

### February 12, 2024

### **Letter From the President**

**Quick Note:** 

First, Chief Tabak was amazing! He was informative, thoughtful, intelligent and forward thinking for our community. LWVH received a personal invitation to tour the police station. We will set that up next year! Hudson is in very good hands!

Second, the date for the LWVUS Program Planning Survey is tomorrow February 13th. (I had to change the date.) Please let me know if you are coming.



Last, there is a drive-thru Citizens Not Politicians petition signing at the Unitarian Universalist Church 3300 Morewood Road Fairlawn, OH on February 14th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. If you haven't signed the petition or want take a drive with a friend, this is a great opportunity. March is LWVH's month to push for Citizen Not Politicians signatures to end gerrymandering. Scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to register and sign up for training.

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#### THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO BE!

Tuesday, February 13th 12:00 at 5230 Knollshire Drive attend a luncheon to discuss and complete the LWVUS 2024 Program Planning Survey

Friday, February 23rd Bridging the Divide Conference in Wilmington, OH. See below for more information.

Thursday, March 14th at 7pm, at Hudson High School, Media Center,

the Climate Sustainability Committee will present another Roundtable where they will focus on what individuals can do in their home to reduce their carbon footprint.

Thursday, March 21st at 7pm Book Club! See below for details.

Thursday, April 11th at 10:30am, we are going to hold Facilitator Training. LWVH often needs skilled facilitators; let's hone our skills so we are sharp for the next climate or candidate roundtable.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Register students to vote at area high schools so they can vote in the March 19th Primary. <u>Arlene Grohl</u> is our Lead so contact her if you need a Voter kit or have questions. Sign up <u>here</u>.
- Write postcards, pick up and deliver petitions and, most importantly, collect signatures for the Citizens Not Politicians petition drive. Sign up <u>here.</u> See below for more info.
- Discuss and complete the LWVUS 2024 Program Planning Survey. This is a Lunch Meeting at Tracey's home: 5230 Knollshire Drive. The NEW date is: Tuesday, February 13th @ 12:00. All members are welcome and encouraged! RSVP to Tracey so she can plan lunch please.
- Help with our social media and website. We need help and can easily train you. Can you spare 1 hour a week? Contact <u>Inge</u>.
- Assist with multiple tasks at the Climate Roundtable on March 14th. We will assign duties. Look for a Signupgenius link here soon.
- Assist in organizing the Annual Member Social on May 9th.

# Need a Full Time Job? LWV Ohio Needs You!

They are looking for a Redistricting Campaign Operations Assistant to help support signature collecting efforts through June. There's potential for extending the position through December. This person needs to be super detail oriented-- if you or someone you know can spot a typo from a mile away, or finds joy in creating a perfect spreadsheet, please apply. To learn more, go <u>here</u>

## **Citizens Not Politicians**



# It's time to end Gerrymandering in Ohio

You can volunteer several ways: Write postcards, pick up and deliver petitions and, most importantly, collect signatures.

To circulate petitions, here's what you need to do: 1.) REGISTER with Citizens Not Politicians <u>HERE</u>. and also register with Citizens Not Politicians - Summit County <u>HERE</u>.

2.) COMPLETE A TRAINING. Once you register you will see the dates for the training sessions. This is a requirement the campaign is insisting everyone do. Please try to get it done soon. We will also be offering in person training soon.

3.) CONTACT OUR PETITION CAPTAINS <u>Hilary Sullivan</u> or <u>Lorann</u> <u>Murphy</u> to let them know you've completed the training. Then sign up <u>here.</u> To get petition books to circulate, contact Lorann.

#### About the Petition:

The LWV of Ohio is joining forces with other Leagues and Common Cause Ohio to obtain signatures on the Citizens Not Politicians Amendment. This amendment:

- Creates the 15-member Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission made up of Democratic, Republican, and Independent citizens who broadly represent the different geographic areas and demographics of the state.
- Bans current or former politicians, political party officials, lobbyists, and large political donors from the Commission.
- Requires fair and impartial districts by making it unconstitutional to draw voting districts that discriminate against or favor any political party or individual politician.
- Requires the commission to operate under an open and independent process.

To learn more go to www.citizensnotpoliticians.org

# Sign up Now: Methods for Bridging Divides

Time to sign up for the Feb. 23,

2024 Statewide conference on "Bridging the Divide," with a focus on Ohio. It is sponsored by the Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network.

Stephanie Dodd (<u>Ohio Campus</u> <u>Compact</u>), Nazek Hapsha (<u>League of Women Voters</u> <u>Ohio</u>), William Froehlich (<u>The</u> <u>Divided Communities Project</u>, <u>OSU</u>) and Sarah Freeman-Woolpert (<u>Friends Committee</u> on National Legislation)



will be serving on the opening panel, helping to provide an overview of the "state of the state" and related resources available in Ohio. It will be held at Wilmington College, which is a 3 hour drive from Hudson. If interested, let <u>Tracey</u> know so we can arrange carpooling.

The conference agenda and details are available here:

Registration is open and the deadline is Feb. 8. The cost is \$35

# **Book Club's Next Book**

RENEGADE DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY IN OUR DIVIDED COUNTRY

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

A D A M KINZINGER Renegade: Defending Democracy and Liberty in Our Divided Country by Adam Kinzinger

Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 7pm at the home of Kathy Battaglia

Bring a friend. Non-members are invited!



Author Adam Kinzinger captures one of the most transformative periods in recent political history in a riveting, personal account from inside Congress, including the January 6 attacks on the U.S. Capitol and his vote to impeach Donald Trump. Kinzinger, a Republican, served as a US representative from Illinois from 2011 to 2023. He served on the House Select Committee to investigate the January 6th Attack on the

United States Capitol. He tells his story of his final tumultuous term in

Congress as he takes readers inside the most critical moments and pivotal decisions of the last years. Please <u>RSVP</u> if you plan to attend.

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