



March 18, 2025

THE HUDSON VOTER

Happy Sunshine Week LWVH!

Big Shout Out to **Maura McCaughey**! She did a *fantastic* job explaining Sunshine Laws to a group of about 20 including new member, Julie Prall and Portage County League member, April Secura. Sunshine Week is a public awareness campaign to shine a light on the importance of public records and open government.

It is the government's responsibility to protect citizens' right to know. It is the responsibility of citizens to make sure the government is adhering to those laws.



Tracey Mackay, President LWVH

League Observers act in a citizen capacity on behalf of League when observing public meetings. Hudson has a very impressive group of Observers. They are well trained, know the laws, track the work of local boards, and are respected in the community. **Thank you for all you do!**

Keeping you informed: **Ohio Senate Bill 107 (SB 107)** would require candidates for state and local School Board seats to declare a political party. This would inject partisanship into what is normally - and should always be - a community-focused role. Schools would be more about politics than students. The sponsors of this bill should be sent to detention! Learn more and tell your State Senator to Vote NO on SB 107 [here](#).

Volunteers needed for EARTH DAY April 19th on the Hudson Green. Our booth location is right along Main Street! We need a committee to plan, set up, tear down, and chat with folks about our beautiful Earth! To get involved contact [Mimi Becker](#).

Final thought on the Fight for Democracy:

"For over a century, the League has remained steadfast in our commitment to the American people and our democracy. We will continue to advance actions that build on this notion that the government is for the people, by the people, all the people." LWV CEO Celina Stewart

Rock On!

Tracey Mackay

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Calendar of Events

March 18, 7:30pm, Attend Hudson City Council Meeting at Town Hall to observe governance in action.

March 20, 7pm, Book Club at Kathy Battiglia's home.

March 24 7pm, Hudson Library and Historical Society Board Meeting

March 24 7pm, Hudson Board of Education at HHS Media Center

March 27, 7pm, Trivia Night *with United SHE Stands & Friends* at HiHO Brewing in Cuyahoga Falls. See below for more info.

April 3, 6pm, Town Hall with Casey Weinstein Hudson Library

April 7, 7:00 pm, Town Hall with Derrick Hall Stow Safety Center Community Room at 3800 Darrow Rd., Stow.

April 17, 9am, Summit County BOE, Board of Elections observation. please contact [Hillary Sullivan](#).

April 19, Hudson's Earth Day. We need volunteers!

May 15, 6-8pm, Annual Meeting, Hudson Library. We need a quorum for this meeting. Please plan to attend.

May 16-18, State Convention in Aurora, OH. All are welcome. Register below!

Any interest in participating in the **Memorial Day Parade**? Volunteer to be the LWWH Parade Master for this event. We need participants and a cool vehicle.

Get more involved in League! We have four Board Positions opening for the 2025-2027 term. They are: Vice President, Treasurer, and two Elected Board Members. The 2025 Nominating Committee is: Arlene Grohl, Dr. Carol O'Connell, Kathy Cybulski, Connie Blohm, and June Futia. Please contact one of them if you have any interest in joining the Board. (And, be aware, one of them may contact you!!!)



Advocacy Corner

Gov. DeWine recently proposed a state budget that **cuts school funding for public schools** and raises funding for charter schools and private school vouchers. Public schools would lose over \$103 million over the next 2 years, while up to \$500 million could be spent for private or charter

schools, even though 90% of children in Ohio attend public school.

Please consider writing a Letter to the Editor for a local paper expressing your opinion. Sign it and send it under your own name, since only the president of LWWH, can represent our league. More voices need to be heard.

P.S. We'd like to form a **LWWH Education Committee** to keep members informed about Ohio's changing Educational landscape. If you have an interest, please contact Tracey Mackay.

DEI and Democracy

In our last [newsletter](#), Tracey, president of LWW Hudson, discussed how the Hudson Schools handled the DEI directive from President Trump. DEI is still a hot topic at the federal, state and local level.

Let's take a step back and look beyond the buzzwords. Three simple words: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. How are these 3 words so controversial? And what do they really mean? I encourage you to read this [blog](#) by Celina Stewart, CEO LWW US.



Let's Kill It at Trivia on March 27



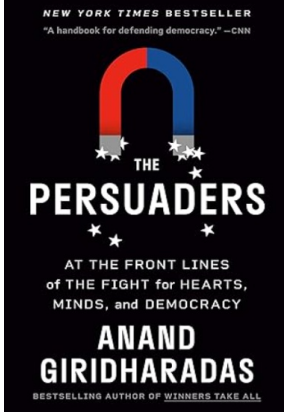
MARCH 27, 2025, 7PM
HiHO Brewing Co.
1707 Front St
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Join us for a night out at HiHO Brewing Co. United SHE Stands will be hosting a fun trivia night with topics focused on **civics and democracy**! A number of local political groups will be there along with the Akron LWW, Rank the Vote Ohio, and many others. We GOT THIS category, right? See you there. [Sign up!](#)

Book Club's Next Book

**The Persuaders: At the Front Lines of
the Fight for Hearts, Minds and
Democracy**

by Anand Giridharadas



March 20, 2025, 7pm
at Kathy Battaglia's home

Join our discussion about *The Persuaders*, a book about movements for justice. The book grapples with how to "call out" threats and injustices while "calling in" those who don't agree with them -- but just might one day-- and point a way to healing and changing a broken country.

You do not have to be a member to join our meeting. Bring a friend!
Please be sure to [**RSVP**](#).

Next State Convention for LWV Ohio

You are invited to attend

LWVO's 66th State Convention

May 16-18, 2025

Bertram Inn and Convention Center,
600 North Aurora Road
Aurora, Ohio 44202



**Register for LWVO
Convention**

Along with important League business, the very best part of Convention is spending time with people who are obsessed about all the same things you are: empowering voters and defending democracy! There will be workshops throughout the weekend, keynote speakers, expert guests, and more, all to make sure you walk away inspired.

Registration Fees

- Whole Weekend - \$365
- Saturday Only - \$265
- Saturday Eve. Gala - \$125
- Sunday Only – \$85
- Student Rate (Whole Weekend) – \$125

Deadline is May 5, 2025.

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