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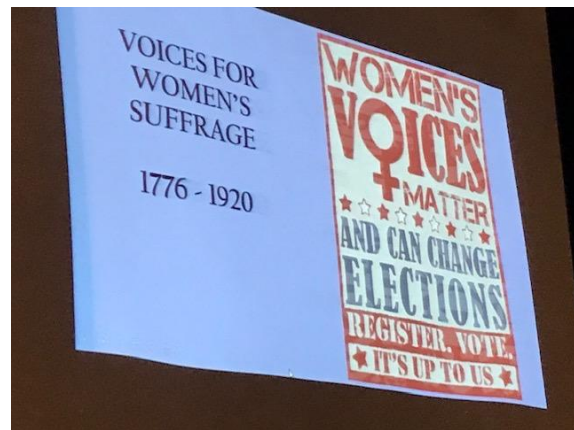
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Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Greetings from Sanibel!

The island may have avoided the hits from Hurricane Dorian, but our thoughts and hearts are with the people of the Bahamas, Abacos, Carolinas and beyond. As of this writing Dorian continues it's path of heavy rains, winds and floods.

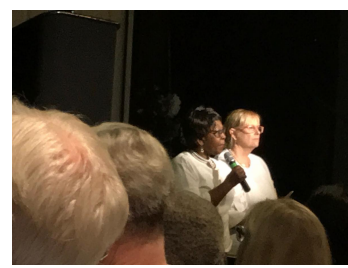
As they say, we were lucky to have "dodged" the hurricane!



The photo you see here was taken at the Sunday, August 25 "Toast to Tenacity", a celebration of the 99th anniversary of women's suffrage. The event was organized by the Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Vision 2020, Progressive Women of Southwest Florida and the Alliance for the Arts. The League of Women Voters of Lee Country and Sanibel and the Progressive Club of the Islands were also sponsors.

It was a very well attended "happening" including local dignitaries such as Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Lee Cty. Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle and many others. A highlight of the event included "Voices for Women's Suffrage", a spoken-word segment featuring local citizens as key figures in the suffrage movement, such as Abigail Adams, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul, Susan B. Anthony, and Frederick Douglas.

The grand finale was a toast celebrating the 99th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment.....with grape juice instead of wine, as the toast in 1920 was during prohibition!



Please scroll down for your invitation to "Celebrating Constitution Day" on Tuesday, September 17. It's a free event and a great way to mark the birth of our Constitution and the importance of the 99th amendment giving women the right to vote.

Your's in League.....

Robyn Cook

**Tuesday, September 17
is Constitution Day!**

Constitution Day features legal experts on voting issues and much more



The Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and the League of Women Voters of Lee County, Florida, invite the community to attend We the People, Celebrating Constitution Day. This celebration kicks off a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the successful fight for women's suffrage. Additional events marking the 100th anniversary will take place throughout the next year in Southwest Florida.

Constitution Day will feature a panel of legal professionals discussing Contemporary Issues and the Constitution; Voting Rights; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Census; and more.

Panelists include The Honorable Judge Archie Hayward; The Honorable Judge Devin George; Kathi Calvo, Esq., Attorney at Law; Shaina Zuppe, Esq., Attorney at Law; and Keith Grossman, Esq., Attorney at Law.

The event is also made possible by community partners: the Mayor's Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee (Fort Myers), Vision 2020, the League of Women Voters of Sanibel, the Junior League of Fort Myers, and Hodges University.

The celebration will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hodges University, 4501 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida 33966.

Admission is free, but registration is required. Students and families are welcome.

For more information or to register, call 239-278-1032 or email

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 11:30AM, with the lunch and program following from Noon to 2PM.



Thursday, November 21, 2019
Health Care Issues in Florida
Speakers: TBA

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
Program & Speaker: TBA

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

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LWW 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.