



2020 LWNPC Accomplishments

Voter Services:

- Study and Action – authored a research study about Clearwater’s ballot initiative to convert the Landings Golf Course to Light Industrial – the research paper outlines why citizens should vote to OPPOSE the Clearwater ballot initiative.
- Library Committee developed Get Out The Vote informational posters and bookmarks for all Pinellas Public Libraries, distributed them, hung them up and provided free bookmarks to the Pinellas County Library Cooperative as a public service to citizens.
- Register-to-Vote posters distributed to all 6 Clearwater Recreation Centers in both English and Spanish (Español)!
- Little Free Libraries – 500 “register to vote” bookmarks distributed to Little Free Libraries in under-served zipcodes; bookmarks also distributed along Pinellas Trail and the CSA Palm Harbor and Homeless Empowerment Program.
- Co-sponsored County-wide candidate forums for Judicial elections, County Sheriff, County Supervisor of Elections, County School Board, and Clearwater City Commission, and County Tax Collector in advance of the 2020 General Election.
- Organized and led candidate forums for Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs for the March 2020 local elections.
- Participated in a prayer breakfast, voter registration drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Parade/March in Clearwater
- Mailed 4200 Get-Out-The-Vote postcards to registered voters in Pinellas County who may not have voted in the last election.
- Mailed 2400 postcards encouraging Vote by Mail to registered voters (women of color) who had voted in person in the last election in North Pinellas County
- Delegation met with the Supervisor of Elections for Pinellas County in June. Participated in Supervisor of Elections Tour
- Members trained on Election Protection, and as poll workers
- Held voter registration drives at two alternative high schools in Pinellas, at senior centers, bus terminals, public health facilities, and many hard-to-reach locations throughout North County
- Voter registration at New Citizen Swearing-In Ceremony in Clearwater – 65 new voter registrations in 45 minutes by a team of 8 League volunteers.
- Advised Supervisor of Elections on need for more early voting sites comparable to number of sites in neighboring counties

Economic Equity, Health and Justice Advocacy and Action

- Joined the North County Coalition of the Juvenile Welfare Board
- Representatives on Clearwater/Upper Pinellas NAACP
- Representative on the Medicaid Expansion Committee for Florida
- Representative on the Area Council on Aging
- Representative on the Dunedin Council of Organizations



- A representative attended the State Housing Coalition Conference in September
- Advocated for extensions of rental moratorium with Governor's office
- Advocated for affordable housing with State Representative Grant's office
- Advocated for expansion of medical services in lieu of amputation of limbs for lower income Americans with Bilirikis' Congressional Office
- Advocated for increased allocations of SNAP and abstention of work requirements for welfare programs (during Pandemic crisis)
- Hosting a Racial Wealth Gap simulation exercise in November 2020

Environment Committee Advocacy and Action

- Spearheaded a research study on the Landings Golf Course Nov. ballot initiative in Clearwater, with the League OPPOSING the conversion of green space to Industrial land use.
- Hosted Roundtable Discussion at the Tarpon Springs Unitarian Church with (2) local Sustainability Coordinators discussing their important roles and local progress being made to slow the negative effects of climate change.
- Won the chapter's formal support for the Ready For 100%/Pinellas campaign, an initiative to get the Pinellas county commission to adopt a resolution committing to 100% clean energy by 2035. Spearheaded the LWV St. Pete and LWV Hillsborough County (Ready for 100/Tampa) campaign
- Continued support for the "No Roads To Ruin Coalition", to halt building proposed toll roads through rural and natural areas that endanger wildlife habitat
- Protecting solar rights - Solicited action and public comment on (2) detrimental legislative limitations on Net Metering in FL; we fought to support the regulation which allows for the fair compensation to solar customers for the electricity they supply to the grid, as well as the several benefits to grid resilience and stable prices that result.

Educational Events that were open to the public:

- Education Committee - Hot Topic public event "Follow the Money" about for-profit corporations that own Charter Schools and receive government tax dollars.
- Co-sponsored a celebration of Race Amity where the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners awarded a proclamation for race amity in June of 2020. This was an online video and celebration event open to public

Presentations Delivered to the Community

- Presentations delivered to the Tarpon Springs Unitarian Church on the Voting Rights for Returning Citizens (ex-offenders)
- Presented to the Veterans Administration Southeast Region on The Fight for Women's Suffrage on 100 year anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment.
- Delivered a presentation to Pasco County Re-Entry Alliance on "Voting Rights for Returning Citizens"
- Ballot initiatives delivered to Regency Oak Senior Center remotely
- "Voting Rights for Returning Citizens" delivered to Clearwater/Dunedin Junior League remotely

Returning Citizen Engagement

- Participated in LWV FL statewide coalition to educate returning citizens eligible to vote – promoting awareness, training attorneys to advocate, updating the message
- Held 2 in-person and 2 online Voting Rights Awareness training sessions with the Pinellas County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition job training and civic engagement class and plan to work on a video training that can be delivered whenever needed.
- 1,300 postcards addressed and sent to returning citizens to encourage them to determine if they, their family and friends are eligible to vote and explain the process. Part of LWVFL broader effort.

Improved Communications

- Re-vamped our web site and now posting on Twitter and Instagram
- New member orientations held via Zoom in July and September
- Simplified our membership process, informational brochure, and streamlined payment and donation methods. As of September 2020, we have nearly 200 members!

