

## Dear League members,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads, we thank you for your work in "Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy." Thanks to all of you who helped register voters and encourage voting. The turnout for the *off-off-year* election was so much greater than projected that some precincts required delivery of additional printed ballots.

We just elected the state legislators who will consider the state constitutional amendment to establish fair redistricting. If this General Assembly passes the proposed amendment during the upcoming session, we will have the opportunity to vote for fair redistricting in the November 3, 2020, Presidential election. Your support is crucial. Together we can make a difference.

In addition, your support now, at the end of this year, will enable our local League to plan for community celebrations for our **100th Anniversary** and the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment granting women the right to vote. You'll be joining other League members throughout the nation who will be commemorating these two milestones. We also are partnering with the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast to host VOTE FEST on May 16 in the Centennial year.

In recognition of the 100th Anniversaries, we're suggesting a \$100 gift, or more, as your first step in the year-long commemorations.

## Plus, your year-end support now will help our League continue with our ongoing programs in 2020:

- Monthly programs presenting three different choices: breakfast, lunch or Saturday
  morning unit meetings, or all three! Topics include: Election Results, Gun Safety, Medicaid
  Expansion, Violence Against Women, DEI Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Freedom of the
  Press, Gerrymandering, Immigration, Human Trafficking.
- Meetings with Virginia Legislators for one-on-one questions and answers about important topics like **redistricting**, **transportation** and the **ERA YES**, the time is **NOW!**
- Participation at statewide League Legislative Day and weekly Roundtable in Richmond addressing issues that affect Hampton Roads, like sea level rise and election security.
- An annual meeting with **keynote speakers** like this year's Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaption and Protection, and a special guest appearance with Virginia's First Lady, Pam Northam.
- Voter registration and third-party training and certification throughout South Hampton Roads the core of our mission.
- Vote411.org online question-and-answer format for candidates in Hampton Roads elections. Our League received the highest accolades from the State League office! (over)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS

## To all League members:

Thank you for helping in "Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy." The work is as important now, or even more important, than it was 100 years ago when the League was founded and the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified.

Martha Rollins

Sincerely yours,

Martha Rollins
President, LWVSHR

P. S. Please take a moment to use the convenient link https://my.lwv.org/virginia/south-hampton-roads/donate to contribute online – and consider the special \$100 Centennial gift. Remember, you may make a pledge to be paid in installments, if that is more convenient.

