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HEALTH POLICIES IN FLORIDA

Presented by

**Barbara Lumpkin**

Former Director of the Barbara Lumpkin Health Policy Institute  
For the Florida Nurses Association

January 17, 09

10 AM – Noon

Lunch -- \$15

LPGA Club House

1000 Champions Drive

Daytona Beach

RSVP by January 12, 2009

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LWVVC will participate in the  
**LWVUS National Popular Vote Consensus**  
February 21, 2009

Led by

**Ann Smith**

LWVVC Voter Service Chair

Mark your calendars and

Please stay tuned for details about this meeting



Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your dedicated support so we were able to accomplish so much these past few months. The election in 2008 was electrifying and intense! Our members worked so hard to register voters, provide information to voters, and help with the voting process. Special thanks to Ann Smith, our Voter Service Chair who orchestrated it all and Lynn Lempel who did a monumental job fielding the LWVVC phone messages!

I am glad to report we had a successful and informative meeting in November on the redistricting petition drive (see article in this VOTER) by Caroline Emmons-Schramm.



We also had a great turn out at our Holiday Party at the Claytons, who generously offered their home for the event. Your board members outdid themselves with a wonderful spread and we had a joyous time visiting!



As we look to the New Year, we have several things in store in the near future (see our calendar of events). Learn about the Health Policies in the state of Florida by Barbara Lumpkin in January (please RSVP!) and participate in the LWVUS National Popular Vote Compact consensus in February. These are both issues that impact us all and these meetings will be informative. I hope you will be able to join us.

With a New Year, there are hopes and new ideas. This appears to be the theme for the country and it sounds like a good theme for LWVVC! Consider what you can do as a member of LWVVC and share your thoughts and ideas with us!

Sincerely,  
Sandy Horikami

## Health Care Reform in Florida

The League of Women Voters Position:

The League of Women Voters supports a health care system that provides access to a basic level of quality health care for all Florida residents and controls health care costs.

Florida's challenges: access, costs, and quality  
by Claudia Roth

In 2005 Florida was ranked third in the nation for highest number of uninsured among the states by a U.S. Census Bureau study. The study found that 20.2% of the state's 18.1 million people were without health insurance.

If 20.2% of the population are uninsured then the majority of the population must be covered by insurance or the government, so why is there a problem?

1. The cost of uninsured Floridians when they do seek care is shifted to insured Floridians in order to subsidize care. Providers cannot shift their costs to the government because Medicare, Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) payments are set. Every year we see the cost of commercial health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-payments increase. Premiums increased 114 percent between 1999 and 2007 while workers' earnings increased only 27 percent (Policy Brief No.16/October 2008 Sarah Goodell and Paul Ginsberg).
2. Preventive care is underutilized by those without insurance so when they do finally seek care their health problems are more serious and more expensive to treat.
3. Health disparities result. The Veteran's Administration, Indian Health Service, SCHIP, Medicare and Medicaid cover only a select population.

Why is healthcare so expensive?

Growing patient demand for services, overuse and misuse of services, needs of an aging population, prescription-drug and technology costs contribute to price increases. Another cost driver is a medical liability system that encourages physicians to practice defensive medicine. Some blame a health care delivery system focused on acute care. We treat a heart attack but don't prevent it.

What about quality?

There are at least three ways to describe quality. The first is the absence of defects. With respect to health care we can examine the issue of patient safety. In the U. S. 44,000 to 98,000 deaths per year can be attributed to medical errors (Institute of Medicine).

The second way to describe quality is to examine waste. Examples of waste are insurance and Medicare fraud and overpayment.

A third way to describe quality is to examine improvement features. Insurance companies that want to sell policies in Florida must wade through fifty mandates to cover Floridians and Governor Crist recently added a new one for autism. Most people do not use many of the features their health insurance plan covers.

What initiatives are happening at the state level to meet the challenges of access, cost and quality?

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's Uninsured Study Group met in 2007 to examine the issue and propose possible solutions. Their guiding principles were: 1.To decrease the number of uninsured in increments in a realistic timeframe 2. Focus efforts on children and

those adults easiest to insure<sup>3</sup>. Customize approaches to the population being targeted 3. Communicate available resources to the uninsured 4. Build upon local initiatives.

In 2002 Florida established the Health Flex Plan Program. Its goal was to unite a variety of entities, including HMOs, governmental programs, health care providers, nonprofit organizations and other community resources in order to provide primary and preventative health care coverage to low-income, uninsured workers of small businesses. But the program had many shortcomings including: 1. Lack of publicity among potential providers, employers, and beneficiaries, 2. Lack of support with implementation and 3. Some fundamental flaws in the design of the program such as the income limits placed on the plans creating perceptions of unequal treatment among workers. Enrollment in all of the existing plans was lower than anticipated. Of the five plans only JaxCare, Inc. had significant enrollment as well as being financially solvent. A variety of factors are responsible for its relative success, including hospital partnerships, nonprofit support, and possibly demographic characteristics that distinguish Duval County from South Florida.

Beginning in 2009 nine companies will compete to offer basic low cost insurance. In order to make them affordable, these policies are exempt from mandates such as the autism mandate that recently passed. The policies must include – at a minimum - coverage for preventive services, screenings, office visits, outpatient and inpatient surgery, urgent care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, and diabetic supplies. At least two plans will be offered, one with catastrophic coverage and one without. They will be available to Floridians who have been without health insurance for at least six months. And will be designed to cost \$150 per month or less. This cost the state nothing.

Another program that does not cost the state anything is the Florida discount drug card. It is designed to help persons who are age 60 and older and without prescription drug coverage or who fall into the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage gap; OR are under age 60, without prescription drug coverage, and with an annual family income of less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The 2007 legislation signed by Governor Crist included putting physical education back in the schools in an effort to curb the increase in childhood obesity rate. Indeed studies have shown that many children actually gain weight in the summer when school is not in session.

Amerigroup, a multi-state managed health care company made some recommendations to the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration:

1. Extend Coverage to Parents of Medicaid and SCHIP Enrolled Children.  
Amerigroup believes covering parents will support primary care and wellness activities which will result in lower costs in the entire system. It is also preferable to keep families together on the same plan in order to decrease the confusion within the family. Further, expansion of this program provides the potential for increase federal funds to be brought to Florida.
2. Help Floridians understand their options. Many who lose Medicaid or SCHIP or are uninsured because their employer does not offer coverage have limited information about what options are available to them.

States have become fertile grounds for innovation but will ultimately require a broader federal effort to fully succeed. That is material for a separate article. In addition we will have to have a meaningful dialogue about individual patient responsibility. Building time into the system for patients to ask their health care providers questions and have them answered has been shown to be more influential in increasing patient compliance for taking medication than cost of the

medicine. A system in which patients are interrupted before they finish asking their questions discourages healthy patient behavior.

Policy Brief No. 16/ October 2008 Available at [www.policysynthesis.org](http://www.policysynthesis.org)

Report Brief July 2006 Preventing Medication Errors Institute of Medicine available at [www.iom.edu/CMS/3809/2256/35939.aspx](http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3809/2256/35939.aspx)

The Amerigroup report and the Uninsured Study Group report are available at Gov. Crist's website.

The description of the Florida drug card is from this press release December 20, 2007 [www.flgov.com/release/9743](http://www.flgov.com/release/9743)

Other information used in this article is available at America's Health care at Risk: Finding a Cure [www.healthcareatrisk.org](http://www.healthcareatrisk.org) October 2008

DocTalk Politics and Policy of Medicine June/July 2008 Vol. 7 Issue 4 "Definition of Quality"

### Membership Dues Second Notice

Second notices for membership dues will be sent out the first of the year to those of you who have not renewed your memberships. Please renew your membership ASAP.

Remember the membership year is from July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009; so we are already half-way through our membership year.

Your support is vital to our work and organization.

## Fair Districts Florida—The Real League Issue

Caroline Emmons-Schramm, former President of the LWV of Orange County and LWVF and currently on the steering committee of Fair Districts Florida, made a compelling presentation to league members to help in the efforts to establish standards for drawing voting districts in the Florida Constitution by citizen initiative. Caroline explained how the petitions are now in the hands of the State Supreme Court who will determine if the language is constitutionally correct. Once deemed "okay," an all out effort will be made to gather petitions for the citizens' initiative to be put to voters on the 2010 ballot. League members can immediately get started by going to [www.FairDistrictsFlorida.com](http://www.FairDistrictsFlorida.com) and complete the two petitions, one for setting districting standards for the Legislative districts and the second one for the Congressional districts. If you need copies of the petitions, please contact LWVVC (P.O. Box 9695, Daytona Beach, FL 32120, or leave a message at 386-238-7361). When court approval is granted, league members can help by gathering petitions. Get your friends and family and let us get involved in this real league issue!

by Sandy Horikami



LWVVC President Sandy Horikami with Caroline Emmons-Schramm who spoke about Fair Districts Florida on November 15, at the LPGA Clubhouse.

THANK YOU!

LWVVC Thanks the following for their generous donations:

Melissa Borghorst  
Elise Kapell  
Sandy Horikami  
Larry Moore  
Ann Smith

THANK YOU!

## OBSERVER CORP

### Edgewater City Council

I attended a meeting in October in New Smyrna in which several speakers addressed the Restoration Project. Restoration is proposed as a planned community west of I-95 in Edgewater. Plans at build out are for 8,500 residential units on 5,100 acres much of it wetlands. Acting Edgewater City Manager Tracy Barlow spoke, along with several others from Edgewater. The attorney for this development spoke several times and finally NSB on a 5/0 vote decided not to file against the project, scheduling instead a joint workshop for Wednesday, Nov. 12@ 3Pm at the Edgewater Community Center. I watched and read up on Volusia County Growth Management Commission. The issues are huge with many items to be worked out. I am watching closely, especially water, black bear, transportation, going green on construction, storm water and one mile lake.

Edgewater Council now meets its requirements by charter for cash on hand, plus the required funds towards all mandated bond issuers and retirement funds. This is a first in many years as the new finance officer; John McKinny seems to be bringing the city into compliance. They extended the surveyors contract one year, added Alan Campbell to the approved list and piggy-backed with Orange City on bid for gasoline and diesel fuel using Exum Energy, Inc for the purchase.

In November, I attended the joint day-long Visioning workshop with Edgewater and New Smyrna. It was very interesting but paid for by the developer of Restoration. Even so, I heard

Restoration mentioned the first time by one of the public. Ninety per cent of the workshops focused on developing a main street feature to the city and more parks and a better appearance along US 1.

After discussion it was agreed to piggy-back Utilities Commission engineering whenever possible to lower costs, communications will be kept open along these lines. There was a final passage amending the definition of dwelling to correct for time-share business within the city. Amended Benchmark Acquisition allowing downsizing of square footage in homes to 1200 foot under A/C. Passed Ordinance O74-08, Venetian Bay Village, allowing parcel at Route 44 to be used in a five year limit for new purposes including day care, churches, convenience store. Instructed staff to draft a large-scale comprehensive plan change for the old High school site and waved the normal fee as a show of good faith.

**Nora Jane Gillespie**

### **Oak Hill City Commission**

They Honored Linda Walton a News Journal reported for Oak Hill, who passed away Saturday. There was an announced meeting and sign up on Charter School situation 11/13, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Oak Hill, otherwise students to be split between Edgewater Public and Indian River Elementary.

They changed an ordinance to Land Development Codes giving exception to Redfish Lodge who has cleared PLDR. Gains repairs on hold for additional bids. The County has withdrawn aid on these.

They made a motion for a resolution in favor of a second north-south corridor with an additional bridge to the beachside and an interchange on I-95 at Maytown Road passed with Commission Cook voting no.

**Nora Jane Gillespie**

### **New Smyrna City Commission**

New Smyrna called a special meeting 12/16/08 to announce that ESA Consultants, Mike Arnold & Ron Sizemore postponed the field monitoring noise study until January 15<sup>h</sup> because of school break and decreased flights. It takes sixty to ninety days to complete the study. Any homeowner wishing to have an onsite check, may contact them for an arranged time. The Commission voted to approve a voluntary noise abatement brochure including procedures and map for local handout. It was discussed about realtors advising prospective purchasers about the airport, but legally this must be voluntary since the airport is visible and known. Noise problems started with the tower built under the Homeland security act by FAA. There is no legal way to cut airplane "touch and go" flights. Fees must be approved by FAA and they have already said \$1 is too much since the airport in the black. All FAA grants run 20 years and control remains under Federal mandate regardless of what area homeowners' wish would happen. City attorney Frank Gummey went into this at great detail.

**Nora Jane Gillespie**

### **Ormond Beach City Commission**

Mrs. Shanahan was selected to be the next City Manager of Ormond Beach. Joyce Shanahan, 47, has worked in several different cities and government departments in her 20 years of management and has her master's from the University of Pittsburgh. She said she jumped at the chance to move up to a "beautiful" city that's twice the size of Fort Walton Beach, where she's been city manager for the past five years. Ms. Shanahan, who received the votes of four commissioners here early on, has twice been a finalist for the Florida League of Cities City Manager of the Year award and is an active member of the Rotary Club and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Miller cited Ms. Shanahan's financial experience in his semifinalist recommendations. Although one reference said Ms. Shanahan's weakness is a "soft heart," she said she "considers that an asset, as long as you can be strong, too."

**Maritza Patterson**

### **Daytona Beach City Commission**

#### **Riverfront Park Licensing for Biketoberfest/Bike Week in the Re-issuance of Request for**

**Proposals** City Commission requested to provide input on what changes they wanted to have included in a new RFP due to the prior one not being well received by the Commission in terms of the area covered, liquor sales, the fee and related issues. The footprint area covered was reduced or clearly



delineated by the Commission (north end of the park), they preferred not to have the City staff sell liquor or to utilize their permit, so the operator will be allowed to sell beer and wine; increased the fee to a minimum of \$75,000 up-front; to also replace any damaged sod, provide a surety bond, and specified time of operation specifically closing around 10 PM.

**Historic Preservation Ordinance** was finally passed by the City Commission on first Reading with minor changes. The fees for application will be placed in a separate resolution; and notification by staff in writing to those not sending in a complete application will be incorporated in the written policy. The Chamber requested that they have in the ordinance that the Board will meet monthly due to timely approvals needed for development projects by water management district and others. Desires by Commissioners Reynolds and Gilliland to continue the item and possibly have a workshop on the item failed by a vote of 2-4, and the amended ordinance passed by a vote of 4-2. Commissioner Reynolds wanted the issues from the Mid-Town Redevelopment Board to be recognized and to have members of that Board placed on the new Historic Board.

**Major Sports Zoning District Permitted Uses-LDC Amendment** This zoning district was expanded to include stadiums and racetracks for sports events and businesses or professional services related to these events as well! (Former Dog Track Rezoning) It now includes the land where the old dog track was located and a piece of property on Bellevue separated from the Speedway by the airstrip.)

**Catholic Charities-Semi-Public Use Permit** The City Commission denied Catholic Charities request to establish a social service outreach center on the west side of Ridgewood Avenue. Some members of the Commission felt there were too many such organizations on Ridgewood Avenue and they need to stop allowing them in this area. Many of them add to the homeless problem in this area as well. The vote was 4-2 with Commissioners Reynolds and Gilliland dissenting.

**Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Commissioner** Robert Gilliland was appointed by the Commission to replace Former Commissioner Dwayne Taylor on the MPO; he previously served as his alternate to the Board. Commissioner Pam Woods agreed to serve as his alternate.

**City Commission Timeframe-Planning Board Items Consideration** Amended LDC to allow an extension of time for items following Planning Board review to be heard by the City Commission of up to 90 days( it was 60 days) when extenuating circumstances arise or documents support granting such an extension.

### **December 17, 2008**

Derrick Henry congratulated by Mayor Ritchey on his win for the seat of City Commissioner Zone 5; winning 63% of the vote in the Primary Election held December 16. The Mayor asked for an amendment to the prior ordinance calling for the election so that he can take his seat in January (at the first meeting, January 7). A Reception for the new Commissioner is scheduled for 5:30 PM prior to the first Commission meeting and his swearing in ceremony.

**Community Relations Award** – The City of Daytona Beach won a Community Relations Award based on the information and materials provided for the award on their Road Shows held over a six- month period starting in April 2008. The first place Crystal Award was presented to Mayor Ritchey from the Florida Government Communicators Association by Daytona Beach Public Information Officer Susan Cerbone.

**Walnut Street- Restore Status to Surplus Property** – Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 07-193, that declared City-owned property located on Walnut Street to be surplus property; and authorizing reimbursement to New Mount Zion Baptist Church for the funds expended in trying to acquire this property. Pastor Corwin Lasenby of New Mount Zion Baptist Church on MMB Blvd, thanked the City Commission for not taking back the property the church has been paying for over the past year at this meeting, reneging on a promise for purchase which the City Manager made to them over a year ago. He also thanked both the Mayor and City Commissioner for Zone 3, Sheila Mackay-Vaughan, for visiting the site. He stated the City Manager has committed to meet with them on Friday to further discuss the issue so they can hopefully reach some sort of compromise.

**Teamsters Local 385- Collective Bargaining Agreements** – The City Commission approved the agreement for a 2% increase, and an increase in the minimum and maximums of the pay ranges in the pay plan, for all Local 385 bargaining unit employees --effective retroactively to October 1, 2008. No merit increases were provided as is the case for non-bargaining and AFSCME employees. The funds for the increases were already included in this year's budget.

**Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course-Clubhouse Restaurant-Lease Agreement** –The City Commission approved the four year lease amending the agreement in concurrence with the request of City Commissioner McKay-Vaughan to reduce the almost 100% increase in payments and not require an annual CPI increase due to the harsh economic times and the fact that it helps the City by providing great affordable meals for golf patrons and others in the community; as well as a great affordable place for the



City and other organizations to hold meal events. The lease was increased by about 40 % and the CPI would only kick in after 2 years or halfway into the lease.

**Local Preference Purchasing Ordinance**- An Ordinance on first reading adding to the city code a “Local preference in contracts and purchasing” to permit application of a preference for purchases from local vendors. It provides a preference of 5 % to Daytona Beach vendors for purchases and services. For negotiated purchases, the local vendor(s) could be awarded up to 5 per cent of the total evaluation points. The term local vendor is defined in the ordinance as a business located in The City of Daytona Beach for at least 6 months and is in compliance with all local laws, including City zoning and licensing ordinances.

#### **Riverfront Park Licensing for Biketoberfest and Bike Week- Contract Acceptance**

The Commission approved by a vote of 4-2 (Shiver and Woos dissenting), the contract with Biker Threads, LLC (Bruce Rossmeyer), for a 3 year, with option to renew 3 additional years, to provide activities, entertainment, and vending of goods during both events. All of the Commission’s prior requests for the RFP were met and they will pay the minimum fee required of \$ 75,000 (which is \$ 25,000 less than Rossmeyer was paying when he rented the park before); they will also be allowed to sell alcohol during the event.

**Gwen Azama-Edwards**

#### **Volusia County School Board**

##### **CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT**

The school board approved a capacity enhancement agreement with Hammock Creek Green, LLC regarding the Restoration development in the city of Edgewater. The agreement reflects the benefits of the Volusia County charter planning amendment, which assures schools, are included in the planning process. Two school sites are identified in the 8500 unit development. The development is also subject to school concurrency

##### **FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The superintendent reported at the joint meeting of the Florida School Boards Association and Florida Association of School District Superintendents, the main topic of discussion was the state budget shortfall and the impact on school district budgets. The revenue estimating conference on November 21 indicated state revenue is spiraling downward necessitating another reduction. The School District of Volusia County anticipates an estimated additional \$13 to \$18 million reduction this school year. A special legislative session on budget reductions is probable in January with the regular session beginning in March. School Board decisions will need to be made regarding additional reductions. The District is still being told next year will be worse and that we will be starting from where we end this school year with another possible 10-12% reduction.

At the school board’s direction, the district is implementing a “Call to Action” plan and will continue with presentations on budget reductions to faculty this month. After winter break, 7 regional parent meetings will be held in school board member geographical areas. The district will also begin meeting with community and civic groups, local governments, chambers and others. The District is at the breaking point to maintain quality education.

**Ann Harrell**

#### **Port Orange City Council**

The City of Port Orange actively participates in educating high school students in the inner workings of city government. For over two decades, the city has conducted a Student Government Day Program with pre-IB freshman at Spruce Creek High School. The program has been expanded to students from Atlantic High School. Over 250 students participate each year.

The Student Government Day Program is more than a one-day event. It begins with an overview of local government and basic governmental structure as well as an introduction to Sunshine laws, public records, ethics, and the Council-Manager form of government. Students create their own city, elect the City Council, appoint the manager and attorney, and fill key roles as department heads and staff. Some students act as media, as citizen activists, and as record keepers.

Port Orange City Council Members and staff, including the Manager, Department Heads and other professional staff meet with the students collectively and individually to develop a project

related to a specific and timely issue affecting the City. This year's project was the development of Bird Island.

The City staff work closely with the students to provide background information and guidance throughout the project. During the program, which last approximately 10-weeks, the students complete research, write reports, prepare agendas and presentations. The experience counts as a portion of their school grade and culminates in a half-day mock City Council meeting held at City Hall. The meeting is televised live on Port Orange Government Television. The City staff mentor the students and assist them with their project. Teachers provide oversight and organization. During one of the programs, the students recommended that the City of Port Orange establish a Youth Advisory Board comprised of students from each of the Port Orange high schools and middle schools to provide information and recommendations to the City Council on issues important to them. The Youth Advisory Board was formally created in 2006 and meet throughout the school year.

**Summer Clayton**

## Smart Growth Implementation

In time it is the intention of the county council, working together with staff and Volusia Council of Governments, to draft a countywide smart growth plan. Now underway is language for the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle 08-2. Among the tasks VCOG has chosen important to complete is the conservation development ordinance. This is one of the tools selected from smart growth's toolbox. For an example, setting aside a minimum of 60 percent open land and green space for any development within ECO allows a density increase in a cluster development of 25 percent over existing zoning. It was in early December that county council adopted conservation development planning by a 6-1 vote. In the judgment of the dissenter density bonuses provided unnecessary incentives in light of already gaining financially from small lot clustering.

Another important tool being developed is a joint planning agreement between entities entering negotiations. It was considered advisable to draw a memorandum of understanding as a forerunner to a final agreement which in many cases experience extended delays. The work group expects to design a model document addressing varied conditions making it useful in local government. And the last smart growth tool to be explored is transfer of development rights. A plan that allows development rights in an environmentally sensitive area to be transferred or sent out to be received by a designated property allowing higher density development. This would require countywide acceptance by local governments, the ECO map, and an inventory of properties ready to participate. To date the VCOG Smart Growth TAC has made little progress in implementing this tool.

The Green Ribbon Panel in its discussion on minimum environmental standards identified short comings of the current standards. Tools are needed to establish how much mitigation is required and how to measure the value of the wetland's function. The panel has been asked to review the tree standards for discussion at its January 2009 meeting. Updated minimum standards are scheduled for completion by 2010.

Rosemarie Gore

## LWVVC 2009 Calendar

This calendar schedule is tentative and is subject to change

Date	Event	Where	Time	Comments
Wednesday January 14, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday January 17, 2009	General Meeting: Health Policies in Florida; Barbara Lumpkin	LPGA Clubhouse, 1000 Champions Dr., DB	10 AM- noon	Lunch \$15, RSVP to Claudia Roth—see VOTER cover announcement
Wednesday February 11, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday February 21, 2009	General Meeting: Nat'l Popular Vote Compact Consensus	TBA	TBA	Ann Smith
Sunday March 8, 2009	Deadline: Early Bird Registration for Leg. Seminar			
Wednesday March 11, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday March 21, 2009	General Meeting Mental Health	TBA	TBA	Maritza Patterson
March 22-24, 2009	Legislative Seminar	Tallahassee, FL		
Wednesday April 8, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday April 18, 2009	Annual Meeting Smart Growth Update	TBA	TBA	Rosemarie Gore
Monday April 20, 2009	Deadline: Early Bird Registration for LWVF Convention			
Saturday May 9, 2009	Fundraiser Garage Sale	Summer & Dennis Claytons' in Port Orange	TBA	Fri night—set up Sat—sale
Wednesday May 13, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
May 15-17, 2009	LWVF Convention	Jacksonville, FL		
Wednesday June 10, 2009	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30– 7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday June 20, 2009	General Meeting Observer Corp Meeting	TBA	TBA	Pat Gadbow
Saturday July 18, 2009	LWVVC Board Retreat	TBA	TBA	