

A Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Greetings members and friends of LWVAA!

In this issue you will find information about:

- September 17 All Member Meeting
- Oct 7 Zine Folding Party
- Oct 15 Akron Public School Board Candidate Forum
- Important Redistricting Information and Actions
- Spotlight on School Vouchers
- November Election News
- And more.

We are getting deep into the 2025 election cycle focused on Local, Local and more Local. Did you know that your vote has the most weight at the local level? Why? Because, there are less votes counted than in a federal or state election so each and every vote means more.

In addition, local elections impact citizens most directly as in city services, taxes and levies and this year in Akron; the school board is very important.

But some say, "I don't know who to vote for". To which the League of Women Voters say, "We got you." Beginning in early October, check out our [Vote 411 Guide](#) online and in Signal Akron. You will find what you need there - all for free.

This year as in every year, it is so important to exercise your right to vote and encourage all those around you to do so as well. That is what we do.

Mary Robbins
LWVAA President



**Suffrs is coming to Playhouse Square in Cleveland!
February 15 Matinee**

LWVAA is looking to book a block of tickets for our members and friends. We would like to know how many might be interested in attending. If that is you please email me, Mary Robbins, at lwvaapresident@gmail.com so we can have an idea of the number of tickets we will need.
No obligation at this time until the tickets are released for purchase.

**The following Palm Cards are available along
with Just Vote Please yard signs and can be
picked up at our events.**

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NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT 6**
Last day to Register to Vote
- OCT 7**
First day of Early In-Person Voting
- OCT 28**
Last day to submit Vote-by-Mail request
- NOV 4**
Election Day
Polls open 6:30am-7:30pm

VOTE

BE A VOTER

FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS

1 Registration: Register or verify registration at VoteOhio.gov or vote411.org

2 Identification: Photo ID required for in-person voting

- Includes unexpired Ohio Driver's License or BMV issued ID, or US Passport, or US Military, National Guard, or VA ID
- No Photo ID Required for Vote by Mail, only last 4 digits of Social Security card



3 Decide How to Vote:

- **Vote in Person** at your Polling Location **OR**
- **Vote Early** at Board of Election, 1050 E. Tallmadge Ave. **OR**
- **Vote-by-Mail:** Must get Absentee Ballot Form from Board of Election (BOE) (330-643-5200) and submit Form by 10/28. BOE will then mail your ballot to you. Must complete and mail ballot to BOE by 11/4. Can deliver in person on Election Day to BOE.

For more information contact: Summit County Board of Elections (330-643-5200) or www.VoteOhio.gov or www.vote411.org



VoteOhio.gov



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1050 E. Tallmadge Ave
Akron, OH 44310**

 330.643.5200
 330.643.2077
 SUMMIT@SUMMITCOUNTYBOE.GOV
 WWW.SUMMITCOUNTYBOE.GOV

COMING UP

LWVAA All Member Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 PM

[981 W Market St, Akron](#)

(Former Church at Corner of W. Market St and N Rose Blvd.)

A Discussion with Debra Campbell, Principal, East High School, Youngstown City Schools

Join us at our general membership meeting on September 17 at the Civic Church, [981 W Market St](#) at 7pm. featuring Principal Debra Campbell, member of our Akron League. Ms. Campbell will be giving us an inside look at how public schools are coping with constant reductions in support from the state and federal budgets and what those cuts mean to our youth and the future of our country. All members and guests are invited. Discussion will follow presentation.

Election Protection Summit 2025

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

League of Women Voters Ohio Office

[471 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215](#)

Join the League and our Ohio Voter Rights Coalition partners for the 2nd annual Election Protection Summit. This event is intended for **Election Protection poll monitors, Election poll workers, Peacekeepers, and Boards of Election monitors**. More information and sign up: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/election-protection-summit-2025>

SAVE THE DATE:

Mini-zine Folding Party

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Join us for our League's first Mini-zine Folding Party!

Mini-zines are DIY miniature magazines that are folded from an 8.5 x11" piece of paper. They provide easy to understand messages with graphic illustrations and can be used as a tool to engage voters and promote democracy throughout our communities. Mark your calendar for October 7, and watch for more details about this fun and impactful project!

Akron Public Schools Board of Education Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

5:30 - 7:30pm

Akron-Summit County Public Library, Auditorium

[60 South High St., Akron](#)

The Akron NAACP, League of Women Voters of the Akron Area, National Pan-Hellenic Council Greater Akron, and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. will be hosting a forum for candidates vying for seats on the Akron Public Schools Board of Education.

Akron voters will be asked to select four of the eight candidates running to serve on the Board of Education for the Akron Public Schools when they vote in the November 4, 2025 election.

Carla Davis, Immediate Past President, Akron Press Club and former

Marketing Communications Director for the Akron-Summit County Public Library, will serve as moderator.

The non-partisan event is free and open to the public.

To register for the event, go to www.lwvaa.org.
Registration is requested, but not required.

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANDIDATE FORUM
Free and open to the public

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Akron-Summit County Public Library
Auditorium, 60 S. High St, Akron

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Redistricting

The 2025 redistricting season has begun in Ohio.

Ohio is constitutionally required to draw a new congressional map this fall. We are already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country, but without us demanding fair representation, there's a good chance it's going to get even worse.

Ohio politicians cheated Ohio out of fair maps, and now they think they can skate through 2025 with a Congressional map that's even more gerrymandered. It is up to us to show people in power in Ohio that we play a long game, and we will never, not ever, stop fighting for real representation.

Three ways that you can join the League in our fight for real representation:

1.) We need you at Fair Maps Day!

LWVAA, the Ohio Fair Districts coalition and friends are coming to surround the Statehouse on **September 17** with our power. Come to Columbus to be part of this critical day. We need everybody who's able to make it to join us for this one—we are ready to make some NOISE. [Get details and register HERE.](#)



2.) Action Alert—Tell Ohio lawmakers to put people before party in redistricting.

Remember last year when we were trying to pass real redistricting reform and the politicians who opposed it said the system we have works just fine?

As Ohio gets ready to start our constitutionally-mandated redistricting process, send Ohio legislators a reminder that Ohio is still one of the most gerrymandered states in the nation, and they must do their duty to voters and to the law. [Take Action Here](#): Tell Ohio lawmakers to prove they Believe in Fair Maps!

3.) Attend the virtual [Fair Districts All Volunteer Huddle—Congressional Mapmaking Kickoff](#) on Sept. 10 at 6pm.

Spotlight on School Vouchers

What is a school voucher? A publicly funded tuition subsidy to attend a private K-12 school.

- **LWVUS position on privatization:** LWVUS calls for transparency, accountability, positive community impact, and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of government services, assets, and/or functions to the private sector. Vouchers fail on every count.
- **LWVO position on vouchers:** LWVO opposes vouchers. LWVO believes that public funds should be used only in public schools.

Stand up for Public Schools.

High-quality public schools are a common good that serve as the bedrock of a high-functioning, multiracial democracy. Yet across Ohio, lawmakers are prioritizing the interests of wealthy donors over the needs of the 10.6 million students who attend public school. [Public Funds Belong in Public Schools](#) is a toolkit created for everyday Ohioans who want to stand up for public education and push back against the expansion of private school vouchers. The toolkit was created in partnership with The League of Women Voters of Ohio, Policy Matters Ohio, Red Wine & Blue Ohio, and public education stakeholders across the state.

Welcome to our New Members

LWVAA Membership Committee has welcomed many new members already in 2025! Here are our new members since April 1.

A Warm Welcome to...

Debra Campbell
Kymberly Coolidge
Michael Darke
Kristin Daneshgari
Florence Fiehn
Anne Fisher
Martha Gezzar
Jessica Goldbourn
Emily Howard
Kathy Juliano
Cheryl Ann Lambert
Abby Lewandowski
Lisa McClellan
Heidi Merz
Christina O'Dea
Linda Olinger
Haley Starvaggi
Erica Wathey
Margaret Zavine

LWVAA Partners with Cyndi Lauper!

The Akron League partnered with Cyndi Lauper at her concert on July 28 at Blossom Music Center to promote the League and engage voters.





LWVAA Annual Potluck Gathering

Annual Potluck Event in August was special as we received our very own miniature Sojourner Truth statuette to share with Hudson LWV for our part in raising \$25,000 for the Truth Plaza downtown Akron. Many thanks to Jackie Derrow for her tireless commitment to this project.



LWVAA members join the Your Voice, Your Vote, Your Power college tour!

The League of Women Voters of Ohio's custom 20-foot Caravel Airstream trailer rolled onto the campus of The University of Akron on Sept. 4 and our LWV of Akron members were there to register students to vote, share nonpartisan election information, and energize new and first-time voters for Ohio's upcoming fall election!



Attention Acme Shoppers

Akron's own Acme Fresh Market once again is offering our League a simple and easy way to fund our work. Just save your Acme register receipt tapes and give them to our League. We will be collecting them now until Feb when Acme will turn them into cash. You can turn them in at any LWVAA event or mail them to:

LWVAA Ed Fund
PO Box 46
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

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If you have not done so yet, we encourage you to create Your **ChapterSpot** account! This account is where you will complete your Profile, access local league member information, and when the time comes to renew your membership, you will renew through this account.

link: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/akron-area>

On the website, click on LWV Member Portal (see red arrow) and follow the directions provided! If you need assistance, please contact our Membership Chair, Jackie Derrow at jderrow@icloud.com or our Treasurer, John Fitzpatrick at fitz@wans.net



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