

President's Letter- January 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

The Civic League of North Portal Estates (Civic League) is off to a great start in 2019. The Civic League has submitted its request to the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations and the Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia. By becoming members of both of these organizations, the Civic League will be a member of two city-wide organizations whose mission is to further the interests of the people of the District of Columbia and to secure and make effective their united action. To date we have 37 members with the anticipation of going beyond our 2018 membership of 52.

During the latter part of 2018, the Civic League engaged in productive and fun events. To name a few of our accomplishments: Beginning with Halloween, Judie Ponts, Special Projects Chair, provided the leadership in convening 12 North Portal families who participated in the Shepherd Park/North Portal Halloween Event. We had a number of families with tots and elementary age children. On December 4th, the Civic League sponsored a forum for the community to meet and hear the four candidates vying for the Ward 4 State Board of Education seat to fill the vacancy of the remainder of the 2017-2020 term. This forum was another opportunity to meet the candidates and to hear their vision to represent our Ward. Lastly, under the direction of Aleen Sutton, Chair of the Hospitality Committee, the Civic League had a wonderful holiday party with close to 80 persons in attendance. Again, fun was had by all!

As we move forward into 2019, the Civic League will be looking for candidates who are interested in providing their talents in leading the Civic League over the next two years beginning with September 2019. The Nomination Committee will be responsible for identifying candidates over the next two months and presenting a slate for consideration at our March 20th membership meeting. Lastly, we are encouraging everyone to provide us with their email address.

If there is an issue that affects our neighborhood and you would like for us discuss at our future meeting, please let us know! Happy New Year and thank you for the continued support.

Regards,

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