



November 15, 2023

Letter From the President

Hello LWV Hudson!

I keep thinking about Scott Piepho's presentation for ASIA (Asian Services in Action). I had a pre-conceived idea / bias / assumption (whatever you want to call it) about this presentation. I love that I was wrong and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity for learning and awareness.

The quick description is that ASIA assists refugees and 'adjacent immigrants' acclimate in **all** ways to their new life.



So, while ASIA does not need voter services, they DO need volunteers and donations. If it is in your heart, here is an opportunity.

I've been thinking about 'Personal Bias'. It's one of my *favorite* things: **To always be "right"... according to myself.** It's the little things isn't it? Loading the dishwasher, which way the toilet paper unrolls, sweeping political stereotypes, etc...

This Thanksgiving I'm thankful for LWV, all my League Sisters, the opportunity to expand my thinking, educate my personal bias, and grow as a 'participatory human' in my small segment of the world.

Wishing you all a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Mark your calendars! Here's what we have coming up in the next few

months:

Thursday, December 14th at 6pm, we will have our Holiday Social at D'Angelos in Twinsburg. More details below. Here's an idea: While mailing in your check for the Holiday Social, pay your \$70 dues too! Deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Monday, January 29th at 7pm, we will chat with the Mayor and City Manager at my home: 5230 Knollshire Drive. This is a members-only (*who have paid their dues*) event. Reservations will be required.

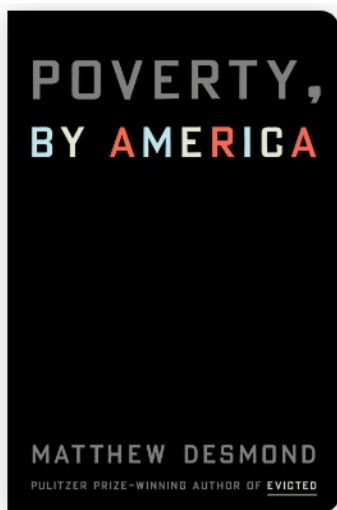
Thursday, February 8 at 10:30am at the Library, Chief Perry Tabak will join us to talk about safety and security in Hudson.

Thursday, March 14th at 7pm, the Climate Sustainability Committee will update and educate us on their latest work.

Thursday, April 11th at 10:30am, 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.

Next Board Meetings: Monday, December 4th at 7pm and Monday, January 8th at 7pm at 5230 Knollshire Drive.

Book Club Meets This Thursday



Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond

Next meeting will be on
Thursday, Nov 16, 7pm
at Kathy Battaglia's
1648 Groton, Hudson

Bring a friend.
Non-members are invited!

The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author of *Evicted* reimagines the debate on poverty, making a new and bracing argument about why it persists in America: because the rest of us benefit from it.

The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? Why does this land of plenty allow 1 in every 8 of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of people to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages? Desmond builds a startlingly original and ambitious case for ending poverty. [RSVP](#) please.

Citizens Not Politicians



It's time to end Gerrymandering in Ohio

The League of Women Voters of Ohio is joining forces with Common Cause Ohio to obtain signatures on the Citizens Not Politicians Amendment. Signature books will be available after Thanksgiving and signature collection will continue through at least May. 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.
- Ban current or former politicians, political party officials, lobbyists, and large political donors from the Commission.
- Require fair and impartial districts by making it unconstitutional to draw voting districts that discriminate against or favor any political party or individual politician.
- Require the commission to operate under an open and independent process.

Hillary Sullivan is working with Lorann Murphy and others in our League. We will slowly roll this out through the holidays and will train members on the amendment, talking points and signature collection.

Initially we are looking for members to obtain signatures from individuals in other organizations in which they belong.

Second we will be looking for individuals to find and/or work events. There will be a signup genius for events that will be shared with others organization who have volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, contact [Hillary Sullivan](#). Training will begin in December with additional or individual sessions offered after the new year.

RSVP Now!
Holiday Social is on Dec. 14, 2023



D'Angelo's Ristorante
7995 Darrow Rd.
Twinsburg, Oh

Dec. 14, 2023
Thursday, 6pm

\$39

RSVP by Dec. 6

From Kathy Battaglia: Because D'Angelo's has been so good to us in the past, we will gather there as we have the last few years with delicious food and celebrate the holidays together.

We'll have the same buffet as last year:

- House salad
- Fresh baked rolls
- Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmesan
- Smashed redskin potatoes with light garlic
- Mixed Italian vegetables
- Penne with Marinara Sauce
- Tea, coffee, non-alcoholic beverages included

We'll start at 6pm with social time, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The price, including gratuity will be the same, \$39.00! Desserts and alcoholic beverages are available at an additional charge.

RSVPs need to be received by December 6, 2023. To RSVP, send your check for \$39.00 made out to the LWV Hudson and mail it to Hudson LWV, P.O. Box 331, Hudson, OH 44236. (Hint: If you go to the Hudson post office and hand your envelope to the clerk explaining that it is a local delivery, it will be received the very next day because it will not have to leave the building (much less Hudson).

Members Hear from ASIA



At our last meeting we heard from Scott Piepho from ASIA, Asia Services in Action. He told us how ASIA is a comprehensive

health and social service agency that primarily serves Asians that are new to this country. They offer support, health care as well as other social services. To learn more about their organization, click [here](#).

Save the Date: Feb. 23, 2024



Mark your calendar for Feb. 23, 2024 for a Statewide conference in Wilmington by the Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network. The organization works for peace and conflict resolution through education and practice and LWV Ohio will be involved. More information coming soon!

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