Notes
- Approximately 25 attendees
- Interest is high, currently 42 members on the PBC Civics Education Committee which started in December 2016.
- **PBC Civics Education Committee Mission**: To support the LWVPBC to meet its mission and vision by providing reliable information on elections and public policy issues to schools and a diverse PBC population using innovative educational approaches.
- Civics is currently taught in Florida in grades 7 and 11
- 115th Florida House Representative (Miami) Michael Bileca wants civics education in grades K through 12. Christene supports this plan, plus a university credit course. She will be meeting with him this summer along with Karen Wilkerson and Faith Manitii.
- Working with other groups on the issue is critical. For example, the League is working with the Florida Bar Association, the PBC School Board, NCJW and others.
- Natural born citizens don’t usually know as much about civics as naturalized citizens.
- Attendees enjoyed answering civics questions (from cards used by applicants for U.S. citizenship). They did well.

Discussion
- For whom is civics education appropriate: students, senior citizens, new citizens, under represented populations and all citizens who need or want to learn more about their government and their role in democracy
- Ways PBC League has been involved:
  - National History Day (state-sponsored).
  - Government Bee (PBC); in 2017 10 schools participated.
- Electoral College Contest for grade 12; purpose-to get these students involved.
- Project Citizen State Finals; undertaken with Florida Bar Association
- Constitutional Revision Commission; Christene spoke at the Boca Raton hearing and asked the Commission members to put Civics into the school curriculum.
- Speaker’s Bureau presentations within schools and organizations.
- Preparing civics-themed mini crossword puzzles. Free sites on the WEB to do the puzzle with the input of your information. Will try to have the students develop the crossword puzzles.

Suggestions for League Civics Education Committees:
- Get younger Leaguers involved by alternating the meetings – day/ evening.
- Make a contact with your local School Board.
- PBC has one who is joined the League.
- If you want to establish contact with the local School Board, ask your Observer Corps representative for a name and link.
- Find out if there is a Social Studies Coordinator in your district and work with that person.