



League of Women Voters of Okaloosa & Walton Counties
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Fellow Leaguers:

It has been a busy year for League in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Here are some of the things we accomplished since last spring:

- Expanded membership to include Walton County
- Distributed the Okaloosa-Walton Voter bimonthly to over 360 residents in both counties
- Published an “E-Voter” candidate guide for the 2018 Primary and General Elections and the DeFuniak Springs and Okaloosa County 2019 Municipal Elections
- Supported WSRE’s televised Primary and General Election Candidate forums
- Registered voters on National Voter Registration Day
- Hosted several local elected officials—including Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux, County Commission Chair Graham Fountain and School Board Chair Lamar White
- Provided multiple briefings on the 2018 proposed Constitutional Amendments
- Briefed students at NWFSC about the importance of voting
- Sponsored a “Tidal Town Hall” with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
- Created a Solar Co-op for Okaloosa and Walton County residents in partnership with Coastal Community Cleanup, Earth Ethics, NAACP of Okaloosa County, Sierra Club of the Emerald Coast and Solar United Neighbors of Florida
- Supported the Bay County League “Party at the Polls” after Hurricane Michael
- Hosted the Pensacola Bay Area League Natural Resources Committee for an informational briefing about the impact of munitions disposal at Eglin AFB
- Hosted a booth at the 2019 Earth Day event in Fort Walton Beach

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved this year, starting with the 2019 Planning Meeting in July, which will develop our League’s meeting schedule for September 2019 through March 2020. We are also need members to volunteer for the Membership, Voter Services and Natural Resource Committees. Please step up!

Finally: don’t forget the State of the County Reports in June, featuring a separate event for Walton County for the first time! I’m look forward to seeing you there. As always, check the [calendar](#) on-line for details on upcoming events.

Thank you for joining League to help make our democracy work!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Blackwell", written in a cursive style.

Mary W. Blackwell
President