



## October 2024 Newsletter

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### OCTOBER 2024 MEETING: Florida Needs a Pro-Voter Agenda



**Speaker: Sam Coodley**

**Thursday, October 10 at 2 PM**

Fruitland Park Library  
601 W Berckman Street  
Fruitland Park

As Campaign Manager of *All Voting is Local*, Sam Coodley coordinates the efforts of Florida organizations working to counter threats to voting rights. The *Florida League of Women Voters* is a member of this coalition along with the *ACLU*, *Black Votes Matter*, *Common Cause*, *Florida Rising*, *Hispanic Federation*, and *NAACP* to name a few.

Sam will share some of the victories this democracy-centered movement has achieved as well as plans underway to ensure the 2024 election is free, fair and accessible to all voters.

Opportunities for individual involvement will be suggested.

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### CO-PRESIDENT COLUMN: Get Out the Vote

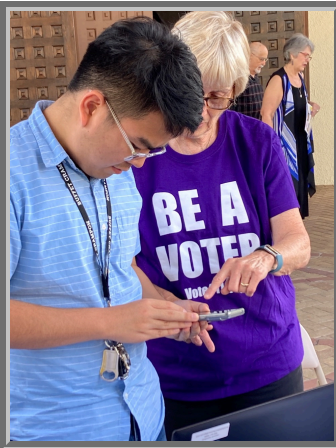


social media posts, more than someone knocking on the door, or postcards in the mailbox, the conversations you have with family and friends could have the most impact in getting out the vote.

Research suggests that when you have a basic level of trust established with someone, they are more likely to listen to you. That means you have the opportunity to convince them to vote. You have the opportunity to make a difference in November. Learn what to say: [read more](#).

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## VOTER SERVICES: Be an Informed Voter



**Do you know what will be on your ballot?** [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) has that information for you.

< [Learn More](#) >

**Do you live in Lake County?** If so, you have the opportunity to meet the candidates.

< [Learn More](#) >

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## POLL MONITORING OPPORTUNITY



Two of LWVTRI's partnering organizations, [All About the Ballots](#) and [Florida Black Women's Roundtable](#), are recruiting poll monitors to cover predominantly Black precincts in Florida. Volunteers are paid a stipend for help during Early Voting as well as Election Day.

If you could spare 4-hours, you would be making a difference in your community.

< [Learn More](#) >

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## TRANSFORMATION IS COMING: Membership Renewal



management and make it uniform across local Leagues. This transformation will be realized after the new year, so it's important that members understand how the new system will affect them.

< [Learn More](#) >

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## BOARD BRIEFS

The Board reviewed the 501c4Bylaws, discussed the National League's upcoming transformation and ways to inform the membership of the changes, and planned upcoming New Member Orientations.

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Kudos to Diane Guffey!! Without her, hundreds of people would not know what the six Amendments on the General Election Ballot are all about. Without her, multiple organizations in Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties would not have had a speaker for their meetings and events during 2024.

< [Read More](#) >

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Let's Welcome Our Newest Members

Diane Dean  
Phyllis McNeal  
Elaine Morrison  
Beverly Winterscheid

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

General meetings are held in the Fruitland Park Library on the 2nd Thursday of the months between September and May, except for the Holiday Luncheon in December.

**November 14**

**Home Rule**

Speaker: Joe Elliott. Wildwood City Commissioner

Recognized as 2024 Home Rule Hero by the Florida League of Cities.

**December 12**  
**11:30 AM \*\***

**Holiday Luncheon at Grand Oaks Bistro \*\***

Speaker: Beverly Steele

Royal, FL Historian  
Founder of Royal's Young Performing Artists

**January 9**

**Canvassing Board**

Speaker: Honorable Paul Militello, Sumter County Court

**February 13**

**To Be Determined**

**March 13**

**Program Planning**

Discussion: LWVTRI's program for the next fiscal year

**April 10**

**Social Security: Eligibility & Long Term Viability**

Speaker: Bernadette Aley

Retired District Director of Social Security Administration

**May 8**

**Annual Meeting**

Business Meeting: The only business meeting of the year will include elections of officers, approval of budget, and adoption of program.

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