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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2023**

**WELCOME TO FALL!**



Welcome to Fall! September is Public Education Month and we have two exciting events planned. Mr. Michael Burke, the Superintendent of the School District of Palm Beach County, will be our speaker at the Hot Topic on September 20th at the Mounts Botanical Gardens- Clayton E. Hutchinson Complex. We will also have a bus tour of two schools, Plumosa School of the Arts and Santaluces High School on September 28th. The school district is providing us with the bus and tour guides to inform us of the innovative programs found at these two schools. You will need to register for the tour as there are only 22 seats available for members.

The LWVFL under the most capable leadership of Cecile Scoon and Deb Chandler has prevailed in their lawsuit against the state concerning the redrawing of the congressional map and ordered the state legislature to redraw a map that complies with the State of Florida Constitution. The voting rights groups that challenged the plan in court “have shown that the enacted plan results in the diminishment of Black voters’ ability to elect their candidate of choice in violation of the Florida Constitution,” Marsh wrote. Congratulations to all.

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# I STAND WITH THE LEAGUE LUNCHEON & AWARDS



**REGISTER NOW!**  
**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

For more information, please contact Cathy Einhorn, [VPres2@LWVPBC.org](mailto:VPres2@LWVPBC.org).

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

# IT'S A BUSY FALL! DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING LEAGUE EVENTS!

Click on any event for more information & to visit the registration page...  
Or visit the [League Calendar](#).

## September Hot Topic- September 20

(Sorry, registration just closed. Please look for the video recording on Facebook)

## Palm Beach County School Tour- September 28

## I Stand With the League Luncheon & Awards- October 18

## Spotlight Discussion- GUN VIOLENCE: Facts vs. Myths- October 28

## November Hot Topic 2023- November 15



## Nancy Cohen League Leadership Program

The purpose of the Nancy Cohen League Leadership Program (LLP) is to identify potential future leaders and to increase their level of activity and involvement in League programs and processes. This process is being undertaken as part of the Strategic Plan developed in 2022. The mission of the Nancy Cohen League Leadership Program is to create a positive learning experience; offer participants exposure to the issues of the LWVPBC; provide an understanding of the LWVPBC mission; and enable participants to become more effective and engaged leaders.



**You are invited to self-nominate and/or to nominate individuals to the Program. Potential participants may fill out the application form by using the link below.**

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## Florida judge rules DeSantis' redistricting map is unconstitutional, orders it redrawn

**-Reposted from PBS.org**

**By Mike Schneider, Associated Press Politics** Sep 2, 2023 8:26 PM EDT

A Florida redistricting plan pushed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis violates the state constitution and is prohibited from being used for any future U.S. congressional elections since it diminishes the ability of Black voters in north Florida to pick a representative of their choice, a state judge ruled Saturday.

Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh sent the plan back to the Florida Legislature with instructions that lawmakers should draw a new congressional map that complies with the Florida Constitution.

The voting rights groups that challenged the plan in court “have shown that the enacted plan results in the diminishment of Black voters’ ability to elect their candidate of choice in violation of the Florida Constitution,” Marsh wrote.



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## FORUM CLUB OF THE PALM BEACHES

**By Mary Jane Range**

The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches is a non-partisan organization of 800 local leaders. The meetings are held at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and include a speaker and lunch. Past speakers have been US Senators, US Representatives, authors, Supreme Court Justices, national news reporters, historians and others of interest. A League member, Mary Jane Range, is a member of the Forum Club and frequently hosts a table for other League members.

If you would like to be included in the list that Mary Jane sends to other interested League members to notify them of upcoming meetings, please email her at [mjrange@comcast.net](mailto:mjrange@comcast.net).

The cost for a table for each lunch this season is \$700. The cost is therefore \$70.00 for each member attending. Directions for method of payment are included in the notification of event email.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**By Darlene Kostrub, Membership Chair**

If you have not attended a League Orientation, plan to attend our next Taste of the League Orientation on Saturday, November 4, 10:00-Noon. This is for New Members and others interested in the League.

## A TASTE OF 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](mailto:Members@LWVPBC.org) or call (561) 276-4898.

## 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!**

## PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

*Contact information is available in the Member Directory at [LWVPBC.org](http://LWVPBC.org)*

**Helenia Carnegie (Delray Beach); Deanna Gregory (Jupiter); Regina Horne (Boynton Beach); Sarah Kittles; Khristine Ramella (Boynton Beach); Tara Ramos (Wellington); Rochelle Shapiro (Boca Raton); Denise Smyth (Jupiter); Jaszmine Williams (Delray Beach)**

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



It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of lifetime League member, **Peg Ekberg**, on September 3 in Yarmouth Maine. She was very dedicated to League causes, social justice and bettering her community. She will be greatly missed.

## APPRECIATING OUR LOCAL STATE LEGISLATORS

By **Rich Bartholomew**, Advocacy Chair



Palm Beach County League President Kathryn Gundlach joined leaders from 7 other County institutions on September 13th to recognize the outstanding work done by our bipartisan State Legislative Delegation. Participants cited many ways that new grants and changes in law will benefit County residents. New Delegation Chair Senator Gayle Harrell expressed her gratitude for the recognition shown by "community partners" who are putting the funding and new legal authorities to work for so many different constituents. Ms. Gundlach emphasized the nonpartisan cooperation among the Legislators that focuses on the real needs of local citizens during each Legislative Session.

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## ASK US ABOUT NPV!

By Daniel Lishansky, NPV Chair

Kathleen Crampton and I met in the middle of August with Representative Michael Gottlieb, and he will again be introducing the National Popular Vote bill in the Florida legislature.

Members of the National Popular Vote committee will be meeting with almost every Florida legislator in the Palm Beach County Delegation before presenting at the Delegation meeting on November 1 in Greenacres. Most have shown an interest in hearing about National Popular Vote.

Florida is one of only nine states that has refused to hold a committee hearing on the National Popular Vote. Our conversations with legislators are focused on encouraging them to hold just such a hearing on the bill.

If you haven't seen it already, check out the newly refreshed website of Floridians for National Popular Vote at [www.FloridiansForNPV.com](http://www.FloridiansForNPV.com) or by scanning the QR code above.



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## VOTER SERVICES- REV UP THE VOTE



LWVPBC has partnered with the American Association for People with Disabilities on its REV UP the Vote campaign to make sure the disabled have access to voter education, registration and voting. Many people came by our booth to say thank you for being there and supporting them. We look forward to continuing to partner with this great organization.

# DOS & DON'TS OF DISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- ✗ **DON'T CLICK OR SHARE.**  
If you quote the bad information, you help spread it.
- ✓ **DO SHARE ACCURATE INFORMATION.**  
Without mentioning the wrong info, set the record straight by sharing the correct messages.
- ✗ **DON'T ENGAGE PUBLICLY.**  
If someone you know is sharing bad info, message them privately & ask them to take it down.
- ✓ **DO REPORT & BLOCK.**  
Report inaccurate info to social media platforms, group administrators & election officials. Block users you don't know who share mis or disinformation.



PBC VOTING RIGHTS COALITION AND  
FLORIDA ELECTION PROTECTION COALITION  
ANNOUNCE

FLORIDA VOTING & ELECTIONS  
MIS/DISINFORMATION WEEK  
FRIDAY 9/19 – FRIDAY 10/13

- JOIN US IN HELPING SPREAD THE WORD
- 1- DO NOT AMPLIFY MIS/DISINFO BY RESPONDING
  - 2- REPORT ANY MIS/DISINFO YOU SEE TO:

<https://reportdisinfo.org/>

**SEPTEMBER**

IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH





America's deadliest shootings are the ones we don't talk about: Over half of all gun deaths in America are suicides. We lose 67 people to gun suicide in America every day — more than are lost to firearm murders and unintentional shootings combined.

*We need to talk more about gun suicide, so we can talk about how to prevent it, and safe firearm storage is the key saving lives.*

**BRADY | END FAMILY FIRE  
National #SuicidePreventionMonth  
Social Media Toolkit | September 2023**

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**IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION**

**All Vote-by-Mail Requests submitted prior to the November 8, 2022 General Election have expired.**

**New Election Laws require voters to renew their mail ballot requests after every General Election cycle.**

**WATCH THE VIDEO TO LEARN MORE!**



**An Important Message  
About Voting by Mail**

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**"The Wisdom of Women"**

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: A HUMAN RIGHT**

**Abortion, pregnancy complications, maternal mortality, legal issues**



Wednesday, October 25 12 to 2 PM

Café Centro, 2409 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach,

Couvert for lunch:

NCJW members \$40.00

NCJW non-members \$50.00 Join with registration, pay member price

Register here and select your lunch choice Space is limited

Questions? Contact [advocacy@ncjwpalmbeach.org](mailto:advocacy@ncjwpalmbeach.org)



**LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE.**

A Peace Concert with International Peace Troubadour, Cecilia St. King, is a celebration of International Peace Day. It is a collaboration with local Interfaith Organizations: Delray Interfaith Cafe, Lake Worth Interfaith Network (LWIN), Jews and Muslims & All (JAM), L'Dor Va-Dor, and

other partners. Your support and sharing the news with your contacts about this outstanding concert is much appreciated.

# Celebrating The International Day of Peace *Cecilia St. King*

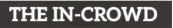
In Concert - Songs of Peace  
**Wednesday September 20th**  
**6:30 -7:30 FREE**

Delray Beach Library 100 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444  
Special Guest Mitch Radler



CeciliaStKing.com

"The world needs to hear your music.  
Now more than ever." Pete Seeger



## REMINDER

**YOUR** Vote by Mail  
Application Has

**EXPIRED**

**REAPPLY NOW!**



**FLORIDIANS**  
PROTECTING  FREEDOM

**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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## 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, LWVPBC.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.LWVPBC@gmail.com](mailto:Christene.LWVPBC@gmail.com).

**DIRECTORY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Palm Beach County  
2023 - 2024

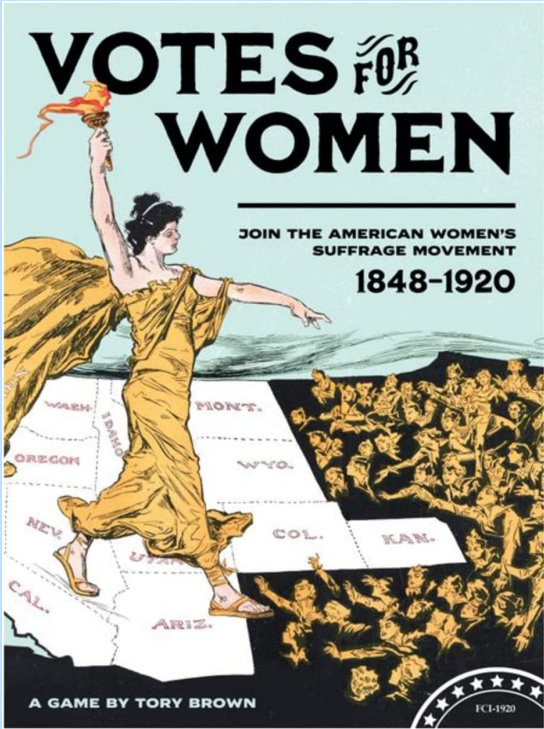
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**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS\*  
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

## 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.

Founded in 2017, Fort Circle Games designs board games based on historical events. Fort Circle Games is based in Washington, D.C., and is named after the network of fortifications that defended



the city during the Civil War.

The game Votes for Women can be purchased for \$75 (including shipping) at [VotesForWomen.com](https://VotesForWomen.com). The League of Women Voters receives a donation for each game purchased.

Show your League Spirit  
by wearing your shirts and hats!

**GET YOUR LEAGUE ON!**  
The League Merch Store is Now Open!

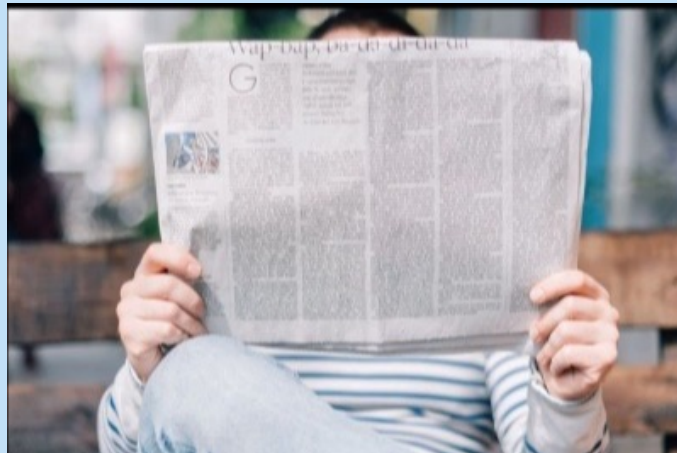


Our **NEW SHOP PAGE** is open on the website and ready for your order. Wear your shirt to a League meeting and we will post your picture on our website!



**Show that you  
STAND WITH THE LEAGUE!**

**SHOP NOW!**



**DO YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?  
DO YOU LIKE TO BE WHERE THE ACTION IS?  
DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?**

Then we need you on our Communications Team!  
Contact [Communications@LWVPBC.org](mailto:Communications@LWVPBC.org).



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