

# Collier County VOTER

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League of Women Voters of Collier County

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General Meeting, Monday, February 18, 2002  
Norris Room - The Depot



10:45 a.m. - Lively League

## COLLIER'S CHILD HEALTHCARE



- Successes and Challenges -



Speaker: Mary Ann McCarty, Kidcare Coordinator

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12:00 p.m. - Luncheon

12:30 p.m. - Program

## Local Homefront Security

Speaker: Don Hunter, Collier County Sheriff

Judy Nuland, Disaster Coordinator, Collier Health Dept.

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Note: Luncheon reservations are \$12, including the program. Call the League office, 263-4656, by 02/15. Program only is \$3. Members making reservations are responsible for the reservation unless the reservation is canceled by 02/15. The public is always welcome.

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## President's Message

Dear League Members,

2001 is a year we will never forget! The challenges have been many and the League of Women Voters is more needed and necessary than ever! Our accomplishments can be viewed with pride by all of our members. You, as Collier County League members, have given your talents and time unselfishly to make this a vital League!

Because of the expenses of the League's work, we are always in need of additional funding. We have the March Legislative Seminar and the League's National Convention in Miami, quickly approaching! Please let me know if you would like to attend either of these exciting events. If you are not able to devote time to our League, a donation will help others attend workshops and further our programs which are so vital!

Thank you for your wonderful support last year, and thank you in advance for anything you might do for the League this year!

Yours in League,

Alda Pierce

### JUSTICE

Katherine Todd, Chair

Both the February and March meetings will be held on Thursday, the 21st of the month at 10:00a.m. in the small meeting room of the Public Library on Central Avenue.

The February meeting will feature Frank Busbee, Assistant Circuit Manager, Circuit 20, Department of Juvenile Justice. He will speak about DJJ's intensive diversion services and other intervention programs. Anyone interested is, as always, welcome. Questions? Call K.T. At 430-7955 or e-mail her at khtjw@juno.com.

### SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE NEWS

Ann Campbell, Chair

Our group has had a series of lively and informative monthly meetings this season, gathering for breakfast at the Pacific 41 Restaurant on the second Wednesday of the month.

We began with a fascinating talk by members Ann Bleakley and Pat Lawrence who volunteer for the Red Cross locally and who were sent to New York City to help the thousands of people who were affected by loss of jobs or homes after September 11. If you see them, say thanks for the great work they do "behind the scenes."

Dave Schimmel, CEO of the David Lawrence Center, joined us in December to bring us up to date on substance abuse services and other mental health programs provided throughout Collier County by his agency. The David Lawrence Center receives some funding under contract with the county but much of its operation depends on grants and contributions. As practically the only game in town, it deserves our support!

In January, Judy Nuland, RN, Disaster Coordinator for the Collier County Health Department, awed us with her description of plans for a "Special Needs" shelter in case of a hurricane or similar disaster. We are told =>

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

At our morning session, Mary Ann McCarty, KidCare Coordinator, will give us a status report on the efforts to provide health insurance to children in Collier County. We will learn about the success of outreach strategies, as well as ongoing problems and issues related to funding, locating providers, and other matters.

Our speakers at the February General Meeting will be presenting important information about the regional and local plans to combat terrorism in our communities. It is almost hard to believe that we would be discussing such a subject here in quiet old Naples Florida; but, the events of September 11 aside, the threat of terrorist attacks is something that we must know about in order to raise our level of awareness.

National, state, regional and local agencies have been hard at work making plans to ensure that the resources and communication lines are ready to cope with a variety of situations. Sheriff Don Hunter, who is the Chair of the regional anti terrorism task force (for Southwest Florida) and Judy Nuland, Disaster Coordinator for the Collier County Health Department and member of the local task force, will tell us about the overall structure that is in place.

We would like them to address issues related to our own community such as security, dealing with individuals who pose a threat to our safety (vs. "profiling"), protecting the health of citizens from biological agents such as anthrax and smallpox, and biochemical threats, and more. Naturally, in the hour allotted, our speakers will only be able to skim the surface in many areas. Now is a good time to find out what is being done and what individuals need to do to be prepared.

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<= that over seven hundred people with special needs have signed up to go to the designated shelter (Barron Collier High School) if the occasion warrants. They will each have to be accompanied by a caregiver and will need to bring their own supplies and equipment. Volunteer nurses are expected to assist. What a job of coordination! Judy also told us about local anti terrorism planning and will speak more about that at our Monday, February 18 meeting.

Our February topic is school nursing with Elaine Wade, RN, director of the program. Members are welcome at the meetings. Breakfast is \$8.00 including tax and tip. Call 263-1755 or email [acamp1082@aol.com](mailto:acamp1082@aol.com) to reserve.

## MEMBERSHIP

Beryl Paulson, Chair

The new 2002 Membership Roster should be in everyone's hands by now. Its arrival could not be more welcome-my last year's Directory was so heavily used, I could barely recognize it!

Many thanks to Membership Chair, Beryl Paulson and her able assistants, Ann Bleakley and Mary Ann Fick, for a job well done.

Please plan to keep your new Rosters up to date as changes and additions are certain to occur throughout the coming year. **Welcome Back**

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## NATURAL RESOURCES

Leonore Reich, Chair

*Conservation Collier*, the committee to explore ways and means to facilitate acquisition of rural lands for conservation, has been meeting at the Conservancy for some time.

Members of the committee consist mostly of the non-profit environmental organizations. The League of Women Voters is the only Civic organization represented. Chuck Mohlke, Bill Lorentz, Fran Stallings and Dick Grant are all very experienced and valuable members and is chaired by Ellin Goetz.

The subcommittee on "Public Outreach" is chaired by Kathy Prosser. I represent the League on this Committee and hope to report on some of the committee's progress soon and perhaps explore some ways for our members to be involved, since Land Conservation is a State League priority.

## SUBSCRIBE TO CAPITOL REPORT

Our professional lobbyist, Intergovernmental Services, produces a newsletter for the League of Women Voters of Florida, *Capitol Report*, before and during the legislative session.

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## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA 2002 LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR**

Sunday, March 3rd - Tuesday, March 5th

The Capitol, Tallahassee

The Legislative Seminar, sponsored by the LWVF, is an invitation and opportunity for members of local Leagues to meet with District Legislators to advocate League positions on selected priority issues.

The top priorities chosen for this Legislative Session are Election Reform, Campaign Finance Reform and Redistricting.

The Seminar begins on Sunday evening with briefings by experienced state leaders on the League priorities and the current statutes. The Seminar continues through Monday and Tuesday, with time for lobbying, attending hearings and Legislative Sessions on behalf of the League.

Members, both new to the League or new to Florida are encouraged to attend this exciting and rewarding learning experience - truly a Capitol event.

If you may be interested, please call the League office at 263-4656 or Pat Clark at 263-2216 for more details.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Alda Pierce, Chair

The National League of Women Voters has finally updated our position on TRADE! We are hoping that every member will read this position and send in the response form, which is in the last issue of the *National Voter*!

Our current position on TRADE is nearly 30 years old and we need to decide whether or not to concur with that position. This is the critical point in the update. A high level of individual member participation is needed to be sure we have the member understanding and agreement required for a new position. Your help in responding is urgently needed. Please fill in the form in your *National Voter* and send it in!

For our March 1st meeting, we are pleased to have Jane Snow, a fellow Collier League member, speak about her recent trip to Cuba. She participated in an educational tour with the Philadelphia Council on World Affairs this past January 19th. Everyone is most welcome.

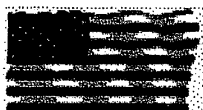
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