



League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau Presentations 2023

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is pleased to announce topics offered by our Speakers Bureau. To schedule speakers for your organization, please contact the Chair of the Speakers Bureau: Marcia Sherwood, 719-482-6559, marciavotes@gmail.com

The Importance of the 3 Branches of the U.S. Government

The Constitution of the United States divides the federal government into three branches to ensure a central government in which no individual or group gains too much control. This presentation describes the powers of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of the federal government and how they relate to one another.

National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

This presentation explains the origin and function of the Electoral College and what some states are doing to change how we elect the President and Vice President of the United States to reflect the popular vote.

Your Voice. Your Power. Your Vote!

In 1776, only 10% of Americans had the right to vote. Learn about how voting rights were expanded and the important benefits for citizens who turn out and vote. This presentation also walks you through the ways you can register and vote, including how to register online, Vote-By-Mail, Early Voting and more.

Gun Safety in Florida: Laws, Issues and Challenges

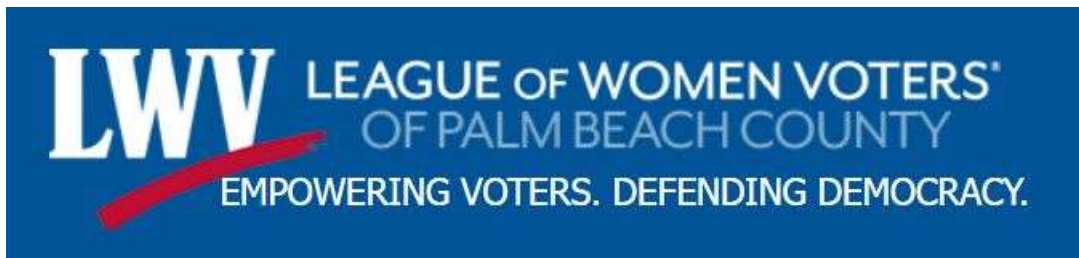
This presentation reviews Florida's current gun laws and legislative proposals in the search to balance, as nearly as possible, individual constitutional rights with the welfare of the community.

Healthcare in America

What do Medicare (Parts A, B, C, and/or D), Medicaid, and other health insurance options mean for me? How do I make the right choice when it comes to my healthcare and my vote on healthcare issues? This presentation explains how the American healthcare system works, de-mystifies some of its vocabulary, and looks at what Americans get for their healthcare dollar compared to other countries.

Civics, Civility and Critical Thinking

An interesting presentation with audience interaction. It covers how federal, state, and local governments work; rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship; critical thinking and how to evaluate the credibility of information sources; skills for engaging in conversations with people who do not share your view. Emphasizes respect, tolerance, and civility.



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Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference rather than having to choose just one. This presentation exemplifies how it works and how it diminishes many of the problems stemming from plurality voting. The League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Florida have not yet taken a position regarding Ranked Choice Voting. This presentation is for education purposes only.

Affordable Housing

There is a critical shortage of affordable housing in Florida. Middle-class families, young people, and senior citizens on fixed incomes cannot find affordable places to live. Our state's economic success, family stability, and quality of life are dependent on all residents having adequate housing. This presentation offers a perspective on what constitutes affordable housing, why there is an affordable housing crisis and how it adversely affects Florida businesses, communities, and the workforce. It describes the obstacles and some solutions to the problem.

Women's Suffrage

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote. This presentation recounts the sacrifices of activists whose tireless efforts from 1848 to 1920 culminated in women's suffrage.

Plastics – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

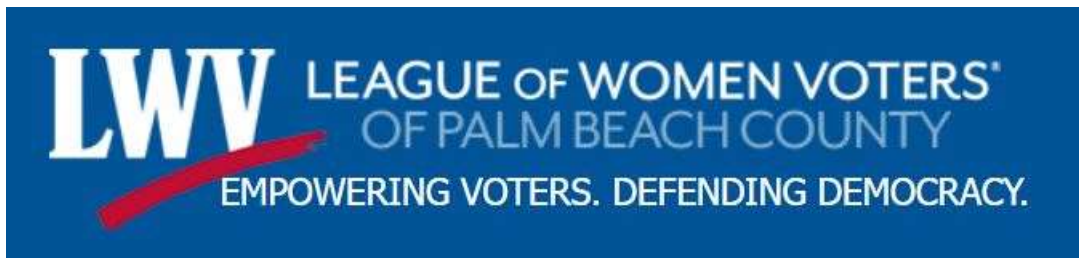
Learn about how plastics are manufactured, the different types of plastic and the harm plastics are causing to our oceans, rivers, lakes and wildlife. Explains how practicing the 4 R's of Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle can make a difference.

NEWS: Separating Fact From Fiction

This presentation explains how to examine if News stories are presented with bias, or entirely false.

Juvenile Justice In Florida

Civil citation is an alternative to arrest for first-time misdemeanor offenses. Instead of arresting youth for misbehavior, the civil citation requires hours of community service and other sanctions. Counseling, education, and restitution may be required without the expense of arrest and a criminal record for life. This presentation shows how civil citations hold youth accountable for their actions with disciplinary action that is most likely to discourage future offenses.



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Importance Of U.S. Courts

The federal court system impacts every issue we care about. This wonderfully inter-active presentation explains how the federal court system is organized, the types of cases federal courts hear and how cases are decided. As part of the presentation, audience members form teams to judge a case that was actually decided by a U.S. District Court.

Fracking In Florida

Fracking uses huge amounts of water, and its waste products are filled with the poisonous chemicals that are exploded underground to extract oil and gas. Oil and gas are NOT yet major industries in Florida, and their growth could imperil what Florida is and has.

Florida Government

This presentation reviews the history of Florida's government and explains the responsibilities and powers of Florida government officers and how laws are created.

Solar Energy Co-Op

Solar energy makes sense in the Sunshine State of Florida. Palm Beach County offers a Co-Op program to install solar panels on your home's roof to harness this energy. Find out how you can reap this benefit.