

Member Spotlight

ANN NORBURY



Where she's from

Ann Norbury, the oldest of four girls, grew up in Alton, Ill. She earned a degree in early education from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kan., and taught elementary school for five years before staying home full-time to raise her three daughters. She and her husband Thom, who celebrated their 50th anniversary last summer, have 10 grandchildren.

Volunteering has always been a part of Ann's life. Her interest in civics, politics and political conventions began at an early age as well. Like her mother before her, Ann serves as a poll worker on election days and has done so for 25 years.

Why she joined the LWV

Ann became a member in 2003 after Diane Kuhn invited her to attend a meeting. Since then, she has served the League in numerous ways. She was the editor of the VOTER newsletter from 2007 to 2014 and co-president twice—with Diane in 2014 and Susan Horst in 2015.

Currently, Ann works almost daily managing the website with Susan. Together, they put together the last three annual report booklets. Ann also creates the weekly e-blasts that reach more than 500 League members and supporters.

What the League does well

Ann thinks that our work educating the community about voting and election issues is the backbone of the organization. She shares the League's conviction that every vote matters and every vote counts.

The Saturday morning programs are excellent and have helped us become the largest League in Kansas. She also applauds our recent voter registration efforts to reach potential voters at new events and locations.

Where she would like to see LWVJoCo focus

Ann sees our main task for the future achieving the goal set forth in League's long-range plan: LWVJoCo will be the "GO TO" organization for county residents to become informed about and engaged in their government and community issues.

By Kathleen Morrow