Welcome to the busy month of March!

**Tickets available now for March 31 Special Event**
The League of Women Voters of Sanibel is presenting a special event commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment and the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. *The Woman’s Hour, The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine Weiss, is a must read for anyone interested in the story of what it took to pass the 19th Amendment. **Bring your neighbors, book clubs, or visiting friends and family members.** Check out the details below, including the wonderful new venue, the Christensen Performance Hall at BIG ARTS. Tickets are available through BIG ARTS for $20 general admission. Copies of the book are available for sale at MacIntosh Books & Paper.

Yours "in League",
Robyn Cook
The League of Women Voters of Sanibel Presents:
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Coffee & Conversation with Elaine Weiss
Author of
*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*

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

The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment granting American women the right to vote. In her highly acclaimed narrative non-fiction book, *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* (Viking/Penguin), author Elaine Weiss tells the dramatic story of the suffragist's seven-decade struggle to win the ballot, as it all came down to a pitched battle in Nashville, Tennessee in the summer of 1920, to secure the final state needed to ratify the Amendment. Following a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle, *The Woman's Hour* is the inspiring story of women fighting for their political freedom; and the book's themes - voting rights, women's rights, and democracy - are especially relevant today. 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.
Elaine Weiss is a journalist and author whose work has appeared in The Atlantic, Harper's, The New York Times, and The Christian Science Monitor, as well as in reports and documentaries for National Public Radio and Voice of America. She is a MacDowell Colony Fellow and Pushcart Prize Editor's Choice honoree. The Woman's Hour has been hailed as a "riveting, nail-biting political thriller" with powerful parallels for today's political environment.

The Woman's Hour was a GoodReads Readers' Choice Award winner; was short-listed for the 2019 Chautauqua Prize; and received the American Bar Association's highest honor, the 2019 Silver Gavel Award. Steven Speilberg's Amblin production company is adapting the book for TV, with Hillary Rodham Clinton serving as Executive Producer.

MacIntosh Books & Paper on Sanibel will have books on sale in the store and at the event. There will be time following the program for Ms. Weiss to sign a few books.

This incredible event will be on Tuesday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The venue will be the new BIG ARTS Performance Hall in the new building at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Ticket price is $20 per person, general admission. To purchase tickets, stop by the BIG ARTS box office, call 239-395-0900, or click this link: www.lwvsanibel.org/calendar.html then click on Calendar.

Thanks to our generous supporters!
League of Women Voters Education Fund of Sanibel, BIG ARTS, Orlene Shimberg Memorial Fund/Zonta Foundation, Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, Vision 2020

Save the Date!
Thursday, April 16
LWVS Annual Meeting and Special Program
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sundial Beach Resort

Program to include:
Voices of Women's Suffrage,
10th Anniversary Celebration of LWV of Sanibel & LWVS Annual Meeting

2020 is the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving all women the right to vote. It is also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 10th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of Sanibel. We are honoring these milestones with a unique staging of the suffragist's who fought for
many decades to achieve voting equality for all women. "Voices for Women's Suffrage" portrays the pioneering voices behind the 19th amendment and the voices that pushed the amendment across the finish line. "Actors" include members of the Fort Myers alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and LWV of Sanibel. We will then have a Prohibition-style, grape juice "toast" to the tenacity of these brave and dedicated women and men.

Following "Voices" we will honor the founding of the Sanibel League in 2010. Past and present board members, including founding "mothers" Carla Benninga and Linda Kramer, will tell stories and anecdotes about the founding and early days of the local Sanibel League. We urge all early League members, board members, or anyone involved in the past decade to attend and share in the celebration. Contact Robyn Cook at lwvsanibel@gmail.com if you have original photos or anecdotes to share. We will include in the program.

The 2020 Annual Meeting of LWVS will immediately follow.

**Details:** Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Thursday, April 16. Registration 11:30 am; program Noon to 2:00 pm. If you would like to attend the program only, you are welcome to come and arrive around 12:30. Please let us know and we will have a seat for you. RSVP to lwvsanibel@gmail.com by Monday, April 13 at NOON. $25 to reserve lunch. We can offer a vegetarian option only; no vegan or other specific dietary restrictions are available.

Are you Interested in Poll Watching?
It is not too late to be trained and certified to be a poll watcher during elections for the upcoming 2020 elections.

**Please contact:** Jennifer Scuteri, Attorney and Sanibel Resident
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**League of Women Voters Sanibel**

**2020 Luncheon Programs**

All luncheons and programs take place at the Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the lunch and program following from noon to 2:00 p.m.
Special Event: 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, 100th Anniversary of League of Women Voters
Thursday, March 31, 2020 at BIG ARTS, Sanibel
10:00 am to NOON
*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*
Featuring: Author Elaine Weiss
Tickets $20 through BIG ARTS

Thursday, April 16, 2020
LWVS Annual Meeting & Celebration of LWVS 10th Anniversary
Featuring special tribute: "Voices of the Suffragettes" and honoring the Founders, members and early supporters of the Sanibel League of Women Voters

Lunch meals are $25 per person. Deadline to reserve is by noon on the Monday of the week of the Thursday luncheon/program.

2019-2020 LWV Sanibel Officers and Directors

Robyn Cook, President
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Jeannie & Ron Ellington

2020-2021 Nominating Committee
Robin Krivanek (Chair), Judy Adler, Dick Calkins, Linda Kramer

LWVS Founding Mothers
LWV Sanibel Board Meetings

Members are invited to attend all board meetings, which are held at noon on the second Thursday of the month at the Sanibel-Captiva Community Bank. Board meeting dates for 2020 are March 12 and April 9.