



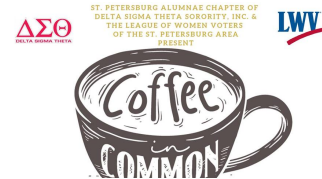
THE VOTER

October 2019

Letter from the President

Happy Florida Fall!

I'm happy to announce a partnership with the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to host monthly conversations about race and politics called [Coffee in Common](#).



This partnership seeks to create a space to have authentic, meaningful conversations about the impacts of racism in politics by exploring the historical and current contexts with facilitated discussion. We invite League members and the community to this free event at the Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum.

I'd also like to thank our hard-working Voter Services team for their incredible efforts in this election season. They have hosted countless voter registration and education events successfully and organized three Candidate Forums and launched another successful version of the Voter Guide. If you see someone from the VS team make sure to thank them for their invaluable efforts.

Get out the vote and encourage your friends and family!

In League,
Linsey Grove

P.S. Looking for a simple way to support the LWVSPA? We have a few things we need to get our new office ready! Check out our [Amazon wishlist](#) and see if there's anything on there you'd be willing to buy for the office!



Municipal Elections Are Coming Up. Are You Ready to Vote?



Voters in St. Petersburg and Seminole will be heading to the polls on Nov. 5 to cast their ballots for a variety of municipal races and ballot initiatives. You can ensure that you're ready to vote by checking out our award-winning Voter Guide.

In it, you'll find more information about each candidate's positions, analysis of the ballot initiatives, and answers to many of your frequently asked questions as they pertain to voting.

You can find the voter guide by visiting [PinellasVoterGuide.com](#). Make sure to share it with your friends and family who will be voting in this election!

While you're at it, we strongly encourage everyone to check the status of their voter registration through the [Supervisor of Elections' website](#). Make sure your information is correct and up to date before you head to the polls so you limit the possibility of running into any issues on Election Day.

The voter registration period will be closing on Monday, Oct. 7, which means any changes that are made after Oct. 7 will not be applicable for the Nov. 5 election. However, those changes will be in effect for future elections, so don't let the deadlines dissuade you from checking and taking steps to correct any errors!

This is a simple and effective way to protect your vote, and it only takes a minute. Because registering to vote is only the first step to making sure our votes count.



Census 2020: Get Involved!



Census 2020 is fast approaching! The 2020 Census is critical to ensuring political representation and brings billions of dollars to Florida. It's critical for everyone in Pinellas County to be counted.

Join the League's efforts to spread awareness and get out the count in 2020. If you are interested, please fill out [this survey](#) or email census@lwvspa.org.

You can also read more about the issues surrounding the 2020 Census and how the League is involved by going to lwvspa.org/census.



The LWVSPA Participates in National Voter Registration Day!

National Voter Registration Day took place on Sept. 24 and was celebrated across the United States. Pinellas County was no exception, as the LWVSPA partnered with SPC, USFSP and Eckerd College to hold voter registration events.

Maryellen Gordon was a guest lecturer at SPC Downtown while our volunteers registered voters. Rachel Garafalo and student leader Naya Payne organized a multi-activity event at USFSP. Voter Service volunteers arranged and staffed events at SPC Midtown, SPC Gibbs and SPC Seminole.



Other NVRD events held in September included Tangerine Plaza, Campbell Park Resource Center, Pinellas County Job Corps, Canterbury School and the Good With Me Day Festival.

Training for new Voter Services volunteers will commence in the next few months. Watch for training dates in The Voter.



Meet Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark

With several critical elections happening in 2020, a lot of folks have questions and concerns about the security and integrity of our elections. And now you'll have a chance to learn more from Pinellas County's elections chief.

Join us on Nov. 1 at Allendale United Methodist Church for a conversation with [Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark](#). The issues to be discussed include election security and integrity, lessons learned from 2018, the implementation of Amendment 4, voter trends, issues impacting voter access and more.



The event will happen from 6:30 to 8 p.m. No RSVP is required.

This event is sponsored by Fired Up Pinellas, and we are co-sponsoring it along with Indivisible - FL13, NextGen, FL Suncoast Sierra Club, Dream Defenders, Puerto Rico Connect, For Our Future and Common Ground Florida.



LWVSPA in the News

- [St. Pete City Council candidate forum at USFSP](#) (WMNF)
- [Barnhorn, Olliver and Wissing address city issues at Seminole Gardens forum](#) (Seminole Beacon)
- [Bay area student activists gather for "Climate Strikes" in St. Pete, Tampa](#) (Bay News 9)



What's Happening Around LWVSPA?

Education

This cross-county action group is co-chaired by [Nikki Fleming](#) and [Barbara Meloche](#) of LWV of North Pinellas County. Their next meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at 2642 Sabal Springs Dr. in Clearwater. Contact the co-chairs if you are interested in working with this action group.

Election & Voter Protection

This team continues to lay the groundwork for a poll monitoring program and public outreach campaigns. Please contact [Caitlin Constantine](#), [Amy Keith](#) or [Stephanie Owens](#) for more information.

Gun Safety

The team's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 at Allendale United Methodist Church (Wesley Room), located at 3803 Haines Rd. N in St. Petersburg. Contact Team Lead [Sharon Winters](#) for more information.

To learn more about the issues and how to take action, visit lwgspa.org/gun-issues.

Immigration

The child detention center in Homestead is closed - but where are the children?

Join us for a discussion about the history, related laws, judicial rulings and some government reports. Become an informed voter and then take action by writing postcards to our Congressional Representative and both US Senators from Florida.



The information night is happening Monday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Hops and Props, located at 355 2nd Ave. NE in St. Petersburg.

This team's next meeting will be held Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at a team member's home.

To help with our upcoming social media campaign or participate in other educational or advocacy projects on this very serious issue — please email Team Lead [Karen Coale](#).

Media/Publicity

The team will be meeting Thursday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the LWVSPA office in the Sanderlin Center, located at 2335 22nd Ave. N. in St. Petersburg.

Email Team Lead [Amy Weintraub](#) for more information about joining this action group.

Membership Services

If you're interested in helping out with the Membership Committee, contact co-chairs [Stacey Jurewicz](#) or [Kathi Garrity](#).

National Popular Vote

Leagues all over the state partnered with Universities for Constitution Day on Sept. 17.

The National Popular Vote, Inc. organization sent one of their senior consultants to speak at some of these events. In St. Petersburg, Pat Rosenstiel gave an interview before the Tiger Bay Club luncheon. Listen to it [here](#).

If you have a local group who would like a speaker, contact [Marty Shapiro](#). If you are interested in learning more or joining the local committee, please reach out to [Deb Mazzaferro](#) or [Marty Shapiro](#).

Plant Power

The team will hold its next meeting on Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanderlin Center, located at 2335 22nd Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. For more information, email [Julie Kessel](#) or [Jen Underhill](#).

Reproductive Rights

In the year since Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed as a Supreme Court justice, 12 states have passed 27 bans and restrictions on abortion, and these bans are becoming more and more extreme.

The LWVSPA Reproductive Rights Action Team is joining NARAL Pro-Choice America to take action and learn more about how to fight for reproductive freedom in 2020 in Florida and around the United States.

This event is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the LWVSPA Office in the Sanderlin Center, located at 2335 22nd Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Email Team Lead [Stacey Kroto](#) for more information about getting involved with this action group.

Sustainability

The LWVSPA Sustainability Action Team will meet up to enjoy [a movie and discussion](#) being held in our community!

The 2017 movie - "A Plastic Ocean" - follows a team of adventurers and researchers on a mission to uncover the shocking truth about what is lurking beneath the surface of our ocean.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with Tampa Bay Watch staff about the actions being taken to restore and protect the ecological balance of our local waters, and then everyone will reconvene for drinks at Datz following the event.

The movie and discussion portion of the event are being hosted by Tampa Bay Watch and the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art. The League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area's Sustainability Committee proudly supports the efforts of other environmental organizations in the community.

The screening starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include admission to the museum.

Email [Carol Marks](#) or [Kal Marquise](#) for more information about joining this action team.

Voter Service

The team's next meeting will be held Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allendale United Methodist Church, located at 3803 Haines Road in St. Petersburg. Email Team Lead [Raechel Garafalo](#) for more information.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 7: International Relations: The Middle East: Regional Disorder

2-3:30 p.m. @ Barbara S. Ponce Public Library, 7770 52nd St. N, Pinellas Park

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 7: Migrant Children: An LWVSPA Info Night

6:30-8 p.m. @ Hops and Props, 335 2nd Ave. NE, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 10: Reality of Roe Action Hour

7-8:30 p.m. @ Sanderlin Center, 2335 22nd Ave. S, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 19: "And The Brave Shall Rise:" A Post-Parkland Short Film

Part of the Tampa Bay Latin Film Festival

12 p.m. @ AMC Sundial, 151 2nd Ave. N, St. Petersburg

[Tickets](#) | [Facebook](#)

Oct. 22: \$10 Tuesday: "A Plastic Planet" & Discussion

6-8 p.m. @ The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, 150 Central Ave. S, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 23: Cocktails & Conversation

6-8 p.m. @ The Left Bank Bistro, 1225 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 26: Coffee in Common

5-7 p.m. @ Dr. Carter G. Woodson African-American Museum, 2240 9th Ave. S, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Oct. 30: General Membership Meeting

7-8:30 p.m. @ Sanderlin Center, 2335 22nd Ave. S, St. Petersburg

[Facebook](#)

Nov. 1: Meet the Supervisor of Elections

6:30-8 p.m. @ Allendale United Methodist Church, 3803 Haines Rd. N, St. Petersburg

Nov. 15: Michael Mann: "Understanding Climate Change and Its Impact on Florida"

Part of the Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture Series

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

[Facebook](#)



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 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.

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!](#)

October 2019

Faith Alford
George Banez
Jenna Burr
Doris Caitak
Nicole Carr
Jeanette Chaniel
Celia Clarke
Alexandria Domingo
Lynn Fruit
Corey Givens Jr.
Kitty Hahn-Campanella
Angela Harris
Cg Hawkins
Carol Heinen
M Diane Hodson
Chesney James
Meaghan Keeler-Pettigrew

Daniel Kelso
Rita Knorr
Thomas Lang
Liz Lebron
Deb Mazzaferro
Sandra Owens
Orlando Pizana
Marilyn Pocius
Kendall Reid
Dawn Rogers
Arlene Rothman
Jonathan Rowles
Sydni (Sydney) Ann Shollenberger
Elizabeth Updegraff
Jane Weagle
Sharon Winters

September 2019

Amy Ballou
Brooke Beeler
Ruth Crawford
Daisy Delatorre
Viviane Demilly
Edward Doyle
Brenna Dukes
Linda Gelinias
Martha Gipson
Marci Girard-Emerson
Susan Hardee
Bianca Hatten
Annette Hubbard
Marc Jensen
Lora Karas
Maxwell Kramer-Crespo

Doug & Janet Morris
Tara Newsom
Bruce Nissen
Martin Normile
Stephanie Owens & Keith Royster
Jessica & Nicholas Panagakos
Imeshia Parkman
Melanie Powell
Anthony Robinson
Cynthia Rose
Emilia Soliman
Dave Spangler
Tina Spangler
Kelvin-Lloyd Stuck
Candi Taylor
Kai Tomalin

Samantha Lepore
Karen Lieberman
Meighan Monroe

Maria Celia Villac
Sharon Wright

August 2019

W Glen Bateman Jr
Ansley Burtch
Rachel Cornish
James Dobyns
Sydney Frasca
Catherine Griggs
Yardena Isakson
Veronica Jimenez
Cheryl Knight
Phyllis & James LeTellier
Rhyia Miller

Vionette Mull
Carol Nelson
Mary Olson
Sue Price
Joan Sheehan
Vincent Spina
Jamie Tremblay
Lola Ward
Linda Whiteford & John Douglas Uzzell
Cassandra Williams
Virginia Zeigler



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[Click here](#) for more information about our education and advocacy groups.

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Voter Service: Raechel Garafalo
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understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.