
...Presidents' Message 2008-2009...

Co-President's Annual Report to the Membership
April 1, 2008-March 31, 2009
Stasia Arcarese, Co-President
Katrina Brewsaugh, Co-President

It is hard to believe that our two-year terms are coming to an end as co-presidents. We wish to thank all of our board and league members who have made our jobs very satisfying in promoting the League's positions and agenda. This past year has been very busy and has had many firsts due primarily to an exciting election year. Program planning for the current year got off to a good start with lively discussions as to what the focus should be for this year. You experienced the results by attending our membership meetings and taking part in our voter service activities.

Our programs this year have been varied with plenty of good discussions. We thank Sandra Frank for the wonderful job she did finding our speakers for our membership meetings. Topics included threats to our environmental health, veteran's health, impact of tax cuts on the budget, green living, American health care system, News-Press and educating the public. The meetings on the Proposed constitutional amendments were well received and a valuable service to our members and public. The League was applauded for making sense of these amendments.

Voter service had many members involved with getting information to the public. It began last summer, with Katrina and other league members putting together questions for the political candidates for the Voter's Guide that was distributed to Lee County residents. This was done in partnership with the News-Press and the Board of Elections Candidate forums were held in Lehigh and at the Old Courthouse. Big thanks to Connie Hill and Carol Barclay for setting this up and for Clara Anne Graham for being the moderator. A voter hotline was set up at WGCU by Judy Alves and was a great success with our members handling calls from the public on voter questions.

The Meet and Greet this year saw 11 officials answer questions from our League members. We do hope that more League members will turn out for this event in the future..

Attending the Council of Leaders in Daytona with us was Judy Alves. We had the opportunity to share ideas and bring back the latest news from the State League.

The Legislative Seminar, attended by Laura Miller, Carol Fueschel, and Stasia, gave us the opportunity for personal contact with our legislators and to lobby our positions.

Among other activities were the counting of ballots for the Bonita Springs Utility elections, contributing to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, getting petitions signed for the redistricting amendment, which has been approved to be on the ballot. Judy Alves and Anna Callwood also organized our involvement in the Martin Luther King parade and members participated in the booth at Centennial Park where we educated people about the League and signed petitions for the redistricting amendment.

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We are slowly growing in membership with individuals who have the enthusiasm that every League needs to continue its mission. Remember we can only do what our resources will allow us to do. So when the call comes for either signing up for committees and/or expressing an interest in becoming more involved in the workings of the League, please say "Yes."

Thank you all for an enjoyable year.

Stasia Arcarese Co-President

Katrina Brewaugh Co-President

...Annual Meeting...

**League of Women Voters of Lee County
Annual Meeting
April 4, 2009
Royal Palm Yacht Club**

Agenda

Call to Order
Welcome

Speaker: Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, President FGCU, "THE Future of FGCU and Why"

Announcements

- * Planning Meeting for 2009-2010 Board - April 25, 2009 9:30 am-3:00 pm at home of Pat Fish
- * LWV Legislative Seminar in Tallahassee March 22-24, 2009, Daytona
- * LWVFI State Convention in Jacksonville May 15-17, 2009

Approval of April 5, 2008 Minutes - Jo Ann Sornat

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for Audit 2008-2009 - Anna Callwood

Status of LWV Lee County - Katrina Brewsaugh, Stasia Arcarese

Annual Business Meeting

1. Bylaws
2. Election of Board of Directors Fran Skovlund
3. Adoption of Program for Study
4. Adoption of FY 2009-0010 Budget - Anna Callwood
5. Adoption of LWV-Lee Program 2009-2010-Sandy Frank

Introduction of New Board of Directors

Recognition of Board Members Leaving Office

Member's Concerns/Issues/Direction for the Board

Adjournment

...SLATE OF OFFICERS 2009-2010...

Co-President Vacant
Co-President..... Vacant
Secretary..... Jo Ann Sornat (2009-2010)
1st Vice-President/Membership..... Stasia Arcarese (2009-2011)
Director (Program).....Sandra Frank (2009-2011)
Director (Natural Resources/Environment)..... Laura Miller (2009-2011)
Director (Education)..... Judy Alves (2009-2010)
(Nominations from the floor will be accepted)

Nominating Committee Chair Lloyd Fish (2009-2010)
Nominating Committee Members Fran Skovlund (2009-2010)
Carole Broome (2009-2010)

Proposed Amendment to BYLAWS: Article V
Officers

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Alternate Governing Structure. When a President is not selected and the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the duties of President or Co-President, the Board shall govern the organization as a committee.
(In our local By-laws)

Article XII - Amendments

12.1 Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Harri Wisser/Public Relations
Clara Anne Graham/Legislative Action
Vacant/ Social Policy
Connie Hill/Voter Service
Vacant/International Relations
Carol Fuechsel/Fund Raising

...Local Program 2009-2010...

Education

Support and monitor the implementation of school impact fees as an integral part of the Lee County School District's funding.

Support a free public school system for Lee County:

- a. That sets high standards for student achievement;
- b. That provides equality of educational opportunity for all;
- c. That recruits and retains faculty and staff of high quality;
- d. That is financed adequately by the state through an equitable funding formula; and
- e. That monitors expenditures in the operating budget.

Social Policy

Support, through education, advocacy and implementation, resources available for children at risk in Lee County.

Promote essential human services delivery to people living in Lee County by supporting programs that enhance the well being of individuals, recognize the special needs of children and families, and provide adequate shelter.

Health

Support funding initiatives deemed appropriate for the Lee Memorial Health System Trauma Center.

Promote the delivery of affordable health care, dental, vision, and mental health services within Lee County that provide for the well-being of all with an effort to control costs.

Study access to transportation for patients who need ongoing treatment at medical facilities and determine whether the access system adequately serves patients.

Natural Resources

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

Initiate and support local efforts by our cities and county to improve the environmental quality of our county.

Military Recruitment.

Support local high school principals' current policies for additional safeguards for the privacy concerns of local high school students and parents, and the integrity of local high school classrooms by restricting military recruiters from access to classes and lunchrooms, except Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC).

Seek concurrence from the state on Lee LWV position regarding military recruitment in high schools.

...FY 2008-2009 Budget...

League of Women Voters, Lee County
Year-To-Date Financial Statement (2008-2009)

2/24/2009

DESCRIPTION	2008-09 PROPOSED BUDGET	2008-09 ACTUAL	2008-09 VARIANCE
REVENUE			
A. MEMBERSHIP DUES			
Regular Membership	4,500.00	2,775.00	(1,725.00)
Household Membership	1,200.00	750.00	(450.00)
Winter Associate Membership	75.00	75.00	0.00
Student Membership	25.00	0.00	(25.00)
LWV National Membership	45.00	35.00	(10.00)
Total Membership Dues	5,845.00	3,635.00	(2,210.00)
B. Contributions			
Members	2,500.00	75.00	(2,425.00)
Non-Members	1,500.00	100.00	(1,400.00)
LWVFL Members	100.00	290.00	190.00
Election Workers	0.00	0.00	0.00
In-Kind Member Contribution	300.00	215.00	(85.00)
Fundraisers	1,000.00	3,237.00	2,237.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	5,400.00	3,777.00	(1,623.00)
C. OTHER REVENUES			
General Meeting Lunches	3,500.00	3,410.00	(90.00)
Interest	0.00	8.67	8.67
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	3,500.00	3,418.67	(81.33)
D. RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Social Policy	830.00	830.00	0.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	830.00	830.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENSES			
A. OFFICE			
Business Expenses	200.00	187.32	12.68
Office Supplies	150.00	43.88	106.12
Postage & Mailing			
LWV General	100.00	41.00	59.00
Annual Report	200.00	0.00	200.00



...FY 2008-2009 Budget (cont)...

DESCRIPTION	2008-09 PROPOSED BUDGET	2008-09 ACTUAL	2008-09 VARIANCE
Bulk Mail	450.00	300.00	150.00
Directory	75.00	0.00	75.00
Bulk Permit	175.00	175.00	0.00
Printing & Copying			
LWV Geneal	50.00	0.00	50.00
Annual Report	375.00	0.00	375.00
Brochure	160.00	0.00	160.00
Directory	200.00	0.00	200.00
The <i>VOTER</i>	1,200.00	1,220.14	(20.14)
Telephone	630.00	498.72	131.28
Web Site	150.00	99.95	50.05
TOTAL OFFICE	4,115.00	2,566.01	1,548.99

League of Women Voters, Lee County
Proposed Budget (2009-2010)

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
REVENUE			
Member Dues		D. Restricted Funds	
Regular Membership	3,425	Social Policy	830
Household Membership	525	LWV Education Fund	2,461
Winter Associate Member	75	Total Restricted Funds	3,291
LWF National Membership	35		
Total Member Dues	4,060	TOTAL REVENUE	14,851
B. Contributions		EXPENSES	
Members	150	A. Office	
Non-Members	100	Business Expenses	150
Election Workers	0	Office Supplies	150
In-Kind Member Cont.	250	Postage & Mailing	
Fundraisers	2,500	LWV General	100
Total Contributions	3,000	Annual Report	200
C. Other Revenues		Bulk Mail	450
General Meeting Lunches	4,500	Directory	75
Interest	0	Post Office Permit	175
Total Other Revenues	4,500		

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		Total Per Member Payment	3,150
DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	D. Educational Activities	
Printing & Copying		EcoSWFL	25
LWV General	50	Education Fund	250
Annual Report	375	Programming	276
Brochure	160	Publications	300
Directory	200	Voter Services	300
The <i>VOTER</i>	1,200	Total Educational Activities	1,001
Telephone	630	E. Restricted Funds	
Web Site	50	Social Policy	830
Total Office	3,965	LWVFL Education Fund	270
B. Delegates		Total Restricted Funds	1,100
State Convention/Council	300	F. Other Expenses	
Florida Legislative Session	500	Fundraisers	200
National Convention	0	General Meeting Lunches	4,000
Total Delegates	800	Lobby Fund	300
C. Per Member Payments		Public Relations	300
LWVUS	2,300	Total Other	4,800
LWVFL	850	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,816

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Royal Palm Yacht Club - April 5, 2008

Stasia Arcarese began the meeting at 10:40 am.

Announcements:

1. Planning meeting for the new board on Saturday, April 26 at the home of Pat Fish.
2. The LWV Council of Leaders will be meet May 17-18 in Daytona Beach, FL.
3. The LWVUS Convention will be held June 13-17 in Portland, OR.

Carol Barclay, Membership Chairperson, reminded members that annual dues are payable April 1. Members were requested to fill-in an interest/skills sheet; she emphasized this is a way to get acquainted with other members. Carol requested assistant; Elaine Gross and Anna Callwood volunteered.

Request for Committee Sign-ups

Stasia announced that sign-up sheets requesting help in various LWV activities were being passed around the room, and she listed some areas where help is needed.

Non-Partisan Policy

Stasia reminded the group of the LWV non-partisan policy. Individual members should become active in the party of their choice, and express partisan views as desired. When representing the LWV to legislators or press, only positions endorsed by the League may be presented. At LWV meetings, permission from the president is required before passing out any written information, or making an announcement to the group.

Approval of April 7, 2007 Minutes

Minutes of the previous annual meeting were included in the annual report, which was mailed to members. Carol Barclay moved, Harri Wisser seconded a motion that the April, 2007 annual minutes be accepted. **The minutes were accepted as printed in the Annual Report.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Anna Callwood, treasurer, reported a slight change in the budget, which was sent out, with the annual report. The board voted to include a line item included in earlier budgets to reflect \$1100 remaining of a \$3000 grant from Walgreen's (to be administered by Lynn Monsen). The totals were adjusted to reflect that decision. **A motion to accept the treasurer's report as revised (original is in Annual Report) was made by Lloyd Fish, seconded by Elaine Gross. Motion passed.**

President's Report

Stasia gave a president's report. (on file)

By-Laws

Stasia announced that there would be no report from the By-Laws committee as no changes had been proposed.

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Election of Officers

Mildred Schindler, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate:

Treasurer: Anna Callwood

Secretary: Helen Leddy

Director Health: Lloyd Fish

Nominating Committee: Fan Skovlund with committee members Mildred Schindler and Carole Broome.

Carol Barclay moved, seconded by Elaine Gross, to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Board Members Leaving the Board

Stasia thanked outgoing members of the board: Jean Prokopow, secretary; Phyllis Brewer, Director; Mildred Schindler, nominating committee chair, and presented a lovely flower and certificate to each. She expressed thanks to Carol Fuechsel as fund raising chair Hugh Barclay, public relations and Connie Hill, voter service, were unable to attend.

Stasia read the following local program plan concerning **Education**:

Support and monitor the implementation of school impact fees as an integral part of the Lee County School District's funding.

Support a free public school system for Lee County:

- a. that sets high standards for student achievement*
- b. that provides equality of educational opportunity for all;*
- c. that recruits and retains faculty and staff of high quality;*
- d. that is financed adequately by the state through an equitable funding formula; and*
- e. monitors expenditures in the operating budget.*

Harri Wisser moved, Lucy Weiss seconded a motion to adopt this program. Passed

Sandra Frank announced the following policies, which had been recommended by the board:

Social Policy:

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Promote essential human services delivery to people living in Lee County by supporting programs that enhance the well being of individuals, recognize the special needs of children and families, and provide adequate shelter.

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Health:

Support funding initiatives deemed appropriate for the Lee Memorial Health System Trauma Center.

Promote the delivery of affordable health care and mental health services within Lee County that provide for the well-being of all with an effort to control costs.

Phyllis Brewer moved, Carol Barclay seconded a motion to support these programs. Passed.

Laura Miller announced the following policy concerning **Natural Resources:**

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

Initiate and support local efforts by our cities and county to improve the environmental quality of our county.

Carol Barclay moved, Lucy Wistreich seconded a motion to adopt this program. Passed.

Judy Alves read the following policy on **Military Recruitment:**

Support local high school principals' current policies for additional safeguards for the privacy concerns of local high school students and parents, and the integrity of local high school classrooms by restricting military recruiters from access to classes and lunchrooms, excepting JROTC.

Seek concurrence from the state on Lee LWV position regarding military recruitment in high schools.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt this program. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Carol Barclay expressed concern for lack of interest expressed in orientation programs, and requested suggestions. A specific invitation to new members was advised, and perhaps holding such a meeting in a private home.
2. Stasia Arcarese announced that the next meeting would be on Saturday, May 3, 2008.
3. The speaker will be Nancy Payton speaking on the environment,

Laura Miller introduced the guest speaker, Clara Ann Graham, state treasurer of LWV and chairperson of the State Climate Change Committee. Clara Ann Graham gave a very detailed description of the problems, the history of League's involvement with the issue, and the current efforts at solutions. She finished her talk by presenting a folder of materials to every member present. Some discussion followed.

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Meeting was adjourned at noon and lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Prokopow, Secretary

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PROGRAM
Sandy Frank

During 2008-9, LWV of Lee County monthly luncheon meetings were held at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. Topics and speakers supported our program issues and were arranged by board members according to the plan developed at our April 2008 Planning Retreat.

October 4, 2008. League members Nancy Howell and Judy Alves presented and led a discussion of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the November Florida Ballot.

November 1, 2008. John Ebling, Lee County Veterans Service Office and Victor Freelund, Patient Advocate for the Veterans Administration in Fort Myers discussed veterans' health issues.

December 6, 2008. Bob Janes, Commissioner Lee County spoke on the Impact of Tax Cuts on Lee County.

December 14, 2008. Carole and Jerry Broome hosted our annual Holiday party at their home.

January 6, 2009. Laura Miller, LWV spoke on Renewable Sources for Energy with a focus on wind power.

January 19, 2009. LWV-Lee participated in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

January 24, 2009. Fran Skovland organized the LWV-Lee annual Meet and Greet. Eleven elected officials attended.

February 7, 2009. LWV Lee members reviewed, discussed and voted on recommendations for LWVFL Program and LWV Lee local program for 2008-9. Larry Newell presented America's Health Care System: A Crisis Without Fences.

March 7, 2009. David Plazas, News-Press will discuss "The Role of Newspapers in Educating the Public"



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April April 4, 2009. Dr. Bradshaw of FGCU will speak on "The Future of FGCU and Why?" Followed by the annual meeting and election of officers.

May 2, 2009. Jack Bovee, "A Republic, If You Can Keep It".

HEALTH CARE Lloyd Fish

The main role for the LWV LEE director for health is to keep the membership informed and educated about health care issues local, state and national. We are presently in a county with an unemployment rate nearly 10% and as we all understand it's devastating in an employment health care system. It is important that the league continue to study the issues and follow and encourage the LWV US and have a forceful advocacy towards universal health care.

I was appointed, as a representative of the LWV, to the Lee County Human Services Council by Commissioner Bob Janes. However, my own health issues have kept me from attending the meetings on a regular basis until now.

Since last year the Behavioral triage center has been up and running quite effectively with a significant number of jail diversions taking place. There's been a 41% decrease in jail time along with fewer people returning to the center or jail. It's also heartening to note there have significant increases in law enforcement referrals.

The ten year plan to end homelessness is an ongoing program with Tina Gelpi and Debra Lynne as co-directors. They appeared at the League to present their program and then proceeded to conduct a forum with the league membership. These focus groups have been conducted county wide with various groups involved. The collected has been collated and evaluated by the program directors. There was a Ten Year Plan Summit held on February 27, 2009 in an effort to inform a wider audience. It's important that we continue to work towards ending homelessness particularly in light of our recent economic plight.

Carol Barclay continues to represent the league on the trauma center board for Lee Health Systems.

Healthy Start is an ongoing program whose goals include reducing infant mortality, reducing low birth weight infants and improving health and development outcomes for children up to three years of age. Recent changes in the program included: 1. an increase in the number of uninsured; 2. a decrease in funding resulting in fewer being served; 3. obesity, alcohol use and smoking have increased among the mothers, and; 4. the electronic Medicaid application has created a significant barrier to accessing care.

In February 2009 Larry Newell presented his thoughts about our health care and provided a detailed

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written proposal to help us on the way to universal health assurance to the nation. It's my opinion that the LVW Lee needs to be at the forefront of advocacy for universal health care in our nation.

NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT

Laura Miller

Because there has been so much concern nationally, as well as in Florida, about global warming and the related problems of climate change, we have been looking into sources of energy which are not carbon related. Solar energy seems a natural for Florida, and next year we hope to invite a speaker from FGCU who can inform us about the proposed solar field which is being planned there. In the future we hope to learn more about the possibility of harnessing the energy in tidal waters. We hear that the Gulf Stream can be another source. This year we had a speaker who informed us about wind turbines and the ways in which they are being used to produce electricity.

We also continue our concern about the quality of water in our rivers and estuaries. Lee County now has a fertilizer ordinance, as do all of the municipalities in the county. Sanibel was the first to pass an ordinance, and the Town Council at Fort Myers Beach passed one on December 15, 2008. A representative of the League attended the council meetings and spoke in support of the ordinance when the matter was being discussed at the Beach. Right now the League is monitoring the negotiations on where the new Red Sox stadium will be built. Nine locations are now being considered, and we are concerned that it not be built where water sources need to be protected.

With the current downturn in the economy and the huge number of foreclosures in Lee County, we become more and more aware the area is seriously overbuilt. Some county leaders are saying that it will be at least two years before any more new homes need to be built. Let's hope that the ensuing lull will give our natural resources a rest.

SOCIAL POLICY

Vacant

FINANCE DRIVE

Carol Fuechsel

The fund raising effort for the League this year was directed in 2008 by Carol Fuechsel with the assistance of Pat Fish. Efforts included a fund raising appeal with members as well as sending letters to potential corporate donors and sponsors. The League store was also made available to members with a variety of items, including pens, calendars, car stickers, etc. with League logos. Additionally, the League was asked by the Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc to assist in their election. Consideration was given to the idea of inviting members and the public to a luncheon with a recognized speaker, but this was not implemented during this year.

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Fund Raising through members in 2008 effort yielded a total of \$1,715, including a total of \$290 for the Education Fund. There were no contributions from corporate donors for the 2008 fund raising year. The League Store brought in less than \$25.00. Volunteer efforts on the part of League members in the Bonita election yielded \$1,500.

In addition to the fund raising appeal with members planned for the spring of 2009, a new list of potential donors and grantees was developed. The League also anticipates participating in the Bonita Springs Utilities Election, Inc. Due to the diminished returns from the League store, further items were not purchased for sale. Consideration may be given to discontinuing the store as a fund raising venture.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS

Patricia Fish

The editor of the *VOTER*, newsletter of League of Women Voters of Lee County, published nine issues of ten pages each. There were eight regular monthly issues from April 2008 to March 2009 and one summer issue. Each issue gives information about the date, time and place for the monthly meeting, the speaker and his/her topic, as well as a reports on the previous meeting. Each issue also contains dates and times of Committee meetings and the book club. The summer issue contains a short biography of each the current board members. In order to save costs to the LWV and the environment, the *VOTER* is being sent by email to all members having a computer.

In addition, the editor is responsible for having printed 1000 brochures "We Care About Good Government" for distribution to the Fort Myers libraries.

The editor is also responsible for preparing a yearly directory which is printed and mailed to each member.

And last, but not least, the editor has the duty of preparing the Annual Report, having it printed and mailed to each member one month prior to the annual meeting in April

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP

Carol Barclay

This year we have the good news and the bad news. The good news is that we have had 17 new members join our League this year. The bad news is that we have lost some members as well.

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Currently we have the following membership:	Local Members	63
	National Members	9
	Associate Members	4
	Honorary	<u>1</u>
	Total	94

We have continued to offer our Orientation Presentation to new members. Our major form of recruitment has been to send follow up letters to people who have visited our Saturday meetings. We also send letters to those who, while attending various League events, have signed up to receive information. We also put these individuals on a 3 month temporary list to receive our newsletter, THE VOTER. We do not currently have a Membership Committee but membership recruitment is the job of each League member. Wear you League Pins while you volunteer around the county and keep a couple of LWV Flyers in your pocket or purse. Unfortunately we still have many people who do not know who we are or what we do. Become a missionary - TALK ABOUT OUR LEAGUE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Clara Anne Graham

(No Report)

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Harri Wisser

Press releases were sent from my home in Minnesota about the following events: candidates meetings, the FGCU Hotline and monthly general meeting announcements. It was not determined whether the media gave us some space. The News-Press, our most important means of publicizing League activities, is mainly an online medium now and many other organizations have become smaller or gone out of existence. The intention to keep sending out announcements and hope for the best.

REMINDERS

Patricia Fish

A database of all the LWVLC members is maintained by the editor of the VOTER. Approximately ten days before a monthly meeting, the Meet & Greet, the holiday party, or any other special event, an email message is sent requesting response for reservations. Those members having no email address are telephoned for their reservations. The number of reservations for each event is telephoned to the appropriate caterer.



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LEAGUE TELEPHONE Board of Directors

For the past year, answering the League's telephone number, (239) 278-2032, has been rotated through the Board of Directors. Each member volunteers for one month of on-call. The schedule is developed around personal schedules, and board members make their own arrangements for coverage when their on-call schedule conflicts with personal needs. To date this system has worked well. The test of the system came during the 2008 election year.

In January, 2007 the League obtained an e-mail address: lwvlww@yahoo.com. The address is posted on the web site and on the cover of each VOTER.

WEBMASTER Lloyd Fish

The web site, www.lwvlee.org, has been updated each month. Every issue of the VOTER, October through May and the summer newsletter, has been published to the website. Every month announcements of coming events, such as the monthly meeting, the planning meeting, the annual meeting and the 'Meet & Greet' have been posted on the web site approximately three weeks before each event. As the members of the board change, the web site is updated, also. Photos of various events and speakers are published in the 'Photo Album'.

The expense of the web site has been contributed to the League by Patricia & Lloyd Fish.

VOTER SERVICE Connie Hill

Bonita Bay Mayoral Debate- January 2008.

Voter Guide- published and distributed in August, 2008, by the News-Press, with the assistance of Sharon Harrington, Supervisor of Elections.

Candidates Forum—Lehigh Acres; Thursday, August 14, 2008; 34 participants; Clara Anne Graham, moderator.

Candidate's Forum— Commissioners Chambers; Thursday, October 23, 2008; Clara Anne Graham, moderator; participants were: FL Senate (Dave Aronberg, Matt Caldwell); U.S. House (Robert Neeld, Jeff George, Burt Saunders); FL House District 72 (J.J. Juliano, Paige Kreegel); FL House District 73 (Stephen Gray-Blancett, Nick Thompson); Lee County Commission District 1 (Bob Janes, A.J. Boyd, Carla

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Johnston); Lee County Commission District 3 (Ray Judah, Les Cochran); Lee County Commission District 5 (Frank Mann, Sonny Haas, Richard Kuhn).

The LWV held a two-day 'Hot Line' at WGCU on the campus of FGCU on Monday & Tuesday, November 3rd & 4th for twelve hours each day. Volunteers from the League answered caller's questions on the station's phones using the Data base from the Supervisor of Elections and the LWVUS' data base '411 Vote'. Most questions dealt with the caller's voting precinct and an explanation of the six amendments on the ballot.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

(No report)

OBSERVER CORPS

(No report)



With Gratitude

The 2009 Fund Drive is underway. Our goal this year is \$3,000. We are grateful to our members, members of the community and businesses that have contributed To date. For the period April 1, 2008 - February 23, 2009 we say thank you to:

MEMBERS

(include donations made to LWV Education Fund)

Stasia Arcarese
Nancy Beecher
Patricia Beausoleil
Karen Bickford
Phyllis Brewer
Carole Broome
Robert & Bonnie Burn
Anna Callwood
Agnes Dobronski Cichocki
Lloyd & Patricia Fish
Nancy Fisk
Frank & Vera Foulke
Carol Fuechsel
Reo Gaissert
Clara Anne Graham
Patricia Howell
Robert & Lynda Janes
I T Jones
Carolyn Koestenblatt
Laura Miller
Helen Moe

Lynn Monson
Joan & Norman Newman
Joanne Orr
Anne Parton
William & Jean Prokopow
Lois Rankin
Mildred Schindler
Fran Skovlund
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