



## November 2025 Newsletter

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### NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING: Article V Constitutional Convention



**SPEAKER: Amy Keith**

Executive Director of Common Cause Florida

**What is Article V and Why Should You Care About It?**

**Thursday, November 13 at 2 PM**

Palm Villa Room

Fruitland Park Library

604 W Berckman Street

Fruitland Park

Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, Congress is required to hold a constitutional convention if two-thirds of state legislatures call for one. However, there are no rules for an Article V convention outlined in the Constitution. Amy Keith will explore the questions, the risks, and what could be lost.

While no Article V constitutional convention has ever been held, some groups claim that enough state applications have been filed to trigger a convention as early as next year.

Due to construction, parking in front of the library is limited. Overflow parking is available at the **Heritage Community Church**, 509 W Berkman St, Fruitland Park, FL. Follow signs.

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### CO-PRESIDENT COLUMN: Bridging the Political Divide

Are current political circumstances contributing to feelings of anxiety? Consider how government operations might improve if policy disagreements were not assumed to stem from negative intent. Imagine a future in which elected officials collaborate across party lines to address challenges collectively.



The League of Women Voters of Florida is introducing *Bringing Floridians Together*, an initiative designed to offer toolkits and grant funding for local Leagues to host quarterly events through 2026.

Learn more about this initiative and why recent research suggests optimism for improving civic discourse, then please [email](#) me your thoughts.

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## BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP



As part of the *Bringing Floridians Together* initiative, the *League of Women Voters of Florida* is partnering with [Braver Angels](#) to host an interactive workshop that teaches the skills needed to navigate difficult conversations. The event will be the launch of the *Braver Angels Ocala Alliance*, but residents of Lake and Sumter counties are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, November 12**

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Marion County Public Library, Room C  
2720 East Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL

REGISTER

*Braver Angels* is cross-partisan, volunteer-led movement to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

## MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW: Holiday Luncheon



You are invited to bring friends & family with you to  
**THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, December 11 at 11:30 AM**

Coconut Cove Recreation Center  
1398 Stillwater Trail, The Villages

**Special Presentation:** Patriot Service Dogs

**Speaker:** Dave Harrold

**Italian Buffet. \$25 pp**

**\*\* Reservations required. Deadline: November 20th \*\***

[< Click to see the flyer for more details >](#)

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## SPECIAL ELECTION: Florida Senate, District 11



**ASH MARWAH**  
Democrat



**RALPH MASSULLO**  
Republican

A special election will take place on Tuesday, December 9 for Florida Senate, District 11. The candidates are Ash Marwah (Democrat) and Ralph Massullo Jr (Republican), who are running for the seat that was vacated after Blaise Ingoglia's appointment as Florida's Chief Financial Officer. District 11 includes all of Sumter, Citrus, and Hernando counties, along with parts of Pasco County.

A video of the candidate forum we co-sponsored with LWV of Citrus County is available on our [website](#), in addition to links to candidate profiles and voting information for Sumter County residents.

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## BOARD BRIEFS

At the October Board meeting, the Board discussed the upcoming Florida Senate, District 11 Candidate Forum that we are co-sponsoring and reviewed the results of the October 4 *Day of Action* and plans to educate voters about election security.

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members to thank.

- Bernadette Aley held a voter registration event at Beacon College.
- Paulette Mapson and Bernadette Aley developed and presented Speaker Bureau training.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Let's Welcome Our Newest Members

Susan Bodenner

## FUTURE MEETINGS

General meetings are held in the Fruitland Park Library on the 2nd Thursday of the months between September and May, except for the Holiday Luncheon in December.

Meeting details can be found on the [Calendar](#) page of our website.

**November 13**

**What is Article V & Why Should You Care about It?**

Speaker: Amy Keith, Director of *Common Cause Florida*

**December 11**

11:30 am

**Holiday Luncheon at Coconut Cove Rec Center**

Speaker: Dave Harrold, *Patriot Service Dogs*

*Friends & family are invited.*

*Reservations and \$25 payment due by November 20.*

*Note: Different time, location & the need for reservations*

**January 8**

**State Legislation & Negative Impact on Local Government**

Speaker: James Homich, Mount Dora Mayor

**February 10 \***

Tuesday at 7 pm  
Zoom

Zoom Presentation: **National Popular Voter Interstate Compact**

Speaker: from *Floridians for National Popular Vote*

**Program Planning**

Discussion: LWVTRI's program for the next fiscal year

**February 12**

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Speaker: from *Open Primaries*

**April 9**

**Write-In Loophole**

Speaker: Carol Van Noy, past LWVTRI Vice President of Voter Services

**April 14 \***

Tuesday at 7 pm  
Zoom

Zoom Presentation: **Write-In Loophole**

Speaker: Carol Van Noy, past LWVTRI Vice President of Voter Services

**May 14**

**Annual Meeting**

Business Meeting: The only business meeting of the year will include elections of officers, approval of budget, and adoption of program.

*\* These Zoom presentation on Tuesday, February 10 and Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm are experiments to see whether members who cannot make our Thursday afternoon, in-person meetings would be interested in meeting by Zoom in the evening on a different day of the week.*

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