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VOTER SERVICES



The League of Women Voters of Florida's 2024 Nonpartisan Voter Guide is here!

This year's guide is packed with essential information to prepare Florida voters for the upcoming election season. [CLICK HERE](#)

VOTE 411

MAKE A VOTING PLAN



CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND/OR REGISTER TO VOTE



LEARN ABOUT EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Vote-by-mail by returning ballot by U.S. Mail or ballot drop box
Vote early in-person at an Early Voting location as early as 15 days before Election Day.



EXPLORE YOUR DAY-OF VOTING OPTIONS

Find out where you can vote and what you need to bring with you on Election Day.



RESEARCH CANDIDATES AND MEASURES

Learn more about ballot measures and where candidates stand on the issues.



SHARE YOUR PLANS!

Tell your friends & family and encourage them to make a voting plan.



VOTE411.org

Pinellas County, Florida, are you ready to vote?

Election Day is:
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Make your voting plan today!
Check your registration and get personalized ballot information at VOTE411.org

DATES & DEADLINES

Registration Deadline: 10/07
Early Voting: 10/21 - 11/03

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA

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Help Voters | Stop Voter Suppression Be a Nonpartisan Poll Monitor!

Sign up for training [HERE](#)

Note: If you've already attended Election Protection Poll Monitor training for Florida in 2024, you do not need to attend again - we'll let you know when shifts are up for the General Election.

Poll Monitors are critical eyes-on-the-ground for Florida's voting rights community and we need more eyes than ever this year. You'll be trained by Common Cause Florida (and LWVSPA's own Amy Keith) to assist voters and observe for voting rights issues, and you will receive direct real-time support during your shift. Poll Monitors serve outside priority polling places during Early Voting and/or on Election Day.

If you have questions (even after calling the Supervisor of Elections), have trouble voting, know someone experiencing voter suppression, or if you see something troubling at a polling place please call the Hotline.

Questions/Concerns about voting? Call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotlines!

English language hotline 866-OUR-VOTE	Spanish language hotline 888-VE-Y-VOTA
Asian & Pacific language hotline 888-API-VOTE	Arabic language hotline 844-YALLA-US
Disability Rights Florida hotline 877-352-7337	Florida Haitian-Creole voter support line 727-308-3009

#StopVoterSuppression

MEMBERS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to Sarah Peacock and Amy Weintraub for sending their stories about members' accomplishments and recognition to the VOTER for publication.



Artist Ann Bregman Rascoe Recognized for Her Gifts to Honor First Responders

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024 artist and LWVSPA member Ann Bregman Rascoe was invited to the Tampa Fire Rescue 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Tampa Firefighters Museum where three of her paintings were exhibited in a formal tribute to first responders who gave their lives on September 11.

Ann said, "Major Mackson made arrangements and I was treated royally. My paintings and artist's statements were prominently displayed, and I

met some impressive firefighters and police officers. I had donated the prints to The Veterans Center for the Arts, in Tampa. It is a place where veterans may come to socialize and receive counseling. The original paintings are in the 9-11 Memorial Museum in New York City.”

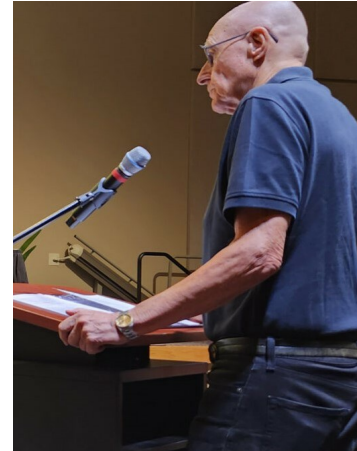
[Learn more about Ann.](#) See 9/11 paintings and artist statement.



Paul Carder Advocates for the Arts

At the September 13 Pinellas Legislative Delegation Meeting, LWVSPA member, Paul Carder, spoke to state lawmakers about the negative effects of Governor Ron DeSantis’ June veto of all arts funding in Florida.

Paul Carder told the delegation, “The governor’s veto pen has made a difficult situation dire. It’s clear that the arts drive the economy and improve the quality of life for our residents.”



With such dramatic funding losses, Carder said, “We lose the innovation that a well-funded arts community loses. There’s also a chronic need for capacity-building; most artists and arts organizations do not have the funds to invest in people, or technology, or marketing – so their efficiency, their growth, and their economic impact is stunted.”

This is an excerpt from the Sept 13 CATALYST. [For the entire story click HERE](#)



LWVSPA Heidi Rosenthal Davis Recognized for State-Wide Leadership

Heidi’s work leading the Vote411/Voter Guide Team was lauded by LWVFL Co-President, Debbie Chandler, in the most recent issue of The Florida Voter.

“Today, I want to acknowledge and give special thanks to Heidi and her Vote411/Voter Guide team. Without Heidi’s skilled hand, our award-winning election product would not be available.”

All of the behind-the-scenes computer work that allows voters to simply enter their name and address on the site and have their ballot magically appear was done or overseen by Heidi. The candidate’s responses to questions can be viewed and compared easily and the voter’s choices can be readily printed to be carried to their polling location if they vote in person. Heidi gathered the team, set the schedule, and shepherded the troops to finish ahead of schedule. She is quite simply, amazing.”

VOTE411.org, a product of the League of Women Voters Education Fund, has served tens of millions of voters and won multiple national awards

over the last fifteen-plus years thanks to devoted and skilled volunteers like Heidi.



Sue Castleman Recognized for High Level of Professionalism in Art Education

The Florida Art Education Association, at its annual awards, presented the Pearl Krepps Legacy Award to our own LWVSPA Treasurer Sue Castleman. This award recognizes Sue as an individual who has achieved the highest level of professionalism in art education and shows appreciation for her exemplary services to the Association and its professional goals.



National Voter Registration Day, September 17, 2024

The Voter Services Registration team celebrated National Voter Registration Day on St. Pete College and USF campuses, working with college student government leaders.

Betsy Wells reports, "The students were very excited and enthusiastic about the event. Lots of people stopped for registration information, updating addresses, vote-by-mail, and accurate information about candidates and amendments through our voter guide."

UPCOMING EVENTS



The **Repro Rights Action Team** is organizing weekly neighborhood canvasses from today through Election Day to boost support for Amendment 4. Research indicates that face-to-face interactions during canvassing can significantly boost voter

participation by up to 10% points. Together we will learn the best practices for canvassing and how to talk to voters about supporting the Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion!

During this event, participants will be paired up with a fellow volunteer and have the opportunity use their new skills to identify Yes on 4 supporters and promote Amendment 4 to a broader audience.

With your help, we can end the near total abortion ban in Florida! Let's go!
Yes on 4 Weekend of Action "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered"
Canvass and REACH App Power Hour, Postcard Hospital, and Phonebanking
Multiple shifts to choose from each day.

- Sat, Oct 5 registration
- Sun, Oct 6 registration



INFO SESSION: FLORIDA AMENDMENTS & PINELLAS REFERENDUM

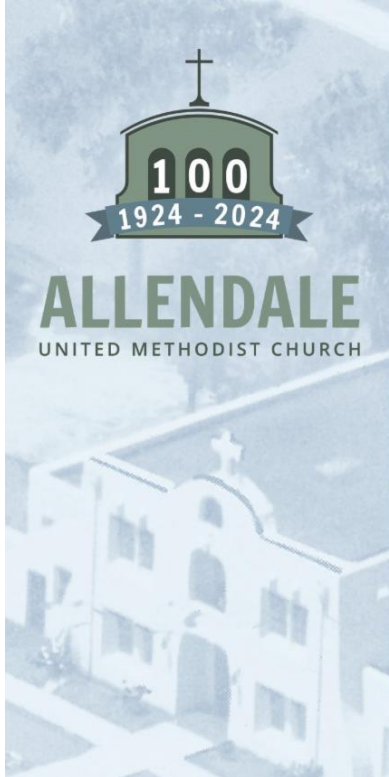
**Friday October 11th
6:00-7:00 PM**

**Allendale UMC Sanctuary
3803 Haines Rd. N.**

Join us to learn about the Florida Constitutional Amendments and the Pinellas County Referendum that will be on your ballot.

Light refreshments will be served.





WE'RE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ALLENDALE!

You're invited to join us for the fun!

Open House

Saturday, October 12, 12-3 PM

Homecoming Worship

Sunday, October 13, 10:30 AM

Reception following

3803 Haines Road N, St Petersburg, Florida 33703
727-527-6694 | www.allendaleumc.org



October Cocktails & Conversation Tue, Oct 15, 2024 5:30 PM

We would love for you to join the League for Cocktails & Conversation, and invite a guest or two. These happy hours are the perfect time to relax with (or without!) a drink and enjoy some great company. Food and drinks are available for purchase, and there's plenty of parking on-site.

**Location: The Blend (Magnolia Heights)
3001 16th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33704**

RSVP



Film Screening

Presented By **The League of Women Voters
of the St. Petersburg Area**



Starring Lizz Winstead, Co-Creator of The Daily Show

A Film Written, Produced and Directed by Ruth Leitman

When

Sun, Oct 27th | 3:00pm

Where

Green Light Cinema
221 2nd Ave N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Tickets



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OCTOBER TIP:

Protect against loss. Risk can be managed with insurance products, but different types of risk may also be served by investment strategies that hedge market and inflation risks, or protect inheritances from heavy taxation. Reach out to learn more.

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