

Election Results 2017

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford started off local election preparations by holding our annual Questions session in August at Somerset to develop the questions to be used for debates and voters guides during 2017. Debates were held for local elections in West Hartford. LWVGH produced a Voters' Guide that was posted on our website, LWVGH.org, and in West Hartford LIFE. Karen Licht collaborated with newspaper staff to publish an excellent presentation of the town council and board of education candidates.

We also collaborated with WHC-TV to hold studio debates that were shown on the local access station and through streaming during the last three weeks leading up to the election. LWVGH members served as moderators and timers to assure that the conversations and debates among the Democrat and Republican candidates went smoothly.

This election cycle was notable for LWVGH because one of our officers, Deb Polun was a candidate for the West Hartford Board of Education. Happily, Deb was elected, but we sadly had to excuse Deb from one of her jobs with the League, that of a debate moderator. We look forward to seeing her work for the benefit of voters in West Hartford from her seat on BOE. Deb is seen in the accompanying photo at the swearing in that occurred in the legislative chambers.



From L to R: Board of Education Chair, Cheryl Greenberg, LWVGH member Deb Polun, Rob Levine and Lorna Thomas-Farquharson at the official swearing in of newly elected members.

League Service – Women in Politics Forum March 23, 2018



The League of Women Voters trains interested members in skills of moderating. While this is not like a formal course that would be offered at a college, the initial instruction, advice and support of leaguers who have been moderators provides a very good start with opportunities to practice skill development. This can be a valuable service in the community because of the League's reputation as a non-partisan political organization with a well-informed membership.

The women pictured here are all elected and/or candidates for office who spoke at a well-attended forum at Duncaster billed as "Women in Politics". The panel members included Beth Bye, incumbent senator

for the 5th District CT and a LWVGH member; Suzette DeBeatham-Brown, newly elected mayor of Bloomfield; Clare Kindall, an assistant attorney general CT and a former elected official in WH and the only female candidate for attorney general in the Democrat primary; and Erin Stewart, current mayor of New Britain and a candidate for governor in CT.

LWVGH moderator and Voter Service chair Carole Mulready served as moderator of the event that was developed by Irene L. Berman, Eunice Groark, and LWVGH member Katie Reynolds. The first question posed was from the moderator. "What was a significant motivation for you to run for public office?" The responses were to the point and most interesting. The panelists really engaged the audience and several very good questions came from the audience for discussion among the candidates.