

Letter from the President
APRIL 2023



Dear League,

Happy April! I know it seems hard to be happy as we call and visit our legislators to defend democracy. From 6-week abortion bans, book bans, to erasing history it has been a rough Florida legislative session and we're just about halfway through it. Thank you for calling, writing, and visiting your legislatures.

A reminder to please take care of yourselves and each other. You are powerful and together we are more powerful; that is where I find happiness.

I also want to thank you for the honor of being your President for the past year. I have learned so much. I've had the privilege to see how so many of you volunteer your time and skills to this wonderful organization to make democracy work -- thank you all for stepping up.

I look forward to celebrating with you at our Annual Meeting April 29th!

Sincerely,
Gretchen Johnson



VOTER SERVICES IN ACTION

VOTE 411



RE-REQUEST YOUR BALLOT

Due to a change in law, all Florida voters who vote-by-mail must submit a NEW mail ballot request to their county Supervisor of Elections.

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Please help us by telling your family, friends and neighbors to request and/or check their vote-by-mail status by going to the [Vote Pinellas](#) or call 727-464-8683

Additional Resources:

[FAQ from the Florida Election Protection Coalition](#) - all about the new vote-by-mail rules

Check [here](#) to learn your vote-by-mail status and, if needed, submit a new mail ballot request [here](#).

MEMBER NEWS

**TOPIC:
BUILDING
DEMOCRACY;
DEMANDING FAIR
DISTRICTS**



**CECILE
SCOON**

**PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
FLORIDA**

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Saturday, April 29 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Boca Ciega Ballroom
St. Pete Beach Community Center
7701 Boca Ciega Dr, St. Pete Beach FL 33706**

LUNCHEON REGISTRATION



MEMBERS

Please download and review the following documents prior to the meeting.

- [Slate of Officers](#)
- [Budget Presentation](#)
- [Draft Revision LWVSPA 501c3 By-Laws](#)
- [Proposed By-Laws Changes](#)



SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION TEAM



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While the Social Justice book club is on hold until our new program year starts, the Social Justice Action Team encourages those who are interested to join the Carter G. Woodson Museum's book club ***Can We Talk?***

This book club is "women only" with a thoughtful facilitator guiding discussion from members currently reading *The Sum of Us*,

a book the LWVSPA book club just finished.

Can We Talk? Book Club meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month @ 7pm; next meeting is April 10th where we'll cover chapter 3. If you want to discuss *The Sum of Us*, the Woodson book club would love for you to join, see registration link below. This is a Zoom meeting. Meeting details with registration.

[Register for Zoom Meeting](#)



THANK YOU!

Extending a special "thanks" to members who donated in March.

- Amy Keith & Achim Apweiler
- Laura Turley
- Betsy Wells

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