



# League of Women Voters® of Virginia



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## From the President



Sue Lewis

Three months into the new league year, I'm amazed at what we have accomplished! We've had two very productive board meetings, and presented a successful Fall Workshop in Fredericksburg. Linda Garvelink's recap is in this Voter Express (page 2); if you were unable to attend, you'll get a good feel for what the day was all about. The new Member Directory and Resource Book was distributed there (two copies for each local league) - if your league was not in attendance, copies will be mailed to your president.

Our new Communications duo have also produced a full *Virginia Voter* (including a printed version for those without email, distributed by the local leagues) and Voter Expresses, using their considerable skills. And the media team has set up Facebook groups to allow greater communication among members (read further on this). We're going all out to improve our communications with each other!

We are into the election season big time now - local leagues have forums lined up for local races (it's what we do best), and continue to do the important registration and voter education efforts that are our hallmark. We sponsored the September 26<sup>th</sup> edition of *VA NEWS*

from VPAP, celebrating National Voter Registration Day, which had many of you in participation. We will do one more day of sponsorship, on October 26, prior to election day. And VOTE411 continues to be the place to go for candidates' responses to important issues for Virginia voters.

We are gearing up for our next statewide event, the Pre-Session Roundtable on Dec. 6. And making plans to maintain our Women's Legislative Round Tables (WLRT) during the GA session beginning in January. Due to the demolition of the current GA building, the Pocahontas Building near the Capital will be the Legislature's new home for the next four years. And we are adapting to the lack of space in that building for outside groups to meet. More later on these plans!

I would like you to keep Meghan Dorsett in your thoughts and prayers - she has been undergoing tests at the hospital near Christiansburg since Sunday and expects to be home by the time you read this. Carol Lindstrom, the other half of the Communications duo, has been taking up the slack - keep her in your thoughts and prayers also!

And keep up the good work!  
Sue Lewis



### 2017 Virginia Election Edition

- 10/7 National Popular Vote March for 2020. Washington D.C.
- 10/16 **Voter Registration Deadline for the November 7th Election.**
- 11/7 **Virginia General and Special Election--GO VOTE!!! 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**



## Mark Your Calendars & Plan Ahead

**LWV-VA  
Pre-Session  
Luncheon &  
Information Session  
December 6, 2017  
Richmond**

## Around the League

Election season is always the busiest time of the year for all of our local Leagues. A quick scan of the [Local League Facebook](#) pages would suggest that all of our Local Leagues are up to their elbows in the 2017 elections: from forums and debates to voter registration drives to voter education programs.

We wanted to take this opportunity to both thank and applaud all of our Local Leagues for their efforts. Our local Leagues and our local members help make Virginia and local elections accessible and fair. To each and every local volunteer, thank you. Your energy helps energize us all.

