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

## **Message from Robin Krivanek, LWV Sanibel President**

### Greetings

The end of 2015 brought the conclusion of the Fair Districts saga, at least for now, as the Florida Supreme Court announced the new state Senate district lines. This is the culmination of a battle begun in 2010 to counter legislative and congressional gerrymandering. You, yes you, made it happen with your votes and your membership in the League of Women Voters, a primary litigant in the suit. Congratulations!



Now on to 2016 and everything a major election year will bring. Sunday, January 10th, we'll have voter registration at the Farmer's Market under the guidance of Carolyn Gray, our Voter Service chairman. Help us spread the word if you have new neighbors or anyone who wants to make changes in their current registration. Then on Thursday, the 21st, our program luncheon will get us back to basics, Protecting the Franchise, our precious voting rights. I look forward to seeing you there.

One last thing...please mark your calendars for March 12th when the League of Women Voters and the Ft. Myers NewsPress will be holding a forum on Open Government. We are partnering with the Lee County League and other groups to educate ourselves about the increasing number of exemptions to Florida's Open Records laws and other restrictions on the public's access to government records. More information soon.



## **CONCERNED AND CONFUSED ABOUT CONSTRAINTS ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE?**

**GET THE FACTS!**

### **Protecting the Franchise: The State of Voters' Rights**

**LWV Sanibel Program and Luncheon**

**Thursday, January 21**

**Speaker: Professor Laura Weir, Ph.D.  
Florida SouthWestern State College**



**Dr. Weir is often asked by the media to comment on local and state political issues, including most recently the state of the court-ordered redistricting work of the Florida Legislature. Note that the LWV Florida was a party in the successful law suit that forced the redistricting to correct gerrymandering. The Florida Legislature is now in session and Dr. Weir will provide an update on status of legislations regarding voters' rights and the redrawn Florida congressional district maps. In addition to her expertise in the voting franchise, Dr. Weir is knowledgeable in international issues such as Middle East politics and comparative politics.**

**Dr. Weir is the Executive Director of the Center for International Education at Florida SouthWestern State College in Fort Myers. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at John Carroll University and her Ph.D. in political science and government from Case Western Reserve University.**



**When:** Thursday, January 21, 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:00 noon - 2 p.m., Luncheon and Program.

**Where:** The Sundial Beach Resort, 1451 Middle Gulf Dr., Sanibel.

**RSVP:** [Click here](#) to reserve your place by email or call Ellen Strobel at 239/395-2969. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, January 18.

**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 and absent reservations will be billed.



**Check Your Do List -- Be Ready For Election Year 2016!**

**Don't Forget to Renew Your LWV 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.

If you have not joined yet, this is the year! Print the membership form below and mail it in with your check. Or just write a note with your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address and send it along with your check to the address below. Questions? Email [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.

## LWV Sanibel 2015-16 Programs

All luncheons and programs take place at the Sundial Beach Resort (Waterview Room), 1451 Middle Gulf Drive. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch and program following from Noon to 2:00 p.m.



February 18, 2016

### **Defending the Environment: A Bi-partisan Approach**

Speaker, Alik Moncrief, Executive Director,  
Florida Conservation Voters

March 17, 2016

## Justice for All?

Speaker, Hon. Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Circuit Court;  
member, Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice

April 21, 2016

## TBA Program and LWV Sanibel Annual Meeting



### Membership Renewal & Records Update

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

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

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

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

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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Voter Services  
Local Government  
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Health Care

Publicity  
Membership  
Hot Topics  
Education

## 2015-2016 LWV Sanibel Officers and Directors

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Vice President	Carolyn Gray
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Director (2 yr term)	Ellen O'Neill
Director (2 yr term)	Judith Jones
Director (2 yr term)	Rosemary Powell
Continuing Director	Maree Elowson

### 2015-16 Nominating Committee

Linda Kramer (Chair), Barbara Cooley, Martha Siders

## LWV Sanibel Board Meetings 2016

Members are invited to attend all Board meetings which are held at 3:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Bank of the Islands. Board Meeting dates for 2016 January 13, February 10, 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.*

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