



## League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County Area

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Summer is usually a time to catch one's breath and recharge batteries. The New Year starts in January, the League year starts April 1, but somehow Labor Day always seems like the beginning of a new year to me. Guess that is what happens when you spend a lifetime in education, first as a student, and then as a teacher.

The board has kept busy planning the upcoming year. We will be discussing solar power, the constitutional revision commission and restoration of rights to non violent felons who have served their sentences. After piloting observations last spring, the VPK project will do the observations this fall.

A special thanks to all who made our Equality Tea on August 18 such a special event. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the event. We had a full house and our speakers gave great insights into their breaking down barriers in many areas.

Our monthly meetings resume on Monday, September 25, 10:30 a.m., at the Community Bank and Trust Company on CR466. Our speaker's bureau will give a presentation on the Constitutional Revision Commission. We all need to be aware of this commission that meets every 20 years, and this is the year! The speaker's bureau is available for your group...we have a number of requests so far, but are happy to schedule more.

The League is involved in gathering petitions in support of a constitutional amendment regarding the restoration of rights for former non violent felons. Petitions will be available at the September meeting. We encourage all to sign

one and we will have them for you to share with others if you wish. Gathering of petitions is a HUGE undertaking, and we need all members around the state to get involved!

I hope you are asking, where can I fit in? Join the speaker's bureau. We need speakers as well as a second individual to go to the engagements. Sign up to take part in the VPK observations. Training sessions are scheduled. Attend a meeting of local government and report back on what happened. Collect signatures for the constitutional amendment. Take the online quiz (EASY) and become eligible to register new voters. See a board member to volunteer and help make a difference!

Yours in the League  
Beth Hicks

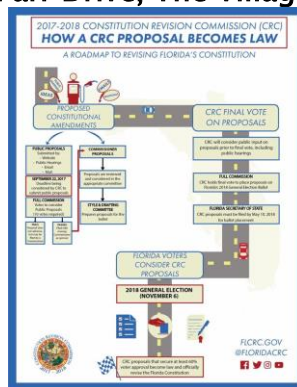
P.S. Look forward to seeing you on September 25, and please remember to invite a friend.

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### **September General Meeting**

**When: Monday, September 25, 2017  
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

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



**Topic: Constitutional Revision Commission  
Presenters: Beth Hicks & Char Griffin**

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## Membership



Welcome to our newest members, **Barbara Maloney, Harriet Nelson & Marilyn Renaudette** who joined us over the summer and welcome back to returning member **Heather Rabinowitz**.

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**.

## Upcoming Meetings

### **Monday, October 23**

Restoration of Voting Rights

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

### **Monday, November 13**

Solar Power

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

### **Monday, December 11**

Holiday Party

Red Sauce, Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages

## August Women's Equality Day Tea



**LWVTRI President Beth Hicks (L) and AAUW President (Susan Gold (R) with guest speakers.**

## ***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***

We will have available at all our meetings copies 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. The cost is **\$14.95**. For information contact **Charlene Allmen**, [charallmen@gmail.com](mailto:charallmen@gmail.com).

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## **Education**

### **VPK**

The members of the committee did not take the summer off.

Committee members have been meeting to redraft observation forms; to prepare for training sessions for observers and visiting with the ELCs and our local Representative and Senator. [Click here to for the bullet list of what the committee has been up to these last few months.](#)



If you would like to become involved in this project, please contact **Joanne M. Coen**, [joanne.m.coen@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.m.coen@gmail.com).

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## **Voter Service**

### **Speaker's Bureau**

The Speaker's Bureau has made several presentations so far on the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission and more are scheduled over the next several weeks. We can always use more people to either be presenters or to operate the computer while the presentation is being made. If you would like to join the Speakers' Bureau or to schedule a presentation to a group you belong to, please contact **Carol Van Noy**, [denny.carol@gmail.com](mailto:denny.carol@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Legislative Delegation Meetings**

The Sumter County Delegation will be meeting on Wednesday, October 18, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sumter County Building on Powell Road & CR466A, The Villages.

The Marion County Delegation will be meeting on Thursday, October 19, at Central Florida State College, CR 200, Ocala.

We were so happy to welcome our fellow Citrus County League members to our August Women's Equality Day Tea. Congratulations on your formal recognition as a League!



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