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**YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

*Officers:*

Jane Spruill, *President*  
Sallie Brown, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.*  
Annelise Reunert, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.*  
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*Directors:*

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Patricia Spencer  
Betsy Werre  
Mary Louise Winter

*Off-Board Action Team Leaders*

Janet deLorge, *Naturalization*  
Mary Gutierrez, *Solar/EV Initiative*  
Cathy Scott, *Membership*

*Nominating Committee*

Carolyn Kolb, *Chair*  
Elizabeth King      Elizabeth Major

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Register [here](#) for a link to all events



Cecile M. Scoon, Esq.

## 72nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St.

4:30 - 5:30 Check-in; Happy Hour

5:30 - 7 Business Meeting and Dinner

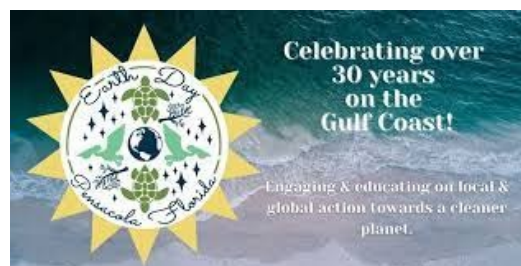
Dinner Speaker: Cecile Scoon, Esq.

President, LWV Florida

The 72nd Annual Meeting will be a late afternoon event including time to socialize, dinner + business meeting, and an excellent speaker: Cecile M. Scoon, Esq. President, League of Women Voters of Florida.

Cecile currently serves as the President of the LWV of Florida. Cecile is the first Black woman to serve in this capacity. She is a past president of the League of Women Voters of Bay County. Cecile previously served as chair of the Florida League's efforts on Restoration of Rights (including passing Florida's 2018 Amendment 4) as well as heading up the Health Care Action Team. Cecile is a proud member of the Xi Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Cecile Scoon received a Visual and Environmental Studies undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1981. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984, she spent five years as an active-duty Air Force JAG prosecuting in military courts-martial. She retired from the Air Force Reserves as a Major in 2005. She is currently a civil rights lawyer in Panama City, Florida.



## EARTH DAY

**DATE:** Saturday, April 23, 2022

**TIME:** 1 or 2 hour shifts starting at 9am - 4pm

**PLACE:** Bayview Park

## Request for Volunteers for Voter Registration & Natural Resources Booth at Earth Day

**Earth Day is Every Day** - Contact Gail Honea; 850-474-358, [gailellenhonea@gmail.com](mailto:gailellenhonea@gmail.com) to assist with voter registration and with the distribution of information about plastics and related items.

## League of Women Voters Pensacola Bay Area Proposed Budget 2022-2023

| <b>Receipts</b>                    | <u>2018-2019</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Dues                               | \$ 7,725         | \$ 7,800         | \$ 6,840         | \$ 7,800         | \$ 5,880         |
| Member Contributions               | 1,600            | 1,600            | 3,000            | 2,244            | 2,244            |
| Non-member Contributions           | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Fundraiser                         | 800              | 400              | 0                | 500              | 500              |
| Annual Meeting                     | 1,800            | 2,000            | 2,000            | 2,000            | 3,000            |
| Interest Income                    | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Guide to Elected Officials         | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,100            | 0                | 1,071            |
| Grants (Ed Fund)                   | 1,500            | 0                | 4,575            | 9,375            | 9,375            |
| From Reserves                      | <u>2,352</u>     | <u>555</u>       | <u>553</u>       | <u>0</u>         | <u>3,930</u>     |
| Total Income                       | \$ 16,777        | \$ 13,355        | \$18,068         | \$21,919         | \$ 26,000        |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>              |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Operational Costs</i>           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Supplies                           | \$ 100           | \$ 100           | 100              | 100              | 100              |
| Postage                            | 25               | 25               | 35               | 35               | 35               |
| PO Box Rental                      | 80               | 85               | 100              | 110              | 134              |
| Insurance/Filings/ Solicitation    | 625              | 700              | 600              | 470              | 540              |
| Miscellaneous                      | 100              | 100              | 100              | 100              | 100              |
| <i>Board and Administration</i>    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Presidents Expenses                | -                | -                | -                | 50               | 50               |
| Board Expenses                     | 50               | 50               | 50               | 50               | 50               |
| Annual Meeting                     | 1,800            | 2,000            | 2,000            | 2,000            | 3,000            |
| Membership Services                | 75               | 100              | 100              | 350              | 450              |
| <i>Delegate Travel/Affiliation</i> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Convention/Council (State)         | 800              | 0                | 1,000            | 200              | 0                |
| US Convention                      | 2,000            | 0                | 1,000            | 0                | 3,000            |
| Legislative Seminar                | 400              | 400              | 500              | 200              | 200              |
| <i>Financial Support of League</i> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| State PMP                          | 1,943            | 2,025            | 1,710            | 1,950            | 1,470            |
| National PMP                       | 4,144            | 4,320            | 3,648            | 4,160            | 3,116            |
| Lobby Fund Drive                   | 400              | 400              | 400              | 400              | 400              |
| <i>Voter</i>                       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Printing                           | 150              | 100              | 100              | 250              | 50               |
| Postage                            | 75               | 50               | 50               | 50               | 50               |
| Communications                     | -                | -                | -                | 125              | -                |
| <i>Program</i>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Voter Service                      | 125              | 200              | 250              | 250              | 450              |
| “Know Your County” Project         | -                | -                | -                | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| Guide to Elected Officials         | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,100            | 0                | 1,000            |
| Natural Resources                  | 625              | 125              | 125              | 125              | 125              |
| Women’s Issues                     | 125              | 0                | 125              | 125              | 155              |
| Education Committee                | 685              | 525              | 250              | 250              | 250              |
| Juvenile Justice                   | 200              | 125              | 125              | 125              | 250              |
| Study Material                     | 350              | 125              | 125              | 125              | 125              |
| Action                             | 100              | 100              | 0                | 100              | 100              |
| Communications                     | 100              | 100              | 100              | 744              | 550              |
| Workshop/Forum                     | 700              | 300              | 4,075            | 4,075            | 4,075            |
| Gun Safety                         | -                | <u>300</u>       | <u>300</u>       | <u>400</u>       | <u>350</u>       |
| Total Expenditures                 | \$ 16,777        | \$13,355         | \$ 18,068        | \$21,919         | \$ 26,000        |

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Jennifer Wasikenko, Ellen Roston, Vivian Faircloth and Mary Ellen Wiggins, with Jane Spruill and Jo Mathews, ex officio.

### Proposed Local Program Study and/or Action 2022-2023

The League's program consists of those governmental issues the League has chosen for concerted study and action. The Board Recommended Local Program items for study and/or action in 2022-2023 are:

1. Action to organize, train and coordinate an Observer Corps for Escambia and Santa Rosa governments - Boards of County Commission, City Councils, School Boards and Escambia Children's Trust
2. Action to educate voters on ballot initiatives and candidates running for election in 2022
3. Action to monitor growth management in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties
4. Action to update citizen informational materials for distribution such as Civics 101 curriculum materials for 7th grader teachers and the "Know Your County" booklet

### Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors 2022-2023

**Officers:**

|                                |                |           |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Presidents                     | Haley Richards | 2022-2023 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | TBA            | 2022-2023 |
| Secretary                      | Enid Sisskin   | 2022-2024 |

**Directors:**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Penny Fendt        | 2022-2024 |
| Tricia Spencer     | 2022-2024 |
| Jennifer Wasilenko | 2022-2024 |

**2022-2023 Nominating Committee:**

Carol Pulley  
Annelise Reunert  
Ellen Roston

**Submitted by the 202 Nominating Committee:**

Gail Honea, Chair  
Penny Fendt                      Jo Mathews  
Sallie Brown                      Paula Montgomery

**Returning Directors:**

|                                |                     |           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer                      | Jo Mathews          | 2021-2023 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Elizabeth Major     | 2021-2023 |
| Director                       | Shirley Lewis-Brown | 2021-2023 |
| Director                       | Charlyle Parish     | 2021-2023 |
| Director                       | Betsy Werre         | 2021-2023 |

### League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area BYLAWS Report 2022

There are no proposed Bylaws changes recommended by the Board to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

### What is the League membership year?

The League year runs from June 1 through May 31. Normally, membership is renewed at the time of the Annual Meeting. The registration form for the Annual Meeting is being sent separately.

Membership dues and gifts to the LWV 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 at P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola FL 32513.

### Times for Action

Your responses to LWVF Action Alerts had a positive impact in the various committees of the Senate and House during this legislative session. Please continue to make calls and send e-mails when requested.

[Listen to the 2022 Legislative Session Round-up](#)  
It is important to keep in contact with your legislators throughout the year!

**Thanks for your continued involvement to make democracy work!**

## LWVF & LWVFEF Council '22 Report

Haley Richards

League President, Jane Spruill and 1st Vice President, Haley Richards, served as delegates to the biennial LWV Florida Council held virtually on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Haley gave a short presentation about many of our League activities, programs, community partnerships and advocacy work. League leaders from across the state were tasked with approving the two Budgets for the LWVF Education Fund (501c3) and LWVF, Inc. (501c4) for 2022-2023. Both budgets were approved by delegates as presented by LWVF Treasurer, Mark Songer, after Q&A. Additionally, LWVF President Cecile Scoon discussed the 2022 Legislative Session and the efforts to achieve the League's Legislative priorities as well as limit the negative impacts of specific bills. If you are interested in more information about this year's Council then click on the links below:

Listen to the recorded Council '22 [meeting here](#).

*A new way of looking at single use plastic was found on a poster seen in Sarasota County.*

"It Is Pretty Amazing That Our Society Has Reached A Point Where The Effort Necessary To Extract Oil From The Ground, Ship It To A Refinery, Turn It Into Plastic, Shape It Appropriately, Truck It To A Store, Buy It, And Bring It Home, Is Considered To Be Less Effort Than It Takes To Just Wash The Spoon When You're Done With It."



### "Coffee with Cecile"

May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

LWV Pensacola will host a morning meeting for local grassroots leaders and members called "Coffee with Cecile" at 9:00 AM, Friday, May

13, 2022, at the Studer Community Institute. President Scoon has requested time to meet and get to know our local grassroots leaders. However, she is also extremely interested in meeting with members to discuss issues that they consider relevant to the LWV mission and to the citizens of Florida.

Join us for this lively discussion. More details to come but for now *mark your calendar for the event!*

## Welcome New Members Patricia Jones

Members' contact information is contained in the Membership roster. If you have not received the latest one or have a correction, email [LWVPBA@gmail.com](mailto:LWVPBA@gmail.com)

## Are you a Susan B. Anthony Member?



**Susan B. Anthony membership** is a special category of League members who donate \$100 or more, in addition to membership dues, during the League year. Contribution may be made to our local League, the Education Fund, the tax deductible arm of the League or any combination of the two.

## Make Annual Meeting Dinner Reservations [Here](#)

**M**ake your reservations for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Dinner on the League [website](#), or on the separate registration form. Dues may be paid along with the Annual Meeting dinner. For your convenience, make reservations by **noon May 9**, on [www.lwvpba.org](http://www.lwvpba.org), using PayPal, debit/credit card or register and send checks to LWVPBA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513. *Your payment is your reservation.*

Cancellations made after noon May 9th are non-refundable.

Let us know what you think about our League!

[Click here or touch the graphic](#)

