

**Celebrating League: Sample Stories from the LWV Storybank****Jennifer Waggoner, LWV San Francisco, CA**

The League has made me the person I am today. No other organization has given me such amazing opportunities to learn, network with fascinating leaders in their fields, and get involved in my community. I have been involved with all sorts of organizations and none give me more satisfaction than being a League member.

**Melanie Harrington, LWV of Atlanta-Fulton County, GA**

When I graduated from law school years later and began looking for organizations to join, my mother asked, "Have you thought about joining the League". She recounted for me how the League enriched her life. I remembered that my mother and her fellow Leaguers were the audacious women who supported other audacious women, and they were the women who nurtured my dreams. Today my mother and I are both members of the League of Women Voters.

**Dianne Haselton, LWV of Charleston, SC**

When I joined League, I had two young children, two years of college and was the typical southern wife, mother, churchgoer. League welcomed me with open arms. We learned so much at our meetings about an array of topics. Quite an education! We helped each other, took turns baby-sitting, and friendships developed that are still in place 43 years later. Not only are these League women intelligent and knowledgeable, they are caring and concerned friends!

**Jo Sapp, LWV Columbia-Boone County, MO**

Wherever civic interests are served, chances are you'll find at least one League of Women Voters member. This dedicated corps of citizens holds a unique place in public life. We may be small, but we are mighty—in large part because of the principled way we approach political discourse. The League of Women Voters may not have all the answers, but it is dedicated to finding the best course through the rocky shoals of democracy.



**Marcia Lamel, LWV Palm Beach County, FL**

I continue to be amazed and encouraged by the work that is done by the League and the caliber of my fellow members. The Leaguers that I meet and work with are interesting, informative, active people who care about their communities and want to make a difference. They come from different places and different walks of life. Whatever else I am involved in (and there are many things), I value my interactions with League members, the issues I get to work on, and the positive benefits to our communities which we achieve. The League has certainly enriched my life.



**Carol Reimers, LWV of New York, NY**

Through my League experiences, I learned to be a citizen activist, improved my leadership skills, managed a non-profit organization and made some lifelong friends. Not only did I grow while being a member of the League, I had lots of fun doing it! My membership in the League gave me gifts that keep on giving now and for the rest of my life.

**Thea Brodtkin, LWV of Los Angeles, CA**

Who would have thought that I would be able to use my League experience to help me get through a difficult life change and to make me feel needed again? Thank you, LWV.

**Kathy Solecki, LWV Southwest Indiana**

These women are really smart, and hanging out with them inspires me to learn more about the issues and the candidates. It's been a great way to keep up with current events, make a difference in my community, and best of all, to enjoy some wonderful friendships.

**Mary Larsen, LWV of Greater Pittsburgh, PA**

As time went by, League provided the training for me to serve as Unit Leader, Discussion Leader and then President. It was then that I felt the influence the League could have in its community. My League membership has led me into some wonderful experiences. . .I am most grateful.

