



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE PORTSMOUTH’S FIRST CITIZEN
2018 NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Portsmouth, VA – Portsmouth’s First Citizens are individuals who embody the spirit of citizenship through service to the community. Each year the public is encouraged to submit nominations for the award and a First Citizen Committee, comprised of the former First Citizens, makes a final selection. The Portsmouth Service League is now accepting nominations on behalf of the First Citizens for the 2018 First Citizen to be honored in April 2019 at the Renaissance Hotel of Portsmouth. The banquet, presented by the Portsmouth Service League, is open to the public and includes a cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner and award ceremony at 7:00 PM.

First Citizens are individuals who embody the spirit of citizenship through their service to the community for the sole purpose of and in the spirit of giving. This spirit is evidenced by an individual’s civic, charitable, and religious contributions to fellow citizens, the Portsmouth and Hampton Roads communities, the state and country without remuneration and over and above the pursuit of one’s chosen vocation.

The nomination information letter and form can be found online at the following website:

<http://www.portsmouthserviceleague.org/portsmouths-first-citizen/>

Letters of support are encouraged. Please mail completed nominations and supporting documents to the Portsmouth Service League, Attn: First Citizen Committee PO Box 6647, Portsmouth, VA 23703. All nominations and supporting documents should be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 for consideration.

All proceeds from ticket sales and corporate and private donations will benefit local charities.

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The Portsmouth Service League, founded in 1955, is a volunteer 501(c) 3 organization composed of young women dedicated to improving the welfare of the community. The League has been instrumental in the founding of several community institutions including the Children's Museum of Virginia, the Naval Shipyard Museum, and Girls, Inc. Center for Youth. In 60 years of service, the League has raised and distributed over \$1,000,000 in the Portsmouth and Hampton Roads communities.