LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA

November 2026 eVoter



WOW! What an incredible few months we've had!

Now that Election Day is behind us, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the time, energy, enthusiasm, and commitment you've brought to our Voter Services efforts this election season.

And what a season it has been!

Together, we participated in over **35** events across Charlottesville and our surrounding counties beginning in June. From voter registration drives and community outreach events to postcard writing, Listening Tables, Civic Circles, voter education activities, and countless conversations with voters, we have been **BUSY!**

But here's what I find most meaningful: It's not just about the number of events we held or the number of people we reached. It's about the connections we made, the questions we answered, the people we helped navigate the voting process, and the confidence we helped build in our communities. Some of my best memories include the 2 CHS high school students who remembered "those women who came with the trivia wheel" last spring and what we said about registering when they turned 16, and then they did just that! The youth are listening!! Or the conversations that happened during Civic Circles events that really showed how hard people were thinking about what those amendments stood for.
Every conversation mattered. Every event mattered. And every one of YOU made a difference.

I also want to recognize all the work that happened behind the scenes. The planning, coordinating, communicating, preparing materials, recruiting volunteers, setting up tables, traveling to events, and sometimes adjusting plans at the last minute! None of this happens without people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and make things happen.
And you did just that — time and time again!

What I especially appreciate is the spirit in which you approached this work. You showed up with patience, professionalism, good humor, and a shared belief that an informed and engaged electorate makes our democracy stronger. You represented the League of Women Voters and our commitment to nonpartisan voter education beautifully.

I hope each of you will take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished together and feel a real sense of pride. We have a terrific team, and I am genuinely grateful to be part of it.

Of course, our work doesn't end with Election Day (does it ever?!), but I hope everyone can enjoy a little well-deserved breathing room before we turn our attention to what's next.
Thank you again for saying YES, for showing up, for supporting one another, and for making this such a successful season.
You are appreciated more than you know!

With gratitude and a big virtual hug,

Kim Harris
Voter Services Chair

General Election Results Are In!

VA Senator Mark Warner
House 7th Eugene Vindman
House 5th John McGuire III

Constitutional Amendments:
- **Right to Reproductive Freedom PASSED**
- **Repeal Same-Sex Marriage Ban PASSED**
- **Automatic Voting Rights Restoration PASSED**

1% Sales tax for funding school infrastructure:
- **Albemarle and City of Charlottesville PASSED**
- **Greene, Nelson, Fluvanna and Louisa DID NOT PASS**

Upcoming Events

November 18
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors Meeting

6PM
Lane Auditorium, Second Floor of County Office Building

Albemarle County Board of Supervisors will raise the issues of allowing **Ranked Choice Voting** in local elections!

A representative for Up Vote VA, as well as a member from LWV Arlington-Fairfax who helped bring RCV to her county will be there. We plan to be there wearing our LWV buttons. Please meet us there at 5:45 to show LWV support.

November 19
LWV CVA Board Meeting

3:30-5:00PM
There will not be a New Members Zoom meeting this month. In lieu of that, new members are invited to attend our November 19 Board Meeting via Zoom. All League members are welcome to join and learn more about the work of the Board.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by emailing lwv@lwv-cva.org

December 7
General Assembly Meeting to Share January Session Plans

Swanson Room, JMRL Central Library
5:30-7:00PM
Senator Creigh Deeds, Del. Amy Laufer, and Del. Katrina Callsen will meet to go over the issues they want to bring up in the General Assembly session that starts Jan.13th. This will give you a chance to hear their ideas and for us to propose issues of our own. Come bring your ideas of priorities and questions - all ideas are welcome

This will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

October in Review

The month of October saw our League focused on voter outreach and education in preparation for the November elections. Members participated in candidate Listening Tables, Civic Circles, voter education webinars, community rallies, and outreach events to encourage voter registration and turnout.

Civic Circles on the 3 Constitutional Amendments

Kim Harris led Civic Circles at Rockfish Vally Community Center in Nelson County and Batesville Market, having members present exchange ideas and resolve questions.



Listening Table
October 7, 2026

Almost all the candidates attended this event. Those present got to learn about, and interact with each candidate. Thanks to Sara Ratcliffe for hosting and Miriam Fleitman for arranging.

Girl Scouts Webinar
October 10, 2026

Girl Scouts of America Virginia chapter hosted a webinar on The Voting Process with our Voter Services Director Kim Harris as guest speaker. Kim went over the process and held a Q and A.The girls were well engaged and asked insightful questions.

No Kings Rally
October 17, 2026

No Kings Rally was held at several locations around Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Anne Geraty and Lisa Hilgartner were in Crozet. Vanessa Russell was downtown and Stephanie Lowenhaupt was at Darden Park engaging the public to register to vote and encouraging voters to go to the polls and cast their ballots.



Apple Butter Day
October 18, 2026

Members Lisa Hilgartner and Bernice Marcopulos had a great day engaging with community members to let them know what was on the ballot!



GOTV at PVCC
October 27, 2026

This event was sponsored by PVCC and CVA was invited to set up a table . Members Paul Otto, Anne Geraty, Miriam Fleitman and Lisa Hilgartner were there to ask “Have you voted yet?” of students and faculty. Some played our Spin the Wheel to test their civic knowledge while most told us if they already voted or when they were going to vote.

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