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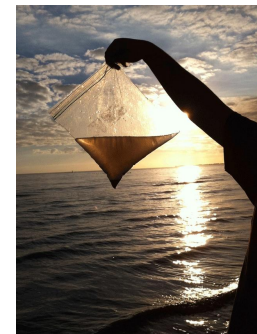
The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Greetings member and friends of LWVS!

Welcome back everyone! Our League's first luncheon of the season is Thursday, November 21, "Water Currents 2.0." It will feature regional water experts with the kind of substantive information you need to know now. One year ago we held the first "Water Currents" program to great success. This program will focus on the issues and policy prescriptions that could shape the upcoming legislative lawmaking. The water quality issues quickly evolve as more questions emerge, and much has happened in the past year. You won't want to miss this event.....read below for the details and how to RSVP!



Summer 2018

Your LWVS team is gearing up to celebrate important milestones in 2020: the 10th anniversary of LWVS; the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment providing women's suffrage; and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters in the U.S. At the core of the League's mission is the vote, encouraging registration, going to the polls and educating the public on issues in a non-partisan way. As special events are firmed up, we will communicate details to you via our "The Voter" newsletters.

We will also offer voter registration events around Sanibel throughout 2020. If you are a Florida resident and have not yet registered, you may do so online at registertovoteflorida.gov. If you want to request ballots for

federal, state and local elections for 2020, primary or general election ballots by mail, you may go to www.lee.vote or call 239-533-8683. You must renew your request every two general elections. If you have questions, simply call the number listed above.

Martha Jo Siders

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Martha Siders on October 12. Martha was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters Sanibel and served on the Board of Directors. Martha is survived by her husband, Rick Siders, also a longtime member of the LWVS family.

Martha was a multi-talented woman, active and involved with her family and community, including Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). As described in her recent obituary: "Martha was known to her family and friends as an intelligent, funny, brave, and beautiful soul who was never afraid to voice her opinions." We couldn't agree more and will miss her greatly.

Yours in League.....

Robyn Cook

RSVP Today!

**Water Currents 2.0:
Update & Review
Progress, Actions, Future
Impacting Water Quality**

**LWV of Sanibel
Program and Luncheon
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**Featured Speakers:
John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper
Howard L. Simon, Ph. D, Clean Okeechobee
Waters Foundation, Inc.**

We kick off the 2019-2020 series of LWV of Sanibel luncheon programs with a topic that is high on the list of concerns for every resident and for all environmentally aware people up and down both Florida coasts. We are excited to begin with an updated review of what has evolved over the last year, "Water Currents 2.0". Much has occurred since the 2018 elections: new groups have formed to better focus on water quality problems; and other groups have been continuing important scientific and medical research that impacts

our understanding. Our featured speakers are both experts in the policy and scientific work that is being done in our state:

John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper, started his professional career as an ecologist in Lee County in 1978, after receiving degrees in biology and fish and wildlife. He has authored peer-reviewed scientific publications and popular media sources on resource management, history, water policy and conservation issues and is a courtesy faculty member of FGCU in the Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences. He became the first Calusa Waterkeeper in 2016.



John has been deeply involved with a prestigious panel of medical and research experts in the development of two high-quality documentaries addressing the public health impacts of harmful algal blooms, "Toxic Puzzle" and "Troubled Waters." John will share his insights into what he and other professionals have learned over the course of creating these two documentaries.

Dr. Howard Simon retired last year as the longest-serving state director of the American Civil Liberties Union - serving 23 years in Michigan and 21 years as Florida director. He now works for policies to address the health threat from harmful algal blooms. Howard earned a Ph.D. in legal and political philosophy from the University of Minnesota and taught there and at DePauw University before becoming an ACLU executive director. Howard has recently written a well-researched, comprehensive white paper, "*From Science to Policy*," which is centered on "a public policy advocacy agenda to mitigate harmful algal blooms."



When: Thursday, November 21. Registration at 11:30 a.m. for the noon to 2:00 p.m. luncheon and program, with time for Q&A.

Where: The Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel
RSVP: [Click here](#) to reserve your place or call Robyn Cook at 239-312-4996. **Deadline to RSVP (or to cancel a reservation) is NOON Monday, November 18.**

Cost: \$25 per person. Mail your check with names of all attendees to: LWV Sanibel, PO Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. Or you may pay at the door. Please note: Because LWV Sanibel is required to pay for each reserved meal, persons with unpaid or absent reservations will be billed.

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.

Those who would like to attend just the program are welcome to do

so. Please let us know ahead of time and we will have a seat for you. Arrive around 12:30.

Upcoming Public Event

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Red Tide

Environmental Education Program

Captiva Yacht Club

15903 Captive Drive

Captiva, FL

Come learn about the history of Florida's Red Tide. Presentations will focus on the cause of the blooms, what might exacerbate the size and duration of the blooms, and potential tools to control or mitigate the blooms.

Speakers will be Dr. Mike Parsons, Professor of Marine Science at Florida Gulf Coast University, and Dr. Cindy Hall, Director of Red Tide Institute at Mote Marine Laboratory.

No RSVP is required, however, parking is very limited and seating is on a first-come basis. Arrive early and consider carpooling.



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Don't forget 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 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: lwvsanibel@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone (Home) _____

Address _____ Phone (mobile) _____

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Please Circle Annual Membership Level

\$125 Susan B. Anthony supporting membership _____

\$95 Household membership _____

\$65 Individual membership _____

\$30 Student membership _____

TOTAL _____

Please Circle Your Interest Topics

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League of Women Voters Sanibel 2019-2020 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 p.m.



Thursday, November 21, 2019

Water Currents 2.0

Speakers: John Cassani, Calusa Waterkeeper, Founder
Howard L. Simon, Ph.D., Clean Okeechobee Waters Foundation, Inc.
Board member, Calusa Waterkeeper

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Environmental Impacts on Florida Coastline

Speaker: TBA

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Challenges to Constitutional Protections

Speaker: TBA

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Causes & Effects of SWFL Land Development

Speaker: TBA

Thursday, April 16, 2020

LWV Annual Meeting & 10th Anniversary Celebration

Program & Speaker: TBA

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

*Program topics and speakers subject to change

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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 2019-2020 are November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12, and April 9.