

THE VOTER
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LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA

Annual Meeting and Luncheon Saturday, April 22nd, St. Petersburg Yacht Club

President's Letter

Hello my LWVSPA friends,

This past month has been extremely busy and exciting. And now April promises to be a meaningful month as we conduct our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Here are the items we'll be voting on:



Julie Kessel
President, 2016-2017

- A new League year **Program**, determined by our members at our recent annual Program Planning Meeting
- A **slate of officers and directors** assembled by our Nominating Committee
- A **new budget** offered by our Budget Committee with an increased focus on events, fundraising, and member and community outreach
- **Bylaws re-adoption**, offered by our Bylaws Committee

All the details are here for you in the **Voter**, so scroll down, take a look, and come prepared to vote on Saturday, April 22nd.

As is our routine, after our annual membership meeting, we'll move on to our annual luncheon. We are thrilled to have **LWVF President Pam Goodman** as our keynote speaker. She will share information about our state program and legislative priorities.

Along with preparations for our annual meeting and luncheon, we've been extremely busy in this unique political year. Our membership has nearly doubled in the last 90 days. We've celebrated International Women's Day and we've been heavily engaged in post-march advocacy work. We've conducted countless meetings related to our advocacy issues, advocacy trainings, and campaign finance reform. Our members also participated in our state League Open Primary Consensus Study.

Before our annual meeting, members are going to Tallahassee to participate in the League Lobby Days. We'll lobby on health care, gun safety, implementation of Amendment 1, fracking ban, election issues and protecting fair districts, and reproductive justice. And we've had a ton of fun meeting new people, reaching out to our representatives, and making our voices heard.

Your efforts have been tremendous this year. There is so much to do, and we are grateful to you for all of your commitment to make democracy work. As you can see, we are making a difference! The League is what you make of it, and we need your support to help us continue our work.

See you on April 22. Count on it being a beautiful day as we celebrate the League and Earth Day!

In League,

Julie



Annual Business Meeting

OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY*

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

Date: Saturday, April 22nd

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Regatta Room, St. Petersburg Yacht Club

AGENDA

10:00 am to 10:30 am ~ Check-In

10:30 am to 11:30 am ~ Business Meeting

- **Welcome, Call to Order, Adoption of Rules** ~ Julie Kessel
- **2016 Annual Meeting Minutes** ~ Iris Yetter
- **Treasurer's Report** ~ Caroline Bloodworth
- **Budget and Audit Committee Report** ~ Caroline Bloodworth
- **Bylaws Committee Report** ~ Jack McCullough
- **State of the LWVSPA Report** ~ Julie Kessel
- **Review and Adoption of 2017-2018 Program** ~ Julie Kessel
- **Nominations** ~ June Bedford
- **Words from the President and Directions to the Board** ~ Julie Kessel

*Please [email us](#) if you plan to attend the business meeting and not the luncheon. Guests are welcome to attend the business meeting, but voting will be limited to current members.



Annual Luncheon St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ballroom

**TREAT YOURSELF TO LUNCH AND CAMARADERIE IN
BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN ST. PETE
What a great way to spend an April afternoon!**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RESERVATIONS AND ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED

When: Saturday, April 22nd

Time: Noon - 2:00 pm (Check-in 11:30 am - Noon)

Where: Ballroom, St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 17th

Luncheon Price: \$35.00 per person

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Pam Goodman, LWVF President Annual Luncheon Guest Speaker

Pamela Goodman is currently president of the Florida League of Women Voters, serving in that position since May 2015. Educated at the University of Iowa in journalism and business, Goodman spent her professional career in retailing, rising to President/CEO of Limited Express, with \$1.5 billion in revenue and over 850 stores nationwide. Her international business relationships have been in the Far East, Europe, India, and Israel.



Pam Goodman
LWVF President

She was president of the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County from 2005 to 2009 and has been serving on the League of Women Voters Florida Board of Directors from 2007 to the present.

Since 2006, she has chaired the Fair Districts campaign statewide for the League and was responsible for coordinating all League work during the campaign to secure passage of the two Fair Districts constitutional amendments. She continues to work with all litigation regarding this issue.

Goodman has also served on the League of Women Voters of the United States Nominating Committee and Membership Recruitment Committee. In addition to being a member of the first "Sisters Across the Straits" delegation that traveled and met with women in Cuba, she has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Susan B. Anthony Award for Outstanding Feminist from the National Organization for Women.

Goodman is also president of The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, a nonprofit organization that has more than quadrupled its revenue under her guidance and now serves as the key fundraising, education, and advocacy organization in Palm Beach County supporting the Ten-Year Plan to end homelessness. Goodman also serves as a director on the Board of Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation.

She resides in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

About the St. Petersburg Yacht Club



Address: [11 Central Avenue](#)

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Phone: (727) 822-3873

Parking: \$6.00 for self parking in the Yacht Club garage, payable upon entry. Metered parking is available on the street or at the [South Core Parking Garage](#), 101 First Ave. S, St. Petersburg. \$3.00 for self-parking, payable upon entry.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:
IMPORTANT INFORMATION AHEAD**
Be Ready to Vote at our Annual Meeting



Candidates for Officers and Board of Directors

Thank you to our Nominating Committee members for their work on this year's slate of officers and directors:

June Bedford, Chair
Wendy Grassi
Kay Lahdenpera
Marty Shapiro
Nancy Tait

NOMINATIONS:

Board Officers

President: Julie Kessel (one-year term)
First Vice President: Sharon Winters (one-year term)
Second Vice President: Stephanie Owens (one-year term)
Secretary: Randi Hilleso (two-year term)
Treasurer: Caroline Bloodworth (continuing the second year of a two-year term)

[Click here](#) for photos and bios of the current officer candidates.

Board of Directors

Director: Raechel Garafalo (two-year term)
Director: Susan Mayer (two-year term)
Director: Iris Yetter (two-year term)
Director: Marty Shapiro (continuing the second year of a two-year term)

[Click here](#) for photos and bios of the current candidates for the board.

Nominating Committee for the 2017-2018 League Year

Gina Rothlein, Chair
Faith Alford
Lisa Vanover
Two additional members to be appointed by the new BOD

Member Information for Annual Meeting Voting

Please review prior to Annual Meeting

PROGRAM

As a result of our Program Planning Meeting in February, members collaborated to develop our proposed Program for the 2017-2018 League year.

[Click here](#) to read the Program proposal.

BUDGET

The Budget Committee has submitted the attached recommended budget for the 2017-2018 year.

[Click here](#) to view the proposed budget.

BYLAWS

No bylaws changes have been recommended for the 2017-2018 League year.



Upcoming Events Quick Reference Guide

[Please visit our website calendar](#) and select the date of the event for more information, contact information, and driving directions.

When	What	Where
Fri. 3/24, 8:00 pm	Free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Social/Info Session re: local initiative for campaign finance reform	Allendale United Methodist Church 3803 Haines Road N, St. Pete
Mon. 3/27, 4:00 pm	Immigration Group Meeting	Home of Karen Coale
Thur. 3/30, 7:00 pm	Fake News vs. Real News	Poynter Institute 801 3rd St. S, St. Pete
Mon. 4/3, 3:00 pm	International Relations Group: The Rise of Isis	Pinellas Park Library 7770 52nd St. N, St. Pete
Mon. 4/10, 12 noon	LWVF Reproductive Health & Justice Committee	Conference Call
Mon. 4/10, 7:00 pm	Gun Safety Group Meeting	LWVSPA Office Boardroom 233 3rd St. N, St. Pete
Wed. 4/19, 6:00 pm	Cocktails & Conversation	TBA
Sat. 4/22 10:30 am	Annual Meeting & Luncheon	St. Petersburg Yacht Club 111 Central Ave. St. Pete
Mon. 4/24, 2:30 pm	Immigration Group Meeting	Home of Karen Coale
Mon. 4/24, 6:00 pm	New Member Orientation	Home of Julie Kessel
Sun. 4/30, 5:00 pm	Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture: Journalist & Author Sasha Abramsky	Temple Beth El 400 Pasadena Ave. S, St. Pete

Membership



Join Us

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 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.

It's easy to join or renew. [Pay online using PayPal](#), or if you prefer, mail a check payable to LWVSPA to **POB 11775, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-11775**.

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.

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