



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TANANA VALLEY Chapter Report – April 2023

Our chapter is happy to report that, despite the departure of several members who moved away and the loss of one of our founding members, our membership of 105 stayed steady with the addition of about the same number of new members. We continued our collaborations with other organizations including the NAACP, AAUW, and Get Out the Native Vote.

We provided voter registration services at a summer Planned Parenthood Alliance event, at a new citizen's celebration, and the annual Winter Expo as well as at the state fair.

One of our board members attended a disability voting rights summit, procured brochures for local distribution, and wrote a letter to the editor on the topic for National Disability Voters Week in mid-September.

We organized and sponsored two fall candidate forums, one for local elections and one for state legislator races. These were cosponsored by KUAC-FM and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. We offered an outreach ranked choice voting training through the Delta Junction Public Library

We staffed our annual booth and offered RCV practice activities at the Tanana Valley Fair and at a Ghoul Out the Vote event in collaboration with NAACP, Native Movement, and the Fairbanks Education Association, and collaborated with these organizations in a roadside get out the vote sign-waving campaign in September and October.

We offered a statewide virtual forum on the Constitutional Convention ballot measure and published a letter to the editor on the topic before the general election in November.

Between the elections and the beginning of the new year, we hosted a series of legislative chats (in-person and virtual) with most of our Interior delegation.

We organized, in collaboration of the public radio station and our newspaper, a Hot Topics Forum: Mining in Our Backyard, that drew a live audience, listeners on KUAC-FM, and requests for the recording of the session.

Our February letter to the editor celebrated the voting and civil rights achievements of the 109-year-old NAACP, the 103-year-old LWVUS, and honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich --all had landmark commemorations in mid-February.

We continue our decades-old traditions of sponsoring the radio broadcast of borough assembly meetings and a nonfiction almost-monthly book discussion group and are looking ahead to a new social media campaign and the transition to a new website with LWVAK and Kenai Peninsula chapter. This summer we hope to increase the public's awareness of what LWVTV does by having booths at outdoor events like the Fairbanks Solstice Celebration, our Farmer's Market, and the Gold Days Festival in addition to our traditional booths at the community Juneteenth celebration and the Tanana Valley State Fair. We plan to have quarterly in-person membership events after operating in the virtual world for these past pandemic years. We also created a plan to extend our reach further through social media.

Finally, we look back at September of 2022 with smiles, because we finally received our official paperwork for our 5013c status with the IRS with verification of our status for all of 2022.

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