



**June 5, 2024**

## THE HUDSON VOTER

**Hello Members!**

The newly elected 2024-2025 Board members met Monday, June 3. We are: President: Tracey Mackay; Vice President: Inge Orendt; Secretary: Hillary Sullivan; Treasurer: Connie Blohm. Elected Directors: June Futia, Lorann Murphy, Pat Brubaker, and Virginia Purcell. Appointed Directors: Maura McCaughey, Mimi Becker, and Chris Driver. We have the option to add up to three more appointed directors this year.



### **Opportunities!**

The **LWWUS National Convention** is in Washington DC this year June 27th - 30th. Our delegates have opted to attend virtually. If you are interested in attending the National Convention virtually let me or Connie Blohm know. (This is always an informative event. Please consider attending!)

Any one interested in hosting and organizing a **post card event** to reach out to voters? This could be a fun, casual summer event. Contact me or Inge. We can help you get started!

### **Shout out!**

The **Sojourner Truth Legacy Plaza** was unveiled in Akron. Visit our [website](#) for pictures and the full story. Congratulations to everyone who donated to make this happen!

**Advocacy Corner - Use Your Voice!** Our advocacy committee Virginia Purcell and Hillary Sullivan have been working to bring members a new feature in the newsletter! It takes two minutes to learn what's happening in the Ohio legislature and have your voice heard. Check it out below!

### **Mark your calendars!**

Board Meeting: **Monday, Aug. 5, 2024 at 7pm** 5230 Knollshire Drive

Hudson, OH. All members are invited.

LWVH 2024 Annual Member Social: **Aug. 8, 2024 6:30pm** 5230 Knollshire Drive (Car pool if possible and park on the same side of the street please.). The agenda includes socializing and getting to know one another, learning what brought us all to LWV, and making a plan to engage, register and inform voters. This year we are requesting a \$25 contribution with your RSVP. (No charge for guests of members.) Details to follow closer to the event date.

**Sept. 12, 2024 6:30pm** (Location to be confirmed.) LWVH will invite the public to join us as we present the facts of Citizens Not Politicians to end gerrymandering in Ohio.

The rest of the calendar will be available at the Member Social in August.

See you soon!

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*Introducing*

## Advocacy Corner

We are introducing a new feature to our newsletter, Advocacy Corner. Can you spare a few minutes and use your voice to let our U.S. and Ohio legislators know where you stand on pending legislation? This document, called [Advocacy Deep Dive](#) makes it easy. It lists the bills LWV Ohio is watching and the *action* you can take. It includes short explanations of the bill, including why we support or oppose it. It also includes links to the bill itself and links to the senators' or representatives' contact page to quickly and easily voice your opinion. Please take a look at the subjects you care most about (education, voting rights, taxation, etc.) and choose one (or more) to call or email.

## Let's Get the John Lewis Voting Rights Act Passed!

It will only take **1 minute** to do your part to help get this Voting bill passed. Simply click [HERE](#) and send your senator an email.

Every day, the freedom to vote is under attack. Since the 2012 Supreme Court decision in Shelby County, at least 29 states have passed 94 laws that make it



harder to vote, with the burden falling mostly on voters of color. We need to

fully restore VRA to defend our democracy and protect the freedom to vote. That is why LWV is proud to support the reintroduction of HR14 and S4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which is vital legislation that is needed to fully restore and modernize the VRA and ensure that discriminatory voting policies are stopped in their tracks.

## Citizens Not Politicians Update

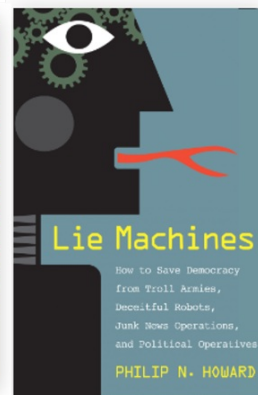
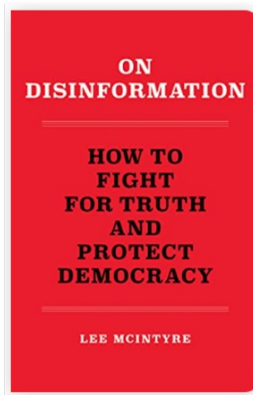
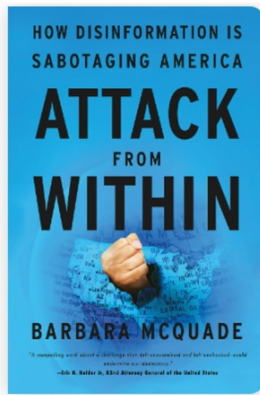


### Let's Count Every Single Signature!

For our final counting of signatures, Citizens Not Politicians needs all your petition books! If you have a book, even if there is only one signature, please contact [Lorann Murphy](#) asap. So far the volunteers in Summit county have turned in **10,421** signatures!!

The photo above is Hillary Sullivan collecting signatures at the Galaxy Fest in Akron recently. Collecting signatures can be fun! She was also spotted at the Hudson Memorial parade asking for signatures.

## Next Book for LWVH Book Club Is Your Choice



## LWV Hudson Book Club August 15 , 7pm Kathy Battaglia's Home

At our last book club meeting we decided that for August's meeting we would have everyone choose their own book to read and tell the rest of the club about it. The topic is "disinformation" and there are many books on this topic. For example:

- *Attack from Within, Barbara McQuade*
- *Disinformation, Richard Minitzer*
- *Evil Geniuses, The Unmaking of America, by Kurt Anderson*
- *The Great Deception, The Triumph of Dollars and Politics Over Science and Why You Should Care, by Guy Mitchell*
- *Lie Machines: How to Save Democracy from Troll Armies, Deceitful Robots, Junk News Operatives and Political Operatives, by Philip Howard.*

So, attend our LWV Hudson Book Club and tell us about your book. Bring a friend! Non-members are welcome. Please [RSVP](#).

## In Case You Missed It...



### For the Gardeners

If you missed the Climate Committee's latest Sustainability event about plants, you can still check out these links:  
The PDF of the presentation is [here](#).

Go to our [website](#) for the **Sustainable Yard Toolkit**, which has many photos of plants and trees as well as a number of links for further information on a variety of topics.

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