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Women’s March, NYC
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This past year focused a great deal on women and young people.

In early November 2017 we celebrated the centennial of women winning the vote here in New York – an event that set the stage for the 1920 national victory.

On Saturday, November 4, a magnificent exhibit, Votes for Women, opened at the State Museum in Albany and we hosted a celebratory cocktail party. Speakers included Coline Jenkins, great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the exhibit – which ran until mid-May – included the Susan B. Anthony gavel owned by the League and used at our state conventions. Earlier in the day we were also among the chief organizers and participants in a conference about what’s next for the women’s movement, how to be an effective activist, and more.

The following Monday, November 6, was the actual day in 1917 that we gained the right to vote and people celebrated across the state with purple lights illuminating key public sites from the Empire State Building to Niagara Falls. The next day, Election Day, League members helped Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul put I VOTED stickers on the graves of heroic suffragists – Mary Burnett Talbert in Buffalo, Susan B. Anthony in Rochester, and Matilda Joslyn Gage in the Syracuse area. Since it was not until 1918 that NY women actually started to vote, every election this year has been special, particularly this month’s already electric mid-term.

Of course January 2018 also brought a second Women’s March and many League members participated in that as well, touting League values and the enduring importance of our votes. Shortly thereafter we were marching again, this time in the March for our Lives organized by young people energized by the outrageous school shooting in Parkland, FL. Perhaps because of the national youth uprising, the 60 students who participated in our annual 3-day Students Inside Albany program were especially lively and engaged. They were also there in the right week to witness the historic swearing in of the first female NY Attorney General, Barbara Underwood, in a rare joint session of the Legislature.

Young people were also front and center as we started a project with the statewide social studies teachers’ association to prepare lesson plans on key civics topics that would be shared with all NY secondary schools. In the new year, League staff will be “translating” the materials into programs that League members can use in their communities.

This civic education effort echoes so perfectly what many suffragists were doing in 1918 as the suffrage organization began to transition into the League of Women Voters. Recognizing that the newly enfranchised voters would need help knowing how to vote, they organized a range of educational programs. As soon as they began presenting them, they realized men needed to learn more about voting too. One hundred years later, these programs are clearly still needed, and the public continues to look to the League to empower voters.

We thank all the members and donors who made these services possible!

Sincerely,

Dare Thompson
President
Each year the League’s Education Foundation hosts our Students Inside Albany conference. The conference brings 60 high school students to Albany for four days to learn about state government, law, and the policy making process. The students typically tour the Capitol, listen to expert speakers talk about advocacy, visit the state Court of Appeals, and shadow their Assemblymember and Senator.

This year we faced many unexpected challenges when planning the conference. The financial loss when a community sponsor cancelled was covered by an anonymous donor (your donations matter!) and the schedule was changed after learning of a Jewish holiday, and therefore no Assembly session, on the day students typically shadow their Assemblymember. In the end, the conference was better than ever, due in no small part to the incredible group of students who attended this year!

Students arrived eager and ready to participate in the program. Students spent Monday participating in an Assembly mock session. The students prepped the evening before, selecting the bills they would be debating, who would be sponsoring the bills, and who would be debating the bills. Through a lottery, a Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader were chosen. The students voted in advance to focus their debate around gun control legislation. The mock session was a huge success and the students had the opportunity to voice their opinions on the floor of the Assembly chamber.

The next day, students sat in the back of the Assembly chamber to watch the proceedings and have the opportunity to meet their Assemblymember. The morning was a bit chaotic because a joint session of the Assembly and Senate was called for later that day. The joint session was scheduled to vote on the appointment of Barbara Underwood as Acting Attorney General. All members of the Assembly and Senate entered the Assembly chamber to take the vote and our students witnessed this historic event. Many of our students were seated on the floor alongside their legislators and a few even took selfies with Ms. Underwood!
**Students Inside Albany: Celebrating 18 Years**

The League's Students Inside Albany Program is officially old enough to vote! The League has hosted nearly 700 students over the program's 18 year run in its current format; there was another program prior to 2000. These students represent all parts of the state, from as far west as Buffalo and Chautauqua, to as far south as Staten Island. Year after year our program brings together a diverse group of enthusiastic students. This year we are taking a look back at one of our star students.

Samantha Torrey attended our conference in 2007. Although her family was involved in politics, it wasn’t until she attended the conference that she felt she wanted to pursue a career in government. Samantha said “When I went I was terrified, I was very shy, I didn’t know anyone. It was the first time I’d ever done anything so it definitely helped push me out of my comfort zone.”

Later that same year, Samantha attended the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Summit (HOBY). HOBY is an international program which aims to inspire and develop a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. She said her experience at the League’s conference helped prepare her for what was in store. Samantha said, “After I went I felt like I could really do this.”

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Connor Chung

2018 Students Inside Albany attendee, Connor Chung (Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar), learned about more than just state government at this year’s conference. “The big take-away for me was the importance and power of a single voice. We often see government as some far-off power with little concern for or influence on our day-to-day lives.”

Connor said his highlights from the conference were shadowing his legislators and watching Barbara Underwood be sworn in as acting Attorney General.

“It’s one thing to learn about NY politics. It’s another thing to literally stroll through the halls of power. Or get to know your members of the Legislature in person. Or watch history unfold in front of your eyes. Whether it was a mock Assembly session, wandering the Capitol, shadowing Sen. Breslin and Assemblywoman Fahy, watching the Legislature choose Barbara Underwood as NY’s first female AG, or just bowling with friends, I am so grateful to SIA for giving me the chance to see the weird and wonderful world of state politics from the very inside - and for giving me lessons of a lifetime.”

Some of the most fascinating experiences [at school] thus far have been in my work in activism. I have the honor of serving as President of Students for Peace and Survival, a student club of activists and advocates. Whether it’s the Never Again movement or Net Neutrality, we focus on issues of specific importance to young people today - and needless to say, we’ve had a lot to deal with recently! Through initiatives like our speaker series events (we’ve hosted everyone from Times Union editor Rex Smith and US Representative Paul Tonko to FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel to scholar/politician Zephyr Teachout to the LWNYS’s own Jennifer Wilson!), rallies (we were behind our school’s #NeverAgain walkout), fundraisers, and more, we work to make our voices heard as young people today.”

“SIA has absolutely given me inspiration for my activism. I look forward to using these tools to make a difference. Today, there are two narratives. One, that young people are apathetic, don’t care, and don’t show up to vote. The other is that we hold the key to creating a better future now. Recent events, I like to think, have shown that the second narrative is winning out. I look forward to working with my friends to play our parts, however small.”

“Aside from all the politics, however, one of my favorite parts of the program was the people. It was amazing to spend time with some passionate, driven, and inspiring peers from all around the state whom I never would have met otherwise. Although the conference passed all too fast, I’m still in touch with some of them.”

“I’m just entering my senior year of high school - I still have more to do in my college search process, so my exact future remains undecided. However, wherever I end up, I know that I will value the skills I learned at SIA.”
The Electronic Voter Guide – Vote411.org

With help from many local Leagues and members, VOTE411 in the fall 2017 was a huge success! Nationwide VOTE411 had over 1.6 million sessions from Jan 1st through Nov 7th, and over 500,000 of those sessions included the online voters’ guides! That represented an over 130% increase in sessions nationwide to voters’ guides on VOTE411 as compared to 2015, the last comparable election. When looking at other election cycles these numbers represent more sessions than any other off-election year and beat out 2010 (a federal election year) as well.

In NYS, Our electronic voter guide is made possible by the persistence and dedication of 35 participating local Leagues. Our local Leagues track the elections occurring in their regions, collect candidate data, and research any potential ballot questions. The Leagues ask candidates to participate by uploading their own biographical information and a photo. The candidates are also asked to answer several questions that help voters see where they stand on contentious issues. These 35 Leagues posted nearly 800 local races. Several of these Leagues also posted primary race information. Response rates from candidates varied throughout the state. The State League also posted all three statewide ballot proposals and pros and cons for each proposal. Between Oct 1st and November 7th VOTE411 in NYS had a total of 60,215 sessions initiated.

Vote411 uses voters’ addresses to create an electronic ballot containing information about all the races in their area. Local Leagues cover local and state races; the state League covers federal races and helps to cover state races in areas where no local League exists.

Vote411.org continues to be funded by LWVNYS Education Foundation. Thanks to the generous support received from EF donors, again this year the state League was able to pay for the license fee for our local Leagues to utilize Vote411.org. Local Leagues are required to pay only a $25 “commitment fee” toward the licensing of Vote411. Training on the technology was also provided to all local Leagues using the online software.

National Voter Registration Day

“National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy. It was first observed in 2012 and has been growing in popularity every year since. Held on the fourth Tuesday of September, National Voter Registration Day took place on September 26, 2017. The holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State. It is further supported by the National Association of State Election Directors.” (National Voter Registration Day website, https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/about/) Nationwide, the League engaged 406 chapters that registered 16,686 voters and generated 233 news stories. In New York State, most of the 50 local Leagues participated and registered thousands of new voters at over 70 voter registration drives.
Training League Leaders

The League held three regional training workshops in the spring (Schenectady, Cortland and Rochester). The discussions were lively and Leagues shared successful ideas and activities with each other to make us all stronger. The handouts from the workshops are posted on the state League website.

Workshop topics included the following and as usual, there was time for networking with League friends during lunch:

- Seizing the Moment: Engaging Our Youth
- League Management: Tricks and Tips
- Civics Education for Youth and Our Communities
- You’re Richer Than You Think
- Maintaining Our Gold Standard: Moderators, facilitators and other voter services
- Beyond the Marches: Engaging New Members and the Public To Act

Voter Registration Drives

During 2017-2018, of the 30 local Leagues who reported statistics on their voter registration efforts, 350 voter registration drives were held. At those drives, over 15,000 people were registered to vote and another 2,500 took a registration form to complete later. Of those numbers, 16 local Leagues held voter registration drives in high schools during the spring of 2018; they organized 61 drives, registered 1,262 students and another 837 students took the registration forms to be completed later. Our newest Member-at-Large Unit serving Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties organized drives at 29 local high schools during May and June, 2018!
Advocacy Training and Lobby Day

At the annual Advocacy Training and Lobby Day, we had representatives from all over the state including Utica Rome, Rochester, North County, Mid-Hudson, Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and New Castle. A total of 55 members attended the trainings and conducted lobby visits with more than 16 legislators. Our members were trained by experts on our various issue areas. Barbara Thomas, LWVNY Issues Specialist on Women’s Issues and Medical Aid in Dying, briefed members on reproductive choice, contraceptive coverage, salary history, and medical aid in dying. Alex Camarda, Sr. Policy Advisor at ReInvent Albany, briefed members on ethics and campaign finance issues including the Database of Deals, Clean Contracting, pay-to-play, and closure of the LLC loophole. LWVNY Legislative Director Jennifer Wilson shared information on the League’s current voting reform agenda and single payer health care. The session ended with a brief overview of the do’s and don’ts of lobbying and a quick rundown of how to track bills using the Assembly website, as well as a plug for the League’s political action tool, Voices.

League Day at the United Nations

Briefing Topic: Forced Labor and Human Trafficking

The annual day at the UN was held on Nov 16. Approximately 64 people attended to hear speakers on the topic of Forced Labor and Human Trafficking after a wonderful lunch in the Delegates’ Dining Room and tours of the UN facility. Although one speaker canceled the week of the event, there were two interesting speakers on the topic of human trafficking: Simone Monasebian, Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Rosalee Keech, LWVUS UN Observer. Information and website links on human trafficking were provided by Simone. For the 2nd hour, Saphira Rameshfar, Member of the Executive Committee, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, spoke about the Committee’s work to increase the number of women in staff positions at the UN while also increasing awareness globally of women’s issues. She discussed the annual conference on women to be held in March 2018, and invited all attendees to consider participating in this conference. We thank Zonta International District 4 again for providing co-sponsorship of the day.
PUBLICATIONS

The League publishes a number of booklets and brochures to educate the public on our election system, as well as how to influence public policy. These publications are printed and distributed statewide by our local Leagues, at fairs and meetings, and at speaking engagements. They are also always available on the state League’s website for free downloading and/or copying. The goal is to ensure all have access to the information to become better informed and active citizens in our society.

The Citizen Lobbyist

"Democracy is not a spectator sport. Acting as participants, rather than spectators, citizens do make a difference. This booklet will help put you in the game. Reach for it whenever you want to send a message to government decision-makers."

The League continues to publish and distribute its Citizen Lobbyist booklet, and even more so now than ever. This handy booklet provides key information on how to contact your legislator through mail, phone or email, how to access current legislation information, and how the legislative process operates. It includes all the tips you need to become an educated constituent and participate in and influence the legislative process. Other organizations are looking for assistance on how to influence public policy decision making and this booklet is ready for them. The League has provided training directly to other organizations, especially the newer ones that have sprouted during the last 2 years. Thousands of copies of the booklet have been printed and distributed statewide thanks to donors of the Education Foundation.

First Vote: A Guide for New Voters in New York State

First Vote is an 8-page primer for first-time voters, available in English and Spanish. This booklet includes information on who is eligible to vote, voter registration requirements, voting procedures, absentee voting, and election dates for various levels of government. While distributed to many high schools seniors by local Leagues, it has become especially popular this past year at naturalization ceremonies. Many Leagues are registering these new citizens at the ceremonies and this booklet is a great introduction to our election process. Each year we are publishing over 10,000 booklets although the supply is often depleted just as quickly as it is published.

Your Right to Vote in New York State

This series of five pamphlets, prepared in concert with the NYS Bar Association, covers voting rights and voting information for five special populations:

• College Students • Homeless Individuals • Individuals with Mental Disabilities • Individuals with Physical Disabilities • Individuals with Criminal Convictions and Those Detained in Jail or Prison

These five brochures have become more popular recently and are often requested by other organizations serving these special populations. The League is relied on for this election information to ensure that all populations know their rights and vote. The booklets, especially the one for college students, have been reprinted multiple times and distributed throughout the state by the local Leagues and other organizations.

Voter Guides Part I and Part II

In 2016-17, the state League published its annual Voter Guide Part I with key information on how to register to vote, how to obtain an absentee ballot, how to use the voting equipment, key election deadlines for the primaries and general election, and more. Almost 15,000 Voter Guides Part I were distributed statewide.

In the fall of 2017, the League published its Voter Guide Part II which included crucial information on the 3 proposals on the ballot statewide in the November general election. The pros and cons of each proposal were outlined for unbiased educational information for all voters. The public depends on the League to provide this information on the candidates and ballot proposals to ensure that all people are educated prior to entering their polling place. Over 20,000 copies of Voter Guide Part II were distributed statewide.
On Saturday, November 4th, 2017, the League, in coordination with the NYS Archives Partnership Trust Foundation, held a reception to kick off the opening of the special exhibit on women’s suffrage history at the NYS Museum. Over 200 people joined the League in celebrating the centennial of women winning the right to vote in New York State. Coline Jenkins, great-great-great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, shared family stories and anecdotes with the group. Museum staff provided tours of the new exhibit which included the gavel owned by Susan B. Anthony and later given to the state League.

Earlier that day, a conference was held at the NYS Museum on this important centennial, as well as women’s issues in today’s politics. Jennifer Wilson, LWVNYS Legislative Director, and Dare Thompson, LWVNYS President, coordinated and moderated panel discussions during the women’s conference, highlighting issues women should address moving forward, and how to advocate.

On November 6, 2017, the actual centennial of women winning the right to vote, many buildings and bridges in NYC and across the state were lit up in purple and yellow to celebrate this important date.

Empire State Building on Nov. 6, 2017

Gavel owned by Susan B. Anthony and donated to the League.
# ASSETS

## Current Assets
- Checking Account: 8,441
- Building Reserve Fund: 12,684
- Savings Account: 25,174
- Centennial Endowment Fund: 36,691
- B. Bibby Endowment Fund: 206,504
- Reserve Fund: 109,545
- Prepaid Expenses/Insurance Exp.: 3,918
- Accounts Receivable: 2,146

**Total Current Assets:** $405,104

## Fixed Assets
- Building, Equipment, Furnishings, Software: 240,539
- Land: 18,000
- Accum Depreciation – Building, Eqmt, Furnishings, Software: (115,552)

**Total Fixed Assets:** $142,987

## Other Assets
- Grants Management: 111,912

**Total Other Assets:** $111,912

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $660,003

# LIABILITIES & EQUITY

## Total Liabilities
- $25,410

## Equity
- Temp Restricted Net Asset
  - Grants Management: 110,530
- Total Temporary Restricted Net Asset: $110,530
- Permanently Restricted
  - B. Bibby Endowment Fund: 207,593
  - Centennial Endowment Fund: 37,227
- Total Permanently Restricted: 244,821
- Unrestricted Fund Balance: 361,216
- Net Income: (81,974)

**Total Equity:** $634,593

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:** $660,003

# Income and Expenses 2016-2017

## Income
- Grant Income (local League): 80,457
- Member Contributions: 43,105
- Board Donations: 7,642
- Community/Corporate Donations: 26,326
- Grant Income: 4,000
- Direct Mail Income: 37,364
- Other Income: 23,925
- Investment Income (Loss): 1,728

**Total Income:** $224,546

*Unrealized gain/loss for investments not included*

## Expenses
- Educational Programs
  - Youth Programs (SIA): 39,370
  - Advocacy Education: 44,416
  - Voter Service Education: 14,630
  - History Projects: 16,416
  - Other Education Programs: 15,750
- Total Educational Programs: $130,582
- Local League Educational Programs
  - Grants to Local Leagues: 79,075
- Total Local League Educational Programs: $79,075
- Building Expenses
  - Building, Equipment and Leases: 7,029
  - Utilities: 3,959
  - Maintenance and Upkeep: 3,698
  - Insurance: 1,397
- Total Building Expenses: 16,084
- Total Administration: 34,543
- Total Dues and Subscriptions: 7,941
- Total Development & Fundraising: 38,296

**Total Expenses:** $306,520

## Use of Cash Reserves
- $40,000

## Net Income
- $(81,974)
My very first act of political action took place in high school. The hot dogs in the high school cafeteria were inedible. Everyone complained but no one did anything. I joined two other students to protest the quality of the hot dogs. Together we researched to find a better-quality hot dog, started an in-school informational campaign, and circulated a petition among students asking for change. We submitted the petition to the principal who presented it to the Board of Education. During our campaign, hot dogs came off the menu and eventually a new product arrived. It was amazing to be able to make that change.

Today's students are active politically and have learned to speak up about a variety of things that matter to them.

As an adult I joined a political party and worked as a committee member to get my candidate elected but was completely disillusioned with the negativity involved in the process. It was so adversarial and so polarized that after the election if my candidate hadn't been elected there didn't seem to be a way to bridge the gap and work with the “other side” to address the issues that I really cared about.

When I heard that the League is a respected nonpartisan organization that educates citizens so they can make their own choices, I knew this is where I belonged. I love the focus on issues, not candidates or political parties.

In my early years I worked on several committees including Government, Voter Services, Natural Resources, Public Relations, and Special Events, and I discovered that I actually enjoyed Fundraising. I served as a Co-President 16 years ago while I was still working in the resort/hotel industry and have assumed that same responsibility again now that I’ve retired.

The decision to become an annual contributor to the LWVNYS Education Foundation was easy after serving on the state LWV Board, one term as Nominating Committee chair and 2 terms as Development Chair, and seeing first-hand the important presence the League has on Albany’s Capitol Hill and all that our state League does to support local Leagues with materials and training. Although my monthly contribution is small, I feel good knowing that I am one of many working to keep the League strong.

I think it is important to remember that there is strength in numbers - working together we can accomplish what one person alone might find overwhelming.
THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

The League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc. is pleased to acknowledge the following members and community partners whose philanthropy in the 2017-2018 fiscal year has supported our efforts. Thank you for being part of our community and making our success possible!

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Kate Jankowski

Kate Jankowski began giving monthly to the LWVNY Education Foundation three years ago. She believes it is important to donate because she is a member of the League. But that is not the only reason she became a monthly donor. Kate says, “As a person with a young family, giving monthly means that I can give more than I would be able to at one time.” In addition to the convenience of giving monthly, Kate also says, “When I first joined the League, I remember feeling a tremendous relief that I had finally found a way to channel my frustration with the state of our democracy. That is why I not only support our activities towards voter education and participation with my volunteer time but also with my monetary donations.”

Kate first started giving monthly three years ago and has even increased her monthly gift amount as her resources allow. “I noticed that the Board of the state League was offering a year-end match every year and I thought, I can give a bit more so I increased my monthly gift just $5 per month. I know that doesn’t sound like much but I know that it adds up over time and will really make an impact on the programs the state League is able to accomplish.” Kate goes on to say, “I am proud of all that the state League achieves and I am so pleased to know that I am able to provide, in a small way, consistent resources they can count on.”

In addition to being a monthly donor, Kate is currently serving as Vice President of the League in Rensselaer County. She is also the proud mom of a six-year-old boy and works at Catholic Charities of Albany. “The League is one of only two non-profits where I volunteer my time. It is so important to keep the light shining on democracy at this critical time. We cannot afford to sit back and wait. We need to act. I encourage others to join and learn from the other terrific men and women in the League and also to consider becoming a monthly donor to the EF. The League needs us all both to volunteer and to donate as we are able.”

Shirley Eberly

You might describe me as a political junkie, and I come by it honestly. Western New York was an early hotbed of action for abolition and women’s economic and voting rights, and one of the foremost voting rights advocates was Susan B. Anthony. Her modest house right here in Rochester is now a world-famous museum, and I have served on its board and been a strong supporter for many years.

The women’s suffrage organization Anthony established turned into the League of Women Voters when women finally won the vote in 1920, so it’s no surprise that as a full-time mother needing some intellectual stimulation, I joined the League. It has provided me with many friends and interesting experiences through the years. I represented the League on a county-wide fair campaign practices committee, walked in our county’s new sewer tunnels during construction, went to the county jail to register voters (following success in a legal case that our League took all the way to the US Supreme Court), served on a state committee appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to examine the state’s constitution, represented the League on a national committee (sponsored by the National Association of Counties) researching election procedures throughout the country, participated in the League-sponsored ARCO car care clinics where we all learned how to pump gas (unusual for women to do at that time), and on and on.

When our youngest daughter was in high school, I decided to go back to work and was able to convince a professor at the University of Rochester Medical School that I really could do the same kind of statistical work that I had done many years before. But I insisted on only half-time so that I would have time for other things in my life - like the League. I’m still working there part-time, primarily analyzing data from clinical trials related to Parkinson’s disease and Huntington disease.

My husband’s international connections through his position as a physics professor at the University of Rochester have meant we traveled widely here and abroad, and I even managed to be a League member during major sabbatical stays in Boulder, Stanford, and Austin.

All these experiences have shown me what an amazing organization the League is. When I first joined, I was particularly taken by the study and consensus process, and I have learned so much over the years. Later I got more involved with the internal functioning of the organization. Somehow I was always being asked to serve on the budget committee, (Well, someone has to do it!) And I have served on the boards of all three levels of the League - four actually, since I also served on the board of an inter-League organization in Colorado. Particularly significant roles have been as president of the Rochester LWV, president of the state LWV (1991-95), and secretary-treasurer of the national LWV (2000-2006).

It is frustrating to me that people sometimes overlook the importance of the state League. I’ve been very pleased to continue to support that level of the League for many years because the services it provides are essential both to the health and happiness of our local Leagues and also to keeping New York’s residents informed on the important issues affecting our state. Most importantly, we want to have a knowledgeable, strong, continuing voice in Albany. I wish everyone had the opportunities I’ve had to see the critical work this organization does for all of us who value our democracy.
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– Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters