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April Is The Month To Renew Your LWV Sanibel Membership

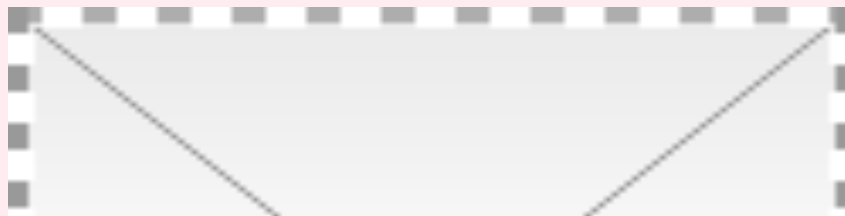
Please note President Linda Kramer's letter further below about renewing your membership this month.

DON'T MISS IT

THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 3

**MEET AND GREET THE
CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES**

**7 P.M. SANIBEL
COMMUNITY HOUSE**



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Florida Congressional District 19 in Shaded Area

A special election must be held to fill the Congressional District 19 seat left vacant because of the resignation of former Congressman Trey Radel. The primary election will take place on **April 22, 2014**. The general election will be held on **June 24, 2014**.

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel has invited all qualified candidates for the post to attend a "Meet and Greet" on **Wednesday, April 3 at 7 pm** in the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Candidates will have time to make a short presentation, and then be available to meet the public and answer individual questions. **The event is free and open to the public.**

No signs or demonstrations will be allowed in the auditorium.

Candidates who have confirmed that they will attend:

Curt Clawson
Michael Dreikorn
April Freeman
Paige Kreegel
Roy Netherwood
Tim Rossano

Candidates who cannot attend, but will send staff members:

Lizbeth Benacquisto

PRIMARY VOTING

In order to vote in a primary, voters must be registered as a member of a party.

The League of Women Voters of Florida requires that all qualified candidates be invited to a League sponsored "Meet & Greet."

For more information, please contact Voter Service Chair Dick Calkins at 239-395-1751

Tuesday, April 8

Get the Scoop on Last Summer's Lake O Water Releases! What Can We Expect This Year?

[CLICK HERE -- RSVP NOW:](#) LWV Sanibel Luncheon, Program and Annual Meeting

Program: Sanibel H2O Matters: A Look Back at the Summer of 2013

**Where: Sundial Beach Resort,
1451 Middle Gulf Drive**

**When: Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Registration - 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon & program - 12:00-1:15 p.m**

Cost:

The cost is \$25 per person for this luncheon and program. Please make your check payable to LWV Sanibel and note the program date and number in your party on the memo line. Mail checks by April 5 to LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. You can also pay at the door, but please RSVP by Sunday, April 6 to reserve your place.

RSVP:

Click here to reserve your place with an email to LWV Sanibel Program Chair, Ellen O'Neill by Sunday, April 6th.

Sanibel H2O Matters: A Look Back at the Summer of 2013



By Holly Milbrandt,
Environmental Biologist,
City of Sanibel, Dept. of
Natural Resources

Franklin Lock, Caloosahatchee River,
Olga, Florida

Ms. Milbrandt will provide an overview of water management in South Florida, with a specific focus on Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River. She will detail the conditions from the summer of 2013 that led to four months of massive freshwater releases, the impacts of the releases on Sanibel/Captiva ecology and economy, the City's response, and the outlook for the upcoming rainy season.

Holly Milbrandt is the Environmental Biologist for the Natural Resources Department at the City of Sanibel. She began working for the City in 2006, following three years as the Education Director for the Tarpon Bay Explorers concession at "Ding" Darling. She is also currently serving as the Acting Natural Resources Department Director, while Director James Evans is on special assignment regarding water quality issues. Holly has a B.S degree in Biology from Furman University in Greenville, SC and a Masters' degree in Marine Biology from the University of Charleston, SC. Her masters' thesis investigated the effects of pesticide runoff from the Dade County Agricultural Area on microbial communities of adjacent canals and Florida Bay. Although not a true "native", Holly grew up in Sarasota, FL and enjoyed her first of many annual family vacations to Sanibel in 1978.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Sanibel will be held on **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 1:15 at the Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel**. Below are the agenda for the meeting, a copy of the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting, the slate of 2014-15 officers, and rules for the conduct of the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors reviewed the minutes at its April, 2013 meeting and recommends their approval.

League of Women Voters - Sanibel

Annual Meeting Agenda

**April 8, 2014, 1:15
Sundial Beach Resort**

Welcome	Linda Kramer
Adoption of Rules	Linda Robison
President's Report	Linda Kramer
Adoption of Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting	Martha Wolf
Treasurer's Report	Jim Lavelle
Adoption of Budget	Jim Lavelle
Adoption of Program	Ellen O'Neill
Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee	Carolyn Gray
Old Business	Robin Krivanek

New Business

Robin Krivanek

Adjournment

Robin Krivanek

Sanibel League of Women Voters
Annual Meeting
Minutes
April 9, 2013
Sanibel Public Library

President Carolyn Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00. Bob Winters acted as secretary and declared that a quorum was present.

Carla Beninga moved approval of the rules for the meeting. Seconded and passed.

Linda Kramer presented the treasurer's report and the budget for the 2013 - 2014 year. Dick Calkins moved approval of the budget. Seconded and passed.

Ellen O'Neil presented a proposal for programs for the coming year and moved authorization of it. Seconded and passed.

Linda Kramer presented a slate of the following directors for election:

For a second two year term:
Maddy Mayor.

For an initial two year term:
Jim Lavelle
Ellen O'Neill
Martha Wolf.

The following slate of officers of election:

President	Linda Kramer
1st Vice President	Linda Robison
Secretary	Bob Winters
Treasurer	Jim Lavelle

The following slate for Nominating Committee:

Carolyn Gray, Chair
Maree Elowson
Edina Lessack.

Robin Krivanek moved approval of the nominations. Seconded and passed.

Linda Kramer assumed the chair. She noted that there was no new business or old business. Linda reviewed the progress the League has made under the presidency of Carolyn Gray and reminded the members of Carolyn's enormous contributions to the organization. She moved a vote of thanks to Carolyn which was seconded and adopted unanimously.

There being no further business Linda adjourned the meeting at 7:27.

Bob Winters,
Secretary,
April 10, 2013

LWV Sanibel Nominating Committee Announces 2014-15 Slate of Officers & Board Members

President: Robin Krivanek
Vice President: Dick Calkins
Secretary: Martha Wolf
Treasurer: Carolyn Gray

Returning
Directors: Maree Elowson
Ellen O'Neill
Maddy Mayor

New Directors: Enid Packard
Ellen Strobel

2015 Nominating Committee:
Linda Kramer, Chair
Carla Benninga
Martha Siders

The Nominating Committee requests that Linda Robison agree to

provide "counsel" regarding interpretation of By Laws and current legal requirements for maintaining our status as a not-for-profit organization.

Proposed Rules for the 2014 Annual Meeting

I. A motion to adopt these rules will be made after the Annual Meeting is called to order and the meeting officials are approved. Amendments to these Rules may be offered at that time and will require a majority vote. These rules require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

II. Only regular members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and have the privilege of the floor.

III. A member who wishes to speak should rise, address the Chair, give their name when recognized, and speak only once, until all who wish to speak the first time have been heard. No one may speak more than twice on the same motion.

IV. Budgets: Discussion time will be limited to 10 minutes for the proposed budget.

V. Program: A majority of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of issues in the Proposed Program as presented at the Annual Meeting.

April is LWV Sanibel Membership Renewal Month

Dear Member,

It is difficult to believe that the year has passed so quickly. Once again, it is time to renew your LWV Sanibel membership. Your past support contributed to a very active season this year, including four informative and well attended luncheon programs, January voter registration drives and much enthusiasm. On very short notice, our Voter Service Committee, headed by Dick Calkins, has planned a *Meet and Greet the Candidates Night* on April 3 for the upcoming special election.



We need your renewed membership to ensure that we can continue to

we need your renewed membership now to ensure that we can accomplish our ambitious schedule of activities in the coming year and so that LWV Sanibel can pay the per member portion of our collective dues to our state LWV organization by May 1, 2014.

We continue to hold our base dues at \$65 for individuals and \$95 for households. We encourage you, if you can, to increase your membership level to \$125 to provide additional funding for our local work in the upcoming election year.

Please renew your membership by April 30th. So that we can update our records, please copy and complete the form below and send it along with your check (payable to LWV Sanibel) to P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. If yours is a family membership, please provide names of family members who are renewing at this time. You can also renew your membership at the Annual Meeting on April 8th.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanibel League of Women Voters.

Sincerely,

Linda Kramer
President, LWV Sanibel



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 _____ Phone (Home) _____

Address _____ Phone (mobile) _____

_____ E-mail _____

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

Publicity

Local Government

Membership

Fundraising

Hot Topics

Health Care

Education

Sustainability/Natural Resources

Hospitality/Events

LWV Sanibel 2013-14 Board

Linda Kramer, President
Linda Robison, Vice President
Jim LaVelle, Treasurer
Robert Winters, Secretary
Maddy Mayor, Membership
Dick Calkins, Voter Services
Carla Benninga, Founding President
Maree Elowson, The Voter Newsletter Editor
Ellen O'Neill, Programs
Carolyn Gray, Director
Martha Wolf, Director

LWV Sanibel Board Meetings 2013-2014

Members are invited to attend all Board meetings which are held at 3:30 p.m. at the Bank of the Islands from October through May. With some exceptions, meetings are on the second Wednesdays of the month. The remaining Board meetings for this season are: April 9 and May 14.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government works to increase understanding of

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