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## YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

### Officers:

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Vivian Faircloth  
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Paula Montgomery  
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Patricia Spencer  
Betsy Werre  
Mary Louise Winter

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Janet deLorge, *Naturalization*  
Mary Gutierrez, *Solar Co op Initiative*  
Elizabeth King, *Gun Safety*  
Cathy Scott, *Membership*

### Nominating Committee

Carolyn Kolb, *Chair*  
Elizabeth King Elizabeth Major

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Dr. Jean Siebenaler

## “Understanding the Pandemic”

**Speaker: Dr. Jean Siebenaler**

**November General League Virtual  
Zoom Meeting  
November 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**Register [here](#) for a link to all events**

Jean Siebenaler, MD, MPH will be the guest speaker at the November 21, 2020 Virtual Zoom League meeting. Dr. Siebenaler is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School and a retired board-certified family physician with 20 years of practice experience in the US Navy Medical Corps and private group practice in Cincinnati, OH. She also was a Medical Director with 15 years of experience in the design and management of epidemiology research studies for several global contract research organizations before retiring in 2017.

Married for 36 years, Jean is the mother of four adult sons and a grandmother to four grandsons and two granddaughters. She and her husband moved to Milton from Cincinnati, OH in 2008 where they live on Blackwater Bay. She is a strong political force in Santa Rosa County, which fostered her interest in becoming a member of the Pensacola LWV in 2020. In addition, she is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, walking the dog, and practicing yoga.

Register for the Zoom meetings or view them on *Facebook Live* at LWV Pensacola Bay Area. A recording of League virtual programs are available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

## SUSAN METZGER



Susan Metzger

Susan Metzger, longtime League member, died recently at the age of 95. She was the "backbone" of our local League for a long period, serving as Membership chair as well as our computer guru. Susan converted the League membership files from paper to the world of computers. She printed and distributed membership materials to new and potential members. In addition to her personal financial support of League, she established a Rewards program for purchases with local businesses. She will be missed!

On a personal note, Susan was a strong creative individual from whom I learned a great deal, including an appreciation of opera.

Vivian Faircloth



Jane Spruill, President

## President's Message

National election day, November 3, 2020, has come and gone. I say thank you to the voters who turned out in historic numbers to make sure their voices were heard! This amazing process works because there are people who

make elections run, such as election officials, postal workers, poll workers and election observers. But I attribute the increase in voter turnout, especially early and mail in voting, to the thousands of volunteers who worked constantly and successfully on projects to get out the vote!

So many people helped make the 2020 election a success. It is with awe and much gratitude that I recognize Vivian Faircloth, Mary Louise Winter, Charlyle Parrish and Dr. Paula Montgomery for your dedication and leadership to this election. Thank you to every member who contributed to these efforts. You are the reason LWVPBA achieved the following:

### *Voter Guide to the Amendments*

- Organization and Distribution of 5,000 paper copies 10 members dropped off in more than 30 locations
- Electronic version was available on the LWVPBA Facebook page and website.
- Information included in *InWeekly*

### *Pensacola News Journal*

- Letter to the Editor regarding Amendment 4
- Viewer Guide Article regarding the importance of a single vote
- Partnered with 19th Amendment Centennial Commission, Pensacola Women's Alliance for paid advertisement.
- Electronic versions were available on the LWVPBA Facebook page and website.

### *Post card Mailings*

- Organized mailout of 500 postcards to remind citizens to register to vote
- Organized mailout of 500 postcards to 'Returning Citizens' to encourage them to vote

### *You Tube Video and Live Presentations*

- Delivered video presentation on the guide to amendments (100 attendees):
- Delivered live presentations on the guide to amendments (100 attendees)
- Edited forum and election hot topic videos for posting on YouTube:
- BLAB TV Just Vote 2 appearances regarding the voter process and election suppression

### *WSRE Local PBS TV station Rallies/Forums*

- Wrote the questions for state and local candidates participating in primary and general election rallies
- Wrote and recorded LWV Rally Welcome and sponsorship segments of primary and general election rallies.

### *Public Forums/ Webinars*

- Organized, wrote questions, recruited candidates and produced public forums:
  - 6 Candidate Forums: Total number of views on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube = 3000+
  - 12 Moderators, 6 Timekeepers, 2 Audience Question Moderators
  - 1 Technologist
  - 23 Candidates

### *Social Media*

- Designed, developed and maintained election information on Facebook
- Fielded questions from members and visitors on forums and Hot Topic events

### *Online Election Event Registration Site*

- Designed and maintained "Upcoming Events" website in Wix that interfaced with ZOOM webinars and allowed users to register for forums and election Hot Topics.

### *New Community Partnerships*

- Developed partnerships with 4 organizations who assisted in question-writing and moderating of Public Candidate Forums

### *Poll Workers*

- DOZENS trained as volunteers in every capacity for primary and/or general elections

### *Phone Responders*

- Fielded and responded to dozens of calls to the LWVPBA official phone number listed on all publicity

### *WUWF FM*

- *Two Day Sponsorship* spots on voting donated by Paula Montgomery and Charlyle Parrish

While we embrace the results of this amazing process, this year we also wait. Not all races are decided as of this writing. Janet Hoffman and Patricia Plummer, co-presidents from Collier County, address this issue. "Democracy is worth waiting for. As we wait for votes to be counted, we know that this waiting period is exactly what should be happening. Election officials are working around the clock to count an unprecedented number of ballots, and it's essential that they take the time to make sure every vote is counted. Remember: a complete and accurate ballot count is more important than a fast ballot count.

Celebrate democracy! Every election we get the chance to shape our democracy with our vote. Even through the stresses that 2020 has brought, the League encourages you to take a moment to celebrate our democracy. What a beautiful thing it is. "

In League,

*Jane Spruill*

## Welcome New Members!

Michele Lee & Kori Anthony  
Rose Jansen & Janet Beal  
Amelia Reeves & Anthony Reeves

# Membership Update

Betsy Werre, 516-0608

Reminder postcards were sent to League members who did not renew their current memberships for the 2020-2021 League year. Response was positive. Following in the footsteps of our foremothers, it is an important time to continue the mission of the League of Women Voters. If your membership is not up to date, please contact Betsy Werre at [rbwerre@att.net](mailto:rbwerre@att.net) for information on renewing your membership. And invite a friend to join!

The Membership Committee of our League is undertaking a Community Partnership Project. The purpose of these partnerships is to develop working relationships with various community organization and to help each other in the fulfillment of our missions and purpose.

If you are a member of a community organization, or know of an organization that could benefit with a partnership with our League, please contact Betsy Werre, [rbwerre@att.net](mailto:rbwerre@att.net) or Jo Matthews, [sandj2mathews@gmail.com](mailto:sandj2mathews@gmail.com)

**Save the Date:** Our next New Member Orientation will be held in January 2021. If you are a new member or just one that would like more information on the League of Women Voters Pensacola Bay Area, look for more details soon!

# Calendar



## November

16 **Monday**, noon, **Natural Resources Committee**, virtual Zoom meeting. Contact Enid Sisskin at [esisskin@gmail.com](mailto:esisskin@gmail.com) for information. Register [here for link](#).

21 **Saturday**, 10:30 am, **General Meeting**, virtual Zoom meeting, *Dr. Jean Siebenaler on Understanding the Pandemic*, Register [here](#) or Join Facebook Live [here](#). Click [here](#) to watch recorded meetings.

Watch for details on the **League Holiday Social** December 6, 2-4 pm.

Have you joined LWV Florida **Lunch & Learn** Zoom meetings at noon on Fridays yet? Information is sent each Tuesday.



**WOMEN vote THEN AND NOW**



**19th Amendment Centennial 1920 - 2020 Celebrating 100 Years of Women Voting!**

**VOTE NOVEMBER 3**

**19th AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL COMMISSION**  
PENSACOLA WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

### Join the League of Women Voters Today!

It's easy! Just send your check to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ♦ P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513 or PayPal [here](#).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ New Mbr? Yes/No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Add Family Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Mbrs @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are FREE for a student enrolled in a certificate or degree program.

I'm renewing my membership.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following committees (Circle all interests)

Education	Natural Resources	Juvenile Justice	Voter Service
Communications	Membership	Gun Safety	Women's Issues

I am also interested in the following areas:

Speaker's Bureau	Website	Observer - Governmental Meetings	Social Media
Legislative Action	Naturalization	Newsletter	Voter Registration
Fund-raising	Poverty	Healthcare	Publicity

Membership dues and gifts to the League of Women Voters are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes. (Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to the LWV Florida Education Fund and should be sent to our local treasurer.) **The League year runs from June 1 through May 31.**



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