

May 8, 2024

Annual Meeting Report

Hello Members!

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow, Thursday, May 9th 6:30 p.m. at the LWVH Annual Meeting. Please note: the location this year is the **Barlow Community Center at 41 S. Oviatt St., Hudson.**

There will be appetizers, desserts and beverages and time for us to socialize a bit; then it will be down to business! **We need your votes and input.**



AGENDA:

Call to Order, Welcome

Old Business

- Approve 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Approve Proposed 2024 – 2025 Budget

Committee Updates: Communications, Advocacy, Citizens Not Politicians, Observer Corps, Membership, Voter Services, Event Planning, Climate Sustainability

New Business

- Vote in New Officers
- 501c4 to 501c3 Conversion Presentation
- Amendments to Bylaw Votes
- LWVUS Transformation Journey – What it means for us.
- Annual Social: Thursday August 8th.

Adjourn

If you haven't already done so, please prepare for this meeting by reviewing:

- **Annual Report which includes Nominations for 2024-26, Board Members and Chairs of Committees, Committee Reports and**

more.

- [Proposed 2024-25 Budget](#)

See you there!

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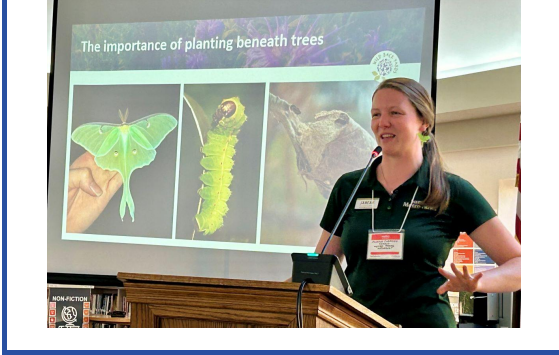
2024 Annual Meeting

At this meeting we will discuss and vote on upcoming LWWH action. We need a quorum so please plan to attend.

- 1) **LWWUS is changing the membership payment method.** Starting in January, 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. Many of the details are still being worked out by LWWUS
- 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) **Member input requested!** Do you have any suggestions for a possible study, a new committee or a particular program?

Climate Change Comm. Presents Panelists on Best Practices for the Yard





Those who attended the Climate Change Committee's latest Roundtable meeting, "Living Sustainably: Best Practices for the Yard," learned a great deal about choosing plants and, at the same time, helping reduce the effects of climate change. The Speakers on the panel were:

- Janean Curfman, Summit Metro Parks Naturalist
- Curt Van Blarcum, Licensed Arborist, Curt's Trees
- Mike Veney, Director of Environmental Programs for Davey Tree

Curt Van Blarcum (top photo) brought a variety of suggested sustainable plants to the meeting for the audience to examine. He stressed the importance of not using invasive plants and giving the trees "friends" around trees' trunks by surrounding them with smaller plants and shrubs.

Janean Curfman from Summit Metro Parks told the crowd that "a chewed leaf is a good leaf" because it shows that the insects, and particularly caterpillars, have food to eat! She also urged people *not* to rake the leaves from beds in the fall since they may contain cocoons of butterfly eggs.

Mike Veney from Davey Tree Co. talked about choosing and hiring landscapers and also shared his experience with using electric vs gas powered mowers.

Each speaker's PowerPoint slides as well as the Sustainable Yard Toolkit, which has many photos of plants and trees as well as a number of links for further information on a variety of topics, are available in the most recent Climate Change Committee newsletter. If you are not on the list for this newsletter, contact [Kathy Gerrard](#). In addition, the roundtable will be broadcast on HCTV, so if you missed it and would like to hear the speakers and the Q&A, look for it on HCTV's schedule.

Citizens Not Politicians Petition Drive



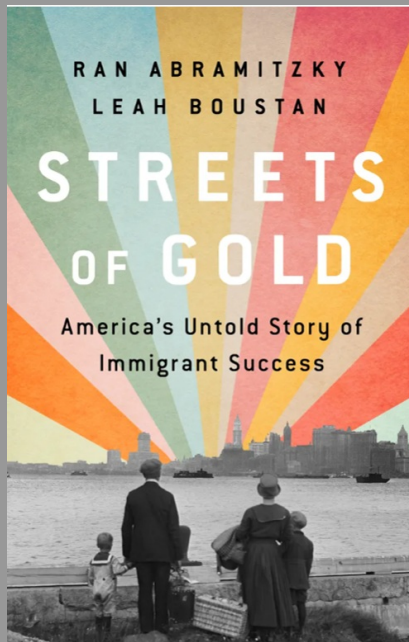
Turn in All Petition
Books May 9

If you are coming to the May 9 Annual meeting, please bring all of your petition books, even if they only have one signature. Citizens Not



Politicians needs a count. The deadline for the petition drive is June 1, which is only a few weeks away! It's not too late to help. If you are not attending the meeting and have a book, please contact [Lorann Murph](#) asap. The photo on the left is Hillary Sullivan collecting signatures at the Galaxy Fest in Akron recently. Collecting signatures can be fun!

Next Book for LWVH Book Club



Streets of Gold by Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan

May 27, 7pm
Kathy Battaglia's Home

Immigration is one of the most misunderstood topics in America. What we believe about immigration is based largely on myth, not facts. In *Streets of Gold*, the authors provide ten years of pioneering research and new evidence of the American Dream, debunking the myths. Topics cover immigrants' upward mobility, assimilation, effect on the economy and why many current policy proposals are so misguided. Our LWV Hudson Book Club is open to all. Bring a friend! Non-members are welcome. Please [RSVP](#).

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