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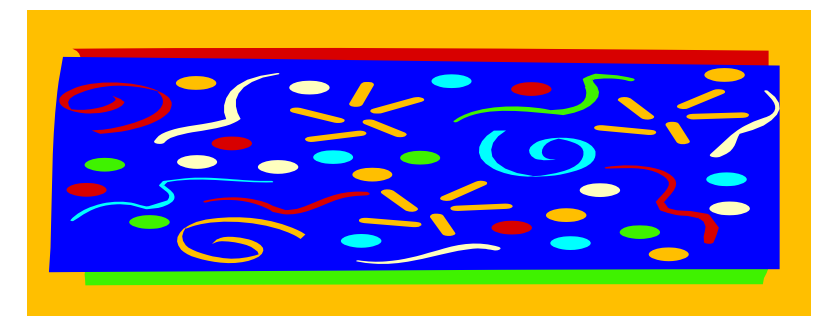
Annual Meeting & Luncheon LWV Polk County



Date: Wednesday, Apr 13
Place: Lakeland Yacht Club
929 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland
Time: 11:30 am - Lunch
12:00 pm - Business Meeting
Cost: \$25.00

Guests and prospective members are welcome.

Invitations will be sent out separately.
Please call (863) 644-8527 with any questions or for assistance in traveling to the meeting.



Map to Annual Meeting

Lakeland Yacht & Country Club
929 Lake Hollingsworth Drive
On Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland



Calendar

Tuesday, March 8, 11:15 am
Women's History Month Program
Speaker: Doris Weatherford
McKay Archives Center speaker, FSC

March 23-26: Legislative Seminar and Conference, Tallahassee

Wednesday, March 30, 12:30 pm
LWV Polk County BOARD Meeting
United Way, Highland City
(bag lunch)

Tuesday, April 4: Municipal Elections Day
Polk County (excluding Lakeland)

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Annual Meeting, Lakeland Yacht Club
929 Lake Hollingsworth Dr

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Women's History Month Quote

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

Maya Angelou

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President's Message:

We celebrated Women's History Month on March 8 with a special program given in conjunction with the Lawton Chiles Center for History at Florida Southern College.

We had a fantastic turn out of our membership! The Board had been planning on having nationally known author, women's historian and LWV member Doris Weatherford to be a speaker at one of our meetings. We thank Vice President Paula Mims for the work she did in bringing this plan to fruition! The League wishes to thank the Lawton Childes Center for Florida History and its Director Dr. James M. Denham, the McKay Archive Center and Archivist Luann Mims, Sarah McKay, Tom and Paula Mims for their contributions to the success of our Women's History Month Program.

March 8th also kicked off the beginning of the Florida Legislative Session. There will most likely be many action alerts received by you in the coming days. Your participation will be invaluable. Stay informed by reading the Capitol Reports put out by the Florida LWV and the league lobbyist on their website, www.lwvfla.org, during the session. Several members of LWV Polk will be making the trek to Tallahassee this month and participate in the LWV State Legislative Seminar and LWV Conference representing our League.

The Annual Meeting is fast approaching - please mark your calendars for April 13th. I am looking forward to seeing you at the annual membership meeting. Please come renew friendships, develop new ones and celebrate the League of Women Voters.

**In League,
Mary Jo**

Polk County Municipal Elections

The Following Cities Will Hold an Election on Tuesday April 5th, 2011:

Bartow, Dundee, Frostproof, Haines City, Lake Alfred,
Lake Hamilton, Lake Wales and Mulberry.

Lakeland's Municipal Election is scheduled for November 8, 2011.

Peace River Watershed Program



John Walkinshaw & Mary Jo Jarrett

On February 23, John Walkinshaw, representing the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, provided an excellent program to an enthusiastic group at Fresco's Bistro in downtown Lakeland.

The presentation covered the watersheds in Polk County, how they affect the environment and economy of our area, what the current issues are, and how we can help keep them healthy. Water pollution in the past has been thought of as large drain pipes from big, dirty factories dumping dark, chunky crud into our water. But nowadays, we all are participants in water pollution: runoff water from our lawns, pet waste, septic system, car care, etc.

See www.WaterMatters.org for more information.

After John's presentation, he answered questions as the audience participated in a lively discussion. At the end, he handed out "Watershed Pledge" forms to encourage us to make a commitment to protect our watersheds. These forms are available at

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/pledge/>

By Jerry Weeks



Participants at the Peace River Watershed Program

