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November 2016 Luncheon & General Meeting Featuring Anita Jenkins and Nick Penniman



What's Happening East of 951?

Breaking Ground: What's the Future for Eastern Collier County?

Bulldozers are moving east. Currently about 100,000 people live east of Collier Boulevard (CR 951). That number is expected to grow to between 300,000 to 400,000 before build-out. So how many more towns like Ave Maria can we expect to see in eastern Collier County? What will happen to our agricultural lands? What will our transportation network be like? Is "paving paradise" inevitable? Can we safeguard our wildlife and areas of critical environmental concern?

Anita Jenkins, an experienced urban and regional planner tasked with our county government's review of key growth management plans, and Nick Penniman, author of *Nature's Steward* and Vice-Chair of the Growth Management Oversight Committee for Collier County, will address these questions as they discuss current efforts to update several of Collier County's "master plans" for development east of 951.

Where: Hilton Naples Hotel, 5111 Tamiami Trail North

When: Monday, November 14, 2016

Registration: 11:45 am, with lunch promptly at noon

Program: 12:30 pm

General Meeting: 1:30 - 2:15 pm

Cost for lunch: \$25.00 per person, reservation required

Program only: beginning at 12:30 pm. No charge or reservation needed.

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Justice Committee

Monday,
November 7,
9:30 am
Community
Foundation of
Collier County
1110 Pine Ridge
Rd Suite 200

Social Policy Committee

Wednesday,
November 9 at
noon.
Wilderness
Country Club
101 Clubhouse
Drive

Environmental Affairs Committee

Thursday,
November 10,
9:30 to 11:00 am
Community
Foundation of
Collier County
1110 Pine Ridge
Rd
Suite 200

Luncheon and General Meeting

Monday
November
14,
11:45 am
Hilton Naples
5111 Tamiami
Trail N.

Book Club

Tuesday
November 15,
12:30 pm
Bravo Restaurant
9119 Strada Place

Government Committee

Monday,
November 21,

To make lunch reservations please [click here](#) or call 239-263-4656 and leave a message by Thursday, November 10, before noon.

If you have any questions about the event, contact [Tina Palmese](#).

Audiovisual and other expenses associated with our 2016-17 General Meetings are underwritten by a generous donation from

**The Walker Group at
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management.**

President, Charlotte Nycklemoe



I have now had the first opportunity as your President to tell the League's story to an outside organization. In spite of the zillions of butterflies that took up residence in my stomach days before the presentation and in spite of the dysfunction of the A/V equipment on the evening of the presentation to St. Monica's Episcopal church, which led me to speaking extemporaneously instead of using my PowerPoint presentation as a guide, it was a wonderfully fun evening with lots of information imparted to an interactive audience. We have such an interesting story to tell:

- Carrie Chapman Catt's rise to infamy
- How and when women got the Vote
- The *Dear Harry* letter to Harry T. Burns
- The beginning of the LWV, LWVFL and our own LWVCC
- How the organization has evolved and what we do now

I heard comments from people in the audience: "Wow! What an interesting story. We had no idea the extent of what your organization does." So with that in mind, if any of the organizations to which you belong would like a speaker, just ask. I would love to tell the League story again and again and again. We have such a great story to tell!

Don't forget to vote, and please **Vote NO on Amendment 1!**

Feel free to email me with any questions, [Charlotte Nycklemoe](#). Check out our website [LWVCC](#) and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Environmental Affairs Committee

Susan Calkins, Chair



Post - election: Looking Ahead

Join this committed group of environmental educators and advocates for a post-election conversation addressing the possible impact of the election on local environmental issues. How will the push to repurpose our urban preserves and conservation easements be handled? Will there be support for a moratorium on fracking until a study of the potential impact on local water supplies is complete? How will the county address climate change/sea level rise? Will the county support efforts to make solar more accessible and affordable? Will the land acquisition portion of the Conservation Collier program be renewed? How will we deal with storm water pollution?

Note that the candidates' responses to similar questions, posed by the Environmental Affairs Committee prior to the election, were published on the [LWVCC](#) website under Election Info. Our discussion will include how we can best advocate for the LWV environmental priorities.

10:30 am
North Collier
Government
Center
2335 Orange
Blossom Drive

Remember you can keep updated on environmental happenings in our region by signing up for the electronic [Eco-Voice](#) - it's free!

When: Thursday, November 10, 9:30 - 11 am

Where: Community Foundation Conference Room
1110 Pine Ridge Rd #200

RSVP: [Susan Calkins](#)

Government Committee

Sandy Parker, Chair Pat Howard, Vice Chair



Come meet with a group of women and men to learn, discuss and, when appropriate, advocate for issues that affect us at a local, regional and state level. From October through December, we will focus on local and regional issues. Between January and May, we will focus on the State Legislature.

To supplement our Committee meetings, we have re-launched the Observer Corps to observe our local Board of County Commissioners meetings. Our goal is to learn what and how issues are being addressed and to promote transparency between the Board and the community. With three newly-elected Commissioners starting in November, this promises to be an interesting activity.

The Government Committee meets the third Monday of the month from 10:30am-noon. If you are new to the League, to Florida, or just want to continue learning how our government works, join us.

When: Monday, November 21, from 10:30 am - noon

Where: North Collier Government Center
2335 Orange Blossom Drive

RSVP: [Pat Howard](#)

Justice Committee

Claire Lang, Roving Chair

The Justice committee has been preparing information on human trafficking which will be our focus in the coming months. Human trafficking is the third largest illegal industry in the US today: first is drugs, second is illegal gun trade and third is human trafficking - a three billion dollar industry.

We have researched the topic on many levels; active groups, media and legislature in order to enable us to draw attention to and aid these unfortunate *slaves*. Human trafficking is divided into three categories: illicit sex, forced labor and organ sales. The problem is nationwide: Florida is ranked fourth in the trade, after California, New York and Texas. Join our Justice Action Committee to learn more!

Our speaker in November will be Suzanne Crough who is from NHTRC - National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

When: Monday, November 7, 9:30 am

Where: Community Foundation of Collier County
1110 Pine Ridge Rd. Suite 200

RSVP: [Claire Lang](#) or [Bernice Schmelz](#)

Membership Committee

Jan Eustis, Co-Chair Robin Larkin, Co-Chair



Welcome to new members Barbara Balsler, Martin Wolman, Mimi Wolok and Denise Zulauf!

It's that time of year again - renewal of your League membership!

If you joined after April 1, 2016, your membership does not need to be renewed until December 31, 2017.

The first three membership levels include a membership in the local, state and national Leagues. When you choose the Susan B. Anthony or Carrie Chapman Catt level of membership, a portion of your dues will stay with our Collier County League to support us in developing and promoting local programs and activities.

Suffragist	Individual \$65 Family \$97.50
Susan B. Anthony	Individual \$100 Family \$132.50
Carrie Chapman Catt	Individual \$200 Family \$232.50
Associate	\$32.50

You may renew by mail or online.

To renew your membership online, you may use PayPal or a credit card.

1. Go to our website [LWVCC](#).
2. Log in using your user name (your email address) and password.
3. Click on the Members tab, then choose Renew Membership.
4. Read and follow the directions.

To renew by mail:

Make your check out to the League of Women Voters of Collier County (LWVCC) and mail it to:

League of Women Voters of Collier County
P.O. Box 9883
Naples, Florida 34101

If you renew by mail, please include any information that has changed in the past year such as a new email address, street address, or phone number. Also, please let us know if you'd like to get more involved. We need good people!

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to our League, we would greatly appreciate it. You may do this by mailing a check to the LWVCC at the above mailing address. The check should be made out to the LWVCC Education Fund. Or you may go to the [LWVCC](#) website to donate by credit card or check.

Questions: [Jan Eustis](#) and [Robin Larkin](#)

Social Policy Committee

Ann Campbell, Chair



At this month's meeting, we will be joined by Collier County Public Schools Director of Health Services Eileen Vargo and Director of School Nursing Christene Parker. Last season we were concerned about the downsizing of nursing staff members in the renewal of the NCH contract for the school nurse program. This is our chance to find out what impact the changes have had over the school year.

We will have a light lunch (salad and beverage) at a cost of \$11.00. Reservations are required.

When: Wednesday, November 9 at noon

Where: Wilderness Country Club

RSVP: acamp1082@aol.com

Voter Services

Joyce Fletcher, Chair



When you read this, I hope that you will have voted and be counting down the days until November 8. My article is strictly a *thank you* for those who have helped during this busy election season.

First, there are not enough ways to thank Becky Newell and Gayle Stroup for all their work on our election information on the LWVCC website. There were over 5000 hits just before the primary election because we advertised through Facebook. We anticipate the same for the November election. Also thanks to Ann Campbell for helping to contact candidates.

Our poll workers are a great team and they raise money for LWVCC. Thanks to Becky Newell, our clerk, and Rosemarie Woodbridge, Kathy Ryan, Joan Byerhof, Phyllis Alden, Ron Ferguson, Frankie Ferguson, and Brian Kelly in the August election. In November, thanks to Becky Newell, clerk, Rosemarie Woodbridge, Kathy Ryan, Brian Kelly, Phyllis Alden, Joan Byerhof, Joyce Laeser, Charlotte Nycklemoe, and Ray Kalich.

Thanks to those who have helped with forums, including Becky Newell, my co-moderator, Sue Bookbinder, timekeeper, Vi Steffan, Patti Forkan, Shelley Perry, Brian Kelley, Rose DiBiasi, Jan Eustus, and Ann Campbell who have been our greeters and helped collect questions from the audience.

Thanks to those who renewed their certification to register voters as a LWVCC 3rd party voter registrant and for those who went with Charlotte to the Naples Grande for voter registration at the FAEA meeting, Vi Steffan, Brian Kelley, Shelley Perry, and Rosemarie Woodbridge.

Thanks to Pat Howard and her husband for working with Liza McClenaghan on the unverified voters list. Also thanks to Charlotte, Sandy Parker and Joyce for speaking to groups to provide voter education. Wow!

Wine and Wisdom

Charlotte Nycklemoe

During the summer months the membership committee brainstormed ways to provide continuity in the off season for those of us Leaguers who remained in Naples for the summer.

Voila! W & W was born and became an immediate success! As a matter of fact, W & W's became so popular that we've been asked to continue having them throughout the year. W & W, which is open to members and guests, are held in various restaurants from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Thursdays. Our last meet-up was at the Midtown Kitchen, where we garnered information from Charlotte Newell about the Human Trafficking Project she is working on in conjunction with the Women's Foundation. Not all of our W & W's will have a speaker. Sometimes we'll just meet to network with our League friends. What better way to gather wisdom than to share what we know and learn from others, while we absorb the bouquet of our favorite wines! Life hardly gets any better! Stay tuned to your email blasts for forthcoming details about the next W & W. Join us! You'll love it!

When: Thursday, December 1, 4:30 to 6 pm.

Where: TBA in an email Blast

RSVP: [Jan Eustis](#)

Book Club

Marcia Maloni, Chair



Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why despite the desperate need to address climate change, have even modest environmental efforts been defeated again and again? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers?

Jane Mayer attempts to answer these questions and more in her book *Dark Money*.

We will meet in the small private room at Bravo. If there is a large number of attendees I will change the location of the meeting. Please RSVP by November 8.

When: Tuesday, November 15, 12:30 pm

Where: Bravo Restaurant at Mercato
9119 Strada Place

RSVP: [Marcia Maloni](#) by November 8.

News from the State League

Charlotte Nycklemoe

The choice made in 1920 to neither support nor oppose any political party or candidate for public office continues today to ensure that the League's voice is heard above the tumult of party politics. The nonpartisan policy has added strength to the League's positions on issues and has made possible wide acceptance of League voter service and other educational activities.

At the same time, the League is a political organization and encourages members to participate fully in the political party of their choice. It is an advantage to the League to have politically active members and, equally important, it can be a personally satisfying experience.

Please [click here](#) to view the LWVF Nonpartisan Policy. If you would like to read up on the League's positions, [click here](#) to view the 2015-2017 edition of Study & Action, the League of Women Voters of Florida's guide to public policy positions.

For more information about the League of Women Voters of Florida, [click here](#).

News from the National League

Ann Campbell

Last month the National League:

Welcomed Two Leagues: the LWV of [The Villages/Tri-County Area FL](#) and [LWV of Bloomington MN](#) that were recently recognized as local Leagues by LWVUS. Both groups have a record of impact in their communities and a growing membership. We welcome them to the League family and extend a special thanks to the LWVs of [Florida](#) and [Minnesota](#) who mentored and supported the new Leagues.

Announced that during a [marathon day of oral arguments](#) at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, attorneys representing the EPA, 18 states, power companies, and environmental and public health groups outlined the Clean Power Plan's strong legal and technical foundation. The League continues to support the historic, life-saving measures of the Clean Power Plan - the first-ever regulations to reduce carbon pollution from existing power plants. A decision is expected by the end of 2017.

Reported that the LWVEF and the LWVDC have joined together in a project to educate League members and the public on the need for full voting rights for D.C. citizens. The LWVDC will be spearheading this effort, called Fixing the Hole in Our Democracy: Statehood and D.C. Voting Rights. For the next few months, we will be posting materials, including background papers, posters and handouts on the fight for D.C. statehood past, present, and future. We are also creating a toolkit to use to inform your members and the community-at-large. [A quiz to test your knowledge of the District of Columbia and League of Women Voters Efforts To Achieve Full Rights for D.C. Citizens](#) are currently available, and additional materials will be posted in subsequent League Updates. For further information, contact Betsy Lawson, blawson@lww.org.

For more information [click here](#).

About Us

The League of Women Voters of Collier County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our goal is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

Visit our website at www.lwvcolliercounty.org for our current list of officers, directors and off-board members, our Program, Diversity Policy, Nonpartisan Policy, By-laws, Minutes, and more.