

July 15, Newsletter: Get Ready for the 2022 Midterm Elections

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League of Women Voters members march in reproductive rights rally in Denver, Colorado during the **LWVUS Convention in June**. League members protested the Dobbs SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe V Wade. **Debra Chandler, Joyce Sullivan and Kathleen Crampton** represented the LWVPBC at the convention and at the Reproductive Rights Rally at the state Capitol.

Debra told the LWVPBC board during a July 11 meeting that the whole group marched to the capitol — women and men in their 60s, 70s and their 80s marched with walkers, canes and wheel chairs, saying ‘I did this fifty years ago and now I can’t believe I have to do it again.’”

Photo by Debra Chandler

BREAKING NEWS!!!

We Are Award Winners!!!

By Kathi Gundlach

On July 13, The LWVUS recently announced the LWVPBC as the winner of the local **Power Through Partnerships** category. This category showcases the work Leagues did in partnership with others and how those partnerships empowered our League work and supported our communities. Our Michael Steele Event was done in partnership with National Popular Vote, The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Florida Atlantic University and WPTV-Channel 5. Much thanks goes to Kathleen Crampton, the state-wide Floridians for National Popular Vote Committee, Karen Clarke, Joyce Sullivan, the Special Events Committee, and the Membership Committee, Cecile Scoon, and our major sponsor, Smith Ball and Baez Injury Lawyers. When we all work together we can accomplish great things.

July President's Report

We Need Your Help for the 2022 Primaries and Midterm Elections!

By Kathi Gundlach, LWVPBC Chair

As Florida is heating up so is the LWVPBC. We are working hard on VOTE 2022 as we continue our mission of **EMPOWERING VOTERS AND DEFENDING DEMOCRACY**. Phyllis Applebaum and her team are registering voters throughout Palm Beach County. **Voter Services** could use your help in this valiant effort, if you are interested contact Phyllis at pjapplebaum@gmail.com.

Pam Maldonado of Voter Services is working with communities of color to register voters in various churches and other sites. The Voter Services Committee is also working on an initiative to send out **postcards** to returning citizens to **GET OUT THE VOTE**. Many of these folks can vote for the first time and we want to remind them to get out and vote. Thank you all members of Voter Services for your hard work and dedication to the League.

Kate Renchin (kater0914@gmail.com) and the

On June 24th Protesters, male and female of all ages, marched in Delray Beach and West Palm Beach and across the state, among millions of outraged Americans who took to the streets on the day the Supreme Court struck down reproductive rights guaranteed in Roe V. Wade for the past 49 years.

Photos by Cynthia Archbold

How Will Roe Overturn affect Florida?

By Cynthia Archbold

Months before SCOTUS reversed R. Wade, Florida Republicans issued their own laws to limit reproductive rights. On April 14, Governor Ron DeSantis Gov. Ron DeSantis publicly signed into law a 15- week abortion that shortens by more than two months the current window available to legally terminate a pregnancy. With Roe V. Wade overturned, Florida lawmakers could try to make the restrictions could more severe.

According to James Call, reporting for the Tallahassee Democrat: Republican lawmakers in both the House and Senate have defeated amendments that would have made exceptions for rape,

ARE YOU ELECTION READY?

It's Different This Time!!!

Voter Roll Purges Ahead!!!

By Phyllis Applebaum

We are advising anyone who votes by mail to fill out a new Voter Registration form with BOTH their driver's license # (or permit or state ID#) AND the last 4 of their Social Security #. You will also be updating your signature.

- The ID on your Voter Registration form **MUST MATCH** the ID on your Vote by Mail application, or your Vote-by-Mail application will not be processed. The Supervisor of Elections is not required to notify you. So some people may be unaware that they are not signed up to vote by mail until their ballot doesn't arrive.
- **EVERYONE'S** Vote-by-Mail privileges will expire at the end of 2022 and every **EVEN** year after that. You can sign up again after election day, Nov. 8, 2022. We suggest calling the Supervisor of Elections (561-656-6200) or using the on-line sign-up form @ [VotePalmBeach.gov](https://www.votepalmbeach.gov).
- Drop boxes, which must be staffed, are more limited with more limited hours. They are at

LWV Fights SCOTUS Ruling that Weakens Gun Safety Laws

SCOTUS has ruled that a New York law restricting certain individuals from carrying concealed weapons in public is unconstitutional, effectively weakening gun safety laws around the country.

The League of Women Voters of Florida, along side League of Women Voters of the U.S. and [League Of Women Voters of NYS](#), filed an amicus brief in support of NY's law. The LWV of Florida joined the brief in interest of protecting their efforts to allow counties to place additional protective restrictions on voting locations and prevent voter intimidation.

“Floridians know the devastating effects of gun violence in public places, and today’s Supreme Court decision will threaten the safety of our communities,” said Cecile Scoon, president of the League of Women Voters of

The Good News:

Majority of Americans want Congress to pass more gun policy legislation

According to a new report from the Pew Research Center, "Americans are largely supportive of the new bi partisan gun law passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on June 25. Nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults (64%) approve of the new gun law, **including 32% who strongly approve!**

Just 21% say they disapprove of the law, including 11% who *strongly* disapprove; 15% are not sure."

Roughly six-in-ten adults (63%) say they would like to

Upcoming Events!!!

Hot Topic July 20th

Civil Rights in Florida

James Shaw, Chair of the ACLU of Florida's State Legal Panel, will discuss the current state of civil rights statewide and changes in the law from this year's Legislative session.

[Link to Register in Advance](#)

Hot Topic August 17

John Martin, a Legal Fellow in the Brennan Center for Justice's Elections & Government Program, will discuss the Supreme Court's 2010 decision that opened the floodgates for a wave of big money to influence elections. One of the most egregious consequences of this decision has been the growth of dark money, where donors go undisclosed.

[Link to Register in Advance](#)

Taste of the League September 24,

Cathy Einhorn **New Social Media Chair**

The Palm Beach League welcomes Cathy Einhorn as our new Social Media Chair. Cathy's professional background is in marketing and social media and she says "We are excited to be able to take the League in a new and exciting direction. I have lots of ideas, and will be working on attracting new audiences to our programs, as well as increasing our social media presence."

Cathy's committee includes Penny Butler, Sara Haas, Jill Abbey, Ashley Cacicedo, Evelyn Walker, Jihan Bazile, Michelle Alda, Rebecca Freeman, Jalynsey Brown, Lakeshia Bailey and Kevin Baker,

Cathy's experience includes seven years as VP of Marketing for the senior care company that my husband and I owned, six years as the marketing co-chair for the Learning Disabilities Association of America, and three years and currently as the Vice President of Social Media and Communications for the National Council of Jewish Women, Palm Beach Section.

**Please Welcome These New
Members
to Our League:**

Darlene Kolstrub, Membership Chair

***Contact information is available in the Member
Directory at lwvpbc.org***

Alexandra Anderson (West Palm Beach); Monica Baber (Boca Raton); Susan Birch (Boca Raton); Linda Davidson (Palm Beach); Brenda Fulmer (Jupiter); Michelle Hendricks (Boynton Beach); Katherine Herald (West Palm Beach); Sharon Klein (Boynton Beach); Bruce Linser (Atlantis); Daniel Lishansky (Atlantis); Elliot Marcus (Boynton Beach); Rose Megelich (Boca Raton); Ann Newman (Boca Raton); Lisa Petersen (North Palm Beach); Sharon Richman (Lake Worth); Karen Roberts (North Palm Beach); Beverly Pope Sears (West Palm Beach); Arlene Senzer (West Palm Beach); Laurel Stuart (Gulf Stream); Connie Tuisku (West Palm Beach); Kathy Weaber (Wellington); Cynthia and Merrill Yavinski (Bethesda, MD); Linda Zarella (Delray Beach).

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