



Activities and Accomplishments of the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham in 2013-2014

During recent years, the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham has participated in many civic activities and projects in pursuit of the League's mission. That mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

The LWVGB needs your support and membership to continue this work! League membership is open to anyone age 18 or older, men and women. Won't you join us? Please visit our website at www.lwvgb.org or call LWVGB at 205 583-5000 to learn more about the League and the benefits of membership.

In 2013-2014, the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham...

- Supported and kept public informed about efforts to improve public transit. (Ongoing)
- Supported and kept public informed about efforts to reform Alabama's outdated, racist and inequitable 1901 constitution. (Ongoing)
- Supported conservation and efficient use of energy in Alabama and supported efforts to promote this. (Ongoing)
- Observed public bodies (city councils, county commission, and boards) in effort to keep members and the public informed about meetings where business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon. (Ongoing)
- Expanded social networking to better connect with members and the public. (Ongoing)
- Hosted public meeting on the status of Greater Birmingham public transit and future plans. Presented by Ann Dawson-August, Exec. Dir. Of Birmingham-Jefferson Public Transit Authority (1/29/13)
- Hosted public meeting on "An overview of School Systems in the Greater Birmingham Area" presented by Joe T. Adams, PhD, Research Coordinator, Public Affairs Research Council of AL (2/28/13)
- Hosted public meeting on "The 2014 Project Alabama," a non-partisan effort to encourage, identify and train more women to seek elected offices (4/9/13)
- Promoted National Women's History Month through website and social media. (March 2013)

- **Promoted Sunshine Week to encourage “nationwide discussion about the importance of access to public information” and what it means for citizens and their community (3/10-17/13)**
- **Hosted public meeting for the 2014 Alabama Project - a non-partisan effort to encourage, identify and train more women to seek elected offices (4/7/13)**
- **Encouraged citizens to register to vote, educated voters about the election process, and encouraged voting during Birmingham City and Board of Education general and runoff elections (8/27/14 and 10/8/13)**
- **Promoted National Voter Registration Day (9/24/13)**
- **Participated in the 68th Anniversary Celebration of the United Nations with the United Nations of Alabama in Birmingham (10/17/13)**
- **Held public meeting on “Alabama’s New Photo Voter ID: What is this new requirement, and how will it affect your voting experience?” Speaker: Probate Judge Alan King, Jefferson County Head Election Official, addressed implementation and effect of the law. (This kicked off intensive year-long LWV effort to educate public about the new law which went into effect with June 3 Primary Elections.) 1/27/14.**
- **Held public meeting on Agriculture in the United States presented by the LWVGB Agriculture Study Committee. Provided information about technologies used in modern American agriculture (e.g., GMOs, pesticides, herbicides), agriculture's financial resources (e.g. consolidation in ag. industries, crop subsidies, federal ag. regulatory process), and key agencies that regulate food and agriculture. (2/23/14)**
- **Promoted National Women’s History Month through website and social media. (March 2014)**
- **Cosponsored Nonpartisan Community Forum on Voting with Upsilon Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Magic City Bar Association (4/8/14)**
- **Promoted free public workshop “Voting & Advocacy — Making Your Voice Heard!” in Oxford, AL. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters of Alabama and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 1511. LWVAL Co-President Leonette Slay was speaker. (5/8/14)**
- **Continued Voter Service education efforts leading up to the June 3, 2014 Alabama Primary Elections and Runoff Elections on July 15, 2014. Special emphasis placed on informing voters about photo voter ID requirement first implemented in the Primary Elections. Assisted publicizing Vote411.org, the League of Women Voter’s “one-stop-shop” website for nonpartisan national, state and local election related information. (ongoing during 2014 primaries and general election)**

- > Conducted concentrated Voter Registration and Education effort in Jefferson and Shelby Counties leading up to General Election on 11/4/14. LWVGB registrations held at Virginia College (9/3/14), Brown Mackie College (9/16/14 and 9/17/14), Jefferson State Community College - Shelby Campus (9/17/14), Birmingham Firehouse Shelter 9/23/14, St. Andrews Episcopal Church Community Kitchen (10/14/14), and Grace Episcopal Church Community Kitchen (10/19/14) with multiple shifts at some locations. Activities also included celebration of Constitution Day on 9/17/14 and National Voter Registration Day 9/23/14. LWVGB also provided forms and information to those who needed assistance in restoring their voting rights and information about how to obtain a photo voter.

If you would like additional information about the League's involvement in any of these activities, please contact us at 205 583-5000 or write to us at admin@lwvgb.org.

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