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Important Dates



President's Message

A warm Happy New Year to everyone. And with the League, new year, new events. The Akron Area, Hudson and Tallmadge Leagues are hosting the 2017 State Convention May 5-7, 2017 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. There are many, many opportunities to participate and volunteer, including, but not

Early January

Statehouse Day
Registration Opens

February 16

LWV Tallmadge
Meeting
TBA

March 16

LWV
Tallmadge Meeting
TBA

March-TBA

Statehouse Day

April 22

Earth Day

May 5-7

LWVO State
Convention-
Cuyahoga Falls

limited to, joining committees for banquet/meals, publications and displays, registration and credentials, public relations/information, volunteers, breakout sessions, workshop ideas... Please consider this invitation to help plan and create the League of Women Voters Ohio's 63rd State Convention. You can contact me at helen_fire@hotmail.com if interested.



Your Board is busy this month building our local spring programs so watch your e-mail for updates on what we have in store. As always, if you have any ideas or interests for future meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Helen Fire
President

First Call to 2017 State Convention

- Quick Links**
- LWVTallmadge.org
 - LWVOhio.org
 - LWV.org
 - [City of Tallmadge](http://CityofTallmadge)
 - [Summit County BOE](http://SummitCountyBOE)
 - [Tallmadge Express](http://TallmadgeExpress)
 - [Ohio 2017 Voting Schedule](http://Ohio2017VotingSchedule)



First Call to 2017 State Convention!

The Akron Area League and the LWV Ohio Board invite you to attend LWVO State Convention.



We hope you will be able to join us for LWVO's 63rd State Convention! State Convention is a wonderful time to come together in League, participate in dynamic workshops, share ideas and successes, plan for our League's future, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

For information from LWV click on the links below.

[News and Media](#)
[Voices of the League](#)

When: May 5-7, 2017
Where: Sheraton Suites Akron Cuyahoga Falls
1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Registration will open later this month, so watch your email for additional Convention announcements. Presidents, please share this information with your League's members.

See you in Akron!

If you have any questions, please contact the LWVO office (614) 469-1505 or email at lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org.

Yours In League,

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Observer Corp

After the November's General Election, two members from the Leagues of Women Voters in Summit County observed the post-election audits of three races held in the county. After the audits, the Presidents of the three Leagues wrote a Letter-to-the-Editor of the Akron Beacon Journal. It appeared in the newspaper on December 26. To read the letter stating their belief that the "general election in Summit County was conducted fairly..." [click here](#).

Nancy Treichler of the LWV of Tallmadge along with Amie Cajka of the LWV of Kent and Kay, a lawyer from Texas who came to observe the polls for one of the candidates, stood in the rain outside of Centenary United Methodist in Akron on election day. They were there to observe and report if any harassment of voters occurred.

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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Nancy Treichler (left), Amie Cajka and Kay, an attorney from Texas

Nancy happily noted that everything was very peaceful at this location. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make sure our election was fair to all.

Our Newest Member



Our newest member is Daphnie Hope Neal. Daphnie is a 2016 graduate of Tallmadge High School. She is currently a student assistant at the Tallmadge Branch Library hoping to be promoted to a Public Service Assistant position after two years of college. Daphnie attends Kent State University at Stark and commutes during the week to classes.

She received the 2016 League of Women Voters of Tallmadge Scholarship which she stated "immensely helped me with my college expenses." Her major is political science and she hopes to further her education in law school and later influence public policy. Daphnie's interests include politics (of course), makeup, volunteer work, art, and physical exercise.

Daphnie is the recipient of our first Student Member Scholarship and is already engaging in League activities by helping with our Facebook page. She's excited to be a part of the League and to participate in upcoming activities and events.

Holiday Brunch

The Tallmadge, Akron and Hudson Leagues gathered for a festive holiday brunch at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls on December 10th. We enjoyed good food, company and an excellent presentation by Nadine Clar. Nadine was one of the volunteers chosen to decorate the White House for Christmas 2015. Her enthusiasm was evident and her story was so

interesting. Thank you to everyone who worked to organize the event and all who attended.



A Letter From LWV of Ohio

Many of us experienced strong feelings this election cycle - whether your candidate of choice won or lost, or whether you were disenchanted with your candidate choices, it's clear that this was the most divisive campaign in a generation. Many people on all sides of the political spectrum were turned off.

You know that LWV brings together good people of different views, willing to discuss the facts and find a way to come together in a spirit of compromise. Our goal is Making Democracy Work® for ALL.

That is needed now more than ever.

We ask each of you to join us in supporting our work. We need to return civility to our body politic. We also need to enact protections to ensure we have free, fair, and accessible elections for all voters. People expect us to lead and to model how to work together to move our state and our country forward.

[Click here to read the entire letter](#)

and learn about some of our plans for moving forward.

State-wide Issues

- LWVOhio



Urge your Ohio senator and representatives to support **Fair Districts for Congress Too**. In the recent election Issue One tackled gerrymandering at the state level and won in all 88 Ohio counties. But

right after the election, Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger put plans to extend the state legislative map-making reforms to Congress on the back burner. You can help make sure map making reforms move forward by writing letters to the editor, signing a petition and spreading the word through social media. Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can help.

Defend Our Democracy

-LWVUS

10 Ways You Can Help Defend Our Democracy

By: Sarah Courtney

11/30/2016

1. Sign the League of Women Voter's Petition

"I stand with the League to ensure that elections are always free, fair and accessible. I will work with the League to stop voter suppression tactics that threaten our democracy and the [right to vote](#)."

2. Become an e-Activist

Receive updates from the League and hold your elected officials accountable by taking action on the League's key voting rights and other priorities.

3. Volunteer Your Time

We are working to make a difference and actively engaging people in more than 700 communities. Sign up to volunteer!

4. Donate to our Defend Democracy Fund

Your support makes it possible for LWV to take a stand in statehouses and courtrooms across the country.

5. Spread the Word

Stay engaged every day, and leverage your social media followers to get involved too!
Follow the League on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to find out how to make an impact.

6. Attend a Community Meeting

Learn about local issues and hear from elected officials. You can connect and organize with people already active in your community. Check your local government's website or [contact your local League](#).

7. Register to Vote, and help others Register

Make sure your family and neighbors are up to date on their registration. The League works year-round at schools and community events to prepare eligible voters. Check out VOTE411.org for more information.

8. Contact your Representatives

Elected officials work for the people and need to hear from concerned citizens like you.

9. Run for Office

You can directly contribute to the direction of local politics in your own back yard. From school board to the state house, there are many opportunities to run for office and make a difference.

10. Write a Letter to the Editor

Newspapers print concerns from readers and love to hear about local concerns. Tailor the issue for your community and support local newspapers when possible.

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