



July 30, 2024

THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello Members!

We sure do live in exciting political times!
LWVH is here for all of it!

Please join us at the **Member & Guest Social Thursday, August 8, 6:30pm**. We will enjoy food and beverages together; get to know one another; organize our Voter Services efforts; and get ready for everything 2024 - 2025 has to bring! The address is **5230 Knollshire Dr.** Please carpool, if possible,



and park on only one side of the street and be mindful of people's driveways. Please **RSVP** to: presidentlwvhudson@gmail.com. I'd really like to have a guest-count so I can be sure everyone is comfortable. Bring a dish or beverage to share if you are so inclined.

And...If you have any "pull" with Mother Nature, please request clear skies

In case you haven't heard...we were successful! The Citizens Not Politicians Amendment will be on the General Election ballot! The Secretary of State's office certified that the campaign has submitted (more than) enough signatures to qualify for a spot on the ballot. See the story below. Now we just need to educate the public and get out the vote!

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.).

Sept. 12, 2024 6pm at the Hudson Library. 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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Member Corner

We are introducing a new feature in our newsletter, Member Corner, where we will feature a new member (or occasionally a not-so-new member) so we can get to know each other better.

Patricia Brubaker

After retiring from a career in education and growing increasingly concerned about the political climate and the direction our country is headed, Patricia was searching for a way to participate in a meaningful way. Joining the LWV has been pivotal in helping her to reach her goals to learn more about politics and the issues that are impacting us most profoundly today, and to find ways in which ordinary citizens can stop feeling helpless and make change.



As an educator, she understands that knowledge is power and one of the most important tasks of the League is to educate the public on political issues and their rights as voters in a democracy. In her short time as a member, she has already learned so much. She'll also be using her writing skills since she's recently joined the Communications Committee.

Patricia has lived in Hudson for over forty years, and all three of her children attended Hudson Schools. After a long wait, she has been blessed with three grandchildren over the last few years. Since retirement, Patricia has focused more heavily on writing, something she put on the back burner during the years she was raising children and focusing on teaching and counseling. She is also finding more time to bike, hike and sail. Most recently, she and her husband, Ron, bought an RV and have been traveling the country.

Citizens Not Politicians Update

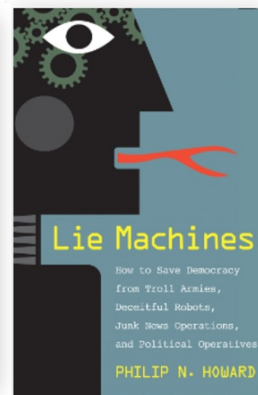
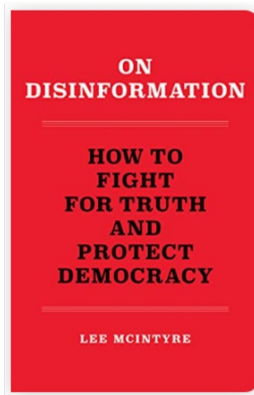
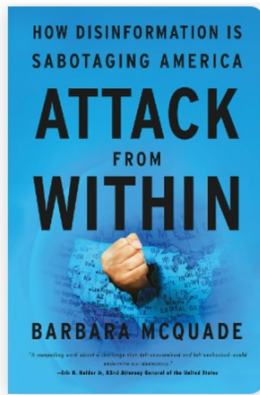


Citizens Not Politicians Amendment to Appear on Ballot

Ohio's Secretary of State, Frank LaRose, announced on July 23rd that the Citizens Not Politicians amendment has been certified to be on the November 5 ballot. Hundreds of boxes were delivered to the statehouse a few weeks ago containing 731,306 signatures. During the certification process 535,005 were deemed valid, for an impressive overall validity rate of 73.2%. Also, the 5% certification rate in 58 counties was also reached. This is a tremendous accomplishment for LWV, Fair Districts and many other groups that contributed to this huge effort.

What's next: The Ballot Board must convene by August 22 or 23 to propose ballot language and give the amendment an issue number. A spokesperson from Fair Districts said "It's thrilling to know all our hard work paid off...but there is still lots of work ahead. Approximately one in ten Ohio voters signed our petition—but we want ten out of ten to vote YES. That means a whole lot of education and voter contact between now and election day, November 5.

**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](#).

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](#) to 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.

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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