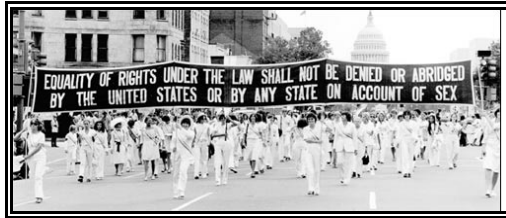


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***Equal Means Equal***  
**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

Tryon Library, 1200 Langley Ave.  
Coffee 10:15 Program 10:30 am

**J**oin LWV Pensacola Bay Area Women's Issues Committee for a screening of the awards winning documentary film *Equal Means Equal* on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Tryon Branch Library.

**YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

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**EQUAL MEANS EQUAL** offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Along the way, she reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment. Watch the Trailer: <http://equalmeansequal.com/trailer/>

For information contact: Mary Collins, Women's Issues Committee Chair (850) 937-7769, email: [mcollins5349@gmail.com](mailto:mcollins5349@gmail.com). The program is free and open to the public. ◇

***The Economics of Immigration***  
**April 8, 2017**

**Downtown Library - Room B, Spring Street**

**NOTE CHANGE IN DATE AND LOCATION.**

**K**alyan (Kal) Chakraborty is an economist who joined the Haas Center in July 2016 as an Associate Director, Senior Research Scientist. He earned his PhD in Economics from Utah State University, MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics from University of Nevada. Kal also has an MA degree in Economics, a Law Degree, and a Diploma in Sales and Management from India. He had his postdoctoral training from Texas Tech University, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics and Auburn University, Alabama, Department of Forestry and Wildlife.

Before joining the Haas Center Dr. Chakraborty worked as tenured full professor in the School of Business at Emporia State University, Kansas. Dr. Chakraborty's research interests are in applied microeconomics, regional economics, resource and recreational economics, economics of public education, and economics of biotechnology and policy.

Dr. Chakraborty has published extensively in various national and international journals and serves as a reviewer for several peer reviewed journals. He has received many prestigious awards for his work.

At the Haas Center, Dr. Chakraborty is currently involved in projects, including economic impact of new biking trails in Northwest Florida, economic impact of water based outdoor recreation in the state of Florida, and exploring the impact of universal pre-K education in the Northwest Florida. ◇



Haley Richards

## Co Presidents' Message

**T**he League of Women Voters is the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country.

We earned this mighty reputation through the tireless work of our members. The League has been working in preparation for the start of the 2017 Florida Legislative Session in Tallahassee. Watch your inboxes for the Capitol Report highlighting the status of our Legislative Priorities every Friday during the session. Do you want to Lobby with the League? Mark your calendar to attend the Legislative

Summit in Tallahassee March 28-29, 2017! The Summit marks the half-way point of discussions and debates on the five issue areas of the LWVFL 2017 Legislative Priorities:

- ◆ The BEST Education possible for our youth
- ◆ Election Reform and Voter Protection
- ◆ Sensible Gun Legislation
- ◆ Healthcare for ALL Floridians
- ◆ Protection of our land and water resources

If you are interested in attending the Legislative Summit contact Co-President, Haley Richards, [presidentlwvpba@gmail.com](mailto:presidentlwvpba@gmail.com), for more information!

The February League meeting offered members the opportunity to review the LWVF Open Primary Study kit and participate in Consensus. Ray Hudkins, State Study Committee member and Local Study Committee Chair, facilitated the meeting. The results will be sent to the Open Primary State Study Committee who will compile and analyze the consensus responses from participating local leagues, and submit to the State Board for approval. A Special Thank You to Ray Hudkins for all his work on this State Study Committee!

Voter Registration Reminder-It's time to re-certify for any League member who wants to conduct voter registration on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Florida. Certification lasts two years. Take the Voter Registration Test [here](#).

Many League members participated in numerous community events last month including honoring students in both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties who competed in History Fair. Others met with a delegation through the Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council discussing the role of women in grassroots democracy initiatives, promoting civic engagement, and accountable governance. League members also participated in Open Gaetz Day with many Leaguers attending the evening town hall meeting in Pace.

Local Program Planning Meetings have been scheduled for March 9th and 12th! In League, "program" is the process of study and advocacy of issues and is the

core component of the League's mission. Program Planning is the opportunity for members to propose new studies of issues, updates of current program, action on current positions, or education projects. Contact Haley Richards for more information!

Ellen and I would like to extend a personal "Welcome to the League" to ALL NEW MEMBERS who have joined in the last few weeks. We strongly encourage new League members to get involved with an upcoming project, activity, or committee. Everyone joins the League to make a difference and this year find your passion to MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!

*SAVE THE DATE: 67th Annual Meeting Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Pensacola Yacht Club. ◇*

*Ellen & Haley*

## What Can Our League Do With \$1,000? \$5,000?

Ray Hudkins, 346-5199 or [rhud66@gmail.com](mailto:rhud66@gmail.com)

**L**WV Pensacola Bay Area just concluded its annual budget review and planning meeting. As in past years we have been significantly resource limited. We need your creative minds to make 2017 different.

As in past years the only way we have been able to fulfill the League mission with limited financial resources is through four primary means. First, your annual dues support our League but only 15% (\$8.00/member) of that money stays in our local League. The remainder pays for State and National League business. In case you think we are paying big bucks for our State League President and Board of Directors. Guess what! They are volunteers just like us. Wow! What a bargain!

Second, you again make generous donations over and above dues to help offset crucial costs of running a volunteer organization. For a \$100 donation you will be recognized as a Susan B. Anthony member.

Third, we are very fortunate to have a local business that fully underwrites printing of our "Guide to Elected Officials".

Finally, your "In Kind" donations of volunteer time and materials help us avoid costs where we can.

We need to do more! We can do more!!

Let's do something different starting in our new fiscal year (April 1, 2017). This is an opportunity for new members to engage in a meaningful way to grow our League and to educate Florida voters starting today. *Join Director Ray Hudkins, Treasurer Amy Newburn and other Leaguers to define League requirements and to brainstorm FUNdrising ideas on April 5 at 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the Main Library. ◇*

## Voter Service

Charlyle Parrish, Voter Service Chair, 923-0854

**M**any people think the presidential and mid-term elections are the only times to consider voting; however there are elections and ballot issues of great importance locally, including:

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## Easy Tracking of Legislative Session Bills

**L**WV Florida has identified over 130 bills to track, support or oppose, and to keep you informed. Watch for the *Capitol Report* every Friday during the Session. It is written by our legislative advocate, Kelly Quintero, to advise us of what actions were or can be taken on the legislation we are tracking.

[This link](#) will take you to the lists of bills filed thus far by the Florida legislature, as well as the LWVF position on each bill. Also, you may click the bill number link itself to access the specific bill status, committees to hear the bill, staff analysis on the bill and more.

We are providing this information to you in order to keep you in the loop so that you may have the information needed to actively lobby when it is needed. Save the link to our *Bill Updates* for your use throughout the session.

If you have any questions, please contact Haley at [presidentlwvpba@gmail.com](mailto:presidentlwvpba@gmail.com), Kelly at [LWVFAdvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:LWVFAdvocacy@gmail.com) or Abdelilah at [LWVFOffice@gmail.com](mailto:LWVFOffice@gmail.com).

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- On February 28, 2017, the Town of Century elected two members to the City Council.
- On March 28, Santa Rosa County will hold a special election to consider the following ballot question:

SHALL THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY CONTINUE TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028, TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES, RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES, LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE UPGRADING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY?

\_\_\_ **For**    \_\_\_ **Against**

You must register to vote or update your registration 29 days prior to the election. Be prepared to vote on March 28, as there will not be early voting. Vote-by-mail ballots are available. Questions? Contact the Supervisor of Elections, 983-1900 or [here](#).

The Guide to Elected Officials is being updated in preparation for distribution throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. If you would like copies for your club, church or organization, contact Charlyle Parrish. Your assistance with distribution of the Guides will be greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming events:** *UWF Women's Conference* on Friday, March 24 and *Earth Day*, April 22. We hope you can participate in these two League events.

## Calendar



### March

- 7 **Tuesday**, 5:30 pm, **Board Meeting**, in the Conference room, Downtown Library on Spring Street. Members are always welcome.
- 9 **Thursday**, 6- 7: 30 pm, **Planning Workshop #1**, Tryon Branch Library, contact Haley @ 293-9565.
- 11 **Saturday**, 2:30 pm, **Education Committee** meeting at Paula Montgomery's 641 Connell Dr., 438-8891.
- 12 **Sunday**, 2-4 pm, **Planning Workshop #2** at Haley Richard's home, 1301 E.DeSota St. 293-9565

18 **Saturday**, 10:30 am- 12:00 pm, **General League Meeting**, Tryon Branch Library, 1200 Langley Ave. Documentary, *Equal Means Equal*, Women's Issues Committee, Contact Mary Collins, 346-5520 or [mcollins5349@gmail.com](mailto:mcollins5349@gmail.com)

- 21 **Tuesday**, 10:00 am Azalea Trace, **International Relations**, *Great Decisions* discussion with Fay Walker, *Trade, Jobs and Politics*. Contact Don Freeman, 477-6626.
- 22 **Wednesday**, 4:00 pm, **Voter Service Committee**, at Gulf Breeze Library, Contact Charlyle Parrish, 932-0834 or [ccparrish@usa.net](mailto:ccparrish@usa.net)
- 22 **Wednesday**, 4:00 pm, **Women's Issues Committee** Mary Collins, 1126 E. La Rua Street, Pensacola, Contact Mary at [mcollins5439@gmail.com](mailto:mcollins5439@gmail.com)/346-5520.

### April

- 5 **Wednesday**, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Fundraising Workshop at the Main Library on Spring Street.
- 8 **Saturday**, 10:30 am, **General League Meeting**, Main Library, Spring St., *The Economics of Immigration* with Dr. Kal Chakraborty.

## Welcome New Members!

Deborah Ervin	Niki Fiedler
Vikki Garrett	Deborah Gray-Stachler
Tanya Kruk	Rita C. Lett
Tamar Mitchell	Holly & Alfred Picardi
Anne & Michael Shanholtz	
Donna Sessions Waters	

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



The local chapter of the National Association of Social Workers awarded *Paula Montgomery* is ‘Public Citizen of the Year’ for her work with the School to Prison Pipeline series. *Julie Patton* was awarded ‘Social Worker of the Year’ for her work on the Race and Reconciliation group.



Leaguer *Pam Schwartz* received a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ from the Pensacola chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Congratulations!

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## Join the League of Women Voters Today!

It's easy! Just send your check to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ♦ P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513 or PayPal [here](#).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ New Mbr? Yes/No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Add Family Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Mbrs @ \$27.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$27.50 for a student enrolled in a certificate or degree program.

I'm renewing my membership.

I am interested in the following areas (Circle all interests)

Education	Natural Resources	Social Policy	Speaker's Bureau
Voter Service	Growth Management	Website	Observer Corps
Membership	Legislative Action	Hospitality	Naturalization
Newsletter	Voter Registration	Publicity	Social Media
Women's Issues	Fundraising	Hot Topics	Action

Membership dues and gifts to the League of Women Voters are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes. (Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to the LWV Florida Education Fund and should be sent to our local treasurer.)



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