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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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The Resegregation of Our Schools

The October Hot Topic will be a departure from our usual event. Our topic is “A Conversation About the Resegregation of the Leon County Schools.” It will be held at the Lincoln Community Center on October 24th. We will start gathering at 5:30 and the program will start at 6:00 p.m. There will not be a dinner and there is no charge. We hope to partner with the NAACP and light refreshments will be provided. One of the goals of the Tallahassee League is to increase the diversity of our members and to include more of the community in our programs.

Our panel will consist of Dr. Carol Weissert, League member and FSU professor, Dr. Rhonda Blackwell-Flanagan, principal of Hartsfield Elementary School, and Joy Bowen, member of the Leon County School Board. There will be an opportunity for questions from the audience. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in this extremely important discussion.

Date: Wednesday, October 24
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Community Center
        438 W Brevard Street
Menu: Light refreshments will be served
Cost: No charge this time!
It's crunch time to the November 6 General Election, with some important dates to remember. The deadline to register to vote in the election is October 9. Early voting begins October 22 and ends November 4. Our League is sponsoring or co-sponsoring a number of voter engagement events, so check them out here in your Voter newsletter, on the calendar on our webpage, or on our Facebook page (“like” us to get updates). I hope to see you at one or more of these events!

An essential tool for all things voting in Florida can be found at Be Ready To Vote, with links to online voter registration, address changes, how and where to vote, and a link to the League's nonpartisan candidate and amendments guide Vote411.org where you can get a personalized ballot. This year it is especially important to do our homework because of so many amendments on the ballot. And remember, the Leon County Supervisor of Elections website (LeonVotes.org) is full of useful tools, links, and information.

Thank you for the overwhelming response to the request from the Supervisor of Elections office to staff the additional FSU early voting site. You can still volunteer for Kids Voting, which allows school children to participate in voting with their parents. We have adopted a precinct on Election Day, and need someone to help with getting the materials to and from there at the start and end of the day. We would also like to adopt an early voting site on Saturday, November 3. If you want kids to develop a lifelong habit of early voting, please consider volunteering by sending an email to lwvtallahassee@gmail.com.

The coming weeks are when the League is at its best--doing all we can to inform voters. Then we have to get them to the polls! Turnout in the August primary was higher than in the 2014 midterm--37% compared with 24%. The challenge is: how much can we improve turnout from the 57% who voted in the 2014 midterm General Election? Ask your friends and neighbors if they have a plan to vote, help them if needed, tell them when you've voted (including on social media), offer a ride to someone in need--do what you can to get voters to the polls.

And a big THANK YOU for all you already do. You help make Democracy work!

Teri Cleeland, President
League of Women Voters of Tallahassee

Mark Your Calendars for Orientation!

Did you know that offering an orientation for new members is not a customary practice for many organizations?
So why do we feel the need? It's simple: we want you to feel welcome as you join one of the most lively and engaged organizations in Tallahassee. And we want to engage and help develop your leadership potential as one of LWV's Defenders of Democracy!

Whether you are a new or not so new member, please come to learn about the League, and how you can become an active, involved member. You will have the opportunity to meet some of our veteran members; and Committee Chairs will be on hand to briefly share their activities.

If you have friends who are thinking of joining the League but want to learn more before they commit, bring them along. We're happy to have them.

I am traveling until mid-November, but if you have questions about membership, please send me a text at 850-322-3317. In the meantime, members and Committee Chairs, please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, December 4 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Program Room A of the Leroy Collins Public Library. The address is 200 West Park Avenue. As it gets closer to the date, a signup sheet will be available.

**Trish Neely, Board Member**
*Membership Chair*

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**Dedication of the Anita L. Davis Preserve at Lake Henrietta Park**

In recognition of Anita L. Davis' public service and leadership, Leon County invites the community to the dedication of the [Anita L. Davis Preserve](#) at Lake Henrietta Park -- 3305 Springhill Road, **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 3.**

Anita is a long-time and dedicated member of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee.

Anita L. Davis was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 1990 and served as the first female African-American Leon County Commissioner. On the Board, Commissioner Davis helped restore Lake Henrietta, as well as led the charge to build new ballparks in Woodville, the Southside library branch, and the health clinic now located on Old Bainbridge Road, just to name a few accomplishments.

For more information, contact Mathieu Cavell, Leon County Community and Media Relations at (850) 606-5300 or [cmr@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:cmr@LeonCountyFL.gov).
Climate Change and Sustainability
The Saving Wakulla Springs Tour

When you have out-of-town guests who have never been to Tallahassee, what's the first place you think of to take them? Beautiful Wakulla Springs, of course! But did you know our beloved Springs is dying? Very few fish and birds are there now. The crystal clear water is now so dirty, the glass bottom boats no longer run.

In late September, twenty-one members and friends of the League’s Climate Change & Sustainability Action and Study Group plus two rangers went on a special "Saving Wakulla Springs Tour" led by naturalist Jim Stevenson, an expert on the Springs.

We started our journey at Cascades Park and learned the old utility building, now the chic Edison Restaurant, was where toxic PCB materials were dumped on the ground. These chemicals made their way to the bottom of beautiful Lake Munson, where people enjoy fishing and boating. The fish are now so toxic, only one can be eaten per month. We moved on to a number of sites, witnessing the toxic pollution that has made it's way to Wakulla Springs and into the aquifer--from which the City of Tallahassee gets our drinking water.

What has caused this horrific problem? Nitrates from old septic tanks, fertilizer run-off, and animal feces--just to name the biggest polluters. But there are also people who thoughtlessly throw trash in our creeks, sinkholes and lakes.

We ended this very informative tour at the tower at Wakulla Springs quite disheartened. Just as we were about to leave, two manatees swam right up to us and lingered for a few precious moments, as if to say: "Will you save the Springs for us?" We certainly can, by first learning about the problems and then pushing ourselves and those who represent us to quickly come up with solutions.
The Saving Wakulla Springs Tour is a must. To learn more go to https://www.palmettoexpeditions.com

Linda D. Lee, Chair
Climate Change & Sustainability Study & Action Group

ALERT!
Do you vote by mail or know others who do?

Be aware that more vote-by-mail ballots are rejected than are ballots cast in person during either early voting or on election day. This is particularly true for young voters and members of minorities. To learn how to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot counts, go to: https://www.aclufl.org/en/publications/vote-mail-ballots-cast-florida

Margaret Boeth and Barbara Licht

Voter Services Registers a Record 148 Students in 2-Day Event at TCC!

On the invitation of a Tallahassee Community College (TCC) professor, Voter Services volunteers went to TCC to register voters on September 11th and 12th. To cover morning and afternoons across two days, we scheduled 17 fantastic volunteers. We came with the expectation that we would register students primarily during class breaks, and that a few professors might invite us into their classes. To our surprise, volunteers were shepherded (by the inviting professor) in and out of so many classes that we literally lost track of how many classes we covered. They included professors from various fields within the general umbrella of Humanities and Social Sciences. Although it was hectic at times, it also was extremely rewarding and productive. We’re hopeful that our Parties-at-the-Polls, which are targeting college students, will lead many of these students to actually go vote!

Speaking of TCC students, their student government leaders have accepted our "Challenge" to increase voter turnout at their designated precinct! In addition, FAMU and FSU have also accepted the "Challenge" and are all working on their plans of action.

According to Columbia University political science professor, Donald P. Green, who designed two studies measuring the impact of community celebrations on voter participation, he found that such celebrations increased voter participation between two and six percentage points. The results of the study and the feedback from the participating organizations indicated that voting festivals are a promising tool for improving democratic participation.

So to further support this theory, the League of Women Voters across the country (including Florida) accepted an offer from "Civic Nation" to have parties at certain precincts. "Civic Nation" has generously contributed $1000 toward each "Party at the Poll" (a community celebration, within walking distance of the precinct, for voters and non-voters alike of the neighborhood). Our League decided to make our "Challenge" fun and assist these students in attaining their goal, by providing a "Party at the Poll" for each of the three campuses. The parties will be during early voting the two weeks before the general election on November 6, 2018.
This "Challenge" has allowed members of the LWVT opportunities to interact with hundreds of Tallahassee college and university students, and we are pleased to have many new college/university student League members.

Margaret Boeth,
Voter Services Chair

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### Young People Learn about Voting!

The LWVT has responded to invitations from the community to educate our high school students on the importance of voting. Thanks to Ginny Milne and Nancy Groover (both former teachers). They created an interactive and entertaining presentation where students recognize the value of their vote and how to register (they even received extra credit (from one teacher) for registering to vote. Our volunteers have presented, among other venues, at Walker Ford Teen Center and at Godby High School, where they have been well-received. Thank you Ginny and Nancy!

Margaret Boeth

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Moderator Troy Kinsey of Bay News 9 introducing Cabinet candidates at our last Hot Topic
The Speakers Bureau

Our Speakers Bureau, after a somewhat slow start, has taken off. We have made presentations for many groups in the community, primarily on the proposed constitutional amendments, but also on issues such as gun safety and health care. We have presented at Westminster Oaks, the City of Tallahassee Water Aerobics, Quaker Friends, the Creative Aging group at the Senior Center, and various churches. We have more scheduled for October. Fortunately, we have a wonderful team of speakers: Carol Weissert, Jessica Lowe-Minor, Barbara Proctor, Sabrina Hartley, Kathy Winn, and Susan Fleming. Thanks to you all!

Stuart Baker, Chair, Speakers Bureau

Welcome New Members

Julie Enoch  Marguerite Mathews  Dell Cates
Laurie Jones  Amanda Paige  Joanna Novey
Brittany Weinstein  Carolina Chiari  Linda Edson
Janet Love  Mie Collins  Jane Boyd Ohlin
Kaelyn Hughes  Carol Arcon  Bernie Windham
Carolin Chiar  Carol Hart  Lance Liverpool
Janet Love  Vivian Arcon  Cicely Brantley
Kaelyn Hughes  Erin Cusick  Alicia Smith

Let's Carpool!

Anyone needing a ride or seeking to drive less, reduce their carbon footprint, or just get to know their fellow League members better can sign up for carpooling to Hot Topics or other League events by sending their name, address, phone number and/or email address to metaorleans@gmail.com. We need sufficient numbers to make this work. Thanks. You would be amazed at how many members practically live next door to each other, but we need your permission to put you together.

Voter Deadline

The next Voter will be the November Voter. The deadline for submission of material is October 27. Please e-mail your material to sbaker@fsu.edu
LWVT Board of Directors 2018-2019

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