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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, Leaguers:

As we rev up for a new season, we welcome a new president of the Florida state League, Pam Goodman, and extend our sincere thanks to the outgoing president, Deidre Macnab, for all her hard work and accomplishments in the name of the League of Women Voters of Florida and especially her support during the founding of our Sanibel League.



The Florida League was all over the news this summer as efforts to correct the Legislature's gerrymandering of congressional districts bounced back and forth between the courts and the parties to the suit in which the League is a major participant. With no agreement reached, this effort to see that the Fair Districts Constitutional Amendment is properly enforced is now back in the hands of the Court for final action. Meanwhile the Legislature has turned to correcting the senate district lines and is already holding

committee meetings in preparation for an early session beginning in January next year.

With the Sanibel League's new membership year having started October 1, if you have not yet renewed, please scroll down below for all the pertinent information and also note the luncheon program topics that your LWV Board has chosen to help us be informed citizens. I look forward to seeing you on November 19th when we anticipate a lively program with former Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah speaking on one aspect of the impact of money on our legislators and laws. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends, neighbors and interested parties to our League so come one, come all.



## **How Sugar Has Soured Florida Politics**

**LWV Sanibel Luncheon and  
Program**

**November 19, 2015**

**Speaker: Ray Judah**, Coordinator for the Florida Coastal and Ocean Coalition and former Lee County Commissioner (1988 - 2012).

Few public figures are as qualified as Mr. Judah to explain the complex inter-connections between Florida's Big Sugar industry and our state government, and the environmental implications of those connections.

Mr. Judah graduated from the California State University of Humboldt with a Master of Science in Natural Resources and Bachelor of Arts in Zoology. Prior to his 24 years as a County Commissioner, he served as environmental land planner with the Lee County Department of Community Development. Mr. Judah is a strong advocate for providing a balance between management of growth and responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources. His efforts to safeguard the environment have been

recognized with numerous awards including:

- Champion of the Environment by Gulf Shore Life in 2003 and Committee of the Islands in 2007
- Conservationist of the Year - Florida Wildlife Federation in 2007
- Everglades Coalition's James D. Webb Award for making an outstanding contribution to the Everglades in 2011
- Recipient of the 2012 Theodore Roosevelt Award for Resilience, Resolve, and Courage on Behalf of Florida's Environment by Florida Audubon.

### **Luncheon and Program Details**

**When: Thursday, November 19, 2015, 11:30 registration, noon - 2 p.m., luncheon and program.**

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

**Cost: \$25 person, or \$100 for all five 2015-16 LWV Sanibel luncheon programs.** Mail your check with names of all attendees to LWV Sanibel, P.O. Box 1194, Sanibel, FL 33957. Or reserve your place and pay at the door. Because LWV Sanibel is required to pay for each reserved meal, unpaid and absent reservations will be billed.

**Reserve your place! [Click here](#) to email or call 239/395-0927. Deadline to reserve is Monday, Nov. 16.**

### **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.





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Speaker, Ray Judah, former County Commissioner;  
Coordinator-Florida Coastal and Ocean Coalition

December 13, 2015 **Holiday Party**, 5-7 pm

Gulfside Place Clubhouse, 1605 Middle Gulf Drive

January 21, 2016

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

Speaker, Laura C. Weir, Ph.D. (Political Science);  
Executive Director, Center for International Education,  
Florida SouthWestern State College, Edison campus

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**

Lunch meals are \$25 per person or \$100 for all five programs (except the Holiday Party). 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.



## It Is Time to Renew Your Membership

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.

There will be five scheduled luncheons this season at \$25/lunch. If you would like to reserve at this time, you can purchase all five for \$100. Please note on your check that it includes membership and the luncheon reservation.

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.

### 2015-2016 LWV Sanibel Officers and Directors

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2015-16 Nominating Committee  
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## Membership Renewal & Records Update

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

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

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

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

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

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Circle Your Interest Topics

Voter Services

Local Government

Fundraising

Health Care

Sustainability/Natural Resources

Publicity

Membership

Hot Topics

Education

Hospitality/Events

## LWV Sanibel Board Meetings 2015-2016

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 2015-16 are December 9, 2015 and in 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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