MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

In This Issue

The Women of the Capitol Press Corps

The next legislative session is kicking off with committee meetings this month. How do women reporters navigate the halls of power in the Capitol to get the story? What are their views on the people and issues who will decide the laws that are heard and passed in the legislature?

Please join fellow Leaguers and three of our esteemed female members of the Florida Capitol Press Corps next month for a spirited panel covering the topics that matter most to our members. These reporters represent decades of experience covering state capitol issues for 4 major media outlets.

Panel Participants include:
Alexandra Glorioso, Florida Policy Reporter, Politico
Dara Kam, Senior Reporter, News Service of Florida
Elizabeth Koh, Staff Writer, Tampa Bay Times/Miami Herald Bureau

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Four Points by Sheraton
316 West Tennessee Street
Menu: Rosemary Chicken Breast or Vegetable Primavera
Cost: Members - $22    Nonmembers - $25

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## CALENDAR

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Because the League must pay for reservations cancelled after Saturday, September 21, 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

We have just celebrated Women's Equality Day, when the 19th Amendment was certified 99 years ago, and women gained the right to vote after generations of striving for it. My opinion piece on this historic occasion was recently published in the Tallahassee Democrat. In it, I state that "women then, as now, expressed a full range of opinions, positions, and prejudices regarding gender, class and race" and that "voter indifference is as dangerous as voter suppression." The League of Women Voters has grown and changed through generations of activists. We look to diversify our ranks as we move forward with a new generation of leaders. Our message is timeless: we engage citizens in their government.

During the next year, you will be seeing a lot of coverage about women gaining the right to vote, and we will be a part of the commemorations. Our Centennial committee is working on some fun and interesting ways to honor that achievement while we look toward the future. Check out our Centennial Corner in this and future issues of The Voter. We would especially like to feature stories from our members about their experiences with voting and the League of Women Voters.

We hope to introduce you to fascinating women this year. Our next Hot Topic will help kick off our Legislative Session by highlighting women of the Capitol press corps, who will give us a preview of the upcoming Legislative Session. There is always room for more Lobby Corps members, and we have a training session scheduled to help you navigate the halls of the Capitol with us.

Summer is over--it's time to educate and advocate! Join us.

*Teri Cleeland, President*

*League of Women Voters of Tallahassee*
The Florida Legislature convenes early this year with Regular Session dates January 14 through March 13, 2020. Committee Meetings begin in the House and Senate on September 16, 2019. It is right around the corner!

The Tallahassee League Lobby Corps will be there in force to assist the LWV of Florida Board and League Lobbyist Nicolette Springer in tracking legislation, attending committee meetings and representing the League's positions on various bills. And yes, our League Buttons do carry clout!

If you are interested in state level legislation come join us. I promise your day will never be dull.

Training for Lobby Corps volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a volunteer will be conducted by Nicolette Springer on September 17, 2019 at the Leroy Collins Public Library; 6-7:30 p.m.

At left are League members at a February 12th Committee Meeting about gun violence/assault weapons. We had about 15 members and took up most of the first row -- behind us were several rows of Moms Demand Action. Left to right Sally Butzin, Jan RuBino, Daniele Irwin, Cecile Scoon, Michelle Levy, Patti Brigham and Katia Saint Fleur.

Trish Neely
Lobby Corps

Climate Change & Sustainability Study & Action Group

100% Renewable Energy by 2035 in Tallahassee

Can the City do this? Come September 19, 2019, and Professor Munir Humayun will discuss his plan for 100% Renewable Energy Strategy for Tallahassee. This free event will be held at the LeRoy Collins Main Library, Room A, at 6:30 p.m. He is a professor in the Dept. of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science as well as the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University. This is what Dr. Humayun says about his presentation:

"The City has committed to moving to 100% Renewable Energy although a firm timetable for when and where to transition each of the many energy usages in the city has not been established. The largest source of carbon dioxide emissions (60 %) for the City is replaceable with only one option, solar PV, making the transition more challenging than for cities that could tap multiple sources: hydro, wind, solar or biomass."

In this presentation, he'll present current trends in the solar market and show that the City could make the transition to 100% renewable over the next 15 years while potentially
making a profit.

**Wakulla Springs Alliance:**

The Climate Change/Sustainability Group was honored to have Dr. Seán McGlynn, Chair of the Wakulla Spring Alliance, present at our August meeting. He spoke of current conditions of the Spring and invited us to participate with his team monitoring water for pollutants. The Spring is beginning to heal; even the limpkins have been sighted! Unfortunately, nitrates, micro-plastics and pharmaceuticals have also been showing up. What can Leaguers do? Dispose of drugs appropriately, not down the toilet. Stop using single-use plastics.

**Comprehensive Plan Update:**

Some members of the Climate Change/Sustainability group have prepared suggestions for improving and updating the County/City Comprehensive Plan in respect to the Land Use Element. (The Comprehensive Plan is composed of several "Elements.") Local Government is working on a similar update to the Transportation/Mobility Element. The two groups will combine their respective documents into one. Beth Hollister (Local Government) says: "It is a golden once-in-a-generation opportunity. The comp plan hasn't been updated for almost 30 years. Land Use and Mobility/Transportation have a huge impact on sustainability."

**EV Expo:**

One of the priorities for the CC/S group and the State League’s Carbon Free Committee is switching from fossil fuel to electric vehicles: cars, buses, even trucks! Please come to the second annual EV Expo September 14, sponsored by Sustainable Tallahassee with Drive on Sunshine participating. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the EV Tesla Charging Stations in the Village Commons parking lot at the corner of Thomasville Road and Village Square Blvd.

**Adopt-A-Street:**

Eight CC/S members plus other Leaguers spent a muggy, hot August morning cleaning up Duval street from Brevard to Tennessee and collected 8 bags of trash and recycle stuff. If interested in participating in future "Keep Tallahassee Beautiful" activities, contact Meta Calder: metaorleans@gmail.com. The next event will be in a cooler November.

Linda Lee, Chair
Climate Change and Sustainability S & A

Centennial Corner

Jessie Belle Hardy Stubbs MacKaye

My son Jesse and his wife Bonnie gave me a framed picture of this woman for my birthday recently. There was no caption or identifying information, and I was drawn to learn more about the woman pictured. Some internet sleuthing led me to pieces of her life, which together tell a fascinating story. Here is an Instagram post I shared to tell some of it. I wrote it as part of the new League of Women Voters "She is Me" campaign, which highlights stories of LWV members and all our diversity. Look for it on social media. Here's the story:

Jessie Belle Hardy Stubbs MacKaye was a fascinating suffragist shown here before the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage offices in 1917. Founded by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, it was later named the National Woman's Party. The Union offices near the Willard Hotel in Washington DC were meant to be highly visible. The suffragist's tactics were confrontational, featuring marches and pickets at the White House. Her banner reads: "Forward Out of Error, Leave Behind the Night, Forward Through the Darkness, Forward into Light".
In 1912, Jessie hiked with other suffragists from NY city to Albany NY to deliver a message to the governor. She later hiked from Baltimore to DC to deliver voting petitions. Jessie Stubbs married US Forest Service forester Benton MacKaye in 1915, and together they advocated for progressive issues, including world peace. Sadly, Jessie suffered from depression. She committed suicide by drowning in the East River, New York City in April 1921.

Retreating in his grief, her widower Benton MacKaye dreamed of creating the Appalachian Trail, for which he is best known. He never married again and died in 1975. Jessie Belle blazed a trail for generations to follow.

#SheIsMeLWV unites the legacy of all women voters through a shared belief: that by working together, we can create a more perfect democracy.

My postscript: Was it a coincidence that of all the suffragists in the world, my son and daughter-in-law chose the one who married into the Forest Service, where I spent my career? Who shares my son's name? Who enjoyed hiking? Who was a rabble rouser? Happy to say that I don't suffer from her illness, but I sure identify with Jessie Belle, and I learn more about her every day.

What's your story? Share it with us!

Teri Cleeland

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Celebrate the Centennial!

The League will turn 100 next February and the board has decided to throw a party to celebrate! If you can help with the party planning, please contact Phelicia Stiell pstiell@stiellaw.com for more information. We need your skills and energy to make it a memorable occasion.

LWV Member Orientation
Learning & Finding Your Passion

Thank you members for attending our August 21st Orientation at Keiser University and a big welcome to our amazing League. When you joined the League you had a reason. Maybe your friends or family were members, you joined to help advance an initiative the League supports, or you were looking for camaraderie in a group whose interests you share. My goal is met if we covered enough ground in our hour together to help you decide where you want to plug into our activities and programs. Or best of all you found your passion.

The League is one of the few non-profit organizations I have worked with that conducts a member orientation. Yes, many do for their Board of Directors, but not for general membership. The difference is the result of how we are structured and make decisions. The League is a grass roots organization, policy is discussed at the local
member level, consensus then wells up to the state and national leagues where League policy is set. Bottom up, not top down!

One new member, when asked the next day about the orientation by an old member, had this to say: "The orientation was great. I came home so fired up about it that my husband joined last night. Lol. He's on the education committee."

Come join us at our next orientation -- new and not so new members always welcome!

Trish Neely  
Membership Chair

Local Government Study and Action

The LWVT Local Government Study and Action Group meets the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in a Leon County public library - this month we are back at the Collins Main Library on September 5th at 6:30 p.m., Program Room B, 1st Floor, Downtown. All are welcome; meetings are open to the public. These meetings are a great time to find out what our City and County Commissions are up to with timely, relevant material being casually discussed in a relaxed setting. Our topics vary depending on the City and County Commission agendas each month. Speakers are brought in at least quarterly. Be sure to get the upcoming Commission meetings on your calendar - there are lots of opportunities to provide feedback on local matters at these meetings. I'll point out one date in particular since the event is before our next meeting: On September 4 at 9 a.m., the City Commission is having its Strategic Planning Workshop at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens - Carriage House. This meeting is open to the public. The next City Commission meetings are September 11 & 25 at 4 p.m. (Budget Public Hearing is at 6 p.m.) and the County Commission meetings are on September 17 & 24 at 3 p.m. (Budget Public Hearing at 6 p.m.). Finally, save the date for our October 3rd meeting. I hope to see you there!

Danielle Irwin, Chair  
LWVT Local Government Study and Action Group

August Hot Topic with Mark Earley

We had an excellent crowd the hear Mark Earley, Leon County Supervisor of Elections, talk about our favorite topic: Voting.
A Reminder--"Voting Matters"

We Need to Raise $5,000 for a weekly broadcast called "Voting Matters."
Can You Help?

Next year is the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters. The suffragists fought hard to add women's voices to make our democracy strong. We want to continue the fight to raise awareness of the importance of being an informed voter by launching a weekly broadcast on WFSU public radio.

This one-minute broadcast will be called "Voting Matters." It will provide information about the fight for voting rights and on issues that the League endorses, such as election security, constitutional amendments, climate change and sustainability, gun safety, health care, and public education. The broadcast will also honor "Women of Courage" and provide voting information as the 2020 election approaches.

For your convenience, you may donate online using PayPal or a credit card at [www.LWVTallahassee.org](http://www.LWVTallahassee.org). Indicate "WFSU Project" in the "special instructions" section.
You may also send a check to 1400 Village Square Blvd., Suite 115; Tallahassee, FL, 32312 and indicate "WFSU Project" in the memo field.

We hope that you will be as excited as we are to strengthen our democracy by informing voters and increasing voter turnout. Voting matters!

Voter Services Committee

August was a particularly busy and productive month for LWVT Voter Services. In addition to our regular venues (Downtown Market, Southside Market, Kearney Center), we registered voters and/or collected petitions for the Assault Weapons Ban Amendment at two senior centers, and we were invited to two special events. One involved registering students on Friday, August 23rd, at the Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, in conjunction with a 'juried' Modern Art Exhibit. Students had the opportunity to vote for the "Student Choice Award" and to register to vote or update through the LWVT. We also registered voters on Saturday, August 24th at the Carter Howell Strong Park in Frenchtown. The event, which was sponsored by Divine Revelations Ministries, was designed for homeless and other needy persons, and it involved providing free clothing, haircuts, and other resources. These events were extremely rewarding, and we look forward to further partnerships.

Margaret Boeth & Barb Licht

Naturalization Ceremony

Don't forget that the Naturalization Ceremony is September 12 at 10 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse. Please contact Sandra Kendall at fitzkendall841@gmail.com for more information. The last ceremony for 2019 will be Thursday, November 14.

Sandra Kendall

News Service of Florida

News Service of Florida negotiated with the State League a VERY discounted subscription rate for any League member for its wire service (about 80% off). If you are interested, contact Katie Bohnett.
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A Special Thanks to Those Who Renewed at the SBA Level the Past Month

Ann Parker
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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 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 October Voter. The deadline for submission of material is September 26. Please e-mail your material to sbaker@fsu.edu

Membership Form

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Want to help the League make a difference? Please circle all areas where you want to help.

Education: Advocate for public education
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Please make all checks payable to LWV of Tallahassee.
Mail to LWVT, 1400 Village Square Blvd, Suite 3, Box 115, Tallahassee, FL 32312-1231.
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