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Our Mission

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan 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.

Editor's Note: If you do not see photos below, click on "display images" in your email program.

Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Dear loyal members and supporters,

I hope that when this arrives in your email inbox that you, your family and friends are safe and healthy. What a difficult time we are in; so many decisions and adjustments to be made. We salute our essential workforce, including our caregivers, hospital staff, store personnel, business owners, law enforcement and fire service, and everyone who works in Sanibel government on our behalf.

But difficult as these times are, we all are thankful that we live on this incredible island in an environment that nurtures the soul and gives us a bit of calm.

The "business" of the Sanibel League traditionally slows down this time of year. The end of season means the last of our League activities and the start of planning for next season. This year, it all ended pretty abruptly, and we regret that we could not have had a happier bit of closure until we start up again. It's the starting up that we are unsure of!

We had a great season full of educational luncheons and activities especially tailored for our members and supporters. Right now, how that will all play out is an unknown and dependent on the path of the pandemic. As the months go by, we will keep you abreast of plans.

Meanwhile, the August 18 Primary Election and the November 3 General Election will be here before you know it. Florida is one of the states that has tried to make Vote-By-Mail an essential way to vote. The League of Women Voters strongly encourages that we all get ready to use this tool in case it becomes difficult to go the polls for some voters. See the article below for important information and dates.

Because of the pandemic, LWVS will not be holding person-to-person voter registrations as we commonly do in election years. So, if you haven't yet registered to vote, the League of Women Voters has a convenient website where you can register, check your status and your address and even see what's on your ballot. Just click on www.Vote411.org for the information you require.

In memoriam: Sidney I. Picker, Jr.

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Sidney Picker, Jr., 85, at the end of April in Fort Myers. He is survived by his wife, Jane Moody Picker. Sidney and Jane graciously accepted an invitation to speak at the LWVS luncheon program in March, 2019. As experts in Russian-American relations, their presentation was informative and compelling with a delightful dash of humor. Sidney and Jane established the Russian-United States Legal Education Foundation (RUSLEF), which brings Russian students to study law at law schools throughout the U.S. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jane and their many friends and family.



Yours "in League,"
Robyn Cook

Time on your hands?

**It's the perfect time to request your
Vote-By-Mail Ballot!**

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel is recommending that all registered voters request their Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballots NOW. In these challenging times, some things may change, but VBM is always a great choice for safe, convenient and effective voting.

All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. Ballots can be requested from the Lee County



Supervisor of Elections (SOE) online, by phone, by email or in person.

REQUEST YOURS TODAY!

Remember, once you have requested to vote by mail or have voted previously by mail, you **MUST RENEW** your request every two General Elections. VBM ballots will not be forwarded, but you can change the address to which they will be mailed. Call the SOE office at 239-533-8683 for more information.

As circumstances change, you may opt to vote early, or you can still go to the polls on election day. Requesting your VBM ballot now provides assurance that your voice will be heard, regardless of how things change relative to the pandemic, potential hurricanes, or long lines at the polls.

When you vote by mail, you must sign the back of the ballot certificate envelope and should provide your phone number and email address so you can be contacted by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections if there are problems with your ballot. Your signature will be compared to the signature that is on file with the SOE; it is the one you used when you registered to vote. This is usually, but not always, the signature on your driver's license. If you are concerned that your signature might have changed, you can download a form at www.lee.vote to submit a new signature or call the Lee County SOE directly at 239-533-8683.

Voters can track the status of their VBM ballot. On the www.lee.vote home page or voting page, there is a TRACK YOUR BALLOT option. You can see when your Vote-By-Mail request was received and also when your ballot was mailed, received and counted.

You must request your VBM ballot anytime before August 8 for the August 18 Primary Election.

For the November 3 General Election, you must request it anytime before October 24.

YOUR TO-DO LIST:

Register to Vote: Click on www.lee.vote or www.Vote411.org to register to vote, check your registration status, change your address, or see what's on your ballot.

Request your VBM ballot: By phone: 239-533-8683

By email: votebymail@lee.vote

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