



Fall is here! Fall into action...get informed before the General Election & share what you learn...help register voters...and, of course, VOTE!

OCTOBER MEETING:



The Pro's & The Con's

GreenLight Pinellas: Pros/Cons

Sponsors: League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County and the American Association of University Women

When: October 18, 2014
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 705 Michigan Avenue,, Dunedin

Free! Invite Friends
(information on speakers inside on page 3)

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**VOTE!
Nov. 4**



Hello LWV North Pinellas County members:

Donna's Doings

By the time you read this, the September Hot Topics double bill on the amendments and "Money and Politics" will be a thing of the past. I hope everyone was able to make it. To help inform the public, members of the League are giving several presentations to various groups on the amendments and the GreenLight Pinellas referendum that will be on the November bal-

lot. However, I believe it is also important for our League's members to understand these so that, not only can you make an informed decision, but you are able to explain these amendments and referendum to your friends and family. If you missed the presentation on the amendments, please get a copy of the Voter Guide put out by the state LWV (linked on our website). If you want more information on GreenLight Pinellas, please come to the **October 18 Hot Topics** which features speakers from both "No Tax for Tracks" and "Friends of GreenLight Pinellas". More information on when and where

is in the article above and on p. 3.
Circle **November 8** on your calendar. We have 2 wonderful events going on. You can come to one, the other, or – even better – both!
First, at **the Hot Topics luncheon**, we are fortunate and delighted to have Susan Glickman as our speaker. (See the detailed information about it on page 4 of this issue.)

Donna's Doings—Continued

Calling all Golfers! As part of the November 8th event, the Belleview Biltmore is holding a golf tournament just for our League (and friends). Prizes!! Fun!! Friendship!! See page 4 of *The Voter* and please contact Ashely Wilson Pimley, co-membership chair, to learn the details and make reservations. You can also mail in a reservation. See p. 6 for that.

And, hold Saturday, December 6 open as this is the date for our Holiday Party. More details are coming as it is still in the planning stages.

Remember that Sept. 23 is National Voter Registration Day. Our League is a registered participant and, at present, it has two voter registration sites set up. One is at St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus (10 – 3) and the other is at the East Lake Library (10 – 7). If you can set up a voter registration site, please contact me as I can give you the supplies (forms, pens, signs, etc.). Call me at (727) 744-1163 or email at lwvnpcpres@verizon.net.

The *Voter Guide* for the primary election in August was well received. *The Voter Guide* for the November election should be out within the next few weeks. Look for the link on our website! And, within the topic of “Voter Services”, our own Sallie Parks has been asked to moderate the Dunedin Candidates’ Forum sponsored by the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce. Although we are not a sponsor of the forum, we are happy our members will be participating as moderator and time keeper (Marti Folwell).

As always, if you want to become more active in our League, please contact me with your interests and I guarantee we will find a project (or more) for you to help with. Areas of interest include voter service, membership, publicity, education, transportation, environment, health, website, and more!

Ciao!

Donna Sharpless, President, LWVNPC

Our League will Moderate

At the Dunedin Candidates' Forum sponsored by the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Hale Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin

Candidates speaking are:
Pinellas County Commission, District 2
Pinellas County Commission, District 4
Dunedin Mayoral

Sallie Parks, past president of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County will moderate.



Did you know?

As of late August, there were more than 22,000 hits on the League's link for the 2014

Pinellas County Voter Guide

As Nov. 4 approaches, the new Guide will be there.

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take a look:

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

or

<http://vote.lwvspa.org/>

GREEN LIGHT OR RED LIGHT ??

Come and Hear the Pros and Cons Regarding GreenLight Pinellas

October 18, 2014

Sponsored by AAUW & the LWVNPC

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
705 Michigan Avenue, Dunedin



Jeff Danner, for
GreenLight Pinellas

10:00 -Social time with refreshments

10:30-11:30– Speakers:

Barb Haselden & Jeff Danner



Barb Haselden will
speak on
No Tax for Tracks

Barb Haselden has been the owner of an insurance agency in NE St Petersburg where she has been serving seniors for 25 years helping them with their long term care planning needs. She holds a real estate Broker's license and was an executive with a major national real estate franchising company during the growth of that industry. She has been a radio talk show host in the Tampa Bay market and recently appeared as a guest on the Neil Cavuto Show.

Currently, she is volunteering as the Campaign Manager and Spokesman for *No Tax For Tracks* as concern over the various aspects of the Greenlight Pinellas Tax Increase Referendum from PSTA compelled her and others to take action. She will explain those concerns at the meeting..

Jeff Danner is the Owner / President, Danner Consulting, Inc. 2014 Jeff served on the St Petersburg City Council from 2005 to January 2, 2014 when his term expired. While on the Council he had a number of committee assignments such as Arts Advisory Committee and Public Art Commission, Chair, Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR), Chair, PSTA / PSTA Legislative Committee, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), St. Petersburg Representative, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) / TBARTA Legislative Committee , PO / PPC Merger Steering Committee , Public Services and Infrastructure Committee, Pinellas Alternative Analysis Project Advisory Committee, Pinellas County Transportation Task Force, GreenLight Council, Homeless Leadership Network 2006-2008, 2011-2012

Mr. Danner has had a 28-year career in Pinellas County construction as a carpenter, supervisor, project manager, inspector and consultant specializing in historic homes and buildings. He is a graduate of the Ohio public school system and an alumnus of St. Petersburg Junior College. His continuing education studies include Historic Preservation Law, Community Planning, Communication, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and the Regional Community Policing Institute of Florida.

Get Ready for **November Meeting!**

-**S**peaker-**B**uffet Lunch- and **G**olf!



When: **Saturday, November 8, 2014, 10 a.m.**

Where: **Belleview Biltmore Golf Club, 1501 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair**

What: **Special speaker, Susan Glickman of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy + Buffet Lunch + First Annual Golf Tournament of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County**

Cost: **\$17-LWV Members & \$20-Guests plus \$30 for Golf Tournament after lunch (18 holes, cart, and prizes. This is a 25% reduction)**

How: **Contact for reservations Asheley Pimley at 727-692-8450 or email Ashley7276928450@gmail.com, by Oct. 25th**

SUSAN is the Florida Director of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Action Fund. Susan is also a longtime consultant to the Natural Resources Defense Council. She has worked for Ceres, Advanced Energy Economy, Union of Concerned Scientists, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Vote Solar, Clean Energy Group, Environmental Defense Fund and Clean Air Task Force. She developed and directed The Florida Business Network for a Clean Energy Economy, a coalition of business leaders working together to advance the clean energy economy.

Prior to energy and climate issues, Susan worked to grant the FDA authority to regulate tobacco with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids; to institute a nation-wide health tracking system with Trust for America's Health and for the first time to fund prostate cancer research with the National Prostate Cancer Coalition.

Susan was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Commission on Volunteer Service. She was Founding Chair of The Florida Commission on the Status of Women. A native of Florida, she grew up in Tampa, attending St. John's Episcopal Day School and Academy of the Holy

Names . She holds a Bachelor of Science in Speech from the University of Texas at Austin and an A.A. from Florida State University. Susan resides in Belleair Beach on Florida's central Gulf coast. She was named as one of only 15 people from Pinellas County chosen to be on an expedition to the Arctic to study climate change. (See: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/energy/city-leader-environmentalist-help-develop-arctic-excursion-for-15-pinellas/2196309>)



A Purposeful Life:

Meet Carolyn Underwood!

As a new member, **Carolyn Underwood** got busy right away learning about the League and becoming an integral part of it. She was nominated to the Board and was elected at the Annual Meeting in May, 2014.



Carolyn knows all about learning. She retired in 2013 after serving as assistant principal at Coachman Fundamental Middle School (later Clearwater Fundamental School) and Meadowlawn Middle School. Since retirement she continues to volunteer in the District. She especially likes to do training in team building, mutual respect, and using protocol where everyone participates. She is a member of the Pinellas County Retired Teachers Association and during her working years served on the State Board of the National Education Association.

She calls herself a "generational" caregiver since she assists her eighty-three year old father with property management and she is also involved with her two granddaughters who are the children of her two daughters. Her children and grandchildren live in Riverview whereas her father resides in St Petersburg and is a City Council member.

Carolyn's faith is very important to her. She is an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Clearwater where she is a Deacon. She is the newly elected Moderator for the Presbyterian Women of her church.

When asked about why she joined the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County, Carolyn gave two reasons: One was that she was invited by long-time member and fellow church member, Marti Folwell and she trusted and admired Marti. (Members, take note and be sure to invite others to League meetings!) The other reason Carolyn joined LWVPC is that she has been politically active all her adult life.

Carolyn says she tries to live a purposeful life. Doesn't it sound like she truly does?

2014-2015 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CALENDAR

First Monday of Month 2:00 pm

Pinellas Park Library, 52nd Street and 78th Avenue

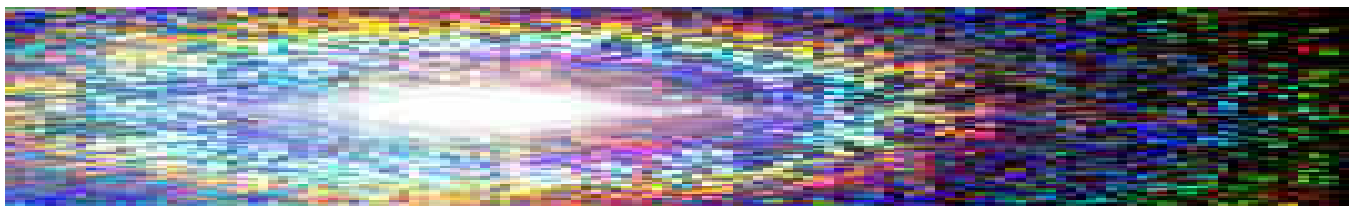


<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
September 8	Turkey's Challenges	Judy McSwine
October 6	Israel and the United States	Dwight Lawton
November 3	China's Foreign Policy	Vollie Riskin
December 1	Defense Technology	Edie & Joe LeBas
January 5	Food and Climate	Lola Brett
February 2	Islamic Awakening	Mary Berglund
March 2	Energy Independence	Kathy Mossing
April 6	U.S. Trade Policy	Kay Lahdenpera

Questions: Judy McSwine, 447-5493, jmcswine@tampabay.rr.com

Dwight Lawton, 864-1535 dlawton2@tampabay.rr.com

Put this on your refrigerator so you won't miss these topics!



IF YOU PREFER MAILING IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR NOVEMBER 8, HERE IS A FORM ON WHICH TO DO SO:

**Hot Topics November 8
Reservation Deadline 10/25**

I will be attending the November 8 Hot Topics with Susan Glickman as speaker.

Name: _____ (print)

_____ Member

_____ Guest

Please send your check for \$17 (members) or \$20 (guests) to:
LWV North Pinellas County,
PO Box 6833,
Clearwater, FL 33758

Thank you! We need reservations early to know how much food to prepare! Please send in no later than **October 25, 2014**.

**Voter turnout for the Primary
was extremely low!
Please do your best to encourage family
and friends to VOTE on November 4!!
Our Democracy Depends on
Voter Participation.**



Faye Law has been an inspiration to all of us as a tireless worker in the League of Women Voters in New York State and here in Florida. She is a former President of the League of Women Voter of North Pinellas County and of the State League. Faye is a wealth of information and has tremendous insight. She has moved to Accordia Woods, 1889 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor 34683. She has a direct line to her room and would love to hear from you. Her number is 727-348-8902.

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Clearwater, FL
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Phone: 727-447-1564



**Informed & Active Citizen
Participation**



Officers 2014-2015

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**LWV MISSION
STATEMENT**

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

Become a member! Membership/Membership Renewal 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. **Until 6/1/2014, persons age 30 or younger can join at \$25 and enjoy full privileges of membership.** Student membership is \$25. Cornerstone membership is \$100. After LWV membership for 50 years, there are no dues.

Dues are payable to the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County on _____ or before May 1 of each year.

**Please mail the membership application and payment to:
LWVNPC,
P.O. Box 6833
Clearwater, FL 33758**