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Environmental Considerations in Transportation Planning in Volusia County



Lois Bollenback

Executive Director of Volusia Transportation Planning Organization



Pat Northey

Volusia County Council Member



Brunch Buffet: \$17 Members; \$20 Nonmembers

Holiday Inn at LPGA

137 Auto Mall Circle, Daytona Beach

RSVP Jeanne Tanke by March 18, 2014

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Cancellations after 3/18/14 will be invoiced

Check in 9:00 a.m.; 9:15 program; 10:30 Brunch



EVENING HOT TOPICS

March 31, 2014, 5-7p.m.

Judge Joseph Will, 7th Judicial Circuit Court

Drug Courts Work

*A brief history of drug courts, statistics on recidivism
and how the program works*

\$10—All attendees, coffee and cookies provided

Country Inn & Suites, 5802 Journeys End Way, Port Orange 32127

Dunlawton → Taylor Rd → right on Journeys End Way

RSVP Jeanne Tanke by March 27, 2014

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Speakers for March 22, Meeting:

Lois Bollenback



Ms. Lois Bollenback is the Executive Director at Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) for almost 2 years. She has been in transportation planning and transit management in Volusia County for 15 years in both the public and private sector.

Ms. Bollenback worked at the Kennedy Space Center and then served in the United States Air Force. After returning from active duty, Ms. Bollenback earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's in Applied Economics from the University of Central Florida

Ms. Bollenback has lived in Volusia County since 1999 where she was the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner for the Volusia TPO. She has also worked for Ghyabi & Associates, a local planning and engineering firm and then for McDonald Transit Associates as first the Assistant General Manager and then later, the General Manager for Votran, Volusia County's transit provider. She then returned to Volusia County TPO in 2009 as the Senior Transportation Planner and now serves as its Executive Director.

Pat Northey



Patricia Northey, took office in January 2007, represents District 5, which includes DeBary, Deltona, Enterprise, Osteen, Stone Island and surrounding areas.

Ms. Northey has multitude of government experiences including: member of MPO Advisory Council; Volusia Forever; District 5 Representative; Volusia County Charter Review Commission and chair of the Strategic Intermodal Systems Infrastructure Committee, to name a few. Ms. Northey has served the community in numerous capacities, including serving as president of the Healthy Start Coalition of Volusia Flagler Counties, on the board and past president of the Boys and Girls Club of Volusia-Flagler Counties, as past chair of VCARD and Women's Network of Southeast Volusia. She has received many awards and recognitions, from Rotary international, Daytona Museum of Arts and Sciences, Chamber and Commerce, Healthy Start to name a few, including the LWVVC—Environmental Advocacy Award. Ms. Northey earned a Bachelor's degree from Nova University.

Ms. Northey entered the health care field in 1970, working as a member of the Florida Hospital Leadership Team. She was a representative for the East Orlando Campus to the Multi-Cultural Management Committee for the Florida Hospital Medical Center and retired as director of Patients' Business for Florida Hospital, East Orlando Division.

Ms. Northey and her husband, Edward, have been married since 1969. They have two sons, Ed and Erik, a Daughter in Law, Kat, and a beautiful granddaughter Morgan. They have lived in Deltona since 1974 where Pat started her public service as the refreshment chair for Cub Scout Pack 565.

Speaker for March 31st Hot Topics

Circuit Judge Joseph Will



Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will was appointed in 1991. Before becoming a judge, he was a board certified civil trial lawyer. Judge Will has an undergraduate degree from Florida State University and a juris doctor from the Cumberland School of Law. As a judge, he's presided over every division in the circuit court. He currently presides over adult drug court in Daytona Beach and DeLand. Judge Will also hears Baker and Marchman Act cases.

Letter from President Claudia Roth:



Thanks to you, the Water and Land Conservation Amendment will be on the ballot in November. This amendment *funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.*

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to register voters at the colleges, universities, and high schools in February and March. A special thanks to Brian Vaughn for facilitating the voter registration drive at Spruce Creek High School. Thanks too to the volunteers who represent LWVVC as judges at the Volusia County School District History Fair.

The education committee continues to prepare the consensus report. Look for future updates.

Remember to visit our website www.lwvvc.org often. If you missed the February 15 power point presentation by Troy Rice concerning the state of the Indian River Lagoon, you can find a link to his slides on our website.

I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting March 22 and our HOT Topics meetings the last Monday of March.

Sincerely,
Claudia Roth



Can It Be That Time Again?

It's Politicos on Parade!!

Politicos on Parade, our bi-annual fundraiser is nipping at our heels. Unlike many other civic/social groups, this is the only fund-raiser we have, so I trust you will support your League. How can you do this?

1. Buy a ticket(s) or a table for 8 or 4

Cost per ticket is \$30 and you will receive a tasty plated lunch, a zany fashion show featuring our current politicians and a surprise or two. E-mail Summer Clayton at summer_c2@bellsouth.net for tickets or (386) 788-1108.

2. Sell an ad in our program

The rates start at a very reasonable \$25 for a business card size to \$175 for the inside front cover – and everything in between. Contact Donna Jordan for rate cards and info. (see contact information below)

3. Secure a raffle item

Gift certificates are always a hit. If a business you frequent doesn't wish to buy an ad, what about an item instead?

This will be the best Politicos ever. Emcees: Mark Lane, News-Journal columnist, and his recent bride, Cindi. Fashions: provided by Belk at the Pavilion in Port Orange and they will provide complimentary make-up. Entertainment is pending.

So put on your party shoes and mark your calendar for May 10th, check-in starts at 9:30, at LPGA International, 1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach. The beautiful venue overlooks the golf greens and is centrally located for all areas of the county, just off I-95.



Donna Jordan, Chair
donnajordan777@gmail.com

Models from 2012 Politicos on Parade Fund Raiser

Natural Resources Report

There are several Environmental issues in our forefront at this time.

Brown Tide/Fertilizer Ordinance. There is a critical "brown tide" problem in our Indian River Lagoon that has killed much of the grass that provided habitat and food for fish, pelicans, dolphins and manatees. As a result, many of the life forms in the Lagoon are in danger of dying. In addition, the maintenance of the fishing and other "eco tourism" industries affects our local economic revenues. Although all the exact reasons that led to the critical environmental conditions are not known, efforts must be made to try to reverse the toxic brown tide problem. Most agree that fertilizer run-off from our beautiful lawns is one of the key contributors to the brown tide. Accordingly, **a fertilizer ordinance** has been proposed and will be considered by the **Volusia County Council on March 6**. Information and links on this proposed ordinance is on our website (www.LWVVC.org), but its three provisions for Volusia County are as follows:

1. **A summer rainy season ban on the application of nitrogen and phosphorus**
2. **At least 50% slow release for the nitrogen content**
3. **No phosphorus without a soil or tissue test indicating a deficiency**

Experts say this ordinance would not prevent us from having beautiful lawns. One study cited found that "turf fertilized before the four-month rainy season ban maintained acceptable visual quality throughout the blackout period of June 1 through September 30. It also showed that readily available nitrogen leached more than slow release nitrogen."¹

LWVVC had a most enlightening presentation by Troy Rice, Director of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program, at our March 15 meeting. A copy of his Power Point presentation is available on our website.

A second current concern to our environment is "fracking." According to Mary Jean Yon, Legislative Director, Audubon Florida, the oil and gas industries believe fracking is allowed in Florida and they plan to start doing it soon! Their focus is on Southwest Florida, but also have some interest in North Florida. Environmentalists are concerned about water quality, water supply, and sinkhole creation if fracking is allowed. HB71 and HB157 are pending in this year's legislature, both aimed at making fracking trouble-free for the industry. However, no companion bills have been filed in the Senate so far. Therefore, this may not be an issue this year unless they appear as amendments to other legislation. LWVF Natural Resources Committee is keeping a watchful eye on the fracking proposals.

The Land and Water Legacy Amendment will be on the ballot in November. The league took an active participation in collecting petitions to get the amendment on the ballot. LWVVC will be actively registering voters this year and urge voters to say "YES" on Amendment 1 to require funding for land and water conservation.

Many politicians and public leaders in the nation have signed the **Clean Water petition**. Our former local league President, Pat Gadbow traveled to Tallahassee to rally to the State House, making the

statement to the Legislators that Floridians care and deserve clean water! Hopefully this effort will inform our Legislators the importance of clean water in Florida.

Finally, on a personal note, I'm leaving Florida in early April. And it's not because of all the water issues here -- I'm moving to New Mexico where having ANY water is the concern! I want to thank the many members of this League who have been so supportive of my efforts to learn and preserve Florida's Natural Resources. I'll miss all of you!

Suzanne Ronneau, Natural Resources Chair

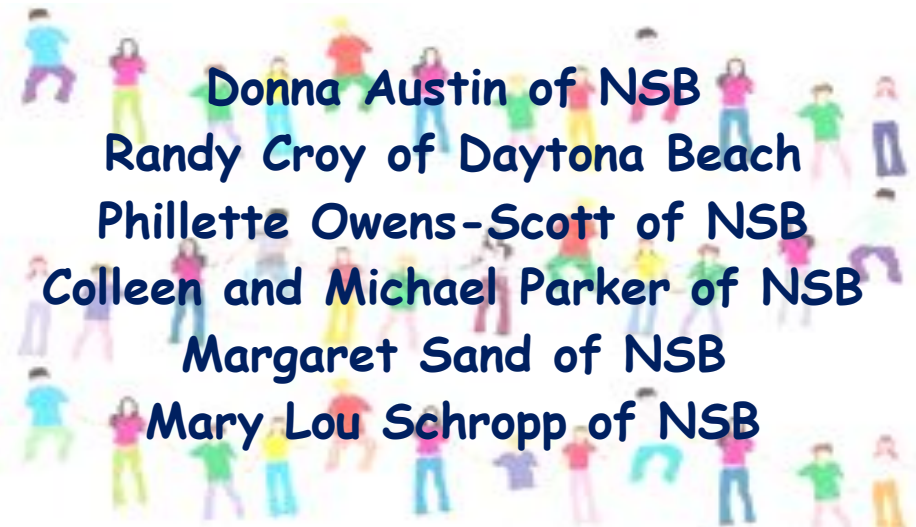
Reference:

¹ John L Cisar, 2009, Summer Blackout Study, in Source and Timing -Fertilizer Blackout Study



Troy Rice (center) with Susanne Rouneau (Natural Resources chair) and Pat Drago (VP) at the February General Meeting on the Indian River Lagoon.

**WELCOME
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**



**Donna Austin of NSB
Randy Croy of Daytona Beach
Philette Owens-Scott of NSB
Colleen and Michael Parker of NSB
Margaret Sand of NSB
Mary Lou Schropp of NSB**

LWVVC Annual Meeting

April 26, 2014

Women Environmentalists in Florida

Speaker: Leslie Poole

Followed by Annual Business Meeting

*Holiday Inn at LPGA
137 Auto Mall Circle, Daytona Beach*

*Check in at 10 a.m., Welcome 10:15; Speaker 10:30, Lunch 11 a.m.,
Business Meeting 11:30.*