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President's Letter

The old Chinese proverb, *May you live in interesting times*, is coming true as I write this. So much is happening on the national, state and local stage that your League is trying to keep on top of! If you are on **Facebook** and/or **Twitter** I strongly encourage you to **Like** and follow the local, state, and national leagues to keep up with the ever-changing political landscape.

Locally, we had a great kick off to our new year. 10 Leaguers had an interesting tour of the Lake County Election Office. SOE Allan Hays himself have us a 90-minute tour of the new office with an emphasis on what happens to your ballot, either mail in, early or day-of-election voting. We thank him for his time and service. Lunch at Oakwood Grill of Tavares capped off the morning. Our League 101 September meeting was standing room only with new members joining.

The increase in our membership means we need to relocate. Community Bank has been our home for a long time and we truly appreciate their support. Time to leave the nest and head to a bigger venue. **Our October and November meeting will be at the Belvedere Library, 325 Belvedere Blvd., The Villages.** This is just down the block from our bank locations. Same time, different place! After our December holiday party,

January will find us in our new permanent home, **Manatee Recreation Center, 1512 Hillsborough Trail, The Villages. Remember—our meetings are OPEN TO ALL!**

Meanwhile we have speaking engagements, meet and greets, Vote 411, and voter guides. Just about every day has your League doing something somewhere! If you can fit in time to help your league, we can find a place for you. Name the day, and we will probably find a job!

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. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends!

Remember democracy *is not* a spectator sport. One person **CAN** make a difference. How will it be you?

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

**October General Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Diane Kornegay, M.Ed
Lake County School Superintendent**



NOTE NEW LOCATION

BELVEDERE LIBRARY, 325 BELVEDERE BLVD, THE VILLAGES

Ms. Kornegay was appointed Superintendent of Lake County Schools in January 2017 after a national search. Lake is the 19th largest school district in Florida with about 43,000 students, 50 learning sites (including Lake Virtual School and Lake Technical College) and more than 5,500 employees, which makes it the county's largest employer.

Upcoming Meeting Information

November General Meeting

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

Guest Speaker: Frank Costanzo

Topic: November Election Results

Villages Public Library
325 Belvedere Blvd., The Villages

December Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 10, 11 A.M.–1 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Denise Burry, Forward Paths

Red Sauce Restaurant, Lake Sumter, The Villages



A warm welcome to our newest members: **Janice Porter**, **Debi Sherk** and **Bud Webber**, husband of **June Webber**.

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. Choose either a magnetic or pin backing. If you would like to order one, please contact: June Webber, budweb@comcast.net.

Holiday Luncheon

Join us for our **Annual Holiday Luncheon & Gift Exchange** at Red Sauce Restaurant in The Villages. The cost is \$25 and that includes tax, tip and soft beverage. Reservations can be made by contacting **Carolyn Johnson**, cgjohnson4103@gmail.com, or you can bring your check to the October general meeting. Seating is limited so don't delay– make your reservation

now. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 2, and there will be no refunds for cancellations after that date. Luncheon selections do not have to be made in advance, but if you would like to see what will be on the menu, [you can click here](#). In addition to this being a holiday luncheon, this is our League's only fundraiser of the year. So come with your gift for the Holiday Gift Exchange and purchase a chance or chances for that item you just cannot live without.

Members Visit Lake Supervisor of Elections

On September 13th, a group of ten LWVTRI members visited the Lake County Supervisor of Elections Office in Tavares. The Supervisor, Alan Hays, led us on a tour of the entire facility, explaining in detail how the employees and community volunteer election workers do their important work. There are many steps in collecting, verifying, safeguarding, tallying and reporting the vote. Their stated goals are: Voter Confidence, Excellent Service, Accurate and Efficient Elections, and Responsible Financial Stewardship. Our members were very impressed and gratified to learn about the process and the care that goes into the preparation and execution of it.



Voter Service

ONLINE VOTER GUIDE

For the first time, through the hard work of the national, state and our own local League of Women Voters (many thanks to Char Griffin & Carol Van Noy), all your election information is in one place on one website: VOTE411.org. Races at the federal, state and municipal level appear in your guide.

Go to the site, enter your home address, and click the **green** "ENTER" button. On the next page click the **green** button to get personalized information on the candidates and issues that will appear on your ballot. You will see candidates' unedited answers to questions and can compare their positions. Information about the constitutional amendments are also in the guide. When you have made your selections, you may print, email or text your choices to use as a reference when you vote.

NOTE: If accessing www.Vote411.org on a smart phone, be sure to click the plus sign (+) to expand the text and see all the details that appear automatically when viewing on a computer screen.www.vote411.org

LWV FLORIDA 2018 VOTERS GUIDE will be available at libraries in the tri-county area as well as at Regional Recreation Centers in The Villages. The information in this guide is the same as the information you can access by going to VOTE411.org.

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, speakers will be available on other topics if your club or organization is looking for a speaker.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization.
The League neither endorses or opposes candidates or political parties.
The League is political in that it does take positions which are based on study and consensus by the members.

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