

League of Women Voters News - April 1, 2018



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 9:15 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club

HOT TOPIC LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 9:15 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club
Speaker: Ava Parker
Topic: New Role of State Colleges

CALENDAR

COUNTY LEADER HONORED



PBC Commissioner Paulette Burdick (*left above*) was honored at the March meeting of the local chapter of NOW. Paulette is pictured here with **PBC League President Karen Wilkerson**.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS

By Sammy R. Alzofon, LWV Housing Issue Group



The 2018 session of the Florida Legislature started with high hopes for additional housing funds. A bill was introduced in both the House and the Senate that would prevent the legislative sweep of Affordable Housing funds into the general budget. The Senate recommendation was for full funding, but the session closed with a very disappointing House budget appropriation.

A few facts:

- Florida has 30 affordable and available housing units for each 100 households in need.
- Florida has the third highest homeless population of any state in the nation

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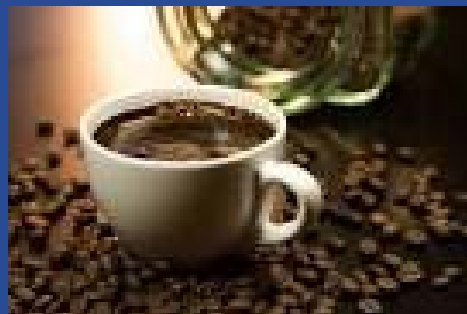
HOSPITALITY

When attending a League meeting, hospitality is a great way to meet and welcome people. Would you like to help prepare "lite bites" at Cool Topics and New Member Orientation?

We arrive a few minutes early to set up. If the meeting is in the morning, we have coffee, fruit, and something sweet. At an evening meeting, we have ice tea, fruit, cheese and crackers, and something tempting. I would love to have your help.

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SPEAKERS BUREAU EXPANDING TO MEET DEMANDS

League visibility has increased in the county. Members are receiving inquiries about scheduling someone to speak on various issues. When this happens, please notify League President **Karen Wilkerson** or the Chair of our Speakers Bureau **Ethelene Jones**.



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MEMBERSHIP by Darlene Kostrub

The month of March brought 30 new members to PBC League of Women Voters. Please give them a warm welcome!



[View the List of New Members](#)



OBSERVER CORPS--FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORTS

by Katie Gettinger and Cynthia Sheehan-Hartwell

Our February meeting started with a special time with League President **Karen Wilkerson** and First VP **Deborah Chandler**, who informed us about a state award our Observer Corps received for our reporting over the past year.

Additionally, we were encouraged to get a copy of each of our city's charters to review. Items that are not in the charter for each area are regulated by the state, so it is important to know what is in your city charter!



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LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

If you missed or would like to review one of our events, log onto the LWVPBC Facebook page where many are archived.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by Carol Stender

The April 1 issue is my final issue of NEWS. It has been my pleasure to serve the League over the past few years, but the time has come for me to move on--both literally and figuratively. As I no longer reside in Florida most months of the year, my tenure as Managing Editor is really untenable. If there is anyone out there with any inclination of filling the shoes which I must now leave empty, please step forward.

- The work is challenging, positively joyful, and definitely fulfilling.
- The individuals you will have the honor of collaborating with are most admirable and inspiring.
- The experience will prove expansive and rewarding.

Interested individuals, please contact Ken Horkavy at kenhorkavy@gmail.com.



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