



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARTIN COUNTY

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League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Friends of the Everglades

Eve Samples

March 2020

VOTER

President: Betty Paterson

Editor: Jennifer Durrant

Our speaker this month is Eve Samples, the new Executive Director of the Friends of the Everglades. She is well-known as former column writer and Opinion Editor for the Treasure Coast Newspapers.

She was born in Miami, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated from their School of Journalism and Mass Communication. During her twenty years in journalism, including writing for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Palm Beach post and the USA TODAY Network in Florida, she wrote extensively about the environment.

As Executive Director of the non-profit organization the Friends of the Everglades, founded by Marjorie Stoneman Douglas in 1969, she will be able to continue her advocacy for the environment and the Everglades, North America's only sub-tropical wetland.



RSVP by March 12

Please include your menu choice with your reservation

Oriental Chicken Salad
Salmon with Rice and Salad
Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta and Salad
Rolls, Dessert and Coffee or Tea are included.
\$20.00 (\$25.00 if paid at door, but reserved ahead)

Manero's Restaurant
2851 SW High Meadow Ave.
Palm City

Doors open at 11:30 am (serving at 12 noon)

Send check and meal choice to:
Elizabeth Bortnick
4761SW Hammock Creek Dr
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Paterson

It took over 100 years of crusading by women and men to achieve passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote. Alice Paul, one of the famous Suffragists, realized that women lacked equality in other areas. When women married, they gave up certain rights. They could not seek divorce from husbands. They could not own property in their own names. This was the reason that many Suffragists never married. In addition, they did not have equality in employment and education. Therefore, Alice Paul drafted and introduced into Congress in Dec. 1923, a Bill titled Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This was the origin of the same Bill for which we are advocating today. Although three of those issues have been rectified, equal pay for equal employment has not. We continue to push for the ERA. Over a period of 40 years, the ERA has been brought up and passed in 37 States. The Virginia Legislature refused three times to bring it up. Virginia was the 38th State needed to complete the 3/4ths of States required for passage. Finally, on this Jan. 15, 2020, Virginia became that State. However, a deadline was included in the Bill and that had passed. Legislators are trying to pass a removal or change in the deadline. There are also many issues involved that could cause this to end up in the Courts instead of in the Constitution as a 28th Amendment.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CLIMATE

The Martin County School System will be teaching the subject "Climate Change" in the classrooms next year. If only this would go nationwide, then there might be a future generation which would put the planet before profit.