

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF THE AKRON AREA
THE AKRON VOTER
Newsletter for LWVAA Members and Supporters

October, 2019

180,000 registered voters have been purged in Ohio. We urge all voters to click here to confirm their voter registration.

2019 GENERAL ELECTION FORUM

Meet the Candidates Running for
**Akron City Council Ward,
Akron Municipal Court Judge,
Akron City Council At-large, &
Akron City School Board**
for the 2019 General Election on November 5, 2019

When: Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Time: 5:00 - 5:45 PM - Informal Ward Candidate Meet & Greet
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Forum
Where: Akron - Summit County Public Library
60 South High Street, Akron, OH 44326

A Non-Partisan Informational Event, Free & Open to the Public

This is your opportunity to hear directly from the candidates seeking to represent you. Ward candidates will be available to meet and greet constituents from 5:00 - 5:45PM. The Forum will begin at 6:00 PM and be conducted in three segments: 1) Judicial statements; 2) Akron City Council At-large statements and moderated Q&A; 3) Akron Public Schools Board Candidate statements and moderated Q&A. Moderator for the event is Jane Preston Rose, LWV Kent member and retired Hiram College Dean.

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Akron Mayoral candidates are scheduled to debate at the Akron Press Club, which is being co-sponsored by the LWVAA on Oct. 16, 2019
To learn more go to akronpressclub.org

Learn more by visiting www.Vote411.org for a customized Voter's Guide

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



LWVAA Upcoming Events

October 7, 2019

**Last day to register
to vote in Ohio in
time for the
November 5
Election**

Click [here](#) to register
and for more details

October 7, 2019

LWVAA Book Group

7:00 p.m.

Pub Bricco, 1841
Merriman Rd, Akron,
Ohio

Becoming, Michelle
Obama, 2018

Click [here](#) for more
details and upcoming
dates

A Message From the President

Dear Members,

You've heard about the voter purge.

More than 180,000 Ohio voters were recently removed from the voter rolls at the direction of the Secretary of State. Most were removed due to deaths, household moves and infrequent voting (no voting for six years). But in the imperfect purge process, many voters were improperly removed.

On Friday, September 28 the Akron Chapter of the NAACP contacted us to assist in making calls to voters whose voter registration was purged. Three days later the lists were distributed and calls were in progress informing voters they need to re-register by October 7 to be eligible to vote in the November 5 election. Seventeen members raised their hands to help with this short turnaround request. Thank you all for helping to ensure voters who want to vote, can vote.

Ohio's voter purge, a process that was upheld by the US Supreme Court in 2018, is flawed and is just one area of Ohio's election system that needs to be modernized. It shouldn't be difficult for citizens' to exercise their right to vote. Senate Bill 186 co-sponsored by Nathan Manning (R) and Vernon Sykes (D) is a good start.

During license and identification transactions at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles eligible Ohio citizens would automatically be registered to vote or have their registration updated, unless they decline. This legislation could go a long way toward updating the voting rolls as address and other changes occur.

What about those awful HB 6 ads?



October 8, 2019

Early Voting begins for November 5 Election

Click [here](#) to stay updated

October 10, 2019

Hudson Climate Investigation Series

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Laurel Lake Community Retirement Center
200 Laurel Lake Dr,
Hudson, OH 44236
LWV Hudson is hosting a community engagement series of [four workshops](#) designed to develop informed policy recommendations for Hudson that will foster safety and sustainability in this time of climate change.

You've seen the ads scaring us into believing the Chinese will take over our energy infrastructure if we sign "their" petition. Ohioans for Energy Security is a dark money organization that supports preserving HB 6, the bill signed into law that will charge all Ohioans \$.85 / month toward underwriting First Energy Solutions' aging nuclear and coal plants. Their campaign is trying to make it difficult for Ohioans Against Corporate Bailouts, an organization underwritten primarily by the natural gas industry, to circulate its referendum petitions that seek to rescind the law.

LWVO has not taken a position on the referendum. But the League is concerned about the influence of dark money in our election system and the HB6 ad campaign is a sordid example. If we don't know the sources behind influence campaigns like this one, we can't properly assess the bias in their arguments. We need to be able to expose the sources of large contribution amounts to deter corruption. Please follow the suggestions highlighted in LWVO's October 2 Action Alert to raise your concerns with your legislators and the community.

Find 2019 General Election Voter Guides at www.VOTE411.org on October 6 and in the Beacon on October 27.

All elections are important and this one is no different. We're doing our best to make candidate and ballot issue information available to the public. This year for the first time we're working in collaboration with the Akron Beacon Journal to deliver a comprehensive Voter Guide for all of Summit County.

More than 300 candidates have been contacted to submit their information to VOTE411.org. The ABJ will be printing an abbreviated guide on October 27. Encourage your friends and family to use

Free and open to the public.

[Contact](#) Tracey Mackay with questions

October 15, 2019

2019 General Election Forum

5:00 p.m. Akron Ward Candidates Meet & Greet

6:00 p.m. Forum: Judicial, Akron City Council At-large, Akron Public Schools Board candidates

[Akron Summit Public Library](#)

60 S. High St., Akron, Ohio

Moderator: Jane Preston Rose, former Hiram College Dean, LWV Kent member

Co-sponsors: local chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the NAACP

November 5, 2019

General Election

Polls open 6:30a.m - 7:30p.m.
Click [here](#) to stay

VOTE411.org when they are making their election decisions.

Meet the Candidates!

Our Candidate Forum is set for October 15 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Akron-Summit Public Library, 60 S. High St. We'll be hosting candidates for Akron City Council Ward and At-large Seats, Municipal Judge and APS School Board.

On October 16 from 11:30am – 1:00pm, the Akron Press Club is hosting the Akron Mayoral Debate. Go to [akronpressclub.org](#) to register.

All Member Book Club: *Becoming*, Michelle Obama. 7:00pm, Monday, October 7 at Pub Bricco

Join me for a glass of wine (I could use one!) to discuss this wonderful book.

So many of you have come out to volunteer for voter registration events. Thank you for your dedication to making the vote, our precious right of citizenship, available to all who desire to participate in our democracy.

Jackie Derrow, LWVAA President

New books to consider

Submitted by Jodie DeLamatre

*Albright, Madeleine, "Hell and Other Destinations: a 21st Century Memoir"

*Duca, Lauren, "How to Start a Revolution: Young People and the Future of American Politics"

updated

Get your personalized candidate information after October 6 at VOTE411.ORG

LWVAA Board Meetings

October 3
November 7
December 5

6:30-8:00 p.m.
1250 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio

Board Members only

*Jackson, Holly, "American Radicals: How Nineteenth Century Protest Shaped the Nation"

*Sagan, Sasha, "For Small Creatures Such as We: Finding Wonder and Meaning in Our Unlikely World"

*Thompson, Charles D., "Going over Home: A Search for Rural Justice in an Unsettled Land"

Collect those Acme receipts through December 28, LWVAA gets 7% back on select products because we registered early!

LWVAA 2019 Voter Registration Program improved by 31%

Submitted by Roseanne Winter, Co-Chair Voter Services

Eleven Registration Event Leaders and 22 member-volunteer Registrars staffed 24 venues for a total of 232 volunteer hours this summer, registering new voters and updating the registration of others. Our 330 total number of registrations is a 31% increase over last year's 252 registrations.

We attribute our increased effectiveness to our new Event Leader Corps, our focused attention to venue selection, and the commitment of our members who signed up repeatedly to support this mission.



Registering voters at the Boys & Girls Club

Special thanks to leaders Kathryn Brown, Cheryl Urban, Kim Nelson, Susan Handa and Cathy Hunt, and members Karen Bowmen and Kristin Elmquist, all of whom staffed at least five events.

Next year is a Presidential Election year! We shall be looking for an expanded Leader Corps and even more volunteers. Please consider joining us in this endeavor!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

November 5th General Election for Akron Mayor, Council & Judges
Early voting begins October 8th at Summit County Board of Elections

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Bus ads circulating in Akron this month thanks to the LWVAA Education Fund!

2020 Census Update

Submitted by Liz King

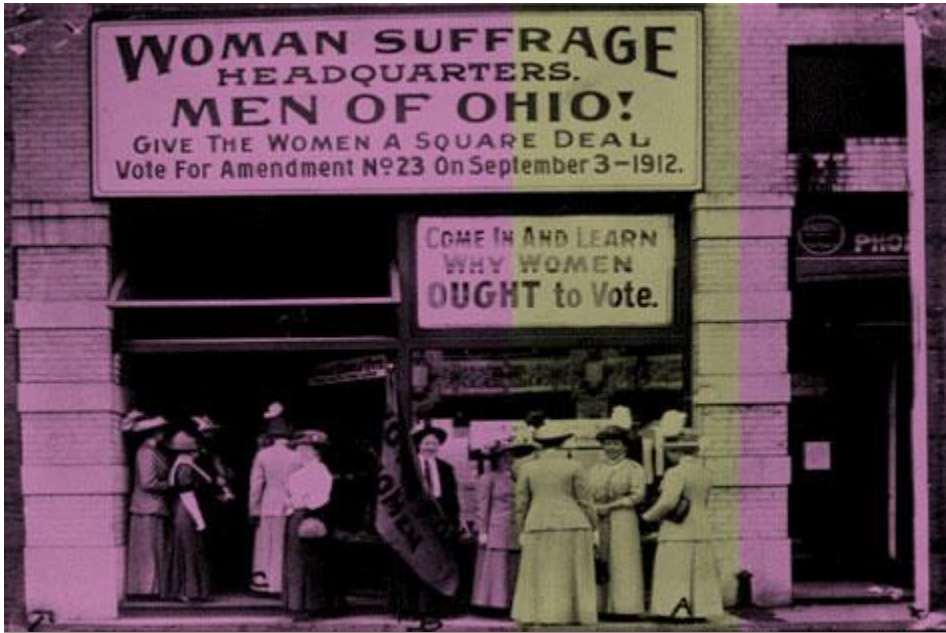
The 2020 Complete Census Count Committee met for their quarterly meeting on September 17, 2019. Liz King is the LWVAA representative to the Committee and one of 28 members who represent governmental agencies, social service organizations and other community groups.

These Committees have been formed all over the country to facilitate a full count in the 2020 Census. The City of Akron and Summit County have been instrumental in spearheading this effort. A Coordinator has just been hired through joint funding to assist

with the Committee efforts.

Nineteen subcommittees have been formed to intensify the promotion of Census information and to encourage full participation. The US Census Bureau will be hiring 2,000 regional census takers in the coming months.

The 2020 Census results will affect Federal and State funded programs, reapportionment and redistricting decisions, civil rights programs, research and planning efforts as well as business decision making. Every effort must be made to have an accurate and complete count.



Centennial Corner

LWVAA is one of many community organizations that have come together under County Executive Ilene Shapiro's leadership to share ideas and events that educate and involve the public in the Women's Suffrage Movement's history. A new website was recently launched to pull together Centennial events throughout the County. Find this wonderful resource [here](#).

LWVAA 2020 Women's Vote Centennial

The Centennial Event Planning Committee met on September 14 to plan an event at which local women "Trail Blazers" would be recognized and honored. The group discussed various options for this event including a power point that presents an overview of Akron/Summit County women of the past and present, who have made or are making a significant contribution to the civic wellbeing of our city and county.

This presentation would premier at a program to be held in a location to be decided. At this program, the League of Women Voters, Akron Area would recognize and honor those women who are still living. Members of the group also felt that the resulting power point presentation could be used at various speaking engagements throughout the coming year.

The committee's next meeting will be held at The Highland Square Library on October 18, 2019, between 2:00 – 3:30 PM. All members are welcome to join this committee.


New Voter Education Program

Submitted by Roseanne Winter, Co-chair Voter Services

Throughout October, LWVAA will be presenting a series of programs focused on helping voters to understand and comply with the rules, laws and practices surrounding the act of casting one's vote.

Subjects to be covered include: The various ways and times to vote, what identification is needed, when and where to vote, and what to expect at the polls. Thanks to Val McKittrick for her significant help on this project! See below for more details.

Educational Events



VOTING 101: Every Vote Matters; Make Sure Yours Counts

You'll learn:

- What you need to know to correctly complete your ballot
- What to expect when you arrive at the polls
- How to vote absentee
- Where to get information on the candidates and issues, and more!

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Dates, Times and Locations

Thursday, October 10, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Odom Boulevard Branch Library,
600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron


Tuesday, October 22, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Akron-Summit County Public Library, Main Library,
60 South High St., Akron

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Lawton Street Community Center,
1225 Lawton St., Akron

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