



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.

May 2019

Speaker: Catherine Uden
Southeast Florida Coordinator
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VOTER

President: Betty Paterson
Editor: Jennifer Durrant



Catherine Uden has been involved in ocean and coastal conservation in South Florida for over ten years. She has led campaigns to reduce plastic pollution, protect coastal habitat and ensure public beach access. She taught for fifteen years in Broward County Public Schools, is a wife and mother and an avid stand-up paddleboarder. Her program includes a video presentation of the dangers facing our oceans and sea life.

RSVP by May 14

Please include your menu choice with your reservation

Oriental Salad with or without Chicken
Chicken Francese with Rice and Salad
Eggplant Parmesan with Pasta and Salad,
Rolls, Dessert and Coffee or Tea are included.
\$18.50 (\$20.00 if paid at door, but reserved ahead)

Gather at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served at 12:00 noon

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(If there is no change to your information, list your name and amount only)
(If you are not renewing, please return form with that notation)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ Phone (C) _____

Email _____

If you paid dues after January 1st of this year, your membership is good until April 30, 2020

Membership includes LWVMC, LWVFL, LWVUS

Please check one of the following and make check payable to LWVMC

Susan B. Anthony Supporter _____ \$100 (includes annual membership)

Individual Annual Membership _____ \$55

Household Annual Membership _____ \$85

Additional Contributions _____

Please mail form and check to:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Betty Paterson

This will be our last luncheon until October 21st. Wishing all a pleasant Summer. Many thanks to all of you who have helped our League this season. Special thanks to those behind the scenes - Jennifer Durrant for preparing the Voter each month and Sue Yorke who is our webmaster and updates our website each month.

At the April 23rd Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, the five members unanimously approved a resolution supporting the voluntary reduction and ultimate elimination of non-recyclable, single-use plastic straws and polystyrene containers, and the overall reduction in plastic use by businesses, residents and visitors. Concerned people could refuse straws in restaurants and try to drink directly from the glasses in the same way they do at home.

The BOCC meets twice a month on Tuesdays beginning at 9am at the County Chamber in the M.C. Administration Building, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart beside the M.C. Library. They will meet May 7, May 21, June 4 and June 18. For dates throughout the Summer and thereafter, you can go to www.martin.fl.us or phone the M.C. Administration office at 288-5400. You can watch BOCC meetings live on Comcast's Channel 20. Videos of the meetings can also be viewed on your computer or iphone. Google: BOCC and click on Board of County Commission meetings and the word " video".

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Walt and Bobbie Deemer Co-Chairs

We recently attended a Rivers Coalition meeting on the topic "How To Get Involved". Some of the information provided is relevant to any involvement you have with the political process. Do not be shy about making public comments at meetings. If you include a personal story, you will have the attention of everybody in the room." If there is an issue of particular concern, e-mail or call the agency, your representative, senator, commissioner regularly. Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, a Rivers Coalition member and a newly-appointed member of the South Florida Water Management District Board, urged us to contact them every six months. " Just go to South Florida Water Management's website www.sfwmd.gov. There is an orange "Ask Us" button at the top of the page. Include your personal story. There is a very helpful legislator-contact website provided by Florida Oceanographic Society: www.floridaocean.org/contact-floridas-officials. Good news on the "Save Our Estuary" front: Just three days after he took office, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 1912, which is environmentally-friendly and seeks more transparency in environmental happenings. In addition, the new South Florida Water Management District board is a whole lot more environmentally-sensitive than the old one was. We were nevertheless urged to please keep applying pressure to achieve a healthy estuary.



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