

### President's Message

If you are reading this it means that you survived the November 3, 2020 election. The results are probably not in and we are all probably trying very hard to be patient. The pandemic is still running rampant and Wisconsin is one of the hottest of the hot spots. In these times, nonpartisan organizations like the League of Women Voters are more important than ever for a unifying message and moving forward.

We have two major events coming up in the next two months that are going to be done completely different due to COVID-19. In December we will be having a virtual holiday gathering including a short message from the president, a great speaker and an on-line auction. We are talking about awarding the Making Democracy Work Award to the entire Willems Student Marketing Team for their years of work with LWV as well as to the two young women on the team this year who have gone over and above to promote civics education and voting. Thanks to everyone, especially Sue Hopfensberger, Cindy Fallona, Renee Gralewicz and our IT team of Dave Strange and Barbara Kelly.

In January we will have our first virtual Lively Issues and will need to begin planning for that soon. We are in desperate need of volunteers for tech duties. Volunteers do not need to be tech savvy as training will be provided for everyone who is needed. Dave & Barbara are past their limits for what they can continue to do.

We will also need volunteers for the budget committee and the nomination committee.

Membership fees will come due soon and we will continue with the successful tiered member program that we began last year. This has been one of our many successes for the year. This has also been an extremely difficult year which has provided many learning opportunities.

Kathy Voigt suggested that we take time to summarize both our accomplishments and our challenges for this historic year to use as our newsletter so I am asking each board member to do some type of summary article like this. I feel grateful to be able to work with this incredible group of people on this year's Board. Thank you for everything that you do!