

Election Day, and the days leading up to it, were filled with celebrations of the women's suffrage centennial that were exciting and educational.

On Saturday, Nov. 4th, a conference was held in Albany at the NYS Museum on the centennial and women's issues today. Jennifer Wilson and I both coordinated and moderated panel discussions during the women's conference. Mine dealt with the issues women should address moving ahead and Jen's dealt with how to advocate. Both included impressive speakers.

That evening, the League's Education Foundation, in coordination with the NYS Archives Partnership Trust, held a reception to kick off the opening of the special exhibit on women's suffrage history at the Museum. This was a great success with over 200 people in attendance. Coline Jenkins, great, great, great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, shared family stories and anecdotes with the group. Museum staff provided tours of the new exhibit as well. The exhibit is open until Mother's Day, 2018 and we encourage all to find the time to visit it.

The following Monday, **Nov. 6**, the actual 100th anniversary of NY women winning the vote, many buildings in NYC and Syracuse and perhaps elsewhere were lit up in purple and gold and the **Lt Gov Kathy Hochul and the Women's Suffrage Commission hosted a lavish and crowded party** on the 48th floor of a building in Hudson Yards where we could see the lit-up Empire State Building easily. Many New York City LWV members were there to join in the celebration.

The next day, election day, I drove to Fayetteville where the Lt Gov, Sally Wagner (Gage House executive) and I put I VOTED stickers on **Matilda Joslyn Gage's grave** and then participated in a reception at the Gage House. **Joan Johnson, Erin-Leigh Darnley**, and many other **Syracuse LWV members** were there and Sally was grateful that we helped make the event so festive. The Lt Gov made "sticker" stops at graves in **Buffalo** (where **Terri Parks and other LWV members** helped) and Rochester earlier in the day, but there were no other receptions.

All in all, it was a fun way to celebrate in multiple places and with a host of people, the important centennial of women's suffrage.