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## Club of the Month

## Stand Proud with the LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus!

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At a time when LGBTQ+ rights and democracy are under attack, the Lee County LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus is fighting back and winning.

Over the past several months, the caucus has been everywhere: from high-energy appearances at SWFL Pride and Bonita Springs Pride to Cape Coral Pride, where they proudly registered 43 voters for vote-by-mail. They're also rolling up their sleeves for the next election cycle, adopting a precinct to focus on post carding, phone banking, and canvassing efforts to help turn out voters. Their message is clear: visibility is power, voting is critical, and community drives change.



Under the leadership of newly elected President Viri Ryan, Vice President Steven Blumrosen, Secretary Eddie Stahl, Treasurer Pamela Schmidt, and Directors at Large Willie Middleton and Tim Dues, the caucus is laser-focused on turning energy into action. They're building a movement that fights for equality, protects hard-won rights, and strengthens Democratic values across Lee County.

You can be part of this work. The caucus meets every third Tuesday at Visuality's Goldberg Center in Downtown Fort Myers. The next meeting is May 20 at 6 PM, an opportunity

to connect with passionate advocates, get plugged into campaigns and causes, and help grow the movement for change.

If you believe in equality, fairness, and a future where everyone's rights are protected - you have a place with us. Every member strengthens the fight for a more inclusive, just, and vibrant Florida.

Don't sit this one out. Show up, stand proud, and be part of something bigger. Together, we can turn pride into power—and hope into action.

Get involved today: [facebook.com/LGBTQADemCaucus](https://facebook.com/LGBTQADemCaucus) [leelgbtqademocrats.org](https://leelgbtqademocrats.org)