

THE VOTER

June 2025

LEAGUE UPDATES



LWVFL State Convention Coming Up

Attending events sponsored by the Florida League of Women Voters is a terrific way to deepen your understanding of League activities and priorities, engage in organizational capacity building, and get to know fellow League members.

LWVSPA will provide financial support to members attending this event. The amount of that support will depend on the number of folks traveling as part of our delegations.

LWVFL BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION

When: June 6th & 7th, 2025

Location: Orlando, FL

The Biennial State Convention provides an opportunity to be part of the St. Petersburg delegation, participating in the LWVFL Convention Plenary and voting on things like:

- LWVFL's Program
- Budget
- Board of Directors and Nominating Committee
- submitted bylaws amendments.

Other Convention activities include a reception and dinner on Saturday night and a variety of breakout sessions and workshops hosted by members and supporters of all levels of the League. There will also be opportunities to network with fellow League members, participate in training sessions, and hear from dynamic speakers.

Registration and details for the State Convention will be available by mid-March at lwvfl.org.



Voter Services at Juneteenth

Community Event



CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
10 AM - 2 PM



ENOCH D. DAVIS CENTER, 1111 18TH AVE. S.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10 AM | FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION
- 11 AM - 2 PM | MUSIC, SINGING, DANCING, ARTS & CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, ENTERTAINMENT & GIVEAWAYS
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN THE CODE:



EMPOWERLENS: STUDIO OPEN HOUSE FOR LEAGUE MEMBERS & TEAMS



Come join us in this exclusive studio event for members only!
Use this studio time in any way you need.
A photographer will be at the studio with a professional camera,
but feel free to bring your own camera, or camera phone if you
want photos immediately. Pre-registration is required.
Email office@lwvspa.org with questions.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 FROM 4:30-7 PM
(30 MINUTE TIME SLOTS)
<==== SIGN UP HERE

STUDIO ST PETE: 921 49TH STREET S., GULFPORT

Come join us in this exclusive studio event for members only.
Members and teams are encouraged to use this time to take photos for
your professional needs, League work, and even for family photos!

Use this studio time in any way you need:

- Headshots
- League Team photos
- Share why you vote by holding a sign that says "I vote because"
- Show your league support by holding a sign that says "I support the League because..."
- Photos with kids
- Photos with pets

A photographer will be at the studio with a professional camera, but
feel free to bring your own camera, or camera phone if you want photos
immediately. **Pre-registration is required.**

Email office@lwvspa.org with questions.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT



No Kings #Resistance Day of Action

On April 17, 2025, LWVUS CEO Celina Stewart and President Dianna Wynn released a declaration that our nation is in a constitutional crisis:

"It has now been 87 days since the start of the Trump administration. From the flagrant disregard for congressional authority and governmental checks and balances to defying Supreme Court orders to bring Kilmar Abrego Garcia back home, one thing is abundantly clear: ***our country is in a constitutional crisis.***"

LWVUS also released **Grassroots Activism: How You Can Take Action!** offering tips for engaging in a range of tactics to resist the barrage of assaults on our democratic processes. One of those tactics is public protest.

"Participating in protests is an invaluable tactic for drawing attention to an issue. The media's coverage of a protest can spark a larger public discussion of an issue at a local, state, or national level. The more people who participate in a protest, the more likely the media will cover it and the harder it is for politicians to ignore. Protest events also provide important opportunities for like-minded people to be in community with each other, which can further motivate grassroots movements."

It is in this spirit that LWVSPA continues to co-sponsor public protest events in the St. Petersburg area. The next event will be on Saturday, June 14 in the Tyrone Mall area. Details are below. We hope to see many Leaguers out. The League of Women Voters has been dedicated to defending democracy and empowering grassroots activists for over a century. We are built for this work!

NO KINGS
#RESISTANCE
ST. PETE
JUNE 14 @ 10:30AM-12:00PM
Tyrone Intersections
<https://tinyurl.com/StPeteJune14>

PINELLAS
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

Date: Saturday, June 14

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

This is a **VISIBILITY EVENT**, coordinated by Pinellas NOW and LWVSPA, to be staged at intersections near Tyrone Mall in St. Petersburg.

We are asking that folks commit to a specific intersection on the registration form so that we can try to keep safe numbers in each location.

**RSVP TO ATTEND
HERE**

VIEW EVENT DETAILS

**VIEW FACEBOOK EVENT
HERE**



Tell Your Lawmakers: Stop Cuts to Public Schools to Fund Vouchers

Congress is trying to sneak a new voucher program into a bill about taxes. But this "tuition tax credit" is nothing more than a national voucher program that also allows people like Elon Musk and Betsy DeVos to turn a profit, personally earning millions of dollars from the scheme, while our public schools, which 90% of all students attend, are underfunded and undermined.

TELL YOUR LAWMAKERS HERE



SEEKING LEADERS FOR THE

IMMIGRATION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

ACTION TEAMS

We are looking for a few good leaders to restart the work of LWVSPA's Immigration & Social Justice Action Teams.

Interested? Let Us Know!



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**TAKE ACTION TODAY!
AND GET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO TAKE ACTION TODAY TOO!**

*Looking for ways to take action?
Calls are the best way to make your voice heard and
tell your representatives how you feel about issues.*

*There are tools available to make
calling your representatives as
easy as possible!*

The **SAVE Act** is a federal voter suppression bill that would **prevent millions of eligible American citizens from registering to vote** by requiring everyone to show up in person

with a passport, birth certificate or other proof of citizenship. It would threaten voter registration drives as we know them, disproportionately harm communities of color, and make it harder for millions of married women who've changed their names to vote.

1) Several LWVSPA members have reported that they are finding the **5 Calls app** helpful for contacting their senators and representatives in congress on issues like reproductive rights, voting rights, and education. Download it here to give it a try: [Android / iOS](#)

2) Our partner organization, Common Cause, has an easy tool to find the phone numbers for your representatives at every level of government: <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/>

3) The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has a "Take Action" page where you can learn about priority League actions at the national level, like opposing the SAVE Act: <https://www.lwv.org/take-action>



WALK WITH US AT THE:
ST. PETERSBURG
PRIDE PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM



**SCAN TO
RSVP**



Walk with Planned Parenthood at St. Pete Pride! Folks from the LWVSPA Reproductive Rights Action Team will be there.

**Sign Up to Walk
Here**



Voter Registration Certification Training

SAVE THE DATE

LWVSPA MEMBERS
ONLY



Voter Registration Certification Training

July 16, 2025 | 6:30 pm | Zoom

The LWVFL Training is **Required** Before
you can Assist with Voter Registration

All Voter Services volunteers **must** renew their training. Amy Keith will lead us through the LWVFL material with additional info pertinent to SPA.

This will prepare everyone for the quiz required by LWVFL.
Stay tuned for more details.



Tell Congress Not To Gut Medicaid

Congress is currently considering a budget package that would slash Medicaid funding, putting millions of Americans at risk of losing access to health care.

Medicaid, a joint federal and state program, is the single largest source of health coverage in the country. Nearly 72 million Americans, including children, pregnant people, parents, seniors with limited incomes, and people with disabilities, rely on Medicaid

for essential care, including doctor visits, hospitalizations, long-term care, maternity care, mental health care, and rural clinic services.

We must protect Medicaid for the millions who rely on it. Tell Congress not to endanger the health of our country.

**Tell Congress Not to Gut Medicaid
Here**



Helping Voters Make Their Voices Heard



**Supporting voters at every step,
Voter Services is at the heart
of the League of Women Voters.**

Empowering Voters Through Vibrant Community Partnerships

We collaborate with community organizations and participate in events around Pinellas County to ensure that every eligible person has the opportunity to register to vote, update their voter registration information, and sign up to vote by mail.

Clarifying Issues, Introducing Candidates

Before each election, we develop a nonpartisan Pinellas County Voter Guide (vote411.org), hold Candidate Forums, and provide varied educational materials. We work closely with League colleagues to raise awareness of our services through newsletters and social media. Through our Speaker's Bureau, we offer talks explaining the voting process and issues that are on the ballot.

Protecting Voters at the Polls

We are dedicated to ensuring that all eligible voters have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote and have their ballot counted. In addition to raising awareness of voter rights in advance of elections, we provide nonpartisan monitors at the polls on Election Day.

**We'd love to welcome you to the Voter Services team!
For more information...**

- **Visit our page** on the LWVSPA website at lwvspa.org/voting/
- **Join us at an upcoming meeting**, held the 3rd Wednesday of each month (see our online Events Calendar for details)
- **Feel free to contact** Heidi Davis at heidibethd@hotmail.com or Laura Williamson at lauraw514@gmail.com with any questions!



MEMBERS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY



National Law Day of Action



Jackie Azis and Lindsay Polega helped plan and spoke at the National Law Day of Action on May 1 in front of the federal courthouse in Tampa. Approximately 60 lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals joined. Participants renewed their oaths to uphold the U.S and Florida constitutions and spoke out about the unprecedented challenges legal professionals are facing across the country, including attacks on judges for unpopular rulings, political pressure on legal professionals, and threats from the executive branch attacking lawyers and legal organizations and firms.



Rush Hour #Resistance



[Read More About Rush Hour #Resistance Here](#)



Our Parent Advocacy League Met for Some Kid-Friendly League Work!



Huge thank you to **Run+Play Kids Cafe** for letting us use their beautiful space! It says a lot when we can meet for two hours and our kids had so much fun that they wanted to keep playing. Our community is lucky to have you.

We enjoyed some banned books at the June Parent Advocacy League meeting!



May Cocktails & Conversations



We had a great time at Cocktails & Conversations - we hope you can join us for the next one on June 18th at Jungle Prada Tavern!



Keynote at Anne Frank Humanitarian Awards



LWVSPA President Jackie Azis gave the keynote address for the Anne Frank Humanitarian Award ceremony on May 20. The Florida Holocaust Museum created the Anne Frank Humanitarian Awards in 2001 to recognize outstanding humanitarian efforts by high school juniors in the Tampa Bay Area.

More info here: <https://www.thefhm.org/events/anne-frank-humanitarian-award/>



League Leaders Gathered for a Strategic Planning Session



Voter Services at Delta Sigma Theta





Voter services volunteers shared info at the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority POWER UP 2025 event.



The League Supports the Freedom to Read!

We have a Little Free Library at the entrance to Allendale UMC, and we've stocked it with banned and challenged books.

A huge THANKS to Jean Johnston and her book club for their generous donation to our Little Free Banned Books Library!

If you'd like to donate books, we have a [wish list at the wonderful local book store, Tombolo Books.](#)

If you have any questions please email [office@lwvspa.org.](mailto:office@lwvspa.org)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION TEAM MEETINGS

Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sundays from 8:00 am – 9:00 am
2335 22nd Ave. S.

The Sustainability Action Team is meeting to work in the Sanderlin Center Rain Garden.
Free food from the 360 Eats food truck on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30!
Email lauracrabtree.league@gmail.com if you need more info.

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For more information about joining the Sustainability
Action Team, click below to email Laura Crabtree:

[Click Here to Email Laura Crabtree](#)



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Reproductive Rights Team Meetings

Meetings Held on the First
Monday of Each Month at
5:30pm via Zoom



Date: Monday, June 2, 2025
Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Join us via Zoom! We meet monthly on the 1st Monday.

Email office@lwvspa.org with any questions.

[RSVP for Meeting Here](#)



National Popular **VOTE** Committee Meetings

Meetings Held on the First Tuesday of Each
Month from 5:00pm-6:00pm via Zoom

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Join us as we talk strategy. First timers are welcome, and all levels of experience encouraged to join!

Meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of every month.

[RSVP for Meeting Here](#)



SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Meetings Held on the
Second Thursday of
Each Month

7:00pm-8:15pm
via Zoom

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Time: 7:00pm-8:15pm

[Click Here to Email for More Info](#)



Jun 18, 2025 05:30pm



Jungle Prada Tavern
1700 Park St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710
[View on map](#)

June Cocktails & Conversation

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.

The June event will be at the Jungle Prada Tavern.

[RSVP HERE](#)



Voter Services Committee Meetings

Zoom meetings held on the third
Wednesday of each month

For More Information Contact: Office@lwvspa.org

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

**This meeting will be held in-person at the Allendale UMC
Hybrid Meeting Room.**

Join with the Voter Services Leadership Team to hear about
our Voter Guide, Candidate Forums, Voter Registration, &
Election and Voter Protection.

Please contact office@lwvspa.org if you need additional info.

[Click Here to Email Voter Services](#)



**Education Action
Team Meetings**

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OF NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY

The graphic features a tree where the leaves are replaced by various colorful icons representing education, such as books, graduation caps, and people. The background is a dark purple gradient.

The LWVSPA Education Action Team has partnered with the North Pinellas League's Education Team and will be meeting monthly.

June Meetings

Joint LWVNC/LWVSPA Education Meeting

Date:
Monday, June 30 @ 3-4:30
Largo Library, Jenkins Room A

For an invitation or to attend, contact treasurer@lwvspa.org to receive an agenda.

Open to all current LWV members only.

Pinellas School Board Meetings

Date:
Tuesday, June 10 @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 @ 10:30 am

Address: 301 4th Street SW,
Largo, FL 33770

To join the Education Action Team, email Sue Castleman by clicking below.

[Click Here to Email Sue Castleman](#)



Speakers Bureau Training



Tuesday 6/24/25

6:00 PM

Zoom

Registration Required

Do you have an interest in public speaking in our community? Join the LWVSPA for a training session on the Speakers Bureau! We will cover the role of the Speakers Bureau and presentation topics.

Register for Training Here



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Membership Committee Meetings



**Wednesday,
June 25th, 2025**

5:00 PM-6:00PM

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Contact chair, Amy Weintraub, for the teleconference link or for more info.


[Click Here to Email Amy Weintraub](#)



All-Member

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 26
6:00pm



Jun 26, 2025 06:00pm

Allendale United Methodist Church



3803 Haines Rd N, St. Petersburg, FL 33703
[View on map](#)

LWVSPA All Member Meeting

Gather with fellow members to catch up on what is happening League-wide.

At our June General Meeting, we will receive an update on the Florida Legislative Session, hear the findings of our recent Member Survey, find out about all the ways to get plugged into our League's work, and more!

We will meet in the sanctuary of Allendale UMC. See you there!

[RSVP HERE](#)



DONOR THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following who donated to the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area in May:

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FINANCE TIP FROM AVA

JUNE TIP:

If you're new to saving and investing, a good rule of thumb is to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in an account before allocating more toward investment products.



Ava Elkins with Raymond James manages the LWVSPA accounts.

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*Please send your news and updates one week in advance of the 1st of the month directly to **communications@lwvspa.org***



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