



**April 1, 2025**

## THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello Members!

A few quick notes:

**Earth Day** is around the corner **Sat. April 19**, and we still don't have ANY volunteers to (wo)man the booth. Great chance to talk about LWV and support our climate change initiatives. Please sign up [here](#). It's only 1-2 hour shifts.

Sadly, Gov. Mike DeWine recently signed SB1 into law, which is a massive higher education

overhaul to ban diversity efforts, regulate classroom discussion, and prohibit faculty strikes, and more. Read about it [here](#).

LWV has decided to join the nationwide **April 5 protest called "Hands Off."** The protest, which has many groups participating, is saying: HANDS OFF Our Democracy! Our health care! Our social security! Our data! Our public schools! Our voting rights!

The Summit County event is Saturday from 11:30am-1pm. Meet at Portage Crossing at the corner of State Rd. and Portage Trail. Or, at the Kent Gazebo in Kent from 3-5pm.

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### Calendar of Events

**April 3, 6pm**, Town Hall with **Casey Weinstein** at the Hudson Library and Historical Society (No RSVP required.)

**April 5, Hands Off! Event** The Summit County event is Saturday from 11:30am-1pm. Meet at the Portage Crossing at the corner of State Rd. and Portage Trail. Or, at the Kent Gazebo in Kent from 3-5pm. Or both!

**April 7, 7pm**, Town Hall with **Derrick Hall** at Stow Safety Center Community Room at 3800 Darrow Rd., Stow. (No RSVP is required.)

**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 8, 7pm, Book Club** at Kathy Battaglia'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.**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!!!)

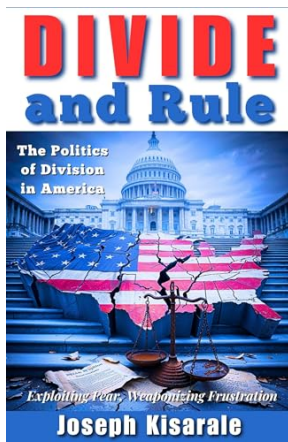
## Run for Office - Yes, YOU!



### 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 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.

Register for LWVO  
Convention

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