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OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-13

VI STEFFAN	PRESIDENT
JOYCE FLETCHER	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND VOTER SERVICE CHAIR
MOLLIE OTTINA	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
NANCY WOLFE	SECRETARY
CAROL GOLIGHTLY	TREASURER
LYDIA GALTON	GOVERNANCE
BECKY NEWELL	DIRECTOR AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
CHARLOTTE NYCKLEMOE	DIRECTOR AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR
JOHN LEVY	DIRECTOR AND AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
PAUL KARDON	DIRECTOR AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR
LINDA PENNIMAN	DIRECTOR AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR (PARTIAL TERM)
TOM MCCANN	DIRECTOR
NINA RIBINSKI	DIRECTOR (PARTIAL TERM)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ANN CAMPBELL	SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR
SUSAN CALKINS/EILEEN MANN	ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS*
TINA PALMESE	HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR
GINA DOWNS	COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
JAN EUSTIS	<i>THE VOTER</i> CHAIR
SHELLEY PERRY	WEBSITE MANAGER
WENDY RIEDEL	COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR
BOOK CLUB	CHARLOTTE NYCKLEMOE
JOYCE FLETCHER/KATHLEEN SLEBODNIK	SPEAKERS BUREAU CO-CHAIRS
KATHY RYAN	KNOW YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ANN ALLEN	NAME TAG COORDINATOR
BETH PAVLOW	NEW MEMBER LIAISON

[*PREVIOUSLY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE]

THANK YOU!

FOR THEIR CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT MEMBERSHIPS (\$200)

Anna Allen	Ann Campbell	Karen Clegg	Sheilah Crowley
Ruth DuPont	Joyce Fletcher	Lydia Galton	Paul Kardon
John Levy	Tom McCann	Sandy Parker	

FOR THEIR SUSAN B. ANTHONY MEMBERSHIP (\$100)

Phyllis Alden	Janet Becker	Ann Bleakley	Jeanette Boucher
Sandra Brown	Rose DiBiasi	Victoria Dinardo	Gina Downs
Patricia Forkan	Kate Henry	Suzanne Herman	Marjorie Joder
Virginia Johnson	Pat Lawrence	Anne Lewallen	Linda Lund
Eileen Mann	Charlotte Nycklemoe	Kate O'Brien	Mollie Ottina
Laurie Phillips	Cecile Rivel	Jean Rotundi	Bernice Schmelz
Dorothy Senft	Ira Sharp	Kathleen Slebodnick	Laura Smith
Vi Steffan	Chris Straton	Stuart Warshauer	Judith Weintraub
Joanne Wyss	Barbara Yeager		

FOR THEIR GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

General Fund Contributors

Anna Allen
Susan Calkins
Nancy Wolfe

Ed Fund Contributors

Anna Allen	Clare Beckler	Joan Byerhof
Patricia Clark	Sheilah Crowley	Estelle Fishbein
Patricia Ann Forken	Nancy Nodell	Sandy Parker
Marilyn Read	Bernice Schmelz	Barbara Yeager

**FOR EARNING \$2,920 FOR THE LEAGUE BY WORKING THE AUGUST 14, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION
AND THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION**

Anna Allen	Pat Lawrence
Ann Bleakley	Nina Ribinski
Joan Byerhoff	Bernice Schmelz
Patricia Ferick	Mary Schell
Joyce Fletcher	Kathleen Slebodnik
Paul Kardon	Vi Steffan
Joyce Laeser	Chris Straton

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order – Vi Steffan

Appointment of Meeting Officials

Parliamentarian – Ira Sharp

Timer – Paul Kardon

Minutes Reading Committee – Joan Byerhoff, Chair; Anne Bleakley, Nina Ribinski

Tellers – Linda Denning, Wendy Reidel

Adoption of Rules and Meeting Agenda

Report of the 2012 Minutes Reading Committee: Bernice Schmelz, Committee Member

General and Education Fund Minutes, April 2012

Treasurer’s Annual Report - 2012-2013: Carol Golightly

Report of Budget Committee – Carol Golightly

Proposed General Fund Budget for 2013-14

Proposed Education Fund Budget for 2013-14

Consideration of Proposed Programs – 2013-2014: Vi Steffan

President’s Report : Vi Steffan

Report of Nominating Committee: Lydia Galton

Elections: Vi Steffan

Other Business

Adjournment

PROPOSED RULES FOR THE 2013 38TH ANNUAL MEETING

LWV of Collier County General Fund

LWV of Collier County Education Fund

- I. A motion to adopt these rules will be made after the Annual Meeting is called to order and the Meeting Officials are approved. Amendments to these Rules may be offered at that time and require a majority vote. These Rules as a whole (either amended or as stated herein) require a two-thirds vote for adoption.
- II. Only regular members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and have the privilege of the floor.
- III. A member who wishes to speak should rise, address the Chair, give his or her name when recognized, and speak only once (no longer than three (3) minutes without permission of the Chair) until all who wish to speak the first time have been heard. No one may speak more than twice on the same motion.
- IV. If the meeting is behind schedule, the Chair may shorten the time allowed each speaker.
- V. All motions, except those which are very brief, shall be written, signed and sent to the Chair.
- VI. Motions may be amended by:
 - A. Deletion of words.
 - B. Addition of words.
 - C. Insertion of words.
 - D. Deletion and insertion of words.
 - E. Substitution of words.
- VII. A member who proposes an amendment is required to state which method is being used.
- VIII. Budgets: Discussion time will be limited to ten (10) minutes each for the LWVCCGF and LWVCCEF proposed budgets.
- IX. Bylaws: Discussion time will be limited to ten (10) minutes, total.
- X. A majority of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of issues in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors. Discussion of recommended items will be limited to twenty (20) minutes total.
- XI. Limit may be extended by the Chair if the Budget matters did not require allocated time.

- XII. Amendments may not expand on the scope of the item.
- XIII. Not recommended Items: None presented. It is thus not in order for any new Program items to be introduced from the floor as no other recommendations were made by members six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by the LWVCC Bylaws.

37th ANNUAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - COLLIER COUNTY
GENERAL AND EDUCATION FUNDS
April 30, 2012
The Hilton Hotel, Naples, Florida

CALL TO ORDER: Lydia Galton, President, called the joint Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Collier County General and Education Funds to order at 10:00 AM. Ms. Galton declared a quorum present.

APPOINTMENT OF MEETING OFFICIALS: Appointments by Ms. Galton were as follows: Parliamentarian, Ira Sharp; Timer, John Levy; Minutes Reading Committee, Karen Sendik (Chair), Bernice Schmelz, Charlotte Nyklemoe; Tellers, Anne Lewallen, Ann Campbell. The appointments were accepted.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND RULES: A motion to adopt the agenda and rules as printed in the Annual Meeting materials was unanimously approved without discussion.

REPORT OF THE 2011 MINUTES READING COMMITTEE: Chair Nina Ribinski reported the minutes of the LWVCC General and Education Funds 36th Annual Meeting April 11, 2011 are correct. The report was accepted.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Vi Steffan reported that the General Fund cash balance at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, was \$16,668.57, but LWVF and LWVUS dues are due early in the new fiscal year. The Education Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$15,686.99. Expenses from a lunch program are due in the new fiscal year. Those obligations will be reflected in the upcoming budgets. Ms. Steffan's assessment is that both funds are in good condition. John Levy, reporting for the Audit Committee, stated that annual financial reports were accurate. The report was accepted as presented.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: Vi Steffan, chair, presented the proposed 2012 Budget for the General Fund, footnoted with explanations concerning twelve line items. Ms. Steffan then presented the 2012 Education Fund budget similarly noted for nine items. She noted the benefit to LWVCC of members renewing or joining LWVCC at the higher level of membership. She also noted that LWVCC Education Fund will benefit from Adopt a Precinct this year.

Sandy Parker noted that LWVCC Education Fund carries a cash balance of over \$13000 and questioned the need for increasing that balance. The Treasurer commented that funds for improvements to the web site would be needed in the future. She requested that Ms. Parker send a note to the incoming Treasurer expressing her thoughts. The budgets as amended were adopted unanimously.

REVISION TO LWVCC BYLAWS: Due to unforeseen circumstances none of the Bylaws committee members were in attendance. Ms. Galton presented the proposed revisions to the following Bylaws:

Article IV Board of Directors, Section 1, paragraph 2, Immediate Past President

Article V Officers, Section 2 President

Article VI Finance Administration, Section 4 Finance Committee

Article VII Meetings, Section 2 Annual Meeting

Article VIII Governance Committee and Elections

Section 1 Governance Committee

Section 2 Governance Committee Duties

Section 3 Report of Governance Committee and Other Nominations

Jinny Johnson moved to delete part of a sentence in Article VIII, Governance Committee and Elections, Section 1, line 7 as follows:

“If the immediate past president is not available to chair the committee, the new chair shall be selected by the sitting governance committee ~~and voted on at the annual meeting.~~”

A discussion of the proposed revisions to the Bylaws included the rationale for deleting nominating committee and adding a governance committee.

Lydia Galton moved to adopt all of the proposed changes to the Bylaws as amended; Ira Sharp seconded the motion and the revisions to the Bylaws were unanimously adopted.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS, GENERAL FUND 2012-13: Vi Steffan moved to adopt the proposed committee programs for Climate Change, Education, Government, Justice, and Social Policy. John Levy seconded the motion and all proposed programs were adopted unanimously.

PROPOSED PROGRAM, EDUCATION FUND 2012-13: The proposed Voter Service program was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: After turning over the gavel to the Vice-President, Ms Galton noted the many accomplishments of LWVCC over the past year and thanked the board and the members for their work. Joyce Fletcher asked that the report be accepted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rose DiBiasi, Chair, gave the report.

Officer and Director Nominees are as follows:

President 2012-13, Vi Steffan

First Vice President 2012-13, Joyce Fletcher

Second Vice President, 2012-14, Mollie Ottina

Secretary, 2012-13, Nancy Wolfe

Treasurer 2012-13, Carol Golightly

Director 2012-14, Becky Newell

Director 2012-14, Nina Ribinski

Director 2012-14, Tom McCann
The slate was unanimously approved.

Since the Bylaws were amended to create a Governance Committee the necessity of voting for the Nominating Committee members was removed.

Retiring President, Lydia Galton, urged the membership to give their active support to the new board. Then Ms. Galton presented the Member of the Year Award to Marjorie Joder, who had served as LWVCC Treasurer for many years.

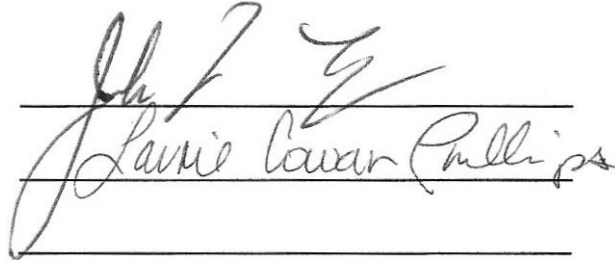
There being no further business the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters – Collier County General and Education Funds was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wolfe
Secretary Elect

**Report of the Audit Committee
League of Women Voters of Collier County
Education Fund**

The undersigned has this 20th day of February, 2013_ selectively reviewed certain records of the Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, Inc. for the fiscal year of April, 2011_ through March 31, 2012_ and have in our judgment found them to be in order. Recommendations of the Committee, if any, are appended below or attached.

This review was conducted in accordance with the standard guidelines



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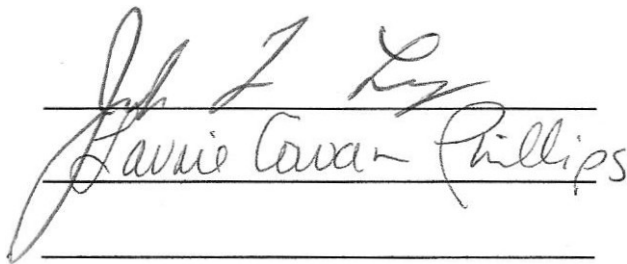
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Recommendation(s):

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League of Women Voters of Collier County
General Fund**

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Lavie Cavan Phillips

Signed

Recommendation(s):

Financial Reports

Please see Appendix I for the following documents:

End of Year for General Fund 2012-2013 Statements

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss

End of Year for Education Fund 2012-2013 Statements

Balance Sheet

Profit & Loss

Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget

Proposed 2013-2014 Education Fund Budget

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-14
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CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Goals

To ~~reduce global warming pollution by using existing technologies to make power plants and factories more efficient, make cars go farther on a gallon of gasoline, and shift to cleaner technologies.~~

1. To monitor and support local efforts to reduce our ~~dependence on oil, reduce air pollution, and protect pristine places from oil drilling and mining.~~ energy costs and therefore our “carbon footprint.”

2. To monitor and support ~~initiatives by state and local governments which are proving that answers exist.~~ efforts to protect our natural resources, most especially our water quality and quantity.

3. To ~~monitor and support policies that promote the efforts of individuals and businesses as we work toward a green economy.~~ create an educated core of LWV members who are respected advocates for the environment.

Education

To ~~Learn from speakers from the academic, business, and activist segments of our community who are experts in climate change.~~ issues related to water resources and energy use.

To ~~Learn more about related local and state policies and how they affect efforts at addressing climate change.~~ the low impact development practices in various regions in FL (e.g., Sarasota) being instituted by both government and builders to protect water resources and reduce energy costs.

~~Investigate related efforts of local neighboring municipalities and counties.~~

To ~~Take field trips to areas of interest such as a solar power plant, hybrid/electric car dealers.~~ which enhance our understanding of how to best protect water resources and create sustainable communities.

Action/Advocacy

~~Prepare to ask local and state representatives and candidates about their plans to move toward sustainability.~~

~~Encourage local governments to take positive action based on recommendations of recent audits. Promote policies that move us toward our national LWV goals.~~

Participate in public hearings regarding changes to the Collier County Land Development Codes as they relate to the county’s watershed management plan (i.e., the codification of low impact development practices).

When it is appropriate and sanctioned by the LWVCC board, work in coalition with other organizations for whom water resource protection and energy conservation are key issues

Acknowledge and support builders/developers who practice low impact and sustainable development.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-2014

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SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAM – 2013-2014

Goal: Secure equal rights and opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans. (*LWVUS, LWVF*)

1. Monitor and support local efforts to provide basic health care to those in all age groups not otherwise covered.
2. Monitor and promote programs for Collier County Schools that provide comprehensive health education, health services, and a safe, healthy environment.
3. Support measures to provide adequate living and working conditions in Collier County.

Education/Action: Network with groups and agencies with similar interests/concerns, including:

- Public Health Department
- Collier Health Network
- Medical Society of Collier County
- Collier County Emergency Medical Services
- Collier County Department of Housing and Human ~~and Veteran~~ Services
- Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition
- Collier County Public Library Outreach Department
- Department of Children and Families
- Healthy Teens Coalition of Collier County
- Florida Healthy Teens Coalition
- Naples Alliance For Children
- Citizens' Foster Care Review Board
- Collier County Public Schools (School Nurse Program, Health Education)
- Leadership Coalition on Aging
- Other local Leagues

Education:

- Invite speakers to committee meetings and general meetings who are experts in the designated areas.

Action:

- Bring issues to the board when it would be appropriate for the League to speak.
- Send letters and op-ed articles with President's signature.
- Send letters, emails, make telephone calls as individuals on local, state or national issues that come under the umbrella of Social Policy in the League of Women Voters.
- Respond to action alerts on related issues.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-2014

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EDUCATION PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-2014

Goals

Support and influence the promotion of high standards for student achievement through adequate funding, well-rounded curriculum and the highest levels of professionalism for teachers, administrators and school board members in the Collier County Schools.

Education

Organize educational programs relative to the goals for the committee and general membership.

Conduct interviews/meetings with administrators and School Board members.

Action/Advocacy

Promote civics education in public and private schools.

Monitor Florida legislation relative to the education program and take appropriate action.

Participate in a national, state or local study, if available.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-2014
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GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Goals

Educate our members and the community about state and county government and important government issues and influence government through active participation.

Research and discuss pressing local, regional and state government issues to identify those that deserve further study. Report these findings to the League Board and membership for consideration for advocacy.

Suggest programs for “Hot Topics” meetings to address current issues.

Schedule “Lunch with Leaders” with key civic and government leaders to learn more about issues under consideration.

Offer programs through a Speakers Bureau.

Schedule “Capital Reports” discussions during the Legislative session.

Action/Advocacy

Monitor City and County government meetings, especially Board of County Commissioners and Naples City Council.

Lobby Legislators for League legislative priorities.

Act on email “Action Alerts” to influence government decisions.

EDUCATION PROPOSED PROGRAMS: GENERAL FUND – 2013-2014

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JUSTICE PROGRAM

Support and influence policies and decisions to promote delinquency prevention and assure justice for all Collier citizens by reducing juvenile delinquency, reducing human trafficking and promoting restoration of rights to former felons.

Education

Organize educational programs relative to the goals for the committee and general membership.

Monitor the following programs, agencies and organizations in Collier County:

Juvenile criminal justice systems with emphasis on rehabilitation, alternatives to incarceration and diversion programs for youth:

- Youth & Delinquency Services Division of the Collier County Sheriff's Office
- Various courts serving youth, e.g. Juvenile Court, Dependency Court, Truancy Court and Teen Court, Department of Juvenile Justice; and,
- PACE (Practical Academic Cultural Education) Center for Girls, Immokalee
- Monitor prison privatization issues in Southwest Florida.

Action/Advocacy

Participate in the work of the following groups, provide committee updates and enlist member support as needed:

- Juvenile Justice Council (CCJJC)
- Drug Free Collier
- ~~Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Advisory Committee~~
- ~~Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Committee~~
- Collier County Youth Resource Center
- ~~Substance Abuse Coalition of Collier County (SACCC – Drug Free Collier)~~
- ~~Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking~~
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

Monitor Florida legislation relative to the Justice Program and take appropriate action.

Continue to study the experiences of Collier County female juveniles who are in conflict with the law.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS: EDUCATION FUND – 2013-14
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VOTER SERVICES

Goal

Create informed and active voters with focus on “Get Out The Vote” (GOTV).

Education/Action

Sponsor televised candidate forums.

Monitor Supervisor of Election and Canvassing Board meetings.

Develop a plan to increase voter registration and voter turnout in Hispanic, African-American, and other minority communities.

Develop voter educational materials to encourage voter education and voter turnout.

Coordinate with other community agencies in nonpartisan issue forums

Participate in the LWVCC Speakers’ Bureau.

Continue involvement in *Know Your County Government* Teen Citizenship

President's Report on the League of Women Voters of Collier County For the 2012-13 Annual Meeting by Vi Steffan

What a year we have had! It was an election year on top of so many other things. As a chapter of League of Women Voters, what have we accomplished this year? I could not begin to enumerate them all, but I would like to highlight some of those for you.

- A total of 47 members joined the League this season; however 26 did not renew, leaving a net growth of 15% for 2012-13.
- The number of memberships rose at each level: Carrie Chapman Catt memberships increased by 9% (4), Susan B Anthony by 19% (9) and Suffragist 72% (34).
- Attendance at our lunches has held steadily at approximately 50-60 for most meetings with 82 members attending the David Lawrence luncheon, even without the speaker being physically in the room.
- The Board for 2012-13 has been very generous in the contribution of their time and talents in support of the League. They rose to all challenges and made the hard decisions. They have been incredibly supportive of me as the President. Would Joyce Fletcher, Tom McCann, Paul Kardon, John Levy, Carol Golightly, Nancy Wolfe, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Lydia Galton and Becky Newell please stand for recognition of their outstanding service? Please give them a well-deserved round of applause
- A few board members had to depart the board before their term ended; but while a member, they also contributed greatly to carrying out the responsibilities of the board during their tenure. Would Linda Penniman, Mollie Ottina and Nina Ribinski also stand to be recognized?

The League of Women Voters of Collier County has shown its dedication to the mission as a nonpartisan political organization that educates, advocates and motivates civic action to such a degree, that we have become one of the highest regarded and trusted organizations in the County. And here is why:

- Under the very able leadership of our 1st Vice President and Voter Services Chair Joyce Fletcher and with the critical support of Past President Kathleen Slebodnick, we held the following election forums:
 - Held two candidate forums on July 25 and 27 for the August primary election;
 - Held a candidate forum on October 3 for locally contested constitutional officers and Commission races for Districts 1, 3, 5.
 - Co-sponsored, along with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Naples Daily News, and the Collier County Alliance, an Amendments Forum on October 15, which resulted in a “standing room only” audience of over 800 attendees.

- Under the continued leadership of Joyce Fletcher and Kathleen Slebodnick of the Speaker's Bureau, the League was requested to provide amendment presentations to eight community meetings between September 2012 and February 2013, addressing 330 attendees.
- Participated in "Politics in the Park."
- Kathleen Slebodnick led a group of volunteers in a voter registration effort.
- The Adopt-A-Precinct program (headed by Bernice Schmeltz for the August 14 Primary Election and Chris Straton for the November 6 General Election) raised \$2,920 for the League. Would the following members of those two election efforts please stand to be recognized: Anna Allen, Ann Bleakley, Joan Byerhoff, Patricia Ferick, Joyce Fletcher, Paul Kardon, Joyce Laeser, Pat Lawrence, Nina Ribinski, Bernice Schmelz, Mary Schell, Kathleen Slebodnik, Vi Steffan, and Chris Straton.
- General Meeting speakers included Tiffany Smith, Tax Counsel, US Senate Committee on Finance; The Honorable Elizabeth Krier, 20th Judicial Circuit; Dr. Michael Reagen, President & Executive Director of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce; David Lawrence, Founder, Children's Movement of Florida; and Casey Wolff, Esq., Immigration Specialist. Two of the meetings consisted of panels with experts in the fields of Florida Sunshine Laws and "Collier County's Social Safety Net."
- The December Holiday Party was held at the Windstar Country Club in a beautiful setting and a lovely buffet, thanks to Joyce Fletcher.
- The Justice Committee chaired by Charlotte Nycklemoe met six times during the 2012-13 year. The program's focus was on juveniles within the Justice System;
 - Attorney Michele Hill spoke on "The Stand Your Ground Law;"
 - Toured the Boys and Girls Club;
 - Attended the annual "PACE" Luncheon at the Hilton;
 - Kathryn Lieb-Hunter, Ex. Dir. of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as a speaker.
 - Joint meeting with Social Policy Committee featuring officers from the Sheriff's Department and Ann Campbell addressing the effects of synthetic drugs and the Implementation of a County Ordinance prohibiting the sale or distribution of illicit drugs
 - A total of 74 people attended the six meetings.
 - The Committee completed their paper "Collier County Girls in Conflict" and is beginning the process to determine whether this paper should be considered for a larger study.
- The Climate Change Committee chaired by Susan Calkins became the

Environmental Affairs Committee with its focus as an examination of the relationship between climate change and water, specifically with the goal to understand the water issues at local and state levels and the connection between those issues and climate change. Two field trips were taken: one to the South Florida Water Management Big Cypress Basin, and another to the Collier County Water Treatment Plant. Other meetings included presentations by Dr. Judy Huston, past chair of the Collier County Environmental Advisory Council; Jennifer Hecker, Director of Natural Resource Policy for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

- The Social Policy Committee met monthly from November to April, with its meeting to be held in May. Topics addressed were:
 - Foster Care Issues including Child Welfare Programs with Renee Kirnon from DCF;
 - Collier County Senior Services with Louise Pellitier, Manager of Elder Services spoke;
 - Charity For Change, special motivational, character building and educational program in selected Collier County Schools with Karen Conley, Executive Director, presenting;
 - Had a field trip to Hope PACE, where a Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly is in its start-up phase;
 - Collier County Veteran Services, Rick Torres, Program Manager spoke;
 - Illicit Synthetic Drugs – how Collier County is addressing the problem, with Captain Beth Jones, CCSO (joint meeting with the Justice Committee); and,
 - In May the topic is Medicare and end of life care.
- Lunches with Leaders chaired by Mollie Ottina was a huge success. Joyce Fletcher and Charlotte Nycklemoe did a great job with being sure we all ate well.

There are others who we also cannot forget to mention today, those we keep the League running smoothly for you the members. It truly does take a village.

- Kathy Ryan and Joyce Fletcher accomplished the planning for the Know Your County Government program this year, with about 30 public, private and home-schooled students attending. Kathy and Joyce participated in the sessions and acted as chaperones.
- John Levy and Laurie Phillips audited our books, which Treasurer Carol Golightly kept precisely.
- Shelley Perry has served as a masterful webmaster, being sure that important information is available to you via the internet.
- Jan Eustis took on the responsibility of creating our monthly newsletter The Voter. What a talent Jan has for communicating the League's business.
- Wendy Riedel, our Communications Manager, has made sure that The Voter, email alerts and reminders got out to you in a timely fashion; and that press

releases by Ira Sharp and, more recently, Gina Downs were sent to the media.

- Nina Ribinski of the Communications Committee kept our roster up to date, which includes keeping both State and National current on our Board information, neither an easy task.
- Rose DiBiasi, Carol Golightly, Tina Palmese, Joyce Fletcher are just a few of those who met you all year long at the registration table with warm and gracious smiles.
- Ann Allen continues to be our critical person on the badge table, placing your orders and delivering them to you.
- Becky Newell did an incredible job managing the membership responsibilities.
- Finally, the nominating committee members Lydia Galton (Chair), Bernice Schmelz, Sandy Parker, Tom McCann and Becky Newell all worked diligently on the slate for the upcoming year.

There is no way that I did not miss someone who contributed to the League's successes this past year. However, I want to assure everyone in today's audience that each and every member of the League is highly valued. Your attendance, your participation, your dedication to what the League stands for provides the value that is the League of Women Voters of Collier County. Thank you for allowing me to share this year with you as the 2012-13 President.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-2013 CHAIR: LYDIA GALTON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

BERNICE SCHMELZ, SANDY PARKER, TOM MCCANN, BECKY NEWELL

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINEES ¹

PRESIDENT	BECKY NEWELL	2013-2015
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	JOYCE FLETCHER	2013-2015
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	ANN CAMPBELL ²	2013-2014
GOVERNANCE	VI STEFFAN	2013-2014
SECRETARY	NANCY WOLFE	2013-2015
TREASURER	CAROL GOLIGHTLY	2013-2015
DIRECTOR	LYDIA GALTON	2013-2014
DIRECTOR	SUSAN CALKINS	2013-2015
DIRECTOR	CHARLOTTE NYCKLEMOE	2013-2015
DIRECTOR	JOHN LEVY	2013-2014

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – 2013-2014

VI STEFFAN, CHAIR³

LYDIA GALTON

HARRIET LANCASTER

PATRICIA FORKAN

CHARLOTTE NYCKLEMOE

¹ New position or new term

² Fulfilling Mollie Ottina's term

³ Bylaws require that the nominating committee be chaired by the immediate past president.