

**August 2023**



## HOPPED-UP ON DEMOCRACY



**Thursday, September 14**  
**6:30-9:00 PM**  
Pinellas Ale Works - 1962 1st Ave S  
Trivia Night

Join us for an evening of fun, food, drinks and Democracy-themed trivia!  
Friends and family are also welcome - reserve your spot today!

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## MEMBERS! SIGN UP TODAY

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, Tuesday, August 22, 6 PM**  
**[SIGN UP TODAY](#)** UU Church: 100 Mirror Lake Dr

**ALL-MEMBER GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday, August 29, 6PM**  
**[SIGN UP TODAY](#)** Allendale UMC: 3803 Haines Rd N

## GET INVOLVED!

**The Reproductive Rights Team  
Needs YOU!**



LWVSPA members are heavily engaged in collecting petitions to get abortion rights on the 2024 ballot. Across the state, more than 250,000 petitions have been collected in less than two months! This momentum must be sustained for the campaign to succeed.

***Please join us*** as we uphold reproductive freedom in Florida – one of the top three priorities of the League of Women Voters of Florida! “This ballot measure campaign is the happiest, most “feel good” activism I’ve engaged in during my 30+ years of advocacy”, said Amy Weintraub, co-chair of the LWVSPA Repro Rights Action Team. “People are excited to be proactive in giving decision-making back to the people.”

**[JOIN the Reproductive Rights Team](#)**



## NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE



### **"The Moon Shot" (National Popular Vote)**

Debbie Chandler, LWVFL Co-President and Dr. Jill Lewis-Spector, 2nd Vice President learned firsthand from LWVUS directors and staff about a new, multi-decade effort with the goal of electing the US President and Vice President by popular vote.

The plan is divided into phases:

1. Reforming the way American Votes are tallied in Federal elections: Adopt National Popular Vote (NPV)
2. Observing public response to one person, one vote world
3. Exploring frameworks for change
4. Formalizing the abolition of the electoral college

In the first phase, the League will mobilize to pass “National Popular Vote” (NPV) using different tactics. Education will be key and all states will engage in it. Different states will engage differently depending upon whether they have passed NPV, have potential to pass NPV, or are unlikely to pass NPV (Florida). It will involve ground up communication with the message of one person, one vote.

LWVFL adopted NPV as an Issue in Action and moved it to be a program at the National level in 2020. Florida was successful in pushing it forward at the National Convention in Denver in 2022. Co-Presidents Cecile Scoon and Debbie Chandler worked with our Florida NPV Action Chair, Kathleen Crampton, to elevate this to a leading issue on the LWVUS program. The LWVUS board and administrators tried to squelch this effort using every technique they could, but with two lawyers in gear, we out maneuvered them and the body of attendees agreed with us wholeheartedly. It went from page 48 in LWVUS’ Program, where it got no attention, to the first page of LWVUS’ Program. **Special congrats to Kathleen Crampton and Deb Mazzaferro who have worked diligently on this issue for years.**

Now it is one of the two leading issues for LWVUS. What a difference attending the Convention made to Florida and the entire nation.



## Looking for Event Planners

The Membership Committee is seeking members interested in working on monthly or bi-monthly "friend raising" events for LWVSPA – social events that will help Leaguers deepen relationships with each other and with our organization. These can include bringing back "Cocktails & Conversations" happy hour events or fun educational events like July's Jack Kerouac House tour.

Do you enjoy planning social events?

**Please contact Membership Chair Amy Weintraub  
amyw304@gmail.com to find out how to get involved.**



If you've been sitting on the sidelines, now is the time to join the LWVSPA! Far from a sleepy summer, now is the time that the Reproductive Rights Team is collecting petitions to protect access to abortion, Voter Services Team is receiving training in response to SB 7050 and weeds in the Rain Garden are growing! Contact a Team Leader and find a place to use your talents and skills.

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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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