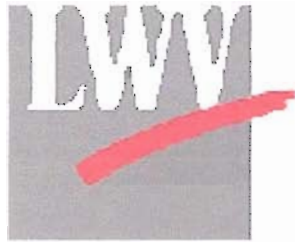


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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY:

People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote -- a very different thing.

Walter H. Judd

## General Meeting for Immigration Study Consensus

**November 13, 2007**

At

**Larry R Jackson Branch Library  
1700 North Florida Ave.  
Lakeland, FL**

### Agenda Summary

- 5:15 – 5:45 pm Pick up Consensus Kit
- 5:45 – 7:45 pm Discuss Consensus Questions

***Snacks, Finger Food and Drinks Provided!***



**Ann Weeks, Membership Chair, speaks to Frostproof Rotary Club (Oct 3)**

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## Pictures from Fall Membership Meeting with Marsha Faux, County Property Appraiser



**Marsha Faux makes a point.**



**Yummies**



**Helen Sears**



**Ann Weeks & Mary Thomas**



**Marsha, Sue Schultz, Susan Lee, Gail Auger**



**Ann Books, Ruby Stinson, Helen**



**Discussion Circle**



**Trudy Rankin, Nancy Daley, Mary, Larry Rankin, Lisa Parks, Ruth Weitzenkom**

## Polk County Planners Ask Citizens to Review Growth Strategies at Upcoming Public Workshops

Polk County Planners along with Polk Vision will be hosting public workshops, entitled “Polk Growth Matters,” to get citizens’ comments on how they want Polk County to grow in the future.

Planners have developed a set of proposed growth strategies. These workshops will provide an opportunity for citizens to review and comment on these proposals. The public is invited.

- **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 8 pm at Polk Community College, Winter Haven Campus in the Student Center Room #126, 999 Avenue H, NE, Winter Haven
- **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 8 pm at Polk Community College, Lakeland Campus in the Technology Building, 3433 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland

For more information, contact Polk County Long Range Planning at (863) 534-6486.

## Immigration Committee Notes - Consensus Meeting

The U. S. League of Women Voters (LWVUS) defined the scope of the Immigration Study as:

- The underlying principles and values regarding immigration
- Reasons for immigration from other countries
- Current Federal immigration policy
- The impact of immigration: economic, diversity, inclusion

Starting in February, 2007, the Polk County League of Women Voters Immigration Committee has met to study this issue. This period has been a pleasure and a challenge. As our study ends, the next step is for the Polk County League to develop a consensus of our local position on the immigration questions asked us by the LWVUS. That will be done at a meeting on November 13, starting at 5:15 p.m.

We’ll meet at the Jackson Branch Library, 1700 N. Florida Ave. in Lakeland. This is our opportunity as a local League to discuss this topic and to provide input to the national organization.

We on the Immigration Committee are grateful for the opportunity we have had to examine this issue. While we are far from experts, we look forward to sharing what we have learned with everyone in the Polk County League. We would like as many members as possible to turn out on November 13<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the questions the Polk County League has been asked, and to arrive at consensus answers. The more members who participate, the more representative our consensus will be.

We look forward to seeing you all.

*Bob Sears*  
*Immigration Committee Chair*



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\*\*\*\* Immigration Consensus Meeting - November 13 \*\*\*\*



### Upcoming Municipal Elections!

- Auburndale - November 6
- Lakeland - November 6

### Interviewers Needed

If you are interested in helping to interview our legislators about the LWV of Florida legislative priorities for 2008, please contact Helen Sears at 619-2199 or bobhelenfla@aol.com.

This is a great way to become knowledgeable about what the League is advocating in Florida and meeting your legislators. You will be given advance instruction and materials and will be interviewing in pairs.

### Calendar

Tuesday, November 6: **Election Day**

Sunday, November 11: **Veterans Day**

Tuesday, November 13, 5:15 pm  
**Immigration Consensus Meeting**  
Larry R Jackson Branch Library,  
1700 N Florida Ave, Lakeland.

Thursday, November 22: **Thanksgiving Day**

Monday, November 26, 7:00 pm  
**Immigration Committee**  
Bob Sears, 6471 Longwood Trace Ln N  
Lakeland. 619-2199

Tuesday, November 27, noon  
**LWV Polk County BOARD Meeting**  
United Way Offices, Highland City.  
(bag lunch)