

League of Women Voters NEWS -- August 1, 2017



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UPCOMING EVENTS

COOL TOPIC PANEL DISCUSSION

August 12 at 9:30 a.m.

[Palm Beach Post Auditorium](#)

Topic: Fake News

Speakers: Brian Williams, Brett Sandala, Howard Goodman

Moderator: Joyce Reingold

NO CHARGE FOR COOL TOPIC DISCUSSION but RSVP A MUST!

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SELL-OUT CROWD LEARNS ABOUT OPIOID CRISIS

By Marsha Vinson

A sell-out sized audience were educated on the current status of society's struggle with the Opioid Crisis that affects our neighbors and our families. Christine Stapleton of the *Palm Beach Post* shared her personal experience with addiction and her professional experience investigating sober homes. Al Johnson, who leads the State Attorney's Sober Home Task Force, reported on progress being made on sober home abuses.

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Helping to make the July Hot Topic presentation a success were (from l. to r.) Elayne Alvarez, Darcy Davis, Nancy Gau, Elissa Noyes, Karen Wilkerson, Andy Amoroso, Chuck Shaw, Susan Bucher, Joyce Sullivan, Lisa Gardi, Jessica Waxman, and Kathryn Walton.

ADVOCACY TRAINING

by Debra Chandler

On Friday, July 14, 2017, Howard Goodman, Editorial Writer for the *Palm Beach Post*, addressed a session of Super Advocates on the art of writing letters to the Editor. While he was only scheduled to speak for about 45 minutes, he was so interesting and informative that the session lasted well over an hour. We left with a greater understanding of how to get our letters published and how they are selected.



Howard Goodman (extreme left) explains the finer points of writing effective editorials to a group of Super Advocates, including (l. to r.) Michelle Dodson, Patty Whitehill, and Geoffrey Kashdan.

[Suggestions for Effective Editorials](#)

ACTION ISSUE: VOTER SUPPRESSION

The so-called 'Election Integrity' Commission, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, is seeking to find potential fraudulent registration on voter rolls across the country. They've requested personal, confidential information from all fifty states that threatens the privacy of Americans.

There is no justification for this giant fishing expedition!

Stand with the League against these dangerous requests

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MAKING A STATEMENT

by Debra Chandler

Joyce Smookler (pictured), Observer Corps Chair, read a statement on behalf of LWVPBC informing the Board of our support for restoration of voting rights for felons and encouraging all present to sign a petition in favor of our position. She also shared the news that LWVPBC is the 3rd largest league in the US.

A different monthly statement, prepared by President, Karen Wilkerson, will be read at all Board & Commission meetings attended by the Observer Corps members this month. Our goal is to keep elected officials aware of our activities. A different statement will be read each month.



The 2017 hurricane season is upon us. It began on June 1 and ends on November 30. The heart of the hurricane season runs from mid-August through October, and the peak is on Sept. 10. You can prepare now by downloading a hurricane guide, such as: Florida

Health in Palm Beach County, “Disaster Preparedness Guide” or both WPTV and WPBF offer a “Hurricane Survival Guide.” Publix also offers a publication, “Are you ready to weather a storm?”

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TREASURY NOTES

by Joan Karp, Treasurer

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by Ken Horkavy

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