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SCOTT AILES



COM. BARBARA FITOS

“HOW BIG IS BIG?”

**JOIN US ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10:00 A.M.,
COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST CO., CR 466, THE VILLAGES,
AS WE DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT.**

From **Study & Action:** Continue to defend and strengthen the 1985 Growth Management Act. Action is frequently taken in Florida under LWVUS positions.

Land Use: Support public policies that provide for cooperative, coordinated planning for and decisions about land use in Florida including methods for resolution of conflicts.

Our guest speakers will be Scott Ailes, former Mayor of Eustis, and Com. Barbara Fitos, chair of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization. We do not endorse political parties or candidates. We encourage informed and active participation in government and work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Despite the horrendous weather on the evening of January 21, the turnout for our Health Care Forum was excellent. The presenters were informative and the questions from the audience, excellent. Even though "Mother Nature" and the Congress dampened our evening, the overwhelming comments we received were positive and reinforced the need for civil discourse which is the hallmark of the League. Thank you to Sally Bard and her committee for their dedication and work these last several months. They did a wonderful job!

Our February meeting will be devoted to growth amendment. Our two speakers will be addressing us from their backgrounds in city and county government. Undoubtedly, discussion will be directed to Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy). While the League has yet to take a position on this amendment, you can go to http://www.lwvfla.org/hometown_democracy.htm where you will find the ballot language and links to groups who both support and oppose Amendment 4.

On **Monday, February 8**, we will be meeting from **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** at **Panera's** in **Spanish Springs**. This will be an informational meeting about the League so **please invite a friend to join you**. We will also be discussing some projects that the League is involved in as well as what is on the agenda for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Plans are underway for the **3rd Annual Women's History Month Luncheon** on **Monday, March 15, 2010**. Our honoree will be **Karla Grimsley, Regional Directory, 5th Judicial Circuit Director of the Guardian ad Litem Program**. So, mark your calendars now.

There are two notices about LWVF Legislative Seminar and LWVUS Convention in this newsletter. Money has been budgeted for both of these functions to help defray some of the expense of attending. If you are interested, please contact me at joannejon@aol.com. They are both great experiences.

In League,

Joanne

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for February are: Joanne & Richard Coen, Gladys Corbin and Sylvia Jones; for March, Betsy Brody.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, February 8, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation Panera's, Spanish Springs Square, The Villages.

Monday, February 22, 10:00 a.m., "How Big is Big?" Community Bank & Trust, CR466, The Villages.

Scott Ales, former Mayor of Eustis

Com. Barbara Fitos, Chair, Marion County Board of Commissioners

Monday, March 15, 11:00 a.m., Women's History Month Luncheon Siam Orchid, CR27/441, The Villages.

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2010 LWVF LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR!

March 22-24, 2010

\$99

Early Bird Price

**PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2010
TO INSURE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR**

Your Time in Tallahassee includes:

5 p.m.- Cocktails on Top of the Capitol

Meet Us on the 22nd! That's Monday, March 22nd on the 22nd Floor!

*Festivities begin atop **The Capitol** with a panoramic, breathtaking view of Tallahassee.*

*A bit of the past.....Toast our amazing 90 years of accomplishment and hear historical highlights of our organization!
Over dinner, hear our **new lobbyist, Ben Wilcox, on our most current legislative issues.***

Tuesday, March 23:

7:30a.m. At the Governor's Club: Breakfast with Legislators- Hear from a dozen key legislators with involvement in LWVF legislative priorities representing all areas of the state and both political parties!

9:30 a.m.- Claim to Fame! The Cabinet Room at the Capitol .We will receive a Proclamation from Governor Crist and the Cabinet highlighting our historical achievements and announcing a week in August as National Voter Awareness Week in our name!

10:00a.m. and more.....**The Capitol-A visit to and recognition from the floor of the House and/or Senate session** for our achievements and thanking LWVF for their participation

Noon-5 p.m. **The Right Stuff!** Individual work in committees and with legislators...enough celebration....time to get to work!

All Day- Can't Miss Us! **There will be a LWVF table in the rotunda of the Capitol** handing out literature, **Commemorative Journals** and selling rhinestone VOTE pins. Stop by!

Join the Tallahassee League as they **HOST: Hot Topics Debate Dinner Topic:"Amendment 4"(known as Hometown Democracy) ... Growth Management or Voter Mismanagement?**

8 p.m.- Little League Meetings, Big League Issues **The Hilton Garden Inn**, Individual suites for League meetings. Voter Service, Membership, Redistricting, etc.

Wednesday, March 24:

Head back home to continue our efforts.

Early Bird Price

Don't Delay: EARLY REGISTRATION FEE - \$99.00

Early Registration Deadline: March 1, 2010

A \$25 Cancellation fee will be charged only if cancellation is not received by March 18



First Call to Convention 2010
From LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES
49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION**

JUNE 11-15, 2010

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: A HISTORY OF CHANGE. A FUTURE OF HOPE.

The LWVUS invites all members to join fellow Leaguers from 50 states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong to celebrate 90 remarkable years of League achievements and chart the course for the next biennium of League programs.

All League members are invited to attend Convention, but Presidents of local, state and ILO Leagues appoint their allotted delegates. Non-voting members can be part of the excitement as the Convention delegate body debates and adopts the 2010-2012 National Program, the LWVUS Budget for the next fiscal year, and amendments to the LWVUS Bylaws. Delegates will also be choosing the LWVUS Board officers, directors and nominating committee for the next biennium. Since our League is still a Member-at-Large Unit, we cannot send voting delegates. However, we can attend as Non-Voting Members and participate in caucuses, training, banquet, etc

The 2010 Convention will be held at the **Marriott Atlanta Marquis** located at 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. Reservations are made directly with the hotel. For more information about the hotel, you can go to www.Atlantamarquis.com

The Convention Registration Fee is \$295.00. A late registration fee of \$50 will be applied to all registrations after May 14, 2010. After May 21, 2010, registration must be made on site.

Cancellation and REFUND REQUESTS must be in writing and postmarked by June 4, 2010.



JOIN THE LEAGUE

**Be a Voice for Citizens! Be a Force for Change!
Be Involved in the Process!**

Become a member of the LWV of The Villages/Tri-County Area MAL Unit.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Village, if applicable _____

Community, if applicable _____

Former League Member: Yes ___ **No** ___ **Where:** _____

Interested in:

Government in Florida _____

Education in Florida _____

Justice in Florida _____

Social Policy in Florida _____

Natural Resources _____

Growth Management _____

Dues are paid annually:

Individual **\$50.00** _____

Household **\$75.00** _____

**Contribution to
MAL Unit** **\$10.00**
 or more _____

**Checks should be made payable to
LWV of Florida
and mailed to
Carolyn Johnson, 2615 Caribe Drive, The Villages, FL 32162.**

**Your dues include membership in the LWVUS and LWVF as well as a subscription to the
*Florida Voter***