



Gun Safety Event - 3-29-2022





Gun Safety Issue Group presents
“The Critical Aspects of the Gun Crisis
In Florida and the United States”

Please join us for this important presentation about the Gun Crisis with special guest Tom Gabor.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

2:00 PM via Zoom



Tom Gabor

Tom Gabor is a League member and an internationally recognized criminologist and sociologist, whose books, articles, and presentations make the gun crisis understood and provide actions we can take. He will respond to questions and discuss myths and misunderstandings about guns and gun violence to bring us to a current understanding of the crisis in this country.

[Register](#)

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LWVPBC Annual Meeting

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

LWVPBC Annual Meeting

All members are invited to join for our Annual Meeting at one of Palm Beach County's finest jewels, the Mounts Botanical Gardens. We will celebrate the achievements of the past year, plan for the next, and enjoy reconnecting with friends over lunch and an optional tour of the Gardens.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

In-person at the Mounts Botanical Gardens (Hutcheson Complex Exhibit Hall) and via Zoom

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. – Box Lunch (optional - \$20)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Guided Tour of the Gardens and Special Exhibition, Sean Kenny's Nature Pop! (optional - \$12)



- President's State of the League Address
- Highlights of Issue Group and Committee Activities
- Financial Report
- 2022-23 Budget Presentation and Approval
- Program Adoption
- Election of Officers

If you cannot participate in-person or via Zoom, please complete a proxy found at www.lwvpbc.org!

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Images of the Mounts



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The League is pleased to hold its Annual Meeting at the Mounts Botanical Gardens this year. The Mounts became a public garden in 1978 and maintains 25 unique display gardens with special features and over 5,000 species of tropical and sub-tropical plants and trees.

The Mounts is offering our members special pricing for a tour of the Gardens following the Annual Meeting. The tour will include viewing of a special exhibition currently on display – Sean Kenny’s Nature Pop! The exhibit features over 20 colorful sculptures that interpret the beauty of nature using LEGO pieces – over 800,00 of them!

For details, pricing and to register, go to: www.lwvpbc.org.

To the Hutchison Complex - Exhibit Hall



Address: This address will lead you to the back entrance. Use the instructions below if you need assistance. **559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

Instructions to get to the Exhibit Hall at the Hutchison Complex from Military

- From Military turn west on Orleans Ct. and enter the Hutchison Agriculture Parking Lot
- From Golf St., go straight and make a left into the Hutchison Agriculture Parking lot
- Park in any available spaces near the flagpole
- Go through the walkway that is to the left of the flagpole
- Keep walking straight. Exhibit Hall and Restrooms will be to your immediate left.

LWVPBC Annual Meeting

The League of Women Voters Palm Beach County's Annual Meeting will be held on April 20th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. via Zoom and in-person at Mounts Botanical Gardens.

Registration information and materials for the meeting including the Annual report, slate of new officers, financials and reports from Committees and Issue Groups will be sent to everyone in mid-March. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please send a proxy so that we can achieve a quorum and can conduct the meeting.

As of March 1st, there will be a button on the home page of our LWVPBC website labeled "Proxy." Click on the button and the proxy form will appear. Print it, fill it out, sign it, and mail it or scan it and e-mail it to the Diane Marks, Board Secretary, 8124 Cornyour Way, Boynton Beach, FL 33472 or dimarks@gate.net. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a special event at 11:00 a.m., "Spotlight on the League"

Please mark your calendar and join us for this important event on ??Zoom or in-person!

[Register for the Meeting](#)

[Proxy Form](#)

*Congratulations to our LWV Giraffe Award
Nominees Jill Abbey, Jihan Bazile, and Sara Haas!*

*Please support them at the awards ceremony on
March 24th, 2022.*



[Register](#)

Hot Topic - May 18, 2022



HOT TOPIC PBC Tax Update

Please join us in welcoming Dorothy Jacks, PBC Property Appraiser, and Anne Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector in PBC, as they discuss how their respective departments operate to determine and handle our property taxes and fees.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

12:00 PM via Zoom



Dorothy Jacks



Anne Gannon

Dorothy Jacks was elected as Palm Beach County's Property Appraiser in 2016 after a distinguished 28-year career in the office. As a Certified Florida Appraiser and Assessment Administration Specialist, she has the highest professional designation in Florida and one of the highest international designations for someone who holds the office of Property Appraiser.

Anne Gannon is currently serving her fourth term as the Constitutional Tax Collector in Palm Beach County. Elected in 2006, she saw an opportunity to revamp an antiquated bureaucracy into a top-notch customer focused service agency. Anne is the first woman to hold this office.

[**Register**](#)

Lemonade, Hot Dogs, and Voter Registration



The Lake Worth Street Painting Festival, always a delightful event, was held on February 26 and 27 after a one-year hiatus due to Covid. The streets were packed early with people eager to see the artists at work, and our Voter Services volunteers mingled among them hoping to get some voter registrations while viewing the art. I passed a lion's head, which seemed to be coming out of the pavement. Other murals had beginnings less recognizable, but quite captivating. The music from a small group with a talented soprano drifted throughout the streets providing a warm, friendly atmosphere.

I walked past numerous vendors selling art, jewelry, and many other creative wares. However, I seemed to focus on the lemonade and hotdogs. Although I did not partake during my shift (I would have needed an extra hand), I made my way over to the

stand afterwards. Asking for very little sweetener, my tongue was pleased by the tart taste of the lemonade. The hot dog, a street fair tradition, was also a treat—smothered in a tomato and onion sauce.

That morning, every one of my senses was treated, and we had lots of voter registrations! I'm already looking forward to next year.

Being a Poll Worker



Lots of people pass by poll workers without a thought, but there are numerous activities going on there at the polls keeping our election process safe.

I decided to be a poll worker when a friend asked me to sign up at the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office in the Adopt-a-Precinct program. You can volunteer and use the money you're paid for your favorite charity.

Being a poll worker is taking on a tremendous amount of responsibility at a poll on a voting day. However, it is a very rewarding experience, and a poll worker learns the intricacies of the voting process. To become a poll worker, one must attend a four-hour training class at the SOE. There are many systems of checks and balances that a poll worker must adhere to. Not only are the procedures detailed, but a poll worker must also know the state laws so that they don't break any. Poll workers cannot use cell phones on site or communicate

with outsiders. Dress codes must be adhered to, and no politics can be discussed while tending to voters. Workers must bring their own lunches because they cannot leave the site and must work from the opening to the closing of the polls and beyond. I worked from 5:30 AM to 9 PM, as well as 3 hours the prior day setting up.

When the voter enters the polling place the computer system used for checking the voter is the Electronic Voter Identification system (EVID), which is the database run by the Supervisor of Elections. It contains all of the registered voters in the county: names, addresses, birthdates, precincts, political affiliations, voter registration ID, ballot style, and the candidates for that ballot. To be allowed to vote an inspector asks for the voter's ID and verifies the voter's name, signature, birthdate, and address. If everything correctly checks out, the voter then receives a voting pass to get the correct ballot, which is then signed by the inspector. The voter then takes the pass to the ballot table to receive the proper ballot. Here the pass is signed again by the ballot worker. Finally, the voter goes to a privacy booth to fill out the ballot which is then scanned into the DS200 machine. If there is a problem the voter is sent to the clerk. If the clerk needs additional help a call is made to the SOE office; it is often immediate. For a provisional ballot to be issued the SOE must give the final consent. The EVID system keeps a count of the number of legitimate voters.

The DS200 machine, into which the ballots are scanned, is a closed system, the voter's candidate selections go directly to the SOE via transmission. The poll workers do not know how a vote is cast since voters scan their own ballot. The scanned paper ballot falls into the holding bin at the bottom of the machine, which has been locked and secured by the technician. Every machine keeps a count of the ballots scanned.

There is a checklist for every step taken, and the person responsible must sign it. No documents or trash paper are thrown out; there is a receptacle for each form filed and signed. Those spoiled, bad, or cancelled ballots are kept in special folders. There are many more intricacies to the process which can be found in the manual. The clerk and assistant clerk have to be familiar with all of the procedures and signatures needed.

At the end of the day all ballots must be accounted for, voted ballots and even unused ballots must be considered in the final count totals. Forms used during the day must be kept in a special folding case. All printed receipts and voting passes given to voters both from the EVID and DS200 machines are placed in the proper plastic bags. The clerk must document and sign all forms, documents, logs, envelopes, certificates, provisional ballots, and oaths with the assistant clerk. The EVIDs and DS200 machines all contain seals so that they cannot be tampered with. All broken seals must be accounted for.

After closing, EVIDs and all other equipment and unused documents are secured and placed in a locked storage cabinet for pickup by the SOE. The main sealed clerk's bag containing the clerk's documents, the sealed provisional ballot bag, and the sealed and signed box containing the ballots are dropped off at a secured location known only by the clerk and technician and heavily guarded by the local police who then take the ballots and other materials and return with a signed document.

The system is very secure and has many checks and balances. The voting process is easy for a voter, and there is no room for cheating or rigging an election as some people may think. It is a closed system meaning once the vote is cast, poll workers cannot interfere or change a vote.

Throughout my career I have worked in computer information management, I was uneducated and curious about the voting process within the precincts at elections. I now feel that I am a bit more knowledgeable, and I marvel at all the safeguards the SOE has installed to make sure that our election is safe. In fact, I'm looking forward to being a poll worker again. Kudos to all of the trainers and other poll workers who give their time to make sure the voting goes smoothly. A special thanks to Wendy Link our Supervisor of Palm Beach County elections.

Announcements from the Healthcare Issue Group



1. No Surprises Act: Effective Jan. 1, 2022 the No Surprises Act is a law that establishes federal standards to resolve surprise billing, e.g., from an out of network anesthesiologist, radiologist, etc. who may have assisted with an in
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network procedure in an emergency care setting. This law will not eliminate billing surprises, but will ease many concerns and can save the patient money. The federal government operates a toll-free number for the “No Surprises Help Desk”: 800-985-3059.

2. ACA (Affordable Care Act) once again achieved record enrollment: CMS has announced that the ACA marketplace gained 5.8 million new enrollees in the 2022 open enrollment season, contributing to a record-breaking 14.5 million signups.
3. On the same topic, local navigators for Covering Florida have announced that SEP’s (Special Enrollment Periods) have been expanded to include not only life changing occurrences, e.g., marriage, divorce, had a baby, etc., but additionally now includes certain individuals in low-income categories, who may not qualify for Medicaid. Contact [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or Covering Florida (1-877-553-7453) for additional information.
4. New national suicide Hotline # (988): The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline wanted to simplify its 10 digit #. Therefore, effective July 1, 2022, the # will be 988. Two important NOTES: This does NOT replace 911 which must still be used for medical emergencies. Also, one of our local healthcare partners (211.org) will continue to answer NSPL calls, using their own highly trained personnel, to offer assistance, guidance, and direction.
5. Further announcements from our partner, 211.org:

-If your annual income was less than \$68,000 you may qualify to have your federal income tax done at no charge. Their website is: www.announcement-taxesfiledfree.org

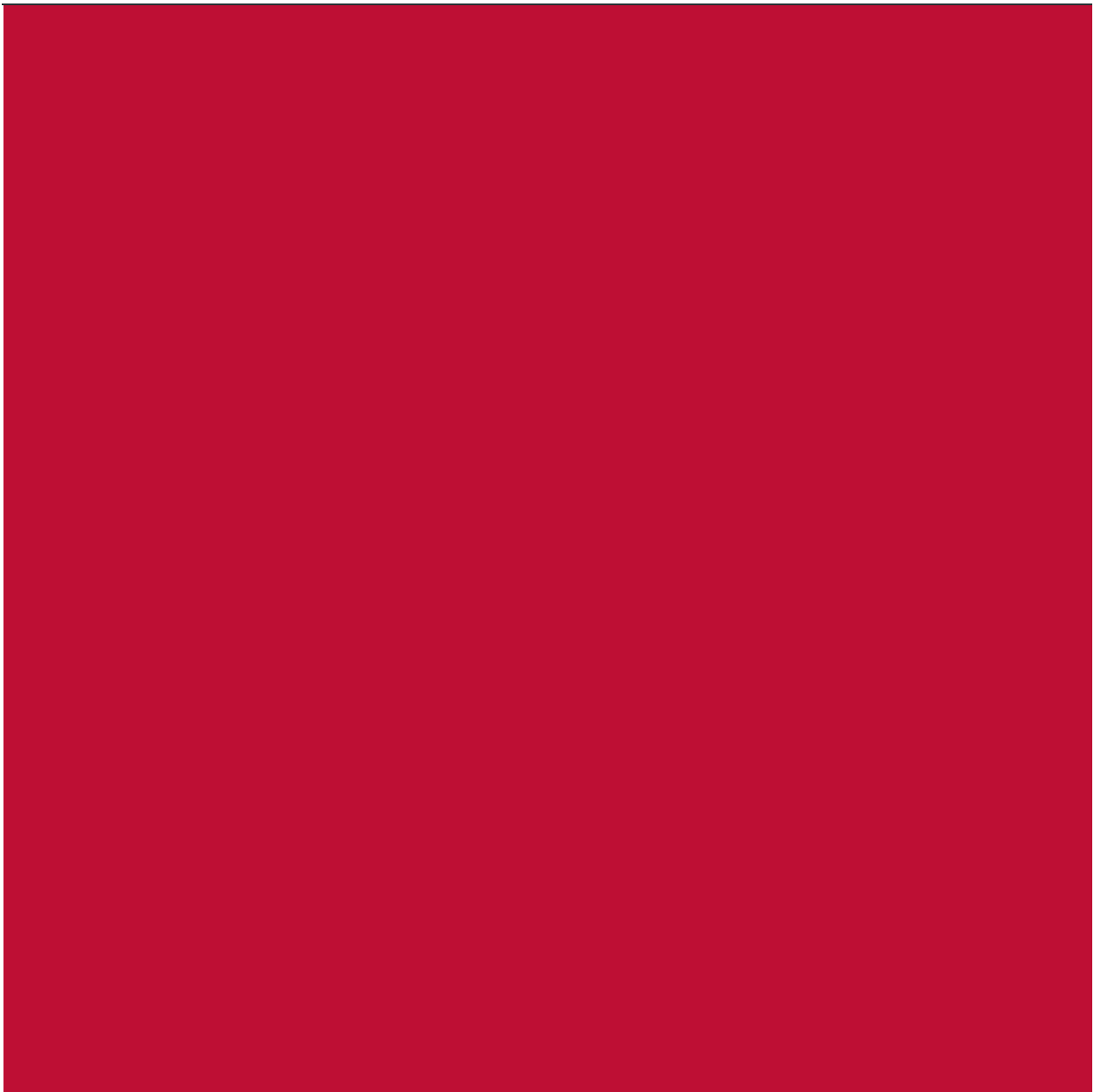
-Reminders for maintaining mindfulness and overall self care:

- a. Laugh often
 - b. Watch comedies
 - c. Turn off the news!
 - d. Make sure that any information you find is from a reliable source.
 - e. Learn how to boost your immune system.
 - f. Get enough quality sleep and rest.
 - g. Take the time to exercise, even if it is just a 10 minute walk.
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h. Get plenty of fresh air and protected sun exposure.

i. Simply breathe! Breath work can reduce anxiety while enhancing the health of your lungs.

-211.org can be contacted for assistance with not only behavioral health issues but with other issues as well, including housing, legal, food and healthcare resources.



POP SECOND ANNUAL JOB & BBQ FAMILY AFFAIR



Date: April 23, 2022

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

105 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Blvd. South Bay, FL 33493

FREE EVENT FOR THE FAMILY



THE VICTORY PROGRAM



For more information please call Mr. Freeman

(561)530-9169

Welcome New Members



Please Welcome These New Members to Our League:

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

Sherry Brown (North Palm Beach); Debbie Chea (Boynton Beach); Janet Clark (Lake Worth); Candice Clausell (Jupiter); Souna Koolik (Boca Raton); Clarice Redding Louis (West Palm Beach); Janice Singer (Boynton Beach); Thomas St. Onge (West Palm Beach); Walter Syrek (Deerfield Beach).

March Taste of the League Orients New Members





Twenty-five new members attended the March Taste of the League learning about the League's work in many areas including Voter Protection, Diversity and Equity among others. Thanks to all the Issue Group Leaders who spoke as well as Kate Renchin and Christene Campbell-Gabor who gave special presentations. The next Taste of the League Orientation will be held Saturday, June 25.

Dues Renewal & Name Tags



Dues Renewal

A number of you have dues that may have expired in the last month or two. If you have any difficulty renewing online, please do contact me.



Darlene Kostrub, Membership Chair

dkostrub@aol.com 561-573-6384 (cell)

LWV Name Tag

We will be placing an order for LWV name tags soon. If you are a League member and would like one, order one on the website for \$15 at:

<https://lwvpsc.org/membership-account/directory/>



**Connect and Reboot Again
in person
with the PBC League of Women Voters**

Saturday, April 9 10:00-11:30 a.m.

South County Civic Center

16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446

Join us to catch up on our work in areas such as:
Voter Services, Gun Safety, National Popular Vote, Voting Rights,
Health Care, Advocacy, Speakers' Bureau, Education...

Many of you attended our first Connect and Reboot on November 13 last year. The April 9 event will give you the opportunity to visit with the Issue Group leaders informally to learn what they have been doing in recent months. It will also give you the chance to make new League friends and to visit with "old" League friends.

These folks will be sharing their Most Memorable League Moment:
Ken Thomas, Pam Maldonado, Pam Hall, Christene Campbell-Gabor and Joyce Sullivan.

Masks Strongly Recommended.
We trust that attendees will be fully vaccinated.

Registration is needed. To register, email dkostrub@aol.com call/text 561-573-6384.

LWVPBC Member Spotlight

Click the image below to nominate a member to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.





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