



League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County Area

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Election Season is here! Fasten your seat belts and get ready to pitch in where and when you can! Our publicity chair **Janis Dorgan** has done a fabulous job getting the word out and we are grateful for her efforts. Our name and reputation are spreading throughout the tri-county area and name recognition means more events, which means we need you to seriously think about where you can fit in and help.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Judicial Meet & Greet and Women's EqualTea so successful. All but one of the judicial candidates on the August ballot were present and were most grateful for the opportunity to meet with the voters. We are most grateful to Judge Paul Militello for his kind words about our Judicial Meet & Greet in "The Daily Sun." Our joint tea with AAUW had a wonderful turnout and thank you to Lake County Commissioner Leslie Campione and Lisa Marshall Regional Director for Sen. Bill Nelson for their participation.

We have two activities for the general membership in September. We will take a road trip on **Thursday, September 13**, and visit the **Lake County Supervisor of Elections** new office in **Tavares** at **10:30 A.M.** Lake County members can meet us there. Villages residents, we can car pool from **Sea Breeze Recreation Center** at **9 A.M.** Please email me, ethicks71@gmail.com, by **Monday, September 10**, if you are interested in attending, will meet us there, or if you can help with carpooling. I am sure we can find a place for lunch following the tour.

We kick off our League year with our general meeting on **Monday, September 24**, with **League 101**. The board will present a short history of the League, nationally and locally as well as what it means to be a league member. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers, those in need of a refresher and those who are interested in joining the League.

Speaker's Bureau members find themselves coming and going with over 30 speaking engagements. Please contact **Jeannie Hamilton**, jeannie@jeannierealtor.com, if you are interested in joining the Speaker's Bureau. **National Voter Registration Day** is **Thursday, September 27**, and we are firming up plans for a voter registration drive with the **National Housing Trust** in **Ocala**. Again, we can use help. **Char Griffin** and **Carol Van Noy** have contacted over 40 people running for local election in the tri-county area to include in the online voters' guide, Vote411.org. I am sure they would welcome any help. Spread the word that information about the November General Election will be available on Vote411.org towards the end of September.

Finally, a **Meet & Greet** for all local candidates on the **November** ballot will be held on **Saturday, October 6**, from **1-3 P. M.** at **Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 510 Colony Blvd., The Villages.** **This will be open to all-- not just Village residents.** **YOUR** help is required to make this a successful event.

Remember--

- **democracy** is not a spectator sport;
- **involvement** for all is encouraged.

I urge you to think about where **YOU** can get involved . Chat with a board member or visit our website, www.lwvtrifl.org.

WE NEED YOU!

Yours in the League,
Beth Hicks

P.S. As always--don't forget to invite a friend!

*******September General Meeting*******

Monday, September 24, 2018

10:30 A.M.

Community Bank & Trust Co.

CR466 & Parr Drive, The Villages

Topic: League 101

Everything You Wanted To Know About The League & More!

Upcoming Meeting Information

The **September General Meeting** will be the **last meeting** at the **Community Bank & Trust Company on CR466 & Parr Drive**. We are so grateful to the staff for allowing us to meet there these last several years. But each meeting has seen an increase in attendance, and so we are forced to seek a larger venue. Please note that for the **October & November** meetings we will be meeting at the **Villages Public Library**. Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be held, as usual, at **Red Sauce in Lake Sumter, The Villages**.

October General Meeting

Monday, October 22, 10:30 A.M.

Villages Public Library

325 Belvedere Blvd., The Villages

Guest Speaker: Diane Kornegay, Lake County School Superintendent

November General Meeting

Monday, November 19, 10:30 A.M.

Villages Public Library

325 Belvedere Blvd., The Villages

December Holiday Luncheon
Monday, December 10, 11 A.M.
Red Sauce Restaurant, Lake Sumter, The Villages



Francine Julius Edwards
Susan & Jack Follick
Vernita Julius
Janice Osters
Nanci Schwartz
Colleen Scott
Jeri Spriggs
Evelyn Taylor
Cynthia Varinski

Membership News

Dues

Just a reminder that dues are due on the anniversary month of your joining the League. You will receive an email reminder prior to your anniversary date. When you do, please make your check payable to **LWVTRI** and mail it to **Bernadette Aley, 1106 Monterey Lane, The Villages, Florida 32159.**

League Name Badges

League name badges are now available to all members for \$5 with either a magnetic or pin backing. If you would like to order one, please contact:

June Webber, budweb@comcast.net

Congratulations to League members **Mary Kay Rosinski**, for her election to a seat on the **North Lake County Hospital District**, and to **Karen West** for her appointment to the **Lake County Early Learning Coalition Board of Directors**. Well done and much deserved.

Education

The VPK Committee is working on their report following the visits to providers this spring. In addition, with our League having adopted a strong position on funding and training of teachers, we are now in a position to lobby our local legislators as they prepare for the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session. In addition, we are hopeful of meeting with the state League board education co-chairs in the hopes of seeing statewide concurrence on our VPK position.

Our VPK reports are available on our League's website, www.lwvtrifl.org. Here are links to two recent articles relative to the VPK in Florida:

- <http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180806/vpk-readiness-test-faces-growing-scrutiny>
- <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/features/os-kindergarten-readiness-florida-20180626-story.html>

If you would like more information about the VPK Committee, please contact **Linda Carpenter, linda.j.carpenter@gmail.com**.

Voter Service

We have been working diligently on obtaining the contact information of the candidates who will appear on the 2018 General Election Ballot, but were not in the 2018 Primary Election. We will invite those candidates to participate in our 2018 General Election Voters Guide, along with the Primary Election winners. It is our hope to have the **2018 General Election Voters Guide** published on Vote411.org by September 15, 2018.

Also, save the date of **Saturday, October 6, 2018, 1:00- 3:00 P.M.** We will hold a **General Election Candidate Meet & Greet**, at **Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 510 Colony Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162.** This will be your opportunity to talk with the candidates and get to know them.

We expect to receive copies of the state League's printed *Voters Guide*, by the end of September. They will be available in all of the libraries, in the tri-county area, as well as in the Regional Recreation Centers, in The Villages. If you can help with the distribution, please contact **Carol Van Noy, denny.carol@gmail.com.**

Speakers' Bureau

If you are interested in participating in the Speaker's Bureau either as a speaker or assistant, please don't hesitate to contact **Jeannie Hamilton, jeannie@jeannierealtor.com.** Even after the election season is over, the League is available to provide speakers on several topics. Speakers will be available on other topics if your club or organization is looking for a speaker.

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