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*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

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## RSVP TODAY!

The National Popular Vote:  
Honoring the Will of the People

LWV of Sanibel  
Program and Luncheon  
Thursday, January 16, 2020

Featured Speaker:  
Jan Lonsdale,  
Lee County Chairperson for  
Floridians for National Popular Vote

What is the National Popular Vote? Why should states adopt the NPV? Why isn't this the law of the land? How many states want the NPV?

These are just a few of the important questions that will be answered at the League of Women

Voters of Sanibel luncheon and program on January 16, 2020. You may have heard about the National Popular Voter Interstate Compact and wondered, "What is this all about?". Here is where the LWV works to educate you and fill in the blanks on the issues you care about. With questions of such immense import in our lives, it's



always best to turn to an expert with the breadth and depth of knowledge to enlighten and explain.

The Floridians for National Popular Vote has been hard at work researching, advocating and winning over millions of people in many states on behalf of the NPV. LWVS has invited Jan Lonsdale, Lee County Chairperson for Floridians for NPV, to be our featured speaker to explain and define just what it all means, especially for interested and attentive voters. Jan is also the lead representative for NPV for the Lee County LWV; as such she has attended many seminars and meetings and has studied the subject extensively. She has become knowledgeable about the constitutional basis for the electoral college, amendments that have changed the process, and the role of the state legislature in the process. Her goal is to educate voters to assure that, "Every vote, in every state, will matter in every Presidential election." Jan will make time for your questions as well.

The event will take place at the Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.; the luncheon and programs run from noon to 2:00 p.m., including time for Q&A.

You may RSVP by email to [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com), or call 239-312-4996. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, January 13 by Noon.

Reservations are \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Mail your checks to: LWV Sanibel, PO Box 1194, Sanibel 33957. Attendees may also pay at the door with cash or check. We do not take credit cards.

Those who prefer to attend just the program are welcome to do so. Please let us know ahead and we will arrange a seat for you. Arrive around 12:30 p.m.

We are now able to offer a vegetarian meal for anyone who would like the option. These are not vegan. Please let us know when you RSVP.

Mark your Calendars!

"Voting Rights are Your Rights"

Thursday, February 20, 2020  
LWVS Luncheon & Program

Featurered Panel:

Howard Simon, former Executive Director, American  
Civil Liberties Union of Florida

Ron Ellington, former Professor at University of

Georgia Law School  
Jennifer Scuteri, Esq.,  
Goddard Scuteri Delaney Law firm

Voting your political preference is the pinnacle of American democratic life. But our system, while still strong, has been under stress from both foreign adversaries and state laws which try to limit or suppress the right to cast a vote. Our featured speakers have a strong collective background in voters rights. This is your chance to hear their experiences and knowledge in a setting that allows you to interact and have your questions asked and answered. We will provide more details in the next January/February newsletter, but meanwhile mark you calendars: RSVP will be required by Monday, February 17.

Save this date!  
Tuesday, March 31, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to Noon

A special, one time only event to honor  
the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage &  
100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters!

Brought to you by  
The League of Women Voters of Sanibel  
Celebrating our 10th Anniversary  
2010-2020

*The Woman's Hour,*  
*the great fight to win the vote*  
by Elaine Weiss

The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment granting all women the right to vote. Ms. Weiss' book is

the quintessential history of the suffragette fight to bring in the states against all odds, including several Presidents, anti-suffrage groups, legions of politicians, husbands, wives, neighbors, and friends.

Ms. Weiss' research brings the story alive with fascinating stories and insights of this important time and place in history. 2020 is also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters, another milestone discussed in the book.

This incredible event will be on Tuesday, March 31 from 10:00 am to Noon. The venue will be the new BIG ARTS Performance Hall in the new building on Dunlop. Ticket price is \$20 and more information about ticketing is coming soon.

If you would like to let us know ahead of time that you will want tickets you may go to [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com) and we will let you know how to get your tickets.



## **Time to renew your membership for 2019-2020\***

Not a member yet?  
This is the year to join!

Stay informed, stay involved. With your dues, you support and are a member of the League of Women Voters of the U.S., League of Women Voters Florida, and our local League - all for only \$65 per person or \$95 per family. If you would like to be extra supportive, we suggest the Susan B. Anthony membership category at \$125. Membership is open to all residents of the U.S. Men are welcome to join, as well as women. Non-U.S. citizens may join as nonvoting members. Sanibel residency is not a requirement. We are a 501(c)(4) organization.

Please go to [lwvsanibel.org](http://lwvsanibel.org) to download the membership application and mail it along with your check (made out to LWV Sanibel) to LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957

\*The current membership year runs from October 2019 through September 2020.

