



February 18, 2024

Letter From the President

Hello Again LWWH!

The LWWUS 2024-2026 Planning Meeting was successful. Our response and feedback was recorded and sent. League feedback will be discussed at the National Convention in Washington DC June 27 - 30, 2024. LWWH can send two voting members but all members can attend. If you are interested, lemme know!

We also reviewed LWWH current bylaws and policies with no changes or addendum suggestions at this time.



Our Annual Meeting is May 9th at 6:30pm at the NGE Clubhouse. At this meeting we will discuss and vote on upcoming LWWH action. A quorum of members is required for this meeting so please plan to attend.

1) LWWUS is changing the membership system. Members will pay LWWUS directly. Currently you pay your local chapter then our treasurer pays LWWUS and LWVO their portion of your dues. The new system will work in reverse with the local chapters receiving payment from LWWUS. There are a lot of questions still to be answered.

We expect that this new system will allow us to change our communication platform. This will be less cumbersome for our committee but generally seamless for our members. *If you have technical, social media, or writing skills the communications committee could really use your help!*

2) LWWH is considering changing from a 501c4 to a 501c3. At the Annual Meeting you can expect to hear the pros and cons of each and then we'll vote on how to proceed and if needed, vote on the appropriate amendments to our Bylaws.

3) We will vote in new LWWH Board Officers. If you are interested in

joining the board, the nominating committee is interested in you!
Contact [Arlene](#).

4) **Member input requested!** Do you have any suggestions for a possible study or particular program? Let me know.

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THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO BE!

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

Wednesday, **February 28 at 7pm** webinar on "Ohio Education: The Voucher Explosion Affects Us All." Learn about how privatizing is a radical rejection of democracy. Presented by LWV of Ohio, they will start with a review of vouchers and the movement that claims to "help poor children escape failing public schools." Will it? Find out on this webinar. Go to our [website](#) to learn more and to register.

Thursday, **March 14th at 7pm**, at Hudson High School, Media Center, the Climate Sustainability Committee will present a Roundtable, "Energy in the Home" 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. LWWH often needs skilled facilitators; let's hone our skills so we are sharp for the next climate or candidate roundtable.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Write postcards, pick up and deliver petitions and, most importantly, collect signatures for the Citizens Not Politicians petition drive. Sign up [here](#). See below for more info.
- Help with our social media and website. We need help and can easily train you. Can you spare 1 hour a week? Contact [Inge](#).
- Assist with multiple tasks at the Climate Roundtable on March 14th. We will assign duties. Look for a Signup genius link here soon.
- Assist in organizing the Annual Member Social on May 9th.

In recognition of the
League's commitment to
Diversity, Equity and



Inclusion, we honor the contributions, sacrifices and experiences during Black History month. LWV supports the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, HR 14](#).

Hand Carrying Votes in Indonesia

Indonesia became a democracy in 1948 and is the 4th largest country in the world with a population of 248 million. Collecting and counting all the votes is a very big job. Read more on our [website](#).



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 [HERE](#). and also register with Citizens Not Politicians - Summit County [HERE](#).

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 [Hilary Sullivan](#) or [Lorann Murphy](#) to let them know you've completed the training. Then sign up

[here](#). 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

Need a Full Time Job? LWV Ohio Needs You!

LWVO is 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 [here](#).

Methods for Bridging Divides

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

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

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JOIN US!
BRIDGING THE DIVIDE
1st Annual Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network Conference

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FEBRUARY
9AM-5PM

<https://www.ohiopeaceandconflict.org>

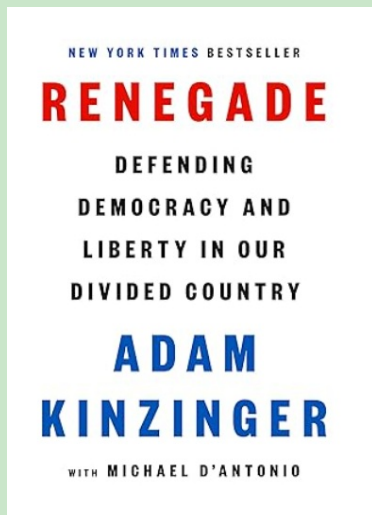
At Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH

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.

The conference agenda and details are available [here](#).

Book Club's Next Book



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 [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

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