



The League of Women Voters of Volusia County, Florida

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League of Women Voters of Volusia County Presents:

November 13, 2010

Volusia County Cannot Pave Its Way Out of Congestion

George Recktenwald

Director of Volusia County Public Works

Karl Welzenbach

Exec. Director of Volusia TPO

&

Kenneth Fischer

Sr. VP McDonald Transit Assoc. Inc, & Votran General Manager

9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

Breakfast--\$15

Palmetto Club

1000 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach

RSVP by November 9, 2010 to Maritza Patterson

rpatterson11@cfl.rr.com

Cancellations after Nov. 9 will be invoiced.

Check in @ 9:15 a.m., Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.

Program @ 10:15 a.m.

The LWVVC Board invites all members to celebrate the holidays!



**Vince Carter's Restaurant Patio
2150 LPGA Blvd (at I-95)**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010
5-7 p.m.**

Cash Bar

Appetizers provided by the Board

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Dear Leaguers,

We have survived the Elections!! Your board has been very busy with Election issues throughout the county. We have done over 25 Amendment Presentations over

the last two months. Ann Smith is exhausted from coordinating and speaking at many of these presentations as well as the other speakers: Maritza Patterson; Chris Moseley; Pat Gadbow; Pat Drago and Gwen Azama-Edwards. Also, thank you to Betty Johnson, Webmaster, who kept our web page up to date for information-seeking voters.

Now it is time to move on to other issues. Foremost in our minds is transportation. Transportation decisions impact communities in a tremendous manner. So who makes these decisions? How are the decisions made? We hope to gain appreciation and knowledge of the procedures involved at our Transportation in Volusia County panel discussion in November. Join us as we embark on our Transportation Study.

As we approach the holidays, I hope you will join us at our Holiday Celebration on December 8, 2010. This year's festivities will take place at Vince Carter's Restaurant! The board will provide appetizers where we look forward to an enjoyable evening!

May you have joy and peace and be safe this holiday season!

Sandy Horikami
LWVVC President



Maritza Patterson in front of the Farm-worker's Assoc. in Pierson, FL where she gave an Amendment Presentation in Spanish!

Welcome New Members!

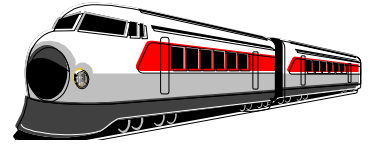
Carla Christianson of Ormond Beach

Suzanne Ronneau of Port Orange

Larry Volenec of Daytona Beach



“Volusia County Cannot Pave Its Way Out of Congestion.”



The program on November 13 will feature a panel of experts who will inform us of the near and distant future transportation issues for Volusia County. Our experts are: George Recktenwald, Director of Public Works for Volusia County; Karl D. Welzenbach, Executive Director, Volusia TPO; and Kenneth Fischer, Senior Vice President McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. and Votran General Manager. These three experts will give us a brief synopsis of the process for planning for transportation needs.

George Recktenwald, *Director of Public Works for Volusia County*

George Recktenwald has been with Volusia County for 13 ½ years. He served as Construction Manager for Road & Bridge until August 2001. He was named Road & Bridge Director in September of 2001. He was made Acting Public Works Director in January 2006 and was officially appointed Public Works Director in September of 2006. He also served as Acting Ocean Center Director and helped to supervise the expansion of the Ocean Center in 2009.

His prior experience before working for Volusia County Government includes several years in private industry constructing and rehabilitating bridges, piers and water towers throughout Florida and project management work with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Mr. Recktenwald was born in upstate New York State. He has an A.S. Degree from State University of New York at Alfred and a B.S. Degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in Industrial Engineering Technology.

Mr. Recktenwald has resided in Volusia County for 24 years. He has a wife, 2 sons and a stepson. George has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, youth soccer and football and enjoys boating and golf.

Karl Welzenbach, *Executive Director of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization*

Mr. Welzenbach Graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor Degree in Economics. He interned at DuPage County Planning Department.

From 1989-1991 he served as Executive Director of the Illinois Corridor Transportation Management Association.

He worked at the Chicago Area Transportation Study (the MPO for Chicago now called CMAP) from 1991-1998.

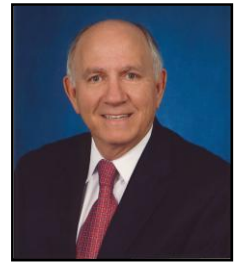
1998-1999 he was the Chief Regional Grant Coordinator for the Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Public Transportation.

1999- Present He has served as the Executive Director of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (formerly known as the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization)

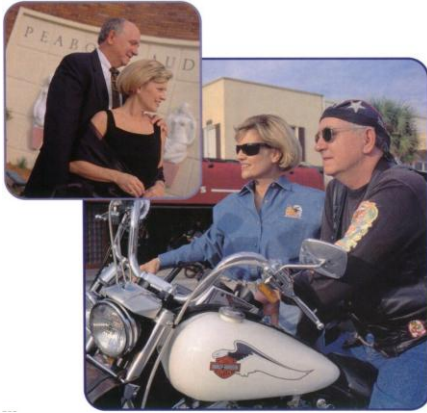
Kenneth Fischer, *Senior Vice President, McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. and General Manager of Votran*

Mr. Fischer holds a B.S. in Urban Planning from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. He started his career as an intern for the transit system in Columbus, Georgia. After graduation his first job was as a transportation planner for the MPO in Alexandria, Louisiana. Three years later he went to work for McDonald Transit Associates as their General Manager for the transit system in National City, California. In 1981, McDonald moved him to Volusia County to serve as the Votran General Manager. He has served in that capacity since, except for a three year stretch when he worked in the McDonald Corporate Office and was tasked with starting up four transit systems: Ocala, Florida, Naples, Florida, Gwinnett County, Georgia and the Xpress Bus Service in Atlanta, Georgia.

Meet Bob Coleman



Bob Coleman is a long time member of the League of Women Voters, a retired FPL engineer, an outstanding citizen, a husband, father and grandfather.



Bob is married to Bobbi Lively, and they have been happily married for 39 years. They started dating their senior year of high school, but it took him 5 years to convince her to marry him. Bob and Bobbi have two sons. Matthew is a teacher at Pathways Elementary School, Ormond Beach, and the father of two beautiful daughters. Micah, who has a PHD in math from UF, is a Navy Reserve Officer and was recalled to active duty for a tour in Iraq in 2007. Currently, Micah is a Research Scientist at Georgia Tech Research Institute in Atlanta.

Bob is a graduate of Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He has attended many work related classes and seminars as diverse as Statistical Applications taught by the Japanese Union of Scientists and Engineers, Harvard Business School Program and Management Development and Brookings Institution. Bob

is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Florida.

Throughout a long and varied career with Florida Power & Light Company since 1971, Bob has worked in all aspects of the company from field engineering to leadership positions in Customer Service, Commercial/Industrial, Distribution, Transmission, Substations and FPL Group Management. After 39 years with FPL, Bob decided this summer it was time to retire. Since retiring, he and his wife have been traveling, enjoying riding their motorcycles, and volunteering with several community organizations.



Bob has long been a staunch supporter of the League of Women Voters. He served as president of the League of Women Voters of Volusia County in 1995. Over the years, he has been instrumental in securing sponsorships from FPL for the **Políticos on Parade**, a biennial fundraiser for the league.

Ann Harrell, Interviewer: Why did you join the League of Women Voters?

Bob: In 1978, we moved to Charlotte County and there were several local topics with considerable public discussion. It was very obvious to me that the League was the only group dealing with factual information on the topics. From this observation, I decided to become a member.

Ann: Why have you been a supporter of the league for so long?

Bob: As an engineer, I think I have a natural disposition to stay with the facts. I had a plaque on my desk at my office that read, "In God we trust, the others must bring the data." The league has a history of studying issues before taking action. I value the in-depth knowledge that the league provides about all sorts of issues at the local, state and national levels.

Ann: You served as president of the LWVVC, please share some memories of a few issues the league actively addressed during your tenure.

Bob: Some specific topics included ERA, redistricting, and farm workers. Some of the issues are the same today. The league also worked to have informed voters and at the same time staying very non-partisan.

Ann: Are there any final comments you would like to share with our readers?

Bob: I trust that the league will continue to be an organization that works for an informed voter and active participation in the political process. I truly believe that the league is making a difference in our community, our state and our nation.

By Ann Harrell



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AND THE ABILITY TO HAVE FUN ON A COMMITTEE....***

Yes, your LWVVC Board thought of YOU!

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County tries to create a FUNDRAISER each year. In recent years, (every other year) – we have held a Politicos on Parade Fashion Show, inviting politicians to don local fashions and strut the runway. Congrats go to all those who were involved in the successful 2010 show.

This next year – in MAY – we hope to try a new idea – not a garage sale – but something different to raise funds – and maybe have fun too. Now, before we go any further, I'm sending this to you to see if we have a Group – interested women and men willing to come to one meeting a month to plan out something special.

And no – I do NOT have to be “in charge” once we get rolling – we can meet, talk and see which “leaders” float to the surface. We can all participate, and we can all be inspired and share our brains.

So, to start – I started thinking – we could coordinate with a Wine Shop and hold a Wine & Cheese Party – it will help the shop and we can perhaps – set up outside for the party part – just a thought.

Or we could create a Murder Mystery Party – costumes, the whole bit and charge ... ok if these sounds silly, LET'S WORK TOGETHER and come up with some great ideas. Have some fun and make money for the LWVVC.

Interested??

Contact Jean Snyder at snyder.jean7@gmail.com.

I'm hoping we can get the first meeting together after the elections.

Thank you.

OBSERVER CORPS

The transportation committee continues to talk with the experts. In October we met with officials from Florida Department of Transportation regarding the timelines and progress of four commuter rails lines. After our general meeting November 13, we will start the process of summarizing our findings to send to the State League unless the State extends the study. Many thanks to the members of the Observer Corps, Nora Jane Gillespie, Linda Burgher, and Summer Clayton who contributed excellent summaries of their observations for this report.

Patricia Gadbow

Edgewater City Council

8/30

- At the Edgewater budget hearings they increased the millage rate to 6.59 for general fund and raised the water and sewer rates by 6 per cent for three years. In doing so they agreed to pave the worst street, delayed payment on the \$1.5 million bond due in 2013, kept the \$500 per employee one time stipend in place. The increase in water sewer rates will make it possible to upgrades to sewer and water plants as well as purchase land for new public works site when they enlarge sewer the plant on Mango.
- The city manager proposed closing eight cross-overs on US 1. Florida Department of Transportation hearing regarding proposed median closings is set for October 7 at 5: PM in Council Chambers.

9/13

The council temporarily deferred impact fees for 3 years for sidewalk, fire and emergency medical, police and transportation and passed 0 2010-16 impact fees for non-residential properties.

9/28

Passed 0 2010-21, amending Article IV, "Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers" of Chapter 11 with stricter provisions.

Established City of Edgewater Manatee Trust Fund with a percentage of license plate collections.

Extended reduction of fees for annexation of non residential property for one year

Approved state revolving fund loan agreement for southeast water storage and pump station and four new wells, city share is \$449,749.

Oak Hill City Commission

10/11

- Presented first rendition of city song based on the history of Oak Hill by Gene Gizzi given to the city to use as they see fit. It is lovely.
- Passed Block Grant program for home restoration, second public hearing will be next meeting.
- Passed 2010-08 redefining boundaries of the city to include 129 Canal Avenue
- passed 0-2010-09 annexing by voluntary petition 121 Canal Avenue

New Smyrna Commission

9/14

- Passed 0 2010-35 allowing applicants to wave paving, for a fee, to cover cost of shell roads
- Passed 0 2010-36 allowing greater density in Venetian Bay. Working with Port Orange on density of commercial where the two cities touch.

10/1

- moved forward with Dunn Lumber property demolition at the corner of US1 and old 44 (West Canal St) for \$34,266.49 funded through Community Re-development Act (CRA)
- sent in Westside Neighborhood Grant application for Splash Park,
- started annexation of Bishop & Bishop Body Shop, Inc. property
- approved removal of 38 inch historical oak at 44 & Colony Rd. There are several other oaks on property of Murphy Oil building in front of Home Depot and they are paying into the tree mitigation fund.
- decided to do a request for proposal (RFP) for sale of the two water taxi vessels, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gets any money from the sale unless the city decides when these come back to change guide-line rules,
- CRA funded Orange St parking lot improvements.

10/12

- Passed 0 51/10 amending Land Redevelopment Regulations (LDR) allowing accessory structures up to five feet in the rear and side property lines,
- 0 52/10 LDR change for max impervious coverage lots;
- 0 53/10 LDR to determine when substantial performances have occurred in order to determine whether a building permit has expired;
- 0 54/10 LDR administrative variances for property setbacks, 10 percent of required setback can be waived
- Looking into permits and charges for boat launching on city property. *NoraJane Gillespie*

VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Focal point of sessions for last 9 months has been on reducing spending while trying to deliver an adequate level of service for residents of this county.

April 6, 2010

***Review of "out of jail" diversion program.** Judge Shuman, county court judge, reports that the program is small. Many judges feel comfortable with incarceration. Also, candidates for the program are carefully screened. Praise for Judges Shuman and Wills for their efforts. Council encourages more education for judges about the benefits of diversion 1) lessens impact on families (stays with family unit and still can work or find job): 2) saves county money, and 3) offers alternative to jail by accessing appropriate treatment.

***Proclamation** ---Children's Week. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches served outside Kelly bldg. at noon. Several kiosks with information about children's needs and services. State funding is inadequate. Need more prevention programs.

***MINI-BUDGET WORKSHOP on Rate Schedule of Ocean Center/Ocean Walk Parking Garage**---County took over in 2007--Debt must be paid down. Daytona's rate low when compared to other similar cities. Concern that a rate hike not discourage business. Public Comment from Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory to consider that foot traffic is essential and that employees or owners have to pay for parking also. **DECISION--Rate increase approved--6 mo. review.**

***Library funding revisited.** Decrease in property taxes continues -- need \$4.7 thousand (k) over next 2 yrs. must be cut. Previous reductions not enough. Proposed closing Holly Hill and S. Cornelia Young libraries. Presented figures on savings. Public comment by several Holly Hill residents and city officials and one resident from Daytona. Chairman Bruno said he has agreed to most of budget cuts but would not vote for library cuts. *Decision 4-3 -- S. Cornelia Young to be closed in 45 days; 5-2—and not close Holly Hill.*

***Commuter Rail update**---concerns about County's role, how long would they be involved, revenue estimate not clear, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) seems to make all decisions, need for cities, county, and FDOT to get together. *Deadline for final agreement has been removed so there is time to make solid decisions.*

May 5, 2010

***Economic Development --approval to act** on recommendations from April 24th business workshop. Discussion centered on whether the County can find the money and length of commitment vs. the need for business growth. Opportunity for establishing Business Incubator using an expert from the University of Central Florida (UCF). **DECISION**---approval for Rick Karl to work with UCF to define and clarify operating costs and process. He will share information with each council member in preparation for a public meeting.

***Comprehensive Financial Report ending 9/30/09.** Report on audit by Bernadette Britz-Parker and team (Entire report is on line) had prepared companion to the full report for use by council members. Volusia's bond rating is strong, financial health average. Found error in way time-share property tax calculated---result \$106,000 owed to county.

***MINI-BUDGET WORKSHOP on Health Department fee schedule.** Loss of subsidies means Department must find alternative source of revenue. Plan, presented by Dr. Sorensen, entails increasing fees for some services and decreasing levels of services. Increase fees on water testing, indoor air testing, vital statistic immunizations.

***Approval to renew contract and use** grant funds for summer foods Program.

May 6, 2010

***MINI-BUDGET WORKSHOP on EVAC and Fire Services** Addressed only EVAC--consensus to delay fire

until new chief available. Focused on need for better fee collection. 39% of transport cases labeled "non-collectable" --reasons : no insurance , unable to pay, able but refuse to pay. They have improved their billing system which is helping. *Goal is self supporting*

***Update of Federal Stimulus Programs administered by County.** 47% of funds have been used to buy abandoned and foreclosed homes, renovate, help obtain loans to purchase homes, money then comes back to county (partner with Serenity house). Other use ---Community block grants for sidewalks, -Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Homeless prevention (rapid re-housing), Community Service grant--self-sufficiency for low income.

***Upgrade of Votran shelters** AG Pifer awarded bid for assembly and installation of Votran Shelters, benches, stop posts and signs, bike racks, trash receptacles, curb-cuts. Federal Funds \$100,000 Approved.

June 3, 2010

***Update of general fund and municipalities service fund (sheriff and road activities)** Sheriff department. underfunded but can still add 2 or 3 deputies. Will try to work closely with each city.

Roads---County responsibility grows for unincorporated roads, artery roads, some subdivisions, county roads through cities (city utilities underground) bridges ---savings through personnel shifts, 1/3 of crew gone. Artery system keeps growing so more work to do--*some projects will be delayed.*

***County budget update by City Manager Dineen** --Current budget needs to save \$24K not \$23K. Believes economy will remain bad for a while longer so need to be safe not sorry and start looking for new ways to reduce costs in next budget. He will start new budget work in July with appraiser's help. *467 positions are gone but need to start looking at further reductions.*

***Economic Development and direction** Rick Karl reports still at conceptual level---Team made up of Chamber of Commerce, the County, and cities that buy into plan--entitles to representation on board. Private sector will match \$1 for \$1 whatever public entities contribute. CEO cabinet will make efforts to bring business to Volusia, a CEO will be sought. UCF expert will provide knowledge and support up to 5 years. Public comment positive. *Unanimous approval to move forward.*

***Future ECHO funding** Report on where ECHO(Ecological, Cultural, Heritage, Outdoors) is after 9 years.. Council feels projects funded have been financially good for Volusia. Program will end in 10 years. Would like to suspend awarding grants (requests are slow at this time due to economy?) until a study is completed. *Requests council to commit to an in-depth study and direction on where to go from here.*

August 5, 2010

***MINI-BUDGET WORKSHOP--transportation tax and impact fee funding.** Proposed capital improvements for roads, multi-use trails and storm water. Presenter Gerald Brinton ---Grants obtained for widening Saxon Blvd. DOT to share costs. Rhode Island will not be extended. DeBary insistent on widening Dirksen Road. They will commit \$60,000 and have approach Representative Mica to help in getting a grant. Councilor Northey wants to know alignment of rail project before doing road work --they need to be complimentary.

Trails project discussed by George Recktenwald. Problem --trail from NW Volusia to DeLeon Springs--how to get across RT. 415--suggest pedestrian overpass bridge. Recktenwald wants to complete missing links by spring 2011, then find funding for pedestrian bridge for both RT. 415 and RT. 442.

Drain pipes system old and some need to be replaced --this will be ongoing problem--being pro-active will save money--new H2o quality regulations for lakes and rivers may mean using money meant for other projects. *Money is not available--- counties, cities, and state will need to partner.*

***ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM acquisition of materials, development and permitting** sites 5-10 miles off-shore being developed. Fish will hide in them and flourish, people can fish close enough to see tall beach buildings, charter companies may want to do business. Pre-cast pipes are donated but county must go get them and place them. They are very heavy--tons----piles will be 5-10-20 ft. high. Request sought for permit to place additional pipes. Approved. LEARN MORE ON WEB SITE: VOLUSIAREEF.COM

***Beach Driving** After death of 2 children on beach some changes to improve safety are necessary. Council is receiving many ideas from the public and is looking at these closely. After long discussion by council, County Manager Dineen asked for ideas that could be put in place immediately. He will see that they are carried out. Some difficulty with members coming to consensus but achieved. *These will be aired on TV and written in newspapers. Longer term solutions will be sought. May want to seek a consultant to help as there are many different stakes.*

August 19, 2010

***ADVERTISING AUTHORITY BUDGET**--Each advertising authority reported their accomplishments for the year and projected budget needs in very unique presentations which showed off their Public Relations talents. Each has identified their target audience and taken steps to reach them. Tools used are improved web sites, new printed material (some biodegradable). Halifax authority will move to Ocean Center to save money and be available for groups seeking convention sites. Tourism is life blood of our county. Although each region has unique offerings for visitors *Council wants them to make effort to coordinate as well.*

***CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORT**--Public hearings for renewal of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) non-transport (10 cities) All approved. Fire Chief Robert Staples spoke in behalf of Deltona, NSB, Daytona and Ponce Inlet.

There are 3 applications for contingency transportation (Daytona, Edgewater, and Port Orange). Fire fighters or police departments are not elected and do not make policy so each city government must make own request and develop their own model of how they want to work with EVAC .

EVAC wants to be involved according to Chairman Bruno. Devil in the details--(ie: how will decision for contingency transport be made?) *Once necessary work received plans can move forward. Linda Burgher*

Port Orange City Council -- Where does all that tax money go?

Pension obligations for fire and police employees have become a huge tax burden for municipalities throughout the country. Port Orange is no exception. During recent budget hearings, the city provided information on city pension plans. In 2009, the city taxpayers contributed \$3,588,053 to the fire and police pension funds. Fire and police employees contributed only \$49,681. That's just for the year 2009.

Firefighter and police officers can retire with a pension after 20 years. If they wait until they have worked for 30 years they can receive 90% of their salary for the first five years of retirement. After 5 years, they receive a 3% annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) for every year thereafter. As an example, a firefighter earning \$56,000, will receive \$50,000 in pension for the first five years. After 5 years, he/she will receive an annual 3% cost of living adjustment which will give him/her \$51,000 for the sixth year, \$67,195 after 15 years; and \$104,688 after 30 years. This is a serious debt obligation which has yet to be resolved. *Summer Clayton*

Voter Service

Wow!! What a busy election season this has been! League members have gone over and above the "call of duty"! We began the "season" by sending out questionnaires to all of the municipal and county level candidates before the primary election. We included the judicial candidates asking them for information about who they were and why we should vote for them. Sandra **Horikami**, **Rosemarie Gore**, **Pat Gadbaw**, **Claudia Roth**, **Gwen Azama-Edwards**, **Maritza Patterson** and **Pat Drago** put in long hours coming up with appropriate questions and contacting candidates to answer questions and help them through the process. In addition, **Betty Johnson**, our webmaster, spent hours once all of the information was received, placing the information on the website and updating all of the election information which tended to change frequently.

We have moderated candidates' forums/informational sessions for the judicial candidates, Holly Hill mayor, Congressional District 24 Democratic Primary, Daytona Beach City Commission Zone 3, School Board Candidates District 3, and all of the County Council Candidates. **Dennis and Summer Clayton**, **Rosemarie Gore**, **Rindy Nyberg**, **Pat Gadbaw**, **Carolyn West**, **Ellen Nielsen**, **Jean Snyder**, **Roger and Maritza Patterson**, and **Sandra Horikami** made these forums possible by moderating, timing, handing out cards and pencils, and screening questions.

Once again, we partnered with WDSC, Daytona State Channel 15, for a pre-primary live-to-tape session of all of the County Council Candidates in districts 1, 3, 5, and At Large. WDSC will continue to air this forum up to Election Day. It was a huge success.

We have been inundated with calls to explain the amendments. **Gwen Azama-Edwards**, **Pat Drago**, **Pat Gadbaw**, **Sandra Horikami**, **Chris Moseley**, **Maritza Patterson**, and I have been from the New Smyrna Beach Library to the Port Orange Library to the Deltona Library to Temple Beth El in Ormond Beach to the Hancock Bank in Palm Coast and numerous places in between speaking to groups of 5 to 100 explaining the amendments and answering questions! We have given over 25 different presentations to a wide array of individuals and groups. We also had a first. **Maritza Patterson** went to the Farm Workers meeting in Pierson on Sunday night and explained the amendments in Spanish!!!!

That isn't all. **Lynn Lempel and Maritza Patterson** did the work of hundreds by answering questions on the League telephone. So many people just called and asked for information on the amendments, where to vote, how to register – the list is endless. We are so lucky to have such good and knowledgeable people speaking on behalf of the League.

There is no way to adequately express my thanks for all of the help, willingness to say yes, at the drop of a hat, and commitment of our League members. Whether you were intimately involved or just spoke to your friends and neighbors, hold your head high and be proud to be a member of the League of Women Voters of Volusia County. When I review all that has been done this political season, the task seems insurmountable, but no task is too difficult when you have dedicated, informed, and committed members willing to always go the extra mile. Again, thank you to everyone for being so generous with your time and your talents. It takes special people to do special jobs, and **you are all special!!**

*Ann Smith
Voter Service Chair*



Kay Semion

We will miss our friend and fellow leaguer, Kay Semion, who passed away October 20th, after a courageous struggle with cancer. Kay was the executive director for the Literacy Council and former associate editorial page editor for the Daytona Beach News Journal. As a league member, Kay was the chair of the Nominating Committee. Kay's area of expertise was municipal and county government issues and in that role came into contact and formed friendships with many Volusia County leaguers. She was an avid bicyclist and logged thousands of miles a year in Volusia's special places. One of her favorite rides was the Loop. She leaves behind a father, Lowell Hooker in Indiana, a brother, James Hooker in Virginia, and a son, Justin in California, and daughter, Sonia in Colorado.

Her spirit, resilience, and courage were noted by all who supported her during her battle with cancer. Her wit, intelligence, and adventurous character were traits that will linger in our hearts and minds. Rest well, Kay.

Pat Drago



LWVVC November 2010-February 2011 Calendar
 All events are subject to change

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| Nov 2, Tuesday | General Election Day!! | | |
| Nov 3- 9 Wednesday | Recover from Election | | |
| Nov 10, Wed | LWVVC Board Meeting | Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | All members welcome! |
| Nov 13, Saturday | General Meeting: Transportation in Volusia County; Panel of speakers: George Recktenwald, Karl Welzenbach, Executive Director Volusia TPO, Kenneth Fischer, Votran General Manager | Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, DB, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast \$15 | RSVP: Maritza Patterson 11/9, see Voter cover Check in at 9:15 a.m., Breakfast at 9:30, Program at 10:15 |
| Dec 8, Wednesday | Holiday Celebration | Vince Carter's Restaurant--Patio, 2150 LPGA Blvd. (at I-95), 5-7 p.m. | Cash bar, appetizers provided by board, RSVP: Maritza Patterson, Dec 3, 2010 |
| Jan 12, Wednesday | LWVVC Board Meeting | Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | All members welcome! |
| Jan 17, Monday | Martin Luther King Day! | | |
| Jan 22, Saturday | General Meeting: Observer Corps Workshop | Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, DB, 9 a.m., \$15 | RSVP: Summer Clayton |
| Feb 9, Wednesday | LWVVC Board Meeting | Indigo Profess. Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | All members welcome! |
| Feb 14, Monday | LWV 91 st Birthday! | | |
| Feb 21, Monday | President's Day! | | |
| Feb 26, Saturday | Volusia County Social Studies Fair "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences" | Mainland High school | Details TBA |