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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.*

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## Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

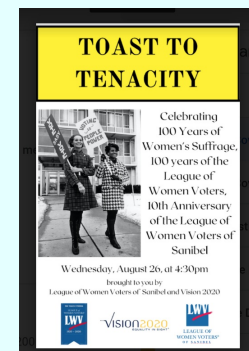
Dear Members and Friends of LWVS,

We hope this finds you, your family and friends feeling healthy and enjoying the last few months of summer. We sorely miss our in-person voter registrations because they give us a chance to see you and help with questions about voting this year. Don't forget you can go to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) to register to vote, see your personalized ballot, request a Vote-By-Mail ballot, watch videos of candidates forums and find out candidate information. Plus much more!

The LWVS in collaboration with Vision2020 and the Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. hosted a truly awesome event on August 26, "Toast to Tenacity". We celebrated 100 years of women's suffrage by offering respectful homage to the women and men who fought for our right to vote. It was virtually "attended" by 70 individuals; many thanks to everyone who participated.

[You can watch the event yourself by clicking here](#) and you can [click here to see all of the wonderful people involved in this beautiful moment.](#)

We also celebrated the 10th anniversary of LWV of



invite to 8/26  
event

Sanibel, founded in 2010. It was a photo montage journey of the last ten years of people, places, programs, with many wonderful memories. And it was a good time to pause and reflect, and continue to honor the mission of the LWV.

**Up Next:** Please save the date of Tuesday, October 20 at Noon for a virtual conversation with Elaine Weiss, author of *The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*. See below for details and how to RSVP for this free event.

Yours "in League",  
Robyn Cook

## Mark Your Calendars!



Photo courtesy:  
Nina Subin

*A Virtual Conversation with  
Elaine Weiss, author of  
The Woman's Hour:  
The Fight to Win the Vote  
Tuesday, October 20 at Noon*

This year, all year, we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Congress' ratification of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920. A momentous occasion granting all women the right to vote.

*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine Weiss tells the dramatic story of the suffragist's fight to get the thirty-sixth state, Tennessee, to allow women's voting rights to be the law of the land. These are fascinating

stories about a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle.

Elaine Weiss is an award winning journalist and author whose work has appeared in many publications and journals including *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times* and the *Christian Monitor* as well as in reports and documentaries for NPR and Voice of America.

*The Woman's Hour* has been hailed as a "riveting, nail-biting political thriller" with powerful parallels for today's rough and tumble political environment. Steven Spielberg's Amblin production company is adapting the book for TV, with Hillary Rodham Clinton as Executive Producer.



*Ratification*  
by Meneese Wall

Weiss will star in this virtual Zoom production along with moderators LWVS Board Member Ellen O'Neill and Sanibel resident Aaron Cohen. She has had a very busy 2020 with invitations to speak with her abundance of research and knowledge about the fight to win the vote. Weiss makes this important time come alive with her mastery of the historical record and description of the intensity of these women and their time. There will also be time for Q&A from the attendees.

Please RSVP to Robyn Cook at [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com). After you RSVP you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Special thanks to our sponsors: League of Women Voters Education Fund; Zonta Foundation of SWFL; Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company; and Vision 2020.

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).

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. Or call the Supervisor of Elections office at the number listed above.

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).



Don't forget to renew your Membership  
for 2020-2021

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 Sanibel League, the League of Women Voters of Florida, and of the United States. 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 of \$125 (a great way to honor the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters)!

Please copy the membership form below (or update any information if you are renewing) and mail it along with your check (made out to LWV Sanibel) and mail to:

LWV of Sanibel

P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957

Questions: Email us at [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com)

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