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Dr. Martha Saunders



Administration building

75th Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2025

From 10:00 - 1:00 12: Lunch served
Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Drive
Luncheon Speaker: Dr Martha Saunders
President University of West Florida

Lunch Menu:

5 Bean Soup, Cobb Salad (bacon, chicken & cheese)
Roll, Cheesecake bar, Ice Tea, Coffee
** Vegetarian Option Available
\$30 lunch

Martha Dunagin Saunders is the 6th President of University of West Florida. As an entrepreneurial leader and innovator, she creates solutions to move higher education into the future, helping to build the next generation of big thinkers.

Dr. Saunders earned a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master's degree in journalism

from the University of Georgia and a doctorate in communication theory and research from Florida State University

During her thirty years in higher education, Dr. Saunders has served in academic and leadership roles in Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin and Mississippi. Her area of academic expertise is in public relations and crisis communication. She is passionate about creating innovative solutions for the challenges facing higher education.

In 2016, Dr. Saunders was selected by the board of trustees as the president of the University of West Florida and, under her leadership, the University has transformed into a first-choice institution. It has been recognized as one of the top 15 public regional institutions in the South for 5 consecutive years, according to U.S. News and Word Report Best Colleges.

She established the state's first doctoral program in intelligent systems and robotics in partnership with the Florida Institute of Human Machine Cognition. She also oversaw the development of Florida's first bachelor's degree program in cybersecurity. This program is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity by the National Security Agency and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

When not involved in the University's activities, Martha and her husband, Joseph Bailey, enjoy walking, shelling, kayaking or fishing on her beloved Pensacola Beach.

(See Annual Meeting Registration form on page 7 or register at lwvpba.org.)

ChapterSpot is up and running

Caroline Miller, Treasurer
 caroline.miller1@gmail.com

Big changes are here! As part of the LWVUS structural transformation, the process of joining and renewing memberships has changed in 2025. The new software platform called *ChapterSpot* is up and running. Members are getting information from LWVUS about signing in to the new software.

A new membership portal is available for all new and current members and creates a more standard approach to membership across the nation. You will have received an email from the email address: *membership@lww.org*. It asks you to activate your account on the new *LWV Portal*, check your profile (update your data if needed), and complete the Member Survey. Please do this! When your membership expiration date approaches you will get reminders 60 days before expiration, 30 days before the date and on the expiration date. You will be able to renew through the portal with a credit card, or ACH bank account. Checks can also be used but will take much longer. Hate passwords? Your unique login will be your email address. A code will be sent to that email, and you can enter the portal with the code rather than a password.

Our members can continue to pay \$60 for a single membership and \$30 for any additional memberships as the minimum dues required is \$20. The suggested dues levels are \$75, \$150 and \$200. Our members will need to check *other amount* and enter the amount. On the second page of the form you will have the opportunity to *donate to LWVPBA*. Or a check for donations can be sent directly to our local League as usual.

If you want to continue to write a check for dues, made it payable to LWVUS and mail it to *our* PO Box 2023, 32513. To make a donation directly to our league, one must write a separate check to LWVPBA and mail it to the PO Box.

To Renew your dues:

On our website, the link is www.lwvpba.org/leaguemembership or click on the Membership link. Or to use the LWVUS site, sign in at <https://portal.lww.org>.

If you have any questions or problems, contact Caroline Miller, caroline.miller1@gmail.com or lwvpba@gmail.com

What is the League expecting from this transformation? The goal is to increase League power at all levels. In addition to making it easier to join and renew, a more standard method of membership will make it easier to conduct membership drives. Interested prospective members can find our Leagues through local, state, and US websites. They can join on any of these sites through the common portal while selecting their local League. ◇



Clearcutting is a problem

by Dr. Enid Sisskin,
 Chair Natural Resources
 esisskin@gmail.com

For the past year, the Natural Resource Committee has been studying the effects of clearcutting property for land development. The committee developed a brochure outlining the results of that study. On Saturday, February

15th Enid Sisskin and Elizabeth Major presented the results of that study at a "Lunch and Learn" where the consensus was to work with partner organizations such as The Bream Fishermen Association Earth Ethics, Flood Defenders, Francis S. Weston Audubon Society, Healthy Gulf, Panhandle Watershed Alliance, and Save Our Soundside to educate the public and our elected officials on this practice. The brochure has been sent to all the local County Commission and City Council members in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. ◇

Join the League at Bayview Park for Earth Day

Pensacola April 19, 2025, 10 am to 4:00 pm

League about organic practices and sustainability from local farmers.

Discover unique, eco-friendly products from talented local vendors.

Learn about environmental wellness through interactive educational activities.



Picnic in the Park

League members and friends are invited to gather at 4:00pm at the Bayview pavilion to round out the day with a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy interacting with Leaguers in an informal setting. This event will replace the April Meeting.

2025-2026

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

The League's program consists of those governmental issues the League has chosen for concerted study and action. The Board Recommended the following Local Program items for study and /or action in 2025-2026 are:

1. Action to monitor the implementation of changes to election law.
2. Action to monitor school board policies, processes, and actions.
3. Action to assist in restoring voting rights for returning citizens.
4. Action to educate the public and elected officials about the environmental impacts of clear-cutting in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and the benefits of regenerative habitat restoration.
5. Action to monitor growth management in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.
6. Action to expand Observer Corps for Escambia and Santa Rosa governments - Boards of County Commission, City Councils, School Boards, and Escambia Children's Trust.
7. Action to update citizen informational materials for distribution, such as Civics 101 curriculum materials for 7th-grade teachers in Santa Rosa County and the "Know Your County" booklets.

Proposed BYLAWS Change - 2025

This proposed Bylaw change was recommended by the Board and will be presented for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Proposed deletions are shown by ~~strikeouts~~ and additions are underlined. All changes require a two-thirds vote for approval.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area. ~~LWVPBA~~), It is hereafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVPBA or as the League. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (~~LWVUS~~) and of the League of Women Voters of Florida (~~LWVF~~).

Rational: The first three articles of the Bylaws are required to track (or conform) those of the first three articles of the LWVUS Bylaws.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League of Women Voters shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a) **Voting Members.** Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues of their joining and of the LWVUS; ~~(1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) t~~ Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members ~~and students are excused from the payment of dues .;~~ (4) Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

Rational: *The first three articles of the Bylaws are required to track (or conform with) those of the first three articles of the LWVUS Bylaws.*

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7. Executive Committee. The officers of LWVPBA (president/co-presidents, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer) are designated as the Executive Committee and shall exercise such power and authority as may be needed in emergency situations. All actions of the Executive Committee taken between the regular meeting of the board shall be reported for recording purposes in the Minutes at the next regular Board meeting

ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the ~~League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area~~ LWVPBA shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Section 2. Dues. ~~The amount of local dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting. In the event of an increase in the per member payment due to either the LWVF or the LWVUS, the Board of Directors may increase the dues of the LWVPBA to reflect all or part of such increase. The League membership year shall commence on June 1 of each year and dues may be paid at the Annual Meeting. Any member who fails to pay dues by December 31 shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Any person who joins the League during January through April will be a member throughout the upcoming League year. All members shall pay membership dues except those exempted from paying dues [in Article iii]. Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy. Members who fail to renew within the period specified by LWVUS will be removed from the roster.~~

- a) **Household Membership.** When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, dues determined by the membership shall be paid for the first member, and a payment equal to one-half dues shall be paid for each additional member.

- ~~b) **Student Membership.** Students who join the League will have dues waived.~~
- ~~c) **a) Susan B. Anthony Membership.**~~

Rational: To alien the Bylaws of the League with the changes of the membership procedures passed by the members of the LWV at Convention and to conform to the Policies of the LWVUS.

Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League of Women Voters as a whole.

ARTICLE X NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League ~~of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area~~ under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League ~~of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area~~, under the provision of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Florida.

Section 3. State Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League ~~of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area~~ under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Florida.

Rational: To conform to the definition in Article I Name.



Does Troubled Time have your Head Spinning?

Wondering what you can do to make a difference, express your feelings, or help dial back the negative chatter? This article offers a few suggestions to help you get your feet back on the ground and be part of the solution.

Yes, we are nonpartisan, but we are very much a highly active political organization with valid reasons to be concerned about the direction of our government at the national and state level. Besides, advocating for gender and racial equity is not partisan, nor is advocating against attacks on democracy. We can and must call out statements, actions, and policies that are counter to our values and principles. Our national league President Dianne Wynn made those points clear last November.

League members locally joined organizations nationwide came together for this mass statement. The goal of Hands Off! was to demonstrate that people are taking action to stop corruption and power grabbing.

Wondering how to make yourself heard in a less partisan-sounding and more influential way? Stick to the issues, practice making more neutral comments, be curious about opposing viewpoints, and avoid being personal.

As part of our empowering mission, lift folks up so they can engage effectively in community governance; the person lifted up may be you!

On May 17th, attend the Annual Meeting to determine the League focus for 2025-26 and listen to Dr. Martha Saunders to learn how you can be involved in the future of UWF.

Be inspired by attending the Naturalization Ceremonies at the US District Court House in Pensacola Listen as new citizens share personal stories, and learn why becoming a US Citizen is so important and meaningful.

Answer the Action Alerts, attend governmental meeting, joint the Voter Services committee and more.

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*LWVUS declared a constitutional crisis along with our intention to launch an 8.5 million-strong initiative, called **Unite & Rise 8.5.** [Read the Press Release here.](#)*

Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors 2025-2026

Officers:

President	Haley Richards	2025-2026
1 st Vice President	Vacant	2025-2026
Treasurer	Caroline Miller	2025-2027
Secretary	Karen Payne	2024-2026 *

Board Members:

Patsy Suydam	2025-2027
Shirley Lewis-Brown	2025-2027
Betsy Bowers	2025-2027
Elizabeth King	2024-2026 *

2025-2026 Nominating Committee:

- Charyle Parrish, Chair
- Janet deLorge
- Ann Tidmore

*Note: * Completing a vacant position.*

Submitted by the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee:

- Hugh Ed Turner
- Gale Honea
- Frank Sansone
- Caroline Miller
- Vivian Faircloth

Returning Board Members:

2nd Vice President	Enid Sisski	2024-2026
Director	Paula Montgomery	2024-2026
Director	Jennifer Wasilenko	2024-2026

Treasurer's Report FY April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	FY 2024-05 BUDGET	FY 2025-06 BUDGET
Dues	\$5,400.00	\$1,500.00
Total Contributions	\$1,682.54	\$2,300.00
Non-member Contributions	\$ 680 . 00	\$1,000.00
Fundraiser	\$500.00	\$500.00
Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Interest Income (Savings)	\$0.36	\$0.36
Guide to Elected Officials	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grants (Ed Fund)	\$5,880.10	\$875.00
From Reserves	\$0.00	\$6,227.64
Total Income	\$17,143.00	\$15,403.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
<i>Operational Costs</i>		
Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00
Postage	\$35.00	\$35.00
PO Box Rental	\$176.00	\$188.00
Insurance/Filing/Solicitation	\$800.00	\$800.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Board and Administration</i>		
President Expense	\$50.00	\$50.00
Board Expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00
Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Membership Services	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Delegate Travel/Affiliation</i>		
Convention/Council (State)	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
US Convention	\$3,300.00	\$0.00
Legislative/Leadership Mtgs	\$400.00	\$400.00
<i>Financial Support of League</i>		
State PMP	\$960.00	\$1,478.00
National PMP	\$2,047.00	\$3,152.00
Lobby Fund Drive	\$400.00	\$400.00
<i>Voter</i>		
Printing	\$50.00	\$25.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$25.00
<i>Program</i>		
Voter Service	\$200.00	\$150.00
Know Your County Project	\$100.00	\$100.00
Guide to Elected Officials	\$750.00	\$750.00
Natural Resources Committee	\$375.00	\$300.00
Women's Issues	\$244.90	\$0.00
Education Committee	\$1,000.00	\$600.00
Juvenile Justice	\$805.10	\$1,500.00
Study Materials	\$100.00	\$100.00
Advocacy (Action)	\$100.00	\$400.00
Communications	\$650.00	\$600.00
Workshops/Forums	\$2,075.00	\$500.00
Gun Safety	\$125.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	17,143.00	\$15,403.00

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Vivian Faircloth, Chair, Pat Epnes, Sirley Lewis-Brown
Jennifer Wasilenko, Enid Sisskin, Patsy Suydam with Caroline Miller & Haley Richards, es officio

LWVPBA Turns 75

by Dr. Paula Montgomery

The LWVPBA had its 75th Anniversary Party on March 20, 2025. It was a delightfully engaging evening. In addition to celebrating the 75 years of civic service of the League the evening was also in honor of former president and active member of LWVPBA, *Marjorie Hart*. Many members of her extended family were present and the party was largely supported by a special fund in her honor.

The League and many members of the community met at the Pensacola Yacht Club at 5:30 PM. The lobby where guests and members picked up nametags was decorated with a suffrage theme.

Attendees included several local elected officials who were recognized by LWVPBA President, Haley Richards. They included Escambia County School Board member Carissa Bergosh, Santa Rosa County School Board member Elizabeth Hewey, and Pensacola City Council member Teniade Broughton. Also in attendance were many former presidents of the LWVPBA: Janet deLorge, Vivian Faircloth, Ellen Roston, Mary Gutierrez, Rosemary Hays Thomas, Paula Montgomery Elizabeth King and Haley Richards .

Inside the main hall, while the crowd enjoyed the company and celebratory atmosphere, was an exhibit with items demonstrating many of the League’s activities, such as voter registration, printed pamphlets with the results of educational studies, printed guide to elected officials, samples of the medals given to *History Fair* winners and a screen in honor of our efforts to register for voting former felons who are returning citizens.

On a large TV screen there was an ongoing slide show featuring many of the Leagues activities, including the project called *School to Prison Pipeline* urging legal and judicial changes to benefit juveniles and the community. Also included were photos of the nature trail the League had built, many informational tables at local events, skits performed for classes in the Public Schools and other civic activities.



The evenings activities began with *Mixon Magic* under the direction of *Emily Mixon*, performing songs from the Broadway Musical “*Suffs*“, based on events from the suffrage movement in the early part of the 20th Century. The audience was delighted by the songs,

the costumes and the star-quality performance. As the troupe of 8 performers left the room with the cry of “*There is more work to be done, Let’s march!*” some members of the audience rose with appropriate signs for current issues and marched behind them.

A delicious meal was served and the highlight of the evening followed. President Haley Richards introduced the speaker *Dr. Jacquelyn Dowd Hall*, professor emerita at the University of North Carolina. She discussed the themes and most engagingly the process of researching and writing her most recent book. The characters in the book are three sisters with



differing idea about the South’s “*Lost Cause*.” The audience responded with a standing ovation followed by many interesting questions. After a champagne toast to 75 Years of League in Pensacola the speaker/author signed copies of her book. People seemed reluctant leave and lingered to talk with Dr. Hall.

The Party Committee included, Paula Montgomery, Sallie Brown, Patsy Suydam Julie Patton, Caroline Miller and Vivian Faircloth.



League Fundraiser

Our local League participates in a Rewards Program at Office Depot. When you make a purchase, give the clerk the League phone number, 850-937-7769. In that way, our League will get credit for your purchase. This is a simple and painless way to financially assist the League. If you forget to credit the League, give your receipt to Vivian, vfaircloth@iname.com, or to Caroline Miller, caroline.miller1@gmail.com for credit to the League account. ♦



A hearty welcome to our newest members and thank you to those members who have joined or renewed. You make our work possible!

Kim Kline Jamie Mathews Mary Woolley



Postcard Writing Party continues April 24, 11:00 - 1:00 at Vivian Faircloth’s home, 6211 Lake Charlene Dr., Contact Shirley Lewis-Brown, sdeanlb@gmail.com.



75th Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2025

10:00 Business Meeting 12:00 Lunch served

Azalea Trace, 10100 Hillview Drive, Pensacola FL

Luncheon Speaker:

Dr. Martha Saunders, President University of West Florida



Dr. Martha Saunders

Lunch Menu:

Five Bean Soup, Chicken Cobb Salad, Cheesecake

Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

** Vegetarian Option Available

Lunch # _____ @ \$30 _____

Member Contributions \$ _____

Total \$ _____

My separate tax deductible contribution to the Education Fund \$ _____ (Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to **LWVF Ed Fund** and sent to the our Treasurer with a note on memo line.)

Name: _____ Name of guest: _____

Pay for RSVP and DUES here or PAY DUES ONLY here

For your convenience, **make reservations by the deadline on noon Tuesday, May, 13, 2025** on www.lwvpba.org, or send your check to **LWVPBA Treasurer**, P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513.

Your check is your reservation. Cancellations after noon May 13th are non-refundable.

Renew your Annual Membership dues online at www.lwvpba.org/leaguemembership. Click the "Join or Renew League Online" button on the League Membership page. This button will take you to the League's new membership system, ChapterSpot, where you can pay online by credit card. To pay by check, make it out to LWVUS and mail to our Treasurer. Donations can be made to our local League following online dues payment or mailing a check to the Treasurer.

What about About Our Waste Problem?

We have a waste problem. So, what can we do about it? Plenty! Learn about the issues and how we can take action as individuals and a community. March 24 at 6 PM at Ever'man Educational Center, 327 W. Garden St, Pensacola. For information click [here](#).

History Fair Competition 2025

"Rights and Responsibilities in History."

The History Fair in Escambia County District Schools had its award night at B.T. Washington High School on February 11, 2025. The nation-wide overall topic for all entries was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Entries by students could be in the form of displays, essays, videos, web pages, or short plays.

Each year the LWVPBA selects one History Fair winner each from High School, Middle School and Elementary School, judged on outstanding effort with deep research and originality. Our selections are also based on our own criteria of having a theme of rights. We particularly look at rights of women, civil rights and or an achievement by a woman or women. The judging by our group took place on Saturday morning February 8th. The LWVPBA judges this year were, *Penny Fendt, Bill Sloan, Holly Stitz, and Paula Montgomery*. When they were available, the students were asked questions

about their project and demonstrated their understanding of the research process and data they had accumulated. Looking at and studying the many displays was a joy and in many cases an education for the judges. Selection among the many excellent entries was not easy.

Our selection for the Elementary School Level was "**Title IX.**" It was a video made of a skit in which the entrant, *Callie Griffith* played the role of a TV interviewer wearing a green coat talking to a series of women sports figures, all played by Callie. Callie quickly took off the green jacket and put on an article of clothing or carried a piece of sports equipment consistent with the women she was interviewing. It was cleverly done and demonstrated that the student, Callie, understood the importance of the rights given by Title IX in fostering the lives and successes of many different women in sports.

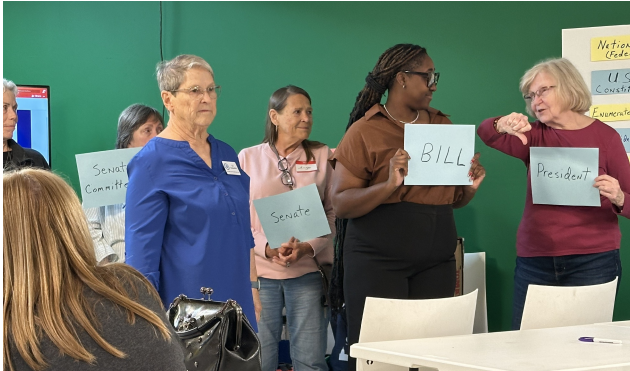
Our Selection for Middle School was titled "**Title IX : Cornerstone of Women's Educational Equality.**" The entry was a display board by *Felicity Ward*. In addition to explaining the importance of the rights for women students guaranteed by Title IX, credit was given to

Representative Patsy Mink who wrote, sponsored and advocated for the passage of Title IX into law.

Our High School level award went to *Sudhishna Gampa and Hasini Kandala*. Their entry was a display board the title of which is "**Bhagat Singh Thind v. the Supreme Court (1932)**". It explained how a Pakistani immigrant was denied naturalization citizenship due to race. Even though he was "Caucasian" and "Aryan" he was not white or African, so was ineligible. It went all the way to the Supreme court and was denied.

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Members of the Strengthening Democracy first session: Our Government Federal, State and Local are demonstrating how a bill becomes a law in the session.

Engagement

3101 N Davis Highway Pensacola - 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Continuing sessions on:

March 11 - Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

March 18 - Citizenship

March 25 - Civic Engagement & Influencing the Government

April 1 - Voting and Elections

More on Immigration ...

LWV Positions on Immigration

Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans. Support immigration policies that promote reunification of immediate families, meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States, and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. Provision should also be made for qualified persons to enter the United States on student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

Karen Anderson from the League of Women Voters of Smithtown, NY, wrote a column about the process of becoming a US citizen and the League's role at naturalization ceremonies. Read the column here: [Making Democracy Work: The journey to becoming a US citizen involves several key steps](#)

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

The League of Women Voters is proudly nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government.

Join the League of Women Voters Today!

It's easy! Just send your check to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ♦ P.O. Box 2023,
Pensacola, FL 32513 or PayPal [here](#).

Name _____

Birth date _____ New Mbr? Yes/No

Address: _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Other (____) _____ E-mail _____

Add Family Member(s): _____

DUES: \$60.00 _____ Additional Mbrs @ \$30 _____

Contribution _____ TOTAL _____

Dues are FREE for a student enrolled in a certificate or degree program.

I'm renewing my membership.

I am interested in the following committees
(Circle all interests)

Education	Natural Resources	
	Social Justice	
	Voter Service	
Communications	Membership	Gun Safe tyW ome n's

Membership dues and gifts to the League of Women Voters are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes. (Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to the LWV Florida Education Fund and should be sent to our local treasurer.)

Calendar

October

1 Tuesday, 5:00- 6:45 pm, Board Meeting, downtown Library 239 N. Spring St. Members always welcome!

19 Saturday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, General League Meeting, Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Café at 311 Garden Street **Lunch & Learn, League in Action: Decision 2024.** Speaker: Charlyle Parrish will discuss Florida Amendments.

21 Monday, 11:00 am, Natural Resource Committee, Gulf Breeze Library, Contact Enid Sisskin essiskin@gmail.com.

24 Thursday, 2:00 pm, Observer Corp Committee, Paul Montgomery at 641 Connell Dr, Contact Elizabeth Major, eliz_may@yahoo.com.

25 Friday, 2:00 pm, Education Committee, Paula Montgomery at 641 Connell Dr, montpns@aol.com.

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November

5 Tuesday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm, **Vote**

16 Saturday, 10:15 am, Coffee with program 10:30 am, **General League Meeting**, Downtown Library, 239 Spring Street.