



**2025-2026**

# **Member Handbook**



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## Mission Statement

***The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan national, state, and local organization of women and men working to encourage informed, active participation of citizens through voter services, education, and advocacy on issues of public policy.***

# Welcome!

From its beginnings in 1966, the League of Women Voters of Calvert County has championed the non-partisan advancement of transparency in government and provided opportunities for county residents to increase their understanding of the challenges that exist in our environment, schools, mental and physical health, public safety, and elections.

We have accomplished this through formal studies, town-hall style meetings, and active engagement in county government processes. Voter registration, voters' guides, and candidate forums have consistently sought to promote citizen knowledge and participation in our democracy.

**Underpinning all this work are the talents you bring to our membership. Our volunteers are exclusively responsible for our success.**

**Thank you for being a part of our local League!**

**J.C. Hooker**  
President

## Programs, Studies, and Positions

**Programs** are determined annually by the membership as governmental issues for study and potential action.

**Studies** are undertaken by members to examine a subject from all sides, resulting in a report and/or fact sheet.

**Positions** are statements about those issues that are adopted and serve as the basis for League action in the form of policy recommendations or citizen education.

All topics for study and/or action must conform to the current positions adopted by the US League of Women Voters or the League of Women Voters of Maryland. Those positions can be found on their respective websites.



# LWVCC Leadership

## Officers

J.C. Hooker.....President

Dawn Collins.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Norma Onley.....2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Janet Ashby.....Treasurer

Lila West.....Secretary

## Directors

Helenmary Ball, Sinetra Bowdry, Erika Fisher, Laretta Grier,  
Cheryl Hannon, Tracy McGuire, Pat Pease, Gladys White,  
Mary Ann Zaversnik

## Nominating Committee

Members: Debora Harris, Chris Banks, Gladys White,  
Norma Onley

# LWVCC Volunteer Opportunities

**LWVCC Officers and Directors** are elected by the membership for 2-year terms, or appointed for 1-year terms by the existing Board. The President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer make up the Executive Committee, with 6-12 additional Directors. Board meetings are held once a month on the second Wednesday, or several times per year on Wednesday evening for accessibility to members.

The Board holds decision-making responsibilities for the programs and activities of LWVCC in accordance with the By Laws and approval of the membership.

Each Director is responsible for coordinating a key committee that reflects the core mission of the League: Voter Services, Membership, Observer Teams, Communications, Fund-Raising, Partnerships with other Community Organizations, and Social Justice.

**The Voter Services Team** plans and executes a variety of voter-oriented activities including production of the Vote411.org and Voters Guides, Candidate Forums for Calvert County and the municipalities of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, voter registration training and registration drives in various county venues in coordination with the Calvert County Board of Elections and our partner organizations.

**The Membership Team** recruits and welcomes new members, updates the membership database, shares important information with the membership, and assists in the planning of general membership meetings that offer education and/or seek consensus decisions on vital topics. The team also contacts the membership for special events and to foster connection to the Board and organization through meetings and socials.

**The Observer Teams** consist of League members who attend meetings (or view virtually) of the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Commission, or Board of Education to track issues under consideration as well as the transparency with which decisions are made and how much the public is encouraged to be involved.

Observers take turns to cover meetings and share notes with the Observer team and the Board of Directors on a regular basis.

**The Communications Team** drafts letters to the editors, press releases or articles, a bi-monthly member newsletter, the Annual Meeting Reports, and social media posts as well as email blasts regarding upcoming events or action alerts.

**The Fundraising Team** plans and executes events or other methods for raising donations for League operating or educational funds.

**One Time Events** include our Annual Member Meeting in May, one or two social gatherings each year, and our traditional Legislative Evening in November to bring community concerns to elected State officials.

These programs require many hands to secure the venue, food arrangements, plan the program, create printed materials and publicity, as well as serving as timekeepers, question screeners, or ushers, depending on the type of event.



## Contact Us:

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## **Additional Resources:**

**[www.FaceBook.com/The League of Women Voters  
of Calvert County](http://www.FaceBook.com/TheLeagueofWomenVotersofCalvertCounty)**

**State League: [www.lwvmd.org](http://www.lwvmd.org)**

**National League: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)**



**"WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
SHAPE A DEMOCRACY THAT IS TRULY  
OF, BY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE!"**

