



September 19, 2023

Letter From the President

Leaguers,

We had a terrific member meeting with Kyle Herman of [Ranked Choice Voting](#). It was a wonderfully informative meeting. I definitely feel like I am now better able to explain how this process works and I'm a fan of it for furthering democracy.

Speaking of Democracy:
Please consider signing a petition to end gerrymandering. You may have already signed but this is an updated petition for the same issue. This is short notice, but I hope some of you may have time to drive thru and sign.



HELP END GERRYMANDERING!

**OHIO NEEDS AN
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Despite winning 70%+ majorities for redistricting reform that provided rules for fairly drawn statehouse districts (2015) and congressional districts (2018), the politically-based Ohio Redistricting Commission has failed to follow the rules. [The Citizens Not Politicians](#) coalition, with Former Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor in the lead, was formed to pursue an amendment for an Independent Redistricting Commission.

The Attorney General threw out the first draft amendment, and on

Sept. 14 he rejected the second draft. The petition language has been re-drafted and the petitions are ready to be circulated.

Drive by and Sign Today and Tomorrow!

Drive-thru events are at the Fairlawn-Bath library and the Cuyahoga Falls library on **Tuesday, Sept 19 (tonight!) and Wednesday, Sept 20**. Volunteers from NE Ohio, Columbus and Cincinnati hope to collect the 1,000 required signatures to re-submit the language so we can finally begin the BIG effort to collect 412,000 valid signatures to get on the 2024 Nov. ballot.

NOTE: Anyone that signed a redistricting petition in the past can sign this 3rd draft and help us reach the 1,000 signature requirement once again.

THANK YOU FOR DEFENDING DEMOCRACY!

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Speed dating with Hudson Candidates! October 5, 6:30pm at the High School

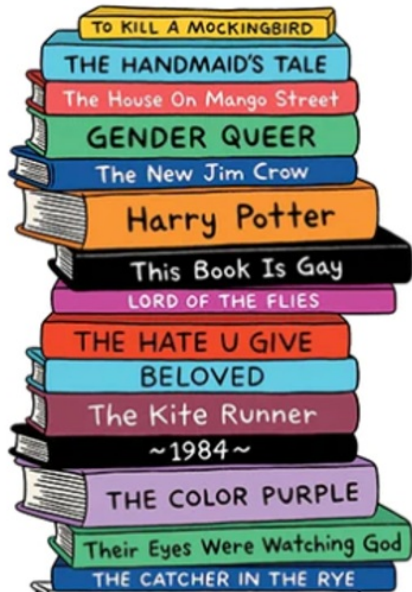


It's a little bit like speed dating since the **Candidates' Roundtable Q&A** will allow the public to meet candidates up close and personal. Candidates will circulate among tables and meet the voters. Voters will be seated in their wards (1-4) and be able to talk to both candidates running for City Council in their ward for about 30 minutes each and ask their own questions. Then each table will have each of the 6 Board of Education candidates stop at their table for about 8 minutes. The mayor will also be part of the mix.

The Roundtable will be held at Hudson High School from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Media Center. An elevator will be available.

The election is around the corner so let's get to know the candidates! If you're not sure what ward you live in, go to: [ward maps](#)

Book Club Meeting THIS WEEK Thursday, Sept 21, 7pm



**Read any
Banned Book
and tell us about it!**

**Next meeting will
be on Sept. 21
at 7pm
at Kathy Battaglia's**

**Bring a friend.
Non-members are invited!**

Instead of choosing one book to discuss, we decided to each read a Banned Book of our choice and report on it at our next meeting. [Click Here](#) for a list of the 13 most banned books in 2022. Or google "banned books" and take your pick! If you would like, choose a Children's or Young Adult book. [RSVP](#) please.

Our Website Name Has Changed

Someone bought our website name, lwvHUDSONOHIO.org!!! So if you've been having trouble reaching the site, that's why. Until this issue can be resolved between our hosting provider and the domain name provider, please use the following: [lwvHUDSON.org](#). It's even easier to remember! The website content has not changed, it still lists all our events, photos and news for both the public and our members. Check it out:

[Visit LWVH website](#)

Climate Roundtable: The Hudson Context

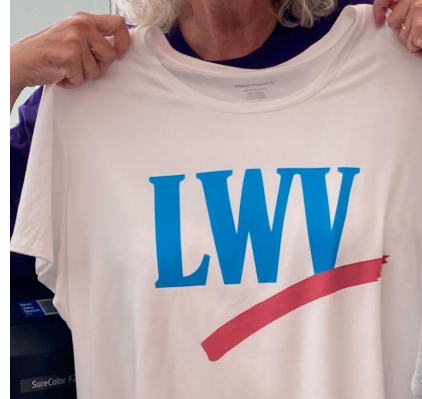


From L. to R: Phil Butto, Treasurer and CFO, Hudson Public Schools; Doreen Osmun, Asst. Superintendent, Curriculum and instruction; Joe Ortiz, Chair of Hudson EAC (Environmental Awareness Committee) Frank Comeriato, Asst. City Manager, Hudson Public Power; Mimi Becker, Co-chair LWVH Climate Work Group; Sam Andrews (VP) and Ben Smolko (president) of the Student Environmental Awareness Committee, Hudson High School.



Our last Climate Change meeting: Community Roundtable, "The Current Hudson Context Regarding Climate Threats to Hudson" was well attended and we learned a wide variety of information from the speakers listed above. We learned what the students in the Hudson schools (starting from kindergarten!) are learning and doing about sustainability. Hudson Public Power is trying to bring more renewables in the energy portfolio and the EAC is working on green building certification for Hudson homes. The meeting was led by Kathy Gerrard, who kept the meeting running on time. Good job Kathy!

Make Your Own LWV T-shirt



Proudly display our LWV logo! Great to wear when registering voters or volunteering for events. You can make your own t-shirt at the Akron Public Main Library. Call the library at 330 643-9000 to make an appointment. Bring a new unwashed cotton t-shirt, or a hoodie and \$7. If you want to print on both sides, it's \$14. The Tech Advisor will help you. Bring the LWV logo on a thumb drive, which you can get from [Inge](#). Or, ask her or Barbara Bos to make one for you!

Are You a Teacher? Know a Teacher?



Did you know there is a FREE statewide online curriculum designed to civically engage students? It's called **Voting and Civics: Know Your Ohio Government**. To learn more go to LWV Ohio's [website](#). This dynamic program is built with flexibility and versatility in mind — adaptable across grade levels, learning abilities, and teaching environments.

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