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P.O. Box 9695, Daytona Beach, FL 32120

*May 23, 2015*

*League of Women Voters of Volusia County*

## *Annual Meeting*

***\$5—All Attendees—Coffee provided  
Holiday Inn at LPGA  
137 Auto Mall Circle, Daytona Beach***

*RSVP Jeanne Tanke by May 19, 2015  
[Jeanne622LWVVC@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Jeanne622LWVVC@cfl.rr.com)*

Check in at 9:45 a.m.; Meeting 10-11 a.m.

### **What's In This Voter?**

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***From President Claudia Roth:***



Hello Leaguers:

Whether you are new to League of Women Voters of Volusia County or have been with our organization for ages, I urge you to attend our annual meeting May 23. The annual meeting is all about our organization. This business meeting is an opportunity for you to learn about and decide leadership, the program, and the budget. In order to allow time for your questions, the agenda does not include a guest speaker this year.

Your attendance is important and your participation is valued! I look forward to seeing you May 23.

*Sincerely,  
Claudia Roth,  
President LWVVC*



**National Study on Money and Politics and Constitutional Revision**

The LWV does not take positions on issues that it does not study. At the national LWV convention in Dallas in 2014, in response to the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, delegates voted to study money and politics and a constitutional revision.

The timeline for both studies:

- June-Aug. 2015--Study materials will be posted on the website
- Sept. 25-27, 2015--Consensus questions approved by LWVUS board
- Nov. 2015 or sooner--Consensus questions and study guide sent to Local Leagues (LLs)
- Nov-Jan 2016—Local Leagues hold consensus meetings
- Feb. 1, 2016--Deadline for LLs to report consensus
- Feb.-Mar, 2016--Tabulate and review results
- April 2016--Present consensus report to LWVEF Trustees

Unit reports must be consolidated and approved by the LWVVC board before the Feb 1, 2016 deadline.

LWVVC needs to vote whether or not to participate in this study.

### Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

The Budget Committee proposed the following Budget Recommendation for 2015-16. The LWVVC Board approved this recommended budget at the LWVVC Board meeting of March 18, 2015 for submission to the General Membership for approval.

	Description	2014-15 Budget		Description	2015-16 Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>			<b>INCOME:</b>		
	Membership Dues	4,950		Membership Dues	5,000
	Contributions	800		Contributions	800
	Politicos & Other Fundraising	750		Politicos & Other Fundraising	7,500
	Meetings	6,000		Meetings	4,000
	Ed. Fund Transfer for PMP	1,905		Ed. Fund Transfer for PMP	0
	Reserve Fund Transfer	2,423		Reserve Fund Transfer	3,177
	Other (interest, dividends, etc)	150		Other (interest, dividends, etc)	40
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,978</b>		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,517</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
<b>A.</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>A.</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
	FL Incorporation Fee	10	A1.	FL Incorporation Fee	62
	PO Box	90	A2.	PO Box	90
	Postage	100	A3.	Postage (admin postage)	100
	Printing	150	A4.	Printing (board, comm, officers)	150
	Supplies	150	A5.	Supplies (retreat)	150
	Telephone	500	A6.	Telephone	690
	Communication & Website	275	A7.	Communication & Website	275
	Assorted fees - Bank, PayPal		A8.	Assorted fees - Bank, PayPal	50
<b>B.</b>	<b>Board &amp; Administration</b>		<b>B.</b>	<b>Board &amp; Administration</b>	
	Monthly Meetings, Retreat	250	B1.	Monthly Meetings, Retreat	300
<b>C.</b>	<b>Delegate Expenses</b>		<b>C.</b>	<b>Delegate Expenses</b>	
	LWVF Conv./Counc.	600	C1.	LWVF Meetings	2,500
	LWVF Legis. Seminar	1,500	C2.	LWVUS Meeting	1,000
	LWVUS Convention	0			
<b>D.</b>	<b>Per Member Payment - PMP</b>		<b>D.</b>	<b>Per Member Payment - PMP</b>	
	LWVF	1,683	D1.	LWVF	1,500
	LWVUS	2,970	D2.	LWVUS	3,200
<b>E.</b>	<b>The Voter</b>		<b>E.</b>	<b>The Voter</b>	
	Publication & Mailing	300	E1.	Publication & Mailing	300
<b>F.</b>	<b>Meetings</b>		<b>F.</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	
	Venue, Setup & Catering	5,000	F1.	Venue, Setup & Catering	3,000
	Post Card Mailing/Printing	500	F2.	Post Card Mailing/Printing	500
	Speaker	500	F3.	Speaker	500
	Christmas Party	750			
<b>G.</b>	<b>Politicos &amp; Other Fundraising</b>	100	<b>G.</b>	<b>Politicos &amp; Other Fundraising</b>	
			G1.	Fundraising Expenses	3,500
<b>H.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>H.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
	Education & Voter Service	1,000	H1	Education & Voter Service	2,000
	Workshops	250	H2	Workshops	250
	Publications (line deleted)	0			
	Awards	200	H3	Awards	200
	Other (e.g., CPA, buttons)	100	H4	Other (e.g., CPA, buttons)	200
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$16,978</b>		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$20,517</b>

## **LWVVC Positions**

Although non-partisan, The League of Women Voters of Volusia County studies many local issues. For state-wide and national issues which the LWVVC also supports, see the LWVF and LWVUS websites. Below is the current list of positions we have taken on these local issues.

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### **COUNTY CHARTER** *(revised position, adopted April 6, 2013)*

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County:

- Supports protections of the County Charter and its principles, to include monitoring County Council to ensure that the principles are implemented.
- Supports an appointed (rather than elected) sheriff, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of courts, all with professional qualifications.

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT** *(revised position, adopted April 6, 2013)*

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County is concerned about the negative consequences of rapid growth throughout the region. These positions address the goals and processes of comprehensive planning and require coordination among the governments of Volusia County. In order to preserve the quality of life in Volusia County:

- LWVVC supports Volusia County and the municipalities within its borders working together to protect the environment while providing reasonable use of the land and restricting the use of wetland mitigation.
  - LWVVC supports buffering of environmentally sensitive land and water bodies and encourages developing open, recreational, and green spaces to enhance and maintain quality of life within the county and its municipalities.
  - LWVVC supports giving public interest priority regarding the conservation of our natural habitats in Volusia County.
  - LWVVC supports increased consideration to potable water issues, including the assurance of clean water, in the Comprehensive Plans of Volusia County and its municipalities.
  - LWVVC supports development of effective drainage systems to improve recharge and retention areas and reduce flooding in Volusia County and its municipalities.
  - LWVVC encourages Volusia County and its municipalities to work together to direct regional growth in a responsible manner.
  - LWVVC supports measures to ensure that any comprehensive plan amendment or rezoning that permits increased residential density may be approved only if adequate public schools can be timely planned and constructed to serve the projected increase in student population.
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## NATURAL RESOURCES

**Water:** The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports efforts to conserve and protect our water supply as an essential part of ecosystem management. These efforts include:

- The County Council's continued implementation of Volusia County's stormwater management ordinance.
- LWVVC's continued participation in the LWV Coalition to monitor the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- LWVVC supports coordinated management to protect Volusia County's aquifer and the recharge area.
- Establishment of a county-wide entity to govern water usage.

### **Stormwater**

- Recognizing that stormwater basins and sub-canal systems cross city/community boundaries, LWVVC believes that Volusia County should be primarily responsible for their maintenance.
- LWVVC supports both county and local stormwater fees.
- LWVVC supports continued and expanded use of re-claimed water.
- Local municipalities should include streetsweeping in their stormwater management plans to minimize pollution by debris in collection systems and basins.
- In addition to preventing flooding, effective stormwater management plans must provide for:
  - a) reduction of pollutants entering the waterways.
  - b) reduction of desalination of salt water tributaries in the county.
  - c) reclamation of stormwater to reduce the demands on the aquifer.
  - d) reduction of runoff pollution entering the aquifer.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES *(revised position adopted 4/24/2010)***

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports making children's services a top priority in Volusia County with an emphasis on:

- Prenatal health care that includes screenings for maternal and fetal wellbeing; maternal screenings and treatment for social- emotional health and for addictions.
- Comprehensive healthcare for children that includes preventive screenings and timely treatment of physical, emotional and behavioral problems.
- Age appropriate educational programs for children that include access to factual programs in sex education, parenting, child development and addictive substances.

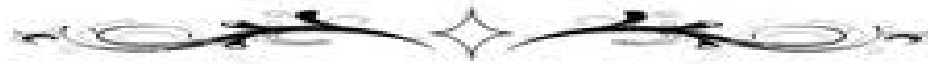
The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports the following recommendations for local legislative or community action:

- Create a resource center to collect, coordinate and disseminate information about services to children available in Volusia County, that will be made available to parents and professionals working with children.
- Require training of all childcare personnel in child development and behavioral interventions.
- Require licensure of all family childcare homes.
- Encourage employers to provide or subsidize childcare for employees.

**TRANSPORTATION (position adopted 1/10/2015)**

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports the following recommendations regarding local transportation systems in Volusia County.

- LWVVC supports apportioning sources of land transportation revenue to all forms of transportation and believes it is the responsibility of cities, county, state and federal governments to fund mass transit for Volusia County.
- LWVVC supports safe access to schools, shopping, and neighborhoods through the establishment of well-connected walking and bicycling networks as an important component for livable communities.
- LWVVC supports extending and improving public transportation in order to create better local and regional connectivity.
- LWVVC supports requiring that all public transit stops adhere to Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- LWVVC supports land-use changes that will encourage the use of efficient public transportation.



**Nominating Committee Report**

The LWVVC Board of Directors presents  
the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for approval by the membership

**Current Elected LWVVC Officers and Directors**

President	Claudia Roth (2013-2015)
First Vice-President	Pat Drago (2013-2015)
Second Vice-President	Pat Gadbow (2013-2015)
Secretary	Betty Johnson (2014-2016)
Treasurer	Chris Moseley (2014-2015)

Directors (2013-2015)  
 Gwen Azama-Edwards  
 Suzanne Ronneau

Directors (2014-2016)  
 Elizabeth Hilderbrandt  
 Suze Peace  
 Donna Austin

Nominating Committee (2014-2015)  
 Ann Smith, chair  
 Ann Harrell

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**Nominated Officers and Directors**

President	Claudia Roth (2015-2017)
First Vice President	Suze Peace (2015-2017)
Second Vice-President	Elizabeth Hildebrandt (2015-2017)
Treasurer	Nikki Junkins (2015-2016)

Directors (2015-2016)  
 Gwen Azama-Edwards  
 Ann Smith  
 Jeanne Young

Directors (2015-2017)  
 Carla Christianson  
 Pat Drago

Nominating Committee (2015-2016)  
 Ann Harrell, chair  
 Pat Gadbow  
 Carolyn West