

### September 9, 2024

### THE HUDSON VOTER

#### **Hello LWVH Members!**

Tell your friends and acquaintances about the upcoming Citizens Not Politicians presentation at the Hudson Library Thursday, September, 12, 6:30 -7:45pm. Print a flyer and post it where ever you can: church, coffee shop, diner. Give one to your book club and neighbors. This important amendment (Issue 1) will be on voter's ballot November 5! Let's vote to finally end gerrymandering in Ohio!



Most importantly: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE THIS EVENT! Please sign up <a href="here!">here!</a>

Voter Registration is underway. Take a look at the sign up genius and add your name as your schedule allows! (Janet, Mary, Devi & Kathy - please re-signup...I made a mistake when I updated the signups. Ugh - sorry!). Please sign-up by using this SignupGenius LINK.

#### Mark your calendars!

September 12th at 6:30pm 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.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am Treasurer Connie Blohm is hosting a small group for the audit. If you are a "numbers person," the committee can always use your expertise. Please contact Connie.

September 30th at 7pm October Board Meeting at 5230 Knollshire Drive. All members are welcome.

October 8th at 7pm Summit County Candidate Forum in Akron. LWVH is joining forces with LWVAA, Akron NAACP, and Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. to present a Summit County Candidate Forum in

Akron. Location TBD. We will need volunteers for mailings, publicizing the event, and helping at the event. We also plan to carpool.

October 7th through November 3rd Watch for Metro Buses on local roads advertising Vote411.org!

October 28th at 7pm November Board Meeting at 5230 Knollshire Drive. All members are welcome.

November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm The Climate Sustainability Committee will host another Roundtable focusing on transportation at the Hudson High School Media Center.

A few more volunteer opportunities: I could use some help planning the December member social and the mayor/city manager meeting on January 27, 2025. Also, sometime after January, we plan to form a committee to review the non-partisan policy, update the bylaws, etc. (If you are detail-oriented this is for you!)

See you soon!

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#### Citizens Not Politicians Campaign Needs Your Help!

It's time to volunteer! We need to educate the public about this very important amendment that will be on the ballot. Here's how you can help:

- Attend the Sept 12, 6:30pm meeting at the Hudson Library and Historical Society and bring friends, neighbors, family member to the presentation about the amendment. You can also help out at the meeting: <u>SignUpGenius</u>
- Hold a house party where you invite your friends and neighbors to your home, provide a few refreshment and introduce one of our trained CNP speakers to talk about the amendment and answer questions.
- Join the CNP Speaker's Bureau and get training on how to present the PPT presentation.
- Volunteer to distribute literature, knock on doors, write postcards, etc. You can see dates for canvassing and sign up <a href="here">here</a>.

Choose what you prefer to do and let Lorann Murphy know.

# **Member Corner**



**New Member: Emily Berry** 

Emily Berry is a firm believer in the idea that a person cannot gripe if they are not active, and voting is the base level of action. Her belief in this principle is at the core of why she decided to become a League member. She'd like to ensure that everyone has an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

A longtime resident of Hudson, Emily moved here in her junior year of high school, left for a few years to attend the Ohio State University and her first job as an accountant in Dayton,

and then was drawn back in 1998 because Hudson was the place where she wanted to raise her family.

She currently resides here with her husband Bob Kromer. All five of their blended family - Nick, Maryn, Jane, Kate and Kelly – are grown, and Emily and Bob are loving being grandparents to Liam. They are looking forward to meeting their next grandbaby who will arrive soon.

Emily had considered joining the League for some time, but family and career obligations gave her little time for volunteer work. Her retirement in 2022 and awareness of the work we are doing with fair districting was just the push she needed to make the leap and become a member.

She and Bob are still trying to "figure out" retirement, but are already enjoying the freedom to travel, spending a month at a time in places they love so they can really become steeped in the place and culture. Recently they have spent time in Palm Desert, Phoenix and Austin.

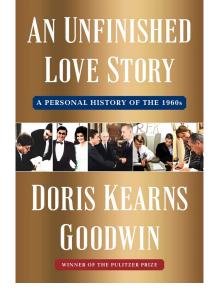
An admitted "foody," she and Bob have fun delving into the cuisine of the places they visit. When she is not traveling, she is an Orange Theory devotee, emphasizing the importance of health and fitness in her life.

Emily is still learning about everything the League does and she looks forward to getting involved and working with everyone. She jokes that she is a good sous chef and does not need to be the head chef! She is willing to help out in any way she can. Welcome, Emily!

### **LWVH Book Club**

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's

is our next read for our Book Club. The author



and her husband, Dick, were very active in politics in the 1960's, working for both John and Robert Kennedy as well as Lyndon Johnson. When examining their boxes of memorabilia, they realized they had a personal time capsule of the 1960's, a decade when individuals were powered by the conviction they could make a difference. A time, like today, marked by struggles for racial and economic justice, and when lines were drawn and loyalties tested.

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian known for her biographies of many US presidents, including *Lincoln*, which we discussed last year.

October 24, 7pm Kathy Battaglia's Home

Bring a friend! Non-members are welcome. Please RSVP.

## **Have Your Own Postcard Party!**



Invite all your friends over to your house and have them write postcards urging women to vote.

It's easy. Just go to this <u>LINK</u> and order 20 (or 100?) postcards. They are pre-printed and prestamped. If you want to invite other LWVH members to your party, let <u>Inge</u> know and she'll put it in this newsletter.

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