

The TALLAHASSEE Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Calendar

- May 17 --- "Go-See" Legislature Day Capital Building 9:00 A.M. More below
- June 6 --- Board Meeting 8 p.m., Leon Federal University Branch
- June 20 -- Area Conference in Fort Walton Beach More below
- July 3 --- Board Meeting 8 p.m., Leon Federal University Branch

"GO-SEE" LEGISLATURE DAY - Come one - Come all - Bring guest.

- Wednesday, May 17th -- Meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Front steps of the Capitol.
- Orientation
 - 10:00 A.M. Attend opening of the House Session
 - 11:00 A.M. Attend opening of the Senate Session
 - 12:00 P.M. Bag Lunch (Bring your own, please) - Check with Mrs. Wells in the Attorney General's Law Library - First door on the right of the Adams Street Basement entrance.
 - 1:30 P.M. Brief tour of Capital Center
 - 2:30 P.M. Committee Meetings or Session

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - By Dorothy Mann

Report on State Council

Once again, it was a privilege to attend an interesting and inspiring State League meeting. Juanita Forbes and I represented the Tallahassee League at the Con. Rev. meeting on April 4th preceding Council.

Annual reports of the State Board Members were given using the theme, "Investment and Dividends."

The proposed rewording of our State CA "Revision and Implementation of the Florida Constitution" was adopted.

For the first time, the state budget was met on the first round of pledges from local leagues. (An overage of \$95) It was voted to leave it to the discretion of the State Board as to how the overage should be spent.

Mrs. Lester Saphier spoke about some of the bills which would probably be presented to the Legislature (and they have) which will concern League members, such as Merit System, sales tax, apportionment, the Liberty Amendment and on the National level, Day-Care.

The Hillsborough County League gave a delightful skit, a take-off on State Government and officials of same.

"Call to Action"

A chance to brush up on your letter writing.

Now is the time for league members to write to their Senators and Representatives concerning legislation which may affect the Economic Opportunity Act programs, particularly the Community Action Program, cuts in appropriations affecting day care centers, community centers and other programs which are planned to help disadvantaged groups. Let your congressmen know how you as an individual feel about these programs.

We also have a "call to action" from State concerning day-care centers and Headstart in view of recent developments. So since you are warmed up and ready to go write your state legislators your reaction to "cancellation of federal funds for Headstart programs." You could include your reaction to support for public kindergartens now in this great state that ranks 7th (?) 8th in the nation. Funds for new kindergartens have been eliminated in Governor Kirk's program. "Not adding 661 new kindergarten units at this time resulted in a saving of \$7,000,000. I am recommending a study to find out how we can support more kindergartens and how we can use available federal funds to their maximum benefit for this purpose - but we simply don't have the money to afford a massive new investment in kindergartens when these dollars are needed more urgently for other educational purposes. As our revenues grow - and grow they will - we shall be able to afford kindergartens in the next biennium which starts in 1969." Quote from the text of Gov. Kirk's talk on Taxes and Spending. The underlining, mine. It seems there is confusion in saying and doing.

The last three governors have run on the platform "No New Taxes." No new taxes, no new programs, IF, kindergarten can be considered a new program when many states much less well off economically than Florida have had public kindergartens for years. And what other educational purpose could possibly be more urgently needed than the level where it has been shown that a child learns and develops most rapidly, 3-6 years, the pre-school years.

If you don't have writer's cramp by now, we have a "Time for Action" on support of our positions concerning "Foreign Aid." The League recognizes a threat to world peace if the rich countries do not try to meet some of the needs of poor, emerging nations.

If you have questions on the Call to Actions - call Fran LaSeur, Chairman of Human Resources, 877-2788 or Marge Meeter, past Chairman of Foreign Aid, 877-6326.

THE NEW LEAGUE YEAR

A special word of appreciation to members going off the board, Mrs. Randolph Edmonds (Irene), Observers Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Myers (Enid), 1st VP and Voter Editor, Mrs. R. C. Powell (Jane), Membership and Publications Chairman, Mrs. R. W. Menzel (Margaret), Chairman of Community Planning, and Mrs. Phillip

Cooke (Ruth), Public Relations Chairman who will be moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Your comments, suggestions and conversation will be missed.

1967 Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held April 1st the following were elected:

1st Vice President - Mrs. H. R. Partridge
 Secretary ----- Mrs. Bea Olsen
 Two Year Elected
 Directors ----- Mrs. Jack Buford
 Mrs. Duane Meeter
 Mrs. Don Driggs

Local Current Agenda items adopted:

- (1) EDUCATION: Study and support of measures which would promote improved quality of public education in Leon County.
- (2) COMMUNITY PLANNING: Give attention to community planning, with support of measures which will provide the best long range comprehensive planning for the community.

The Local continuing responsibility of Registration was dropped in view of the enactment of joint city-county registration this past year. The State and National programs remain the same. (See your Yearbook for 1966-1967)

Hats off to Ruth Chapman, our 2nd VP, who served as chairman of the finance drive. The finance drive went over the top -- Ruth reported at the annual meeting that a total of \$513.50 had been collected. Twenty-three members contributed \$192.50. Thirty-seven non-members contributed \$321.00.

The membership voted at the annual meeting to raise our dues to a more realistic \$7.50 a year.

IN CASE YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN: Our League year begins April 1st.
 Please mail your dues to our Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Hokanson
 P. O. Box 508
 Lloyd, Florida

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome to new members: Mrs. Hortense Wells, Mrs. George Devore (Jean), Mrs. John Ausley (Susan), and transfer member Mrs. George Johnson.

Officers and Board Members for 1967-1968:

Mrs. Charles K. Mann	1151 Hasosaw Nene	877-4945	President
Mrs. H. R. Partridge	2414 South Adams	224-4056	1st Vice Pres.
Mrs. Harold Chapman	1025 Alachua St.	222-1643	2nd Vice Pres.
Mrs. Bea Olsen	700 Stiles	385-3051	Secretary
Mrs. Jack Hokanson	P.O.Box 508, Lloyd	977-1511	Treasurer
Mrs. J. Clark Weaver	1708 Myrick Road	385-1779	State CA
Mrs. Howard Baker	1705 Sunset Lane	385-2727	Publications-Voter Ed
Mrs. N. E. LaSeur	1545 S. Magnolia	877-2788	Nat. CA-Human Re- sources

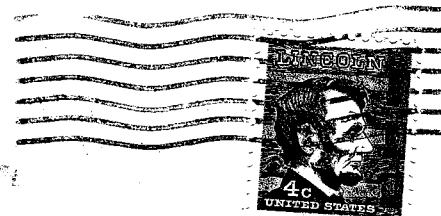
Mrs. Jack Buford	312 E. Sinclair Rd.	385-2276	Finance
Mrs. Duane Meeter	1405 Wekewa Nene	877-6326	Membership-Unit
Mrs. Don Driggs	229 Chapel Drive	224-0587	Public Relations
Dr. Evelyn Martin	1733 S. Boulevard	224-4749	Local CA-Education
Mrs. Robert Kromhout	227 Westridge Dr.	222-0481	Local CA-Community Planning
Mrs. Leroy Qualls	1017 Cherokee Dr.	877-2632	Voter Service
Mrs. Louis Schneider	840 Mays Rd.	385-5724	State CR

If any member, new or old (or even intermediate) has an overwhelming desire to work on one or more of the above committees, please call the chairman. She would be delighted to know of your interest.

Area Conference - The 1967 area conference on the theme of League Growth through Membership and Finance will be held at Fort Walton Beach, June 20, 1967, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. The registration fee will be \$1.00. We will be notified later of the location and the cost of the luncheon. We would like to have the Tallahassee League well represented -- so mark this on your calendars now!

Consensus on Bill for Licensing Day Care Centers

During the last unit meeting during April the Tallahassee League of Women Voters reached a consensus supporting the Day-Care Licensing Bill now being presented to the Legislature. Our consensus has been sent to the State Board and we are waiting for State to send a "Time for Action" on this bill.



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