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## OUR PURPOSE:

To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected government issues

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According to Matt Chentnik, solar "is not just for tie-dyed, sandal-wearing hippies anymore." Please join us for our September Hot Topic on the 23rd as the Climate and

Sustainability Study and Action Group conducts an interview with Matt Chentnik, Director of Engineering for Independent Green Technologies. This company specializes in solar power installations for commercial, residential, and government solar projects.



Matt Chentnik



Matt will give a perspective on the potential economic impacts on our local community of the Solar Choice Amendment ballot initiative, for which the LWVF is collecting signatures. He will also give us an industry insider's perspective on what's new, what's exciting, and what the current barriers are to solar installation locally (myths and reality), and what are practical solutions to overcoming those barriers.

08 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Leon County School Board  
Howell Center  
3955 W. Pensacola Street

15 Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

Leon County Commission  
Meeting  
County Courthouse, 5th floor

Rebecca Sager will pose the questions to Mr. Chentnik and welcomes questions and comments from League members and the public at large. Please email your questions to her at [rsager@music.org](mailto:rsager@music.org) or call 219-9966 or 294-9871 and leave a message.

<p>16 Wednesday 12 noon - 2 p.m. Tallahassee Ethics Board Meeting, City Hall 2nd Floor</p>	<p>Date            Wednesday, September 23, 2015</p>
<p>16 Wednesday 4:00p.m. Tallahassee City Commission City Hall 2nd floor</p>	<p>Time            11:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m., food service at 11:30</p> <p>Location        Capital City Country Club 1601 Golf Terrace Drive</p>
<p>21 Monday 1:00 p.m. CRTPA Meeting City Hall, 2nd Floor</p>	<p>Menu            Beef stroganoff or pasta primavera, salad bar, vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, and tea</p> <p>Cost             Members - \$20    Nonmembers - \$23</p>
<p>22 Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Quality of Life Target Issue Comm. Mtg City Hall, Tallahassee Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The first three student members to RSVP eat FREE!</p>
<p>22 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. LWVT Board Meeting United Church in Tallahassee 1834 Mahan Drive</p>	<p>FOR RESERVATIONS please call 309-3005 and leave a message or email <a href="mailto:LWVTallahassee@gmail.com">LWVTallahassee@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p>23 Wednesday 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. LWVT Hot Topics Capitol City Country Club</p>	<p>Because the League must pay for reservations cancelled after Saturday, September 19, those who cancel late should reimburse the League for the cost of their reservations.</p>
<p>24 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Budget City Hall 2nd floor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>National Voter Registration Day</b></p>
<p>29 Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Leon County Commission Meeting County Courthouse, 5th floor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  </p>
<p>29 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Leon County School Board Howell Center 3955 W. Pensacola Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">       Help us celebrate  <b>National Voter Registration Day!</b>        Make sure everyone you know updates their voter registration or gets registered to vote.     </p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, September 22nd</b></p>



## Board Bytes

(From the minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 25)

The cost of "Leagueing" is going up.

You may have noticed in the article about the September Hot Topic luncheon that the prices of the meals has risen. The new management of Capital City Country Club has added to our newly renewed contract a

room rental fee of \$150 and our gratuity rate has been increased to 21 percent. A bit of research and statistical analysis led the Board to conclude that it had no choice but to increase what is charged for the meal. The Board hopes no one is unduly inconvenienced by this change.

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*Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi*

*Margaret Holland*

*Christina Mulato*



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### Seen at the Last Hot Topic



Courtney Atkins



Matt Guse



Rapt Audience

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### The Tallahassee League Legislative Priorities

The League of Women Voters of Tallahassee has provided the State League, at its request, the top three legislative priorities chosen by our members. They are:

#### **1. Government**

Comments included support for an equitable tax structure responsive to public needs, the automatic restoration of voting rights for felons, remedies for rejected ballots, and voting and registration to vote, in general.

#### **2. Education**

All those commenting supported adequate funding of public education; broad common standards and national assessments for all publicly funded students; and no public funding for private education through vouchers or tax credit scholarships.

#### **3. Social policy in Florida**

All comments expressed support for the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act including Medicaid expansion and mental health coverage.

Although not in the top three, respondents were supportive of Gun Safety, voicing support for allowing local ordinances and expanded background checks and waiting periods for all gun purchases. And, this area was closely followed by Natural Resources which included

support for the implementation of the Water and Land Legacy Amendment, conservation of fresh water, coastal management, environmental protection, and pollution control.

*Kathy Winn*  
*President, League of Women Voters of Tallahassee*

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## Outreach Opportunities

Unlike most non-election years, 2015 appears to be different. We are receiving more outreach opportunities than ever before.



All the volunteers for these outreach activities must have passed the Voter Registration test. (The test is quite simple. If you do not get a perfect score, you can immediately take the test again, so you can receive the needed perfect score.) You can learn what you need to know and take the test online at this League of Women Voters of Florida site: [Voter Registration Test](#).

For those of you who cannot volunteer on Saturdays, we have an opportunity for you. Tuesday and Thursday, September 15 and 17 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day are your days to volunteer at ITT Tech!

Welcome Back Students on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at North Florida Fairgrounds has invited FAMU, FSU, and TCC students for free food, giveaways, school supplies and entertainment. Call me to volunteer for these activities.

We also need two League members every Saturday at Downtown Market (except December, January, and February). Please contact Peggy Ramsey([ramsey020@comcast.net](mailto:ramsey020@comcast.net) or 386-7589) to volunteer for this.

I look forward to hearing from many of you for these two or three hour tasks!

*Janet Findling*  
*Voter Services Co-Chair*

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## Everyone's a Social Media Maven With the League



One of the best ways to engage a younger generation of League members and supporters is through social media. The Tallahassee League is active on Facebook and Twitter, and it takes a collaborative effort to tell our collective League story. So we need your help!

See an article in the Democrat that relates to our issues? Send us the link with your thoughts on the story.

Register a young voter at the Downtown or Flea Market? Send us a photo with a testimonial about what it feels like to be a new voter.

Attend a meeting or presentation on behalf of the League? Share a photo and brief report-out on the event.

Find anything else that you think our members and followers might be interesting in knowing? We want it!

Send photos, news articles, blog posts, links and more to [LWVTallahassee@gmail.com](mailto:LWVTallahassee@gmail.com). And if you haven't already, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

*Maggie Lawrence*

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## **Blast from the Past**

Erin Edwards, LWVT's webmaster, has been busy scanning and archiving on our website old League of Women Voters printed material. She found the following article interesting and thought you might as well. It is reprinted here from the April/May 1968 LWVUS Voter:

*League of Women Voters of the U. S.  
1200 - 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036*

*April 5, 1968*

*Statement by Mrs. Robert J. Stuart, President  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
on the occasion of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King*

*All white America stands guilty for what happened to Dr. Martin Luther King last night in Memphis. The League of Women Voters shares the feeling of outrage and frustration that grips the nation.*

*Words will no longer do. The efforts we have taken so far will not suffice. Now is the time for vigorous and constructive action by the Congress, the state legislatures, and by every community to see that Negro citizens take their rightful place in American life.*

*Every individual has a part to play. Civil rights issues are basically personal issues; the call for personal expressions of beliefs - not only to law-making bodies on every level of government but in answer to the bigoted in our communities whether they be relatives, neighbors, or friends.*

*If each of us takes on the same kind of personal commitment that characterized Dr. King's life, his goals can be achieved. They must be achieved.*

For more historical tidbits, go to our website at [archivedVoternewsletters](#).

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## **Voter Deadline**

The next Voter will be the October Voter. The deadline for submission of material is Friday, **October 2nd**. Please email your material to [lqdavis75@gmail.com](mailto:lqdavis75@gmail.com).

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## **Membership Form**

Name _____	Phone (home) _____
Address _____	Phone (mobile) _____
_____	E-mail _____

**Please Circle Annual Membership Level:**

(May 1, 2015- April 30, 2016)

Please circle all topics  
that interest you

\$150.00 Susan B. Anthony household membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00 Susan B. Anthony membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 90.00 Household membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 60.00 Individual membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 30.00 Student membership \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$5.00 for LWVF Lobby Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Additional gift to LWVUS Education Fund \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Services  
Hot Topics  
Local Government  
Publicity  
Communications  
Education  
Health Care  
Membership  
Lobby Corps  
Program  
Hospitality/Events  
Fundraising  
Sustainability/Natural  
Resources

**Please make all checks payable to LWV of Tallahassee.**

Mail to LWVT, P.O. Box 10216, Tallahassee, FL 32302-2216.

You may also renew/join at [www.lwvtallahassee.org](http://www.lwvtallahassee.org).

There is a \$2.00 charge for using PayPal.

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