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MORNING SESSION Florida and Collier Government on the Internet

Navigate important websites, email important people, see resources from LWVUS. Above all, get your questions answered!

We will have an online demonstration of the League's internet and email capabilities. Come, have coffee, tea and find out the latest on the "web."

President's Report

Dear Friends In League,

Welcome to the busy, exciting 2002-2003 season. This year, more than ever before, the Greater Naples community has been reaching out to LWVCC. Community groups, governmental bodies, media and individual citizens have been contacting your League to request support, information, cooperative efforts and assistance in formulating objectives and influencing decisions. Not only is this a compliment to all the good efforts and earned respect from past performance but a great opportunity for our members to grow as we contribute to others in Collier County.

More than ever before, each member is very important to our organization. IF every member contributes to the best of her/his ability, we will have the most successful year in history. Your League needs to apply your skills and knowledge. There is no talent that could not be beneficial to your League.

Among the assets you might share are: *typing, telephoning, stuffing envelopes, advising County officials on needs of juveniles, working toward better human relations, sharing experience from other Leagues where you have been members, writing, membership outreach, outreach for financial contributions and grants, Voter registration and education, fund raising, strategic planning, observing County and City governmental bodies and making recommendations for action to the Board of Directors, preparing testimony, research, advocacy, planning educational and membership meetings and programs, Democracy Net citizen awareness, Web research, data base management, working with teenage citizens and young voters.* The opportunities to participate and learn are almost limitless.

One of the greatest strengths and joys of the League of Women is in the growth we each experience as members. Whether you are a brand new voter, new to the League of Women Voters, or a seasoned veteran in LWVCC or elsewhere, WE NEED YOU!

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AFTERNOON SESSION WHAT'S UP COLLIER?

Speaker: **James Mudd, County Manager**

Interested in what the election results mean for our County? Have you been away (or just snoozing) all summer?



Come to LWVCC General Meeting Afternoon Session and get an update.


Mr. James Mudd, Collier County Manager, will address the issues facing our community. Come and hear what will be the Plan of Action for 2003 and beyond.

Share your own opinions with those reelected, newly elected or defeated in the November General Election.

Morning Coffee Awaits You!

Come to enjoy a cup of coffee and goodies with your fellow leaguers and our new members. Morning session begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

This is a great time also to renew your dues, join a committee, ask questions and volunteer your talents. Join Us!



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NATURAL RESOURCES

Nicole Ryan, Chair

On October 22, after almost three years in the making, the Collier County Commission adopted Growth Management Plan Amendments for the county's eastern lands.

Located within the eastern part of the county around Immokalee, these lands encompass almost 200,000 acres and contain prime habitat for the endangered Florida panther.

In addition, two crucial flow-ways, the Camp Keais Strand and Okaloocoochee Slough, run through these lands and connect to the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and Big Cypress National Preserve.

These amendments create the Rural Lands Stewardship Area Overlay and are in response to a 1999 Final Order from the Governor and Cabinet mandating that Collier County create new policies protecting natural resources in our rural areas and preventing premature conversion of agriculture to urban uses.

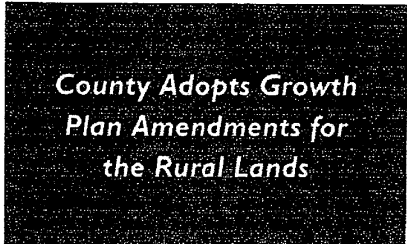
This plan uses a blend of regulations and incentives to persuade landowners to protect the most important natural resources on their property, especially the flow-way areas. In addition, the plan designates areas for pro-

tection (Stewardship Sending Areas) and areas where development is more acceptable (Stewardship Receiving Areas).

After the Department of Community Affairs signs off on this plan, the county will begin drafting the Land Development Code Amendments that will provide specificity and guidance

for implementing the plan. At this point, that public should become involved and give input into proposed Land Development Code changes.

If you are interested in learning more on the Rural Lands Stewardship Area Overlay, give me a call at 403-4220.



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Please, come out to meetings. Bring a friend or two with you, and call your Board of Directors members to offer advice, encouragement, time, and services. Not only will you feel pleased with yourself for contributing, you will doubtlessly make some new friends. I know I am looking forward to making new friends and sharing new experiences with old friends. I hope you feel the same way.

Oh yes - Time for that friendly reminder - It is "dues paying" time. IF you have not yet sent your check, please do so as soon as possible. If you have paid your dues, be sure to remind your friends and tell hem also. Share the word about the League of Women Voters with colleagues and with friends who are not currently members.

With financial support and contributed efforts, The League of Women Voters of Collier County will enjoy our best season ever and become a fine example for League success and knowledgeable citizen participation in our community, our country and the world. Thank you for being a part of us!

Yours in League,

Claire E. MacMillan

VOTER SERVICE

Rosemarie Hensen-Rowe

Election Day is history! A complete report on how Collier County's new touch screen system fared will appear in next month's Voter.

Anyone who has an interest in formulating and writing a grant inquiry or proposal, is more than welcome to assist. The issues and possibilities are here and the grant opportunities are out there *waiting* for us to respond! LWVCC has several excellent project ideas for voter education, registration and local health that we want to pursue with your help. Call the office, me or email lwvcc@naples.net

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
 Business Address _____ Phone _____
 Summer Address _____ Phone _____

DUES: Member \$52.00 \$ _____
 Additional 26.00 _____

CONTRIBUTION: Ed. Fund _____
 Action Fund _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Make a "√" next to items you may be interested in:

Education	Hospitality	Membership	International Relations
Justice	Justice	Social Policy	Natural Resources
Voter Service	Voter Mailing	Office	Know Your County Government

[Please make check out to L.W.V.C.C.]

Thank You For Your Support!

SOCIAL POLICY

Ann Campbell, Chair

The speaker for our November meeting will be Robin Postill, from the Shelter For Abused Women. I've asked her to address the issues that we have been looking at: housing, child care, employment, etc. as they relate to her clients in crisis

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting, Wednesday, November 13, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Crissy's Wild Side Cafe in the Carillon Shopping Center, Pine Ridge and Airport Pulling Roads. Breakfast will be served under similar arrangements to those we had in the past at the Pacific 41 (which has closed). It should be no more than \$8:00, including tax and tip. We will have a private room available.

I'll send a reminder but if you know now that you are coming, let me know. I look forward to seeing all of you!

EDUCATION

Nancy Wolfe, Chair

Have you ever wondered why the University of South Florida is in Tampa? After all, there is an awful lot of Florida still south of Tampa.

Originally the university was to be in Miami. Miami was not prepared to welcome a public university to compete with the University of Miami so the school was located in Tampa, but the name which had already been fixed by statute in the state legislature remained University of South Florida.

Dr. Roy McTarnaghan, the founding president of Florida Gulf Coast University and speaker at the October General Meeting spoke of the history of Florida's public university system as well as speaking about issues of current importance. He also discussed the motivation behind the proposed constitutional amendment number 11 relating to the governance of the state public university system.

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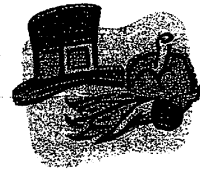
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*Time is Running Out!
 Renew Your Membership*



CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
NOV 12	1:00 p.m.	Government	The Colonade
13	8:00 a.m.	Social Policy	Crissy's Wild Side Cafe
18	10:30 a.m.	Lively League/General Meeting	P.D.C. Auditorium *
DEC 2	12:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	P.D.C. Conference Room
6	T.b.a.	International Relations	T.b.a.
10	1:00 p.m.	Government	The Colonade
11	8:00 a.m.	Social Policy	Crissy's Wild Side Cafe
13	4:30-6:30 p.m.	<i>HOLIDAY SOCIAL</i>	The Monaco
16	10:30 a.m.	Lively League/General Meeting	P.D.C. Auditorium
JAN 6	12:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	P.D.C. Conference Room
8	8:00 a.m.	Social Policy	Crissy's Wild Side Cafe

* 644 3rd Ave. S.- Next to Gulfview Middle School

Reservations for Lunch are \$12, including the Program. Please call the League office, 263-4656, by 11/15 with your reservation. Program only, is \$3. Members are responsible for their reservation unless it is cancelled by 11/15