

March 2024



VOTER GUIDE



Hey Pinellas, do you know what is on your ballot for the March 19th elections? Find out with our non-partisan, up-to-date, [**Voter Guide**](#)



FEBRUARY LEAGUE IN ACTION

February 1 Speakers Who Inspire

League members at the "Speakers Who Inspire" event at the Center for Health Equity in honor of Black History Month. The speaker was Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, widely known as one of the most influential authorities on racial justice in America.



[Learn More about the Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete](#)



February 4



Woodson Warrior Scholarship

League members at the Woodson Warrior Scholarship Fundraiser featuring Bryan Stevenson, the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama.

[Learn More about the Woodson African American Museum of Florida](#)



February 6 Rally for a Better Deal

League and community members at the Rally for a Better Deal at the Historic Gas Plant District on Tuesday. [See LWVSPA's stance on social justice and the stadium deal.](#)

[See WUSF story](#) "Survey shows voter opposition to St. Petersburg Gas Plant redevelopment."



February 7 Watch Party

League members gathered to hear Supreme Court oral arguments on "The Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion."

Vote "Yes" on Amendment 4 on November 5th



Stay Involved



February 17 Collard Green Festival

League members were visible at the Tampa Bay Collard Green Festival, Inc. Volunteers answered questions about voter registration, mail-in ballots (remember to double-check with the Supervisor of Elections office to make sure you're signed up if you want one!), and how to pre-register 16 and 17-year-olds to vote.



February 22 Book Signing with Author Raymond Arsenault

"In Search of the Beloved Community" by Raymond Arsenault, interview by Bernard LaFayette, Jr. Presented by Tombolo Books, Allendale United Methodist Church and LWVSPA.



LWVSPA Program Planning



Upper left: Sarah Terry, Sue Castleman, Joni Jonas, Lindsay Polega
Lower left: Denise Woods, Dorothy Cappadona
Above: Laura Crabtree

Members listened to project proposals for education and advocacy programs for the next League year (May-April). All programs presented were approved to move forward for membership to vote at the annual meeting on **April 14**. [Read proposals](#)



LEAGUE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Annual Meeting

LWVSPA Annual Meeting & Luncheon

April 14

St. Pete Shuffleboard Club
559 Mirror Lake Dr N, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

Business meeting: 12:30-1:30 pm in the Club House

Shuffleboard fun available: 1-2 pm on the Courts

Luncheon: 2 pm in the Bridge Room

Non-members are invited to luncheon.

RSVP/PURCHASE LUNCHEON TICKETS

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Lauren Brenzel, Director of
Floridians Protecting Freedom**

**"The amendment to limit
government interference with**



abortion will put these decisions back where they belong, in the hands of Florida families and their doctors, not extreme politicians. As we look back on Roe v. Wade, the need to restore these freedoms has never been greater."



MORE ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE 2024/2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BIOS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SEE PROGRAM PROPOSALS](#)

NEEDED: GREAT STUFF

In addition to being a fun and informative event for members and supporters, the Annual Meeting & Luncheon is our most significant fundraiser each year. As part of the event, a raffle and a silent auction (with a few very special curated items) will offer unique opportunities to support our League. By donating silent auction items, you can make a significant impact with minimal effort. From high-end experiences like vacation packages or spa days to practical items like kitchen appliances or sporting equipment, your contribution will help the League. **If you have items to be considered for raffle or auction, please email Kris McTaggart kjmctaggart@comcast.net.**

NEEDED: EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Are you able to help with set up and/or take down of this event? If so, follow this link to volunteer:

<http://tinyurl.com/LuncheonVolunteer>



New Member Orientation

Wednesday, March 20th, 6:00-7:00 PM

Allendale UMC - 3803 Haines Rd. N., St. Petersburg FL 33703

Get Plugged Into the League's Work!

As one of the most active advocacy and policy education groups in Pinellas County, the League's current issues include voter engagement, environmental sustainability, reproductive rights, and more. Come learn

about the League's strategies to influence change and how you can join in! Our New Member Orientation is designed to orient folks who are curious about the League, as well as those who've been members for less than a year. We hope that everyone will find what interests them and get involved as expediently as possible.

REGISTER



MIX, MINGLE, & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

 **COCKTAILS &
CONVERSATION**

March 13, 5:30-7:30
Golden Isles Brewing Company
3000 M.L.K. St N, St. Petersburg

Share a glass of cheer with new members, long-time members, and folks who are interested in becoming a League member. Discover the many interests and talents of our association and learn more about ways you can become involved and get greater value for your membership.

RSVP



DONOR THANKYOU!

Thank you to the following who donated to the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area in February

Jeannette Lehr
Mary Ann Renfrow
Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Chi Chapter
Tanner Charitable Fund

Thank you to the following members who joined or renewed membership at the Silver and Gold Level

June Bedford
Judy & Edmund Gallizzi
Kathleen Mossing
Karol Rowan
Sharron Scott
Barbara Steidemann
Amy Weintraub & Caroline Weintraub



FINANCE TIP FROM AVA



MARCH TIP:

The balance sheet is the foundation of a healthy, achievable financial plan. Do you know your assets versus liabilities? What do you own versus what do you owe? What you're putting away versus what you'll need? Reach out for a budget worksheet.

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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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