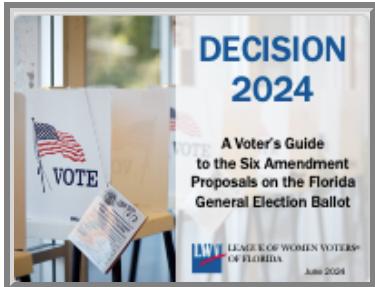




## September 2024 Newsletter



### SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING Presentation: Decisions 2024

**Thursday, September 12 at 2 PM**

Fruitland Park Library  
604 W Berckman Street  
Fruitland Park

Did you know - There are SIX Amendments to the Florida Constitution on the November Ballot?

LWVFL has put together a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the language in each Amendment, as well as what supporters say, and those opposed say.

Our own Char Griffin will present this critical information to help you understand each of these six Amendments.

Be an informed voter. Come join us for this important discussion.



### CO-PRESIDENT COLUMN A productive summer. A busy fall.

LWVTRI may not have held a general meeting since May, but members have been diligently working to prepare the community for the 2024 elections.

- [Vote411](#), our online voter guide, included 56 candidates running in local races. Overall 88% of those candidates participated. In Sumter County 100% participated! These are the highest participation rates we've ever achieved. I doubt few, if any, Leagues in the country even came close.

I attribute our success to LWVTRI's focus on voter empowerment issues, which assured candidates that we are non-partisan and can be trusted.

To learn the details of our summer as well as our plans for this fall, keep reading.

[< Read More >](#)



## VOTER SERVICES

The time is now! Voters need us. We need to be informed.

LWVTRI has many opportunities for you to be involved.

Check out our activities and make a commitment to do your part.

## PRINTED VOTER GUIDES

In only an hour of your time and a few miles on your car, you can inform hundreds of voters.

[< Learn More >](#)

## LAKE COUNTY MEET & GREET

Lake County Voters Save the Date: Saturday, October 5, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1235 Mt Homer Rd, Eustis, FL 32726.

You will not want to miss the opportunity to talk to each candidate who will be on the Lake County 2024 General Election Ballot.

[< Learn More >](#)

## DEMOCRACY NEEDS YOU!

You can make a difference. We are told that eligible voters are not registered to vote. Democracy needs voters. So, we are asking you to help us register voters.

[< Learn More >](#)



## RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

One of the key findings from our membership survey last year was members joined the League to find information on issues. To that end we created a resource page in the **Members Only** section of our website with links to newspaper articles, websites and videos, as well as recommendations for books covering election reforms.

Go to the [table of contents](#) for the **Members Only** section and click on Resources. You will need the site password. If you forgot what it is, complete the Password Request Form at the bottom



## CHANGES IN DUES & DONATIONS

Starting in October, LWVUS, instead of our League, will collect dues.

If you joined or renewed at the Susan B Anthony level (\$100) in the past, LWVTRI retained an additional \$38 over your local dues payment of \$20.

When the new system launches, we would receive only \$5; the national and Florida leagues would retain the rest.

This is a major concern for the financial health our League.

[< Read More >](#)

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## BOARD BRIEFS

The Board amended the 501c3 Bylaws, discussed changes in dues and donation collection, brainstormed plans for a social media campaign on “Why I vote,” and reviewed upcoming efforts to inform the electorate prior to the 2024 General Election.

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN

This summer 24 members worked seven voter registration events, spoke to four organizations on our Speaker Bureau topics, hosted two Candidate Meet & Greets, and published the primary voter guide in Vote411 covering 26 races in Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. These members had a huge impact in our tri-county area.

[< Read More >](#) to see their names, and please express your thanks when you see them.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Let's Welcome Our Newest Members

Linda Armstrong  
Bryan Bain  
Whitney Boylston  
Janice Brian  
Verna and James Fitzsimmons  
Paulette Mapson  
Mary Ralph

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2nd Thursday of the months between September and May - except for our Holiday Luncheon in December. Meeting details are on the [calendar](#) page of our website.

**October 10****Protecting Voting Rights in Florida**  
Speaker: Sam Coodley.

Campaign Manager. All Voting is Local

**November 14****Home Rule**Speaker: Joe Elliott. Wildwood City Commissioner

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

**December 12  
11:30 AM \*****Holiday Luncheon at Grand Oaks Bistro \***  
Speaker: Beverly Steele

Royal, FL Historian and founder of Royal's Young Performing Artists

\* Note change to time and location

**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 Administrator

**March 13****Annual Meeting**Business Meeting: Election of Officers. Approval of Budget. Adoption of Program.

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