



THE VOTER  
DECEMBER 2013

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS OF NORTH  
PINELLAS COUNTY

LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS®

CALENDAR IN BRIEF

(See last page for details)

Dec. 14-Holiday Party

Jan 14-Tarpon Springs Can-  
didates Forum

Jan 25-Joint Meeting with  
AAUW

February- Joint IR Meeting  
with St. Pete LWV

Mar. 8-To be announced

Apr 26-Annual Meeting



Please plan on attending the Holiday Party of the  
League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County.

The Details:

Where: Home of Anne Winchell, 423 Bam-  
boo Lane, Largo (727: 586-6616)

When: Saturday, Dec.14, 2013 at 2 p.m.

RSVP: By Dec. 12th TO Marti Folwell at  
727: 559-7498 or mhfolwell@verizon.net

Directions to 423 Bamboo Lane, Largo: From West Bay, go  
south on Indian Rocks Road. Turn right onto the 4th street,  
Oakwood Dr. At the first stop sign (Bamboo Lane) turn left.  
Look for 423 on the left at the south end of Bamboo. Park in  
the driveway or on the street. In case you get lost, call Anne.

WE HAVE A NEW  
WEB MASTER:  
KAY PITCHON

When was the last time  
you visited the website for  
the League of Women Vot-  
ers of North Pinellas  
County? Here is the  
address:

<http://www.lwvnorthpinellas.com/>

Kay Pitchon has a great  
deal of experience with  
web design and she has  
volunteered to be our web-  
master. She welcomes  
suggestions so please give  
her feedback.

Errata: Carolyn Underwood  
was, in error, listed as a  
middle schooler in the  
Nov. Voter. She is a retired  
middle school principal.

HOW TO BE IN-  
VOLVED

- Join the International Relations studies
- Volunteer to be publicity chair
- Volunteer to be a photog-  
rapher at LWVNPC events
- Volunteer to be chair of  
Environmental Issues
- Call Marti Folwell at 727-  
559-7498 to volunteer  
and /or to ask where else  
you are needed

MARTI'S MUSINGS

The media has been giving  
much attention recently to the  
50th anniversary of the assassi-  
nation of President John F. Ken-  
nedy. It brings to mind his still  
relevant words "Ask not what your  
country can do for you, ask what  
you can do for your country."  
Some actions you can take for  
your country right now, based on  
LWVUS advocacy are to urge your  
legislators to: oppose cuts to  
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program); op-  
pose "legislation that would  
allow power plants to con-  
tinue dumping unlimited  
amounts of carbon pollution  
into the air"; and "support  
the proposal of a ground-  
breaking regulation to con-  
trol carbon pollution from  
new power plants...power  
plants are our single largest  
source of carbon pollution."

The 2012 LWVUS  
Convention adopted an Agri-  
culture Update to focus nar-

rowly on "1) current technol-  
ogy issues in agriculture  
including genetically modi-  
fied organisms (GMOs), her-  
bicides, pesticides, agricul-  
ture water pollution, aquifer  
depletion, antibiotics in live-  
stock, and accurate food  
labeling; and 2) current ag-  
riculture finance issues in-  
cluding consolidation in agri-  
culture industries, crop sub-  
sidies and the federal regu-  
latory process."

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**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GROUP**

The International Relations Group, cosponsored by the St. Pete and North Pinellas Leagues, is meeting monthly at the Pinellas Park Library. Our next meeting will be December 2, 2:00 pm. Mary Berglund will lead a discussion on "Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy". All are welcome. For questions please call Judy McSwine, 447-5493, or [jmcswine@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmcswine@tampabay.rr.com)



**Marti's Musings—continued:**

On the LWVUS website, [lwv.org](http://lwv.org), are some relatively neutral suggested readings and other sources of background information.

These are just a few samples of what you can find at [lwv.org](http://lwv.org).

On a different tack, but good context for your thinking and actions, a thought from LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara, "Over the years, my League work has convinced me that there is no issue more important than voter participation."

I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party on December 14.

**Marti Folwell, President**



**CHARTER SCHOOL STUDY & CONSENSUS**

A lively discussion ensued as the consensus statements on charter schools were presented at the home of Virginia Howie on Saturday, November 9th. Joining LWNPC Leaguers were Jim Jackson and Karen Coale from the LWV of the St. Petersburg Area. It was helpful to have Karen present because she had been at the League of Women Voters of Florida Convention when the study of charter schools was proposed.

You can access the consensus statements in the November Voter. The results of the discussion, including recommendations, will be presented to the Board of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County in early December for acceptance. If accepted, the consensus results will be sent to Sue Legg, Chair of the State Study on Charter Schools. Sue will

compile the results from all the participating Leagues and present them to the State Board. That Board will bring position statements based on the results to the Council of the League of Women Voters of Florida in April. Joy Comstock and Lois Rogers-Watson, who worked on the research for this study thank the participants for their contributions on Nov. 9.



Be sure to call in your reservation for the Holiday Party on December 14, 2013

Contact Marti at 727-559-7498

[Mhfolwell@verizon.net](mailto:Mhfolwell@verizon.net)

**BECOME A MEMBER! MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:**

**League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER?  PREVIOUS MEMBER?  WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership is \$50. Household memberships are \$25 for each additional member residing at the same address. Dues are payable on or before May 1 of each year. Dues for persons joining after February 1 expire in April of the following year.

Please mail the membership application and payment to :  
LWVNPC, P.O. Box 6833  
Clearwater, FL 33758  
PHONE: 727-447-1564

**LWV-AAUW ANNUAL JOINT MEETING**

**Featured Guest: Susan A. MacManus**

**January 25, 2014 Saturday at 11:00 a.m.**

**at Belleair Country Club**



\*Dr. Susan A. MacManus, who received her M.A. from the University of Michigan and Ph.D. from Florida State University, is a Distinguished University Professor at USF in the Department of Government and International Affairs. For the last six election cycles, she has served as political analyst for WFLA News Channel 8 (Tampa NBC affiliate). Since 2008, she has been a featured columnist on sayfiereview.com—a widely-read Florida-based political website. WFLA TV’s weekly Road to the White House program on which MacManus appeared as a panelist was nominated for a Suncoast Emmy award in 2008. She has appeared on every major broadcast and cable television and radio network and been interviewed by major newspapers in Florida, the U.S., and abroad. She is Florida’s most-quoted political scientist.

MacManus is the co-author of Politics in States and Communities, 13th ed., with Thomas R. Dye (Prentice Hall 2009), Florida’s Politics, 2nd ed., with Thomas R. Dye and Aubrey Jewett (Florida Institute of Government, 2007) and Florida’s Politics: Ten Media Markets, One Powerful State with Kevin Hill and Dario Moreno (Florida Institute of Government, 2004). She is also the author of Young v. Old: Generational Combat in the 21st Century? (Westview, 1996) and Targeting Senior Voters (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004). MacManus and her mother, Elizabeth, are the authors of two local Florida history books published by the University of Tampa Press: Citrus, Sawmills, Critters & Crackers (1998) and Going, Going, Almost Gone: Lutz-Land O’ Lakes Pioneers Share Their Precious Memories (2010). MacManus is from a citrus-growing family in Pasco County.

\*(Description from Arena Profile at [http://www.politico.com/arena/bio/susan\\_macmanus.html](http://www.politico.com/arena/bio/susan_macmanus.html))

***Belleair Country Club Menu***

*Salad: Lettuce Greens with Toasted Almonds,*

*Dried Cherries and Feta Cheese with*

*Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing*

*Combination Plate: ½ Chicken Breast w Marsala Sauce & Stuffing and Shrimp*

*Rice Pilaf*

*Vegetable Mixed Medley*

*Rolls & Butter*

*Dessert: Chocolate Silk Pie*

*Coffee & Tea*

Price: \$22.00 includes tax, gratuity, and valet parking.

I plan to attend the joint LWV-AAUW Jan 25 meeting:

I plan to bring the following guest(s):

Enclosed is \$22 per person.

Reservation for lunch is made with your check payable to Clearwater AAUW. Please send your check to:

Treasurer Carol Zeph  
1000 McFarland Street  
Dunedin, FL 34698

RSVP by January 20, 2014. Thank you.

LWVNPC CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

Wed. Dec. 4	4:30 P.M.	Board Meeting, Clearwater East Library
Sat. Dec. 14	2:00 P.M.	Holiday Party, Home of Anne Winchell, 423 Bamboo Lane,
Wed. Jan 8	4:30 P.M.	Board Meeting, Clearwater East Library
Tues., Jan 14	6:00 P.M.	Tarpon Springs Candidates Forum - Tuesday, January 14, City Hall Auditorium
Sat. Jan. 25	11 A .M.	Joint Luncheon Meeting with AAUW, Belleair Country Club Speaker: Dr. Susan McManus, Political Science Professor, USF
Wed. Feb. 5	4:30 P.M.	Board Meeting, Clearwater East Library
Sat. Feb. ?	TBA	Joint IR Meeting with LWVSPA, Pinellas Park Library
Wed. Mar. 5	4:30 P.M.	Board Meeting, Clearwater East Library
Sat. Mar. 8	TBA	TBA
Wed. Apr. 2	4:30 P.M.	Board Meeting, Clearwater East Library
Sat. Apr. 26	10:00A.M.	Annual Meeting, Belleair Country Club

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“A non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.”

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*Happy Holidays to all our members  
from the Board of LWVNPC*

