

## **Highlights 2024 - 2025**

### **League of Women Voters of Kent County Maryland**

#### **What a Great Year! Here are some of our amazing accomplishments.**

Completed our study of the question, "Should the County Commissioners be increased from 3 to 5?" The fact sheet included the pros and cons of increasing the Board of Commissioners to 5 members and presented the results of a survey conducted in Kent County which indicated 76% of the 198 residents surveyed agreed the commission should be increased to 5 members. The study was presented to the membership which voted to amend our position statement to include the statement that we believe the Board of Commissioners should be increased from 3 to 5 members and reaffirmed our long-held position that commissioners be elected by districts. The study was presented to the Board of Commissioners. In addition, it was shared with local media and presented to the Rotary Club. Three interns from Washington College helped us design the study and collect and analyze data from the survey.

Coordinated **Lovin' the League**, which has proven to be a successful initiative to reach out to members and potential members around the county. These informal get-togethers have provided the opportunity to hold good conversations, to learn about League initiatives, to promote personal interaction with Board members and non-board members, and to learn about the League's mission and goals.

Provided Voter Registration tables at the Farmers' Market, area grocery stores, community food pantries, laundromats, rehabilitation facilities and local festivals to help register voters and answer questions about voting. Twenty-two League volunteers put in over 70 hours to do this, and we assisted over 50 people to register!

Sponsored a program with Jarrod DeMarinis, State Administrator of Elections, Maryland State Board of Elections, on the challenges of the flood of information about voting and the integrity of the state elections.

Prepared Vote 411 and Voters Guides for the 2024 election cycle.

Sponsored 2 Candidate Forums, one for the special election of the Town Council in Chestertown and one for the Board of Education candidates. A Meet and Greet was held to introduce two new Rock Hall Council Members.

Awarded the Corr Scholarship of \$1500.00 to Kent County High School senior Kamryn Murray.

Assigned board members to monitor Commissioner's meetings, School Board meetings, Board of Elections meetings, and the Local Management Board meetings, and present at LWVKC board meetings monthly.

Assisted Cadet Girl Scouts in Troop 404 to earn their Democracy Badge.

Met quarterly with Presidents from Queen Anne's County and Mid shore Leagues to discuss problems we all face and coordinate our League efforts on the Eastern Shore.