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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

“A Whole New World”

Florida's Immigration Crisis



Dr. Miriam Potocky



Maria Rodriguez



Cheryl Little

Register for December Cool Topic

REMEMBER, THIS IS A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WHERE WE
WILL VOTE ON ED FUND BYLAWS.

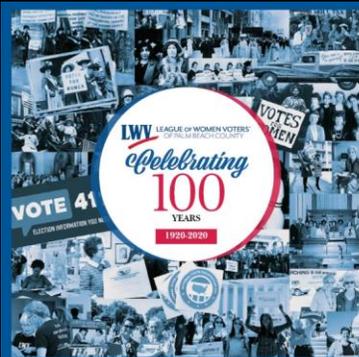
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A WHOLE NEW WORLD

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Join us for our 100th Anniversary Bash
Let's celebrate our past and future
Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy
May 6th, 2020 - 10:30 am
Cohen Pavilion – Kravis Center, West Palm Beach





LWVPBC 100th Anniversary Fund

The League of Women Voters Palm Beach County – and women's right to vote – celebrate their 100 years in 2020!

- Your \$100 donation will celebrate our 100 Year Anniversary
- A \$200 donation or more to ensure the next 100 years
- Make your Donation [HERE](#)

See you at our 100 Year Celebration event on May 6, 2020!

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DECEMBER COOL TOPIC: FLORIDA'S IMMIGRATION CRISIS

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is pleased to announce an event on the Immigration Crisis and its impact on all Floridians. Join us on Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 at the Vista Center, located at 2300 North Jog Rd in West Palm Beach. This event is free and open to the public. Our panel ...[Read More](#)

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES TRAINING DATES

Marion Frank, one of the speakers at October's Hot Topic told us about training for candidates and others interested in working on campaigns hosted by the Leadership Institute. The date, January 31, 2020, has just been announced. The cost is \$50 and the link for registration and information is <https://www.leadershipinstitute.org/Training/school.cfm?ID=46805>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE LOCK IT UP TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Your LWVPBC Gun Safety Committee is gearing up to activate the non-partisan *Lock It Up!* program in December, and we're looking for team members. The Broward LWV has generously shared their advice on implementing a successful program with us. We have received 200 trigger locks from the Veterans Administration at the Palm Beach VA Hospital; 100 were distributed at the PBSO Night Out Against Crime event this fall, and we are in the pipeline to receive 800 more locks from the VA. We have requested funding to print 5,000 two sided 4"x 9" information "rack cards."

The *Lock It Up!* program focuses on the safety of children. 4.6 million kids in America live in homes with unsecured guns. 8 children are unintentionally injured or killed by a gun every day. Over 50% of teen suicides are committed with a gun from home. In Florida a child is shot every 17 hours, on average. Through the *Lock It Up!* program we can raise awareness of the danger of unlocked guns and encourage gun owners to lock them up.

There are many ways you can support our efforts. You can volunteer to compile lists of PBC mental health providers, pediatricians, preschools, government offices and houses of worship which might want to partner with us in distributing information cards and gun locks. You can contact these organizations and ask for their support. You can deliver brochures and gun locks to them. You can volunteer to contact health and wellness events where LWVPBC can participate in educating the public, distributing gun safety information and gun locks. And you can sit at tables at those events.

Please consider giving even a few hours of your time to this initiative of the Gun Safety Committee. *Lock It Up!* is a rewarding program. Every time you hand out

a gun lock or a brochure and educate someone about the dangers of unlocked guns, you've empowered them to reduce gun violence in their community. And you may have saved a life and prevented a tragedy. Please email one of us to join our team or to ask for more information.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KATHLEEN CRAMPTON

The League of Women Voters Palm Beach County is proud to shine the spotlight on Member **Kathleen Crampton**. Kathleen shares her story of lifelong volunteerism and a noteworthy career in public health.

See the latest NEWS scoops online at <https://www.pbc.org/news>.

FIVE REASONS CIVICS TRIVIA IS COOL AND SHOULD BE 2020's HOT TOPIC

1. Adults and children alike who attended the very entertaining and educational evening at the Stem Center, entitled "Quizzard of Oz Civics Trivia", would be the first to admit that we ... [Read More](#)
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EXPANSION AIDS MATERNAL HEALTH

By Emilie McKendall

A young woman in Broward County, FL was recently forced to deliver her newborn baby alone, in a prison...[Read More](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY FRIENDS, GREAT NEWS



Cecile Scoon, at podium (left photo) **Nancy Chanin**, at podium (right photo) speaking at FRRRC Press Conference on November 11, 2019

Last week our Constitutional Officers (State Attorney **Dave Aronberg**, Public Defender **Carie Haughwout**, and Clerk and Comptroller **Sharon Bock**) unrolled a new plan to allow...[Read More](#)

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT EX-FELON REGISTRATION

By Phyllis Applebaum

IMPORTANT NEW VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY

On October 19, The County of Palm Beach will be providing an opportunity to those who have had their drivers license suspended to obtain a valid Florida Drivers License. This program reaches out to individuals who may have committed a crime or traffic offense and owe court costs and late fees, resulting in a license suspension. The County will engage in negotiations that will reduce or eliminate some arrears and enter into payment plans which allow these individuals to reinstate their drivers licenses.

Based on efforts made by the Voters Rights Coalition and members of local government, there may be an opportunity to register individuals pursuant to Amendment 4 as well. The Amendment restored voting rights to convicted felons who had completed their sentences IN FULL. The Florida Legislature has added language to the amendment to include arrears such as court costs, fees and restitution as part of the definition of a completed sentence. There is some hope that individuals who were the subject of Amendment 4, may begin to register under rulings that may operate similarly to Operation Green Light. While this is not guaranteed at the time of this writing, the League remains dedicated to registering every eligible voter. Therefore, we have decided to staff and attend this event. Whether we can register Restored Rights Citizens, or simply register other eligible citizens, Voter Services believes there will be opportunities to register voters. Accordingly, we are seeking volunteers to register voters at the 4 county courthouses - Delray Beach, West Palm Beach, P B Gardens and Belle Glade. This will be a sidewalk/clipboard experience. We will not have tables, chairs or tents. The volunteer shifts will begin at 8:30a.m. There will be three shifts of 3 ½ hrs each.

If you are able to volunteer for this exciting registration event, please proceed to the link at the top of the page to choose your location and your shift time. We will do our best to accommodate all location and shift requests, but hope that all volunteers will be flexible.

With our best regards and hopes for full democratic participation.

The Voter Services Committee

MEET THE NEWS TEAM



Lake Worth, Florida-Palm Beach County League of Women Voters News Committee members met Nov. 23, 2019 at the COMPASS Community Center. from l. to r. **Debra Peters, Harvey Rosenfeld, Marsha Vinson, Annette Evans, MJ (Mary Jane) Range, and Chair, Debra Chandler.**



HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY, SAVE YOUR LIFE AND MANAGE LIFE'S TRANSITIONS.

The Healthcare Committee in partnership with Emergency Info Plan is hosting two meetings for League members and their friends at the Compass community Center.

Register December 10, 2019, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Today families often live states apart. Learn how to be better prepared for emergencies. Use your iPhone to alert 911 and important contacts. Provide first responders with medical info at the scene. Determine what documents are important to have on hand at a moments notice and show healthcare surrogates how to access them no matter where they are. Attendees receive complimentary iPhone stickers to show bystanders how to alert 911 and contacts and show First Responders how to access medical info at the scene. Plus a list of important documents and information you will need to assemble and make available for a life transition.

Our speaker, John Pastore knows first-hand how important it is to be prepared. While traveling, he received a call from his neighbor that 911 was trying to gain access to their home. Had he been notified earlier, when she called 911 first responders might have gained access sooner and been able to save her life.

ELECTION SEASON IS ALMOST HERE



The LWVPBC initiative to let everyone know that we are the place to go for reliable voter information and resources for the 2020 Election is under way. We need your ideas on how you and your issue groups can work together to provide information and promote:

- Election-related Hot and Cool Topics
- Speakers Bureau presentations
- Voter Guide
- Vote 411
- Candidate forums
- *NEWS*
- Social media
- Civics Education in the schools and communities

Please contact us with your ideas and information on how you can help promote this effort to educate people and get them out to vote in 2020.

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PROPOSED EDUCATION FUND BYLAW CHANGES VOTE DEC. 7, 2019 COOL TOPIC/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The proposed changes are in **red**. To see the full text of the current Ed Fund Bylaws,... [Read more](#)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PALM BEACH COUNTY EDUCATION FUND, INC.

BYLAWS Established _____, 2019

ARTICLE 1

Name and Purpose

Sec.2. Purpose. This nonprofit corporation is incorporated as a public foundation dedicated to strengthening knowledge of and involvement in representative government and public education. It shall provide reliable non-partisan information on elections, ~~and~~ public policy issues, and civic

education to a more diverse PBC population through innovative educational approaches.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Sec.1 Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the Education Fund shall be a president, a vice-president, ~~and~~ a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be elected by the LWVPBC Board of Directors and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified. The LWVPBC President is an ex-officio member of the Education Fund Board.

ARTICLE V

Financial Administration

See. 5. Budget Committee. The budget shall be prepared by a committee that shall be appointed for the purpose at least four months in advance of the Annual Meeting. The treasurer shall be, ex-officio, a member of the budget committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as chair. The budget committee shall consist of the same members as the budget committee for the LWVPBC. A Budget Committee member shall be appointed for the purpose of maintaining a permanent record of all monies controlled by the Education Fund.

PLEASE FILL OUT A PROXY FORM IF YOU WISH TO VOTE BUT CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING. [DOWNLOAD PROXY FORM...HERE](#)

**FINAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
HEARING AND WORKSHOP**

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves Campus, 15845 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee

FINAL WORKSHOP

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Palm Beach State College Loxahatchee Groves Campus, 15845 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee

This schedule is subject to change.

Anyone interested in addressing the Legislative Delegation at a Public Hearing should call the Delegation Office at 561-355-3452 or email vnowlan@pbcgov.org.

***REMEMBER, IF YOU PLAN TO SPEAK AS A LEAGUE MEMBER,
KEN THOMAS MUST APPROVE!***

The *NEWS* needs you!

Please consider joining this crucial part of the League & get the *NEWS* first. We can always use your help. Please contact Debra Chandler at dachandler55@gmail.com or (561) 254-4441 if you are interested or have questions.

Do you enjoy writing?

If you would like to submit an article pertinent to the League for consideration, please send it to Debra Chandler at dachandler55@gmail.com as a word document. It may be published in the **NEWS**.

Our Media Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy taking pictures and shooting video? There is a media volunteer position available. We live stream every Hot and Cool Topic and need a second media person to make sure we are there 100% of the time. Equipment and training is provided. Email KenHorkavy@gmail.com for details.

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