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.

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A Panel on Single-Use Plastics
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Mark your calendars for this important and timely panel discussion about single-use plastics. You can expect to hear a discussion of the issues covering not only the impact of plastics on the environment, but also the complex issues regarding federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Hear both sides of the issue and how we can all help improve the health of the environment.

Holly Parker Curry is a passionate environmental advocate and grassroots organizer. She is the Florida Regional Manager for the Surfrider Foundation where she works for the protection of our water quality and enjoyment of our oceans, waves and beaches. She oversees twelve FL Chapters of the Surfrider Foundation and campaigns for clean water and healthy beaches. Previously, Holly served as the Assistant to the Chief of Staff for US Senator Bill Nelson, Government relations Associate with The Nature Conservancy, Communications Director of Leadership Florida, and Executive Director of Connect Florida.

Samantha H. Padgett serves as the General Counsel for the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. Ms. Padgett provides legal advice and services to the association and its leadership and serves as an advocate for the restaurant and lodging industries at the federal, state and local levels. She has served on the VISIT FLORIDA Board of Directors, the University of Florida Center for Retailing Executive Advisory Board and the Florida Recycling Partnership Board of Directors. Ms. Padgett previously served as the Vice President and General Counsel of the Florida Retail Federation (FRF).

Date
Wednesday, November 20
President's Message

As we approach Halloween, I'm reminded that each time I put on my League of Women Voters pin, I feel like a Superhero. I never fail to receive compliments for the work we all do to connect citizens with their government.

We seem to be everywhere these days---at the downtown market and elsewhere registering voters, at the state Capitol engaging lawmakers, on the FSU campus encouraging young leaders, at City Hall monitoring the Ethics Board, in County Government working on planning and sustainability issues, even improving the way we dispose of unwanted prescription drugs (hint: don't flush them down the toilet into our water supply).

We make a real difference in this community's quality of life. There are plenty of ways for you to be involved; perhaps it's reading this newsletter, attending one of our Hot Topic events, making a call when you receive an Action Alert from the state office, or volunteering for one of our committees.

This issue of the Voter is full of opportunities for you to make a difference. With our Centennial Year just around the corner, I hope you'll join us in our mission---and in the fun.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you for being a valued member. If you aren't a member, please consider becoming one---you can do so at our website. Thanks also to all the "unsung heroes" who help us fulfill our mission---bringing you this newsletter, managing memberships and budget, planning our popular Hot Topics, registering voters, attending board and committee meetings, and so much more. We couldn't do it without you.

I wish you and yours a meaningful and joyous Thanksgiving season with family and friends.

Teri Cleeland, President
League of Women Voters of Tallahassee
Another 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. 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!

Centennial Corner
Save the Date!

On Friday, February 28, 2020 the LWVT will honor the 100 years since the founding of the League of Women Voters with a birthday celebration from 6 to 10 p.m. on the 22nd Floor of the Florida State Capitol. So mark your calendars and plan to join us as we commemorate our past and celebrate our future.

Phelicia Stiell has graciously volunteered to be the chairperson for this celebration honoring the women in our community. According to Phelicia, she needs the following help from the our membership to make this celebration a success:

1) Phelicia has asked for a volunteer to go with her to request Corporate Sponsors for their financial support of this celebration of the women in our community.
2) Many volunteers are needed to plan and set up the decorations for the event which will be held on the 22nd floor of the Capitol building in February.

3) More volunteers are needed to plan and present a program honoring the women of our community and their achievements at the event.

We want to make this event a fitting celebration for all the women of Tallahassee—looking back at what these women have achieved and looking forward to securing our democracy for the future.

To volunteer please contact Phelicia at pstiell@stiellaw.com to give her your name and contact information.

October Hot Topic Conversation

We enjoyed a great conversation about supporting local public schools at our special October Hot Topic at Hartsfield Elementary School. We had a great audience with lots of questions for our stellar panel, who provided interesting perspectives.

There are many ways to support your local public schools, from volunteering to donating. Our League donated $200 to Hartsfield Elementary School to thank them for hosting the event.

One way you can support Hartsfield is by helping their chorus get to Carnegie Hall! Yes, they have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in 2020! They are now accepting donations to raise $65,000 to get them there. You can donate online by clicking on this link: https://www.foundationforlcs.com/ and then scroll down to click the link for Carnegie Hall. Let's do what we can to make this life-changing experience happen for these students.

Liz Holifield, Elsie Crowell, and Linda Davis at the sign-in table.
From left: Sally Butzin, LWVT VP and Education Chair; Melissa Ramsey, FL Dept. of Education; Rhonda Blackwell-Flanagan, Principal of Hartsfield Elementary; Stephanie Parramore, Teacher at Oak Ridge Elementary; Michelle Gayle, Asst. Superintendent of Leon County Schools; and Johnitta Wells, Parent and Chair of LCS District Advisory Council.

An interested and attentive audience.

**Lobby Corps**
Legislative committee hearings have begun. Teri Cleeland represented the State League in providing testimony before the Health and Human Services Committee Hearing on October 22. The State has hired a new firm, Capitol Alliance Group, to represent the League, replacing Nicolette Springer, who has returned to her home League. We are happy to work with Dr. Jeffrey Sharkey and his staff and look forward to learning from his experience managing legislative issues. It’s not too late to join Lobby Corps! Please contact Jan Rubino rubinojan@yahoo.com or Trish Neely neely.fame@gmail.com to join the cause.

Holiday Party!

Save the date for our annual **Holiday Party on Saturday December 14** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheraton 4 Points. We’ll have our annual "Funraiser," so think about bringing items priced up to $20 for a silent raffle. Stay tuned for more details, including our special speaker.

Climate Change/Sustainability Group

**At Our October Meeting**

Tessa Schreiner, Leon County Sustainability Manager and Tobias Raether, Sustainability Programs Coordinator co-presented on the latest sustainability efforts by the County. They discussed the green building initiative the County is developing, based on Florida Green Building Coalition, Green Globe, LEED and others. This is in compliance with the **FL Statute 255.2575, Energy-efficient and Sustainable Buildings**, which requires that publicly owned buildings comply with a sustainable building rating system or a national model green building code.

The County plans to add more electric vehicle charging stations for its employees and the public. It already has free public stations at the Main and Eastside libraries. The app Plugshare shows locations of public charging stations.

In January 2020, a public campaign to reduce single-use plastics will begin. This campaign is a joint effort of the Community Compact organizations. The Capital Area Sustainability Contract was signed in July 2019 by some of the top energy users in Leon County: FAMU, FSU, TCC, TMH, CRMC, LCS, and the City and County governments. Within two years each organization will have a sustainability plan in place.

The County Commissioners voted on a policy that bans the use of styrofoam and limits plastic straws to "request only" for all county sponsored events.

**Tip of the Week:**

How to reduce incoming snail mail:

1. Go "paperless." You aren't just saving trees when you choose to receive bills and statements electronically from utilities, banks and credit cards. Such routine paper
records, when disposed of unshredded, make you vulnerable to identity thieves.
2. Block catalogs and coupons too. Catalogs, promotional flyers and donation requests can be stopped by visiting DMAChoice.org. A $2 fee lets you opt out for 10 years.

Linda Lee, Chair
Climate Change/Sustainability Study and Action Group

Local Government Study and Action Committee

Our regular monthly meeting will be at the Leon County Collins Main Library downtown on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Magnolia Room, 2nd Floor, (6:30-8 p.m.). All are welcome; meetings are open to the public. At our October meeting, we had an intimate discussion with guest speaker, City Attorney Ms. Cassandra Jackson. If you would like to see her prepared presentation, let me know and it can be provided.

The LWVT Local Government Study and Action Chair has been busy meeting with many of the City and County Commissioners over the past month in order to relay the highlights of our comments submitted to planning staff on the Comprehensive Plan Update, Land Use and Mobility Elements. Since that time, the city and county commissioners voted to enlarge the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Update to include the entirety of the plan rather than just the Land Use and Mobility Elements. Outside assistance will be re-solicited in 2020.

Before we get together for our November meeting, mark your calendar to watch the Leon County Commission meeting on Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. and the Tallahassee City Commission meeting on Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. November marks a shift in leadership for this Local Government Committee so come spend the evening with us on Nov. 14 to find out what is in store for 2020. Save the date for our December Local Government meeting on Thursday, December 12, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Main Library.

Danielle Irwin, Chair
Local Government Study and Action Group

Extend the Solar Tax Credit!

Remember to Contact your Congressperson about extending the ITC (investment tax credit) for solar. Use the easy link below about extending the federal solar credit!

Urge your representatives to extend the solar ITC.

Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project

As a partner of the Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project, we join them in announcing that The Village Square will be hosting a community event featuring the Tallahassee Community Remembrance Project as part of their Local Color series. The event will be hosted at the Junction at Monroe on Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We don't know exactly how many black men were lynched in Leon
County, but four whose names are known are memorialized at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. According to The Village Square's website: . . . the focus of a local initiative [is] seeking to remember our community's share of the violent legacy of slavery and Jim Crow. As we struggle to stem the rising hatred across America today, we'll consider the complexity of the task of reconciliation and talk about modern day vigilante justice and mobs."

And if you have an account with them, you can read a *New York Times* article about the [opening of the National Memorial](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/11/us/2018-memorial.html).

The event is free and is open to the public so they are asking people to RSVP.

For more information please refer to the following websites: 
[tlh.villagesquare.us](http://tlh.villagesquare.us) 
[tallahasseerememberance.com](http://tallahasseeconsumeback.com/) 
[museumandmemorial.eji.org/](http://museumandmemorial.eji.org/) 

or contact Sandra Kendall at fitzkendall841@gmail.com

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**Naturalization Ceremony**

Don’t miss attending the last ceremony for 2019 on November 14 at 10 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse in the courtroom on the 5th floor. It is an impressive ceremony. If you would like to attend, please contact Sandra Kendall at fitzkendall841@gmail.com.

Hanna Franz  
Nancy Foster  
Lori Vezina  
Cheryl Sattler

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**Susan B. Anthony Members**

Thanks to Those Who Joined or Renewed at the SBA Level the Past Month

Linda Howard  
Lori Vezina
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 December Voter. The deadline for submission of material is November 26. Please e-mail your material to sbaker@fsu.edu

Membership Form

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Please Circle Annual Membership Level: (May 1-- April 30)

| $150.00 Susan B. Anthony household | Education: Advocate for public education |
| $100.00 Susan B. Anthony individual | Health Care: Seek better health care for all |
| $ 90.00 Household membership       | Local Government: Keep an eye on local issues |
| $ 60.00 Individual membership      | Sustainability/ Natural Resources: Climate change and more |
| $ 0.00 Student membership (Now Free) | Communications: Get the message out! |
| Optional $5.00 for LWVF Lobby Fund | Lobby Corps: Work with the League lobbyist |
| Additional gift to LWVUS Education Fund | Membership: Recruit and nurture members |

TOTAL: 

Please make all checks payable to LWV of Tallahassee.
Mail to LWVT, 1400 Village Square Blvd, Suite 3, Box 115, Tallahassee, FL 32312-1231.
You may also renew/join at www.lwvtallahassee.org.
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