



## March 2024 Newsletter

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### ANNUAL MEETING

**Speaker: Janeane Reagan**

*Effects of Social Media on Our Decision-Making Process*

**Thursday, March 14**

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

The Bistro at Grand Oaks Resort  
3000 Marion County Road  
Weirsdale

This is an important meeting since we will elect our new officers and adopt the 2024-2025 program and budget. You may print the [Annual Meeting Packet](#) ahead of time or view it on your phone using the QR available at the meeting.

Our speaker, Dr. Janeane Reagan, will talk about the *Effects of Social Media on our Decision-Making Process*. Dr. Reagan has a PHD in clinical psychology and a masters in experimental psychology. She taught psychology for 8 years and had a 32-year career in private practice. Throughout her career she has been fascinated by brain science. Dr. Reagan is particularly interested in how the brain changes in response to experience.

Guests are welcome at the luncheon but may not participate in the meeting.

**\*\*\* Reservations are required by Thursday, March 7 \*\*\***

[CLICK](#) for details about making your reservations

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**\*\*\* HELP US PICK A NEW MEETING TIME \*\*\***

Unfortunately, the Fruitland Park Library cannot accommodate us on Thursday mornings during the months of February, March, and April. Therefore we must change the time of our general meetings next year. Please let us know which day and time work best for you by taking this [short survey](#).

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Fruitland Park Library double-booked our room in April. Therefore, we had to move our meeting from its normal 2nd Thursday time, to Monday, April 15. The Monday meeting will start at 10 am.



## CO-PRESIDENT COLUMN

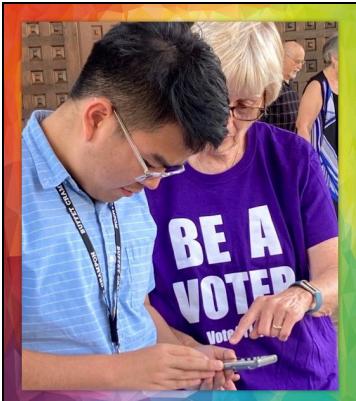
### How to Increase Voter Turnout

Our February meeting centered on voter engagement - undoubtedly our League's most important goal during the 2024 elections. A 10-minute TedTalk video recounted the steps taken in Tulsa, OK, which increased young voter turnout by 50%.

Following that video, our speaker, Myles McConico, Director of Community Engagement at *Kut Different*, confirmed the barriers affecting Millennials in Tulsa are the same issues that keep young, Black men in Ocala from the polls.

These findings presents an opportunity for you to make a big difference for minimal time and effort.

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## VOTER SERVICES

### How to Ensure Votes Are Counted

What happens to ballots that are not automatically counted? Each County has a Canvassing Board that reviews those ballots. You have the opportunity to learn how the Canvassing Board in your County works.

An organization called *All Voting is Local*, a partner of LWVFL, is holding a Volunteer Non-partisan Canvassing Board Monitoring Program. They will hold Zoom training for monitoring the activity of the Canvassing Board in your County. You can register [here](#) for the training on either Thursday, March 14, at 3:00 pm, or Friday, March 15, at 1:00 pm.

Attending the training does not mean you commit to participating as a monitor. If you do decide to volunteer, you will be informed as soon as possible of the specific date and time of your shift(s). These would most likely be between March 19 through April 1.

In February the Florida legislature passed two concurrent resolutions invoking this second method of adding amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The first resolution calls for a convention to draft an amendment requiring a federal balanced budget (HCR 703.) The second resolution addresses term limits for the U.S. House and Senate (HCR 693.)

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## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voter Registration Chair, Sandy Christian, encourages you to join the 14 LWVTRI members who are making a difference by registering voters and encouraging Tri-county residents to vote.

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## **BOARD BRIEFS**

The Board discussed ways to increase the effectiveness of LWVTRI's efforts to empower voters.

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## **MAKING IT HAPPEN**

Thanks you to our new member, **Tina Getz**, for using her research and writing skills to draft an article about an Article V Constitutional Convention.

Tina taught composition at the college level, so she brings much needed expertise to the work our League has ahead of us.

Each of us has something that would help our League reach its mission of empowering voters. Please think about what you are willing to do.

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## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Could you spare 5 to 8 hours a month to help us publish our newsletter?

You will not be writing the articles. That is the responsibility of Board members. Nor will you need to proofread, because that will be done by Kim Fowler before you receive the articles. Your job would be to email our members.

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

General meetings are held at the Fruitland Park Library.

Thursday, so this meeting was moved to Monday.

**May 9** (2nd Thursday)

**General Meeting**

Speaker: Vilia Johnson. Ranked Choice Voting



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