

The League announce two new reports.

Lois Page and Dianne Blais, Co-Presidents of the League of Women Voters of Virginia announced the release of reports on voter activities in Virginia in the 2016 elections and the 2017 General Assembly. According to Page, "We hope this is the beginning of increased data collection so that we can make a better case for the value of our efforts. Thanks to all who responded and made this possible."

"Virginia Results of the LWVUS Voter Service Study for the 2016 General Election" All thirteen of the Leagues in Virginia participated in this effort to varying degrees. Total voters registered to vote reached 2,100 due to the 2,300 volunteer hours put in at 155 events. All the usual methods and materials were utilized in the effort to register and encourage people to vote. Four key areas were examined and the lessons learned included: 1.) Voter registration - Leaguers could consider increasing the outreach to some of the other categories listed in the survey, such as in minority communities. 2.) Leagues might consider turning their voter registration drives into a more full-service voting information opportunity. 3.) Voter Protection and Get Out the Vote. We all need to find different ways to remind people to vote. 4.) Visibility and Recruitment - Leaguers have obviously learned the value of working with other organizations.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

"Working the General Assembly - The League in Action" Representatives from each League, 112 in all, responded to the request for input on their activities in support of the Election Modernization grant. Strategy sessions were held the night before each Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT) to prepare and update participants on what to expect the following day. The 38 attendees over the five evenings were provided talking points for use with Legislators.

Seventy-two Leaguers reported on their visits to their Legislators (42 in all) after the WLRTs and 32 attended committee meetings the day before or later on Wednesdays. Around one-third of the state's Legislators were visited. Redistricting discussions were the number one topic (discussed 35 times), school discipline was second and voter suppression was third. Most visits were made by a single individual, but in other cases groups of two or more went together on visits.

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