

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Slate of Officers and Directors to be put into nomination for the 2019-2021 term. Prepared and approved by the 2017-2019 Nominating Committee - Kathy Matusiak, Linda Garvelink, Dianne Blais, Lynn Johnston, Anne Sterling.

### **Officers:**

- Deb Wake, President
- Joan Porte, 1<sup>st</sup>VP/Arrangements
- Mary Crutchfield 2<sup>nd</sup>VP/Legislative
- Martha Rollins, Secretary
- Linda Garvelink, Treasurer
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### **Directors:**

- Betty Cabrera (Voter Service)
- Pat Collins (Newsletter Editor/PR)
- Janet Gorn (Programs)
- Andrienne Konstas-Salvette (Membership)
- Joanne McAlpine (Development/Fund-Raising)
- Julia Tanner (Action)

### **Nominating Committee:**

- Sue Lewis (Chair)
- Les Solomon (Member)
- Anu Sahai (Member)

## 2019-2021 LWV-VA Board of Directors Nominees

### OFFICERS

#### Deb Wake



#### President

Deb Wake has been a volunteer for most of her life. When her kids were in school, she helped in the classroom and served on the PTA board. Deb also volunteered at a local foodbank where she served on the board. She worked with the homeless. She played a ridiculous amount of tennis and captained teams. When she moved with her family to Northern Virginia, she joined the League of Women Voters to learn more about my new community and her elected officials. She quickly learned that Metro needed dedicated funding and soon became involved in advocating for that through the league. She continues to represent the League at transportation meetings. Deb was a major contributor to a study about the need for dedicated funding for Metro for *The Voter*. She serves as Transportation Chair for the Fairfax Area League, as the LWVFA liaison to the National Capital Area League (ILO), and as Action Coordinator for the State of Virginia League. She also a Lobby Corps volunteer for the US League.

#### Joan Porte



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Arrangements

Joan Porte is a graduate of the George Washington University with a degree in Political Science. For the past thirty-three years she has been the owner of Blue Horizons Travel in Arlington, Virginia. Before that she worked as a lobbyist and PAC director for several Washington trade associations. Her other volunteer activities include First Book, The Arlington Food Assistance Center and the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. She is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington where she coordinates the B&B Program.

## **Mary Crutchfield**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Legislation**

Mary Crutchfield has served as President of the League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metro Area for two terms (July 2015 - July 2019) and is active on several committees: Voter Service, Election Modernization, Transportation, and Communications, where she manages the LWV-RMA Facebook page. She has been active in the ERA Campaign in Virginia since 2016. She is a committed member of Sierra Club Falls of the James Group and served two terms on their board. Because of her commitment to promoting understanding and acceptance of differences in cultures and religions, Mary raises funds for Richmond Peace Education Center and is an active member of Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond. In the last two General Assembly sessions Mary served as an assistant lobbyist, observing meetings and lobbying for fair election laws and ERA ratification. She worked on planning for, and outreach to, speakers for the PreSession and the Women's Legislative Roundtables. She is eager to continue to work with the LWV-VA to empower voters and defend democracy.

## **Martha Rollins**



## **Secretary**

Martha Rollins has served as Secretary since September 2016. She is completing a term as President of the South Hampton Roads League. She is a lawyer and a member of the Virginia Bar and local Bar Associations. She is the current President of the Chesapeake Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She is the elected Parliamentarian for an arts organization. She served as LWVUS Parliamentarian for the 2011 Council and the National Conventions from 2012-2016. She has taught Constitutional History at Old Dominion University. She has served as District Governor of Toastmasters in Virginia. Her attachment to the League comes from the trust that members have for one another—the trust, not incidentally, that gives the League its reputation for reliability.

### **Linda Garvelink**



### **Treasurer**

Linda Garvelink is a committed member of the League of Women Voters. She joined the LWV of Falls Church in 1992 and served on the Board of Directors from 2011-2017, including as program director, vice president, and as a member of LWVFC's first management team. She has served on the LWV-VA board of directors since 2015 as Membership Director, First Vice President, and was appointed as Treasurer in July 2018 to fill an uncompleted term. Linda earned BBA and MBA degrees from George Washington University.

## **DIRECTORS**

### **Betty Cabrera**



### **Voter Service**

Betty Cabrera is a resident of Arlington, Virginia where she resides with her husband, Orlando and two sons, Stefan and Orly. Prior to her move to Virginia, she worked at State Farm running an organized crime unit in South Florida. Upon arriving in Arlington, she became immersed in volunteer work through the Arlington Public Schools and as a Den Leader in Cub Scout Pack 149 and Adult Leader and Treasurer for Troop 106 for the Boy Scouts of America. Now that her boys are off to college, she is an active member of the League of Women Voters, Arlington Chapter. Her passion is registering voters and working towards fair redistricting by soliciting countless signatures for One Virginia 2021.

## **Patricia Collins**



### **Editor/Public Relations**

A graduate of Boston College and the University of Florida Graduate School, Patricia is the Communications Chair for the League of Women Voters of Falls Church. Pat was appointed to the LWV-VA Board as Newsletter Editor in February 2018. She retired as the Chief of Staff for the Clinical Support Division of the Defense Health Agency and as a Navy Captain from the Naval Reserve. She is currently recording secretary for the Brandeis National Committee of Northern Virginia, corresponding secretary for the Mid-Atlantic District of Women of Reform Judaism, incoming co-president for the Beth El Hebrew Congregation Women of Reform Judaism, and a Master Gardener intern for Alexandria and Arlington, VA. Patricia is passionate about social justice, abolition of barriers to voting, diversity and inclusion, and dynamic community education about civil rights and voting.

## **Janet Gorn**



### **Programs**

Janet Gorn recently retired from the U.S. Department of State where she served as a Diplomat in the energy field. An accomplished Life Time Achievement listee, she is featured in the 2018 Marquis *Who's who in America* and the 2018 *National Profile* magazine. Ms. Gorn has served in various civil society officer positions on local, state and national board of directors and has long been involved in actively advocating for women's rights and empowerment in good governance. She is a past president of a local League of Women Voters and is currently an active member of the LWV of the Prince William Area.

**Andrienne  
Konstas-Salvette**



**Membership**

Andrienne Konstas-Salvette has served as Membership Director of LWV-VA since July 30, 2018. She is a member of LWV- Fairfax Area, where she serves as a board member on Fairfax County Public School's Advisory Committee on Disability Services. She serves as President of Lincolnia Park Civic Association and is owner of Bloom Impact, a floral design business. However, those responsibilities are second to her children, Joaquin and Orion, who are six and two years old. Andrienne received her B.A. of International Affairs from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and her M.B.A. from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. In between pursuing her degrees, she served as an Agro-forestry Extension Agent Volunteer for Peace Corps in Cameroon from 2006-2008 where she met her husband, Reid Salvette.

**Joanne McAlpine**



**Development**

Joanne McAlpine worked as a software engineer and knowledge manager for aerospace companies, most recently with Orbital ATK (now part of Northrop Grumman). She is currently the social media coordinator for the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County and raising funds for the Turning Point Memorial. Joanne worked with the working group to administer the Greater Washington Community Foundation grant to four Northern Virginia Local Leagues; she took the lead in the development of a Quick Guide to Disability Voting Rights handout. Believing that legislative issues were an anchor to her beliefs and civic engagement a responsibility, Joanne finds the League of Women Voters a good fit for her. Joanne is married with two daughters in college,

**Julia Tanner**



**Action**

Julia Tanner is Chair of the ERA Committee of the Arlington League of Women Voters. She serves on the Legislative Committee of the County Civic Federation, is Vice President of the Ashton Heights Civic Association, and founded the Virginia Equal Rights Coalition, which works with VAratifyERA for ratification of the U.S. Equal Rights Amendment. Julia is also Vice President and General Counsel of the MTPCS group of Cellular One companies. She lives with her husband and their two daughters in Arlington County.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Sue Lewis**



**Nominating Committee Chair**

Sue Lewis has been a League member since she joined in Arkansas in the late '60's. She has served on the Arkansas and Virginia State boards, her local boards in Camden AR and the Charlottesville VA Area, and on the LWVUS Governance Committee. Her portfolios include Voter Service, Membership, Action, Bylaws, Treasurer, Leadership Development, state coordinator and coach for the LWVUS MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) program, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and President of LWV-VA 2017-2019. She is a retired Financial Advisor with 25 years of experience in that profession and has computer programming and banking work experience. She is a former chair of the Charlottesville Planning Commission, a Fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, a graduate of Leadership Charlottesville, a member of the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission, and on the Steering Committee for the Virginia Human Rights Association. She is active in her faith community at the local, district and state levels. A widow for five years, Sue has two children, four adult granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

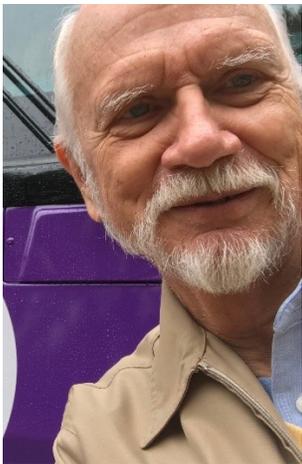
### **Anu Sahai**



### **Nominating Committee Member**

Anu Sahai is currently co-president of the LWV of the Fairfax Area. Anu joined the League member in 2016. She has a BA in Economics from Delhi University followed by a degree in Law from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University. She has worked in Legal Aid for several years in India. She came to America in 1991 and worked in Immigration law from 1992 until 1999. Since joining the League, she has been a discussion leader and a moderator at the candidate forums. She feels very strongly about voter suppression and women's rights and feels that the League is out there fighting for those rights and wants to use her time energy to be a part of this effort.

### **Les Solomon**



### **Nominating Committee Member**

Les Solomon is Vice President and Membership Co-chair of the LWV-Williamsburg Area. He has been an active participant in the weekly Roundtables in Richmond and a delegate at the last three State/National LWV conventions.

Les has served as President, Personnel Chair, Finance Chair and Chair of a Capital Building Campaign for his local Unitarian Universalist Congregation and statistician for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the United Methodist Annual Conference.

Les retired from a career at the US Bureau of Census where he served as Chief of Customer Services and earlier as the coordinator for the Census college curriculum support project.

“For me, one of the most important tasks in any organization is serving on the nominations committee. It is here where the organization’s future is defined by the quality and skills of its candidates and in the balance that it seeks to create diversity in the organization’s leadership profile.”