



## April 2024 Newsletter

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### \* \* \* MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED \* \* \*

The library double-booked our regular Thursday meeting time.



### APRIL MEETING

**Debbie Chandler, LWVFL Co-President**  
**Presentation: Making Democracy Work**

**Monday, April 15 - 10 AM**

Fruitland Park Library  
604 W Berckman Street  
Fruitland Park

Want an insider's perspective on the *League of Women Voters of Florida*'s efforts to make democracy work? Come to our April meeting to hear from LWVFL's Co-President, Debbie Chandler.

Debbie will discuss litigation filed by LWVFL to defend voting rights and will explain the bill introduced during the 2024 Florida Legislative Session to help citizens with felony convictions seeking to vote.

We will also learn more about the resources the state League can provide to help us reach our local goals.

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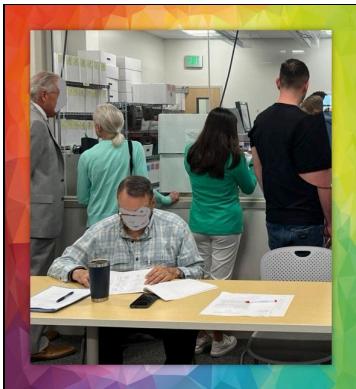
## What's a Canvassing Board?

Election security has become a hot topic. Last month I had a front row seat to witness the care the Sumter County Canvassing Board takes to balance having every legitimate vote count while ensuring voters are who they say they are.

What's a Canvassing Board (CB), you may be wondering.

While there are federal amendments and laws covering elections, each state administers elections differently. In Florida the [Canvassing Board](#) monitors and certifies election results. The Board consists of the supervisor of elections, a county judge, and the chair of the county commission.

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## VOTER SERVICES

### Would you like to monitor the Canvassing Board in Your County?

Would you be available on August 20, 21, 22 and/or 23? Or, would you be available on November 5, 6, 7 and/or 8?

By being an observer of your county's Canvassing Board you can defend democracy, empower voters, and see democracy in action.

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## NEW MEETING TIME Starting September

The survey to find the most acceptable meeting time for FY 2024-2025 was completed by 25 members. **Thursday afternoon at 2 pm** was the option with the highest average rating (3.76) so starting in September that will be our regular meeting time.

A distant second was the Tuesday morning option with an average rating of 3.04, followed by Friday afternoon (2.8) and Friday morning. (2.4).

## WEBSITE FACELIFT

The [Members Only section of lwwtrifl.org](#) has had a major facelift. If you haven't been out there recently, you may want to take a look. The landing page is essentially a table of contents (TOC) into this section of the website, so you can see at a glance what's

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Shout outs to the LWVTRI members who make it happen: Sandy Christian, Jill Davie, Llana Dennis, Tina Getz, Kathy Hansen, Audrietta Izlar, Barb Jury, Shelley Placito, and Sara Rich.

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## BOARD BRIEFS

The Board reviewed our intern's plan for building a following on Facebook, Instagram and Thread, a TikTok competitor that is growing fast with young people of voting age.

She plans to capitalize on the 4,600 followers of Lake Sumter State College's online magazine as well as her personal network of 350 followers.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Let's Welcome Our Newest Member!

Llana Dennis  
Marsha Jordan

## FUTURE MEETINGS

General meetings are held at the Fruitland Park Library. For locations of other events, check the calendar on our [website](#).

**April 15 (Monday \*)**

**Date Change \***

### General Meeting

Speaker: Debbie Chandler, LWVFL Co-President

**May 9 (2nd Thursday)**

### General Meeting

Speaker: Vilia Johnson. Ranked Choice Voting

The Fruitland Park Library double-booked our 2nd Thursday meeting times.

We had to move our February and April meetings to Monday.



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