



May 2024 Newsletter



MAY MEETING

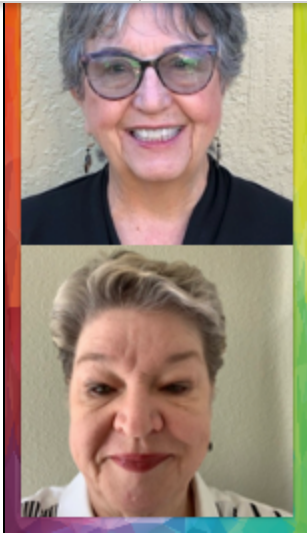
Presentation: Ranked Choice Voting

Thursday, May 9 at 10 am

Fruitland Park Library
604 W Berckman Street
Fruitland Park

Our 'choose-one' elections arguably deprive voters of meaningful choice, incentivize toxic campaigns and elect candidates who lack broad support. As a result, too many voters feel their voices are not heard.

Vilia will review electoral reforms being implemented around the country including nation-wide progress on Ranked Choice Voting, Proportional Representation, and Open Primaries. She is 1st Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Sarasota County and serves on the Board of Rank My Vote Florida.



The Summer of 2024

This month's general meeting will be the last one until September, but LWVTRI members will still be busy. In case you haven't heard there are elections in 2024!

Not only will the country elect a president, but in Florida the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Senator Rick Scott will be on the ballot. Furthermore, a presidential election year means additional races at the county level: Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector. Florida voters also have to evaluate six proposed constitutional amendments.

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SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT

Help Boost Our Social Media Presence

Are you a Facebook user? If so, you can help us by going to <https://www.facebook.com/LWVTheVillagesTriCountyAreaFlorida>

Once on the page, make sure to click on "Follow." Then our posts will appear in your feed. You can help our messages reach a wider audience by either clicking on "Like" or "Follow." Thanks to our previous "Be a Voter" campaign, we have over 700 Facebook followers.

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BOARD BRIEFS

In May the Board brainstormed ways to empower voters in the upcoming elections. As of January over half the people who voted by mail in 2022 had not renewed.

Cheryl McBride will contact the three Supervisors of Elections to assess the current status and ask if there are ways LWVTRI could help. Cheryl will also be collecting statistics on the youth vote in 2022 and 2024, so we will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of our social media campaign this election cycle.

Topics for next year's meetings were discussed and potential speakers are being contacted.

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Volunteers Linda Carpenter, Kathy Hansen and Kathy Williamson dived right into their new duties, while Audrietta Izlar continues to expand the presence of LWVTRI in Marion County. See all your leaders on our [Contact Information webpage](#). (Site password required.)

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let's Welcome Our Newest Members!

Nancy Erdvig
Nadja Griffis
Marsha Jordan
Virginia Schobinger

FUTURE MEETINGS

General meetings are held at the Fruitland Park Library at 2:00 pm. For locations of other events, check the [calendar](#) on our website.

September 12 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
October 10 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
November 14 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
December 12 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
January 9 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
February 13 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
March 13 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
April 10 (2nd Thursday)	General Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> TBD
May 8 (2nd Thursday)	Annual Meeting

