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95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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members and friends of the League of Women Voters of Maryland and congratulates the League on 95 years of service to democracy

In February of 1920, in Chicago, Mrs. Charles E. Ellicott (Madeleine Lemoyne Ellicott), representing the state of Maryland, participated in the organization of the National League of Women Voters. After her return, the Maryland League of Women Voters was organized and she served as president from 1920-1939.

In a message to the members of the Women's Suffrage League of Maryland, Mrs. Charles Ellicott said, "We come therefore to the end of our activities as a suffrage league. We have done what we could to promote a just cause. The defeat of that cause in this state has not prevented triumph throughout the country and we have reason to join the other states in rejoicing." She went on to say, "We take great pleasure in announcing that the League of Women Voters is organized and the officers are chosen. They will rely upon suffragists for the same faithful support which has been given the suffrage cause. Please embrace the opportunity which will soon be given to you to join the League of Women Voters."

Madeleine Ellicott 1857-1945

Headline: "Women's Voters' League Organization Is Begun." *Baltimore Sun*, June 11, 1920.

Carrie Chapman Catt 1859-1947

Founding of LWVUS

Carrie Chapman Catt founded the National League of Women Voters in 1920. The name was changed to the League of Women Voters of the United States in the 1940s. She was first, last and always a progressive, but her views on the reform of democracy were shaped by her life-long struggle to get the vote for women.

According to Robert Fowler in his book *Carrie Catt: Feminist Politician*, Mrs. Catt believed three things were necessary for a genuine democracy, "The first involved legal change: women's enfranchisement. The second involved creation of a good citizen through education. The third involved finding an institutional mechanism through which ideal citizens, women especially, could transform American political life." The League of Women Voters is that institutional mechanism.

In celebration of Catt's birthday, here are 10 inspiring facts about her life and legacy.

1) Originally interested in practicing medicine, Catt received a Bachelor of Science degree in general science in 1880. She was the only woman in her class.

2) Before working in the suffrage movement, Catt served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Iowa.

3) Catt began her career as a political activist at the age of 27 when she joined the Iowa Woman Suffrage Association.

4) When her husband died in 1885, Catt made a living by becoming San Francisco's first female newspaper reporter.

5) By 1900, Catt succeeded the 80-year-old activist Susan B. Anthony as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), the organizational predecessor to the League.

6) Catt's relentless campaigning is credited with helping win President Woodrow Wilson's respect and support – which ultimately lead to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

7) Catt was close friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, a fellow League leader and women's rights pioneer.

8) Catt advocated for the rights of women across the globe, not just in the U.S. As the president of NAWSA, she founded the International Woman Suffrage Alliance (IWSA).

9) In her later years, Catt advocated on behalf of working women and tirelessly lobbied for world peace efforts. She supported efforts for both the League of Nations and the United Nations, the latter of which the League of Women Voters helped establish.

10) For decades throughout the women's suffrage movement, Catt traveled across the country to make speeches and lead parades. Even when she was in her late 70s, she remained an effective and impassioned speaker.

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HISTORICAL EVENTS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND

1920 *- Founding of the League of Women Voters in Maryland with local groups organized in 11 areas in the state*

1922 *- National League of Women Voters and Pan American Conference for Women held in Baltimore*

1923 *- First issue of "Maryland Woman Voter"* publication

1939 *- Support for women's service on juries*

1940's *- Work for use of public funds for public libraries and Repeal of the Declaration of Intent law*

1950's *- Support of Maryland's Constitutional Convention*

1964 *-Work for passage of Civil Rights and Economic Opportunity Acts*

1965 *- Over 3300 members join local Leagues*

1966 *- Incorporation of the League of Women Voters of Maryland*

1972 *- Successful ERA campaign in state*

1973 *- Publication of Lobbying the General Assembly and first sponsorship of Lobbying Course*

1977 *- Lobbying for campaign reform and sunshine laws*

1978 *- Incorporation of the Maryland Voters Education Fund*

1980 *- U.S. Presidential Debate held in Baltimore. Local Leagues organized in 20 of 24 jurisdictions*

1983 *- Adoption of position: "Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices".*

1985 *- Advocacy for protection of Wetlands and Critical Area*

1992 *- Right to Choose referendum campaign successful*

1995 *- 75th Anniversary celebration*

1996 *- Collaborated with Maryland Public Television to tape and broadcast debates for candidates in all 8 Congressional Districts*

2000 *- Joined the PEN to fight against public money going to private schools.*

2001 *- Participated in Redistricting and Reapportionment public forums*

2002 *- Free Air-time Campaign began*

2003 *- Sponsored Symposium on Gambling in Annapolis*

2005 *- Co-sponsored (with Common Cause Maryland and Progressive Maryland) "Clean Money - Campaign Finance Reform: A Real Solution for Maryland"*

2007 *- As a member of Marylanders Against State Executions, participated in 10 Death Penalty Repeal Events*

2008 *- Sponsored the Golden Gala honoring 54 women who had been members of the League for 50 years or*

more

2010 *– League celebrates 90th Birthday with recognition on the Senate floor and a cake and party in the capitol*

2012 *– Forum: Grid Resiliency: Meeting Maryland's 21st Century Electricity Needs*

2014 *– League co-sponsors 3 day relay Gerrymander Meander to highlight the need for redistricting reform*

2015 *– 95th Anniversary Celebration*

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HISTORY OF LWVMD LOCAL LEAGUES

Anne Arundel County

One of Anne Arundel's earliest members, Mrs. Homer Winchell, recalled the "the League which was organized (in Annapolis) soon after the passage of the 'Susan B. Anthony' amendment, lost 'its franchise', because of extreme one-party politicking!" Happily the Anne Arundel League was reestablished in 1944.

Marion Sattertwaite, long known in Annapolis as "Mrs. League of Women Voters" believed the outstanding success of the Anne Arundel League was the passage of the Home Rule Charter for the county. Members worked hard with other citizens to get 10,000 signatures on a petition to put home rule on the ballot. It passed in the 1962 election.

Baltimore City

The Baltimore City League was organized by Sadie Crockin in 1920. Lectures by government officials, college professors and candidates were organized to help members gain knowledge about the League and the function of government officials at all levels.

In the 40s, the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City developed a popular speaker's bureau which gave presentations on topics such as "Civil Defense", "Rationing" and "Isolationism Again?". They also presented a study course on "Dumbarton Oaks - A Stepping Stone to Permanent Peace." It helped prepare their members for discussion about the structure and purpose of the United Nations.

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Baltimore County

In April of 1940, Mrs. Harold Williamson (Virginia) gathered members and friends to begin planning a county-wide League. On September 23, 1941, the national Board granted recognition.

Early projects included lobbying for a county-wide library system and home rule. In the 1960's they lobbied to establish a human relations commission, and a community action agency and co-founded the School Board Nominating Convention, which for the first time gave citizens input in the naming of the school board.

Calvert County

At the 1966 fall meeting of the Scientists' Book Club, several members noted the lack of information available concerning the proposed amendments to the State Constitution. Pat McCain and Grace Parr, having been League members in Virginia before moving to Maryland, decided that what they needed to do was form a League of Women Voters of Calvert County. And so they did with the help of several interested people, among them Dorothy Plummer, Eleanor Peter, Jane Coffin and Myrtle Patten.

Frederick County

Founded in 1960, the Frederick County League has been active in voter service, education, land use and water quality. Over the last 55 years, the League has participated in several initiatives for charter government and was finally successful in November of 2012 when voters overwhelmingly approved the change.

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The Beginnings of Our Calvert County League 1966

At the 1966 fall meeting of the Scientists' Cliffs Book Club, several members noted the lack of available information concerning proposed amendments to the State Constitution, on November's ballot. "This is where a League of Women Voters would come in handy," said a former member of a Virginia League. Another chimed in, "Well, why don't we organize a League of our own?"

Provisional League Created 1967

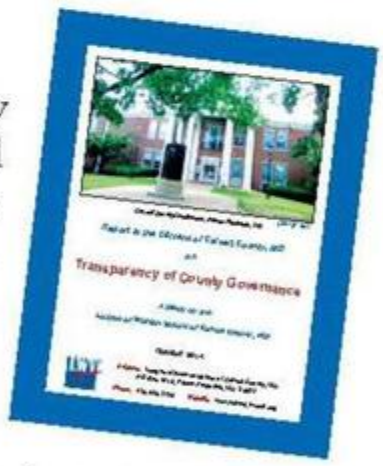
And so they did, beginning with a meeting with state board members who explained the requirements to set up a Provisional League. In April 1967 the first meeting was held and Pat McClain was elected President.

Full-Fledged League Recognized 1969

In March 1969, the League of Women Voters of Calvert County was recognized as a full-fledged League. That year, studies were undertaken, with action and education on important topics. Dorothy Plummer was elected President.

Fast-Forward to 2014-2015

In October 2014 our League published a 77-page study report on *"Transparency of County Governance."* Three lead authors from our League each researched and reported on separate case studies. Follow-up with elected officials and county staff to improve transparency continues into 2015.



Three Case Studies

1. The BOCC's determination to support the expansion of Dominion's liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant at Cove Point to allow export of liquid natural gas
2. The disposition of the Calvert Middle School building and plans to develop the surrounding property
3. The annual process to draft and adopt the county's operating budget and capital improvement plan

Harford County

Founded in 1949, the League of Women Voters of Harford County was the first private group allowed to register voters there. They were also the first to hold candidate forums, and were instrumental in the charter government movement.

Howard County

The League of Women Voters of Howard County held its first annual meeting in 1946 with Jeanette Smith elected president. Dues were set at $.25 and a *Know Your County* publication was initiated. The League was a supporter of New Town Zoning which allowed the creation of the new city of Columbia. President Anita Iribe played a key role in this advocacy effort.

Kent County

League of Women Voters of Kent County held its first meeting on June 2, 1976, under the leadership of Pat Hartfield, who was responsible for organizing the group and became the first president. Provincial status was granted by the state League on July 16 of that year. The Kent County League achieved full League status on May 17, 1977. Due to national concerns surrounding the recurring oil crises, the Kent League took on an energy education study as one of its first projects, and presented the report to the Kent County Board of Commissioners on January 3, 1979.

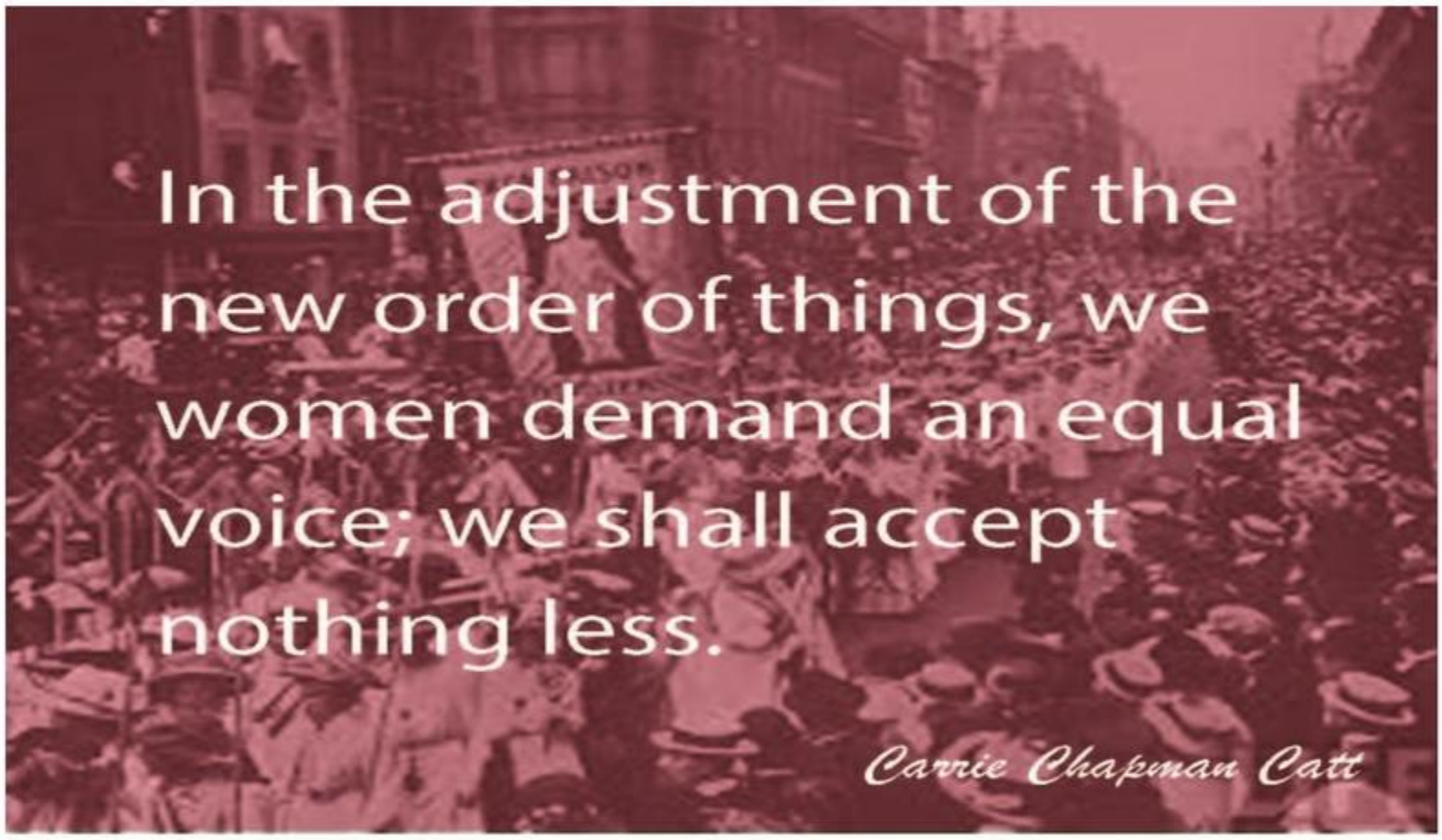
Mid-Shore

Formerly the Talbot County League which was founded in 1971 by Virginia Henry, the League of Women Voters of

the Mid-Shore came into being in 2007 and included members from Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot Counties. The first president was Cindi Slacum.

Montgomery County

This League was founded in 1920 by Lavinia Engle and her mother Lavinia Hauke Engle, who served as one of its early presidents. One of their first notable actions was the campaign that began in the 1940s to obtain a Home Rule Charter for Montgomery County. Although the State Constitution provided a mechanism for local voters to obtain Home Rule, the process was long and cumbersome and all of the counties in Maryland were still governed by a Board of Commissioners.



Happy 95th Birthday

League of Women Voters

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Here's to the next 95 years!

- LWV Howard County, Maryland

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Prince George's County

The League of Women Voters of Prince George's County was founded in 1921. Adele H. Stamp, Dean of Women at UMD College Park, was an active member in that League since 1922. The building that houses the Student Union was named after her. Due to lack of members able to take on leadership roles, LWVPGC decide to disband as a local League in 2007, but their members remained engaged in League activities thanks to the efforts of Carole Conors from the LWVMD Board. In 2010, they formed an official Member-at-Large Unit. In 2013 they applied for recognition as a local League, and in February of 2014 LWVUS again granted them full local League status.

Queen Anne's County

This is a young and energetic League organized in early 2003. They were brought together by the realization during the 2002 elections that their county was in need of voter services, particularly candidate and issue forums and voters' guides. They were encouraged and nurtured by their sister LWV in Kent County, with whom they now share a number of activities. They also collaborate with LWV Mid-Shore to produce print Voters' Guides. The LWVQAC has grown to over 60 members, a fifth of whom are men.

St. Mary's County

Leslie Vandivere, a Department of Defense contractor then living in Lexington Park, Maryland, launched the county's League with a notice in the local newspaper, the Enterprise, in

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1976. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, Vandivere also held an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology and a U.S. Naval War College degree. She continues to be active with the League from her home in Fairfax, Virginia.

Vandivere served as League president until 1979, learning the League processes of consensus and concurrence used to establish positions at the local, state, and national levels. She was followed in office by Betty Quinn, whose administration featured work on "The Right of Privacy of the Individual to Make Reproductive Choice," helping to establish the League's national position. Other activities included, our first Candidates' Forum, an energy use study, a public meeting, and a voters' guide. We also initiated an adult education course at St. Mary's College of Maryland titled "Parties, People, Politics – County Faces the Future"

that proved so popular that we continued it for a number of years.

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