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National Popular Vote State Legislation

Kathleen Crampton is the Chair for the LWVFL regarding the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). She is a senior executive with experience across the health care sector including health insurance, hospital management, health care consulting, and early stage companies funded by angel capital.

She will help us to understand the National Popular Vote legislation that will reform the system that presently results in presidents being elected without a majority of the popular vote. Five out of our 45 presidents have come into office without receiving the most popular votes nationwide. State winner-take-all laws are the reason why a candidate can win the Presidency without winning the national popular vote. Under these state laws, all of a state’s electoral votes are awarded to the candidate receiving the most popular votes in each separate state.

Under the National Popular Vote bill, the national popular vote winner will receive all the electoral votes from the enacting states. The bill will take effect when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes -- enough to elect a President (270 of 538). Then, when the Electoral College meets in mid-December, the national popular vote winner will become President because the enacting states will represent at least 270 electoral votes. Thus, the Electoral College will represent the will of the voters in all 50 states (and DC).

Date: Wednesday, November 28
Time: 11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.
Location: Four Points by Sheraton
            316 West Tennessee Street
Menu: Brie and asparagus stuffed chicken or vegetable primavera
Cost: Members - $22    Nonmembers - $25
Happy Thanksgiving from League of Women Voters of Tallahassee

FOR RESERVATIONS please call 309-3005 and leave a message or email LWVTallahassee@gmail.com.

Because the League must pay for reservations cancelled after Saturday, November 24, those who cancel late must reimburse the League for the cost of their reservations or find someone to take their places at the Hot Topic.

President's Message

Hurricane Michael hit us hard and fast, bringing a pause to our election activities as we worked to recover our homes and community. Our hearts are with our neighbors who suffered so much, and I encourage you to help them in any way possible. The League is monitoring election activities to ensure that every eligible voter who wants to can cast a ballot.

We rescheduled one forum, but the show did go on, thanks to the Local Government Committee's hard work. We had fewer attendees than expected at our two general election forums the week after the hurricane, but this time we tried something new: Facebook Live. Although it's hard to know the quality of engagement, we had hundreds of views and reached thousands of people. As citizens change the way they get information, we see the value in changing the way we communicate as well.

Our online Voter Guide, Vote411.org has everything you need to make an informed choice, including all the local races and ballot measures, and BeReadyToVote.org tells you how to register, where to vote, change address, etc. But sometimes the old fashioned way remains popular. Despite a move to reduce our environmental footprint, the statewide Voter Guides in newsprint are in demand. We distributed 2,200 in English and 250 in Spanish and quickly ran out. People are really studying the long list of amendments. To this end, Stuart Baker and his Speakers Bureau cadre have done a wonderful job giving Amendments presentations to many community groups.

We also tried something new with our Hot Topic this month, holding it off site and without a meal or fee. The historic Lincoln Center was the perfect location for a conversation about the resegregation of Leon County schools, and we had a large, diverse attendance from members and non-members alike. Thanks to our revitalized Education Committee for making it happen and continuing the conversation.

But we're not done with election activities! Margaret Boeth and her tireless Voter Services team have been engaging voters everywhere, focusing on students at FAMU, FSU, and TCC. We are hosting three #VoteTogether Parties at the Polls this week on campuses through a partnership with Civic Nation. There is a friendly challenge to increase voter turnout at nearby precincts, but also to celebrate voting as fundamental to democracy. Check out #VoteTogether on social media.

We’ll have last minute information on election week events on our Facebook page, such as an ice cream social for Amendment 4 on Saturday November 3 from 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m. at the BL Perry Library on South Adams St. We’ve also heard that our March for...
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20 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Leon County School Board Mtg/Reorganization Mtg.
Howell Center
3955 W. Pensacola Street

28 Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Hot Topic Luncheon
Four Points by Sheraton
316 West Tennessee

Local Government Candidate Forums Part II

The Local Government Study & Action Group hosted two more forums in October, this time in partnership with Tallahassee Community College. We are so grateful to TCC for allowing us to use the wonderful Ghazvini Center auditorium to hold the forums. A special thank-you goes out to Jessica Hirsch of TCC for introducing us to the auditorium equipment which made our forums comfortable, interesting, and successful.

Hurricane Michael tried to ruin our first forum which was scheduled for October 9th, the day before Michael arrived. We postponed the forum to the 16th and hosted the remaining six candidates for Tallahassee City Commission. This forum was moderated by Matthew Scott, a student at TCC. We were very pleased to have him and he did a great job.

The second forum was the next evening, the 17th, and featured the candidates still in the running for Leon County School Board and Leon County Commission. This forum was moderated by the always professional Trimmel Gomes.

Thank you to our League volunteers who orchestrated this project: Christine Coble, Pat Curtis, Kim Dressel, Darwin Gamble, Beth Hollister, Danielle Irwin, Ramona Abernathy-Paine, Ernie Paine, Marilyn Wills, and Teri Cleeland. You guys can pat yourselves on the back for a job extremely well done and rest up a little bit before 2020 rolls around.

Matthew Scott

City Commission Candidates

It's Time to Party !!!! (at the Polls - that is!)

Linda Davis
Put on those "party shoes..."

Our League Site Coordinators have been very busy working with their college/university students in planning their parties. The three schools accepted the challenge to try to increase the voter turnout at their assigned precinct. We won't know the winner until after the election, but we're sure they will all be winners in getting more people out to vote. Students and League members alike are to be congratulated for the successful completion of their project. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

Party @ the Polls: Location: TCC Student Union Ballroom
444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304 October 31, 2018
League Site Coordinator: Penny Crandall

Party @ the Polls: Location: FSU Landis Green 600 W. College Ave.
"Lunch on Us" Tallahassee, FL 32306 November 1, 2018
League Site Coordinator: Danielle Irwin

Party @ the Polls: Location: FAMU Student Union Multi-Purpose
1628 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32310 November 2, 2018
League Site Coordinator: Phelicia Stiell

Thanks,
Margaret Boeth
Voter Services

Health Care Study and Action

The Health Care Study and Action Group will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. on November 5 at the FSU College of Medicine located at 1115 W. Call Street. Chrys Goodwyne, League member and Med School staffer, will be giving the group an update on the primary care clinic the Medical School plans to open in partnership with Sabal Palm Elementary. A tour of the Medical School is also possible for those who wish to participate. Attendance at the meeting is limited to 20 people but there should be room if members of the League want to attend. Please contact Kathy Winn, Chair, to let her know you would like to go. Parking at the Medical School is limited and carpooling is desirable. Kathy will coordinate the necessary arrangements! We would love to have you join the group!

Kathy Winn
Chair, Health Care Study and Action Group

FSU/FAMU October Voter Registration Events

After our successful two-day voter registration event at TCC in mid-September, one of the volunteers who participated in that event, Linda Hall, asked if we would be interested in registering voters at FSU in some English and art classes. Linda is a local artist and used her contacts with FSU's art department to set up registrations for students in five art classes. Linda's husband is an FSU English Professor, and she arranged for us to register students in his three English classes. These eight FSU classes were scheduled for October 2nd and 4th.

Then while we were doing last-minute planning, two opportunities to register students at FAMU on October 4th arose. Of course, we couldn't pass up those opportunities, despite the last-minute rush. First, a FAMU professor we met at the Southside Market asked us to register voters in her statistics class. Then, with only one-day's notice, we were invited to
Voter Services is extremely lucky to have so many volunteers that are motivated and able to mobilize on very short notice and do a fantastic job of engaging and registering students. Across those two days, we registered or updated registrations for a total of 60 students!! In addition to Linda Hall, who deserves total credit for arranging eight FSU classes, we are grateful for registration assistance from Laura Rush, Dennis Howard, Barry Munroe, Linda McCarthy, Genny Rosenberg, and Michele Dobrin. There is one more volunteer who deserves our thanks. Steve Carter served as a getaway driver. Steve met three of us at the All Saints Cinema on Railroad Ave. and drove us in style in his red Tesla to the FAMU statistics class so we didn’t have to find parking at FAMU. Then he drove us back to the Cinema so we could get to FSU in time! Thanks to all who made these events a success!

Barb Licht, Steve Carter, Linda Hall, and getaway car

Linda McCarthy, Dr. Felicia Williams (our host), and Barry Munroe

Margaret Boeth and Barb Licht

Voter Services

Good News About Tallahassee!

I don't know about you, but I'm a little tired of reading negative stories about our lovely city. So, I was happy to discover this little tidbit of good news reported by WTXL and the website of a company called Zumper.

Zumper is a national housing rental site that recently conducted a study of almost 1500 cities in the U.S. to determine the best cities for raising families. The company explored ten categories: cost per additional bedroom, percentage of income spent on rent, percentage of income spent on mortgage, median household income, current unemployment, infant care costs, percentage of population under 45, high school dropout rate, average commute time, and violent crime rate. Tallahassee did well with low average commute times, low cost for renters and a high percentage of younger residents--73 percent under 45 years-old--which was the highest percentage among the 100 cities which made the final cut in the study. By these measures, our capital city ranks number five.

Zumper said Tallahassee ranked the highest in Florida by a "fairly large margin," beating out Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, and St. Petersburg. In case you're interested, the cities ranked higher than Tallahassee are Madison, WI; Lincoln, NE; Lexington, Ky; and Boise, ID.

We always thought Tallahassee is the best city in Florida and now a national company has "proved" it's true!

Linda Davis
**Rides to Early Voting for Homeless Shelter**

On Sunday, October 28, Voter Services was able to provide rides to early voting sites for homeless shelter (Kearney Center) clients. Neil Abell, who is not a League member, but who is a long-time friend of Barb Licht, volunteered to drive Kearney clients to the polls. Three League members (Christine Reilly, Karla Schmitt, and Barb Licht) assisted Neil, so we were able to have voter service volunteers stationed at Kearney, as well as someone to ride along with Neil.

When someone said they wanted to go vote, we checked their registration status in the computer and asked them to complete a sample ballot. We did that so they would be able to vote in a reasonable amount of time and also because we didn't want to drive someone to the polls unless they were serious about voting. Everyone who said they wanted a ride was serious. In total, we drove seven people to the polls. (One wasn't found in the voter rolls, so he was given a provisional ballot.)

We also registered three new voters for 2020, including a Kearney staff member (probably in his 30’s) who said that he never voted in his life, but just decided that he was going to vote in the next election. One of the residents who voted came back afterward to tell us how grateful she was that we took her to vote because otherwise she would have procrastinated and never voted. She felt really good that she did it because she knew that voting was something she should do. She had a big smile on her face! Another one proudly wore his "I voted early" sticker and told folks with a big smile that he is a "real person now because he voted."

We also gave out a lot of amendment information to both staff and residents, and everyone was very appreciative. All in all, it was an extremely rewarding afternoon, and it reinforced the importance of the voter services mission!

*Margaret Boeth and Barb Licht*

**Voter Services**

- Aaron Eagle
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- Suzanne Williams
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- Zia Barnes
- Ashley Meadows
- Courtney Carpenter
- Tai Cole
- Brooke Christy
- Torhonda Lee
- Theresa Blakely Frederick
- Carolyn DiSalvo

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**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.
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Voter Deadline

The next Voter will be the December Voter. The deadline for submission of material is November 27. Please e-mail your material to sbaker@fsu.edu

Membership Form

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| Additional gift to LWVUS Education Fund | Membership: Recruit and nurture members |
|                                      | Voter Services: Register and educate voters |

TOTAL: ________

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