



August 22, 2025

THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello LWVH!

I enjoyed getting together with all you Leaguers! Thank you SO much to everyone who attended the Annual Social this year. (No rain or flood this year!).

Welcome to LWVH Joy Capper! It was a pleasure to meet you!



"The New Federal and State Budgets: How They Will Impact You" event is on September 11 beginning at 6:30pm at the Hudson High School Media Room. Here is a [link](#) to the letter being sent out. Please download it and share it with your friends. We're requiring an [RSVP](#).

LWVH is honored to have Phil Montgomery, Director of Finance and Budget, Summit County, speaking to us about changes to **Medicaid and SNAP**. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree has agreed to tell us how the budget changes will impact **public safety**. David Freggario, Partner Relations Coordinator, Akron Food Bank will describe the impact on **food security**, what they anticipate for the future, and how we can help.

In addition, many community organizations have agreed to host information tables prior to the Impact event. Please volunteer to help us with this event: [SignUp Genius](#).

Keeping you up-to-date on League activity: I recently read a statement at the Hudson City Council meeting in response to the third reading of "An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinance Section 672.02 In Order to Comply With State Law." This ordinance, which passed with a vote of 4-3 on August 19th, allows the City Council President to issue a policy that permits a licensee or qualified adult to carry a concealed handgun into government buildings.

Using Armed School Personnel position as a parallel, League's statement details the many considerations in determining who, how, and where these individuals are armed. Our goal, since this was the third reading and, presumably, had the votes to pass, was to educate the public and council and to make this process as safe as possible.

Mark your calendars: Thursday, October 2nd is the **LWVH Candidate**

Forum. We have 6 candidates running for 3 positions on City Council. We have 4 candidates running for 3 School Board positions.

Many thanks to our Vote411.org team! Bev, Melanie and two volunteers (welcome aboard Emily & Kate!) are working with Akron Area League to bring this fantastic LWV service to voters.

Special note to **Josie Knee** and **Sophie Gehring**: We wish you ALL the best as you embark on your college adventure! Study hard! Stay in touch! Hudson School Open Houses are just about complete. It is time to focus on **registration locations** to connect with new and old voters! Do you have a suggested location? Let's set something up!

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Calendar of Events

Next Newsletter: Sept. 4, deadline for entries Sept 2.

Sept. 11, 6:30pm - 9pm, "New Federal and State Budgets: How They Will Impact You" Hudson High School Media Center.

Sept. 25, 7pm Book Club. Kathy Battaglia's Home: 1648 Groton Road. See below for details.

Oct. 2, 7pm Candidate Forum. Hudson Middle School Auditorium. For Hudson City Council and Hudson Board of Education Candidates. A SignUpGenius will be sent closer to the event.

Hudson City School Open House Volunteers Needed!

Every year, Hudson's LWV sets up a table during Open Houses at the Hudson Schools. We're there to let everyone know who we are, recruit new members, and, of course, register voters! It's a great way to welcome newcomers to Hudson and encourage them to update their addresses.

Sign-Up [HERE](#) for the dates and times below:

Tuesday, August 26

6th Grade Open House 6pm – 7pm
Hudson Middle School

Tuesday, September 2

8th Grade Open House 6pm – 7:45pm
Hudson Middle School



August 7th Social



Nancy Treichler, a 50+ years LWV member, and a new member, Joy Capper.



Arlene Grohl and Mary Fry



New member Amy Wuliger, who is Josie Knee's mother.

Happy 90th Birthday Mimi Becker!



As Mimi Becker turns 90 on August 24, we would like to honor her lifetime of civic spirit and 50 years of service, inspiration and leadership to the League of Women Voters

Today Mimi speaks with the same conviction that took her to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with Martin Luther King, Jr., more than sixty years ago. For half a century she has been a force with the League of Women Voters, co-founding the Portage County Chapter years ago, serving with both the national and local leagues and mentoring new generations of activists. Mimi has been a pillar of the League, an advocate for civil rights, and the environmental

movement in addition to teaching university students how to see the links between civic engagement and change. Now, at 90, she is still showing up, still speaking out, and still believing in the power of concerned and informed people to make a positive difference.

Mimi's understanding of the importance of preserving our environment came early to her. She grew up in Wisconsin during World War II, weeding the family's victory garden and learning the importance of saving and recycling . Her father was a photographer and from the time she was seven, she was out with her father taking photographs. She learned early to really look at the environment.

Mimi met her husband, Larry, while attending Carlton College in Minnesota, and they eventually made their way to Hiram College where he taught physics. While there they had two children, Johnathon, a sculptor and maker of theatre masks, and David, an environmental geologist, energy technology researcher and production manager. She now has two adult grandchildren as well.

During her time in Hiram, she became heavily involved in environmental issues, focusing on the Great Lakes. Through her work, it became obvious to her that unless the government was responsive to the environment and civil injustice issues, we could not move forward economically as a country. The League was the only organization that seemed capable of doing the homework that needed to be done to be effective. With no local League in the area, she cofounded the Northern Portage County Chapter and served as president as well as in other leadership roles, and later on the State Board.

After her children went off to college, Mimi pursued her doctorate at Duke, becoming their first nontraditional female student. She went on to teach at the University of New Hampshire for 22 years, while her husband continued at Hiram, retiring when she was 79 years old.

At New Hampshire she worked with the GLOBE program, an international program including 70 countries, created to expose students to real science. She was co-principal investigator in an investigation that tracked the change in land cover using satellite imagery and allowing students to participate in on-site data gathering. Over the years, she mentored 59 masters students and 15 PhD students. In 2015 she was awarded a United States Environmental Protection Agency Lifetime Achievement Award.

When she retired 10 1/2 years ago, she found her way back to Ohio where she and Larry settled in Hudson at Laurel Lake. Shortly thereafter, she received a call from Bev Dorson, a long-time League member, who she had invited to join the Northern Portage League all those years ago. Now Bev was reciprocating and asking Mimi to join the Hudson League. Since then, she has served on the board, served as Vice President and is currently Chair of the Climate Crisis and Environmental Sustainability Working Group.

While Mimi struggles to find hope in the present-day climate of the country, she continues to feel hopeful about the work that the League does. "If you want to work in the company of a group of intelligent diverse women who can make a difference, join the League!"

And Happy Birthday, Mimi!

BY PAT BRUBAKER

Hudson Library Holds Meeting on New Regulations



Hudson's Library and Historical Society is holding a meeting for members on Saturday, August 23rd at 2pm about the proposed revisions to the regulations of the library. Carleen Welch, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Regulations, will give a presentation. The meeting will be held in the Flood Family meeting room.

National Voter Registration Day



**National Voter Registration Day
(NVRD) is Sept. 16**

A Signup Genius will be available soon since we will need volunteers to:

1. Contact and schedule registration locations (e.g., libraries).
2. Assist voters with registration.
3. Educate constituents so they feel confident casting their ballots.
4. Tell everyone about LWV's superpower: Vote411.org!

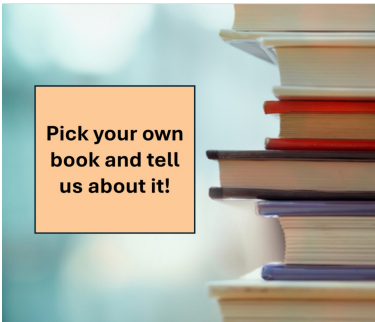
We need a volunteer to step up and lead this event. Contact Tracey if you're willing to coordinate this one day campaign.

Book Club Meets September 24

September 25, Thursday, 7pm

at Kathy Battaglia's home

1648 Groton Drive, Hudson



Pick your own
book and tell
us about it!

For the meeting in September, attendees are welcome to read a book of

their choice and present a short summary of it at the next meeting. You do not need to be a member to attend. Bring a friend!

Please **RSVP** by Sept. 24.

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 Sept. 2

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