

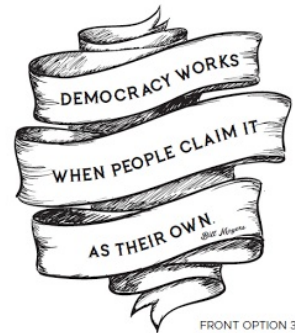


THE VOTER

November 2018

Election 2018 Is A Wrap... Sort Of

As you're probably aware, the 2018 General Election took place this past Tuesday, and voters all over the country were highly motivated to head to the polls. Pinellas County was no different, with nearly 66% of the county's registered voters casting a ballot. The last time the [county's voter turnout](#) for a midterm election was that high was in 1994.



Many thanks to all of our League members who worked tirelessly this election season, whether it was by educating voters about the constitutional amendments, registering new voters and getting seasoned voters to update their signatures, working on the Voter Guide, volunteering at candidate forums, serving as poll monitors, and so much more. Our work has not gone unnoticed; many League members report hearing from friends, colleagues and other community members, who tell them our efforts helped them feel more informed and empowered when it came time to vote.

Our work isn't over yet - with the governor, senator and agricultural commission races heading to automatic recounts, League volunteers have already been offering their services as canvassing board observers. The League of Women Voters of Florida has also issued [a statement regarding the elections situation](#). We worked hard to motivate our fellow Floridians to exercise their right to vote; now it's time to ensure all of those votes are counted fairly and accurately.



Gulfport Votes 100%... Almost



Midterm elections usually don't attract as much participation than presidential elections, but in the small beach town of Gulfport, 71.5% of the 10,662 registered voters cast ballots in the 2018 midterm elections. This was a substantial increase from 63% in the 2014 midterms and more than the Florida average of 62% turnout.

While voter participation was up all over the country this year, at least some of this improvement could be credited to a project called [Gulfport Votes 100%](#).

Gulfport Votes 100% was designed to counteract the apathy and confusion by encouraging civic engagement with an audacious goal of 100% participation and people-to-people outreach activities. When the goal is 100%, then every vote counts.

[Read more...](#)



More Opportunities to Get Involved

Grant Writing/Administration Group

The LWVSPA is looking for grant writers, administrators, and evaluators to start a group to help with researching grant opportunities, writing proposals, supporting grant administration efforts, and providing evaluation guidance and reporting as we expand our programming and initiatives. You can be a veteran grant writer or looking for experience!

If you're interested, please let [Linsey Grove](#) know by Nov. 20. We will be scheduling times to meet and organize soon.

Voiceover Talent

The Sustainability Action Team is applying for a Challenge prize for the **U.S. Department of Energy Sun Shot Solar in Your Community** program. Thanks to a team of super volunteers, we are creating a great two-minute video highlighting the successes of the 2018 St Pete Solar Co-ops.

If you have experience as a voiceover person, and have some availability between Nov. 12 and Nov. 17 (one or two hours), we need you! Please email [Lisa Vanover](#) if you're interested.



Calling All Emerging League Leaders!

Do you like interesting and interested people? Are you into engaging, rewarding initiatives? Want to be part of powerful and forward-looking strategies?

The Nominating Committee is currently looking for people who will make up the the 2019-2020 LWVSPA Board of Directors.

Board members do a lot, including:

- build leadership skills
- make things happen for the League and for the greater community
- set the direction of the LWVSPA
- expand their commitment to the League
- raise their individual visibility and influence in the St. Pete area

If this sounds like something you or someone you know might like to pursue, please contact Nominating Committee Chair [Amy Weintraub](#) to talk about the opportunity. LWVSPA elections are in April 2019.



What's Happening Around LWVSPA?



The LWVSPA action teams and committees are hard at work on several issues that are of critical importance to our community.

Check out the updates below; **if you see something you're interested in, don't hesitate to reach out.** The action teams and committees can use all the help they can get.

Sustainability

The team's next meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Allendale United Methodist Church (Room 107), 3803 Haines Rd, St. Petersburg. Email Co-chairs [Lisa Vanover](#), [Carol Marks](#) or [Jen Underhill](#) for more information.

Reproductive Rights & Justice

The team's next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg. Email Team Lead [Stacey Kroto](#) for more information about getting involved with this action group.

Education

This group will be holding its next meeting Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg. Email Team Leads [Robin Jones](#) or [Iris Yetter](#) for more information about getting involved with this action group.

Gun Safety

The next Gun Safety Action Team meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Allendale United Methodist Church. Contact Team Lead [Sharon Winters](#) for more information.

Immigration

Immigration continues to be a top issue among the electorate here in Florida and across the country. Of grave concern is the Trump's administration's response to the caravan approaching our southern border. The immigration action group will be watching to see if the tactics change post the election, and base our education and advocacy accordingly.

The action group's next meeting will be held Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at a team members home. If you'd like to get involved with the Immigration Action Team, email Team Lead [Karen Coale](#) for more information.

Membership Services

If you're interested in helping out with the Membership Committee, contact Chair [Melanie Sheehan](#).

Media/Publicity

This committee meets monthly on the 1st Thursday @ 5:30 p.m. at the LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg. Email Team Lead [Amy Weintraub](#) for more information.

Voter Service

The committee's next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the LWVSPA Office, 233 3rd St. N., St. Petersburg. Email Team Lead [Raechel Garafalo](#) for more information.



LWVF & LWVSPA in the News

- [LWVF scolds Rick Scott for politicking instead of helping state elections officials](#) (Florida Phoenix)
- [Video aimed at helping deaf voters](#) (Tampa Bay Reporter)
- [Florida Supreme Court weighs process to pick new justices](#) (Orlando Weekly)



Upcoming Events

Nov. 14: Cocktails & Conversation

6-8 p.m. @ The Hangar Restaurant and Flight Lounge, 540 1st St. S, St. Petersburg

Nov. 15: St. Pete Autumn Solar Co-op Info Session

6-7:30 p.m. @ St. Petersburg College Library, 6700 8th Ave. N, St. Petersburg

Nov. 16: Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture: Ana Menéndez

7:30-9 p.m. @ Temple Beth-El, 400 Pasadena Ave., S, St. Petersburg



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 \$7 of your basic membership goes to the 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](#).

The following memberships are up for renewal during this 3-month span. We invite you to [renew today!](#)

NOVEMBER 2018

Monica Abbott
Caroline Bloodworth
Lauren Brenzel
Patricia Fling
Maryellen Gordon
Lisa Handy
Mary Hanrahan

Terry Kessel
Cara McCown
Jack McCullough
Martin Shapiro
Shannon Young
Pam Zibell

OCTOBER 2018

Cory Adler
Anna Bailey
Janet Bast
Enita Berkheiser
Elizabeth Blanco
Jenna Burr
Sarah Butz
Karen Corbin
Jaime Dixon
Christa Fairbrother
Neil Franckle
Nicole Gaus

Wendy Grassi
Mary Kingdon
Dory Larsen
Linda Lowe
Judithanne McLaughlan
Rita Moore
Julia Rissler
Laura Schmid
Emily Sedgwick
Sally Watson
Iris Yetter

SEPTEMBER 2018

Lydia Castle
Shannan Clark
Jules Cozine

Vollie Riskin
Janice Salsich

EARLIER IN THE YEAR

Tami Elizabeth Acosta-Urban
Cory Adler-Leidersdorff
Christina Aikman
Kim Alderman
Kristy Alderson
Lisa Alfiro
Melissa Allen
Jennifer Andreani
Janet Andrew
Sam Angelides
Carol Ardell
Julia Arenstein
Ray Arsenault
Molly Auld
Cynthia Barasz
Donna Barbar
Roberta Barber
Ruth Barrens
Aramis Baynard
Lise Beane
Karen Berman
David Berman
Peter Betzer
Susan Betzer
Jody Bikoff
April Birdsong
Philip Bishop
Amy Blake
Angela Boicheff
Karen Bokulic
Sharron Bolling

Dena Lebowitz
Lisa Leverock
Barbara Linder
Doneene Loar
Boni Locke
Estelle Loewenstein
Diane Lohr
Byron Lorrier
Karen Lumpkin
Evelyn Lunsford
Chin Mah
Mary Mahoney
Christine Manchester
Jana Maples
Mark Marder
Patricia Masi
Joanne McCarthy
Jill McDonald
Kathy McGeehan
Julia McGinty
Michael McGreevy
Lisa McGreevy
Diane McKinstry
Judy Micco
Judith Michael
Sara Mieczkowski
Jacqueline Mirkin
Brittany Mohamed
June Mohns
Melanie Moore
Patrice Moore

Carolyn Boucher
Amy Boyle
Julia Brazier
Carla Bristol
Lisa Brody
Karen Burns
Stephanie Cain
Judith Carruthers
Theresa Cathers
Kristin Cathey
Julie Chalhoub
Anna Ruth Cianci
Erin Coleman
Marlene Colony
Georgene Conner
Christina Cowell
Tracy Crabtree
Daina Crafa
Gretchen Craig
Penelope Craig
Marilee Cunningham
Ruth Dady
Claudia Dahlman
Debora Dandridge
Linda Darin
Barbara Daudigan
Sheena Qualles De Freece
Sherry Deibel
Karen Denehy
Bob Devin Jones
Doreen DiBiagio
MaryEllen Doak
Gail Dold
John Donovan
Kristie Dowling
Kimberly Drake
Victoria Dunn
Linda Edington
Michelene Everett
Jennifer Findley-Fox
Kirsten Fisher
Aleta Fisher
Rene Flowers
Holly Fossen
Brigitte Foster
Elizabeth Fountain
Maria Fox
James Fox
Mary Franklin
Carolina Freitag
Mary Fulton
Gypsy Gallardo
June Gannon
Tracy Gannuscio
Diane Gardner-Rhoden
Rachel Gelbmann
Rebecca Gilmore
Valerie Ginn
Linda Glod
Joelle Godwin
Sylvia Gold
Sharon Goldberg
MaryAnn Goodrich
Evyan Gordon

Manitia Moultrie
Marlene Mullen
Karen Mullins
Lindsay Murdock
Dawn Murray
Devon Murray
Gary Nakarado
Patricia Nardozzi
Devin Neitzert
Deborah Nevins
Nina Nicholson
Dorece Norris
Pamela O'Brien
Jacqueline Olds
Rachel Oliver
Floy Lynn Olsen
Susan O'Neil
Loretta Owens
Lisa Pagnotta
Mary Jane Park
Leigh Parks
Kay Paul
Traci Pichette
Ronnie Pollack
Suzanne Pomeroy
Barbara Poore
Santee Potter
Janet Prueitt
Janelle Quinn
Elizabeth Rashbaum
Erin Rashbaum
Kathryn Rawson
Lydia Rector
Steven Redisch
Tania Reed
Doris Reeves-Lipscomb
Susan Reid
Jon Reynolds
Kathleen Robinson
Kyesha Robinson
Sharon Rose
Debra Rose
Veda Roubideaux
Lisa Rowan
Lucille Ruga
Lucille Ruga
Ann Sackett
Deborah Sanders
S. Latrelle Sasser
Beverly Sauls
Katharine Saunders
Judy Sevigny
Sherry Sexton
Jenny Shea
Pamela Sherwin
Sandy Shuler
Robert Siberski
Jessica Slaton
Francia Smith
Zayne Smith
Denise Smith
Megan Smolenyak
Laura Sosa-Cook
Gwyne Spinale

Roslyn Graham
Geraldine Gray
Becky Griffin
Barbara Grotecloss
Ann Haendel
Teresa Hall
Judy Hall
Cathy Hansen
Esther Happle
Holly Hartman
Caitlyn Heidenreich
Lynn Henderson
Wilma Henriksen
Gwen Hinchey
Donna Holloway
Curtis Hollowman
Melissa Hopkins
Connie Hubbard
Suzanne Hutto
Helen Igar
Consuelo Ingledue
Jennifer Jack
Norman Jaeger
Flame James
Margaret Joffe
Dianne Johnson
Gail Johnson
Lucinda Johnston
Theresa Jones
Debra Justus
Sonia King
Naudia King
Susan King
Sara Knotts
Kathy Kulaas
Sheila Lamb
Caroline Lanford

Barbara Spofford
Elithia Stanfield
Peter Stanhope
Mary Stephens
Sunny Stewart
Christine Stockholm
Madeline Streilein
Barbara Sullo
Cher Tanner
Laurie Teppert
Donna Terrence
Ahna Thaxton
Theresa Timmick
Jamie Title
Miriam Toelle
Lucy Trimarco
Elizabeth Vanneste
Susan Wagner
Yvonne Walden
Jean M Walder
Kerry Walia
Korinne Wasinger
Carol Wasinger
Patricia Weller
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Rita Wesley
David Westmark
Ann White
Scott Willis
Ann Wilson
Rebecca Wilson
Joanne and Ken Wilson
Denise Yettaw
Susan Yormark



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Health Care: Julie Kessel
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Campaign Finance Reform/Social Justice: Julie Kessel, Karen Lieberman
Education: Robin Jones, Iris Yetter
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understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**