

## LWV of Lee County Program 2014-2015—Approved April 5, 2014

### Education

#### Quality Schools in Lee County

Support a free high quality 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 and equitably.
- e. That monitors expenditures in the operating budget;
- f. That promotes civics and environmental education; and
- g. That ends disparity among individual schools in the Lee County School District.
- h. That provides quality pre-school education for all children
- i. That provides a safe and healthy environment.

Work cooperatively with the school board and superintendent.

#### Early Language and Literacy Project, (ELLP)

Promote Early Language and Literacy Project to enhance the language development of children from birth to 24 months and improve their educational outcomes.

### Social Policy

Support funding including impact fees for programs that enhance the quality of life.

Promote and collaborate with organizations that seek delivery of essential human services by supporting programs that enhance the well being of individuals.

### Health

Promote the well being of our citizens by ensuring that they have sufficient opportunities to obtain needed physical and mental health services within an economically viable system. The League will advocate for the delivery of affordable dental, vision, and mental health services, including transportation to reach these services. The League believes that infant hearing testing should be mandatory in Florida. The League will support the retention of family planning services as an essential component of health care.

The League supports a universal health care system. The League will advocate for the expansion of mental health services. We also support the early screening of children for autism and expansion of the necessary treatment services.

Continue support of the Lee Memorial Health Care System Trauma Center and Bob Janes Triage Center including initiatives for funding deemed appropriate by the League.

### Natural Resources

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest, including perpetuation of Conservation 20/20.

Initiate and support local efforts by our cities and county to improve the environmental quality of our county, including efforts to promote smoke free environments and prevent fracking.

Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.

### Voter Education

Educate voters and advocate for Voters Rights Act and citizen participation in government with the possibility of initiating a study.

Review forms of government under consideration in Lee County and educate members.

Expand effort to submit op ed and letters to the editors. Encourage members to draft letters on behalf of LWV Lee, to be submitted by President.

Continue monthly educational programs from Oct to May.

Identify and reach out to other community organizations, and the general public to expand member base.