



**LWW** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF METROPOLITAN COLUMBUS

**2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

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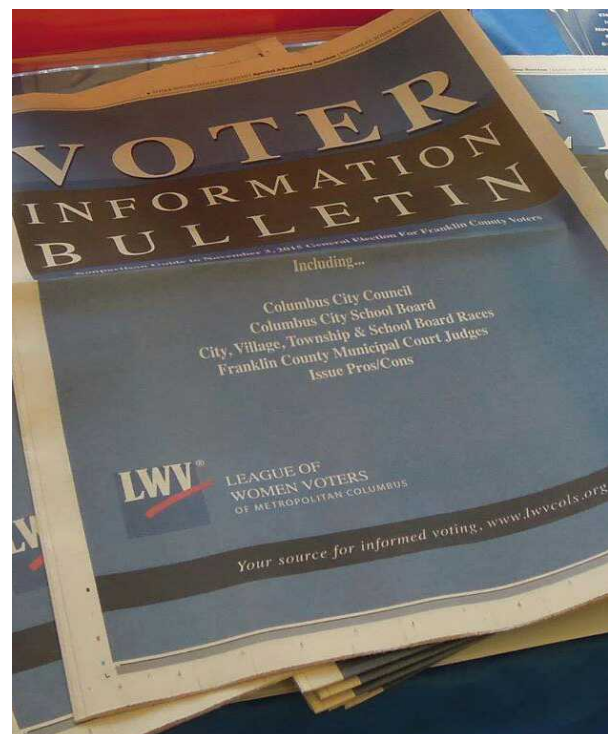


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# A Message from the President

As I reviewed our July 2020 to June 2021 fiscal year, I was profoundly inspired by the strength and the resiliency of the women and men who comprise the League of Women Voters of Metro Columbus.

Amid a deadly global pandemic, and in spite of turbulent political times at home and abroad, the members of the LWVMC have stayed focused and dedicated in their mission. Our mission—encouraging informed and active participation in government, increasing understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy—is even more relevant and urgent than ever.

To this end, our Board adopted our 2020-21 priorities and focused our work on 1) Voter Outreach, Voter Rights & Community Engagement, 2) Diversity & Inclusion, and 3) Racial Justice & Equity.

In this unprecedented year of virtual meetings and outdoor/masked events, we have become more innovative than ever, we have grown our membership, and we've taken steps to ensure our continued financial stability. We have also accomplished more than ever, including debuting drive-thru voter registration events, providing nonpartisan volunteer poll monitors for Franklin County polling locations, developing a virtual civic engagement curriculum for local High Schools, programming a 21-day social justice and racial equality challenge, starting a LWV virtual book club to discuss racial justice issues, and initiating a two-year study of Criminal Justice in Ohio. You'll see many more of our inspiring 2020 highlights in the pages that follow.

The League of Women Voters is an exceptional organization. I continue to be grateful and humbled by the hard work and dedication of our members—some people who have served the League for decades and others who are new to the cause of *safeguarding democracy* but who bring their full measure of creativity and passion. Thank you ALL! You are making a difference!

**Cheryl Roller**  
**LWVMC President**

# 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors

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Thank you for your service

# Who We Are



LEFT TO RIGHT - ROLNECIA CAROLINA ALBERT AND JILL DEVORE

## Mission

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

### Program Activities

- Voter outreach events
- Candidate forums
- Educational forums
- Nonpartisan information on local issues and candidates
- Election Protection & Poll monitors

## Membership

**405 Members**

**(Not a Member? Join us at [www.lwvcols.org](http://www.lwvcols.org))**

### Committees

Voter Service

Education & Advocacy

Land Use

Membership

Development

Communication

# 2020 LWVMC Highlights

## Centennial Celebration

**Celebrated LWV's 100th Anniversary** with a special video message and program booklet featuring Emmy Award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa.

**Partnered with Dublin Scioto High School Students** to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th amendment and LWV.

**Honored inclusive housing advocate, Amy Klaben**, with the 2021 Democracy In Action Award celebrating outstanding civic achievement.

## Voter Service

**Published the nonpartisan Voter Information Bulletin (VIB)**, for both the 2020 Primary and General Election. More than 50,000 copies of the VIB were distributed on Friday, October 9 to households across central Ohio that received *The Columbus Dispatch*. The VIB was also published online through Vote411.org, distributed to area schools, and was available to the public in libraries across central Ohio.

**Hosted an in person candidate forum** for the Primary Election and 5 virtual candidate forums for the General Election in partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library.

**Staffed the WBNS-10TV Phone Bank** during the 2020 November General Election providing information to hundreds of callers on polling locations, ID requirements and answering other voting-related questions.

**Provided thousands of nonpartisan voter forms and informational materials** to Columbus Public Schools, Columbus Public Health COVID test sites, Meals on Wheels, food pantries and many other direct service organizations.

**Hosted 13 voter outreach trainings for local nonprofit organizations and volunteers** on the specifics of voter outreach during COVID-19.

**Trained over 200 volunteers on voter registration** and Ohio voting rules so they could do civic outreach in their local neighborhoods.

**Debuted successful new socially-distanced voter engagement events** such as Drive-Thru Registration.

**Hosted 10 "Get Out the Vote" Phone banks** to assist Ohioans with voter registration and absentee ballot application forms.

**Provided speakers and moderators for organizations** throughout central Ohio hosting meetings on upcoming elections and candidate forums.

**Provided voters with pro/con arguments for local ballot issues** in the Primary and General Election ballot.



## Citizen Education

**Conducted public meetings on a range of civic topics**, including Racism as a Public Health Crisis, Voter Outreach during COVID-19, History of Women's Suffrage, Racial Disparity in Infant Mortality, Arming School Personnel and voter registration trainings.

**Partnered with a dozen local high schools and trade schools**, mostly in low income neighborhoods, to present a civics lesson on

voting in the winter/spring, and developed a virtual civic engagement curriculum for schools in the fall.

**Organized a 21 Day Social Justice and Racial Equality Challenge** for LWVMC members.

**Partnered with Central Ohio Girl Scout Troops** to present virtual civic education and election events.



## Member Service

**Published a weekly electronic newsletter**, The eVoter, to inform members of upcoming political issues, events and information about local elections.

**Started a LWV book club** for members to discuss current issues, especially racial justice issues.

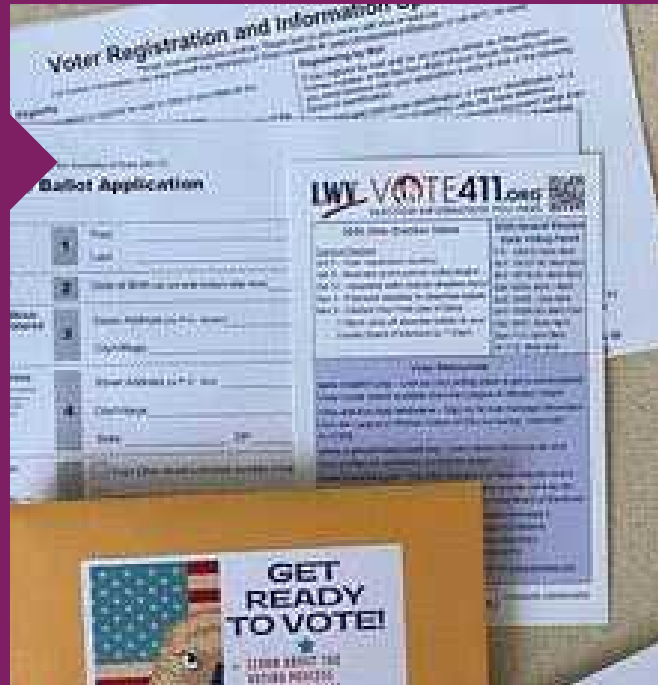
**Held virtual Civic Cocktails events** for members to socialize and learn the latest LWV updates.

**Welcomed 126 New Members!**

# LWVMC '20-'21 Accomplishments

**1600**

**letters mailed with voter registration forms** to inmates at the 2 Franklin County Jails. In 2018, zero inmates voted in the General Election, while 125 inmates voted in 2020.



**130**

**nonpartisan volunteer poll monitors were coordinated for Franklin County polling locations** on Election Day to answer voter questions and report potential problems.



**90+**

**voter outreach events were held on college campuses, high schools, food pantries, senior citizen communities, etc.**

**1000+**

**yard signs and other materials were distributed**



**50,000+**

**visits to our website and our online VIB this year.**

The site was maintained ([www.lwvcols.org](http://www.lwvcols.org)) with important information on the 2020 elections.

# The Figures

July 2020-July 2021

*“LWVMC is a grassroots organization where volunteer members carry out most program activities with the help of a part-time Operations Manager.”*

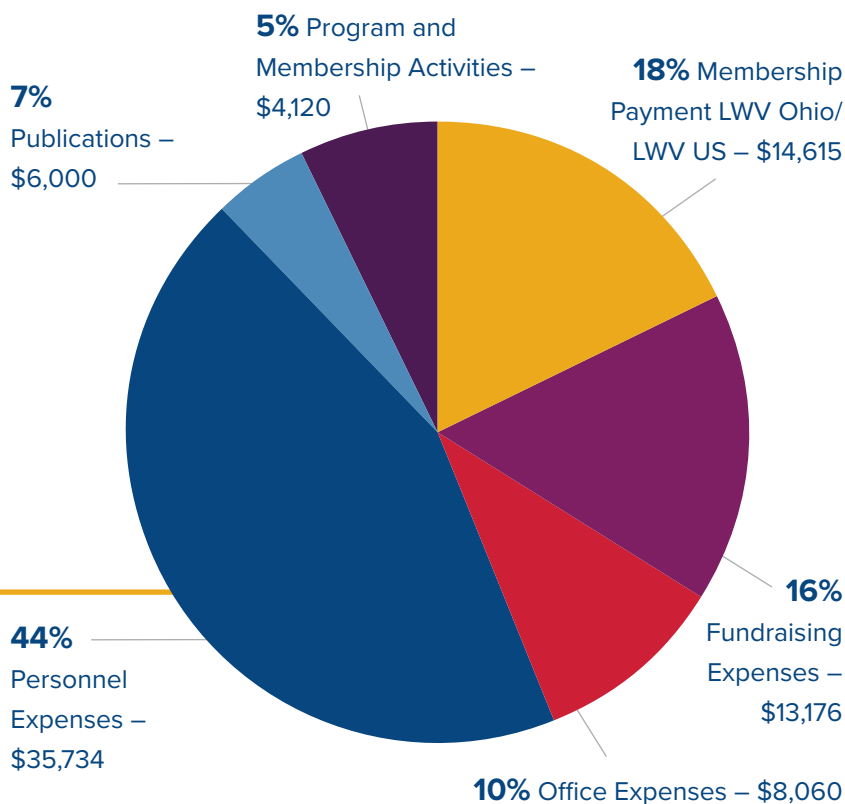
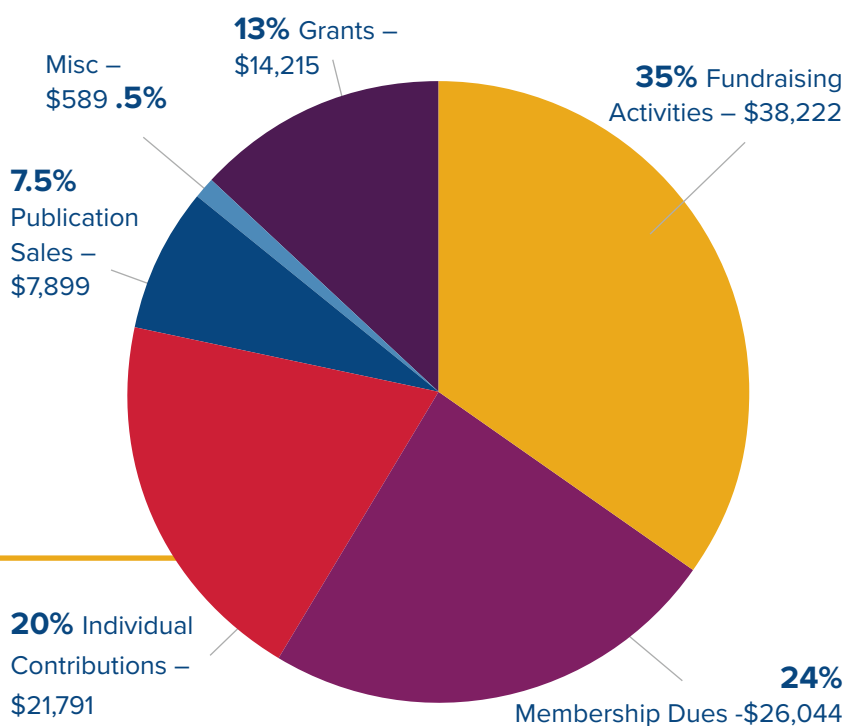
## INCOME SOURCES

**Total Income: \$108,760**

*“Membership dues help support the League of Women Voters of Ohio and the League of Women Voters of the United States.”*

## EXPENSES

**Total Expenses: \$81,707**



# Thank You Donors!

## \$5000+

Honda

## \$2000 - \$4999

Alice Niedner estate  
Cardinal Health  
Foundation

## \$1000 - \$1999

AEP Foundation  
Esther Connors  
Crane Group  
Barbara & John Hykes  
Melodee Kornacker  
Mary Lazarus  
Jolene Molitorus  
Penny Napoli  
Robert Weiler Company  
Cheryl Roller & Chuck  
Taylor  
Robert J Weiler Family  
Fund

## \$500 - \$999

Mary & Steve Burkey  
Lucy & David Buzzeo  
Jeff & Liz Cabot  
Pamela Conrad  
Carla Hicks  
Jill Holtin  
Janyce Katz & Mark  
Glazman  
Amy Klaben & Jordan  
Finegold  
Michael Kohr  
Bridgette Mariea  
Anne Nelson  
Beth Strohl  
Shiloh Todorov  
Beatrice & Alan Weiler  
Susan Yost

## \$100 - \$499

Mary Austin Palmer  
Barbara Beardsley  
Judith Bird  
Judith Brachman  
Scott Britton  
Kitty Burcsu  
Carolyn Casper-DuVal

Janice Countaway  
Loann Crane  
Deborah A. Crawford  
Michael & Sharon Curtin  
Gloria Davis  
Laura DiCaprio  
Zita Divis  
Mary Dixon  
Cathy Elkins  
Carl Faller  
Alice Faryna  
Catherine Ferrari  
Diana Fowler  
Kathy Fox  
Pam Gelbert  
Pamela Grandon  
John Guthrie  
Anne Hammerstein  
Ann Henkener  
Erin Holmes-Wingfield  
Nancy Hultz  
Ron Hupman  
Janet Jackson  
Julianne Johnson  
Linda Julia  
Debby Kane  
Mary Kaul  
Cynthia Kelley  
Richard Kellner  
Kathleen Kennedy  
Marilyn Klaben  
Robert Klaben  
Anne LaPidus  
Joan Lawrence  
Trip & Lexie Lazarus  
Heather Linch  
Karen Lurvey  
Andrew May  
Bridget McDaniel  
Tobin McDaniel  
Carly Miller  
Sally Morgan  
Barbara McAdam Muller  
Sara Neikirk  
Jacqueline Nielson  
Pam O'Grady  
Jan Patton  
Deb & Bryan Peluso  
Sue Phillips  
Valerie Rake  
Ellen Rapkin  
JoAnn Rohyans  
Joy Rose  
Peg & Al Rosenfield  
Catherine Schilling  
Ellen Schneider  
Carolyn Schoenstein  
Kay Skopin  
Marilyn Smith  
Mary Beth Smith

Margaret Spernoga  
Nancy Strause  
Beth & Brent Taggart  
Mary Tedrow  
Madelon Timmons  
Jo Valentine-Cooper  
Susan Voorhees-Murphy  
Chuck White  
Joanne Wissler  
Mary & Alan Woods  
Stuart & Margaret Wright  
Linda & Bostwick Wyman  
Jane Young

## Up to \$99

Adalaide Aime  
Barbara Amatos  
Neela Andrews  
Mary Catherine Antiques  
Michael Armstrong  
Jeanne Ashworth  
Sharon Austin  
Benjy Bar-Lev  
Mary Jo Baumeister  
Nancy Beja  
Mary Best  
Alicia Bond  
Kimberly Boscan  
Deborah Bosner  
Katherine Brandt  
Mim Brierley  
Joyce Bruce  
Michelle Burg  
Laura Butler  
Cindy Byington  
Marsha Calloway  
Lilleana Cavanaugh  
Bobbie Celeste  
Carolyn Chavanne  
Linda Chernick  
Caroline Clark  
Barbara Crabill  
Judith Croghan  
Jessica Davis  
Heather Dean  
Carole DePaola  
Jill DeVore  
Kathleen Dougherty  
Linda Duellman  
Mary Duffey  
David Eliot  
Phyllis Elmo  
Patricia Enciso  
Linda Erven  
Shelly Everett  
Willie Ewans  
Suzanne Fahey  
Erika Farfan  
Cindy Farson  
Ruth Farthing  
Joyce Fasone

Lori Ann Feibel  
Mary Kay Fenlon  
Jean Field  
Carter Findley  
John Firebaugh  
Olwen Firestone  
Jennifer Flemmin  
LuCinda Flores  
Julie Davis Friend  
Frieda Gilyard  
Pam Grandon  
Anna Gray  
Lyn Griesemer  
Janet Grubb  
Ankit Gupta  
Bill Habig  
Sara Hall Phillips  
Donna Hamparian  
Rosemary Hamrock  
Linda Hartranft  
Karen Heiser  
Jane Henderson  
Eve Herrold  
Betty Hersch  
Abby Hersey  
Casey Hoch  
Anne Hoke  
Linda Holcomb  
Patricia Huddle  
Gretchen Hummel  
Grace Hunter  
Kathryn Jakes  
Donna Marie & J. Weston  
Jones  
Karen Jones  
Cynthia Jones  
Alice Kanonchoff  
Lindsay Kauffman  
Jackie Kemble  
Barbara Kienzle  
Jean Krum  
Elizabeth Lawless  
Karen Linn  
Jamie Linnenbaum  
Catherine Logsdon  
Gail Lowe  
Michele (Mimi) Luebbers  
Carlos Lugo  
Carol Luper  
Rose Luttinger  
Jay Mantle  
Kay Marshall  
Deborah Norris Matthews  
Carly McCain  
Diana McCullough  
Barbara McNitt  
R. Jon McQuillin  
Johanna Meara  
Stephanie Megas  
Christina Meister  
Diane Meves

Kristin Michel  
Tracy Moebius  
Mary Moliterno  
James Nelli  
Ellen Nickles  
Gwen Noto  
Elizabeth Nusken  
Jennifer Ogden  
Kevin O'Neil  
Judy Parnes  
Renee Paul  
Dora Pinder  
Tiffany Pinto  
Kristine Plisga  
Liz Plotnick  
Toby Portman  
Beth Rabb  
Patricia Radloff  
David Ralph  
Caroline Ramsey  
Janet Ravneberg  
Patricia Reagan  
Ann Rigney  
Darryl Robbins  
Cornell Robertson  
Diane Roller  
Robert Rosch  
Mary Joy Rose  
Pat Semmelman  
Jodi Shinney  
Abigail Sigmon  
Susan Silbermann  
Susan Smith  
Gary Snyder  
Karen Sottosanti  
Michael Sponhour  
Ruth Stenberg  
Seyman Stern  
Kelly Stevelt  
Kathryn Stoesser  
Maria Stojkov  
Sara Sukalich  
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Brenn Waltman-Hinderliter  
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Diane Weeks  
Steve Weiler  
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Coby Williams  
Judy Wiseman  
Megan Wood  
Kim Young  
Marilee Chinnici Zuercher

# LWVMC 2020-2021 Volunteering

Thank you to the many dedicated League volunteers who carry out the mission of nonpartisan voter education!



## 2020 Member of the Year

Ann Bohman



League members Sally Morgan and Nancy Hultz with Brutus Buckeye

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