



May 21, 2025

THE HUDSON VOTER

I have been hacked!

If you receive an email referencing my name but with an email address similar to "VoterLegacy 15" then it is SPAM. It might read: *Hi, I hope the year has been amazing on your end. I have a small project I've been working on and currently require your help getting it finished today..... Warm regards (no signature line was included)* Inform me, delete and disregard please!



ACTION REQUESTED:

This newsletter, **The Hudson Voter**, is being reformatted so Action Items are listed first. There is a petition circulating to collect signatures for a referendum on Ohio Senate Bill 1 (SB1). This bill passed in the House and Senate, was signed by Gov. DeWine and will go into effect June 27, 2025. It would radically alter how Ohio's public colleges and universities are allowed to operate AND what they're allowed to teach. To learn more: <https://ohsb1petition.com>. To sign the petition contact [Hillary Sullivan](#).



(Photo by David DeWitt, Ohio Capital Journal)

Recapping the LWWH 2025 Annual Meeting:

Thank you to outgoing Vice President, Inge Orendt; outgoing (but staying as Communications Chair) Treasurer, Connie Blohm; and thank you to Lorann Murphy for her time on the Board. Thank you to the Nominating

Committee, Kathy Cybulski, Arlene Grohl, Connie Blohm and June Futia.

Welcome 2025 – 2027 Vice President, Christine Callahan; Incoming Treasurer (Trainee), Pat Brubaker; Elected Board Positions, Jennifer Knetig and Christine Radie.

The budget for 2025 – 2026 was approved. Thank you Connie for your well prepared explanation of LWVUS Transformation flow of funds.

Moving forward:

Our Mission is to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy!

At the LWVO convention we voted to **prioritize Education and Voter Rights.**

(Sad that we actually have to vote for common sense, yet here we are!)

A dedicated **LWVH Education Committee** is forming. This committee will track the terrible legislation happening in our state and keep us informed. (See above for Action!)

I leave you with a quote from Fitness Coach Claire: **"We don't stop when we are tired. We stop when we are done!"**

Rock on!

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Calendar of Events

June 2, 7pm, Board Meeting at Tracey's home 5230 Knollshire Drive. All members are welcome.

June 3, 6:30pm, New Member Social at Lorann's. New members and Committee members/observers are welcome. RSVP to **Inge** is a must.

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

Aug. 7, 6:30pm, August Social. Details to follow.

September

Voter Registration training for anyone who has never registered voters. Considering most voters are already registered in our area, I'd like us to brainstorm ideas for more effective Voter Outreach.

October

Candidate Forum or a **Candidate "Speed Dating"** will be organized for voters. (Fun fact: LWV originally hosted the presidential debates in the early 1970s. Then, of course, everything became partisan, money was involved, and candidates wanted more control over their narratives and podium heights and LWV said "See ya! That's not how we roll!")



Advocacy Corner

The Ohio Senate is still reviewing the budget ([HB 96](#)). Read this [1-page summary](#) which lists the horrific impact on public schools and communities.

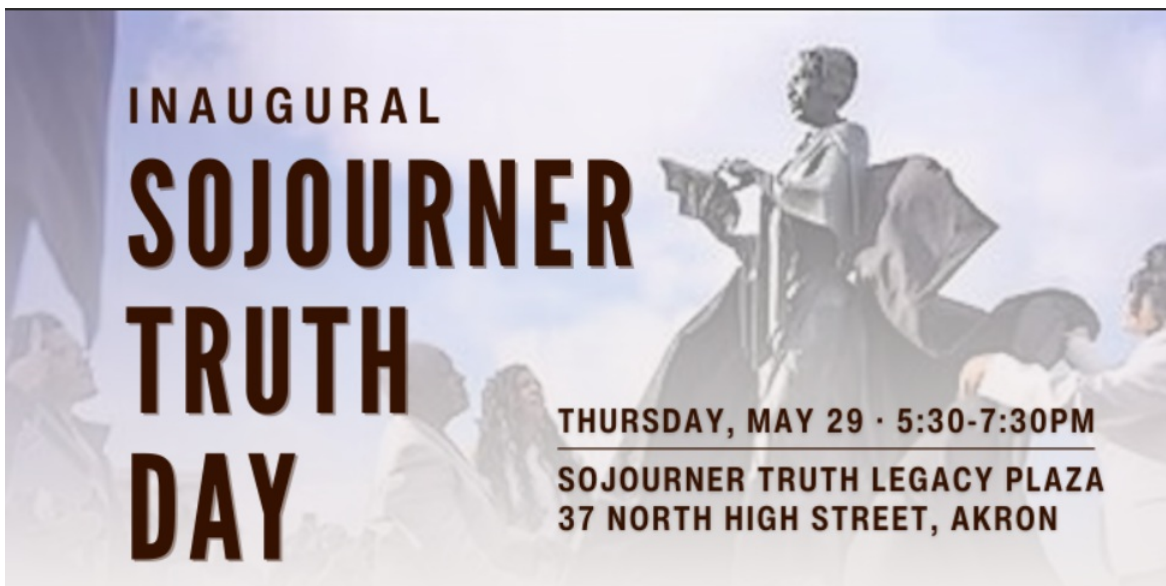
JUST ANNOUNCED: Rally at the Ohio Statehouse Wednesday, May 28, noon, for a powerful day of advocacy to demand fair funding for rural schools across Ohio. See your email from LWV Ohio sent 5/21.

The current budget **underfunds schools by \$2.75 Billion**. Timeline:

- Senate reviewing the bill weeks of May 19th and 26th
- Revised (sub) Bill in Full Senate Finance Committee
- Public testimony expected
- Expected omnibus amendments: June 6
- Followed by passing committee and floor vote no later than week of June 9th
- Conference Committee mid June – June 25
- Need concurrence in both Chambers by June 25
- Governor needs to sign it by June 30

It is imperative that we all contact the 16 Senators on the Finance Committee to reinstate the Fair School Funding Plan in the budget. Please contact them in a separate email or complete the form on their website. <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/committees/finance>. Or call them.

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.



IT'S OFFICIAL! The County of Summit and The City of Akron have proclaimed May 29th Sojourner Truth Day, an annual day of recognition to honor the life, legacy, and profound contributions of Sojourner Truth to

our community and its rich history.

You can join the inaugural celebration of Truth's unwavering commitment to justice and equity, proudly presented by the Sojourner Truth Education Committee in partnership with the United Way of Summit & Medina and the Akron Bicentennial Commission. To register for free tickets, click [HERE](#).

State Convention Highlights

LWVO's 66th State Convention, May 16-18, 2025



Six members (Bev Dorson, Karen Leith, Tracey Mackay, Lorann Murphy, Inge Orendt, Hillary Sullivan) attended the convention this past weekend and we all came back with so many ideas to share. We will do so in the next few newsletters. Or perhaps a meeting? Let [Tracey](#) know.

We also have "Just Vote Please" signs. Who wants one? Contact [Inge](#).

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 26.

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