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THE STORY OF US

Evaluating and Tracking League Programs

The Five "W's" (and one "H") of Data Tracking

- WHAT is data?
- WHY should you record data?
- HOW do you record it?
- WHERE should you store it?
- WHEN should you record it?
- WHO should have access to it?

WHAT Is Data?

DATA IS YOUR LEAGUE'S STORY

- What your League has done, broken down into something quick to read and easy to understand
 - It's a snapshot (picture), not a video
 - Looking at data is like looking over a photo album; you get bits of different times in your League's life

WHAT YOU WANT TO CAPTURE

- WHAT you did
 - Was it a GOTV tabling event? Press conference? Candidate forum?
- * WHY you did it
 - Were you targeting a specific audience? Was it to raise awareness of an issue?
- **+ HOW** it went
 - The number of attendees (in-person and virtual)
 - Any special things that may have happened
- WHERE it took place
 - The location
 - If it were in-person or virtual
- WHEN it took place
 - The date/time of the event
- WHO was there
 - Volunteers
 - Organizations you partnered with

WHY Should You Record Data?

MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOUR LEAGUE

- A cheat sheet
 - Makes it easier to fill out surveys and forms (MDW + VSS)
 - **LINK to the monthly MDW form**
- ❖ A reference for years to come
 - Quickly look up what you've done before
- Measures your impact
 - Allows you to see what events were and weren't popular
 - Can tailor events
- Allows you to celebrate!
 - Local Leagues do a LOT, and having it all recorded allows you to acknowledge the work you've done!

HOW Do You Record Your Data?

USE OUR TOOL! LET'S LOOK OVER IT

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The spreadsheet is <u>not</u> mandatory
 - It may not be what is best for your League
- Customize it!
- There are other ways to collect data!
- If you use the sheet to track events for the MDW or VSS, do not send your version to the State League!
 - Use the online form

WHERE Should You Store Your Data?

GOOGLE DRIVE

- Having a League Google account can make running your League easier!
- Set up a Google account before downloading our tool because...
 - You only need to give someone a username and password to access it, and multiple people can edit it simultaneously
 - Makes it easy to find and easy to inherit
 - No one has to download multiple versions of it onto their computer.
 - You don't have to rely on a member's account.

GETTING THE TEMPLATE

- Meet with your League's leadership team to decide who is going to transfer the sheet to your League's account
- When that has been decided, have them email Erica at erica@lwvny.org. They will give you access to the sheet.
- Follow the steps in the handout

WHEN Should You Record Your Data?

WHENEVER YOU WANT!

- Prioritize tracking events
 - These are the most useful for the MDW and VSS
- You can also track:
 - Social media posts
 - Meetings with Legislators
 - When your League gets featured in the media (newspaper, radio, TV, etc.)
- Do what is best for your League!

WHO Should Have Access To It?

THAT'S UP TO YOU (BUT NOT ALL MEMBERS)

- Some options are:
 - Only board members
 - The volunteer who organized an event
 - Only a specific board member
- Utilize the sharable link

EXAMPLE: Make Democracy Work Form And The Data Tracking Sheet

HOW Does YOUR League Track Data?

QUESTIONS?