

## THE VOTER

December 2022

### *Letter from the President*



Dear League,

Happy December! After this busy election cycle it's time to celebrate! I am excited to celebrate the holidays with you this Sunday at Amy Weintraub's home. Thank you Amy and Mark! I hope to see you all there.

I am full of thanks for your dedication in making democracy work this past election. From registering voters, educating voters, creating our Voter guide, poll monitoring, observing canvassing board to creating social media campaigns you are building democracy. I am so proud in everything our members do.

Thank you!  
In League,  
Gretchen Johnson



**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM EST**  
**Home of Amy Weintraub**

**RSVP**

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Now is the time to make a commitment for 2023! Join us and be directly involved in shaping our democracy and important community issues.**

**JOIN US!**



## **YOUR Voice Matters SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS**

Dear Fellow Leaguers,

We've survived another election cycle (whew!), now the holidays are looming large and we are looking forward to changing gears for now. However, our work continues!

In April you, our members, will be invited to attend and participate in our annual meeting, where among other things, you will be asked to cast your vote for the 2023 Board of Directors Slate. This is why we are now asking you to take some time to seriously consider whether YOU can see yourself playing a more active role in our League in the coming year, by considering serving in a Board of Directors position.

You may feel intimidated by the title, - don't be! You have made the choice to join this organization because you identify with our core values, and you, as we all do, believe that every voice matters. YOUR Voice matters to this League, let that be your qualification, and be confident that any contribution you may make is valued.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you, or you know a fellow League member who might be interested, please contact Beate Marston,



Nominating Committee Chair, at [beatemarston654@gmail.com](mailto:beatemarston654@gmail.com), for more information.

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**Beate Marston**, Nominating Committee Chair 2022-23



***From Amy Weintraub:***

Dear Friends,

I'm saddened to share that Kitty Rawson, a life-long activist for social justice, passed away on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

A celebration of life service for Kitty will be held on:

**Saturday, December 17th at 10:30 am**

**Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 1310 22nd Ave S. St Pete 33705**

Kathryn "Kitty" Pelster Rawson succumbed to multiple myeloma on Nov. 16 under hospice care in St. Petersburg, FL. A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, she was 73, and had been active in community service until only a month before her death.

Kitty spent her entire career in nonprofits in service to others. Persistently and tirelessly, she worked for peace, justice, and opened her heart to welcome everyone.

**[Obituary, Memories and Condolences](#)**

## VOTER SERVICES



Maryellen Gordon reports the Voter Services committee decided to have its November



meeting as an in-person celebration of the team's accomplishments over the past year. Superstar volunteer Betsy Wells hosted the meeting at her beautiful home and everyone brought food and spirits.

"We gathered outside around a fire and hashed through how the year had gone— what went well, what could have worked better, what we can build on for the future—

across all of our teams, including: Voter Registration, Get out the Vote, Community Outreach, Candidate Forums, Voter Guide and Election Protection, said Maryellen.

Kudos were given to those who somehow manage to volunteer for all of these efforts throughout the year! The VS team is taking a break for the rest of the year but will be back out in the community in Jan 2023, starting with MLK Day activities.

***Happy Holidays to all!***

## **NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE**



**Left to right: Valerie Schultz, Floridians4NPV Chair, Seminole County; Louise Thompson, Floridians4NPV Co-Chair Orange County; Kathleen Crampton, State Chair of Floridians4NPV; Anne Coppenhaver, Floridians4NPV Co-Chair Orange County**

Deb Mazzaferro is a member of League of Women Voters St. Petersburg who believes the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) is the best way to ensure every vote counts in electing the president and vice-president. Since 2017 Mazzaferro has been an advocate, subject matter expert and founding member of **Floridians for National Popular Vote.**

Kathleen Ridder Crampton is the Chair of Floridians for National Popular Vote. Along with the other members of the Senior Core Team, Crampton oversees the activities of this growing organization in Florida. As one of its founding members, she has been involved both on the state and national movement to elect the President of the United States by popular vote. "U.S. voters would be assured of better representation and politicians would have to move to the middle on policy issues if more states pass the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Congress also needs to agree to the **Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022**, which would update state and federal roles to eliminate issues such as fake electors," said Crampton.

At the Nov. 9 Hot Topics meeting sponsored by League of Women Voters of Orange County, Crampton said, "This could actually happen." **[Read More](#)**

See the video of the Nov. 9 Hot Topics meeting [Here](#)

**To book a speaker so your community group can learn more about National Popular Vote, contact Deb Mazzaferro at [Deb@CoachMaz.com](mailto:Deb@CoachMaz.com)**

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