

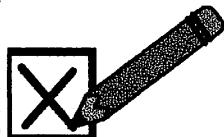


**VOTER SERVICE**

Rosemarie Hensen-Rowe, Chair

[Note: I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for receiving the invitation to accompany Claire MacMillan to attend the State Council Meeting in Altamonte Springs this past May. I enjoyed very much the opportunity to share this event with the many members of our State League. The speakers and educational work shops were well selected and informative.]

ON THE LOCAL LEVEL several members of our league rose to the invitation from Jennifer Edwards to attend the work shops developed for the introduction of the new Voter Machine. This enabled us to demonstrate this new equipment throughout the county and introduce the machines to the voters in time for the primary. LWVCC sponsored two Candidates Forums prior to the September Primary. Candidates seeking election to the County Commission from Districts 2 and 4 seats, was held on 8/23. Twenty-two candidates for School Board seats in



Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5 attended the second forum held on 8/30.

The success of the forums was greatly facilitated by the very able and talented Moderator, Clara Anne Graham, of the Lee County LWV, whom I wish to thank for a job well done. Pat Clark, Katherine Todd and Toddy VanWieren developed a detailed and insightful questionnaire for the forums. Many thanks to: Jean Merrit, Kady Arnold and their competent staff for providing this service and to Rosemarie Hensen-Rowe and Joanne Quinn for their help as time keepers.

Another forum is planned for Friday, October 25, and will include Republican nominee Frank Halas, who will face James Kramer, a non-affiliated candidate for the District 2 Commissioner seat. Also included will be the School Board candidates who received the most votes for each of the district seats; Pat Carroll, Albert Doria, Kathleen Curatollo, James Lawson, Steve Dono-

van, Donald York, Anne Goodnight and Richard Bruce.

This final forum will be held in the County Commission Chambers and arrangements have been made to have this forum televised live on Ch.11 and replayed before the November General Election. Mark your calendars and either plan to come or tune in.

*Above all, VOTE!  
It's YOUR Voice!!*

In closing, I would like to thank the many people I have called upon for help, especially Pat Clark who is always available with encouragement and wisdom, and an untiring zest to take on the tasks confronting the LWV.

**GOVERNMENT**

Elaine 'Toddy' Van Weiren, Chair

This season brings a new leader for the Government Committee, Toddy Van Weiren, a long time League member.

Pertinent topics and interesting speakers will be on the schedule. Watch the *VOTER* for news of upcoming meetings.

If you maybe interested in participating in this great group, get in touch with Toddy by phone or email.

The October meeting addressed some of the facts of Charter Government in Collier.



*...government, of the people, for the people, by the people...*

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Nicole Ryan, Chair

On the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot, voters have a chance to vote "YES" on a referendum to fund a land acquisition program in Collier County.

The purpose of the program is to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands suitable for public open space, water resource protection, and wildlife habitat in both urban and rural areas.

The program authorizes the county to bond up to \$75 million to acquire land from willing sellers.

*Protect Quality of Life  
in Collier County  
Vote "YES" on  
November 5<sup>th</sup> for  
Conservation Collier*

With bonding, land can be purchased now while the opportunity exists. Bonds would be paid back with a .25 mill increase in ad valorem taxes over ten years. This would mean \$25 for every \$100,000 of taxable property value per year.

The average tax payer would spend less than \$4 per month (or the cost of a fast food meal).

Additional revenues generated from the ad valorem increase would be used to manage the lands. Public access is an important component of the program.

*A "YES" vote will:*

- Create more open space in urban areas of the county, as well as rural areas.
- Protect the quality and quantity of water resources.
- Preserve rare and sensitive habitats.
- Attract state and federal matching funds to expand program benefits.

Program implementation and expenditures will be subject to citizen oversight.

Our League chapter has endorsed this initiative. For more information, contact

## LWVF COUNCIL • LWVUS CONVENTION 2002

Our League send delegates to both the LWV Florida State Council and the LWVUS National Convention.

President Claire MacMillan and 2nd Vice President Rosemarie Henson-Rowe, traveled to Altamonte Springs, to attend the 2002 Council of the League of Women Voters of Florida. The Florida LWV holds its State Council meeting every second year, in the same year as the LWVUS holds its National Convention. The purpose of the Council meeting is to gather representatives from local Leagues and reaffirm or amend items adopted at the previous year's State Convention. It also is a good chance for those attending to become acquainted with other LWV leaders and to attend some skills workshops.

After dinner, the guest speaker told us about the need for continued vigilance on voting rights, the environment and education in the State of Florida.

The LWVF Legislative Consultants gave an update on activities in the current Florida State Legislature. Highly important were the League's attempts to assure fair redistricting of US Congressional and Florida State House Districts.

LWVCC was also represented in Altamonte Springs by Social Policy Chair Ann Campbell, who serves as Secretary to the State League and Kathleen Slebodnik, Legislative Chair for LWVF.

In June, Claire MacMillan and Joanne Quinn attended the LWVUS National Convention at the Fountains Hilton in Miami Beach. It was very similar to a large scale political convention.

By special invitation, members from Florida League held an impromptu session over lunch to discuss election issues. The project was organized by members from California Leagues who wanted an idea of possible problems as they continue to implement. Open elections standards in their own state. It was attended by Leaguers from all parts of the country. It was a good exchange and provided an opportunity for local Florida League leaders to better understand the problems in redistricting, and voting standards in our own state as well as to gain perspective on issues in other states.

Special workshops were offered at various times during the Convention. Particularly interesting was a session presented by delegates from Upper Peninsula Michigan on a program they conducted to help register and enfranchise individuals with disabilities. They explained how they originated the project and received 100% funding under a grant for access for the disabled.

Another important workshop was conducted by the national Development Director, who explained how to get financial support from throughout the community and national corporations and foundations. There was talk about plans to cooperate with local Leagues and the National Education Fund and Development to recruit sponsors and share funds generated.

By far, the best part of State, Regional and National League conventions and meetings is the opportunity to network with other Leaguers. The camaraderie and similar direction of purposes, is quite fulfilling.

Submitted by, Claire MacMillan

### SOCIAL POLICY

Ann Campbell, Chair

Our schedule is coming together for this fall and winter.

The meeting time will continue to be 8:00 a.m., on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meeting place will be confirmed soon.

Anyone having questions or comments, please email me at [acamp1082@aol.com](mailto:acamp1082@aol.com)

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Alda Rowe-Pierce, Chair

Since my return is uncertain, I'm asking for a volunteer to take charge of the International Relations meetings from October through December.

If no one comes forward, the group will meet next in January at my home. You will receive notice of speakers, etc. Sorry, but I am involved with enjoyable activities here, and don't need to hurry back to Florida.

### FLORIDA BALLOT AMENDMENTS

- #1: Excessive Punishment
- #2: Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Constitutional Amendments or Revisions
- #3: Authorizing Amendments to Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter by Special Law Approved by Referendum
- #4: Laws Providing Public Records or Meetings Exemptions; Two-Thirds Vote Required
- #5: Not on Ballot
- #6: Protect People from the Health Hazards of Second-Hand Tobacco Smoke by Prohibiting Workplace Smoking
- #7: Exemption for Construction of Living Quarters for Parents or Grandparents
- #8: Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education
- #9: Florida's Amendment to Reduce Class Size
- #10: Animal Cruelty Amendment Limiting Cruel and Inhumane Confinement of Pigs During Pregnancy
- #11: Local Trustees and Statewide Governing Board to Manage Florida's University System

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#### THANKS Dues Renewal Committee

Pat Clark  
Toddy VanWeiren  
Marjorie Joder  
Connie Norton  
For their extra help  
on this project!

**FOR BALLOT SUMMARIES  
PROS and CONS**  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE **BEFORE YOU VOTE**  
[www.naples.net/presents/lwvcc](http://www.naples.net/presents/lwvcc)

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*Now is the time!  
Renew Your Membership*



**CALENDAR**

| DATE   | TIME       | EVENT                        | PLACE                     |
|--------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| OCT 15 |            | School Board Candidate Night | Hilton Hotel/tickets req. |
| 21     | 10:30 a.m. | GENERAL MEETING              | Norris Room-The Depot     |
| 25     |            | League Candidates Forum      | Commission Chamber        |
| NOV 4  | 12:00 p.m. | Board Meeting                | First National Bank       |
| 12     | 1:00 p.m.  | Government                   | The Colonade              |
| 13     | 8:00 a.m.  | Social Policy                | T.b.a.                    |
| 18     | 10:30 a.m. | GENERAL MEETING              | P.D.C. Bldg.              |
| DEC 2  | 12:00 p.m. | Board Meeting                | First National Bank       |
| 6      | T.b.a.     | International Relations      | T.b.a.                    |
| 10     | 1:00 p.m.  | Government                   | Toddy's Home              |
| 11     | 8:00 a.m.  | Social Policy                | T.b.a.                    |
| 18     | 4:30 p.m.  | HOLIDAY SOCIAL               |                           |
| JAN 6  | 12:00 p.m. | Board Meeting                | First National Bank       |
| 8      | 8:00 a.m.  | Social Policy                | T.b.a.                    |

**VOTING MACHINES ON DISPLAY**  
AT OUR OCTOBER 21st MEETING  
For you to practice And learn with!

*Naples Daily News and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Are hosting a School Board Candidates Night October 15th at the Hilton Hotel Admission is by ticket only, as seating is limited*

*Reservations for Lunch are \$12, including the Program. Please call the League office, 263-4656, by 10/18 with your reservation. Program only, is \$3. Members are responsible for their reservation unless it is cancelled by 10/18*  
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