



May 14, 2023

Letter From the President

Hello Leaguers,

Happy Mother's Day! Hope you enjoyed your day! I'm still really energized from the Annual Meeting. About 30 members attended including 3 newer members, one prospective member who attended because of her interest in our Climate Sustainability work, and a guest of Charlotte's.



We elected new officers for the 2023-2024 League year. They are Vice President: Inge Orendt; Secretary: Linda Horvath; Elected Directors: June Futia, Lorann Murphy, and Virginia Purcell. The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee is: Arlene Grohl, Maura McCaughey, and Dr. Carol O'Connell.

A special Thank You to the outgoing nominating committee: Rosanne Thomas, Christine Driver, Kathy Stasko, Arlene Grohl, and Dr. Carol O'Connell.

We recapped our accomplishments, progress, and work during the last "League Season" including 214 amazing Observer Corps volunteer hours, 74 registrations at the high schools, October's successful hybrid Candidate Forum and Vote411, the growing momentum of the Climate Committee's work, our educated Voter Services volunteers, the scope of the Ohio Criminal Justice Study, and our very well-attended member socials!

Sign up sheets were available for all committees: Communications, Membership, Hospitality, Advocacy, Voter Services, and Climate Sustainability.

We added a new committee to create Programming for the year. And, we added an ad hoc committees for: Exploring Awarding a Scholarship; Fundraising and Brand-Awareness; and Exploring Collaboration Opportunities with Other Organizations.

Another ad hoc committee I'd like to add (based on a conversation with Karen Leith) is transitioning LWVH from a 501c4 to a 501c3. (Calling all attorneys for this task.) Please contact me to help with any of the committees. Looking forward - we have a lot happening in the coming year.

Our two immediate needs are:

1) The Climate Committee has back-to-back dates that need support: On June 7th, 7pm in the Media room of Hudson High School there will be a workshop led by Hudson's Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, which is a 10 year roadmap for future city projects. We want to urge them to include climate concerns in the plan. The Climate Committee is asking members to speak as citizens in support. Kathy Gerard is drafting a script so all you have to do is show up (and read)!

Climate's 3rd event this year is June 8th also at 7pm and also in the High School Media Room. We will hear from city council President Chris Foster and State Representative Casey Weinstein and others.

2) The other project for LWVH is Ohio's August 8th Special Election. On the ballot is a resolution to raise the passage threshold for amending constitutional amendments from 50%+1 to 60%+1. This resolution would limit passage of citizen-lead amendments and ensure passage of special interest group initiatives who have more resources to dedicate to their issues. Of the 72 Ohio citizen-lead amendments, 19 passed with the 50%+1 rule but only 2 would have passed at the 60%+1 threshold. (Raising the minimum wage and allowing casinos in Ohio.) It is "all hands on deck" to register and educate voters on this issue and the new voter ID laws. If you know of an event or location we can assist voters, please let me know.

Please check our [Hudson website](#) that often has links to important information from the LWV of Ohio.

See you soon!
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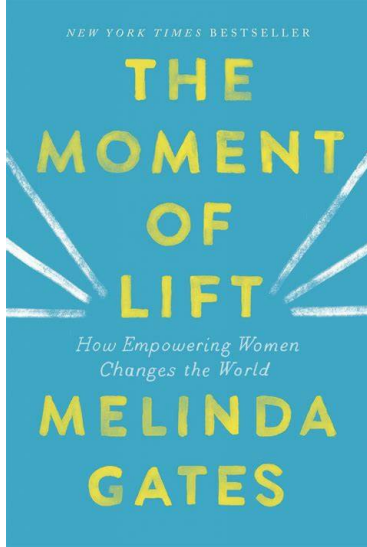
Annual Meeting Photos



Who do you know? See if you can identify your fellow Hudson Leaguers, and their favorite beverage!

Our Next Book

**The Moment of Lift:
How Empowering Women
Changes the World**



by **Melinda Gates**

May 25, 7pm
Kathy Battaglia's home

Please RSVP to **Kathy**

Join us in discussing this inspiring book. Melinda Gates shares stories of women she has met from around the globe and how they changed the world. It's also a great way to get to know other League members.

Bring a friend. Non-members are invited!

Climate Change Committee



Next Climate Change Meeting Open to the Public

June 8th at 7pm
Hudson High School, Media Center

More information about the June meeting will be announced soon. If you missed the last LWWH meeting, **Climate Threats to Hudson: Learning from the Experience of Others** on April 11, you can watch the video or read the Akron Beacon Journal article on our **website**.

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