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Editor's Note: If you do not see a photo of Robyn Cook below, click on "display images" in your email program.

Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Greetings LWVS members and friends!

It is difficult to believe that this comes to you on the heels of Hurricane Irma and its aftermath. Many of you were likely at your "away for the summer" homes, but you "dodged the bullet" of potential devastation to Sanibel along with those of us who make this our year 'round home. We hope your properties are coming back to life as you return to our beloved island.

Thus, League of Women Voters of Sanibel begins a new season of activities and programs with enthusiasm and energy. Do take a look at the information below regarding the informative luncheon programs we are planning. They commence on Thursday, November 16, with a luncheon program hosted by LWVS Board member Christine Schluter. She has invited W. David Helms, Ph.D. to share his knowledge of improving and expanding health care coverage for the uninsured and his research related to health reform.



Whether you are a new or renewing member of LWVS, our annual membership dues for 2017-2018 are due by October 15, 2017. Your dues are appreciated by so many as they support our local League activities, in addition to state and national League efforts. You may renew or become a new member by completing the form below. Soon, we will be mailing our membership brochure, which will list the upcoming programs and which includes a membership application. We make it easy to join!

This will be another important year to become a member of the League of Women Voters and support the factual, civil, non-partisan voice that continues to be the hallmark of the League.

Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to chair and serve on the Voter Services Committee. The upcoming year will be an important one as there are state legislative elections in the fall of 2018. We need volunteers to help register eligible voters on Sanibel and also encourage people to learn about the elections that will impact them. If you are interested, [please email me](#).

Your voice and ideas are important to us! Don't hesitate to pass along your thoughts for programs, forums, or policies that are of interest to you. Drop us a note at P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel FL 33957, or [email us](#). We would love to hear from you!

LWVSanibel is now on Facebook!

Robyn Cook, President

Coming Up! **"Health Care Policy Unraveled"**

LWV of Sanibel Program and Luncheon

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Speaker: W. David Helms, Ph.D.

Dr. Helms is currently a senior associate in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He teaches a course on state healthcare policy and recently completed a study on State Policy Capacity and Leadership for Health Reform, funded by the Milbank Memorial Fund.



From 2000 to 2010, Dr. Helms was President of AcademyHealth, the national society for the fields of health services research and health policy analysis. From 2011 to 2014, he served as Director of the LMI Center for Health Reform, working on the implementation of federal and state health exchanges established under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). He received his

Ph.D. in economics and public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and his bachelor's degree in political science from Colorado College.

When: Thursday, November 16. Registration at 11:30 a.m. for the noon - 2 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 by email, or call Robin Krivanek at 239-395-0927. The deadline to RSVP (or to cancel a reservation) is Monday, November 13.

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

LWV Sanibel 2017-2018 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 16, 2017

Health Care Policy Unraveled

Speaker: W David Helms, Ph.D.

John Hopkins, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Gun Control in the Real World

Speaker: Patti Brigham

1st Vice President, LWV of Florida;

Co-Chair, Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Education

Speaker TBA

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Environment

Speaker TBA

Thursday, April 19, 2018

LWV Sanibel Annual Meeting

Program: Women & The Right to Vote

Speaker TBA

Luncheon meals are \$25 per person.* To reserve your place, [email the LWV](#) with the names of those attending. You can pay at the door or mail your check to LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel FL 33957.

*You may also pay in advance and save! Your check for \$100 covers all 5 luncheons. Pay at the door prior to the first luncheon, or mail your check to the address above.

The deadline to make reservations is the Monday of the week of the Thursday luncheon/program. Because LWV Sanibel is required to pay for each meal, unpaid and absent reservations will be billed.



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**Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership
for 2017-2018
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 United States, the League of Women Voters of 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 for \$125.

Print the membership form below and mail it in with your check. Questions? Email us at lwvsanibel@gmail.com.

Please make your check to League of Women Voters of Sanibel (or LWV-Sanibel) and mail it to P. O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. If you've already renewed, many thanks!



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**Membership Renewal & Records
Update**

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone (mobile): _____

Phone (home): _____

E-mail: _____

Please select your annual membership level:

\$125 Susan B. Anthony membership _____

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\$65 Individual membership _____

\$30 Student membership _____

TOTAL _____

Please circle your areas of interest:

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2017-2018 LWV Sanibel Officers and Directors

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2017-2018 Nominating Committee
Robin Krivanek (Chair), Erhard Joeres, Ellen O'Neill

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 2017 are November 9 and December 14. Dates for 2018 are January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12.

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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