



LWV of Tallmadge

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Come join us Thursday, March 16 in the Conference Room at the Venue (Danny Boy's) for dinner and conversation. We'll discuss upcoming League events, like our field trip to the National First Ladies Library in Canton in April, and the May LWVO State Convention (May 5-7 at the Sheraton Suites), and whatever hot topics you bring to the table. The Conference Room is reserved starting at 5:00 p.m. and we'll be ordering off the menu, so arrival time is flexible. Great conversation

**Tallmadge
Community
Expo 2017**

**Saturday,
April 8
9AM - 3PM**



The League will have a table at the Expo with voter registration and information, blankets for sale and coloring pages for children. The Tallmadge Community Expo will be held again this year at the Tallmadge Recreation Center at 46 N. Munroe Road in Tallmadge.

Member volunteers are needed to help staff the shifts. Contact Helen Fire @helen_fire@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Quick Links

www.lwvtallmadge.org
www.lwvohio.org
www.lwv.org
[Summit County BOE
VOTE411.org](http://SummitCountyBOE.VOTE411.org)

**Check out the
U.S. League's
statements and
positions by
clicking on the
links below.**



**League Opposes End to Voting
Agency Passed by House Panel**

League's Statement on Immigration

**League's Statement on Keystone
Pipeline Moving Forward**

**always flows when we
meet and eat!**

**Saturday, April 8 is the
date for the Tallmadge
Expo at the Tallmadge
Recreation Center. Our
Tallmadge League will
have a booth again so if
you would like to greet
people at our table,
please send me an email
(helen_fire@hotmail.com).
The event is 9:00-3:00
and I will schedule you
for any hour you can
help. The Expo is very well
attended and a great
community event. Please
look for our table and say
hi if you come to browse.**

**Helen Fire
President/Convener**

**LWVO
State Convention**



**2017 LWV Ohio
Convention**

**[Click here to register
today!](#)**

Join us for LWVO's 62nd State
Convention! State Convention is
a wonderful time to come together
in League, participate in dynamic
workshops, share ideas

The League of Women Voters partners with labor talk

radio, **The Union Edge**, the only nationally-syndicated labor talk radio program in the country. League leaders participate in regular radio segments to discuss voting rights, public policy issues and advocacy.



[Click here to find out how you can listen.](#)

and successes, plan for our League's future, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

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

FUNDRAISING APPEAL

REDISTRICTING UPDATE



LWV Ohio Executive Director, Carrie Davis, spoke recently in Akron about the plans for Congressional redistricting reform in Ohio.

During her presentation, she explained the need for fair, competitive districts. According to Davis, the manipulation of voting districts known as "[gerrymandering](#)" reduces voter choices and results in fewer competitive elections.

The Ohio League is a member of the Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition. The coalition worked successfully on state redistricting reform with the passage in 2015 of Issue 1. The time to pass Congressional reform is now because the district lines will be redrawn after the



Fundraising Appeal

Please consider a donation to the League of Women Voter's of Tallmadge to help continue it's important work of voter advocacy and education of all citizens. Our goal this year is \$3,000.00. Read the appeal letter [here](#).

2020 census.

For more information about the issue, visit FairDistrictsOhio.org, [Facebook](#) or follow [@OhFairDistricts](#).

National First Ladies' Historic Site

The LWV of Tallmadge is planning an outing to the First Ladies' museum in Canton on Saturday, April 22. We have arranged for free tours for our members and guests beginning at 10:15 a.m. As space in the tour groups is limited, reservations are required. For those interested, lunch will follow at a local restaurant.



The First Ladies National Historic Site, operated and managed by the National First Ladies' Library, is housed in two buildings. One is the Ida Saxton McKinley Historic Home and the other is the Education & Research Center where the museum is housed. Both buildings will be on the guided tour.

To learn more about the museum, visit their website [here](#).

R.S.V.P. to Tammy Shomo at tammyshomo@yahoo.com by April 10.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Jamee Markulis! Jamee is a recent Tallmadge High School graduate majoring in Middle Childhood Education at Kent State University. In addition to her studies, she works part-time at Dairy Queen, nannies and is an independent consultant for Thirty-One.

Jamee was very active in Citizens for Tallmadge Schools (CTS). After the passage of the school district's issues in the fall, she wanted to become more involved in the issues about which she cares deeply. In addition to her commitment to education, Jamee is interested in healthcare, social justice and the election process.



We are very fortunate that Jamee has chosen to lend her talents to the

More people are becoming interested in The League of Women Voter's. Read this article from The Washington Post by Colby Itkowitz.

Why this nearly 100-year-old organization is seeing a resurgence thanks to Trump's election.

A friend suggested to Marie Gauthier that she check out the League of Women Voters as a way to channel her sudden urge to be more civically engaged after November's election. But Gauthier had to call her friend back with bad news.

It looks wonderful, she recalled telling her friend, but there's not a chapter here in Franklin County in central Massachusetts. To which her friend replied: "So, maybe you should start one then."

[Read the full article here.](#)

The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy.



Important Dates!

March 7 - Statehouse Day - Columbus

April 8 - Tallmadge Community Expo

April 22 - First Ladies' Museum Outing & Lunch

May 5-7 - 2017 LWV Ohio Convention

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