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**67th Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St.  
Registration 9:30 am ♦ Business Meeting  
10 a.m Lunch at 12

**"Justice for Children"**

**Luncheon Speaker: Paul Wallis**, Chief Probation Officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice in Judicial District 1.

**What Are We Doing To Our Children?**

Paula Montgomery, Juvenile Justice, 438-8891

**W**hen two children get into a fight what happens next? Are they separated, counseled, parents informed, and sent on their way? Or are they arrested, fingerprinted and possibly tried and sentenced in adult court with the lifelong burden of a criminal record? It could happen.

By the 1990's, there was an increase in crimes committed by youths. Some sociologists predicted that we were about to witness a wave crimes committed by heartless, remorseless young criminals, whom they labeled super-predators. The crime wave by these fictitious young criminals never materialized but the consequence of the fear of them has lingered. It is still being felt today in the criminal justice system in the form of laws that criminalize poor judgment and decision making on the part of youths.

The tide is now changing. People at all levels who interact with youths are realizing that criminalizing youthful indiscretions is wrong on every level. It takes the child out of school and inhibits his ability to finish high school. It denies him access to further education by making him ineligible for scholarships and grants. It makes it difficult to access housing and any government subsidy programs. In fact, it slams shut many doors to self improvement, while exposing him to hopelessness and criminal ways of thinking.

One significant change is entitled pre-arrest diversion program. This program give the child the option of making amends for his actions without incurring a criminal record. An example of this is the Civil Citation program. This and other programs are administered by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. The child has to admit to wrong doing; he is then evaluated and his "sentence" may consist of any or all of the following: community service, written essays, apologizing for his actions, drug or alcohol treatment and probation. So he does not get off. His sentence is based on his needs.

**Paul Wallis**, Chief Probation Officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Judicial District 1, will be the speaker at the annual meeting on May 13th. His office evaluates and determines the appropriate diversion sentences for our children. He has been in this position for thirty years and was instrumental in the creation of the Civil Citation program in Judicial District 1.

*Luncheon reservation options are found on page 6.*

## League of Women Voters Pensacola Bay Area Proposed Budget 2017-2018

<b>Receipts</b>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
Dues	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,123	\$ 7,232
Member Contribution	1,500	2,000	2,000
Non-member Contributions	100	200	200
Fundraiser	0	459	500
Publications	0	100	0
Annual Meeting	1,500	1,500	1,500
Interest Income	0	0	0
Guide to Elected Officials	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grants (Ed Fund)	600	700	0
Workshops/Forums	200	200	200
From Reserves	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income	\$10,900	\$ 13,282	\$ 13,960

**Disbursements:**

*Operational Costs*

Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 200
Postage	25	25	25
PO Box Rental	70	70	70
Insurance/Filings/ Solicitation	600	600	600
Meeting Room Fees	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	100	100	100
Special Projects	75	75	0

*Board and Administration*

President Expenses	0	0	0
Board Expenses	0	50	50
Annual Meeting	1,500	1,500	1,500
Membership Services	50	75	50

*Delegate Travel/Affiliation*

Convention/Council (State)	450	500	800
US Convention	0	1,000	0
Legislative Seminar	500	500	375

*Financial Support of League*

State PMP	1,550	1,943	1,972
National PMP	3,250	4,144	4,208
Lobby Fund Drive	400	400	400

*Voter*

Printing and Mailing	100	150	150
Postage	80	75	75

*Program*

Publications	100	0	0
Voter Service	100	250	125
Guide to Elected Officials	0	1,000	1,000
Committee (Earth Day)	125	125	125
Education Committee	125	125	125
Study Material	0	0	0
Action	0	100	100
Website	100	100	100
Workshop/Forum	200	200	200
Ed. Committee - History Fair	----	----	485
Natural Resources - Plastic Bags	----	----	<u>1,000</u>

Total Expenditures      \$ 10,900    \$ 13,282    \$ 13,960

*Submitted by the Budget Committee* Ellen Roston, Chair, Ray Hudkins, Vivian Faircloth, Cathy Scott and Amy Newburn, ex officio.

## Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors 2017-2018

**Officers:**

Co-Presidents	Haley Richards	2017-2018
	Ellen Roston	2017-2018
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Charlyle Parrish	2017-2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ray Hudkins	2017-2019
Secretary	Debra Miller *	2016-2018
Treasurer	Robert 'Art' Parrish	2017-2019

**Directors:**

Patricia Maxwell	2017-2019
Mary Collins	2017-2019
Shirley Lewis-Brown	2017-2019
Ann Davis *	2016-2018

**2016 Nominating Committee:**

Elizabeth King, Chair  
Charlotte Crane  
Gail Honea

*Note: \* Completing a vacant position.*

**Submitted by the 2016 Nominating Committee:**

Ann Davis, Chair  
Carol Pulley            Vivian Faircloth  
Peter Young            Elizabeth King

**Returning Directors:**

Cathy Scott            2016-2018  
Paula Montgomery 2016-2018



**New Members**

Ann Bish	Sandra Caroll
Sarah Coutu	Juanta Edwards
Beverly Gunsley	Debra Miller
Dianna Montoya	Sophia Moore
Emma Mulvaney	Annelise Reunert
Wynn Teasley	Liz Wang

Members' contact information is contained in the *Membership Roster*. If you need a roster, contact Cathy Scott, basketbabe at mchsi.com or 396-5727.

## Proposed Local Program 2016-2017

The League's program consists of those governmental issues the League has chosen for concerted study and action. The Board Recommended Local Program items for study and/or action in 2016-2017 are:

1. *Action in support of an open government that is responsive to the people of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.*
2. *Educate the community about the U.S. political process, changes in election law related to voter access, and the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission.*
3. *Educate the community about the Equal Rights Amendment/Intersectionality: Reproductive Rights, Pay and Promotion Equity, Paid Family Leave and Violence Against Women.*
4. *Action to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Bags.*
5. *Action in Support of Judicial Review in Juvenile Offender cases.*
6. *Action in support of school based discipline and civil citations instead of out of school suspension and arrest.*

The LWVPBA Board recommends retaining current program positions in the areas of Child Abuse and Neglect, Library, Education, Local Law Enforcement, Natural Resources, Local Mass Transportation and Charter Government and the Yardstick for Good Local Government.

**Note:** *Intersectionality is the intersection of Race & Gender.*

## 2018 Proposed BYLAWS Changes OF LWVPBA

*These proposed Bylaws changes were recommended by the Board and are presented for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Proposed deletions are shown by ~~strikeouts~~ and additions are underlined. All changes require a two-thirds vote for approval.*

### ARTICLE III Section 2. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting Members. ~~Citizens~~ Persons at least ~~18~~ 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) ~~individuals~~ those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or

more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

*Rationale:* The first three Articles must conform to LWVUS Bylaws. These changes were made at the 2016 LWVUS Convention.

### ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 2. Dues. The amount of local dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting. In the event of an increase in the per member payment due to either the LWVF or the LWVUS, the Board of Directors may increase the dues of the LWVPBA to reflect all or part of such increase. The League membership year shall commence on June 1 of each year and dues may be paid at the Annual Meeting. Dues are payable at the Annual Meeting. Any member who fails to pay dues ~~within six months after they become payable by~~ December 31 shall be dropped from the membership. Any new person who joins the League from January through ~~April~~ May will be a member throughout the upcoming League year.

*Rationale:* The changes specify dates for membership dues for LWVPBA.

- c) Susan B. Anthony Membership. A member who donates \$100 or more in a given year, in addition to annual dues, shall be designated as a Susan B. Anthony member for that year. Household members who donate \$100 or more, either separately or in total, in addition to annual dues, shall be designated Susan B. Anthony members for that year. Any new League member who becomes a Susan B. Anthony member in the period from January through ~~April~~ May shall carry that designation throughout the upcoming League year.

*Rationale:* The change corrects date.

### ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 3. Quorum. Twenty percent of the ~~members~~ membership shall constitute a quorum at ~~all meetings~~ the Annual Meeting of LWVPBA.

*Rationale:* This change improves grammar and corrects misunderstanding.

**End Note:** *The LWVPBA fiscal year is set from April 1 through March 31 each year in order to provide a twelve month financial report to the membership at the Annual Meeting.*



Haley Richards

## Co President's Message

**A**s we prepare for end of the 2016-2017 year, Ellen and I are reflecting on everything the League has accomplished this past year.



Ellen Roston

What a tremendous year it has been and we know more good things are still to come in 2017! Come celebrate with us at the 67th Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Pensacola Yacht Club. This is your opportunity to decide who will lead the League, the issues for study & action, approve the budget and

bylaws changes. Please take time to review the Annual Meeting material included in this month's Voter and RSVP online through Eventbrite or complete the reservation form on page 6.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The League of Women Voters of Florida is convening the 36th biennial Convention, June 9th and 10th in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This two-day event happens every two years and delegates will vote on the LWVF budget, changes to State Program, and incoming State Board of Directors. The featured speakers will include LWVUS President Chris Carson and The Honorable Bob Graham. Stay tuned for more details about State Convention!

Our League members worked tirelessly this past year leveraging the power of women (and men as well) to create a more perfect democracy. The League is strong when membership is strong and we have increased our strength with 24 new members since January. On April 27th, we are hosting a membership social from 5:30 pm--7:00 pm at the Wine Bar in Downtown Pensacola. If you are new to the League, this event will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow Leaguers! Contact Cathy Scott for more information, (850) 396-3157.

It's almost time to renew Membership Dues and we will be sending out invoices to those members whose League membership is expiring after the Annual Meeting!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your 2016-2017 Co-Presidents!

*Haley & Ellen*

## Make Luncheon Reservations Here

**M**ake your reservations for the Annual Meeting luncheon on [Eventbrite](#) Event Page, the League [website](#), or on the form on **page 6**. Dues may be paid at the Annual Meeting along with your check for lunch. PayPal charges a fee for its use.

Checks may be mailed to LWV Pensacola Bay Area, PO Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513, without any additional cost. ♦



Economist Dr. Kal

## "The Economics of Immigration"

By Charlotte Crane, 477-1542

**I**mmigration is a positive economic force in the United States, notably in areas of entrepreneurship and in international higher education enrollment, with significant impact in Florida, UWF Haas Center economist Dr. Kalyan (Kal) Chakraborty said in his presentation at the April League meeting.

The top two 2015-16 growth states in international student enrollment at US universities were California (10.5%) and Florida (10.4%). Together, University of West Florida and Pensacola State College enroll 484 international students, comprising a financial contribution of \$14.8 million and creating 223 local jobs.

Immigrants also make significant US contributions in entrepreneurship, Chakraborty said. At Silicon Valley in California, 52% of business startups are by immigrants. In the US, 2006-2012, immigrants founded 25% of new high-tech companies; their companies were employing 560,000 workers in 2012. Sending would-be entrepreneurial immigrants and highly trained technology graduates back to their native countries due to immigration policy could signify job losses here, and drive technological growth and innovation to countries like India and China.

Chakraborty's slide show presentation quoted statistics from U.S. census, business and university studies. Among conclusions: "Migrants do not harm long-run employment or wages of native workers."

### *Among migration statistics:*

- ♦ In 2014, migrants constituted 17% of the U.S. labor force; by comparison, in Canada it was 24%. State-by-state distribution varies; in California, 1 in 3 workers are immigrants; in West Virginia, it's 1 in 100. Immigrants' jobs overall tend to be concentrated in lower-wage occupations.
- ♦ In 2014, immigrants were 42.2 million, or 13.3% of the U.S. population, the highest percentage in 94 years.
- ♦ In worldwide migration, the United States was the top destination in 2016, at 47 million. Germany and Russia were second and third, at 12 million each. Leading countries of origin were India (16 million) and Mexico (12 million).
- ♦ The top four countries of origin for international students enrolling in the United States are China, India, Saudi Arabia and South Korea. Higher education is also a major U.S. service export, comprising 5% of national export.

Enrollment of international students in the United States appears to be on decline; for fall 2017, 40% of universities have noted a lower number of applications.

Notes Chakraborty: "The main reason for the decline is denial of student visa at US embassies in China and India

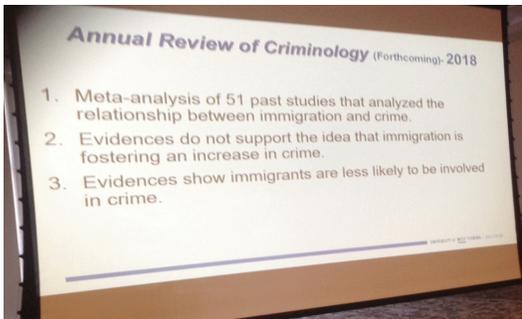
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and a change in perception that the US is now less welcoming to individuals from other countries and the executive order for travel ban."

Should immigration be restricted? Chakraborty referred to a 2012 article which concluded that for each complaint about immigrants, there are cheaper and more humane solutions. "Immigration restrictions are a needlessly draconian remedy."

A 2010 study concluded: "Deporting 11.7 million undocumented workers would be a logistical impossibility and would cost billions of dollars from taxpayers' money." Noted Chakraborty: "Removing them would certainly reduce the number of workers in the labor force, but it would also reduce the economic activities and job creation. It would make much more sense economically to bring the unauthorized workers out of the shadows so that their full economic potential is realized."



One of the numerous studies shown in the slides April 8th meeting with Dr. Kal.

The text of Dr. Kal's speech along with the slide presentation can be found on the League website at [www.lwvpba.org](http://www.lwvpba.org).

- Also barred idiots and imbeciles and established a literacy test which was aimed at Eastern European (e.g. Poles).
- Act of 1924 Established quota system favoring Western Europe. 70% of slots went to people from just three countries: Great Britain, Ireland and Germany.
- Act of 1952 referred to as the McCarran Walter Act... abolished racial restrictions, retained the quota system by ethnic groups and placed importance of labor skills.
- Act of 1965 which became effective in 1969 ended national quota system and gave preference to family unification and employment in needed skills. As a result of this law the US became much more multi cultural.

### Reason for immigration today:

- Family reunification: most immigrants fall in this category. The Immigration and Nationality Acts puts limits on 5 classifications and country limitations (Congressional Research Service, February 2016)
- To attend U.S. Colleges and Universities.
- Temporary jobs in agricultural – 2A Visa... in 2015 @ 140,000 who stay ten months or less.
- Permanent jobs due to needs in US ... 37% of Silicon Valley employees (Washington Examiner, February 2016) currently 25% of U.S. doctors are foreign born; higher in rural areas. (Forbes July 2016)
- Refugees – people fleeing political and/or religious persecution: most recent refugees are women and children. In January 2016, the U.S. admitted @ 85,000 in fiscal year 2016 compared to Germany @ 3000,000. The previous year Germany had admitted over 1 million according to the Washington Post.

## Background Material on Immigration

by Elizabeth King, 920-246-0904

The League has established positions on a wide range of issues affecting that population.

In Brief: *Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status (Impact on Issues 2016-18, page 89).*

### Immigration Information

#### Major legislation dealing with Immigration:

- The Naturalization Act of 1790... restricted citizenship to "any alien being a free white person who had been in US for two years".
- Act of 1882 aimed primarily against Asians especially the Chinese who were coming to work in the gold mines in California and to build railroads.
- Act of 1907 referred to as the "Gentleman's Agreement" and aimed against Japanese.
- Act of 1917 For the First time barred rather than restricting immigrants from the Asian-Pacific Area.

### Some Recent figures:

- Currently it is estimated that there are @ 11 Million illegal immigrants in the U.S. ( NY Times March 2017).
- According the USA Today (February 2017) of these 77% are Hispanic, 15% Asian. More likely than not, the Hispanic came over the border from Mexico; many of the Asians are individuals who overstayed their visa.
- It is estimated that there are more than 750,000 Dreamers in the US
- Estimated by DHS, 13.1 million Legal Permanent Residents were Green Card Holders in 2013.

### Reasons for backlash against immigrants:

- Economic worries especially of low income workers. Most studies, however, find the major reasons for loss of low paying jobs are globalization and technology.
- Nativism... reaction to increased multi culturalism (fear of "the other")

Though the President has wide discretion when it comes to implementing Immigration Policy, actions must meet Constitutional muster ( consistent with provisions in the First And Fifth Amendments). There are many current issues regarding immigration. Our April program focused on only one of them, The Economics of Immigration.

## Calendar

### April

- 18 Tuesday, 10:00 am, **International Relations**, *Great Decisions* discussion at Azalea Trace on “Saudi Arabia in Transition” led by Jill White. For information: 937-7769.
- 19 **Wednesday**, 6-7:30 pm, **Women’s Issues Committee** meeting at Mary Collins, 1126 E. La Rua. For information contact Mary at 346-5520.
- 23 **Saturday**, 10:00 am Bayview Park, **Earth Day**, visit the table for Voter Service and Natural Resources. Ask about ‘plastic bags’.



**Condolences** to the families of Enid Sisskin on the recent death of her husband, Riley Haggard; to Carol Pulley on the death of her husband, Charles H. Pulley; to Vivian Faircloth on the death of her son, Stephen Perkinson and to the family of former League President Isabella Poe Grimes.

### May

- 13 Saturday, 9:30 registration **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** at Pensacola Yacht Club (See information below.)

### June

16-19 **LWVF Convention** in Ft. Lauderdale



## Annual Meeting May 13, 2017

Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St.

Registration: 9:30 am ✦ Business Meeting 10:00 am ✦ Luncheon 12 pm  
**Luncheon Speaker: Paul Wallis**

The menu: Greens with Mandarin Oranges, Mangos, Diced Tomatoes and Parmesan Cheese  
Garlic Chicken on a bed of Tomato Orzo Noodles with Basil Cream Sauce  
Sautéed Asparagus    Lemon Cake    \_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian or Gluten-free selection upon request**

Luncheon	#	@	\$25 _____
Individual dues			\$55 _____
Additional member/s			\$27.50 _____
Contribution for Advocacy	\$		_____

**Renew dues at the time of the Annual Meeting**

My separate contribution to the Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to LWVF Ed Fund and sent to the our Treasurer.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

For your convenience, make reservations by **noon May 9<sup>th</sup>** using Eventbrite Event Page, a link on [www.lwvpba.org](http://www.lwvpba.org), or send your check to **LWVPBA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513**. Your check is your reservation. Cancellations after noon May 9th are non-refundable. For further information about reservations, call Vivian Faircloth, 850-438-5539, [vfaircloth@iname.com](mailto:vfaircloth@iname.com) or [lwvpba@gmail.com](mailto:lwvpba@gmail.com) Additional fees apply when using PayPal.



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