

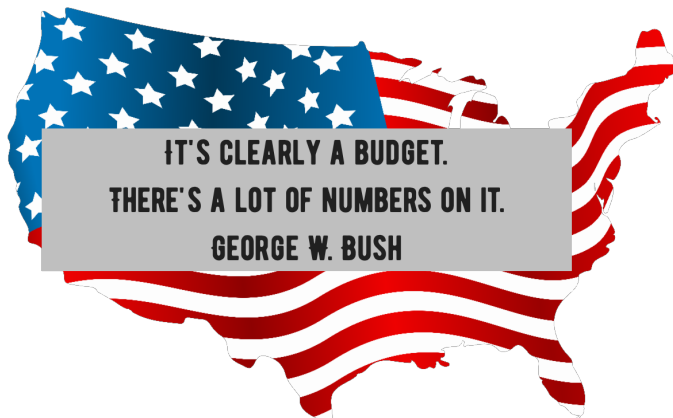


April 11, 2025

## THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello Members!

Our Annual Member Meeting is May 15. Please review the updated LWVH Nonpartisan Policy and the proposed 2025-26 budget, which we will be voting on at the meeting. You will receive the 2024-2025 LWVH Committee Reports in the next newsletter.



Regarding the budget, at first glance it may be alarming. LWVUS has changed the way local, state and national leagues are reimbursed. Until 2025, members paid their local leagues then local leagues paid state and national their share of the dues. This is called PMP (per member payment).

As of January 2025, joining members use the portal on the website, pay with a credit card or a bank routing number (a check to our Treasurer is still acceptable also). Payment via the website is distributed directly to National, State and Local branches of LWV. Members receive an email with a receipt reflecting the amounts.

The 2024-25 Budget deficit reflects the transition of having to pay the PMP for dues collected before Jan. 1, 2025. Treasurer Connie Blohm has planned for this. LWVH has funds to cover this debt.

That stated, we are being very conservative with our 2025-26 budget so that we can see how the new system affects our income. I can report that so far it is quite seamless. The dues retained by LWVH are on track with the previous system.

Something to be aware of: In the past you were able to "round up" to pay \$100, with \$30 going into our local Donation Fund. This option is no longer available. Instead, we encourage you to donate directly to the local league, right after you've paid your dues using the LWVUS portal. This is appreciated and necessary. The board has also decided to increase our recommended dues from \$70 to \$75, which is what LWVUS recommends.

Although, now, if you wish to pay less, you can. Students are \$20.

Moving forward, we are going to have to restart our fundraising efforts to fund attendance to National Convention and various voter services materials.

In other news! Many LWWH members marched in the "**Hands Off**" protests. They joined thousands of people across the country protesting the government's attack on American rights and freedoms. This is true "boots on the ground", "put your money where your mouth is", "step up or shut up" action. Kudos to all of you who participated! See lots of terrific photos below!

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### Calendar of Events

**April 17, 9am, at Summit County, Board of Elections** for observation of logic and accuracy testing of voting equipment. Please contact [Hillary Sullivan](#) if you'd like to attend.

**April 19, Saturday, Hudson's Earth Day, 11am-3pm.** Gazebo Green.

**May 5, 7pm, Board Meeting** at Tracey's home. All members are welcome.

**May 8, 7pm, Book Club** at Kathy Battiglia's home. More info below.

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

**May 16-18, State Convention in Aurora, OH.** Register below!

**June 2, 7pm, Board Meeting** at Tracey's home. All members are welcome.

**Aug. 4, 7pm, Board Meeting** at Tracey's home. All members are welcome.

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. Great opportunity for a NEW member since this is a short term commitment and a fun event. We'll help you organize it.

**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!!!)

**Hands Off Drew Huge Crowds**



Can you find some of our members above? Participating were: (Clockwise from top left.) Lorann Murphy, Diane Kunze, Karin Swedenborg, Madeline Lepidi-Carino, Barbara Bos (with husband) June Futia, Pat Brubaker (with husband). Those not pictured above who also attended were: Carol O'Connell, Mimi Becker, Inge Orendt, and Devyani Gursahaney. Did you attend? Let us know! For more pictures of signs, scroll down.



## Advocacy Corner

Update on [HB 96](#), Ohio Budget for FY 2026-27: The House passed it on April 9. It will now go to the senate, who are looking to pass it by June 8th. Then the bill will go to the governor around June 30th. The Senate will undoubtedly change some items. School and library funding are part of the bill and LWV Ohio has been fighting for Fair School Funding in the bill.

To stay informed, please follow our [FACEBOOK](#) page, where Karen Leith does a great job of keeping us up-to-date and linking us to articles.

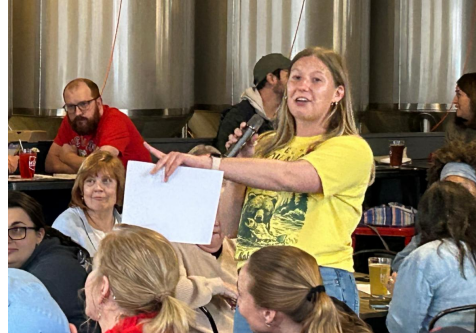
With so much legislation involving schools, perhaps you would like to meet with some [Hudson School Board](#) members? They schedule regular drop-in coffees for Hudson citizens. The next one is with board members, Tom Tobin and Alisa Wright at Panera's in Hudson on [May 1, 7pm-8:30pm](#).

The US House of Representatives passed the anti-voter [SAVE Act](#) on April 10. The SAVE Act still needs to get Senate approval. [Contact your Senators](#) to voice your opposition.

## Trivia Night had Overflow Crowd

[Trivia Night](#) on March 27, which had various political and non-profit groups vie for prizes, was a huge success.

Over 100 people showed up at the HiHO brewery in Cuyahoga Falls-- double what was expected-- including a table of LWV Hudson members. But, LWV Akron won the contest!



Ashley Kindsvatter

Leading the event was LWV Hudson's new member **Ashley Kindsvatter**, who also co-hosts a podcast called, *United She Stands*. Download it from your app store and give it a listen.

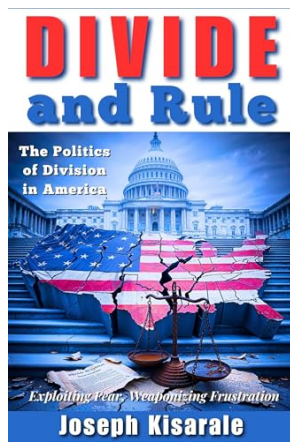
## Run for Office - Yes, YOU!



### Women and Elections

If you have ever wondered why there are so few women in public offices or why so few women even run, you'll find this [video](#) of a panel discussion, "Building the Bench: Women in Ohio Politics," held by LWV Greater Cleveland, very interesting! Perhaps you should run for office?? [Link](#)

## Book Club's Next Book



### Divide and Rule: The Politics of Division in America

by Joseph Kisarale

May 8, 2025, 7pm  
at Kathy Battaglia's home

Joseph Kisarale delivers a deep exploration of the forces tearing America apart. He explores the idea that democracy is supposed to serve all citizens but has instead left many unheard, neglected and disillusioned. This contributes to the rise of authoritarianism and how charismatic leaders, offering simple solutions to complex problems, appeal to those who have lost faith in the existing system.

However, these promises often come at the cost of eroding democratic norms, silencing dissent, and consolidating power. Kisarale also covers



how social media, sensationalist media coverage, and the spread of conspiracy theories have amplified distrust and deepened the cultural divides.

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

## Speaker Announced for State Convention

You are invited to attend

### LWVO's 66th State Convention

May 16-18, 2025

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



LWVO has announced that their keynote speaker for the May convention is Allison Tyra, author of *Uncredited*, a book about the many women who have shaped history—often without recognition. Tyra reveals the impact women have had across centuries, despite being left out of history books.

Along with important League business and workshops, the very best part of Convention is spending time with people who are passionate 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

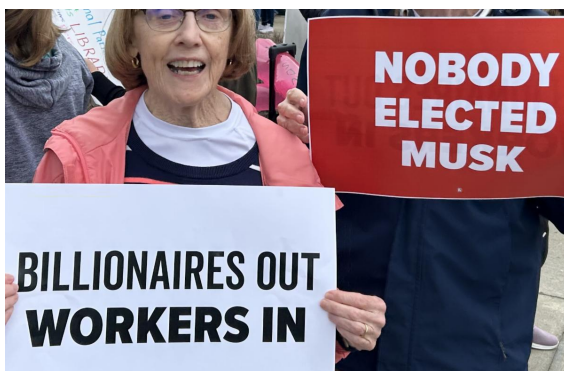
- Whole Weekend - \$365
- Saturday Only - \$265
- Saturday Eve. Gala - \$125
- Sunday Only – \$85
- Student Rate (Whole Weekend) – \$125

Deadline is May 5, 2025.

Register for LWVO  
Convention

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## More Photos from Hands Off



Would you like to submit an article, news or photos to this newsletter? Just contact [Inge Orendt](#), Communications Chair.

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