

THE VOTER

October 2022

Letter from the President



Dear League,

I hope this finds you safe and well after Hurricane Ian. This past week felt like a year. We all have our own hurricane stories and collectively we all have each other. Here is mine. I had to evacuate. We packed up our lives in a duffel bag not knowing if we would have a home to come back to. I gathered water, food, important papers, and my loved ones. It was a great reminder of what really matters, each other.

As we slowly drove to Orlando via I-4, I witnessed something beautiful. Drivers were taking care of each other, no one was reckless driving ON I-4! I witnessed people, despite the stress, taking care of each other. Neighbors, family, friends, and strangers came together.

Linemen from Louisiana to North Carolina were fed by the 2 people working at an Arby's during the hurricane, a CVS manager made sure the long lines of customers moved efficiently so her employees could get home safely.

We watched the devastation to our south and flood waters rising throughout central Florida in horror and sadness. We were safe, we came home, we had a home to come to. I am grateful and thankful. I feel the pain and loss for those who lost everything, hopefully they still have their loved ones.

I am thankful that everyone is working together in unity with local, state, and federal authorities. There is no partisanship in times of need, just humans helping other humans. I am thankful that the League has understood this since its inception. I am thankful I am a part of this, I am thankful that you are a part this.

This October we will continue our efforts to help each other, to empower voters and defend democracy. I am excited to meet new members at our new member orientation October 10th and our General All Member meeting October 18th. I hope to see you there as we continue to build our community and democracy.

Take care,
Gretchen Johnson



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



*Calling All Members!
League General
Meeting*

Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 18th

6:00 PM Sanderlin Center - 2335 22nd Ave S.

Get updates on upcoming elections, redistricting, and League projects. Meet Team Leaders and discover ways to deepen your involvement as a member of this dynamic group.

REGISTER



Creating
a more perfect
democracy
Join us!

The League of Women Voters is one of America's most trusted grassroots, non-partisan organizations engaged in hands-on work to safeguard democracy. In addition to making important contributions in our community, "Leaguers" are interesting, engaged, **and** they know how to laugh and have fun. So come on and join us!

JOIN US!



Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy

Litigation is a crucial part of the work the League does to empower voters and defend democracy. In September Dr. Deborah Turner, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States, announced the launch of the [LWV Legal Center](#), a database on [lww.org](#) that showcases up-to-date information about the League's litigation work. Users can search cases by name, state, or topic to find information on historic and active cases. [Read the press release.](#)

VOTER SERVICES

**NOVEMBER
GENERAL
ELECTION
2022**

**CANDIDATE'S UNEDITED
RESPONSES**

PinellasVoterGuide.com

NON-PARTISAN

General Election: November 8, 2022

October 6, 2022
Ballots mailed

October 11, 2022
Voter Registration Deadline

October 29, 2022
Deadline to request a ballot be
mailed to you

Early Voting: October 24 –
November 6, 2022 from 7:00am
to 7:00pm

LWVSPA Voter Guide is LIVE!

Click on the [Pinellas Voter Guide](#) and you'll find all the information you need to vote on November 8th. The LWVSPA voter guide is a trusted and non-partisan resource packed with information in an easy-to-use electronic format.

Sign up on [LWVSPA Facebook Page](#) to receive reminders and links to valuable election information.

PARTNER EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, HISTORIC BETHEL AME, ASALH AND LWVSPA FOR A PRESENTATION OF:

VOTER ASSISTANCE 101

*Empowering
& Educating*

Learn all you need to know this year about voting in person, voting early, voting by mail and redistricting. Q&A to follow.

Wednesday, October 5th 2022

6:30-8:30 PM

Enoch Davis Center

1111 18th Ave South

FREE

A buffet dinner from Heavy's food truck will be provided!

Please register here:
<https://tinyurl.com/y9aymddw>



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State Attorney Candidate Forum

On Tuesday Sept 20th a very successful online State Attorney Candidate Forum was produced by a coalition that included the Pinellas and Greater Tampa Bay Chapters of the ACLU of Florida, LULAC, NAACP Clearwater Upper Pinellas County Branch, NAACP St. Petersburg Branch and the St. Petersburg Bar Association.

Robin Davidov led LWVSPA hard-working team members Ama Appiah, Amy Weintraub, Rebecca Lyons and Susan

Dickson. The forum is especially important because for the first time in 30 years Pasco and Pinellas County residents will have the opportunity to vote for a State Attorney to represent the people of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

If you missed it you'll find it on [YouTube](#)

Want to join Robin's team to produce future forums? Contact Robin
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Save the Date

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PINELLAS COUNTY? MOVING FORWARD

Hear local experts discuss the affordable housing shortage
and what they are doing to help!

Thurs, October 6th, 2022 6:30 - 8PM
North Greenwood Recreation Center
900 N. Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Clearwater

Presented by:  LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY



Moderator: Zebbie Atkinson IV, President, NAACP Clearwater/Upper Pinellas County Branch
Panelists:

- Elizabeth Abernethy, Director of Planning and Development, City of St. Petersburg
- Mark Van Lue, Housing Development Manager, Pinellas County Housing and Community Development
- Jacqueline Reyes - Lead Organizer, Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST)
- Jeffrey Lorick, Director, Pinellas County Office of Human Rights

Please come with your questions and solutions! Together we can find answers. For more information,
email: lwvnpc.info@gmail.com and visit: <https://lwvnorthpinellas.org> and <https://clearwaternaacp.com/>



Learn about Healthcare Navigators

6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3rd

Zoom Presentation

Helping families in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties find affordable healthcare services will be the topic for the Hillsborough League's next virtual Healthcare event on

Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Katie Rodgers Turner, Executive Director of The Family Healthcare Foundation for Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk, will explain how this non-profit program works. [Click Here to learn more](#)

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REFLECTIONS ON
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

The header features two strings of colorful paper lanterns (papel picado) in shades of green, yellow, and red. Below the lanterns, the text "REFLECTIONS ON" is in purple, "HISPANIC" is in large, multi-colored letters (H: red, I: green, S: purple, P: yellow, A: teal, N: red, I: purple, C: green), and "HERITAGE MONTH" is in purple.

OCTOBER 17, 2022
WEBINAR – 6:30 P.M. (ET)

There is no United States without Hispanic and Latin Americans. From hateful rhetoric referring to some as “rapists and criminals” to draconian immigration policies along the southern border largely targeting Latino asylum seekers, the past five years have been particularly difficult for Hispanics and Latinos in the U.S. **Hispanic Heritage Month is our chance to honor and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of individuals that identify as Hispanic or Latino!**

As 2022's Hispanic Heritage Month comes to an end, Hispanic and Latinos across the country are already preparing to vote. Join the **League of Women Voters of Florida** for a virtual event which will reflect on the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month and highlight how more inclusivity builds a stronger nation.



Join Webinar

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