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When you join the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham, you automatically become a member of the League of Women Voters of Alabama and the League of Women Voters of the United States.



www.lwvgb.org

Decades of the League's Impact and Achievement

Since its founding, the League - born out of the women's suffrage movement that secured the 19th Amendment, ensuring women the right to vote - has:

1920s

Secured passage of the first federal maternal and infant health care program.

1930s

Helped shape the Social Security Act and fought for Child Labor laws.

1940s

Built public support for creation of the United Nations.

1950s

Sponsored the "Freedom Agenda" - a nationwide program of community education and discussion about civil liberties.

1960s

Fought against discrimination in education, employment, and housing.

1970s

Sponsored televised Presidential debates; campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment; built grassroots support for the Clean Water Act.

1980s

Played a lead role in the push for fairer tax policies; worked to increase the availability of quality child care.

1990s

Led the successful campaign for passage and implementation of the Motor Voter Law.

2000s

Offered the first "candidate debates" online through a nationwide, internet based, voter education program - www.dnet.org; passed major legislation on campaign finance reform and election administration reform; and continues to push for health care reforms.

Your Voice Your Government Your League



DO YOU WANT TO . . .

. . . get involved and make a difference?

. . . meet other intelligent people and engage in dialogue?

. . . let your voice be heard?

**Then the League of Women
Voters of Greater Birmingham
is for you.**

*Take a Moment to Make
a Lifetime of Difference*

Common MYTHS about the League of Women Voters

MYTH:
**IT'S POLITICS, POLITICS,
POLITICS ALL THE TIME.**

FACT:

Nothing could be further from the truth. The League of Women Voters works in an unbiased, nonpartisan way to increase voter registration and education. Although the League encourages its members to run for public office, the organization does not endorse any candidate or political party. Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Libertarian, Green, etcetera – whatever your party affiliation, you are welcome here.

MYTH:
**IT'S YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S
LEAGUE.**

FACT:

Regardless of your age or gender, the League of Women Voters is a great way for any person to get involved in educating the public on the issues of the day and encouraging everyone to vote. The LWV was formed after women won the right to vote in 1920 and realized the need for voter education, but men are welcome to join. Students and younger women are also encouraged to participate. Student memberships start at just \$20, which is more than half off our regular membership price.

Did you know? Norman Turrill is the first man to sit on the National Board of the League of Women Voters since its founding in 1920. He was elected to the Board at the 2008 Convention.

MYTH:
IT'S ALL TALK AND NO ACTION.

FACT:

While the League does have the reputation of thoroughly studying issues before taking action, these are some of the local issues that the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham actively supports:

- * a commission-manager form of government in Jefferson County.
- * public transit throughout the metro Birmingham area.
- * adequate funding for childhood education, including education before 1st grade.
- * municipal planning that safeguards waterways and the environment.
- * an equitable tax system for all Alabamians.
- * campaign finance reform, including restrictions on lobbying and more transparency in funding.
- * the need for a new constitution in Alabama.

The League takes action by:

- * contacting elected officials.
- * educating the public.
- * holding public meetings for debate on the issues.
- * testifying at public hearings.
- * collaborating with other groups who share our views.
- * observing boards of elected and appointed officials, as the public's eyes and ears in the community.
- * helping citizens register to vote and helping the Registrar during elections.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Mail with payment to:
LWVGB
P. O. Box 320847
Birmingham, AL 35232

Contact:
admin@lwvgb.org (205)583-5000

Full Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ home cell business Phone _____ home cell business

E-mail _____

Membership Dues: \$45.00 - Individual \$20.00 - Student

Family memberships for two or more living at the same residence are an additional \$20.00 per member.