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**LWVGB Members Help Citizens Register and Exercise Their Right to Vote**

During September and October, the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham pushed to register and educate as many voters as possible about the election process. League members stepped up to register voters in Jefferson and Shelby Counties. The League's voter registration activities were a fitting celebration of Constitution Day on September 17 and National Voter Registration Day on September 23.

In Alabama, the registration window closed on October 20 for the November 4 General Election, and League member volunteers were out in force to beat this deadline. In all, 13 LWVGB members (and additional family member volunteers) served 36 hours in 9 shifts. LWVGB offered voter registrations at three colleges: Virginia College in Homewood, Brown Mackie College in Birmingham, and Jacksonville State Community College - Shelby Co. Campus. The League also offered voter registration opportunities at three community kitchens: The Firehouse Shelter in Downtown Birmingham, St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Southside, and Grace Episcopal Church in Woodlawn. LWVGB registered or updated 75 voters and gave out 28 forms to be filled out later and mailed. LWVGB additionally provided forms and information to several who needed assistance in restoring their voting rights. The League also provided information about how to obtain a photo voter ID to those who did not have that ID.

The League had to step up its efforts to register voters earlier this year because the Alabama legislature passed legislation in the previous session that effectively reduced the time citizens had to register to vote. During the 2014 Regular Session, the legislature passed SB235 as amended. That legislation, signed by Gov. Bentley and assigned Act No. 2014-428, closed voter registration during the 14 days before an election. Previously, voter registration was closed 10 days before an election.

LWVGB wishes to thank and recognize the following League members and

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their family members for their outstanding volunteer voter service during this registration effort.

Connie Arnwine  
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Thank you for giving so many citizens a voice at the ballot box!

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