



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® O F S A N I B E L

## *The Voter*

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Editor's Note: If you do not see a photo of Carolyn Gray in her Greetings Message below, click on "display images" in your email program.



### **Greetings from President Carolyn Gray**

As we approach the end of the Sanibel "season" I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have supported the League through your financial contributions, attendance at program meetings, participation in voter registration, contributions of ideas for programs, and for contributing to our collective understanding by participating in our holiday celebration and sharing your interests, experience, and questions.

I feel fortunate to have been nominated to the Florida State Board of the League. As I embark on a broader agenda through the Florida League, I hope to be able to bring a greater understanding of the challenges facing Florida at the state level. Immediately following our Annual meeting, I will be departing for Tallahassee to participate in lobbying efforts, meetings with our representatives, smoozing with elected officials at the Old Capitol Gala, and learning about the business issues facing the LWV Florida. I look forward to sharing with you the outcome of these meetings. I plan to remain on the Sanibel LWV Board and will prepare a summary of state and national issues, calls for action, and other topics of potential interest to the Sanibel League on a regular basis. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions about issues or suggestions to bring to LWV Florida.

As you can see from the local slate of officers and outline of program proposals, the Sanibel LWV has an ambitious and exciting program planned for the coming year. We look forward to your continued participation. Make sure you send your renewal checks to LWV Sanibel (P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel) before you depart for the season.

Again, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting on April 9 at 7 pm at the Sanibel Library.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Gray  
President

## Mark Your Calendars!!

April 9, 7 p.m.      Annual Meeting, Sanibel Library, Room Four

### LWV-Sanibel 2013-2014 Program

Financing & delivery of Healthcare in Florida ..... November 2013

Election Reform/Voter Issues ..... January 2014

Stand Your Ground repeal/handgun control ..... February 2014

Immigration Reform ..... March 2014

### LWVS Board of Directors Nomination Slate for 2013 - 2014



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### RESOLUTION

Resolved that the directors of League of Women Voters-Sanibel, Inc. approve the nomination of the persons set forth below and recommend that the slate be submitted to the membership for vote at the annual meeting on April 9, 2013:

Linda Kramer - President  
Linda Robison - Vice President  
Jim Lavelle - Treasurer  
Robert Winters - Secretary

New Board Members:

Jim Lavelle  
Ellen O'Neill

Martha Wolf

Board Members to be reelected:

Caroline Gray  
Maddy Mayor

It is further acknowledged that the four following members are not required to stand for reelection since their terms have not yet expired:

Carla Benninga  
Richard Calkins  
Maree Elowson  
Robert Winters

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Carla Benninga, Dick Calkins, Linda Kramer, Linda Robison



### **Mayor Ruane to Address League of Women Voters Annual Meeting**

Mayor Kevin Ruane will be the featured speaker at our Annual Meeting, which will take place in Room 4 of the Sanibel Public Library at 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 9. We look forward to an update on the workings of the city government.

Kevin Ruane is a graduate of Pace University, a CPA by training and practice. Before he and his family moved to Sanibel, he was a vice president in the reinsurance department of a large insurance broker, Crum and

Forster.

Mayor Kevin Ruane serves as the Council liaison to the Audit Committee (currently sunset) and the Police Officers' Pension Board of Trustees and as alternate liaison to the Horizon Council. He is the Chair of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Board of Trustees (FMIT), a Member of the Florida Municipal Insurance Investment Trust Board, member of the Florida League of Cities Mayor's Roundtable and a member of the Investment Management Committee for the Florida Municipal League. Mayor Ruane is the liaison to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Vice Chairman & Treasurer of the MPO, the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and the Employee Dependent Scholarship Committee. Mayor Ruane also serves as the City of Sanibel's Planning Commission liaison.

Also on the meeting agenda is a business meeting to elect LWVS directors and officers and to review our program schedule for 2013-14. The meeting is open

to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors. You can pay your dues at the meeting and those interested in joining the LWV-Sanibel will be able to do so. Refreshments will be available.

## Leader's Update from LWVF President Elisabeth MacNamara

Take a moment to read Elisabeth's compelling message about the broad scope of the national LWV and its commitment to the state LWV conventions. Our League is a force moving forward nationally and at the state level to ensure the proper balance of Federal and state role with respect to the issues of our day such as immigration, health care, and voting rights. [Click Here](#) to read her statement and to connect to other links of our national LWV.



## The Florida Legislature is in Session

The Legislature is in Week Five of the 2013 regular session, which runs 60 days. The League of Women Voters of Florida monitors these sessions and LWVF Governmental Consultant, Ben Wilcox, files a Capitol Report every Friday to keep all LWVF members in the loop about what's going on in Tallahassee. The League intends to maintain a strong presence throughout the 2013 session, so [Click Here](#) for the Capitol Report each week to learn more about our work with the Legislature.



In particular the League is working with the House and Senate to ensure that substantive reforms are made in the areas of ethics, elections, and campaign finance. If you are interested in participating in the League's Lobby Corps, contact LWVF Action Chair Marilyn Wills at [marilynnwills@msn.com](mailto:marilynnwills@msn.com).

For information about the League's advocacy, go to the LWVF website [Here](#). For updates on or copies of proposed legislation, call legislative information at 1-800-342-1827 or [Click Here](#).

## LWV-Florida Excursion to Seneca Falls, NY

Seneca Falls is the birthplace of the American suffragist



movement. Travel with the League this summer, June 26 - 30, to celebrate the legacy of the suffragists and learn more about the lives and work of the brave women and men who helped shape America's history.



A Key figure in the early Women's Rights movement was Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815 - 1902). She is believed to have been one of the main driving forces behind the 1848 Seneca Falls First Women's Rights Convention.

Space is limited, so sign up soon! [Click Here](#) for to register and for more information about what promises to be a fascinating trip.



## League of Women Voters of Florida Legislative Summit & Convention

Tallahassee, Florida April 10 - 13, 2013  
Call for nominations to the LWVF State Board

NOTE: Our Own President, Carolyn Gray, is the LWVF nominee for 2nd Vice President.

Take a look at Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder's U-Tube message encouraging you to attend the LWVF Summit and Convention. [Click here!](#) Pat Schroeder now resides in Florida and is a member of the LWVF.

Contact Jessica Lowe-Minor for information  
League of Women Voters of Florida  
[lwwfexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:lwwfexecutivedirector@gmail.com)  
850-224-2545

To register, [Click Here](#)

## Membership Application

Please copy this form and mail it along with your check (made out to LWV-Sanibel) to LWV-Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957

Questions?



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\$125 Susan B. Anthony membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$95 Household membership \_\_\_\_\_

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\$30 Student membership \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Circle Your Interest Topics**

Voter Services

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Publicity

Membership

Hot Topics

Education

Hospitality/Events

**LWV-Sanibel Board**

Carolyn Gray, President

Robert Winters, 1st Vice President, Program

Linda Kramer, 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer

Maddy Mayor, Membership

Linda Robison, Legal advisor

Dick Calkins, Voter Service

Carla Benninga, Founding President

Maree Elowson, The Voter Newsletter Editor

Off Board

Jana Stone, Publicity

**League Board Meetings 2013**

Members are invited to attend all board meetings which are held at 3:30 p.m. at the Bank of the Islands from October through April. Following is



the schedule for this season.

April 17 -- regular meeting

### **Can you help?**

We would appreciate help with the League Website (which is out of date) and with meeting setups. Please contact Carolyn Gray, 395-9694, or [carolynmgray45@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmgray45@gmail.com).

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