

**Women's Equality Day 2022**  
**Sponsored by the Friends of Susan B. Anthony**

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**Celebrating the 174th anniversary of the women's rights convention  
in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848 and the 102nd anniversary of the  
Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (woman suffrage) 1920.**



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of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied  
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under any education program or activity receiving  
Federal financial assistance.*

**“Fifty Years of Title IX:  
And Not Done Yet ”**

**Professor Elaine Turner  
Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
University of Florida**

**Saturday, 27 August 2022  
Best Western Gateway Grand  
Gainesville, Florida**

## **Sheila Payne**

### **Friends of Susan B. Anthony Award Recipient 2022**

When Sheila Payne moved to Gainesville in 2008, she already had a long history as a community activist, having worked successfully as an organizer with the United Farm Workers in Washington State. In Gainesville, she immediately became involved with the movement to abolish the 130-person soup kitchen limit.

Since that time, she has been associated with a variety of social justice issues, including leading local canvassing and petition drives for the statewide Felony Voting Rights Restoration amendment. A member of the NAACP, the Veterans for Peace, and the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Sheila seems to have boundless energy and commitment. But it is as the acknowledged “den mother” of the Alachua County Labor Coalition that Sheila is best known. Sheila has been at the forefront of efforts to establish living wages for workers and renters’ rights. She carried her campaign door-to-door in the Pineridge neighborhood to help stop the eviction of low-income tenants.

Sheila doesn’t just talk about her concerns; she makes them visible. One of the most familiar sights in Gainesville is Sheila out on the streets carrying signs and raising public awareness of issues that need attention. As one colleague commented, “You’d be hard pressed to find a working-class issue that Sheila hasn’t fought for.” Gainesville is fortunate to have Sheila’s persistence and willingness to tackle difficult issues and to remind us of Susan B. Anthony’s famous motto, “*Failure is impossible.*”

### **The Friends of Susan B. Anthony**

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony began as an informal February 15 birthday party luncheon organized by Beth Daane, Director of the Gainesville Public Library around 1970. It became an annual informal affair that was held at various restaurants or private homes. As the years went by, others expressed interest in attending. Several years later, recognition was given to a local woman who exemplified some of the qualities of Susan B. Anthony, that is, concern for full enfranchisement of women and minorities and equal rights for all citizens. The group has no elected officers and has never formally organized. The Friends of Susan B. Anthony merely want to continue the remembrance of this remarkable woman, her colleagues, and the spirit of their time. They have chosen what has come to be known as Women’s Equality Day, the anniversary of the 19th Amendment (woman suffrage), August 26th, to do that. May we never forget their sacrifices, hard work and persistence. “*The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.*”



### **Program**

**Women’s Equality Day 2022**

**August 24, 2022**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Rebecca Rogers, Presider**

### **Recognition of Participants, Florida Girls’ State 2019**

**Kasey Schaffer, Bradford High School**

**sponsored by**

**The American Legion Auxiliary, Post 16,  
and by the Friends of Susan B. Anthony**

### **Lunch**

### **Presentation of the Friends of Susan B. Anthony Award**

**June Littler**

### **Honoree**

**Sheila Payne,  
for her community work  
on behalf of labor and fair housing**

### **Introduction of Speaker**

**Jeanna Mastrodicasa**

### **Featured Speaker**

**Professor Elaine Turner,  
Dean, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
University of Florida**

### **Announcements & Closing Remarks**

**Adjournment**