

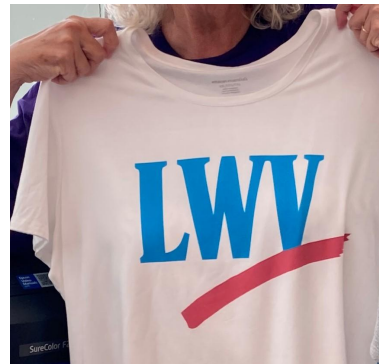


May 12, 2025

THE HUDSON VOTER

We need YOU!

Annual Meeting Thursday, May 15 Hudson Library and Historical Society. This is a members only meeting. **We need a quorum for the Annual Meeting.** This (relatively) short meeting will be packed with important League information. Please plan to attend.



Immediately following the meeting, let's gather across the street at Flip Side Hudson for camaraderie and a quick snack and beverage.

Call to Order (promptly at 6:30pm)

Welcome

- **Old Business**
 - Approve 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Approve 2025-2026 Budget
- **Year in Review**
 - LWWH Updates
 - 501c3 / 501c4 Status
 - LWWUS Transformation Journey
 - Welcome New Members
 - Citizens Not Politicians
- **New Business**
 - Vote in New Officers
 - Candidate and Issue Forums
 - Update Library Study
 - 2025-2026 Calendar of Events
 - How YOU can get involved!
- **Adjourn (7:45-ish)**

We will be voting on the proposed 2025-2026 **Budget**. Please review the updated LWWH **Nonpartisan Policy** and the 2024 - 2025 Annual Report.

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Calendar of Events

May 15, 6:30-8pm, **Annual Meeting**, at Hudson Library and Historical Society, 96 Library St., Hudson

May 16-18, **State Convention in Aurora, OH**. Registration is closed.

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.

Aug. 7, 7pm **August Social**. (TBD)



Advocacy Corner

The Ohio Senate is reviewing the budget (**HB 96**) for the next two years. The current budget **underfunds schools by \$2.75 billion**.

It is imperative to contact these Senators now and throughout the month of May with the following message as well as your own personal story: "To fulfill the Ohio Legislature's Constitutional responsibility to fund a high quality education that is available throughout the state, we call upon you to reinstate the Fair School Funding Plan in the budget."

There are 16 Senators on the Finance Committee, so please contact them in a separate email or complete the form on their website. (Not all Senators have emails.) <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/committees/finance>. Or call them.

To learn more about how schools are being underfunded, check out this [article](#). For specifics on money for each school district go [here](#). Click here to see how [Hudson Schools](#) or [Stow Munroe Falls Schools](#) are impacted.

As for federal legislation, the US House of Representatives passed the anti-voter **SAVE Act** on April 10. The SAVE Act still needs to be reviewed by the Senate. Click here to [Contact your Senators](#) to use a form to voice your opposition. Better yet, call Sen. Husted (202 224-3353) or Sen. Moreno (216 522-7272) directly and say vote NO.

Member Spotlight

For those of you who have had children in the Hudson school system, the name **Gina Von Ville** is probably familiar to you. Gina has been teaching English at the high school since 1999. A dedicated educator, she is also a Service Learning teacher and a moderator for Model UN and Key Club. In

addition, she runs the Professional Development Committee and is a member of the Master Teacher Committee. Phew! Gina is one busy woman.



Although she has attended LWVH events such as the candidate forums for many years, she decided to join the League this past fall because two of her children, Michael, 22 and Carolyn 20, are in college and her youngest, Natalie 18, is a senior at Hudson High School.

Passionate about democracy, she wants to help maintain it and make it stronger. She takes seriously her great depression era grandparent's commitment to make sure there was something left for the people who would follow them. She is in awe of the generation that built many of the social safety nets that we enjoy, such as Social Security and Medicare. And she worries about the breakdown of some of these systems today.

Gina cited Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, who sounded the alarm in the 1990s that a lack of civic engagement leads to a breakdown in democracy because people don't know and understand each other. "The League helps create bonds with people you may not know otherwise. It represents the interest of all voters," Gina says. "The world is as big or as small as you want and I vote for going bigger because the good you can do for others is irrefutable."

LWVUS Attorney to be at State Convention

You'll soon be hearing about...

LWVO's 66th State Convention

May 16-18, 2025

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



Marcia Johnson, Esq, the chief counsel for LWV will be at the convention. She leads LWVUS's advocacy and litigation teams, overseeing the strategic direction of their program, government affairs, and litigation efforts. Marcia will also be helping to facilitate our Friday night caucus on candidate forums.

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.

Check out the schedule of [workshops](#), where you can learn about:

- Combating Disinformation / Civility
- Fundraising
- Social Media
- Retaining and Attracting Members
- Holding Candidate Forums
- Money: Federal Dollars and Local Campaign Spending
- Nonpartisanship

You can also learn so much from just chatting with members of other leagues. What works well at their leagues? What committees are most active? What problems have they overcome?

There will be also be speakers, expert guests, and more, all to make sure you walk away inspired.

Deadline was May 5, 2025!

Would you like to submit an article, news or photos to this newsletter? Just contact [Inge Orendt](#), Communications Chair.
Deadline to submit for the next newsletter is May 22.

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