



MARCH VOTER



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Are you interested in serving on the Board of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County? Our chapter's Nominating Committee is inviting you to *step forward and raise your hand to become part of our leadership team.*

We are currently seeking nominations for the following positions:

(Detailed job descriptions available on request.)

President – Plans, presides over meetings and promotes the organization

Treasurer- URGENT need- Serves as the chief financial officer of the LWVNPC

First Vice President – Programs, Membership and prepares to lead

Second Vice President - Administrative

Board Directors – Serve as voting members of the Board of Directors

Each of these Board positions hold 2-year terms and will be voted on and elected by the membership at the Annual meeting on April 25th, 2020

If you are ready to step forward and be an integral part of this organization, **or**, you know an awesome individual whom you would like to recommend, **tell us!**

Please send your nominations or questions to any of the following Nominating Committee members by March 20, 2020

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LWV Florida 2020 Legislative Priorities

Dear LWVNPC Members, Below are our legislative priorities. If you have 2020 - 2021 suggestions for additions, deletions, etc., please contact Karen Karinja at karen.karinja@gmail.com.

1. Government - Election Law

- a. Support automatic registration (opt-out system), same day voter registration, and improved online voter registration.
- b. Extend deadlines for signatures cures, recounts and post mark delays caused by the postal service. Support a standardized ballot design and state funding for hardware and software to improve the recount process in close elections.
- c. Support home rule for counties and municipalities and oppose any preemptive legislation to counter home rule.
- d. Support state wide use of an Open Primary election system that allows for the broadest possible voter participation.
- e. Support the election of the President and Vice President by direct popular vote via the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

2. Education

- a. Support adequate funding for public school facilities and operations for the 2018-19 school years to meet the needs of Florida's schools. Support curriculum that is developed by educational experts and is science based.
- b. Support a state wide assessment and accountability system that provides the same data at appropriate intervals to measure student progress for all schools that receive public funds, directly or indirectly.
- c. Support higher standards for early childhood education, for both staff and programs.
- d. Oppose any legislation that would subvert the control of local elected school boards to approve the necessity for any additional schools.

3. Gun Safety

- a. Support comprehensive universal background checks.
- b. Support a ban on all semiautomatic assault weapons and high capacity magazines.

c. Oppose any legislation that would expand the right to carry a concealed weapon, to carry a weapon on a school or college campus and to have open carry in the state of Florida.

d. Support retrieval of firearms from anyone with restraining or protective orders and/or convictions regarding stalking or domestic violence against them.

e. Oppose any effort to arm teachers, or anyone who is not a law enforcement officer.a.

Advocate for aggressive water policy legislation and BMAP and BMP implementation

□ Conversion of septic to sewer

□ Tertiary wastewater treatment

□ Innovative and aggressive water conservation

□ Universal water fees study

b. Support full funding of the Florida Forever land acquisition program and proper implementation of the Water and Legacy Conservation Amendment adopted in 2014, with spec

4. Natural Resources

ial emphasis on the Everglades restoration.

c. Support the ban of advanced well stimulation treatments (fracking) including but not limited to hydraulic fracturing and matrix acidizing.

d. Support legislation that would promote the use of solar power and electric cars.

e. Support legislation to address climate change through energy conservation and greater use of renewable energy sources, and to promote compliance with the goals of the Paris Climate Accord.

5. Health Care

a. Support expansion of health care access and affordable coverage for low income, uninsured, and under insured under an expansion of Medicaid.

b. Oppose any barriers to abortion access including gestational limits, state mandated counseling or extended waiting periods.

c. Oppose any state funding of anti-abortion women's health centers (known as crisis pregnancy centers).

d. Support funding of critical health care services such as KidCare, mental health clinics, substance abuse, family planning services and expanded dental care.

LWVNPC Officers 2019-2020

President	2018-2020	Karen Karinja
Second Vice-President	2018-2020	Beth Hovind
Treasurer	2018-2020	Gayla Larsen (resigned)
Secretary	2019-2021	Stephanie Bolden

Directors

Miriam Benitez-Nixon	2019-2021
Marti Folwell	2018-2020
Nikki Flemming	2018-2020
Doris Reeves-Lipscomb	2019-2020

Off Board Chairs

Dave Sillman & Stephanie Bolden, Environment/Natural Resources

Nikki Fleming, Education

Karen Karinja, Karen Owen, & Doris Reeves-Lipscomb, Voter Service

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP



Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in Florida *Saturday, March 14, 2020* *Dunedin Public Library*

The LWVNPC Natural Resources Committee is thrilled to announce that Dr. Jacqueline Dixon, Dean and Professor of the College of Marine Science USFSP, will be presenting a talk entitled "***Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in Florida***" on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The presentation will occur at the Dunedin Public Library (223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL 34698) at 10:00 am.

Dr. Dixon earned her PhD in Geochemistry from California Institute of Technology and both her Masters and Bachelors of Science from Stanford University. She has been influencing young minds on the U.S. East Coast at both University of Miami and the University of South Florida since 1992. Most recently she has developed and is implementing the strategic plan for the USFSP College of Marine Science which focuses on assessing the planet's health and enhancing the university's research reputation. Dr. Dixon played a leading role in securing a grant from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative to investigate the long-term impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster: USFSP/CMS is a lead institution in a research consortium focusing on assessing the ecosystem impact of the oil spill funded at \$33M. In her spare time when she can escape her Administrative Duties as Dean, Dr. Dixon's research focus is on Earth's deep carbon dioxide and water cycles and the role of volatiles in magmatic processes.

Dr. Dixon has been honored as a Tuve Fellow (Carnegie Institution), Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, USF Alliance for the Advancement of Florida's Academic Women in Chemistry and Engineering Honors, lead author of a Top-50 most cited article (Dixon et al., 2004) and a Faculty Inductee of Phi Kappa Phi, and a National Science Foundation Early Career Development Award.



Save the Date!
Saturday, April 25, 2020
League of Women Voters North Pinellas County

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 71ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LWV AND THE 19TH AMENDMENT

Countryside Country Club, 3001 Countryside Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33761

10:30 am Registration, Meet & Greet
11:00 am Business Meeting
12:00 noon Luncheon

Luncheon tickets \$50.00 each to include buffet
lunch and valet parking. Cash bar.
Proceeds benefit LWVNPC Education Fund.

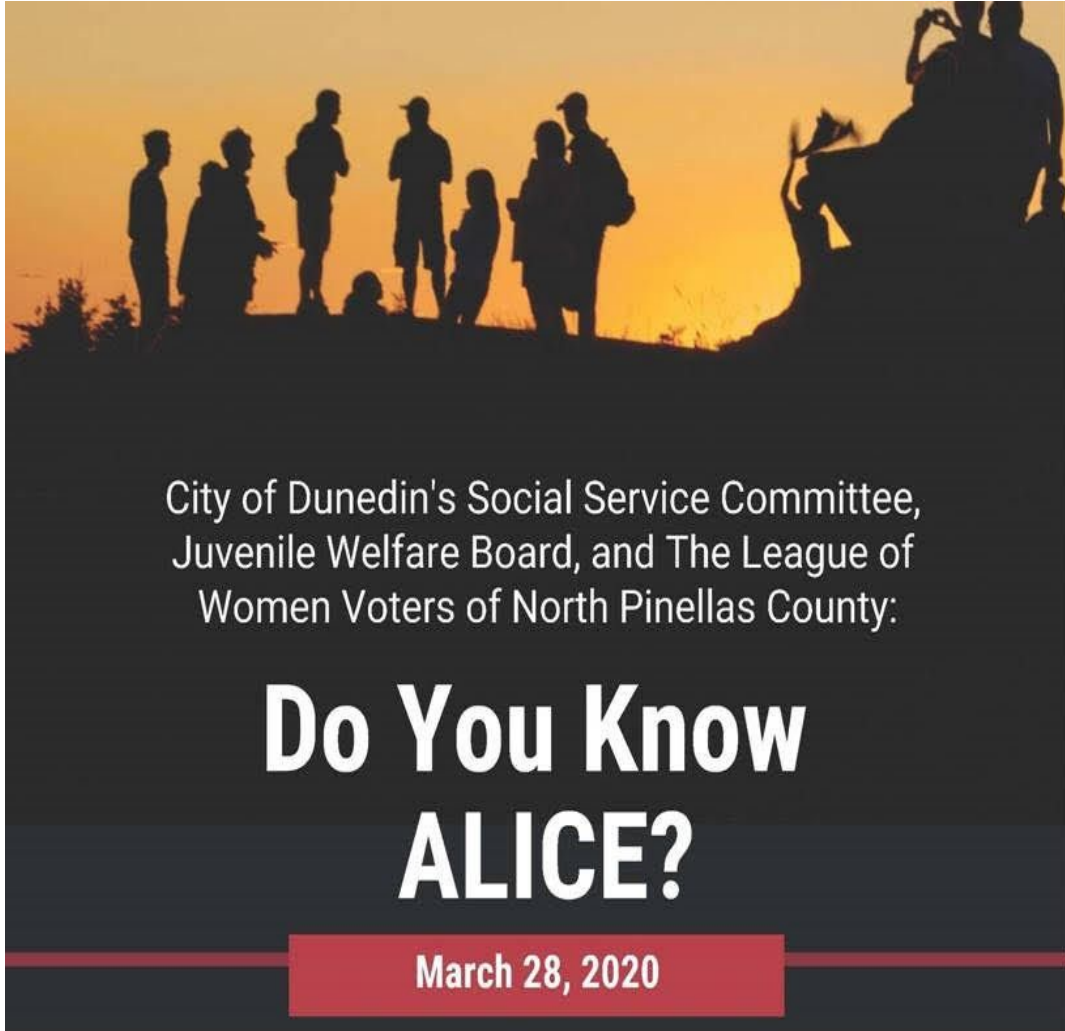


Luncheon Honoree & Speaker Dr. Susan MacManus

Join us and exercise your member vote as we elect Board members for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, review our financial position, and discuss our annual accomplishments.

Business meeting is free and will be followed by a luncheon where you will hear from our keynote speaker, always entertaining and informative, Dr. Susan MacManus.

Invitation to Follow



City of Dunedin's Social Service Committee,
Juvenile Welfare Board, and The League of
Women Voters of North Pinellas County:

Do You Know ALICE?

March 28, 2020

10 AM - 12 PM

Dunedin Community Center - Aberdeen Room

ALICE - the population in our communities that
are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

The ALICE population represents those among us who are working, but due to childcare costs, transportation challenges, high cost of living and so much more are living paycheck to paycheck.

Please join us for a conversation about ALICE and learn from one another how to assist those in need.

