

## THE VOTER

August 2022

### *Letter from the President*



Dear League,

Happy August! It's time to vote in the primaries! August 23<sup>rd</sup> is election day. Early voting is available from August 13-21. Thanks to our wonderful Voter Services team you can navigate the ballot through our nonpartisan [voter guide](#).

Last month I enjoyed meeting and seeing so many of you at our Cocktails and Conversations. This month we have more opportunities to engage and meet. We are having a general membership meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at Allendale. It will be a fun and educational evening.

We will also be hosting another Cocktails and Conversations Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:00 pm at 3Daughters Brewing. I hope to see you there!

I want to thank you all for showing up for democracy and using your time and talents to volunteer with the league. We are strong because of you. We are powerful because of you. We are voters!

In League,  
Gretchen Johnson

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### **LWVSPA All-Member Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 17  
6-8 p.m.**

**Allendale UMC Community Center  
3803 Haines Rd N, St. Petersburg**

an opportunity for two-way communication with League and Action Group leaders. We hope to see you there!

Email [office@lwwspa.org](mailto:office@lwwspa.org) with any questions.

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



## August Cocktails & Conversations

**Thursday August 25th  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
3Daughters Brewing  
222 22nd St S,  
St. Petersburg**

Please join us for a cocktail, meet new members, acquaint yourself with current members and just have fun.

We can't wait to see you. Map included with registration.

Cash bar. Food from 3D Food Truck.

Questions: Beate Marston  
[beatemarston654@gmail.com](mailto:beatemarston654@gmail.com)

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# UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

## FLORIDA PRIMARY ELECTION

- Voter Registration Deadline: July 25
- Statewide Early Voting: August 13 - August 20
- Election Day: August 23

## FLORIDA GENERAL ELECTION

- Voter Registration Deadline: October 11
- Statewide Early Voting: October 29 - November 5
- Election Day: November 8



### Connect to Valuable Election Information:

#### Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections

Information including: a checklist to ensure you're election ready, early voting locations, vote by mail information, how to check your mail ballot status, find your precinct location and view your precinct specific sample ballot.

#### Frequently Asked Questions



#### Get Your LWVSPA Voter Guide!

Get current, nonpartisan info on candidates and elections.

If you prefer PDFs, info on local and state races are available at the following links:

[LOCAL RACES](#)  
[STATE RACES](#)

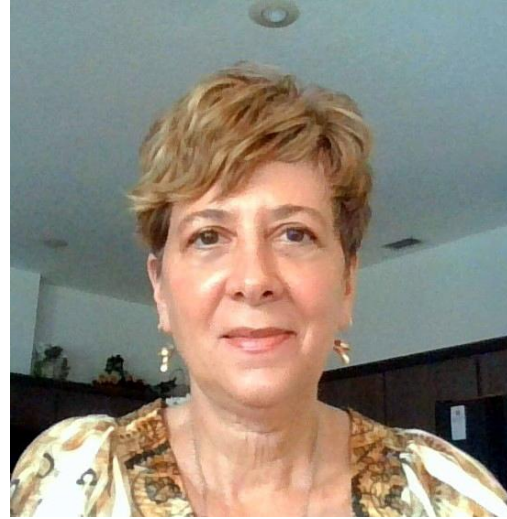


## WANTED: Election Protection Poll Monitor Volunteers



"I thoroughly enjoy participating at the polls on election day. Knowing that I can help people exercise their rights makes this retiree feel that I am still contributing. I have chosen to volunteer at the same polling place over the course of several election cycles. This has allowed me to actually recognize some voters' faces. Hopefully, seeing me in my League garb gives voters an extra degree of confidence in the consistency of the process."

**Pat Lucas**



"I've been an Election Protection Poll Monitor for several years now. I recall helping a young man voting for the first time. He was told his name was not on the Voter Roll, yet he was sure he had completed his Voter Registration. By coaching him on what to say to elections staff and encouraging him to ask for help from a supervisor, I was able to empower this voter to resolve the issue. I was happy to be able to provide the support he needed to cast his vote, rather than walking away."

**Heidi Davis**



Election Protection is a nationwide program that recruits, trains and deploys thousands of volunteers across the nation. These nonpartisan volunteers serve as voters' first line of defense against confusing voting rules, changed polling locations, and needless obstacles to the ballot box. LWVSPA's Election Protection program is open to all League members and any members of our Pinellas County community who want to support voters.

Interested in Becoming a Poll Monitor Volunteer? [Here's what you need to know](#)

**[Sign up to be a nonpartisan Election Protection Poll Monitor!](#)**

**Questions?** If you have any questions, please reach out to [voting@lwvspa.org](mailto:voting@lwvspa.org).

## NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

At the LWV 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention in July, President Dr. Deborah Ann Turner, announced the League's 2022 vision, including the launch of the next "moonshot" goal: abolition of the Electoral College.

Dr. Turner said, "LWVUS will be making a financial

# National Popular Vote!

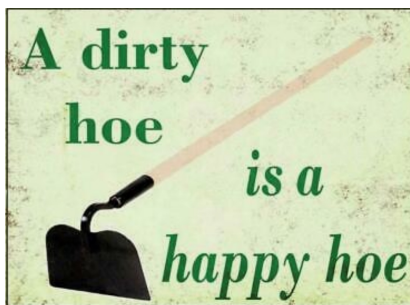
investment to begin building out this work during the coming fiscal year. I want to be clear: we are at the very beginning stages of this work." Dr. Turner promises more to come on this "Big Hairy Audacious Goal" after the mid-term elections.

## [See Dr. Turner's address to the convention](#)

The St. Petersburg Area League includes members who are working within Floridians for National Popular Vote which is an advocacy arm of the Florida League of Women Voters. LWVSPA members involved in this work include: **Tracey Wiseman** (Legislative Committee), **Pat Fling** (Communications Committee), **Marty Shapiro** (District Chair) and **Deb Mazzaferro** (CO-Founders).

- [More about Floridians for National Popular Vote](#)
- [What is National Popular Vote](#)

## STAINABILITY TEAM



The Sustainability Action Team has been sweating hard the past 4 months to keep over 200 native plants growing at the Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center.

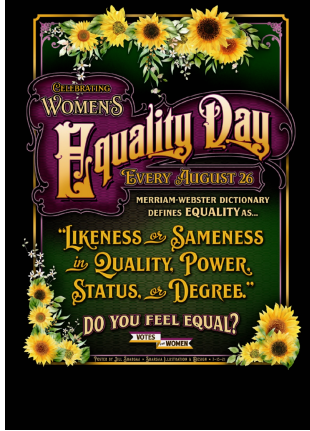
Gardening group consists of League members and non-League volunteers. The team could use your help. Want to know more? [Click Here](#)

*If you're interested in joining in on the fun, contact Sustainability Chair Laura Crabtree at [lauracrabtree.league@gmail.com](mailto:lauracrabtree.league@gmail.com)*



## AUGUST 26 WOMEN'S EQUITY DAY

Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage



of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote to women.

The amendment was first introduced in 1878. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day.

To celebrate the special occasion, consider supporting the League of Women Voters of Florida by purchasing a 11x17 poster size print of a illustration by Jill Shargaa of LWV of Orange County.

\*Print on Demand: Please allow 2 weeks for shipping. Purchases go directly to the League of Women Voters of Florida Advocacy Fund.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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