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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
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Thank you for your service
Who We Are
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)

Committees

Voter Service
Education & Advocacy
Land Use
Membership
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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.

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.

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.
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.

1000+ yard signs and other materials were distributed

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

50,000+ visits to our website and our online VIB this year. The site was maintained (www.lwvcols.org) with important information on the 2020 elections.
“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

- **Fundraising Activities** – $38,222 (35%)
- **Membership Dues** – $26,044 (24%)
- **Individual Contributions** – $21,791 (20%)
- **Membership Payment LWV Ohio/LWV US** – $14,615 (18%)
- **Publications Sales** – $7,899 (7.5%)
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- **Program and Membership Activities** – $4,120 (5%)
- **Grants** – $14,215 (13%)
- **Misc** – $589 (0.5%)
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“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

- **Personnel Expenses** – $35,734 (44%)
- **Office Expenses** – $8,060 (10%)
- **Fundraising Expenses** – $13,176 (16%)
- **Membership Payment LWV Ohio/LWV US** – $14,615 (18%)
- **Program and Membership Activities** – $4,120 (5%)
- **Publications** – $6,000 (7%)
- **Misc** – $589 (0.7%)
- **Fundraising Activities** – $38,222 (44%)
- **Total Expenses** – $81,707
Thank You Donors!

$5000+
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Mary Beth Smith
Margaret Spernoga
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Madelon Timmons
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Chuck White
Joanne Wissler
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Stuart & Margaret Wight
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Jane Young

Up to $99
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Michael Armstrong
Jeanne Ashworth
Sharon Austin
Benji Bar-Lev
Mary Jo Baumeister
Nancy Beja
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Alicia Bond
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Carter Findley
John Firebaugh
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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 Zuucher

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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