

## **JOIN the League of Women Voters of Manatee County!**

Both men and women are encouraged to become part of a nonpartisan organization that has worked for nearly 100 years to promote voter education, better government, and improving citizen participation in government. **Please print.** 

Today's Date:	
Name 1:	Phone
Email	
If Household Membership	
Name 2:	Phone
Email	
Address:	
City, State	Zip Code
Former League Member? Yes No Where:	
Interested in Committee Work? (check as many as a	apply):
<ul> <li>□ Voter Services</li> <li>□ Government</li> <li>□ Educational Issues</li> <li>□ Health Care</li> <li>□ Natural Resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Social Issues</li> <li>□ Gun Safety</li> <li>□ Membership</li> <li>□ Social Media/ Communications</li> <li>□ Events/ Speakers</li> </ul>
Annual Dues:	
<ul> <li>□ Individual \$60</li> <li>□ Household (2 persons) \$90</li> <li>□ Student \$ free (additional information required)</li> <li>□ Cornerstone \$100</li> <li>□ Household Cornerstone \$ 160</li> </ul>	
Donation \$	
Total enclosed \$	

Please make checks payable to LWV Manatee, and mail with this form to:
LWV Manatee Treasurer, P.O. Box 545, Bradenton, FL 34206

Your dues include membership in the National and Florida LWV as well as the Manatee LWV. More information: www.lwvmanatee.org.

Dues and donations are not tax deductible, except for donations to the LWV Education Fund



## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Listed below are our committees, with a few examples of what they do. Additional committees may be formed by volunteers interested in a community issue. For more information, contact: <a href="mailto:info@lwvmanatee.org">info@lwvmanatee.org</a>.

**VOTER SERVICES:** This committee does voter registration, encourages every eligible citizen to vote and prepares nonpartisan voters guides. It works closely with the Supervisor of Elections office, particularly in the county schools. They monitor developments that could impact voters rights in Florida, advocate for better access to voting and against barriers to voting.

**GOVERNMENT:** Advocate for improvements in the operation of government including issues such as transportation, growth, charter government, the justice system and other issues dealing with how government operates. Hold informational programs on issues. Attend government meetings and speak on behalf of our League.

**EDUCATIONAL ISSUES:** Conduct studies on educational issues and organize public information programs. Make recommendations for a strong and high quality public school system, affordable pre-school education, and encourage the growth of higher education in Manatee County

**HEALTH CARE:** Research and recommend policies and practices that improve access to quality health care to all citizens of Manatee County, including Medicaid, women's reproductive health, and affordable healthcare. Participate in local collaborative efforts.

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** Committee members work to protect and improve our natural resources such as water, wetlands, mangroves and seagrasses. We also promote land preservation for wildlife and recreation, expansion of clean energy and environmentally sound methods of waste management.

**SOCIAL ISSUES**: Members work on social issues affecting the citizens of Manatee County, e.g., diversity, homelessness, poverty, income inequity, jobs, crime, drug addiction, teen pregnancy. Collaborate with other community organizations to achieve goals.

**GUN SAFETY:** This committee studies firearm issues and advocates for measures that will reduce and prevent gun crimes, injuries, and deaths

**MEMBERSHIP:** This committee has membership drives, welcomes new members, develops retention efforts and conducts outreach activities. They educate citizens about the League and the importance of its work. Maintain membership rolls

**SOCIAL MEDIA/ COMMUNICATIONS:** Members of this committee help us communicate with our members and the entire community. Maintain and improve our website, Facebook and Twitter. Communicate via email, send out announcements to members and the wider community, maintain group email lists.

**EVENTS/ SPEAKERS:** Maintain and develop speakers and speaking opportunities available to community groups. Cultivate speakers for Hot Topics and other LWVMC events. Help with planning of events.