

March 3, 2024 Correction

Letter From the President

Correction:
Facilitator Training is 7:00 p.m. March 14th at Laurel Lake .
RSVP to Tracey Mackay.

Who Loves A Parade?

Saturday, March 9th the League of Women Voters are going to march in the **Akron St. Patrick's Day Parade** and collect Citizen Not Politician petition signatures.

This event is going to be lots of **FUN!**
There are two ways that you can participate:

- Be part of the parade! We need volunteers to walk or ride in the car on the parade route wearing Citizens Not Politicians/Fair Districts shirts and waving a Fair Districts sign (both will be supplied). Help spread the word that Ohioans are **DONE** with gerrymandering shenanigans!.
- Collect signatures along the parade route! We'll meet at a designated spot and then spread out to collect signatures all along the route.

This is an "all hands on deck" event, so get your green on and join us as we let politicians know that the jig is finally up, we're banning gerrymandering for good!

Sign up to volunteer on our [sign up page](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEAB2CA3FCC07-46238547-collect#/>

Other, less festive, announcements:



There is a date change for the Climate Sustainability workshop. It is now scheduled Thursday, April 18 7:00 at the High School Media Center. We will still need lots of volunteers. Please mark your calendars!

March 14th is rescheduled to host facilitator training. 10:30 a.m. at Laurel Lake. We have space for 20 participants. Please RSVP to me. Tuesday, March 5th in honor of Sunshine Week L WVH will once again receive a Hudson City Proclamation for our advocacy for transparency and accountability for all governing entities. The City Council meeting is at Town Hall at 7:30 if members wish to attend.

Please read below for more upcoming L WVH events!

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THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO BE!

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 4 7:00 at 5230 Knollshire Drive.

Thursday, **March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Laurel Lake**, we are going to hold **Facilitator Training**. L WVH often needs skilled facilitators; let's hone our skills so we are sharp for the next climate or candidate roundtable. Please RSVP to Tracey for this event. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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

Thursday, **April 18th 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.

National Convention in Washington DC **June 27 - 30, 2024**. L WVH can send two voting members but all members can attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- To 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 April 18th. We will assign duties. Look for a Signup genius link here soon.
- Assist in organizing the Annual Member Social on May 9th.

Black History Month



John R. Lewis was an influential American civil rights leader, politician, and author. He dedicated his life to fighting for equality, justice, and civil rights for all Americans. His most famous quote is “Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America.” He played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement including the

Freedom Rides, the 1963 March on Washington, and the Selma to Montgomery March, where he was severely beaten. Lewis was a passionate advocate for nonviolent protest. He was co-founder and chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). His unwavering commitment to justice led him to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served Georgia’s 5th congressional district for 17 terms. Lewis continued his fight for healthcare reform, social justice and voting rights, throughout his career. That latest Voting rights bill was named after him: [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, HR 14](#). It passed in the House in Oct. 2021, but failed in the Senate in Nov. 2021.

Print Your Absentee Ballot Application

Not sure if you have time to vote on March 19? Request an Absentee ballot by printing, completing and mailing in this [application](#) before March 12. You'll receive your ballot about 2 weeks before. When mailing in your ballot, make sure it is post marked before March 19.

Absentee Ballot Application

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please print clearly (highlighted fields are required)

1) Your name

First: _____
Last: _____

2) Your contact information *(recommended)*

Contact information will be used by the board of elections to contact you in a timely manner

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

3) Your home address at which you are registered to vote *(no P.O. Boxes or polling place)*

Street Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____

4) The address where you receive mail *(if different than above)*

Street Address *(or P.O. Box)*: _____
City: _____

Citizens Not Politicians

It's time to end
Gerrymandering



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

Vote Early

Early in-person voting has begun! You can vote now and



up until March 17 at the Board of Elections in Akron, 500 Grant St.

To see dates and times when you can vote go [here](#).

2024 Annual Meeting

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

1) **LWVUS is changing the membership system.** Members will pay LWVUS directly. Currently you pay your local chapter then our treasurer pays LWVUS and LWVO their portion of your dues. The new system will work in reverse with the local chapters receiving payment from LWVUS. 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) **LWVH 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 LWVH 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?

Book Club's Next Book

**Renegade: Defending
Democracy and Liberty in
Our Divided Country**
by Adam Kinzinger

Next meeting will be on

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
RENEGADE
DEFENDING
DEMOCRACY AND
LIBERTY IN OUR
DIVIDED COUNTRY
**ADAM
KINZINGER**
WITH MICHAEL D'ANTONIO

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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