

## Year in Review: 2018–2019



### Voter Services

#### Voter registration and information events

Juneteenth, Christiansburg Institute, VT Graduate School, Radford U, Newcomers Club, Corporate Research Center, AARP Health and Wellness Fair, MCEAP Thrift Store, Christmas Store

#### Encouraging voting

Slide at the Lyric encouraging registration before the deadline, new “real estate” vote signs in Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Radford

Produced a PSA, “Why I vote,” featuring Nikki Giovanni

Voter Guide published October 2018

### Engagement with LWV-VA and LWV-US

Three members attended the LWV fall workshops

Two members attended the Legislative PreSession in Richmond

Carolyn Rude attended the LWV national convention in Chicago in Richmond in February

### Facts

A 2019 update of our “Facts” brochure was published in January; 7,000+ copies have been distributed throughout the New River Valley.

### Public Program: “Who Gets to be American?” October 4

Three Virginia Tech Faculty members presented information on immigration history, policies, and impacts.

### “First Tuesday” Programs

Discussion topics have included the nature of a “dual primary,” LWV position on the Electoral College/National Popular Vote, The Virginia redistricting case, Gill v. Whitford (redistricting), the League's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion initiative, the “cost” of voting in Virginia, school funding in Montgomery County, definitions of Socialism, and Engaging Conservatives

### Great Decisions January 30–March 27

In collaboration with the Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech, we organized the community discussion group on foreign policy. 171 registered

### Advocacy

Two members traveled to Richmond for OneVirginia2021 Lobby Day and the Women’s Legislative Roundtable in February and visited the legislative assistants for Chris Hurst and John Edwards.

Co-hosted a panel at Warm Hearth on ratifying the ERA featuring Chris Hurst, Sara Bohn, Lauren Colliver, Carolyn Rude, and members of VARatifyERA.

### Outreach / Collaboration

Hosted a booth at the Juneteenth Celebration

Sponsored a table at the NAACP annual banquet October 13

Hosted a table at the AARP Health and Wellness Fair

Sponsored a Blacksburg High School student to attend Virginia Girls State

### Study: School Funding in Montgomery County

Completed preliminary research and drafted some findings

### Organizational Activities

Hosted a membership potluck September 22, updated the bylaws, developed a calendar, launched a new website, developed the concept of “teams” and identified team members, prepared the annual budget, published 3 newsletters, conducted a fundraising campaign, hosted the annual dinner and meeting May 9—Carol Noggle, speaker; topic: Public Funding and School Choice

### Floyd County

Welcomed new members from Floyd County, who are considering becoming a “unit” of LWVMC.