



VOTER

A monthly publication of the League of Women Voters of Polk County, P.O. Box 934, Lakeland, FL 33802

September 2008
Volume 08, Issue 8

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

This Issue

- Quote of the Day
- Movie
- Board
- Lakeland Vision
- Judging the Candidates
- Forum Pictures
- Directory Change
- Calendar

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think it's about time we voted for senators with breasts.

After all, we've been voting for boobs long enough."

Claire Sargent
1992 Candidate
for Senate



Iron Jawed Angels



Starring

Hilary Swank, Frances O'Connor
Julia Ormond, Anjelica Huston, Patrick Dempsey

~~~~~

Defiant, Brilliant, Unstoppable Young Women!

Lead, Follow or Get Out Of The Way!

The League of Women Voters of Polk County is hosting a viewing of this powerful film about a group of activists who fought for - and ultimately won - the right to vote for women in America.

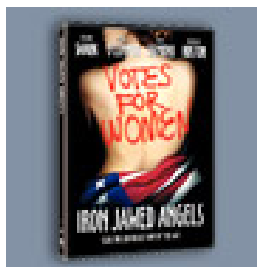
The young activists, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, took the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. Their courage inspired a nation and changed it forever.

Saturday, September 20, 1:00 p.m.

United Way Building

5605 US Hwy 98 S (Bartow Road)

Highland City



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Ann Weeks, President  
648-4127  
[president@lwvpolk.org](mailto:president@lwvpolk.org)

Susan Lee, Secretary  
324-4517  
[secretary@lwvpolk.org](mailto:secretary@lwvpolk.org)

Mary Thomas, Treasurer  
859-7560  
[treasurer@lwvpolk.org](mailto:treasurer@lwvpolk.org)

Sue Schultz, Voter Service—  
Elections  
646-4634  
[voterservice@lwvpolk.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvpolk.org)

Mary Jo Jarrett  
644-8527  
[mijarrett@mac.com](mailto:mijarrett@mac.com)

Paula Mims  
686-0356  
[pmmims@aol.com](mailto:pmmims@aol.com)

Joan Verret  
682-7724  
[JoanClaireV@aol.com](mailto:JoanClaireV@aol.com)

Jerry Weeks  
648-4127  
[2weeks@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:2weeks@tampabay.rr.com)

Pete Wesley  
682-2578  
[mjohnandpete@aol.com](mailto:mjohnandpete@aol.com)

**Off-Board Specialists:**

Membership, Joan Verret, 682-  
7724  
[JoanClaireV@aol.com](mailto:JoanClaireV@aol.com)  
and Ann Weeks, recording  
[membership@lwvpolk.org](mailto:membership@lwvpolk.org)

Judy Walker, Voter Service—Guide  
299-9285  
[judywalker@polkelections.com](mailto:judywalker@polkelections.com)

Fundraising and Government, Lisa  
Parks  
686-6482  
[lparksaicp@aol.com](mailto:lparksaicp@aol.com)

Library, Barbara Stampfl  
687-2787  
[stampfls@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:stampfls@tampabay.rr.com)

Civics Education, Susan Lee  
324-4517  
[Suezq11@verizon.net](mailto:Suezq11@verizon.net)

VOTER Editor and Webmaster,  
Jerry Weeks  
[webmaster@lwvpolk.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvpolk.org)

**Website:**

[www.lwvpolk.org](http://www.lwvpolk.org)



## Now is your chance to Make Your Mark! Be a part of Lakeland Vision and help shape the future of our community!

Lakeland is embarking on a new effort, being referred to as “Make Your Mark” to create a long-term, inclusive, collaborative community vision using input from our citizens. Ten years have passed since the people of Lakeland have considered, collectively, what their future should be. To date, the community has addressed a majority of strategies from the vision that it developed in 1998. It is time to reach out to the citizens again to refresh our plan for the future and address new concerns that have developed over the last 10 years.

Everyone who lives or works in the greater Lakeland area is invited to participate in one of the Idea Gathering Meetings that will take place throughout the city beginning September 16, 2008. Lakeland Vision is starting with a blank slate, free of any preconceptions or agendas, and the ideas you provide in September will serve as the foundation for the community’s vision. Moving forward, Lakeland Vision will bring together citizens and community leaders to use these ideas to create shared goals and strategies for the future.

For more information about the visioning process visit [www.lakelandvision.org](http://www.lakelandvision.org) and look out for updates in the local media. Have ideas, hopes, and challenges for Lakeland’s future? Be a part of Lakeland Vision! And remember - everyone is invited to participate...the more diversity, the better the vision!

*Shannon Lanier*  
*Executive Director, Lakeland Vision*

### Judging the Candidates - Beware Distortion Techniques

All candidates are trying to sell themselves. Sometimes their language is so skillfully crafted that they distort the truth in ways that are difficult to detect. Here are examples of distortion techniques that you should watch for.

- **Name calling/Appeals to prejudice:** These are attacks on an opponent based on characteristics that will not affect performance in office. Accusations such as, “My opponent is arrogant,” do not give any real information about the candidate.
- **Rumor mongering:** These include statements such as, “Everyone says my opponent is a crook, but I have no personal knowledge of any wrongdoing,” which imply that the opponent is guilty.
- **Guilt by associations:** These are statements such as, “We all know Candidate B is backed by big money,” that attack candidates because of their supporters rather than because of their stands on the issues.

*Source: LWV US Website*

# August Candidate Forum Pictures



Joan Verret & Mary Thomas, Questioners



Sue Schultz, Moderator



Paula Mims, Welcome Address



Waiting in the Lobby



Mary Jo Jarrett & Lisa Parks, Timekeepers



Candidate Panelists (above & below)





The League of Women Voters Of Polk County **VOTER**

PO Box 934, Lakeland, FL 33802  
863-683-2328  
www.lwvpolk.org

Nonprofit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 59  
Lakeland, FL 33802

**\*\*\* MOVIE: *Iron Jawed Angels* on Sept 20 \*\*\***

### Membership Directory Changes



Please make the following changes to your Membership Directory.

#### Margaret Cancalon

E-mail: [mcancalon@gmail.com](mailto:mcancalon@gmail.com)  
Fax no: (781) 459-5513

#### Judith Darby

E-mail: [wdarby@comcast.net](mailto:wdarby@comcast.net)

#### Mable Holmes

Address: 745 Terrace Gardens Ln  
Lakeland, FL 33815-4608

#### Paula McKay Mims

Cell: (863) 258-1988

#### Helen Sears

Work no: (863) 534-7130 x124

### Calendar

Monday, September 1: Labor Day

Saturday, Sep 20, 1:00 pm

Movie Screening: *Iron Jawed Angels*

United Way, 5605 US Hwy 98 S, Highland City

Tuesday, Sep 23, noon

LWV Polk County BOARD Meeting

United Way, Highland City

(bag lunch)

\*\*\*

Monday, October 6: Deadline to Register to Vote

Monday, October 20: Early Voting Opens

October 21, 28, 30:

Tentative Candidates Forums

County Admin Bldg, Commission Chambers

330 W Church St, Bartow.

\*\*\*

Saturday, November 1: Early Voting Ends

Tuesday, November 4: General Election