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## **President's Letter**

We are now into the “December” of the League year. Reason? The League year starts in April which is suddenly next month!

There was a great turnout for our February meeting with State President Patti Brigham. She updated us on what is happening as we prepare for the upcoming legislative session which begins the first week of March. Action Alerts will be coming your way, so please call and write when asked to let our legislators know the League’s views on the issues of concern to the League. **[You can click here to check out the League’s priorities for the 2019 session.](#)**

Next up is our Annual Meeting. I hope you have made your reservations. There is necessary business, but also there will be food, fellowship and an introduction of our new leadership. Please take the time to read over the Annual Meeting packet and bring it with you. In honor of March being Women’s History Month, there will be a special presentation by members that you do not want to miss!

Thanks to so many of you that have stepped forward to do the work of this group. We continue to grow and welcome you to join us and become involved.

Enjoy the “spring” weather and hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. Bring a friend!

In League,

Beth Hicks

P.S. Don't forget to invite a friend!

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### **LWVTRI's Own Suffragette!**

**Rayna Warner's**, granddaughter of League members **Susan & Alan Gold**, kindergarten class had to dress up recently representing something that happened 100 years ago, and Rayna chose to dress as a suffragette!

## **March**

**LWV of The Villages/Tri-County Area  
Annual Meeting  
Monday, March 25, 2019  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Continental Country Club  
50 Continental Boulevard, Hwy 44 East  
Wildwood**

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## **Membership**

A warm welcome to our newest member **Barbara Griffiths**.

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**.

## **LWVTRI Annual Meeting**

If you haven't made your reservation for the Annual Meeting yet, there is still time to do so. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 15. In addition to the business meeting, this will be the kick-off of our year long celebration of the centenary of the founding of the League and the 19th Amendment. We invite you to join in the spirit of this celebration by asking all members and their guests to wear something with purple, yellow or white--the suffrage colors. Following the business meeting and lunch, there will be a special presentation by League members that you won't want to miss.

**[Click here for the Annual Meeting packet.](#)**

**[Click here for the reservation form.](#)**

## **League Name Badges**

League name badges are now available to all members for **\$5**. Choose either a magnetic or pin backing. Name badges can be ordered at the general meetings.

## **League Liaisons**

Liaisons will participate in statewide conference calls as well as keep members updated on proposed legislation during the legislative session. Here are our League's liaisons:

**Gun Safety-Cindy Vinarski**  
**Juvenile Justice-Linda Bishop**  
**Natural Resources-Bonnie Field**

If you would like to participate in the conference calls with the liaison, please contact **Beth Hicks**, [lwvtriprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtriprez@gmail.com).

### **Voter Registration Credentials**

Just a reminder to League members who are certified to register voters, as well as League members who would like to be certified to register voters, please note that as of **December 31, 2018**, the certification of all voter registrars expired. League members who do voter registration for the League will need to re-certify their credentials with the State League **ASAP**. Beginning in 2017 the LWVFL instituted a 2-year cycle whereby the list of approved voter registrars would be wiped clean, requiring members to re-certify. The two-year cycle ended on 12/31/2018.

If you are planning to do any voter registration you must study the PowerPoint which is on the LWV Florida website and take the quiz, attaining a perfect score. Once you pass with 100% you will get a notification from LWVFL that you are authorized to do voter registration. To begin the certification process, please contact **Beth Hicks**, [lwvtriprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtriprez@gmail.com) for the password for the Member link on the state League website.

### **2019 LWV Florida Legislative Summit**

The **Legislative Summit** is approaching. Join other Florida League members in **Tallahassee** on **April 9-10** as we take over the Capitol and lobby on our issues. This is the highlight of the League year, and it is not possible without you! Mark your calendars now. For more information, contact **Beth Hicks**, [lwvtriprez@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtriprez@gmail.com).

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### **Education**

The legislative session starts on March 5, and education appears in the sights of our senators and representatives. Among the proposed legislation are:

- A bill to expand the school “guardian” program to allow trained classroom teachers to be armed. A state commission created last year recommended allowing armed teachers;
- A bill to fund a new category of private school vouchers with a pot of money typically reserved for public schools.

With regard to Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) which has been an issue for our League for the last 4 years, and which we have a position on, members of the VPK team visited with Sen. Baxkley and Rep. Hage to bring them up-to-date our work and left with them a one page summary outlining the need for an investment in this valuable program which is offered free to all 4 year olds in Florida. [Click here to read the summary of our position and work on this issue.](#)

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### **National Popular Vote**

**LVW Orange County** will be having a **Hot Topics** luncheon on **Wednesday, March 13**. As you know, **NPV** is a controversial and confusing subject, and the guest speaker at their **Hot Topics** luncheon will be **Vikram David Amar, Dean, University of Illinois Law School**. He is considered a preeminent expert on this subject, and if you are interested in attending, contact **Jeannie Hamilton** [jeannie@jeannierealtor.com](mailto:jeannie@jeannierealtor.com), for more information.

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### **Voter Service**

#### **Speakers Bureau**

With Board approval, **Carol Van Noy** and **Jeannie Hamilton**, researched and purchased the following equipment to upgrade our Speakers Bureau AV equipment: laptop to be used w/ current projector; new all-in-one projector which uses flash drives, new suitcase and extension cord for the new all-in-one projector. Carol made three attractive, red, white and blue padded bags to protect the power cords, flash drives and the laptop in the AV case.

Jeannie and Carol facilitated two days of 2-hour training for the 13

Speakers and 6 Assistants, providing NPVIC Power Point handout materials and hands-on training on the new AV equipment.

The Speaker's Bureau will be emailing all 2018 club hosts notifying them of the following Power Point presentations which will be offered during 2019 and 2020:

- **National Popular Vote Interstate Compact & the Electoral College**
- **FL Charter Schools**
- **US Constitution & the Balance of Power**
- **FL Gun Safety** (available on or before mid-summer as the PP is being updated by LWVFL)
- **FL Government** (available on or before mid-summer as the PP is being updated by LWVFL)

Please contact **Jeannie Hamilton, Speakers Bureau Chair, 303 817 9988** or [lwvtrisspeakersbureau@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtrisspeakersbureau@gmail.com) if you know a group that would be interested in one of our presentations.

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The League is political in that it does take positions which are based  
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