his sculpture, Return to the River (Cuyahoga Valley National Park), at Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Brecksville. The design combines four symbols of the river's ecological renewal: the great blue heron, northern hogsucker, smallmouth bass, and mayfly. (Photo: National Park Service / Ted Toth).

Reflect | Lighting a New Fire

Submitted by Arrye Rosser
Shared from her column in [The Devil Strip](#)

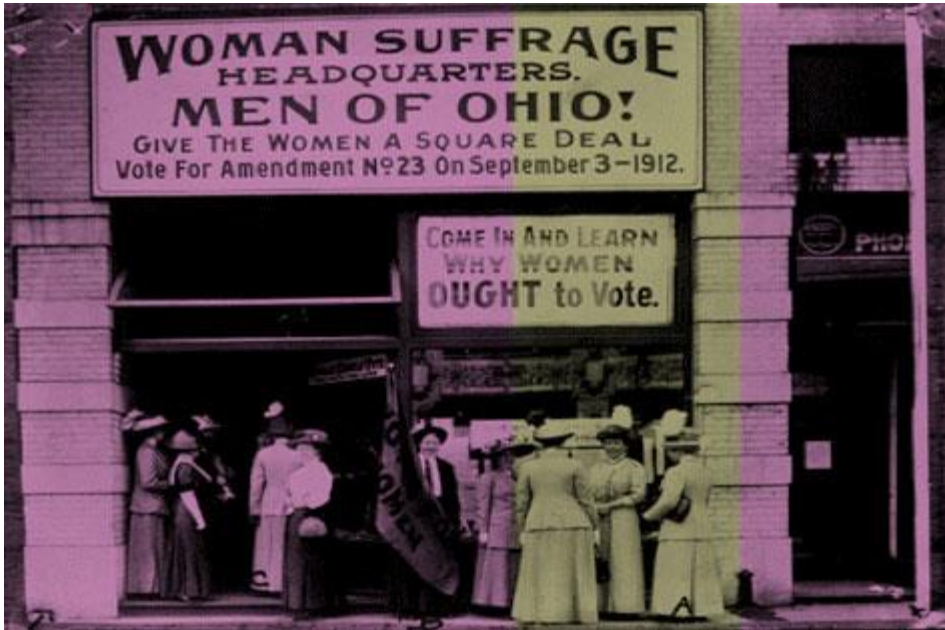
In early 2017, students from Akron, Cleveland, and Kent contributed their ideas for how Northeast Ohio could celebrate the Cuyahoga River's renewal 50 years after the infamous 1969 fire. "We should show everyone that we strive for higher than our expectations," wrote a Summit Academy student.

Out of six community listening sessions bubbled the idea of a torch relay connecting festivals from the headwaters to Cleveland. This dream became a reality June 19-22 when hundreds of partners came together to create numerous Cuyahoga50 and Xtinguish Torch Fest events.

People here get that the health of our waterways is a metaphor for the health of our communities. We cannot move forward until we demonstrate to ourselves, the nation, and the world that old punchlines no longer apply. The return of pollution-sensitive wildlife to the Cuyahoga was unimaginable when the US EPA wrote its state of the environment report in 1980.

Now Ohio EPA studies show that our once-"dead" river supports more than 70 kinds of fish. This has attracted bald eagles, otters, great blue herons—and people.

As we look to the next 50 years, consider how we can keep moving forward, igniting our common future. Imagine vibrant communities, united by water, benefiting all.



Centennial Events

The 19th Amendment at 100: From the Vote to Gender Equality

Friday, September 20, 8am-5pm

University of Akron Law School, Brennan Courtroom 180

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Victoria Woodhull: Shattering Glass Ceilings

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Lorain County Historical Society

Lorain County History Center, 284 Washington Ave, Elyria, Ohio

Hear the remarkable story of this fearless female who spent her life doing things that women in her time didn't do, including being the first woman to run for President - in 1872! Victoria Woodhull ran for president under the banner of The Equal Rights Party. She supported universal suffrage for women, an eight-hour workday, a national education system, and the creation of an international body to help prevent war around the world!

Legislative Update

Submitted by Jackie Derrow and Laurie Curfman

After a 17-day delay we have a State budget. A few highlights and lowlights:

- While failing to fix our school funding system, the budget did include an infusion of cash for wraparound services in our public schools
- A joint legislative body that provides oversight for education was abolished, charter school regulations were reduced, and more taxpayer money will go to private, mostly religious schools via vouchers
- Lawmakers made education policy by creating new graduation requirements but punted for a year on fixing the controversial process of state school takeovers
- The budget expands the Housing Trust Fund and dedicates one-time money to Lake Erie water quality and the mitigation of the effects of farm runoff
- The required number of precinct poll workers was reduced. This comes at a time when many Ohio counties will be introducing new voting machines in 2019-2020.
- \$7.5 million will go to disreputable and medically unsound crisis pregnancy centers. Additionally, a program that would have reduced the number of unwanted (or "crisis") pregnancies by providing long acting contraceptives to low-income women who rely on Medicaid was killed.
(Source: *Innovation Ohio*)

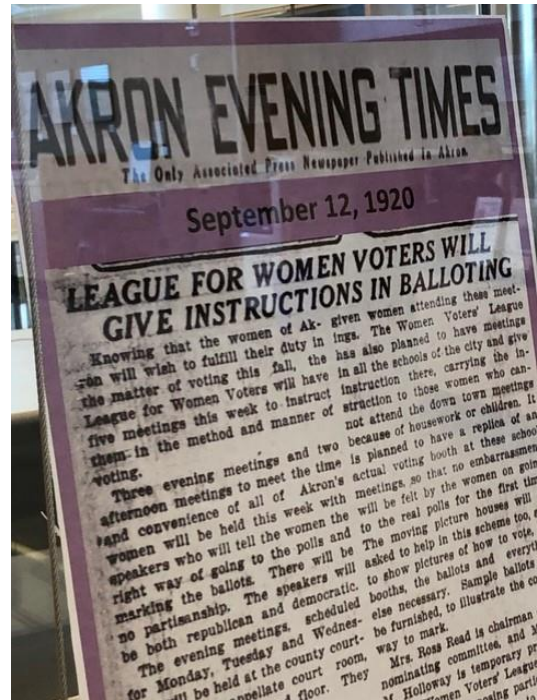
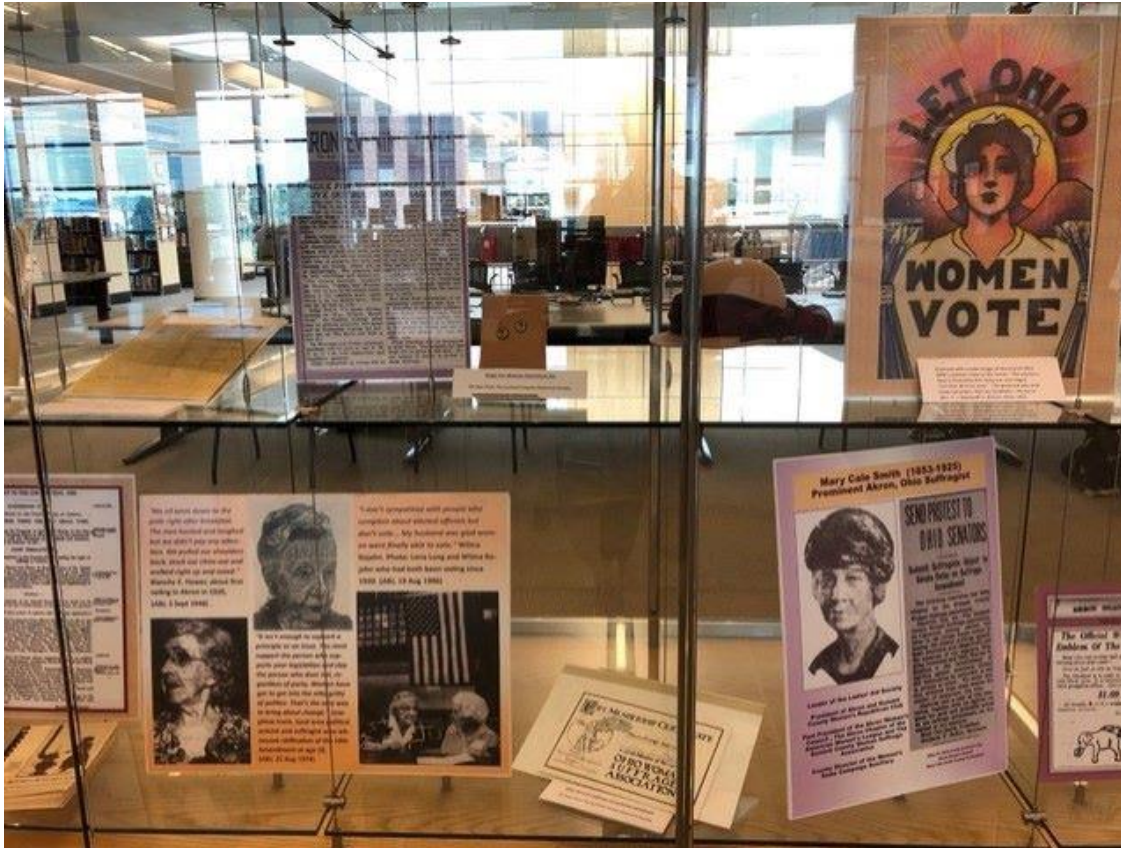
And House Bill 6 passed.

The legislation will add a new charge on utility bills to fund a \$150 million per year bailout of two failing nuclear power plants and two coal plants, while unwinding the state's renewable energy and efficiency standards--making Ohio the first state to do so.

Despite the above outcomes, those of you who contacted your legislators in opposition to elements of the budget and HB6 are heroes! Due to the opposition to HB6 it took the legislature three weeks beyond First Energy's drop-dead decision date to get it passed, and, not incidentally, more contributions to key decision-maker's campaigns. ("FirstEnergy PAC handed out \$1M in campaign cash before nuke bailout," ABJ, 7.29.2019).

When you receive Action Alerts from LWVO, please act. ***Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport!***

The images below are from Akron-Summit County Public Library's [Special Collections](#) Exhibition on the Women's Suffrage Movement in Ohio.



OHIO VOTER ACTIVATION TOUR 2019

Meet other
voting advocates



Learn about
volunteer
opportunities

Join us in building momentum for the 2019 election with a statewide tour full of diverse community members coming together for one goal: a healthy democracy through voter engagement.

Pick up nonpartisan
voter outreach
materials

August 13
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Main Library
60 S High St.
Akron, OH 44326

Collaborate with
organizations doing voter
outreach in your city!



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Ohio Votes is a 501c3 nonpartisan civic engagement initiative of Coalition of Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) and does not support any party or candidate. Learn more at OHVotes.org



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

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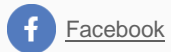
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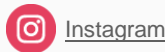
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