

October 2023 Newsletter

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OCTOBER MEETING

Presentation: Kathleen Crampton: - National Popular Vote

Monday, October 23 - 10 am

Fruitland Park Library

604 W Berckman Street

Fruitland Park

We welcome our October speaker, Kathleen Crampton, who is the Chair of Floridians for National Popular Vote. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact will guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. We will learn how this state-based approach preserves the Electoral College and state control of how the President is elected. Kathleen's presentation will include:

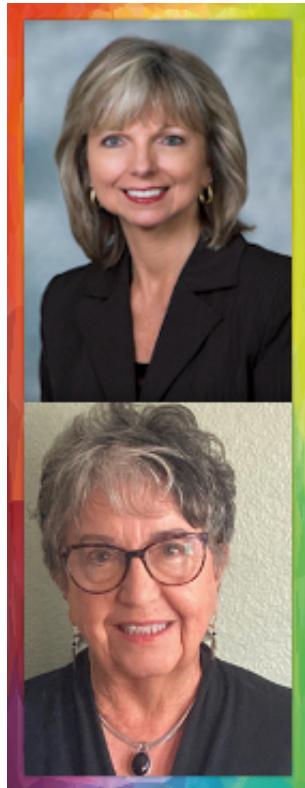
- Problematic outcomes with the Electoral College and the current "winner take all" laws.
- How the National Popular Vote will work when enacted.
- Current progress getting the NPV passed in the United States.

*** * * 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.



CO-PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Tell Your Friends about our Community Event

Our second annual community event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. Its purpose is to give people the motivation and skills they need to spot and stop the spread of disinformation. You will be our most powerful advertising and marketing resource for spreading the word.

You know disinformation is undermining our elections. Countering this threat is one of the most important things our League can do to empower voters and defend democracy. If you can only do one thing for the League this year, please help us spread the word.

On Thursday, October 12 you will receive an email with the **Subject: Fun & Informative Community Event**.

We will need you to forward this email to your friends.

Click [HERE](#) to see how to forward in a way your friends are sure to read it.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

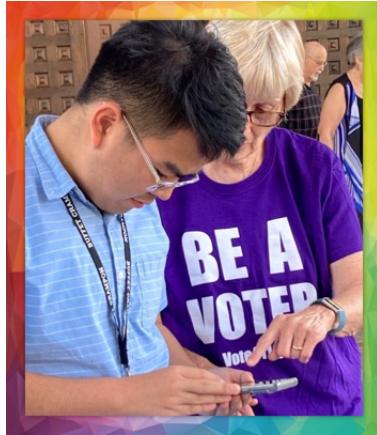
Mark your calendar for our holiday luncheon.

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.



VOTER SERVICES Write-In Loophole

Did you know that thousands of voters are denied the vote in many Florida Primary Elections? It is happening on a regular basis and you can make a difference.

We are asking that you write your Florida Representative and Senator and ask them to submit a Constitutional Amendment for the 2024 ballot that will eliminate the Write-In Loophole. Click [HERE](#) to learn how this loophole disenfranchises voters and what you can do to change that.

BOARD BRIEFS

Click [HERE](#) to read the highlights of the October 2, 2023 Board Meeting.

MAKING IT HAPPEN

A big thank you to **Janis Dorgan** who has worked tirelessly to promote our Community Event. She got articles in *The Village Neighbor* magazine, the *Daily Sun*, and *Villages-News.org* as well as designing all the advertising for the event.

Linda Carpenter and Kim Fowler devoted their time and talent to create a survey that will be sent to

all members in November. The Board will use the results to guide our strategic planning for 2024-25. We thank them now for completing this difficult project; we thank all members in advance for taking the survey when you receive it next month.

Shelley Placito went above and beyond writing 2,000 postcards to returning citizens, Thank you, Shelley!

Speaking of postcards: **Christine Loken-Kim** came up with the idea of testing whether sending postcards to LWVTRI members to remind them of the October 21st community event would make a difference in response rate. She personally addressed cards to half our membership. It's a test so if you don't receive one - that's because you weren't selected as part of the random sample.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let's Welcome Our Newest Members!

Mary Lou McKenna

Christine Render

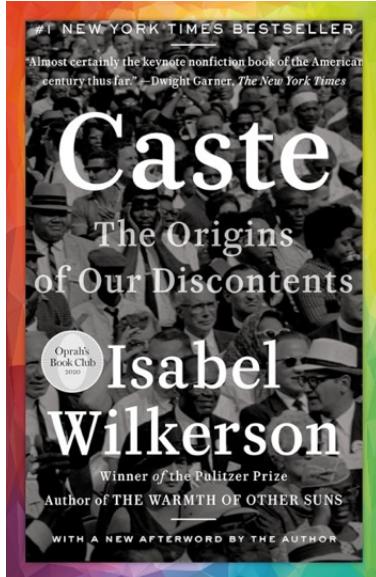
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

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 by **November 10th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have experience in graphic design? We are looking for someone who can help us create graphics for our website, brochures, and social media. For more information, please contact [Char Griffin](#) for details.



BOOK CLUB CORNER

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

It has been ten years since Isabel Wilkerson penned her Pulitzer Prize winning book *The Warmth of Other Suns*, about the migration of Blacks out of the Jim Crow south. She has written a second, truly ground-breaking book. I am finding it very difficult to write an original review because it seems that every superlative in the dictionary has been used to describe this book. Click [HERE](#) to see my attempt to convey the enormity of this exceptional work and induce you to read it.

- Kathy Porter

FUTURE MEETINGS

October 21 (3rd Saturday)

General meeting are held at the Fruitland Park Library.

For location of other events, check the calendar on our [website](#).

October 23 (4th Monday)

Community Event: Disinformation: Spot it. Stop It.

Speaker: Alan Hayes, Lake County Supervisor of Elections.

Workshop: Validating social media posts.

November 27 (4th Monday)

General Meeting

Speaker: Kathleen Crampton. National Popular Voter Interstate Contract

December 14 (2nd Thursday)

General Meeting

Speaker: Bill Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections

January 11 (2nd Thursday)

Holiday Luncheon

Speaker: Marie Bogdonoff. Women in the Military

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, LWWFL Co-President**May 9** (2nd Thursday)**General Meeting**Discussion: How to Activate Voters*Copyright © 2023 League of Women Voters The Villages Florida, All rights reserved.*

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