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**\*\*\* Happy Labor Day - September 7 \*\*\***



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### Calendar

- Monday, September 7: Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 16, noon  
LWV Polk County BOARD Meeting  
United Way, Highland City  
(bag lunch)
- Thursday, September 17: Constitution Day/  
Citizenship Day
- \* \* \*
- Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am  
Panel Discussion on Health Care:  
Various Perspectives  
Lake Morton Library, Lakeland
- Monday, October 26, 5:30 pm  
Superintendent of Schools  
Bartow Library, Bartow

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# VOTER

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*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.*

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## Panel Discussion on Health Care: Various Perspectives



**Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2009  
**Time:** 10 am - Noon  
**Place:** Lake Morton Library  
 100 Lake Morton Dr, Lakeland

In our continuing effort to increase understanding of major public policy issues, the League of Women Voters of Polk County is presenting a Panel Discussion on Health Care open to the public.

We are inviting four individuals/agencies to present a 10-15 minute overview of the problems and proposed solutions in providing care to those in need of their services. This overview will be followed by a panel discussion on the issues raised.

We expect the panel discussion to cover:

- Factual information regarding the need for changes and
- If any new legislation is passed by then, what that legislation would mean to those whom the agencies serve.

**Note:** Ever wonder where to find details about the American Health System in a consolidated reference? LWV Arizona has compiled a booklet, [Health Care Issues Behind Health Care Reform](#), which provides the facts and figures you are looking for but does not advocate for a certain plan or reform. It simply supplies those interested in reform the materials they need.

### Quote For the Day

"Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them."

~ Abraham Lincoln

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# Member Spotlight

## Joan Verret is One Active Lady



LWVPolk Board Member Joan Verret

Joan was a participant in "A Day of Action" in Washington DC in May as a part of the National Nurses Organizing Committee and is an invitee to San Francisco for the "Day of Action--Educating & Encouraging RN's to be Pro-Active in Quality Health-Care to Patients".

Joan has spent her lifetime making a difference in people's lives. In her early years, she served the United States as a nurse in the Air Force. She has four children whom she is quite proud of and who share her passion for environmental issues. Joan is also an ordained Episcopal Deacon.

She has been involved with the League of Women Voters of Polk County for over 30 years and the League has benefited from her generous participation in all areas of Community Service.

Article Submitted for publication in FLA VOTER  
By Mary Jo Jarrett, President LWVPolk

# Southwest Florida Water Management District Presentation



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Ed Hobins, Outreach Project Coordinator for SWFMD



Joan Verret & Pete Wesley



Mary Jo Jarrett & Ed

Whether presenting at the LWVFLA State Convention in May or to the LWV of Polk County Tuesday, August 18th, one thing is certain-- Mr. Ed Hobins enjoys talking about Florida's water and its management.

From an overview of Florida's system of water management-- including Chapter 373, permitting issues, current water supply issues to future water supply plans and challenges-- those present gained an understanding of Florida's diverse water environment and its future challenges. He also addressed some issues directly pertaining to Polk County.

by Mary Jo Jarrett, President LWV Polk  
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