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1920 - 2021

League of Women Voters

“LEAGUE 101”

MISSION:

- Empower Voters
- Defend Democracy

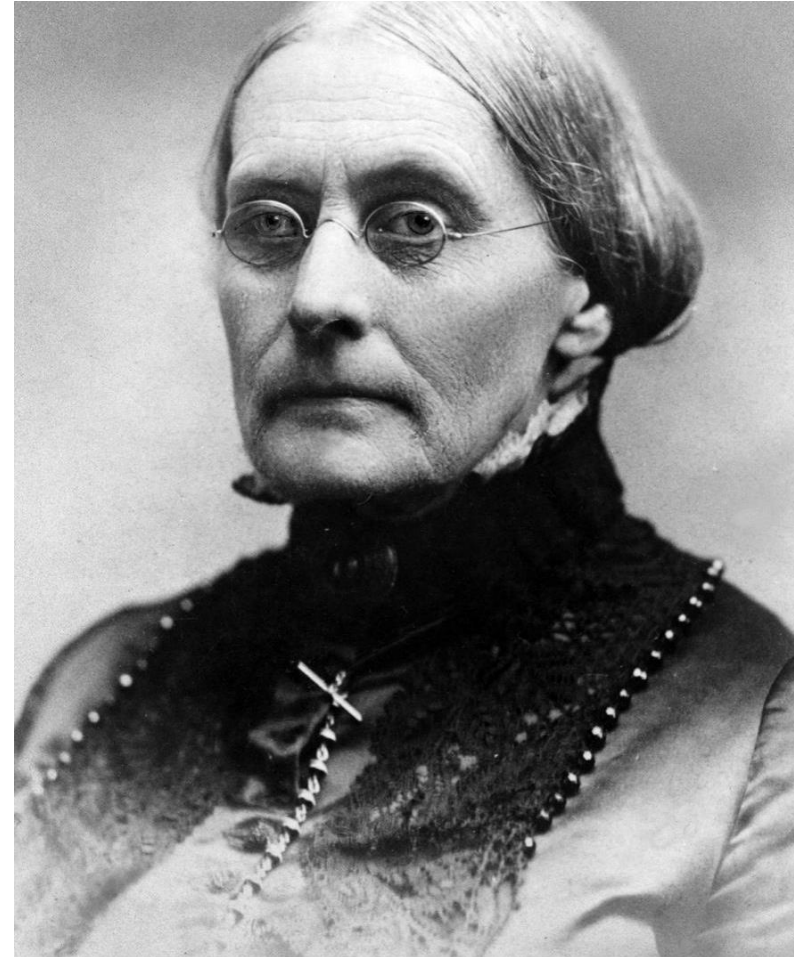


Mary Ann Moxon, Communications Director

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS—WILLIAMSBURG AREA

Susan B. Anthony
(1820-1906) may be the best
known suffragist.

But it took the U.S. Mint until
1979 to produce the Susan B.
Anthony dollar coin to honor her.

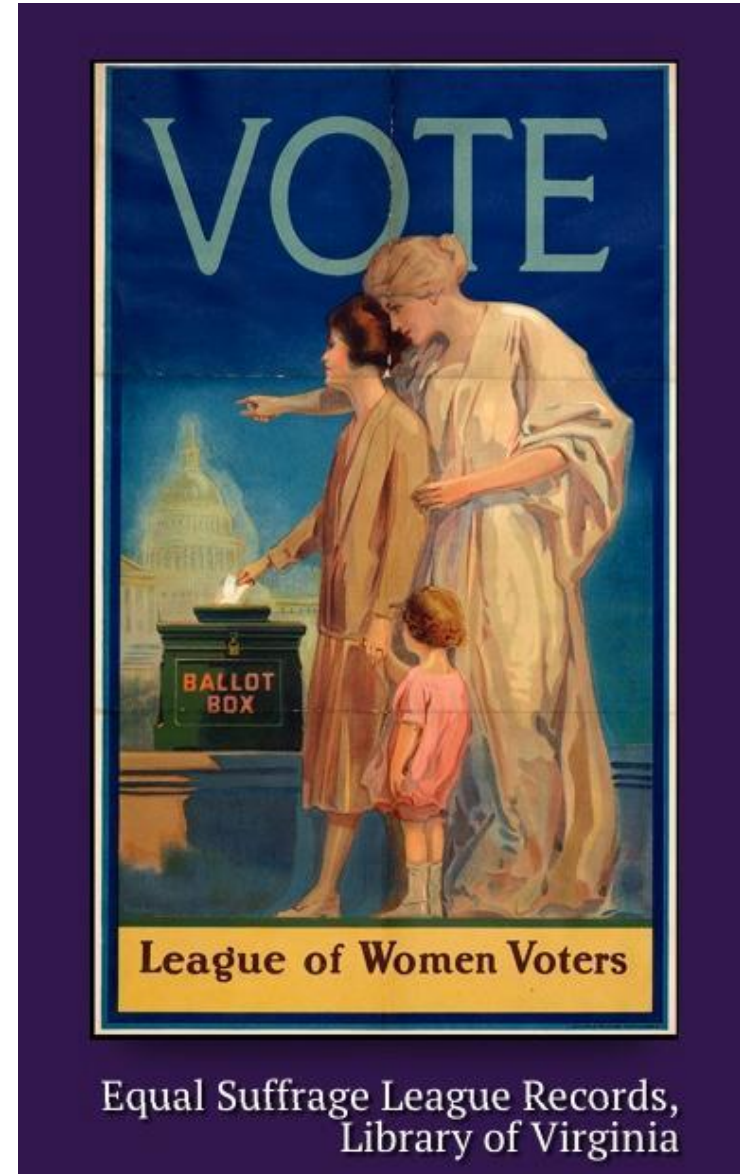


Sojourner Truth (1797-1883)

- Women of color were integral to the women suffrage movement and powerful advocates for human rights but often overlooked.
- Truth was honored last August in Central Park with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton



- November 10, 1920:
Equal Suffrage League
reorganized as **VIRGINIA
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**
It was decades before ALL
women in the state could vote
due to Jim Crow and Jane
Crow laws.
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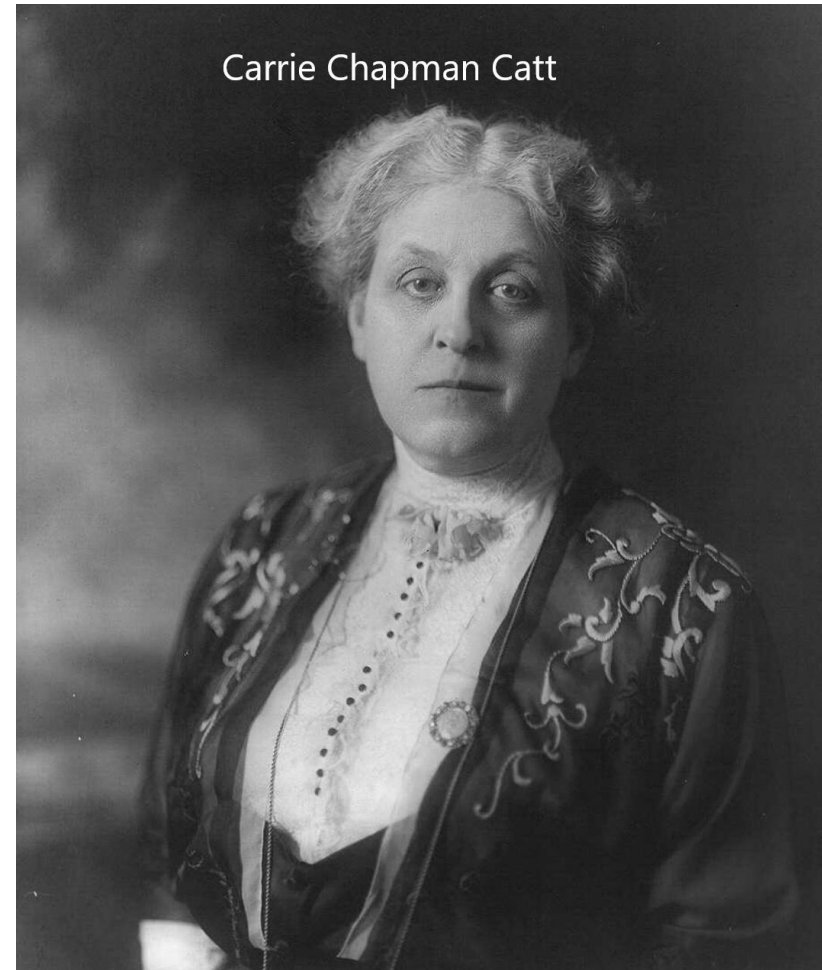


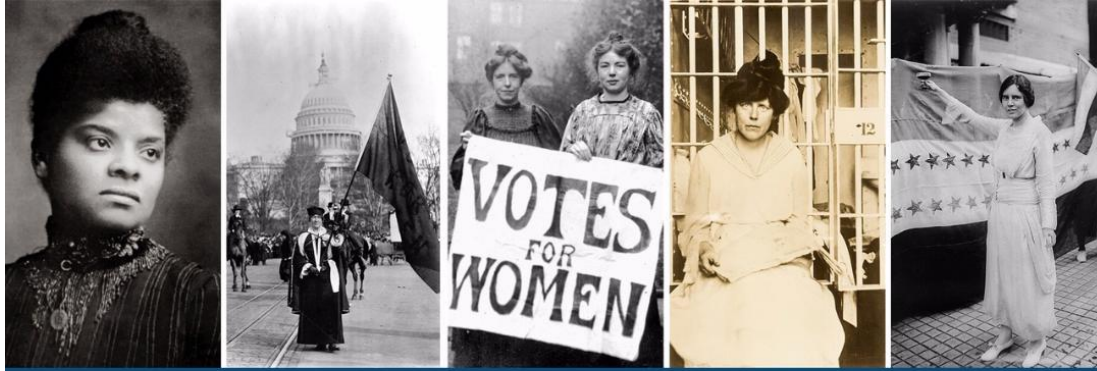
LWV Founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt

Envisioned as a "mighty political experiment" to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters

Active in 50 States; 14 local Leagues in Virginia

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I am eternally grateful to
the women before me
who fought for my rights



A mighty GIRL

They knew the importance of the vote and fought so
all women would have that right.



Ida B. Wells



Harriet Tubman



Josephine Bruce



Mary McCurdy



Angelina Weld Grimké



Frances Ellen Watkins Harper



Charlotte Forten Grimké



Gertrude Bustill Mossell

**Black
Suffragists**



Nannie Helen Burroughs



Harriet Forten Purvis



Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin



Mary Burnett Talbert



Mary Church Terrell



Fannie Barrier Williams



Sojourner Truth



Mary Ann Shadd Cary

Founders: Clara Byrd Baker (1886-1979) & Bobbye Alexander (1924-2019)





Men have been League members since 1974.



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.



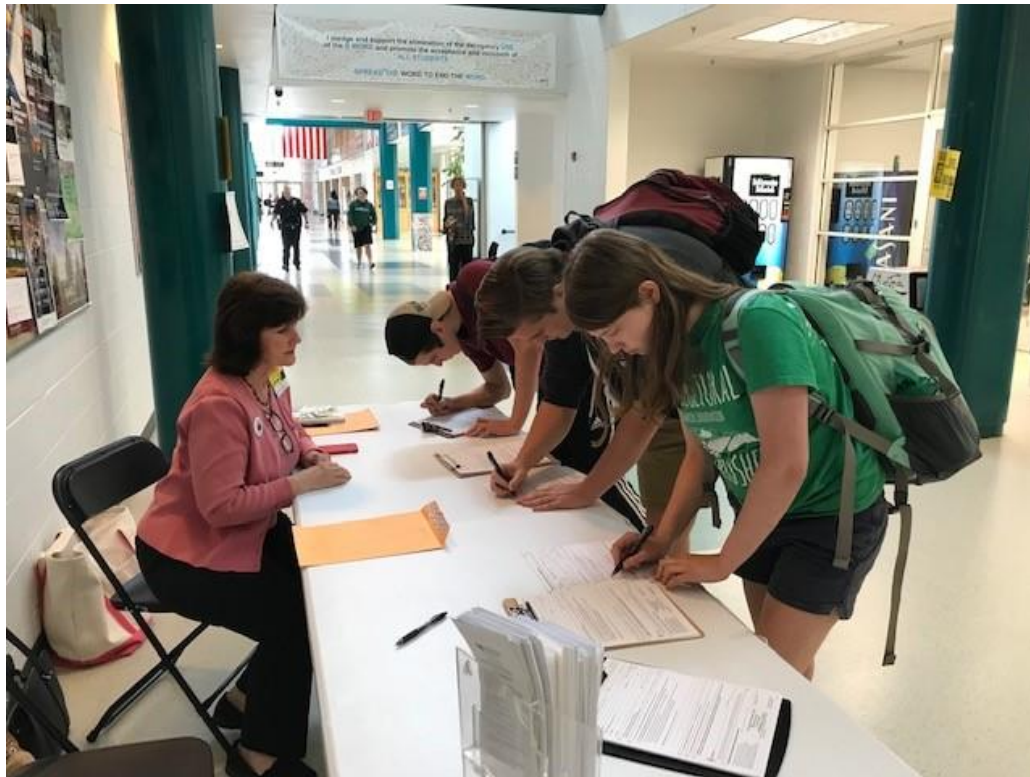
Four “Civics 101” Webinars in 2020

In partnership with Williamsburg Regional Library

- June: What is Civics & Civic Education?
- July: Voting Rights in America (including Constitution & Amendments)
- August: 100 Years of Women Suffrage (including women of color)
- September: Barriers to Voting: Fraud or Suppression; Misinformation

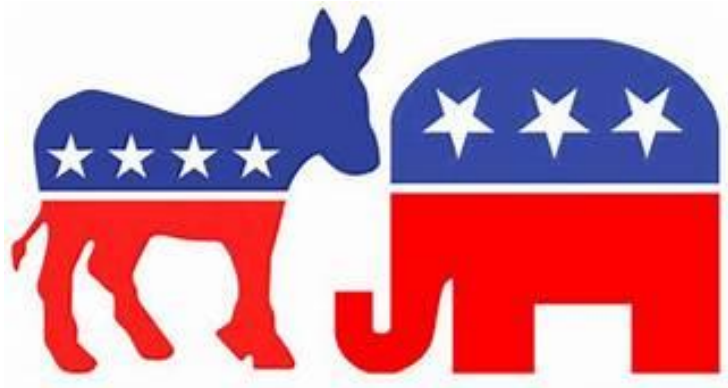


REGISTERING VOTERS 2019 & 2020 Covid-style

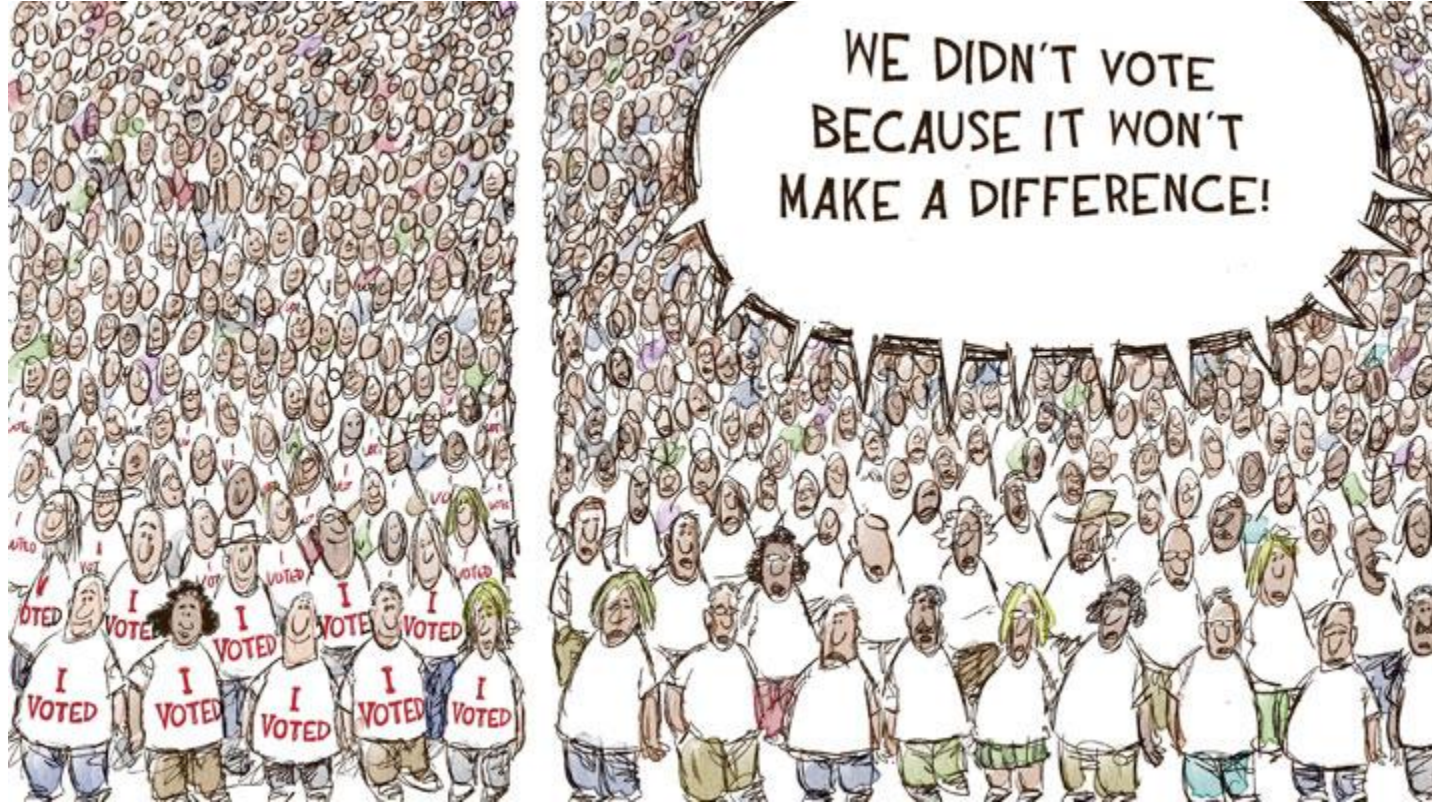


Candidate Forums & Voters Guides

Cannot conduct “empty chair” debates



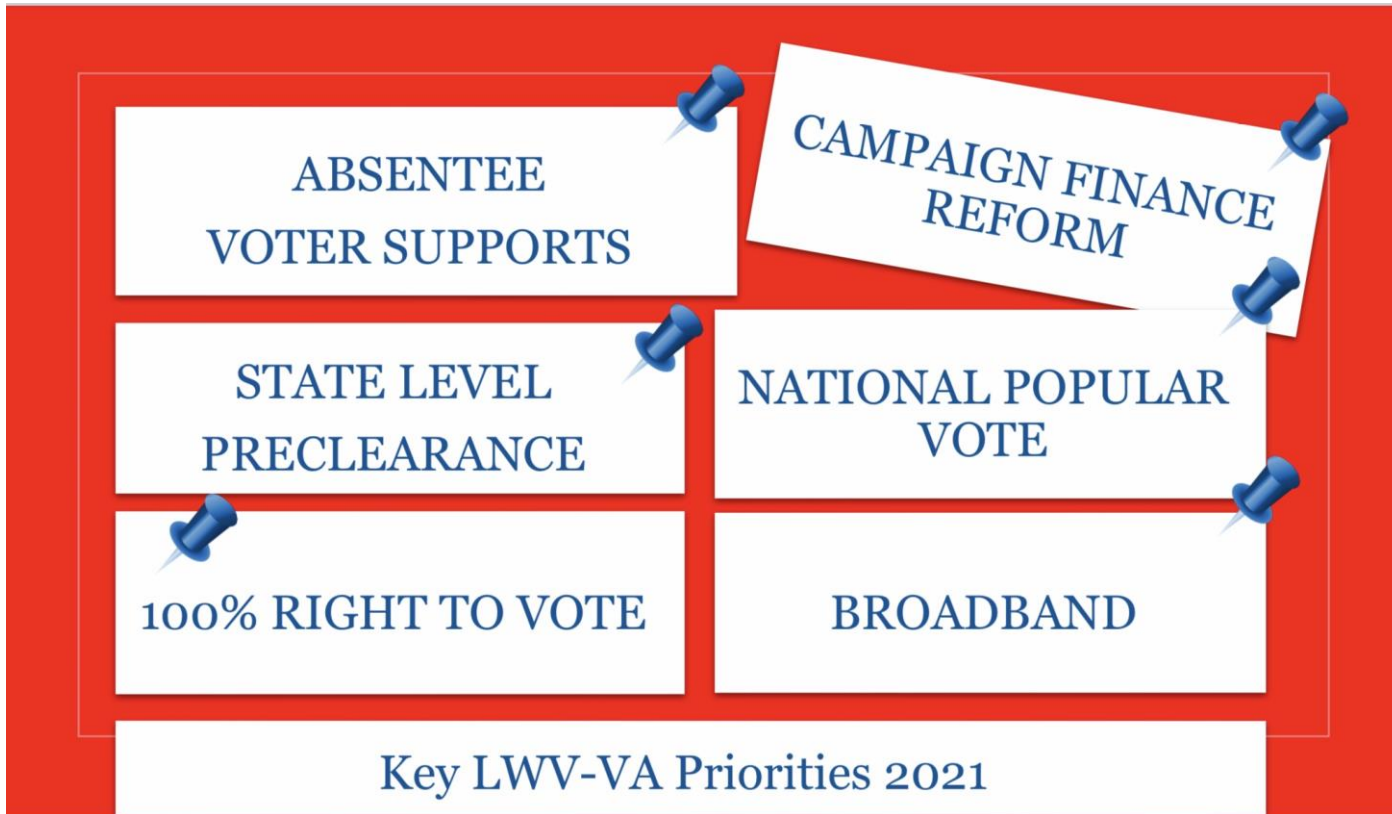
ONE Vote Does Matter!



LWV is nonpartisan and never supports or opposes candidates or parties.

But we adopt positions after study & consensus and ADVOCATE & take ACTION.





VOTE YES ON #1

**A CITIZEN-LED COMMISSION
TO END GERRYMANDERING**

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF VIRGINIA

#PEOPLEPOWEREDFAIRMAPS



Recent League Advocacy

WE STILL MARCH!

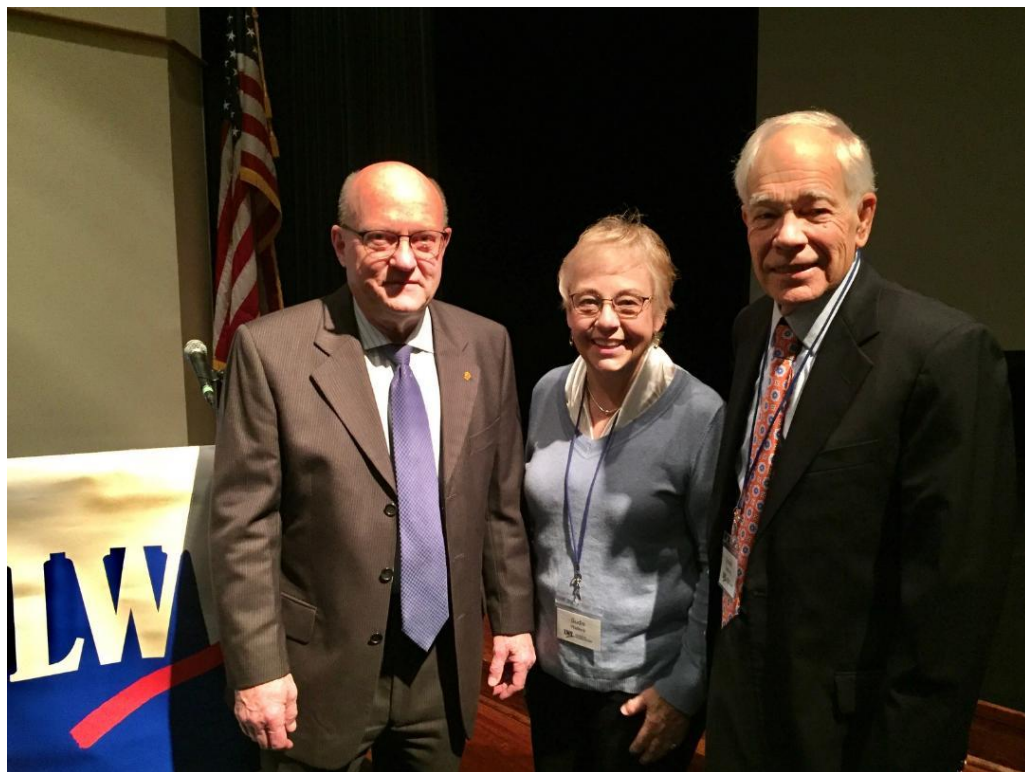
Rose Bowl Parade, Pasadena, California 2020



And we march in William & Mary Homecoming Parade



37 Years of GREAT DECISIONS Lecture Series with GUEST SPEAKERS & Annual Meeting





Our League provided funds for substitute teachers, allowing seven W/JCC teachers to attend the Civics Summit. In honor of its 400th anniversary, Jamestown Settlement was the conference host. Approximately 150 Commonwealth teachers attended. Pictured are W/Jcc attendees.

Was this your phone the last time you called any elected official?

- Call your Members of Congress
- Call your City or County elected officials
- Speak out against racial injustice & all evils
- Protest peacefully (*observing social distancing & wearing a mask*)
- Attend a Board of Supervisors, City Council or School Board meeting (*when it is safe to do so*)



Don't know how to contact them? *Or who they are?*



FACTS FOR VOTERS 2020

Compiled by the League of Women Voters
of the Williamsburg Area
www.lwwwilliamsburg.org/

General Voting Information for Virginians

Upcoming Elections

General Election – Tuesday November 3
Last Day to register – Tuesday October 13

✓ Who can vote?

Any United States citizen, living in Virginia, not a convicted felon or is a felon with voting rights restored, has not been judged mentally incapacitated, and will be 18 years old on or before the general election may register and vote.

To find out how and where to vote with details and links to forms and locations, go to the Virginia Board of Elections

WEB:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/index.html>



- Print off the complete brochure, FACTS FOR VOTERS, on the Williamsburg Area LWV's website
- State level, JCC & York Counties, City of Williamsburg, School Board links
- Voter registration info, etc.

lwwwilliamsburg.org

Thank you for inviting me!

Any questions?

Where do I vote?

Find personalized voting, ballot and polling place information.

Street *

City *

State *

Zip *

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