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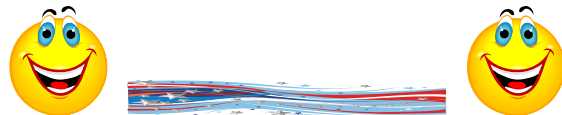


Forums Need Volunteers

We need volunteers to serve as greeters, questioners, question gatherers and timekeepers. In addition to the August dates, the schedules for the General Election Forums are
October 5, 12 & 13.

Help make the LWV of Polk County a vibrant organization by volunteering.

Please call Sue Schultz to volunteer or with any questions to ask at the Forums at 646-4634 or email her at voterservice@lwvpolk.org.



Calendar

Monday, Sep 6: **Labor Day**

Wednesday, Sep 22, 11:30 am [see page 2]
Forum Organization Luncheon, Fresco's Bakery & Bistro, 132 S Kentucky Ave, Lakeland

October: **Voter Education Month**

Tuesday, Oct 5, 7:00 pm
Congressional & State Candidates Forum, County Admin Bldg, 330 W Church St, Bartow

Tuesday, Oct 12, 7:00 pm
County Commission & School Board Candidates Forum, County Administration Bldg, 330 W Church St, Bartow

Wednesday, Oct 13, 7:00 pm
Ballot Amendments Forum, County Administration Bldg, 330 W Church St, Bartow

Tuesday, Nov 2: **General Election**

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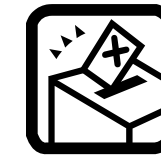
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2010 General Election



Ballot Amendments Pro/Con Guide for Florida Voters

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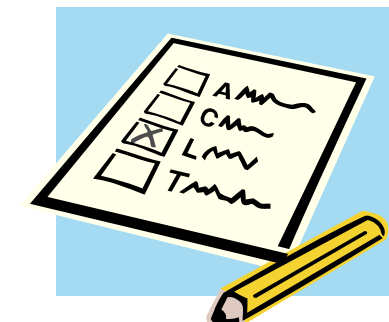
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The League of Women Voters of Florida released its Pro/Con Guide on the Amendments to the media across Florida to help inform and educate voters. Included in the Guide is the number of the Amendment, the exact language on the ballot, the Amendment sponsor(s), background information on the issue, and the list of pro's and con's of voting for or against it.

"This November Florida voters have to navigate six complex ballot amendments," states Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida. "Their choices will have a major impact on everything from class size to property taxes, so we provide this guide, as we do every election, to help with voter education on these complicated, yet important issues. It is part of our campaign to make "Democracy Easy" and help Florida's citizens cast an informed vote."

The Pro/Con Guide is available online at:

[Making Sense of the Amendments: November Ballot 2010](#)



Labor Day Quote

"If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar.

If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool."

~ Abraham Lincoln

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President's Message:

When I voted in the primary election, just days before we celebrated the League's 90th Anniversary and the passage of the Suffrage Amendment that gave women the right to cast a vote in the elections, I paused to silently THANK the women who came before us.

They worked tirelessly to achieve this opportunity and responsibility for female citizens...One that we enjoy and take for granted. As we prepare for the general election we carry on that tradition by providing educational forums so that informed decision making can help decide that vote for all citizens. This is our answer to the challenge. You have the Vote...now, what will you do with it?

We are planning the educational candidate and amendment forums now. Join us in October at the forums so that you can better cast that informed Vote in the General Election.

In League, Mary Jo



Planning Luncheon

Its Election Time...Got any Questions to ask the Candidates???

If so wear your Red, White & Blue and join your friends in the final, fun preparation for the candidate forums. We will gather for lunch, planning and questions at:

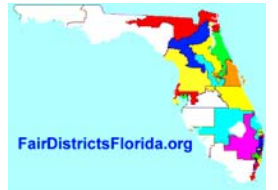
Fresco's Bakery & Bistro,
132 S Kentucky Ave, Lakeland
Wednesday
September 22nd, 11:30 AM

We have a private dining room and Fresco's has a great lunch menu (dutch).

We have lots to do--let's enjoy the time together as we plan. There are still opportunities for you to participate the night of any of the forums.

To volunteer for a position - Contact Sue Schultz,
voterservice@lwvpolk.org or speak with her at the luncheon.

Fair Districts Update



Supreme Court rules:

The Florida Supreme Court has just ruled that the Legislature's "poison pill", Amendment 7, is misleading and therefore will not be allowed on the ballot! The Court also rejected the late filed legal challenge to Amendments 5 and 6. We are cleared for victory in November! Take a look at the opinions - you can find them at

<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/opinions.shtml>.

Florida voters will now have a clear chance to vote YES on Amendments 5 & 6 on November 2 and place rules into the Florida Constitution for politicians to follow when they draw the district lines. These rules will stop politicians from drawing districts to favor themselves and will put the political power back into the hands of the people - where it belongs!

Ellen Freidin, Campaign Chair, FairDistrictsFlorida.org



Check out Video from the movie "Gerrymandering" on YouTube

This clip is available on YouTube and focuses on Florida. It uses outtakes about Florida from the movie and is tailored to Fair Districts' message. The movie is scheduled to be released in mid-October. Please click on the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZo5N1HcxBE>



Pictures from July Planning Luncheon

A fun and productive luncheon meeting was held at Fresco's Bakery and Bistro on July 28 in downtown Lakeland to prepare for the Primary Election Forums. Note the cake in the middle of the table: yummy dessert provided by Fresco's.



Sue Schultz, Voter Service Chair



Mary Jo Jarrett, President



Checking the Menu



John McArthur, Pete Wesley, Joan Verret



Brenda Reddout



Mary Thomas, Nancy Futch



Judy Walker



Celeste Deardorff makes a Cameo



August Candidate Forum Pictures



August 2: Congressional Candidates



August 3: Legislative Candidates



August 10: County Commission Candidates



August 11: School Board Candidates

