League of Women Voters News - MAY 1, 2019

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF PALM BEACH COUNTY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click to Register For ALL EVENTS On-line

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

COOL TOPIC

"A Whole New World"

"Lock It Up Program"
Community Safety Program That Saves Lives

FEATURING

Barbara Markley, Esq.
Co-Chair of Gun Safety Committee
LWV Broward

Monica Monahan, Ph.D.
VA West Palm Beach, FL

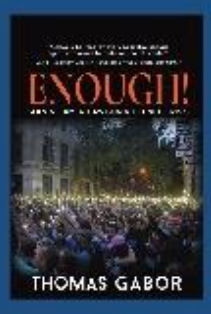
Tom Gabor, Ph.D.
Criminologist and Sociologist

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

Presentation 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m
Presentation starts promptly at 10:10 a.m.

THE STEM Education Center
4802 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, 33405
(Across from the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium)

Reservations Requested
No Charge • RSVP online at lwvpbc.org



Book signing after program!

This event is sponsored by H&B Law Offices of Hughes & Ball, P.A.

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LWVPBC.org All of our lunches are live streamed on Facebook

Register for free May Cool Topic

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HOT TOPIC LUNCHEON

"A Whole New World"

DIMINISHING BARRIERS:
PALM BEACH COUNTY REENTRY PROGRAM

FEATURING

Orie Bullard
Director of the Reentry Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Doors open and registration at 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. lunch served
at Atlantis Country Club, Atlantis, FL.

$25 before May 8th • $35 after May 8th

Registration required. Register online at lwvpbc.org
or call Estelle Friedman at 561-968-4123

Register for May Hot Topic

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

HOT TOPIC LUNCHEON

"A Whole New World"

A CHANGING ECONOMY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

FEATURING

Michelle Jacobs

Executive Director, Economics Council of Palm Beach County

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Doors open and registration at 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. lunch served
at Atlantis Country Club, Atlantis, FL.

$25 before June 12th • $35 after June 12th

Reservations Requested • Register online at lwvpbc.org
or call Estelle Friedman at 561-968-4123

Register for June Hot Topic

For a complete listing of events,
click the button below to go to our Calendar!
Register for events at LWVPBC.org or by contacting ***Estelle Friedman*** at efriedman@bellsouth.net or (561) 968-4123.
You can view streamed events on LWVPBC Facebook Live.

Calendar of Events

LEARNING TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

LWVPBC member**, John Pastore** is a wealth advisor in Boca Raton and member of the health committee. He is educating members of Harbour's Edge CCRC in Delray Beach using an initiative the League supports to show individuals and families how to be Better Prepared for An Emergency. He explains how they can turn their smart phones into an alert device. Sign up for meetings to learn more. This is an exciting program that can save lives. John has already conducted three workshops and more are scheduled. Stay tuned.

Visit John Pastore's website

MY PLASTIC-FREE LIFE
HOW TO BREAK YOUR PLASTIC HABIT
KATHY PANKO

We are all aware of the problems with plastic, right? Statistics tell us that one million plastic bottles are sold every minute. Eighteen billion pounds of plastic end up in the ocean each year. You shutter at the statistics! It's a good thing we recycle, right? Well, it turns out that only 30% of plastics actually get recycled in the USA - and 9% globally. And none of it has ever biodegraded.

We use a lot of plastic without realizing it. With minimal effort and some thought, we could and should do better.

CLICK HERE FOR A FEW TIPS

Peter Cruise, Palm Beach County Ethics Commissioner was our April Hot Topic featured speaker.

LWVPBC's new President, **Ken Thomas**, in his first address to members.

Ethics in Politics & in Life
with guest speaker, Peter Cruise
by Marsha Vinson

We had a very exciting annual meeting this year with the election of our new President, **Ken Thomas**. We also passed a budget and elected several officers and new board members. Congratulations to all, and a very special thanks to outgoing President, **Karen Wilkerson**, who served our League though our impressive time of growth.

The annual meeting was followed by our monthly Hot Topic meeting featuring Peter Cruise, Palm Beach County Ethics Commissioner. He complimented the League and Karen for her years of service on the commission and hopes Palm Beach County will continue to have a strong ethics foundation.

As always, with our Hot and Cool Topic speakers, they can be viewed on our web site, **LWVPBC.org**. using Facebook-live.

View Presentation

YOUNG LEAGUERS TOUR GUMBO LIMBO NATURE CENTER AFTER HELPING TO CLEAN BEACH AT RED REEF PARK
By Rebecca Freeman

The **Young Leaguers** of Palm Beach County participated in a Beach Cleanup at Red Reef Park on March 9th. League members met at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton and were given a tour of the nature center and learned about the facility. Above, Young Leaguers play Civics Trivia.

Read more by clicking here

Young Leaguers cleaning the beach at Red Reef Park.

Own our Tomorrow – Help Guarantee our Future

Those of us involved and committed to the goals and mission of the League of Women Voters understand why the League **must** be in a position to continue its important work for years to come. The League's past accomplishments are many and have made uncompromising differences in all of our lives. Learning from the past, we understand how vital it is for the League to sustain itself for the future.

With that in mind, **John Pastore** and **Ileane Rayman-Kaufman**, members of the League, have been discussing at our meetings and with individual members, how each of us can guarantee the League's future.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP

Earth Day – a Great Day!

Members of the Environmental Issues Group (EIG) were pleased to participate in Earth Day 2019 hosted by Palm Beach Atlantic University on April 12.

Information on alternatives to single-use plastics and a message of "Refuse, Reuse, and Recycle" were provided to over 70 individuals (primarily college students) who stopped to see examples of alternative products that can be used in place of plastics and to receive their free beeswax wrap – an inexpensive and easy-to-make alternative to plastic wrap.

LEARN MORE

From left to right: **Mary Wallace, Ginny Shaller,Joan Federman**

From left to right: a PBAU Student, **Ginny Shaller, Joan Federman**.

INTERN AWARDED $2500 SCHOLARSHIP, ATTRIBUTED TO LWV PARTICIPATION

By Pam Maldonado

Feeling down, depressed and generally negative about the direction our country is taking? Are you looking for a pick-me-up? Spend an afternoon with League intern **José García.**

José came to us recommended by **Andrea McCue**, city manager of Greenacres. I called him and the very next day he met Christene Campbell-Gabor and me for an interview and we instantly realized that we had an amazing young man on our hands. It was like trying to hold on to a rocket because this young man was obviously going places.

READ MORE

*****IT'S NOT TOO LATE
REGISTER FOR MAY 4 ORIENTATION*****

Learn about immigration, the environment, the census, health care, voting rights, national popular vote, gun safety, affordable housing and other issues! Attend the League of Women Voters Orientation on Saturday, May 4. Registration, coffee at 9 am. **Orientation begins** at **9:30 am** and **ends** promptly at **12:30 pm.**
Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Center for Bachelor's Programs Building—Room CBP-103

RSVP Darlene Kostrub at dkostrub@aol.com or leave a message at **561-852-0496**.

We look forward to having you with us.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR LWVPBC MEMBERS WHO REGISTER VOTERS

Even though Florida is a closed-primary state, that does **NOT** mean people who register as NPA (no party affiliation) cannot vote in primaries. Many elected positions such as Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Circuit and County Judges and local officers are not affiliated with a political party. There also may be non-partisan questions on the ballot. Hence, primaries are open to *all* registered voters.

It is incorrect to encourage new voters to choose a political party so they can vote in the primaries. We can and should encourage new voters to choose a party, if they wish, so they may help select that party's nominee for partisan positions, such as governor, senator, and representative.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most of our Legislators have periodic bulletins they send our to constituents and other interested parties. For example, Senator Lori Berman has the *"Berman Buzz"*, and Representative Matt Willhite has the *"Willhite Weekly Wrap-Up"*. To have them sent to you, contact the legislator's office and ask to be put on their mailing list. They are very happy to do it, and you will stay informed.

HELP WANTED

Are you looking for ways to help the League? Please share your skills and experience. There is a need for help in the following areas:

Finance Committee: join our dynamic team
Are you a team player who enjoys working in Finance?
Help us improve our game! Help us

- Review our financial results
- Improve our financial reporting
- Chair FY2020 budget creation
- Serve on our Education Fund Board

Call/email **Nancy Cohen** (561) 842-2499 **nancyecohen1@icloud.com**
Dawn Weir (908) 208-8176 **dornethweir@yahoo.com**

*If Issue Groups or Standing Committees have needs in specific areas, please contact Debra Chandler at **dachandler55@gmail.com** to arrange a "Help Wanted" notice.*

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Find Your State Senator

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understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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