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# *The Voter*

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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**

Important information for our members and supporters regarding Vote-by-Mail in Florida!

If you are a registered Florida voter and will not be on Sanibel for the primary or general elections AND if you have requested Vote-By-Mail ballots, you need to know that the Post Office

**WILL NOT** forward your ballots. You **MUST** inform the Supervisor of Elections office to give them your temporary mailing address.



Due to the pandemic, it is essential for you to be assured your vote will count. Go to [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote) for a list of early voting locations. These locations have drop-off boxes for your VBM ballots. In addition, with the current slow-down of the post office service, we advise that you be certain you have requested your Vote-by-Mail ballots as soon as possible. Especially if you are out of town and will be for a longer length of time than usual. For more information and to request VBM ballots call the Supervisor of Elections office at **239-533-8683** or go to [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote).

Because of the pandemic, LWVS will not be holding person-to-person voter registrations as we commonly do in election years. 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](http://www.Vote411.org) for the information you require. More information also available below.

The League of Women Voters of Lee County has a free series of Virtual Candidate Forums available which can be accessed at [www.lwvlee.org](http://www.lwvlee.org). [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org). or [www.ArtinLee.org/VirtualForums](http://www.ArtinLee.org/VirtualForums).

Please forward and share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors!

Yours "in League,"  
Robyn Cook

You are cordially invited  
to attend  
*"A Toast to Tenacity"*  
A free virtual event brought to you by  
League of Women Voters of Sanibel  
and Vision 2020.

Wednesday, August 26 at 4:30 PM

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary  
of Women's Suffrage;  
100th Anniversary of the League of  
Women Voters;  
and  
10th Anniversary of the League of  
Women Voters of Sanibel

August 26, 1920 is the Anniversary of Congress' certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, permanently ratifying women's right to vote. We will toast this incredibly important event August 26, 2020, 100 years to the day! Join us on Zoom for a unique program representing the "Voices of Women Suffrage" who



Ratification by Meneese Wall©

worked "tenaciously" to ensure women were able to vote in all elections. Participants in this exciting virtual event are members of the LWVS board of directors, regional representatives of Vision 2020, and alumni of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter.

We will also toast the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. And salute the 10th Anniversary of the LWV of Sanibel featuring founders, friends and early supporters. The Sanibel League has grown to over 100 members in 10 years with voter education and support our highest calling.

Mark your calendars: Wednesday, August 26 at 4:30 PM This event is free!

[Register in advance for this Zoom webinar by clicking here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You may also send your questions to Robyn Cook at [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com).

### **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](http://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](http://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 by 5:00 PM October 24 for the November 3 General Election. But don't wait, do it today!

**Register to Vote:** Click on [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote) or [www.Vote411.org](http://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](mailto:votebymail@lee.vote)

Questions? Please contact LWV of Sanibel: [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com)

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