



Welcome to our Annual Meeting,

There is no doubt that this year there have been many challenges that have come our way and we have continued to show our adaptability to change and circumstance.

Our Hot Topic Luncheons, which we began in person, were again halted by the Omicron variant, and our members were very good about continuing on Zoom. Our speakers were all extremely informative and interesting and we sincerely hope we will be back in person in September.

Our Board does continue to hold our monthly meetings on Zoom and found them efficient; although in-person is still the best.

We have truly been focusing on our mission of “Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy” through all the activities and programs which have been created and expanded through our Board Reports which we invite you to take the time to read thoroughly. There will be plenty of tabling events which will provide a number of opportunities to volunteer and meet other members. Our standard projects of the Government Directory and Morning Call Voters Guide have been successful as usual.

Our community outreach is expanding to focus on populations that need our services most and we are making great connections with the City of Allentown neighborhoods.

This coming year we will be closely watching what is happening in Harrisburg as far as legislation that may alter or limit access to voting, and we will be ready and willing to oppose those bills which are not in line with our mission. We will also consider conducting candidate forums where needed; especially for the open senate and state legislative districts as well as for the Senate District 16 which spreads into areas of Bucks



County. This election may be one of the most important elections in our recent history, now that redistricting has been completed.

We are looking forward to the challenges of this next year and hope to see the breadth of our programs reach more of our Lehigh County citizens than ever before. We are very excited about these new ventures and of course that includes our new Book Club focusing on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which you are invited to join and will be starting very soon.

We invite you to check our website and our social media often: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram which all are a source of up-to-date information about our League and what is happening at the State and National levels.

I want to thank each member for your wonderful support through this last year; we highly value and appreciate every single member.

Hopefully, we will be able to have more “in-person” activities where we can get to know each other much better and increase our membership.

And a sincere “thank you” to each and every Board member for a job well-done this past year. Your efforts are extremely appreciated by me and all of our members.

Yours in League, Mary Erdman, President