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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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**Topics Affecting Martin County
Monday, March 20, 2017
Speaker: KC Ingram**



KC Ingram with State Senate President Joe Negron of Stuart

It's been almost two years since we had an update on one of the hottest topics affecting Martin County, All Aboard Florida. KC Ingram is founder of the grassroots NOT All Aboard Florida; we are pleased that she will share her informative views on NAAF and other issues of importance in Martin County at our March 20 luncheon.

KC received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Western Michigan University. Not only is KC an LWV member, she is a radio personality with her own show, The KC Ingram Show on WSTU AM 1450 – Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. KC is a very active member of our community, and is a frequent visitor to our legislature in Tallahassee. She has also given hundreds of presentations along Florida's east coast about the dangers of All Aboard Florida.

The KC Ingram Show has covered many topics in addition to All Aboard Florida: the Indian River Lagoon, Community Redevelopment Areas, cyberbullying, Common Core, The National Link Coalition (studies "the link" between domestic violence and animal abuse), NAACP and race relations in

Stuart, and revealing interviews with scores of public officials.

KC developed the show to foster a platform where people can hear both sides of an issue without presuming a person's complete political beliefs by the political party with which one identifies. KC hopes to help facilitate compromise and understanding: "After all," she says, "America is the greatest melting pot in the world of religion, culture, and heritage."



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Door open at 11:30 a.m.
(serving at 12:00 noon)

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RSVP by March 16

Please include your menu choice with your reservation

- Oriental Chicken Salad
- Salmon with Rice and Side
- Vegetarian Plate
- Dessert and a beverage included

\$18.00 (\$20.00 if paid at door, but reserved ahead)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Donna Dupuy

ARE YOU CONCERNED? NEED TO VENT? WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION?
HERE'S HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LAWMAKERS

(Note: The President and Governor are not listed because they are not actually lawmakers...)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Linda Grand

Reading headlines and listening to news can often seem overwhelming. Here are some suggestions that can help navigate through uncharted waters. Remember that the League is always a good compass.

Here are some actions you can take right now to make a difference in Martin County and beyond:

Join the League of Women Voters, and ask your friends and neighbors to join!

The League is working to make a difference and actively engaging people in more than 700 communities around the country. Bring friends to our luncheons to get involved in our work to engage with elected officials, empower new voters and to learn about issues that impact our community.

Call our elected officials, and call them often!

A recent survey has indicated that phone calls and personal visits have the most effect when dealing with our elected officials. Elected officials work for the people and need to hear from concerned citizens like you. Make sure our elected officials know your priorities.

Register to vote and help your friends and relatives get registered!

It might not be an election year, – but it's never too early to make sure your registration is up to date. Remind your friends and relatives across the nation. The League works year-round in hundreds of communities to prepare eligible voters. Check out www.VOTE411.org for more information.

Make a donation to defend our democracy!

Your support makes it possible for us to take a stand in statehouses and courtrooms across the country.

Become an e-Activist!

Read updates from the League (TheFloridaVoter.org) and take action by holding your elected officials accountable on the League's key priorities (see below).

Making your voice heard never goes out of fashion, and the Martin League is always in style.

And please don't forget the League of Women Voters of Florida 2017 Legislative Summit, March 28-29 in Tallahassee. This is a great opportunity to join with League members from all over Florida to lobby the League's legislative priorities:

- Election Reform and Voter Protection
- Sensible Gun Legislation
- The best education possible for our youth
- Healthcare for all Floridians
- Protection of our land and water resources.

Participants will also receive lobbying training, meet with legislators, join an LWVF press conference on the Capitol steps, and attend a Gala in the Historic Capitol Senate Chamber.

LWVF needs our voice in Tallahassee. Registration is currently underway at: <http://thefloridavoter.org/lobby-with-the-league-2017-legislative-summit/>

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Florida's State Capitol, Tallahassee - site of the League of Women Voters of Florida 2017 Legislative Summit, March 28-29



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
Apr 17 Annual Meeting

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