



THE VOTER

June 2018

The General Membership Meeting Is Coming Up!

Our general membership meeting is happening June 12, and we have a lot to talk about! At the top of our agenda will be **our advocacy and education efforts around the constitutional amendments that'll be on the ballot later this year.**

We'll also discuss the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and [Runaway Inequality](#), which is both a book by social activist Les Leopold and a major issue facing our society today. Four board members recently underwent extensive training on the topic of runaway inequality, and they'll talk about the magnitude of the problem, how it connects to the CRC amendments, and most importantly, what we can do end it.



The meeting will take place June 12 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. We'll also have a new member orientation at 5:15 p.m. It's all happening at at Allendale United Methodist Church, located at 3803 Haines Road N in St. Petersburg. Make sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this important event!



Help Promote Our Online Voter Guide



The Voter Guide team is hard at work revamping our online voter guide -- and **we need your help to make sure the community knows about it!**

We need people to help out with creating content for our blog and social media, to help produce video content, and to write media releases. You can [read more about the available opportunities](#) on our site.

Sound like something you're interested in? Email [Amanda Dodge](#) and let her know what kind of work you're available to do.



Another Opportunity to Go Solar!

If you weren't able to make the first info session, you'll have two more opportunities to learn about how you can get involved with the St. Pete Summer Solar Co-op.

The June 27 session is scheduled for the day so those of you who are seniors or who work evenings will have the chance to learn all about solar co-ops!

The free information sessions will be held on the following dates:

June 27 @ 1:30 p.m.

Allendale United Methodist Church
3803 Haines Road, St. Petersburg

July 19 @ 6 p.m.

Campbell Park Recreation Center
601 14th St. S, St. Petersburg

You can read more about solar co-ops by going to lwvspa.org/sustainability-issues/solar-co-ops/.



What's Happening Around the LWVSPA?

Immigration

In Pinellas County, the number of immigrants turned over to ICE increased 388% in 2017 over 2016. Our team is currently reviewing the dockets of individual immigrants to determine whether the impacted individuals who are being deported have criminal backgrounds or are law-abiding residents.

We have a LOT of data to go through, and could use some help. Contact me at immigration@lwvspa.org.



Upcoming Events

June 12: New Member Orientation

5:15-6:15 p.m. @ Allendale UMC Room 204, 3803 Haines Rd., St. Petersburg
[Facebook](#)

June 12: General Membership Meeting

6:15-7:45 p.m. @ Allendale UMC Sanctuary, 3803 Haines Rd., St. Petersburg
[Facebook](#)

June 20: Cocktails & Conversation

6-8 p.m. @ Wine Madonna, 111 2nd Ave. NE, St. Petersburg
[Facebook](#)

June 27: Solar Co-op Info Session #2

1:30-2:30 p.m. @ Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Rd., St. Petersburg
[Facebook](#)



Action Group & Committee Meetings

Our action groups and committees are very active, and they're always looking for committed, passionate people to join in their efforts!

Voter Service

Monthly on the 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg

NOTE: The next meeting of this action group is happening a week early on June 19.

Email Team Lead [Raechel Garafalo](#) for more information.

Education

Email Team Leads [Robin Jones](#) or [Iris Yetter](#) for more information.

Gun Safety

Monthly on the 1st Monday @ 7 p.m.

Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Rd, St. Petersburg

Email Team Lead [Sharon Winters](#) for more information.

Immigration

Email Team Lead [Karen Coale](#) for more information.

Sustainability

Monthly on the 3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Rd, St. Petersburg

Email Team Lead [Lisa Vanover](#) for more information.

Reproductive Rights

Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg

Email Team Lead [Stacey Kroto](#) for more information.

Media/Publicity

Monthly on the 1st Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.

LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg

Email Team Lead [Amy Weintraub](#) for more information.

Membership

Email Chair [Linsey Grove](#) for more information.



For Other
Upcoming Events

Click here to visit our website for the latest updates on action group meetings and other events.



Membership: Are You Up for Renewal?

Join us. Renew your membership. We make a difference.

We need your support to continue our work in the community and at state and national levels. Whether you want to be an active member or a supporting member, your dues help advance the League's mission.

We invite you to [renew today!](#)

Renew / Join Now

We offer five levels of membership:

Carrie Chapman Catt (Gold) for \$250*

Susan B. Anthony (Silver) for \$125*

Household for \$78*

Individual for \$52

Student for \$26

*Includes two members residing at the same address.

Only \$6 of your basic membership goes to support the activities of the local league; a large percentage of what you pay for an individual membership goes to support our state and national Leagues. By selecting the Gold or Silver membership level, most of your dues will help support the work of our local League.

You can also offer your financial support by upgrading your membership, offering an additional monthly, quarterly or annual donation, and encouraging others to do the same.

Please also consider including the League in your estate planning. Your gifts allow us to continue our education, advocacy and leadership programs to forward our mission in Making Democracy Work in the St Petersburg area. If you would like to discuss an estate planning contribution or other gift, please **contact our office**.



2017-2018 League Leadership

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Click here for more information about our education and advocacy groups.

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Gun Safety: Sharon Winters

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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.