



## November 2023 Newsletter



### NOVEMBER MEETING Bill Keen Sumter County Supervisor of Elections

**Monday, November 27 - 10 am**

Fruitland Park Library

604 W Berckman Street

Fruitland Park

November we will welcome the Sumter County Supervisor of Election, Bill Keen. He will discuss the election law changes for the 2024 season. In

Since 2024 is a presidential election year, there will be more races on the ballot than in off-year elections.

Counties elect their Supervisors of Elections, Sheriffs, Clerks of Courts, Property Appraisers, Tax Collectors, as well as members of their Water Authority and Hospital Boards the same year as the Presidential Primaries. So now is a good time to learn how changes to election laws effect you.

**\*\*\* Remember: Fruitland Park Library Is Our New Location \*\*\***

Use the door on the right which takes you directly into the meeting room.

The LWVTRI banner will be out front.

Do **not** use the main library door.

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### **MAKE OUR LEAGUE BETTER. TAKE THIS SURVEY.**

The LWVTRI Board is looking for ways to improve our League, and we are looking for your ideas.

Please take 5 or 10 minutes and let us know what you think by Monday, November 20. [TAKE SURVEY](#)

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## CO-PRESIDENTS COLUMN To Members of LWVTRI

It is with great sadness I must let you know that I will be moving to Idaho to take care of my brother. He is battling cancer and needs my help. I have loved serving the League as co-president and I am grateful for your support. Your dedication to our chapter has really made us one of the best. Our League has truly empowered voters and we have helped our communities in many ways. I am so proud of the LWV Villages/Tri-County!

Looking forward, I see a very busy election year coming soon. There will be many things to do to get information to voters. We need to spread the word about Vote411.org. Our leadership team will be reaching out to you for your help. Please find a way to support the League in any way you can. Our goal this coming year is to activate voters and get them to the polls. Working together, you can make 2024 a huge success.

Char and I are happy to let you know that Cheryl McBride has agreed to accept the position of interim co-president. Her experience as communications chair and her leadership skills will keep our League strong. My husband and I (and our dog) will start our journey to the Pacific Northwest on November 14th. I will keep in touch and will be keeping an eye on all the wonderful things the League will accomplish. I just wanted to thank everyone and let you know how much I have enjoyed working with you. I wish you all the best in the future. I will miss my League friends.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Rosinski  
[mknceta@yahoo.com](mailto:mknceta@yahoo.com)

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for our holiday luncheon.

**Thursday, December 14th**

11 AM - 1 PM

THE BISTRO AT GRAND OAKS  
3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale

If you haven't been to The Bistro at Grand Oaks, you will have a chance to see what you've been missing. Our guest speaker will be Maria Bogdonoff from Villagers for Veterans. Cost is \$25 per person. Click [HERE](#) for menu and payment details. Contact [Bernadette Aley](#) with any questions.

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

An orientation session for new members will be held **Monday, November 13th at 4:00 pm** at the home of Membership Director, Gail Formanack (1096 Alcove Loop in The Villages). Refreshments will be served.

Those who joined since our last orientation in April will receive a special invitation. However, all who joined in the last couple of years who may have missed an orientation opportunity are invited to attend. Please RSVP to [formanag@gmail.com](mailto:formanag@gmail.com) by **November 10th**.

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## **VOTER SERVICES Election Transparency**

Do you want to know more about how your vote is counted? The Supervisors of Elections in the Tri-County area are dedicated to ensuring that every eligible voter has the opportunity to vote and that every vote is counted. If you want to see how they do that, sign up for a tour of the facility. Click for [DETAILS FOR EACH COUNTY](#)



## **LWVTRI NON-PARTISAN POLICY HAS CHANGED**

The Board reviewed our non-partisan policy at our October meeting and added two new provisions which impact every member.

The first revision clarifies partnering with other organizations. The language was adapted from LWVUS non-partisan policy.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

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## RECAP OF COMMUNITY EVENT

Everyone's hard work paid off on Saturday, October 21, when just over 100 people attended Disinformation: Spot It! Stop It!

Read more [HERE](#).

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## SUMMARY OF OCTOBER MEETING

Kathleen Crampton, Chair of Floridian for National Popular Vote, captivated the audience at our October General Meeting as she explained the reasons to support NPV.

Most of us knew, but few considered that the President of the United States is the only office in our country not elected by popular vote. Kathleen explored how the indirect voting method of the Electoral College has allowed a small percentage of voters in a handful of states to change election outcomes. A lively Q & A followed her presentation.

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## BOARD BRIEFS

Mary Kay Rosinski ran her last Board meeting and was given parting gifts from the Board in deep appreciation of all she has done for LWVTRI.

The Board reviewed the results of the Community Event, the plans for the Holiday Party, and the progress on the members survey.

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Special thanks to **Char Griffin** for her tireless work that made our community event a rousing success.

Thanks also to **Bernadette Aley, Linda Carpenter, Jill Davie, Christine Loken-Kim, Kathy Porter, Christine Render, Mary Kay Rosinski, Dorothy Stephens, and Carol Van Noy** for all their work on October 21 to make our community event the success it was. It wouldn't have been possible without you.

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## MEMBER NEWS

We mourn the loss of long time Leaguer Lu Michaels. She lived a long and full life and passed away at the age of 95. Details can be found [HERE](#)

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a couple of hours each month to notify Villages-News.com of our general meetings? By helping to publicize our meetings, you will bring the community to our meetings and keep your League growing. For more information, please contact [Char Griffin](#) for details.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

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

**December 14** (2nd Thursday)

### **Holiday Luncheon**

Speaker: Marie Bogdonoff. Women in the Military

**January 11** (2nd Thursday)

### **General Meeting**

Program Planning. Lead by Gail Formanack, Past President

**February 8** (2nd Thursday)

### **General Meeting**

Speaker: Vilia Johnson. Ranked Choice Voting

**March 14** (2nd Thursday)

### **Annual Meeting**

Speaker: Dr. Janeane Reagan. Social Media's Effect on our Brains

**April 11** (2nd Thursday)

### **General Meeting**

Speaker: Debbie Chandler, LWVFL Co-President

**May 9** (2nd Thursday)

### **General Meeting**

Discussion: How to Activate Voters

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