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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — JULY 2023

SB 7050 TURNS UP THE HEAT

New law hampers voter registration efforts

Hopefully, everyone is surviving the heat of July! Things are certainly heating up at the LWVPC. We are



continuing to assist citizens with voter registration, working through the confines of SB 7050, which is not friendly to groups like ours. I recently spoke at two events concerning voter suppression. Third-party voter registration operators are the largest registrants of marginalized communities and the LWVUS is by far the largest voter registration organization. Our Voting Rights Committee is gearing up for the 2024 election and will work with other groups to provide voter protection during the election.

Our July Hot Topic (7/19/2023) will be via Zoom. You must sign in that day to participate. The topic is Rank Choice Voting. The August Hot Topic (9/16/23) will be a member's meeting to let you know our plans for the fall and beyond. September will be Public Education. The Special Events Committee is doing a fantastic job of planning our programs throughout the year.

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Federal judge blocks parts of restrictive voting law SB 7050, which targets nonpartisan civic engagement groups like LWV

Ruling 'releases all third-party voter registration organizations from some of the harsh limitations on registering voters,' says LWVFL Co-President Scoon.

Tallahassee, FL — On July 3, a federal judge [temporarily blocked](#) enforcement of portions of Florida's anti-

voter law, SB 7050. The order comes after three sets of plaintiffs, including individual Florida residents, the Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Hispanic Federation, Poder Latinx and the League of Women Voters of Florida, [challenged the law](#) in court and sought emergency relief. [Campaign Legal Center represents LWVFL](#) in its [challenge to the law](#), which restricts and penalizes basic nonpartisan civic engagement efforts.

Specifically, the preliminary injunction prevents Florida from penalizing nonpartisan civic organizations like LWVFL if any of its volunteers who help register voters are not U.S. citizens. [The ruling also blocks](#) a provision that prohibits those organizations from retaining a voter's personal information, such as their name and phone number, with the voter's consent. Voter service organizations often ask for voters' contact information to send them reminders about upcoming election dates.



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TRAINING, PRESENTATIONS, ADVOCACY HAVE BEGUN

By Daniel Lishansky, *NPV Chair*

The National Popular Vote committee is moving ahead with training of our members, arranging for presentations, and contacting legislators to educate them about the National Popular Vote and encouraging them to co-sponsor the interstate compact at their next session.

Two presentations were scheduled for the beginning of July. One for our League's Voter Rights Coalition as part of its regular meeting (July 6), and one for the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast (July 13). The Space Coast League has not had a National Popular Vote Committee and is hoping that exposure to the presentation will encourage participation.

We also have four new training videos about the National Popular Vote. While two are more in-depth than most people are looking for, the other two focus on important and little-known aspects of national campaigns. They are each less than three minutes and are available on YouTube.

The logo for the National Popular Vote. It features the words "National Popular Vote!" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. A large blue checkmark is positioned behind the word "Vote!".

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A DAY OF ACTION

June 24 was the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 Dobbs decision, overturning Roe v Wade, which gave women the right to an abortion. Many groups responded to the call for a Day of Action to mark the anniversary and protest the SCOTUS decision. Above and right, members of the Palm Beach County League of Women Voters and other organizations hold a demonstration June 24 at Curry Park in West Palm Beach.





LOOK FOR LEAGUE'S TABLE AT WPB ANTIQUES FESTIVAL

By Libby Jacobs

The Palm Beach County League's Voter Services committee will staff a table at the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival at the South Florida Fairgrounds this summer, thanks for **Kay and Bill Puchstein**, the festival's owners.

Dates this year will be Saturdays and Sundays: Aug. 5 and 6, Sept. 2 and 3, and Oct. 7 and 8. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For several months last year the Puchsteins kindly allowed us a 10-by-10-foot booth space, which gave us the opportunity to offer voter registration assistance and discuss with shoppers the importance of registering and voting.

The indoor show, the largest of its kind in the state, is three days the first weekend of every month and features hundreds of dealers from around the country. Check out their merchandise — there is something for everyone: retro, vintage, collectibles, antiques, art, jewelry and more.

We are so grateful to them for allowing us to set up our booth there! It's one more way we strive to reach as many Florida voters as possible.

For information about the festival, contact the Puchsteins at (941) 697-7475 or Puchs2@yahoo.com. Visit the festival's website at WPBAF.com.



PBC League members support Juneteenth events with voter registration drives, petition gathering

Our members manned tables and/or collected petition signatures at the Juneteenth Think Tank event at Pompey Park in Delray Beach, the City of Boynton Beach Juneteenth Festival at Sara Sims Park, and the Unity X Black Excellence Festival at the Meyer Amphitheater in West Palm Beach.

Juneteenth, now a federal holiday, honors the emancipation of 250,000 slaves in Texas more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation and freed slaves in other Confederate territories.

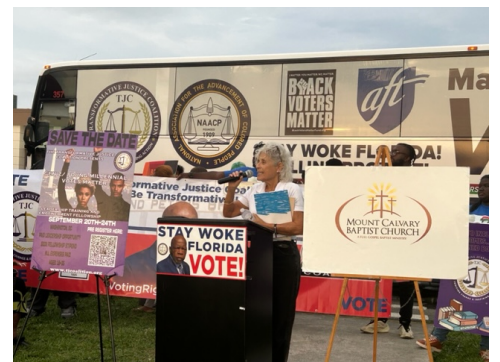


STAY WOKE FLORIDA VOTERCADE ROLLS INTO WEST PALM BEACH

Several Palm Beach County League members attended the West Palm Beach stop of the “Stay Woke Florida” votercafe and protest on June 22, at Howard Park and Mount Calvary Baptist Church, to offer voter registration assistance and circulate petitions.

The event — which began Juneteenth and passed through 15 Florida cities — featured the John Lewis ‘Make Good Trouble’ bus and the Black Voters Matter bus. The West Palm Beach celebration included performances by a local student band and dancers, banned book giveaways, and speeches including the keynote by Florida NAACP President Adora Obi Nweze.

The event was organized by the Transformative Justice Coalition, Florida NAACP, Black Voters Matter, Rainbow PUSH and other partners including the League.





MEMBERSHIP NEWS



The LWVPBC Membership Committee invites newer members and others interested in joining the League to two Special Events ... Please plan to attend both!

A Meet and Greet will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Liz Shapiro in West Palm Beach. This will be an informal way to meet other newer League members and learn more about the

League. Register at Members@LWVPBC.org or text/call (561) 276-4898.

Then attend our next **Taste of the League Orientation** on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. This also is for New Members and others interested in the League. Issue Group Leaders will be present to tell about the work of their various committees. This is only offered two or three times a year.

The location is:

STEM Education Building across from the South Florida Science Center, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach

Register by email to Members@LWVPBC.org or call (561) 276-4898. If you have never attended a League orientation, please do save this date.

You are the best outreach worker for the League as you share with your friends and neighbors all that you have learned being part of League! Invite them to attend a Hot Topic event and to attend these two membership events. Thanks to all for your support of our Membership efforts!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

Our annual Connect and Reboot event will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the South County Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach. Carey Haughwout, Palm Beach County Public Defender, will be our featured speaker. Get the date on your calendar!

A TASTE OF THE LEAGUE



The Elections Experience Tour

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

GUIDED TOURS
9:00am, 11:00am or 2:30pm

Meet Supervisor Wendy Sartory Link and then join her for a behind-the-scenes look at Palm Beach County elections.

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LEAGUE SUPPORTING TWO PETITION DRIVES: ABORTION ACCESS AND CLEAN WATERS IN FLORIDA

By Phyllis Applebaum, *Voter Services Chair*

We have already been collecting petitions for the Abortion Access constitutional amendment proposed by Floridians Protecting Freedom, and have recently begun collecting petitions for the Right to Clean and Healthy Waters as well.

Even though SB 7050 has mandated restrictions on our voter registration activities after July 1, there are no

restrictions on gathering petitions, nor on gathering Vote by Mail applications. A reminder that only petitions signed by registered Florida voters will be accepted.

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LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
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HOT TOPIC

Rank Choice Voting
Wednesday, July 19 at Noon
via ZOOM



The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County (LWVPBC) invites voters and residents to another informative Hot Topic Discussion and Lunch.

Join us to learn more about **Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)**, a non-partisan electoral reform that allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference rather than choosing just one. Supporters say RCV encourages voters to focus on issues and reduces negative campaigning and polarization. The electoral system is used worldwide and by 13 million U.S. voters.

Guest Speaker: Vilia Johnson grew up in Tampa and currently serves as VP and a Board member of LWV Sarasota. She is also a Director with Rank My Vote Florida and is team leader for the RMVFL Speaker's Bureau.

JOIN US ON ZOOM

Share the link-

<https://lwvpsc.org/event/july-hot-topic-2023/>
Recording available on Facebook.

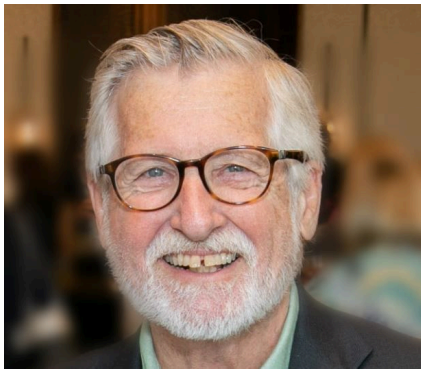
MORE DATES TO SAVE

Aug. 16 Hot Topic: Business Meeting (Via Zoom)

Sept. 20 Hot Topic-: Schools Superintendent Mike Burke (In Person)

Fall 2023 Launch of the League Leadership Program





OCTOBER 18, 2023

Benvenuto, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach

Keynote Speaker: Brian Crowley

Editor of the Crowley Political Report and WPTV Political Commentator

Honorary Chair and Emcee: Tania Rogers

WPTV Anchor/Reporter, News Channel 5

Special Honoree: Wendy Sartory Link

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

Find Tickets, Sponsorships and More Details [HERE!](#)

We are looking for volunteers to help with many different aspects of the event:

Sponsors • Invitations • Silent Auction

It will be a lot of fun and we hope you will lend a hand!

If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Cathy Einhorn, VPres2@LWVPBC.org.

LEGISLATIVE WRAPUP



Florida Senators Gayle Harrell (R-District 31), at center, and Tina Scott Polsky (D-District 30), at left, spoke at the Palm Beach County League's Hot Topic Lunch June 21 at Mounts Botanical Garden.



PBC LEAGUE PARTICIPATES IN ABBEY DELRAY NORTH FORUM

By **Nancy Gau**, *Healthcare Committee Co-chair*

Palm Beach County League members attended a presentation given to residents of Abbey Delray North, by the Palm Beach County Library System, on June 21. The event highlighted the library system's varied community services. League members were there to offer voter services and collect petition signatures for two proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments. Above left: **Doug Crane**, director of the Palm Beach County Library System, and League member (and former president) **Karen Wilkerson**, a resident at Abbey Delray North. Above right: **Monna Shifman**, a member of the League's Healthcare Issue Group, assisted Co-chair **Nancy Gau** with petition collection. (Thirty petitions were collected.)

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

Contact information is available in the Member Directory at LWVPBC.org

Isabel Eugenio (Boynton Beach); **Patti Gomez** (Delray Beach); **Olivia Le** (Wellington); **Donna Minard** (Lake Park); **Jenna Scott** (Jupiter); **Devra Seidel** (Delray Beach); **Jay Shooster** (Boca Raton); **Paula Stevens** (Boca Raton).

Questions? Call or text **Darlene Kostrub** at (561) 573-6384 or email Members@LWVPBC.org.

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2023-24 DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

By **Joyce Sullivan**, *Development Co-Chair*

The Directory is available both in print and online. The online version is located in the [Voter Toolkit](#) on our

website, LWVBC.org. It has links to websites and email addresses for all officials. Our flyers are ready for Voter Services and others with the newly created QR code that takes you directly to the Toolkit.

Please take the time to share the online version and let Christene Campbell-Gabor know if you need a few more printed copies. Reach her at Christene.LWVBC@gmail.com.

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Our mission:
Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

Our vision:
We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

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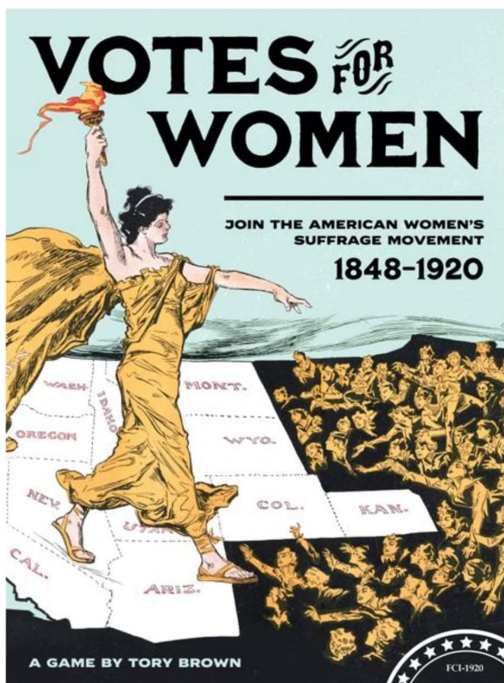
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A MILESTONE GIFT: WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE GAME



Votes for Women, designed by Tory Brown and published by Fort Circle Games, recounts the story of how suffragists won the right to vote in 1920 through the 19th Amendment. The card-driven game detailing events from Seneca Falls, N.Y., to the ratification of the 19th Amendment features period artwork and historical documents.

The League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago in 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women won the vote. The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women fulfill their new responsibilities as voters.

The 19th Amendment was a major milestone in American history and an incredible accomplishment for a social movement; however, it did not guarantee all women the right to vote. The amendment notably enabled states to exclude Black women,

especially in the South, and allowed the federal government to deny other women of color citizenship.

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