



PROGRAMS FOR 2024 -2025

Communications

Communications Committee will continue to assist with content, design, and placement of images and information to support and expand the LWV of Alachua County reach into the larger community via printed goods, publications, the website, and social media. Communications will continue to coordinate with the LWVAC standing committees, Hot Topics, LWVFL and LWVUS, and our partner organizations to alert and educate members and citizens in Alachua County of events and opportunities for advocacy and action.

Health Care

The Health Care Committee has three primary goals for 2024: 1) to collect petitions to place Medicaid Expansion on the 2026 state ballot; 2) to work with Elder Care and SHINE volunteers to help educate seniors about how to get expert help when selecting a Medicare plan. We will also educate ourselves about Medicare fraud and abuse, again to help educate the community about how to recognize and report it. 3) In addition, we are researching how changes in local physician practices and hospital plans may affect the care we receive.

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee of the League of Women Voters of Alachua County will continue its aggressive, non-partisan program of advocacy and education in support of clean, adequate, accessible water; clean air; healthy soil; preservation of land for conservation, agriculture and parks; and home rule on issues affecting the environment.

Oak Hammock

Oak Hammock Committee will continue to expand membership at the OH facility and provide presentations by pertinent speakers. Several will pertain to the upcoming 2024 election. All talks are open to all LWVAC members. We will provide a forum for candidates running for office in 2024 for the residents of Oak Hammock.

Social and Criminal Justice Committee

The Social and Criminal Justice Committee is on pause pending new leadership. The intent is to continue working to increase deflection of adults and children from the criminal justice system and will advocate for 1) establishment of a comprehensive civil system of care to provide assessments and wrap-around services; 2) reduction of reliance on money bail, especially for indigents; 3) equitable restoration of suspended driver's licenses; 4) improving the adult and juvenile criminal justice system; and 5) increased coordination among county, municipalities and related entities.

Social Events and Hot Topics Committees

Social Events and Hot Topics Committees will organize or assist in organizing meetings and events, including opportunities to network and to explore and discuss current topics.

Voter Services

The Voter Services Committee will hold monthly meetings. In election years the committee will be focused on voter registration and education along with encouraging and empowering voters to vote. In non-election years, the committee will stay up to date with issues impacting voting as well as issues important to the voting public. Meetings will occasionally include speakers on pertinent issues.

The committee will table monthly at libraries, at least until the election and will participate in other events such as art festivals and community celebrations.

The committee will mentor the college chapters and collaborate on appropriate projects.

The committee will engage with nonpartisan community partners such as the Meet & Mobilize group.

The committee will be knowledgeable about important deadlines and dates with respect to voting.

The committee will be knowledgeable about candidates and measures on the local ballot in election years.

In election years, the committee will lead in hosting candidate forums and publishing voter guides.

Study and Action

Received from Wes Wheeler on 4/4/24:

Hello, Janice.

As a member of the Alachua County League of Women Voters, I am requesting that LWVAC initiate a Study in Action for the proposed ballot initiative on Alachua County's Single-Member Districts.

As part of this request, I am asking that you place this proposed Study in Action before the LWVAC membership at our 2024 annual meeting.

It is my understanding that the Alachua County Commission has yet to approve this ballot initiative and thus this Study would only happen if they do so.

Thank you,
Wes Wheeler