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OUR PURPOSE:

To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected government issues

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Bible Based Church
3986 Woodville Hwy

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Legislative Dialogue Community Mtg

County Courthouse, 5th floor

08 Monday 1:00 - 3:00p.m.

CRTPA Meeting

City Hall 2nd Floor

09 Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

Leon County Commission

Those of you attending any of the Legislative Summit events



Pamela Goodman

this year may have a chance to meet LWVF's President. But if you are not that lucky, you'll have another opportunity at our February Hot Topic. Come and help LWVT extend a hearty welcome to Pamela Goodman, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida. Pam will address the League's Legislative Priorities (the list of them is available [here](#)), as well as the recent Congressional and State Senate Redistricting rulings.

Educated at the University of Iowa in journalism and business, Pam spent her professional career in retailing, rising to President/CEO of Limited Express, with \$1.5 billion in revenue and over 850 stores nationwide. Her international business relationships involved the Far East, Europe, India and Israel.

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County was pleased to have Pam as their President from 2005 to 2009 and she has been serving on the League of Women Voters Florida Board of Directors from 2007 to the present. Since 2006, she has chaired the Fair Districts campaign statewide for the League and was responsible for coordinating all League work during the campaign to secure passage of the two Fair Districts constitutional amendments. She continues to work with all litigation regarding this issue.

Pam has also served on the League of Women Voters of the United States Nominating Committee and Membership Recruitment Committee. In addition to being a member of the first "Sisters Across the Straits" delegation that traveled and met with women in Cuba, she has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Susan B. Anthony Award for Outstanding Feminist from the National Organization for Women.

County Courthouse 5th floor

09 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Leon County School Board

Howell Center

3955 W. Pensacola Street

10 Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

City Commission Meeting

City Hall 2nd Floor

11 Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Village Square "Speed Date Your
Local Officials"

St John's Episcopal Church

211 N. Monroe Street

16 Tuesday 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tallahassee Ethics Board
Meeting, City Hall 2nd Floor

18 Thursday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00
p.m.

LWVT Hot Topics Luncheon

Capital City Country Club

1601 Golf Terrace Drive

23 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

LWVT Board Meeting

United Church in Tallahassee

1834 Mahan Drive

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The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County has also benefited from Pam's talents. The coalition is a nonprofit organization that has more than quadrupled its revenue since she became its President and now serves as the key fundraising, education and advocacy organization in Palm Beach County supporting the Ten-Year Plan to end homelessness.

Pam also serves as a Director on the Board of Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation.

Date Thursday, February 18

Time Lunch buffet at 11:30 a.m., program 12:00--1:00

Location Capital City Country Club
1601 Golf Terrace Drive

Menu Beef bourguignon or grilled Italian portobello
mushroom, Greek salad, vegetables, rolls and
butter, coffee and tea

Cost Members - \$20 Nonmembers - \$23

The first three student members to RSVP and
new members who join LWVT
at the Hot Topic eat FREE!

FOR RESERVATIONS please call 309-3005 and leave a message or
email LWVTallahassee@gmail.com.

Because the League must pay for reservations cancelled after Sunday,
February 14, those who cancel late should reimburse the League for the
cost of their reservations.

Trivia Question

Be the first person to answer this question correctly and win a free lunch at the February Hot Topic: Who was the first woman to have a memorial service held for her in the U.S. Capitol?

Reply to Linda Davis by phone (559-0935 or 878-7320), leave a message, or by email lqdavis75@gmail.com.

If you win, you must come to the Hot Topic to collect your prize!



At the Last Hot Topic

We had a pretty full house!



If you missed the January Hot Topic, you missed a real treat. Our own Dr. Carol Weissert, Director of the LeRoy Collins Institute, and the well-known Tallahassee attorney and former Constitution Revision Commission member Martha Barnett presented a program on the CRC. You can learn about the Commission in a fun and informative way by watching this video released by the Collins Institute. Just click on the play button in the picture and watch a cartoon version of Sandy D'Alemberte explain the mission of the CRC.



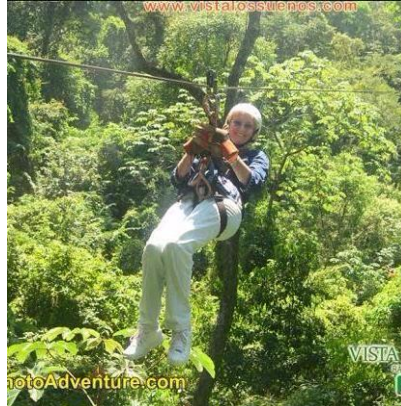
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Diane Tomasi
Kathy Reeves
Philip Reeves
Jamesha Brown



Leaguers on the Move!



On the left we have LWVT Secretary Jessica Lowe-Minor with Chelsea Clinton at the 2016 PACE All About Girls Summit in Orlando, Florida. And on the right we have LWVT Treasurer Peggy Ramsey on her way to register voters in Costa Rica!



Voter Registration Activities

Mimi Jones, Martha Stewart and I helped 36 Westminster Oaks citizens update their voter registrations and recorded one new voter registration. I still believe there are more opportunities to serve that residential community. I loved all the conversations and the pure determination to vote. We do not experience that anywhere else I am sad to add. I did notice that the staff were unable to take the time, since they were on the clock so to speak and we had such a long line with many questions to answer from the residents. We might consider an opportunity to target those citizens at their change of shifts on another day.

Cornelius Ann Floyd-Lucas continues to concentrate on FAMU. This week we were able to serve 20 students, six new and 14 updates in a two-hour span. We will return next Thursday and plan on working with the Supervisor of Elections Office with a larger assist from the student government association.

We can use more hands! If you are interested in helping LWVT with voter registration efforts, please contact me.

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Solar Choice Amendment

The following is from the press release for the January Solar Choice Press Conference held in Tallahassee:

Floridians Are Not Giving Up Sunshine For Sunshine State Yet

On January 11, 2016, Floridians for Solar Choice joined other parties in filing briefs with Florida's Supreme Court opposing the utility-backed constitutional amendment, which proposes to maintain Florida's regulatory status quo for solar energy. Calling the utility-backed solar amendment misleading, solar supporters noted the utilities' proposal was launched only to confuse voters and counter the success of the broadly supported grassroots campaign launched by Floridians for Solar Choice.

"It is a cynical proposal designed to confuse voters. Its ballot language falsely tells voters that the amendment gives people the right to make a solar energy choice, when in fact it gives them nothing more than what they

already have under the Florida Constitution's basic rights and under general law -- the ability to own or lease the solar equipment they use to make electricity at their homes and businesses," said Bill Garner, attorney with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

The Floridians for Solar Choice coalition acknowledges that the utilities' multi-million dollar misinformation campaign has succeeded in confusing voters and preventing Solar Choice from gaining a slot on the 2016 ballot. However, the coalition's goal remains unchanged: to open the solar market in Florida and encourage the development of clean and affordable energy through smart solar policy. As petitions are valid for 24 months from the date of signing, the coalition continues to explore options to qualify for the 2018 ballot and Solar Choice volunteers and partner organizations continue to collect petitions around the state.



Solar Choice Press Conference

The press conference was led by Steve Smith, Executive Director Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. Also present were Catherine Baer of the Tea Party Network, and members of the Tallahassee League.

Voter Deadline

The next Voter will be the March Voter. The deadline for submission of material is February 26. Please e-mail your material to lqdavis75@gmail.com.

Membership Form

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