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## Co-President Notes

COVID-19, while keeping us apart for safety, has motivated the League to seek new ways to accomplish our mission. Meetings are now going “virtual” with the help of online tools. I would venture to say not many of us had ever heard of Zoom before this pandemic, but several of us have jumped on board with use of this online meeting tool. Thus far, your local League has conducted two board meetings and one general meeting with Zoom, and our Speakers Bureau has used it to give presentations to three area organizations. Please click [here](#) for the rest of Gail's letter.

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## Co-President Notes

As of May 23, Governor DeSantis has signed only 16 of the 194 bills passed in the 2020 legislative session. The rest remain with the Legislators until the Governor is not as preoccupied with the COVID 19 pandemic. The 93.2 billion dollar budget remains unsigned.

The Electric Vehicle committee members, working with the State Committee, will call upon our County Commissioners, elected officials in our tri-county area, and our local car dealers. They will be advocating for the increased availability and use of electric vehicles. Any member interested in joining this group may contact: Bob Field

bfield43@yahoo.com.

The State League is partnered with several organizations and continues the move forward with our Natural Resources goals. The links are found on LWVFL.org within the N.R. topic.

The following organizations offer various Natural Resource opportunities of learning ; Florida Sierra Club, Florida Audubon Society, The Howard T. Odum Springs Institute, 1000 Friends of Florida, St. Johns Water Management Authority, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

On behalf of our League we hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

Yours in the League

Bonnie Field, Co-President



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## VOTE 411

**Vote411.org activity has begun.** Since the judicial candidates filed in April, we have collected judicial candidate contact information and are drafting questions for the judicial candidates. Candidates for other offices, who have not already filed, will file between June 8 and 12<sup>th</sup>. So, our volunteers are **now** collecting candidate information for those candidates. Once we know which offices will be on the Primary Ballot, we will draft questions for those positions. For more details and how you can help, click [here](#)

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## Speaker's Bureau

All previous hosts to whom Speakers Bureau has presented are now being contacted to inform them we are now offering our six Power Point presentations via Zoom video conferencing. Several Zoom

presentations have been given to date. The list of available topics, found on our website [www.lwvtrifl.org](http://www.lwvtrifl.org) was emailed to Janis Dorgan, LWVTRI Publicity Chair, to market to all Villages and local community publications. Members are also encouraged to contact Jeannie Hamilton [lwvtrispeakersbureau@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtrispeakersbureau@gmail.com) if they become aware of a neighborhood group that might be interested in our presentations

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## LWV National Convention June 25-27

The National Convention is going virtual this year! Registration is limited to voting delegates at the present time, but check out the convention [web page](#) for more information.

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### Voting Stories

As we celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we would like to share stories of early voters in your family. Please submit your stories to share [here](#) and they may turn up in a future editions.

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### Vice President

The office of **Vice President** is vacant due to the departure of Joanne Coen. Join an active board! Talk to Gail or Bonnie if you need more information.

### Link Tester

This takes about one hour a month. No technical skills required. Will train . . . virtually.

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*You can be active in LWV in two locations!*

*LWV/TRI THE VILLAGES welcomes Leaguers who are members in their other "hometown". They may become AFFILIATE members here with no membership dues charged. We just want your energy and enthusiasm when you are in Florida.*

*If you are a local member and have friends who are here during the cooler months, please invite them to affiliate with LWV/TRI THE VILLAGES.*

*If you are a local member and are heading back to that other "home" for the hot months, see if there is an LWV unit in the area that you can affiliate with. You can help with this most important upcoming election*

Dues are payable on the **anniversary month** of your joining the League. You will receive an email reminder from **Karen West** ([\*\*LWVTRImembers@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:LWVTRImembers@gmail.com)) prior to your anniversary date. When you do, please make your check payable to **LWVTRI** and mail it to our **Treasurer, Bernadette Aley, 1106 Monterey Lane, The Villages, Florida 32159**. If you are not sure of your anniversary month, you can contact **Karen West**, [\*\*LWVTRImembers@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:LWVTRImembers@gmail.com). Please add Karen's address to your email contact list.

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MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

The good news is that the National Woman's History Project has extended the centennial celebration into the year 2021 because of the current pandemic. We look forward to a future full of our celebrations.

June 25-27 League of Women Voters National Convention. VIRTUAL, not in person. Bonnie and Gail will represent our League and there will be reports in future newsletters

August 26 - EqualiTea. We have moved this event to a virtual event. Carolyn Ingham will still be our speaker, but you can get your cup of tea and enjoy from the comfort of your home. More details as the date gets closer. And we plan to meet in person in 2021.



### **Be A Voter "Tee" Shirt**

Be A Voter shirts are available at League meetings for \$10. Surprise your neighbors, friends and family with a reminder about the importance of voting. For more information, contact Gail at [formanag@gmail.com](mailto:formanag@gmail.com).

### **League Website**

Our website, [LWVTRIFL.org](http://LWVTRIFL.org), has a **Members Only** section containing multiple pages:

- the main **Members Only** page has our membership list, minutes from our last Board meeting, an Expense Voucher, our chapter's By-Laws as well as other information
- the **Publications** page is where you can find past newsletters as well as copies of our national and local studies
- the **Voter Guide Archive**
- a **Caught on Camera** page containing candid photos from our



events and activities.

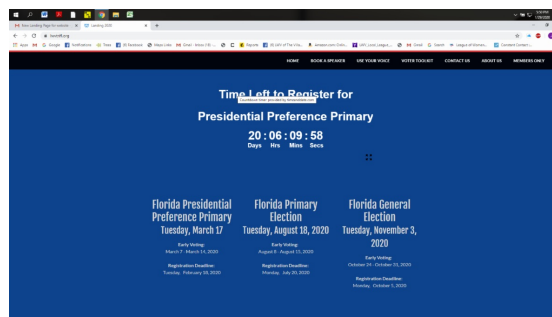
The drop down menu from the Top-Nav allows you to go directly to the page you want to access.

When you select one of these pages, you will be required to provide a password. To gain access to this restricted part of our website, contact our member chair:

Karen West LWVTRImembers@gmail.com

## Landing Page

If you haven't been to our website lately, you have missed our new Landing page, [lwvtrifl.org](http://lwvtrifl.org), that focuses our visitors on the important information about the upcoming elections.



The page features a countdown clock showing the days, hours, minutes and seconds left to register for the next election. Registration for the Presidential Preference Primary on March 17, has ended. The clock will be updated to alert visitors about registration deadlines for the **Primary Election on August 18**, and the **General Election on November 3**. A link to [Vote411](#) is prominently displayed as is the "**Be a Voter**" video targeted to young women to encourage them to vote. The red "**Enter Site**" buttons at the top and bottom of the page take you to our Home page.

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**Editor Musings** We usually take the summer off, but we feel as if we are in summer mode...since March! This is a presidential election year and we made the decision to continue monthly newsletters. If you have a submission for this newsletter, please use the [newsletter email](#). Try to get it to me by the 25th of the month. Thanks!

Yours in the League,

