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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 members and friends!

The new season is just beginning and as you receive this we are quickly approaching an historic election. If you have not already voted "by mail" or as an "early" voter at one of many Lee County early voting sites, you can do it in person at one of Sanibel's polling places on November 8. Sanibel residents are traditionally the type of voters who do so regularly and happily. We value the right to cast our votes and make sure our voices count. No matter what side of the aisle you are on, thank you for voting!



Your Sanibel League has been involved in the important issues that affect you. We have recently created a Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Barbara Joy Cooley, to keep an eye on the extremely important water issues and continue to monitor the development of solar choice. We offer voter services support for the City Council election cycles and will offer our help for 2017 if we are asked to moderate any candidate forums.

Please take a look at the information below regarding the exciting luncheon program coming up this month on November 17. Our speaker will be Pamela Goodman, President, Florida League of Women Voters. Pam is a dynamic and energetic speaker with a superior "insiders" knowledge of policy issues such as the "Fair District" redrawing of district lines. She has much to share as she will offer her post election wrap up.

Your voice and ideas are important to us! Don't hesitate to pass along your ideas for programs, forums, policies to study, that are of interest to you. Drop us a note to P.O. Box 1194 or email [lwvsanibel@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

LWVSanibel is now on Facebook!

*Robyn Cook*, President

**Coming Up!  
Post-Election Wrap-Up  
from a Leader in the Know**

**LWV of Sanibel Program and  
Luncheon**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

**Speaker: Pamela Goodman,  
President, Florida League of  
Women Voters**



The League of Women Voters of Sanibel will feature "A Post-Election Wrap-Up" with the distinguished speaker, Pamela Goodman. Goodman has served as President of the Florida League of Women Voters from 2007 to the present. In addition, she served as president of the Palm Beach League of Women Voters from 2005 to 2009.

An emphasis of Goodman's remarks will be the recent redistricting decisions in Florida, plus the major issues that will be legislated in the upcoming 2017 session in Tallahassee. We are lucky to have her unique perspective as an "insider" to the process, as she chaired the Fair Districts campaign statewide for the League and was responsible for coordinating all League work during the campaign to secure the passage of the two Fair Districts constitutional amendments. She continues to work with all litigation regarding this issue. We will hear how the

hard work the League has done on our behalf has impacted the current election cycle.

We have also asked Goodman to give us an overview of the important policy issues coming up at the Florida legislative session. The Florida League is deeply involved in both educational and advocacy of issues that will affect the lives all Florida voters and residents. The work that the League does in Tallahassee is non-partisan and always with an eye towards educating the public about the pros and cons of important policy issues of the day.

Most recently, the Florida League and Goodman were involved in the extension of the 2016 voter registration dates by one week in October. Goodman led in the legal efforts that resulted in more time for victims of Hurricane Matthew to register to vote. This received national attention from multiple local and national communication outlets including CNN, MSNBC, and The New York Times.

Goodman lives in Palm Beach Gardens and is active with The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County and is a Director of the Board of Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation. Goodman spent her professional career in retailing, rising to President/CEO of Limited Express with over 850 stores nationwide.

When: Thursday, November 17, 11:30AM registration, Noon - 2PM luncheon and program.

Where: The Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel

RSVP: [Click here](#) to reserve your place by email or call Ellen Strobel at 239-395-2969. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, November 14.

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.

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 17, 2016

**Post-Election Wrap-up**

Speaker: Pamela Goodman, President,  
League of Women Voters of Florida

Sunday, December 11, 2016

**Holiday Party**

Details TBA

Thursday, January 19, 2017

**The Health of Our Mental Health Services**

Speaker: Vacharee Howard, Executive Vice President, The National  
Association of Mental Illness

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**Managing Fresh Water**

Update on the Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee River impacts down stream on Sanibel and San Carlos Bay. How are decisions made regarding where the water goes? Speakers: Rae Ann Wessel, director of Natural Resources Policy for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; and Mitch Hutchcraft, member of the board for the South Florida Water Management District, and Vice President for Real Estate, King Ranch/Consolidated Citrus LP.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

**Creating Local Community Involvement**

Speaker TBA

Thursday, April 20, 2017

**LWV Annual Meeting**

Program and speaker TBA

Lunch meals are \$25 per person. To reserve your place, [Click here](#) to 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. Deadline to reserve 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.



**Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership  
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](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com).

Please make your check to the 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!



## 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](mailto:lwvsanibel@gmail.com)

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### Please Circle Annual Membership Level

\$125 Susan B. Anthony membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$95 Household membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$65 Individual membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Student membership \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Circle Your Interest Topics

Voter Services

Local Government

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Sustainability/Natural Resources

Publicity

Membership

Hot Topics

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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 2016 are November 10, and December 8. Dates for 2017 are January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 13.

*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.*