



2021 CONVENTION II

“Sunshine and Summertime”

A Virtual Convention

July 17, 2021

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

League Principles

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States. The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible. The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people, that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems. The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

Mission of the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Mission of the League of Women Voters Education Fund

The mission of the League of Women Voters of Alabama Education Fund (The Fund) is to provide funding for projects designed to inform and educate citizens of Alabama on issues of government and public policy in order to facilitate their active and informed participation in government.

Vision, Beliefs, and Intentions of the LWV

The goal of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide. We are a nonpartisan political membership organization. We: act after study and member agreement to achieve solutions in the public interest on key community issues at all government levels, build citizen participation in the democratic process, engage communities in promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy. We believe in: respect for individuals; the value of diversity; the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities; the power of collective decision making for the common good. We will: act with trust, integrity and professionalism; operate in an open and effective manner to meet the needs of those we serve, both members and the public; take the initiative in seeking diversity in membership; acknowledge our heritage as we seek our path to the future.

Vision of the LWV for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The League of Women Voters of Alabama is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

LWVAL recognizes that bias and prejudice are ingrained in our society, and will work to understand and counter these through policy, education, and membership outreach. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, political perspective or affiliation, marital status, parental status or family composition, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

Read more about the League's commitment and action to make our organization more diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

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Purpose of the Convention

- To further understand the history, current status, impact, and possible legislative action concerning Open Records laws in the state of Alabama
- To recognize organizations and individuals who have contributed to the betterment of government and quality of life for Alabama citizens in 2020-2021.
- To provide opportunities for enjoying entertainment and social interaction among League members and the public.

Business of the Convention

Whereas, at the LWVAL Convention held virtually on May 22, 2021,

- A program to include issue positions and areas of emphasis, a two-year budget, and bylaws changes were adopted,
- Officers and directors were elected to the LWVAL Board of Directors for 2021-2023 and others for 2021-2022 (see page 16),
- Officers and trustees were elected to the LWVAL Education Fund Board of Trustees for 2021-2023 and others for 2021-2022 (see page 17), and
- Direction was given to the Boards of Directors and Trustees by LWVAL delegates,

No business of the League of Women Voters of Alabama is scheduled at this Convention.

LWVAL Convention II Schedule

July 17, 2021

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Time	Event
9:30-9:45 AM	Coffee & Conversation Breakout
9:45-9:50 AM	Welcome - President Kathy Jones and Planning Chair Stephanie Butler
9:50-10:10 AM	Transparency in Government Award
10:10-10:25 AM	Jane Katz Public Service Award
10:25-11:35 AM	Panel "Open Records in Alabama" Moderator Kim Bailey Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonny Brasfield Executive Director, Association of County Commissions of Alabama• Tish Gotell Faulks, Esq. Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama• Felicia Mason Executive Director, Alabama Press Association• Sen. Arthur Orr Alabama Senate, District 3
11:35-11:40 AM	Phyllis Rea Membership Awards - Small & Large Leagues
11:40-11:45 AM	Joyce Woodworth Memorial Award
11:45-11:50 PM	Dr. Jeanine Normand performing "The Suffrage Centennial Boogie"
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAK
12:00-1:05 PM	Keynote Speaker - Kyle Whitmire State Political Commentator for the Alabama Media Group (AL.com)
1:05-1:10 PM	Thank you to LWV Kittitas County, Washington
1:10-1:25 PM	Closing remarks
1:25-2:00 PM	After Party! Trivia & Entertainment
2:00 PM	Firm stop time

Speaker, Panelists, and Special Guests

Keynote Speaker

Kyle Whitmire

State Political Columnist for the Alabama Media Group (AL.com)

Kyle Whitmire is the state political columnist for the Alabama Media Group, where his work appears in the Birmingham News, Mobile Press-Register, Huntsville Times and AL.com.

After joining the Alabama Media Group in 2012, he first worked as a government and politics reporter, leading multiple investigations. He moved to his current position of columnist in 2014. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post and CNN.com.

In 2020 he was the recipient of the Scripps Howard Foundation's Walker Stone Award for opinion writing. In 2021 he received the Sigma Delta Chi award for best opinion writing from the Society of Professional Journalists and the first-ever Molly Ivins prize for political commentary from the Texas Democracy Foundation. In 2019, he received the Transparency in Government Award from the League of Women Voters of Alabama.

He lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife Elizabeth, his son Ward, and daughter Margaret.



“Open Records in Alabama” Panelists

Sonny Brasfield

Executive Director, Association of County Commissions of Alabama

Sonny Brasfield serves as Executive Director of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, which represents and provides services for Alabama's 67 county governments, its elected officials and more than 7,000 employees.

The Association speaks with ONE Voice for county government in Alabama and is a consistent advocate for the programs and people who manage and deliver services to Alabama's citizens. Sonny has been employed with the Association since 1988; has been an active and influential part of Alabama government for more than three decades; and remains one of a select few association directors to be



recognized in a listing of the 50 Most Powerful and Influential People in Alabama.

He is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Alabama and holds a Master's Degree in communication management.

Today, Sonny works with elected officials and employees at the local level, as well as with state and federal officials, to promote counties. He oversees the Association staff, its boards, committees and affiliates and is President of the Association's two very successful self-funded insurance programs.

He is also a frequent speaker on advocacy, leadership, management, motivation, public relations, productive media relations and other related topics. He is married to the former Kathy Perry, who retired as chief legal counsel for a state agency. They have two children – Perry Robert and Sydney Kay.

Tish Gotell Faulks, Esq.

Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama

Tish Gotell Faulks is a 1999 graduate of the "People's Electric Law School," Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey. As an associate with Lowenstein Sandler in Roseland, New Jersey, Faulks quickly discovered her love for the law as a tool to fight for and protect people. At Lowenstein, Faulks joined a team of attorneys who sought to vindicate the civil rights of abused and neglected children in *Charlie and Nadine H. v. Whitman*, a case that exposed the rampant failures of New Jersey's child protective services agency. From there, Faulks served as an elbow law clerk to the Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., then USDJ, before his elevation to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Faulks states that her tutelage under Judge Greenaway remains the most educational period of her career.



Faulks FIGHTS for the people at every turn. She has fought for protections for people pursuant to the Rehabilitation and Americans with Disabilities Acts, equal rights and access to public accommodations for people from the LGBTQIA community, due process for people navigating the criminal justice system -- including human rights for those sentenced to death, medical privacy for all people -- irrespective of sex or gender, and human rights -- irrespective of race, age, sex, gender presentation, religion, medical condition, alienage, national origin, or immigration status. When she is not fighting for the people, Faulks seeks to educate those who will join this fight as attorneys, policymakers, and community leaders. To that end, she has served as a law professor in Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia, teaching constitutional law, criminal appellate procedure, and special problems in constitutional law such as innocence litigation and death penalty jurisprudence.

In her downtime, Faulks loves to join her partner, a professional cook, in the kitchen. She claims to bake the best chocolate chip cookie on the planet.

Felicia Mason

Executive Director, Alabama Press Association

Felicia Mason was named executive director of the Alabama Press Association in June of 2000. She is the 11th executive director and the first woman to hold the position in its 150-year history. The Alabama Press Association is the state trade association of 23 daily and 98 weekly or non-daily newspapers in Alabama.

Mason first came to the APA in 1987 as a sales/marketing representative. She was promoted to advertising manager in 1991 and to associate executive director in 1998.

A native of Pine Hill, Alabama, she received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Alabama in 1987 and an MBA degree from Samford University.

While in school in Tuscaloosa, Mason worked first as a sales representative and later as retail sales manager for The Crimson White, the University of Alabama student newspaper. She was awarded the James E. Jacobson Management Award by the Media Planning Board in her senior year. In 2003, she was awarded the Sarah Healy award by the University of Alabama Media Planning Board for outstanding dedication and service to the field of publications.

Mason serves on the University of Alabama College of Communication Board of Visitors and the Auburn University Journalism Advisory Council. She is a member of Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham.



Arthur Orr

Alabama Senate District 3

Since his election to the Alabama Senate in 2006, Sen. Arthur Orr has sponsored and passed legislation to address the high school student drop-out rate, put the State's checkbook online, improve campaign finance reporting, remove racist language from the state constitution, and support volunteer firefighters and free medical clinics.

He was instrumental in the formation and development of the Robotics Technology Park, The Alabama Center for the Arts and the Alabama School for Cyber Technology and Engineering.



Sen. Orr had a distinguished academic record at both Wake Forest University and University of Alabama School of Law.

After graduation, while his classmates pursued legal careers, Arthur joined the Peace Corps. He was assigned to a remote Himalayan village in Nepal, where he lived primitively with no indoor plumbing and dirt floors, teaching in the village school and conducting teacher training.

After completing his Peace Corps commitment, he returned to Decatur and practiced law. As a consequence of his community service, Arthur was selected "Citizen of the Year" by the Decatur Rotary Club, and was honored as a "Community Hero" to carry the 1996 Olympic Torch in Morgan County.

Although Arthur was a partner in a law firm and active in his community, he felt led to return overseas to do what he could to help the poor in the developing world. He was hired by Habitat for Humanity International and was assigned to establish a new Habitat program in Bangladesh. That program has constructed more than 1000 houses.

A long-time adult Sunday school teacher and men's Bible study member, Arthur and his wife Amy and their two children are members of First Bible Church in Decatur.

Music Contributors

Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand

Bandleader, arranger, concert pianist, composer, and instrumentalist at "Dr. Jazz" Normand New Orleans Style Dance Orchestra

Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand was born a musician, composer, and artist in New Orleans, whose spice and the Mississippi River run through [her] veins; she lived in Europe ("another kind of heaven") twice. She is a concert pianist and has performed in international jazz festivals, jammed with some of the world's greatest musicians*. She is currently working on a CD.

Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand debuted at the age of 12 in her father's legendary Jack Normand Orchestra at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL. With a classical concert pianist background, she plays many genres and became a bandleader, performing at the best venues across Europe and the USA.

Dr. Jazz, also a composer and an aficionada of Brazilian music, infuses her arrangements with sentimental romance and spicy New Orleans rhythms.



She writes, "I WISH I lived in Paris, or Nice (on the Côte d'azur, the Riviera) France, ... or Rio de Janeiro, or even in Minneapolis, MN, or maybe Iceland, Corsica, or Greece - esp Crete - or New Zealand. I love to travel, wish I could do more of it, but work keeps me stuck here [in the USA]."

Dr. Jazz lives in Fairhope, Alabama and is a long-time member of the League of Women Voters. She has served on the Board of Directors of LWV of Alabama and currently serves as First Vice President of the LWV of Baldwin County and on the Nominating Committee of the LWV of Alabama.

* Jonathan Harding, reporting for the University of Mobile on Feb. 5, 2019, wrote, "[Jeanine 'Dr. Jazz' Normand] has performed with Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald at the Nice Jazz Festival. Her specialties include the Great American Songbook, Twinkling Glamour Piano, Le Hot Jazz & Cool Brazilian, and also Gershwin, Jobim and modern French composers."

Leslie Nuss

Singer and Songwriter

Drawing from styles spanning roots rock and power pop, and citing Sheryl Crow as a primary influence, singer and songwriter Leslie Nuss emerged with an eclectic, often confrontational brand of alternative rock in the late '90s. She presented her first album, *Heliotrope*, in 1998 before launching her own label, Little Leaf Records. Her 2004 eponymous full-length was among like-minded releases to appear over the next decade. Following some time off from recording to, among other life events, start a family, her dreamier fifth album, *Sh*t Happens*, arrived on the label in 2020.

[Leslie Nuss on Spotify](#)
[Visit Leslie's website.](#)



LWVAL 2021 Awards

Transparency in Government Award

About this award

In 2015 the League of Women Voters of Alabama (LWVAL) created the Transparency in Government Award to recognize efforts to bring greater transparency to governmental decision-making in Alabama at any political level. Nominations for the award may be submitted by any individual or organization in Alabama or any local league, MAL unit, or member. This biennial award will be presented at the 2019 State Convention in Tuscaloosa.

LWVAL and its members believe that transparency in government is one of the major mechanisms for making government accountable to the people. It aids in creating an open and inclusive government and in enhancing public trust in government officials and their decisions.

Those nominated may include nonprofit organizations, local or state political leaders (elected or appointed), or citizens who have championed transparency in government.

2021 Winner: Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution (GASP)



About GASP

GASP's mission is to advance healthy air & environmental justice in the greater-Birmingham area through education, advocacy, and collaboration. GASP envisions a healthy, just, and sustainable Alabama for everyone who lives, works, learns, and worships here. GASP strives to reduce air pollution, to educate the public on the health risks associated with poor air quality and to encourage community leaders to serve as role models for clean air and clean energy development.

GASP carries out its mission through programming, public education, and the legal system when necessary. GASP's work is categorized into the following buckets: Air Quality, Climate Change & Energy and Environmental Justice.

Why GASP is deserving of the LWVAL 2021 Transparency in Government Award.

GASP is a nonprofit organization that began working on air quality and health issues in the Birmingham area in 2009, and their name was inspired by a group from the 1970's: Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution, who advocated for the proper implementation of the Clean Air Act. Their mission is to advance healthy air & environmental justice in the greater-Birmingham area through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

Since their beginning they have been working with community members and leaders to address the historic and ongoing toxic contamination from two coking plants: ABC Coke (owned by Drummond Company) and ERP Compliant Coke (formerly Walter Coke) in three historically red-lined* neighborhoods in North Birmingham. As part of the effort to address decades of environmental injustice and advocate for the responsible parties to clean up the communities of north Birmingham, GASP, a very small nonprofit, uncovered a government corruption and bribery scandal unlike any we have seen in recent history. The story is long, and you can find a detailed account of GASP's efforts in North Birmingham on their blog at <https://gaspgroup.org/toxic-birmingham-power-pollution-corruption/>.

Their efforts led to uncovering the revelation that the law firm Balch and Bingham conspired with their clients Drummond Company to bribe state Representative Oliver Robinson to conduct a public misinformation campaign about the efforts to get the polluted sites listed in the EPA National Priorities List. The NPL list prioritizes the communities for clean-up funds and attempts to identify the responsible parties (Drummond Company) to get them to help pay for the clean-up.

Ultimately through legal actions on behalf of GASP, the corruption unveiled not only the involvement of corporations and politicians, but also government agency leaders, such as the Regional Director of EPA, the Director of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and appointed Environmental Management Commissioners.

Since the corruption scandal, GASP has continued to fight for justice in North Birmingham and continued to fight for transparency in government, including at the City of Birmingham, the Alabama Public Service Commission and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Through constant watchdogging and legal strategies, they are working to hold government accountable to the people of Alabama.

For such a small nonprofit, GASP has made a huge difference in the public's awareness of government corruption and lack of transparency in Alabama. Many activist groups have long had suspicions of the cozy relationship between some corporations and government in Alabama. GASP proved those suspicions are not unfounded and opened the eyes of the public to the difficulty in achieving environmental protection and justice in Alabama.

*To refuse to provide mortgages, insurance, or other goods or services to areas deemed a poor economic risk, particularly when the residents are nonwhite.

Jane Katz Public Service Award

About this award

The LWVAL Board established the Jane Katz Public Service Award in 2005 to recognize an individual or organization whose work strengthens democracy.

The award is named for Jane Katz whose advocacy work as the LWVAL Legislative Chair is legend in the League and the Legislature. Appointed to the new position of Legislative Chair in 1964, Jane led the League’s advocacy efforts in the 1960’s – 1970’s for the support of constitutional reform, education, equalization of property taxes, consumer protection law, reform of election law amendment, and environmental issues. She originated and published the Capitol Newsletter that featured the League’s priority legislation. She also originated and published the voting record of legislators at the end of the sessions. She was known for reminding us to “... congratulate ourselves on our victories, console each other on our defeats and persevere.”

Jane was inducted into the Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame in 2002. Her biography on the AWHF website describes her as “a woman of vision and courage” and “an incisive critic of government” with “the ability to make complex, controversial, sensitive political issues understandable to average people.” Jane Katz’s work as an advocate for good government and her history of promoting informed citizen participation in government is an inspiration to the League to make democracy work better.

2021 Winner: Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)



About EJI

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. EJI challenges the death penalty and excessive punishment, and EJI provides re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people.

EJI works with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment. We are committed to changing the narrative about race in America. EJI produces groundbreaking reports, an award-winning calendar, and short films that explore our nation's history of racial injustice. And in 2018, EJI opened the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice as part of our national effort to create new spaces, markers, and memorials that address the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation, which shapes many issues today.

EJI provides research and recommendations to assist advocates and policymakers in the critically important work of criminal justice reform. EJI publishes reports, discussion guides, and other educational materials, and EJI staff conducts educational tours and presentations for thousands of students, teachers, faith leaders, professional associations, community groups, and international visitors every year.

Why EJI is deserving of the LWVAL 2021 Jane Katz Public Service Award

Since 1989, the Equal Justice Initiative has provided legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. This is service to a particular population and remains a large part of the work of EJI.

EJI serves the public interest by changing the narrative about race in America. Besides groundbreaking reports and short films exploring our nation's history of racial injustice, the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice were opened in 2018. These venues are part of an effort to create new spaces addressing the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation, which shape current issues. Inspired by EJI's initiative, communities across in Alabama and across the country are creating Remembrance Projects which tell the stories of lynching victims in markers and memorial exhibits.

In order to move forward toward equality and equity as a country, we must tell the untold stories. EJI is providing the public service that facilitates the telling of those stories.

Joyce Woodworth Memorial Award

About this award

The Joyce Woodworth Memorial Award is presented to an individual or a League for outstanding work in League program. Program is the set of LWVAL positions that have been established through

consensus or concurrence. LWVAL advocacy efforts are based upon program.

The LWVAL Board established the Joyce Woodworth Award in 2002 in memory of Joyce’s long-term service to the League at the state and local levels and to recognize her outstanding work in the area of Program. During 20 years of League leadership, Joyce edited the state VOTER and chaired the State Budget and State Finance and Taxation committees From 1980 – 1991, she authored a series of Facts and Issues publications for LWVAL, including the Tennessee Valley Authority in Alabama (1980); Ethics in Government: Facts and Issues (1988); Alabama’s Money: Government Finance and Taxation (1988) and Alabama’s Money: The State Budget Process (1991). Joyce served as vice president, secretary, and president (the position she held at the time of her death) of the Shoals League. Her service in the League, on the state and local level, is strong testimony of her enduring commitment to the mission and work of the League.

2021 Winner: Ms. Barbara Caddell

About Ms. Caddell

Ms. Caddell has just completed her second term as President of the League of Women Voters of Alabama. She has been a member of the League since 1976, having gotten her start in League work by compiling information for the Capitol Newsletter, the League’s state legislative newsletter at the time. The League’s broad spectrum of issues for action appealed to her; she has worked in such diverse public policy areas as the environment (and climate change), social justice, transparency in government, and money in politics. During the centennial year for woman suffrage, she has participated in efforts to highlight the activities of Alabama suffragists to ensure that Alabamians and Alabama sites are celebrated on the National



Votes for Women Trail. In keeping with her involvement with suffrage issues, she is committed to expanding voting rights. She is proud that the LWVAL is collaborating with non-partisan organizations like the Campaign Legal Center to assist citizens with felony convictions restore their right to vote. Because redistricting is key to “making democracy work”, Ms. Caddell encouraged the LWVAL to participate in the Southern Coalition for Social Justice’s CROWD Academy (Community Redistricting Organizations Working for Democracy) and to obtain the services of a CROWD Fellow to work on redistricting issues in Alabama.

Why Ms. Caddell is deserving of the LWVAL 2021 Joyce Woodworth Memorial Award

Ms. Caddell served as the President of the League of Women Voters of Alabama for the past four years (2017-2021). During that time the League in Alabama has accomplished many things. The LWVAL has experienced unprecedented growth in statewide membership and grant income, has established

collaborative partnerships and alliances with many national and state level nonpartisan voting rights and social justice organizations, led the fight for the right for all Alabamians to be able to vote safely during the 2020 pandemic without sacrificing their health, has proactively established the LWVAL Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, established a statewide network of Voter Rights Restoration experts to assist disenfranchised citizens, has overseen the expansion of Vote411 at the state and to all local leagues, established the LWVAL Advocacy Team bringing together the State and Local League organizations, contracted and funded a nationally known DEI expert to consult with all of our Local Leagues to help them grow, become more diverse, and to retain their members, and we have expanded our People Powered Fairmaps and ChargeHub capacity to support Local League communities during local and state level redistricting efforts. Through all of the opportunities and challenges of the last four years, Ms. Caddell was more than equal to the challenge. Her ability to lead the LWVAL and the LWV Education Fund with grace and compassion while balancing and respecting the often-conflicting perspectives of her board members was instructive and has set the stage for a bright future for Alabama.

Phyllis Rea Membership Award

About this award

The Phyllis Rea Membership Award is given to the local league/MAL unit with the highest percentage membership growth over the previous two years based on the official national PMP count of local league members. This year two awards will be given: one for Leagues/MAL Units with more than 50 members and the one for Leagues/MAL Units with fewer than 50 members.

The LWVAL Board established this award in 1983 to honor Phyllis Rea's constant and inspirational commitment to the League. Joining in 1957, Phyllis was one of the founding members of the Auburn (now East Alabama) League. She served as LWVAL Voter Editor, 1968-1972, and as LWVAL President, 1972-1979. Beginning in 1972, and with LWVUS permission, LWVAL sponsored litigants in a federal lawsuit to defend voter rights. As League president, Rea testified in several voter rights lawsuits across Alabama. Along with Leaguers Jane Katz and Olivia Harrison, Phyllis wrote and secured passage of seven election law bills. In 1973, she led the League effort to advocate for the reformed Judicial Article of the Alabama Constitution, work that brought high praise of its author Judge Howell Heflin. Phyllis led the League campaign for other constitutional reform efforts including home rule and a just tax system. She fostered publication of voter education materials and factual publications on such subjects as environmental management practices. Phyllis Rea was committed to good government and the informed and active participation of Alabama citizens.

2021 Winner for Small Leagues: League of Women Voters of Baldwin County



Congratulations to the League of Women Voters of Baldwin County, the winner of the LWVAL Rea Membership Award for Small Leagues. LWVBC had the largest percentage growth in membership (32.1%) during the past year of any League in the state in your category.

2021 Winner for Large Leagues: League of Women Voters of the Tennessee Valley



Congratulations to the League of Women Voters of the Tennessee Valley, the winner of the LWVAL Rea Membership Award for Large Leagues. LWVTNV had the largest percentage growth in membership (71.2%) during the past year of any League in the state, that is, not only for their category but for all local Leagues in Alabama!

Again, congratulations to both of these outstanding Leagues. You have proven that you know how to attract, engage, and retain members. All League leaders in Alabama hope to learn from your example!

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* Arnwine, Buckelew, Mosely, and Stetson will serve for one year and have the opportunity for re-election at LWVAL Council 2022 for a two-year term.

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Suffrage Centennial Boogie Lyrics

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Call: What do we want

Spoken response: What do women want

What do we want

(spoken) What do women want

We want the vote

(spoken) What do women want

We want it now

(spoken) What do women want

Give us the vote

(spoken) What do women want

We want the say-so

In how our lives go

We want to vote

(spoken) What do women want

Give us the vote

(spoken) vote, vote... vote, vote

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ONLINE



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