



***Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.***

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## **February General Meeting**

**Monday February 27 10 AM  
Manatee Recreation Center**



## **Votes for All!**

Our League of Women Voters is celebrating Black History Month with a speaker from the local NAACP. Martha Taylor, President of the NAACP Lake County Tri-City, will speak to us about how recent legislation has affected Black communities and voting. We strive to ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to vote. Our League is working to improve access to voting facilities for people of color and to prevent discrimination at the polls. We look forward to Martha's update on the current situation and how we can help. This meeting is free and open to the general public.

We hope you can join us. And don't forget to plan on joining us for lunch following the meeting!

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## **Make a Bigger Impact**

We all work in so many different ways to make an impact on this world. The differences we make through our work, our charities, our organizations have a direct and lasting impact on those around you. When you are gone, you will be remembered for this good work. Can you do more? [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

**VOLUNTEER**



## **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting is **Monday, March 27 at 11AM**. This is the most important meeting of the year

requiring at least 20% of our members in attendance to elect officers and adopt a Program and Budget for 2023-24. We need you there! Please make your reservations by March 17th for our luncheon at Continental County Club. [CLICK HERE FOR RESERVATION FORM](#)



## Co President Column

### Should We Take This On?

Our legislature has outlawed it. Our governor signed that prohibition into law. The Democratic Party will probably hate it. For once the Republican Party will probably agree with them. Should we go ahead with this Program anyway? [READ MORE](#)

## Summary of February Board Meeting

Click [HERE](#) for the information on the February Board Meeting

## Voter Services

If you live in Marion County, Vote411.org has information for you. [CLICK HERE](#) for local voting news

If you Vote by Mail, you must take action, because your request for a vote by mail ballot has expired. All Florida Voter Vote-By-Mail requests expired on December 31, 2022. One must renew the request every two years. To vote by mail in an election, the request must be in the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 10 days before the election.

[CLICK HERE](#) for how to accomplish this



## What's New With SPEAKERS BUREAU?

[CLICK HERE](#) to catch up on this vital part of our local league

## Membership News

Welcome to our new member

**Allison Firth**



For renewal information [CLICK HERE](#)

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**February 27**, Martha Taylor, President NAACP  
Tri County

**March 27**- Char Griffin, *The Case for Focus*

**April 24** Wesley Wilcox, Marion County SOE

**May 22** - Jason McHugh Wildwood City Manager, Wildwood Master Plan

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Education Fund



Your contribution to the LWVTRI Education Fund is tax deductible and is used to fund our voter education efforts. If you have an investment account with a Required Minimum Distribution, please consider our League's Education Fund as a recipient. You can also bequeath a donation to the Education Fund as part of your estate planning

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## Book Corner with Kathy Porter

Sarah Josepha Hale is remembered for her 10-year fight to have Thanksgiving Day a national holiday and as the author of the poem Mary Had a Little Lamb. There is so much more to know about this fascinating woman [READ MORE](#)

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## Editor Musings

We are approaching the general session of the Florida Legislature. Please be on the lookout for any requests to contact your legislator and voice an opinion.

Yours in the League,  
Beth

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