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As I write this the legislative session has been extended. The action alerts are flying in and the League truly appreciates you taking these seriously and contacting your representative and senator. We **ARE** making a difference. Also thanks to the State office for the thorough *Capitol Report* that comes out each week.

I am pleased to say that we had a very good session with Alan Hays, the Lake County Supervisor of Elections, at our April meeting. The give and take was excellent, and he left us by saying he was going to take some of our suggestions back for his weekly staff meeting!

Our Speaker's Bureau is set to go! By the time you read this our first event will be behind us. Our topic is the Constitutional Revision Commission. If you are interested in our 30 minute power point presentation, please contact **Carol Van Noy** and we will get your scheduled. And if you would like to join the speaker's bureau, let her know!

Our final meeting of the season is **Monday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.** State Senator **Dennis Baxley** will be our guest as he speaks on his reflections of the recent legislative session. Unfortunately, I will be cruising the Caribbean, but I hope that he will find an informed and interested group!

Our special summer event is scheduled for **Friday, August 18, 2-4 p.m.** at the **Lady Lake Community Center** on **Guava St.** behind the **Lady Lake Library**. Please put that date on your calendar for our joint tea with **AAUW** to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Please keep an eye out for an email invitation when the details have been confirmed!

Enjoy the summer season to refresh and renew. Keep informed and keep active! Safe travels.

Yours in the League
Beth Hicks, President

P.S. Don't forget to invite a friend to the May 22 General Meeting and the August Tea!

May General Meeting

When: Monday, May 22, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Where: Community Bank & Trust Co.
CR466 & Parr Drive, The Villages, Florida



Guest Speaker: Sen. Dennis Baxley

Membership



Welcome to our newest member **Jeannie Perry** who joined at our April General Meeting, and welcome back to returning member **Lu Michaels**.

Dues are due on the anniversary month of your joining the League. You will receive an email reminder prior to your anniversary date. Please make your check payable to **LWVTRI** and mail it to **Sharon Edwins, 1144 Ardsley Place, The Villages, Florida 32163**.

LWVTRI Newsletter

Just a reminder that there will be no newsletter in July and August. Our next issue will be in September.

August Women's Equality Day Tea

We will celebrate the passing of the 19th Amendment with a joint tea with **AAUW Lake/Sumter Branch**. The theme will be "**Blazing your Trail**" honoring women leaders in various careers. The date is **August 18, 2-4 p.m.** at the **Lady Lake Community Center** on Guava Street, Lady Lake. There will be a **\$5** charge pp.

DON'T
FORGET

LWVUS *Impact on Issues*

The national League's 2016–2018 guide to public policy positions, *Impact on Issues*, is now [available for download HERE](#). If you would like a printed copy, it is available for purchase on Amazon or download for Kindle. The cost is \$5.95.

First Woman

As we look forward to **August 26, Women's Equality Day**, you might be interested in purchasing a copy of *First Woman* which recognizes American suffragists who worked successfully for women's civil rights. The wealth of detail included here irrefutably shows the growing contributions women have made to our national life. These courageous women smoothed the path that led our nation to where it is today. Copies will be available at all League meetings and cost **\$14.95** or by contacting **Charlene Allmen**, charallmen@gmail.com.

Education

VPK

Committee members have completed visits to six VPK programs in Lake, Marion & Sumter Counties. Reports of these visits are being compiled and will be reviewed before proceeding with the next steps in September.



League members, **Joanne Coen, Susan Gold, Beth Hicks** and **Carolyn Johnson** together with **Linda Carpenter** of AAUW will be presenting a **"Lunch & Learn Workshop on VPK"** at the biennial state League Convention in Ft. Lauderdale in June.

Voter Service

2017 Florida Legislative Session

During the course of the Florida Legislative Session which began in March and lasts 60 days, members have been receiving the weekly **"Capitol Report"** which is prepared by the League's lobbyist in Tallahassee. Because the Session was extended to Monday, May 8, the final **"Capitol Report"** will be issued at the end of the Session.

2017 Florida Constitutional Revision Commission

The Constitutional Revision Commission is establishing a rules working group after being faced with questions about process and rules. The president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, **Pamela Goodman**, wrote a letter to the chair of the CDC, **Carlos Beruff** addressing some concerns. [Click here to read the letter to the chair of the CDC.](#)

Speaker's Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau has begun to make presentations on the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission. To schedule a presentation for a group you belong to or to join the Speaker's Bureau, please contact **Carolyn Van Noy**, denny.carol@gmail.com.

From LWV of the United States

League Statement on the House Passing the American Health Care Act

05/04/2017 | by Sarah Courtney



Washington, DC – League of Women Voters President Chris Carson today made the following comment on passage by the House of Representatives of the American Health Care Act:

"This bill is anything but American—it abandons the American values of fairness, community, and concern for all—and it certainly won't provide health care for all. This legislation only serves to benefit special interests and provide tax cuts for the rich, while leaving everyday Americans without access to affordable, quality health care."

If this legislation becomes law:

- 24 million Americans will lose coverage by 2020
- Medicaid patients will no longer be able to get the care they need
- Women will go back to paying more than men for basic care

We know the Affordable Care Act is not perfect, but it has successfully provided health care coverage to tens of millions of Americans who previously went without. The League of Women Voters is dedicated to ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for all Americans. We urge the Senate to reject this legislation.

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