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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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Speaker: Catherine Uden
Southeast Florida Coordinator
OCEANA

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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 October 17

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.
\$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:
Alice Kraus
2784 SW Bear Paw Trail
Palm City, FL 34990
Or phone Alice with meal choice at
772-223-9010

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Catherine Uden is the southeast representative of an international organization called OCEANA dedicated to protecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and their sea life. Catherine will present a video of our sea life and the problems facing it. Also she will explain the dangers posed by undersea seismic exploration for oil.

As you will read in this newsletter, the Florida House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly via two Bills passed in September to prohibit drilling. That is only one-third of the solution. The Senate which is meeting in committees in October and November would have to write similar bills and pass them. Then during the Legislative Session which starts January 14 and goes for six weeks, a Joint Resolution would have to be passed and then signed by Gov. De Santis. Our State Senator is Gayle Harrell. You can call her Stuart office at 221-4019 and ask that Darlene, her local office manager, tell her of your concerns. You will be speaking for yourself. LWVFL will speak for itself. Fortunately for the environment, the Governor cares about it. He has visited Lake Okeechobee and our rivers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Betty Paterson

We have just had the warmest weather on record. The temperature of the Atlantic Ocean's surface is record-breaking. Changes in sea life, bird life and animal life are occurring. We are changing our thermostat settings, our type of clothing, our outdoor habits.

Meteorologist from NOAA tell us we are in an " El Nino " (The Little Boy) warm weather phase, as opposed to a " La Nina" (the Little Girl) cooler ocean phase. Tragically this heat and wind blowing hot air and sand from Africa over the Atlantic Ocean caused Hurricane Dorian to occur and devastate the Bahamas.

We will continuously send aid to the Bahamians. We will try to be good stewards of the earth ourselves. You will note in the Environmental Committee article written by the Deemers that their committee is joining with other groups to be a bigger voice for environmental concerns.

Individually, let's keep informed about what our State Senate and House are doing. The members are now meeting in their various committees and proposing Bills.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Walt and Bobbie Deemer Co-Chairs

Nine LVWFL county chapters, including ours, signed on to a Climate Emergency Declaration Resolution to present it as an Action Motion at the State Convention in June. A lot of last-minute maneuvering needed to be done to get it before the Convention, and this nine-county effort has spawned an informal environmental coalition of the nine South Florida Environmental committees from St. Lucie County south to the Keys plus two Gulf Coast counties. The goal is for us to work together on regional environmental issues and present a stronger front.



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