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Primary Campaign Forums

The League of Women Voters of Tallahassee’s traditional live candidate forums are on hold due to social distancing guidelines. But problems bring opportunities. We are happy to announce that Meet-the-Candidate-Forums for local elections will be conducted virtually through an exciting new partnership between LWVT and the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper.

For years the League of Women Voters has been a trusted source of unbiased voter information through its website Vote411.org. The Tallahassee Democrat is a trusted source for local news and information. This partnership will broaden the impact of candidate forums throughout Leon County.

Panelists from the Democrat and the League will pose questions to the candidates. Viewers will be able to ask questions remotely.

The flyer below contains the schedule, how to tune in from the comfort of your own homes, and more. Please join us!

Sally Butzin, President
League of Women Voters of Tallahassee
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**CANDIDATE FORUMS**

The following candidates will appear on applicable 2020 Official Primary Election Ballots and have been invited to participate in these forums:

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
Leon County School Board, District 4  
Dee Dee Rasmussen  
Alex Stemle

**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1:00 - 2:30 PM**  
Tallahassee City Commission, Seat 2  
Trish Brown  
Bill Schack  
Lynette Halter  
Gerri Seay  
Curtis Richardson

**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1:00 - 2:30 PM**  
Leon County Commission, At Large Group 1  
Robin Colson  
Jeff Hendry  
Carolyn Cummings  
Danielle Irwin  
Scott Flowers  
Kelly Otte

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
Tallahassee City Commission, Seat 1  
Elaine W. Bryant  
William Moore  
Jacqueline “Jack” Porter

**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
Sheriff  
Walt McNeil  
Tommy L. Mills

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
Representative in Congress, District 5, Democratic Party, forum sponsored and hosted only by the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper  
Albert Chester  
LaShonda "L.I." Holloway  
Al Lawson

**To View Candidate Forums:**
- View Live - Visit Tallahassee Democrat’s website ([Tallahassee.Com](https://www.tallahassee.com)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/tallahasseedemocrat/](https://facebook.com/tallahasseedemocrat/)) during forum times. Download their app, from the App Store or Google Play, to get an alert when a forum is about to start.
- Archives - Visit Election Central at [Tallahassee.Com/elections](https://www.tallahassee.com/elections) for archives of all the forums.

**Primary Elections - Dates to Remember**
- Register to Vote or Make a Party Change for the Primary Election: by **July 20, 5 pm**
- Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot Online at [LeonVotes.org/Request-a-Mail-Ballot](https://www.leonvotes.org/Request-a-Mail-Ballot) or Call (850) 606-8683, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- **Make the request at least 10 days before the election to have it mailed to you.**
- **Early Voting:** August 3 - August 16
- **Returning Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Either return your voted ballot by mail at least 5 days in advance of Election Day, OR put your voted ballot into a Drop Box at an Early Voting site or at the Elections Office. **NOTE:** Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7 pm on Election Day to be counted; the Post Office recommends mailing your return ballot at least 5 days in advance.
- **Primary Election:** August 18
- **To register and request a Vote by Mail Ballot:** Go to [LeonVotes.org](https://www.leonvotes.org)

Campaign Contribution Refund Program: A registered voter in the City of Tallahassee can receive a total of up to $25 for financial contribution(s) to a City Commission candidate(s). Learn more at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) and click on “Our City” and then “Elections Board”.

League of Women Voters of Tallahassee: website - [www.lwvtallahassee.org](https://www.lwvtallahassee.org);  
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Must See TV!

"Daring Women Doctors--"
Physicians in the 19th Century"

It's a real treat for the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee to sponsor this next film on WFSU TV because the producer of the film is a member of LWVT! Her name is Valerie Scoon and she is a professor at the Florida State University Film School and oversees the script development of graduate and undergraduate thesis films. During her time at FSU, her students have won ten Student Emmys and six have been selected as Student Oscar Regional Finalists.

As an executive at Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Films, Ms. Scoon's credits include the Golden Globe nominated “The Great Debaters” starring Denzel Washington, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" and "The Wedding," both starring Halle Berry, and an adaptation of "Beloved" by Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Toni Morrison.

In addition, Ms. Scoon served as a Studio Executive at Warner Bros. and oversaw such films as "Malcolm X," directed by Spike Lee and the children's classic "The Secret Garden."

Now about her film being aired by WFSU Monday, July 13, at 10:00 p.m.: "Daring Women Doctors--Physicians in the 19th Century" highlights the intrepid, pioneering and diverse women who faced hostility and resistance in their pursuit of medical educations. This documentary examines how these women physicians greatly impacted their communities around the United States and internationally. It also demonstrates how women doctors exerted a long-lasting influence on the movement towards women’s rights.

All-women medical schools began to appear in the mid 19th century long before women had the right to vote or own property. The medical schools and the women themselves faced great obstacles. Many people considered it wrong, if not immoral, for women to work outside traditional domestic avenues.

The schools welcomed a diverse group of women: African American, Native American and women from a host of international countries. In becoming pioneers in the medical field these women altered the perception of women and both directly and indirectly impacted the march towards women’s rights and the vote.

Today as we witness the dedication of health care professionals during this pandemic, we can reflect on the early days of women physicians to celebrate the fortitude they displayed then and continue to exhibit today, and to be grateful for their persistence.

See a short preview of the film here: Daring Women Doctors

New Members

Bryan Desloge
SBA Members

Thanks to all who have renewed, and a special thank-you to those (listed below) who recently renewed at the Susan B. Anthony level:

Diana Dartland
Dianne and Tom Jacobs
Elsie Crowell
Theresa Chase

What's Happening this Week

N.B.: Even if not so noted, many of these may be virtual meetings. Always check.


12:00 p.m. CSWG Organization & Bylaws Committee Meeting. Virtual Meeting.

3:00 p.m. Leon County School Board Agenda/Review & Workshop. Virtual Meeting.

**Tuesday**, July 14.

9:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop. Virtual Meeting. Comcast Channel 16, Facebook Page, YouTube Channel, 850 606-5100

11:30 a.m. Utility Citizens Advisory Committee. City Hall, Tallahassee Room

3:00 p.m. Leon County Commission Meeting. Virtual Meeting and Virtual Public Hearing. Contact 850 606-1300.

6:00 p.m. Leon County School Board Business Meeting. Virtual Meeting.
6:30 p.m. **Environmental Board Meeting.** Renaissance Center. 1st Floor Conference Room.

**Wednesday,** July 15.

9:00 a.m. **Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission.** Virtual Meeting or 2nd Floor Conference Room, Frenchtown Renaissance Building.

12:00 p.m. **CSGW Education & Economic Security Committee Meeting.** Virtual Meeting.

6:00 p.m. **Tallahassee Human Relations Council Meeting.** City Hall, Florida Room.

**Friday,** July 17.

11:30 a.m. **CSGW Full Commission Meeting.** Virtual Meeting.

**Monday,** July 20.

12:00 p.m. **Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority Meeting.** Virtual Meeting.

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**Or contact us at lwvtallahassee@gmail.com**

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