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LWV Events

Tue, Sep 20

LWVAC Fall Luncheon

11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
Sweetwater Branch Inn
625 E. University Ave.
Reservations due by
Thu, Sep 15

Sun, Sep 25

Study Group:

Education

4:30 p.m.

(see article for details)

Tue, Sep 27

(repeat) Study Group:

Education

11:30 a.m.

Millhopper Library

Mon, Oct 3

Study Group: Natural

Resources

7 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 4

(repeat) Study Group:

Natural Resources

11:30 a.m.

Millhopper Library

Wed, Oct 5

LWVAC Board Meeting

Wed, Oct 12

**"Status and Future of
our Water Supply"**

Fall Luncheon: Register now!

This year's fall luncheon is Tuesday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m. featuring guest speaker Charley Wise of the Alachua County Public Schools on "Implementing the Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Bill." **Registration is due by Thursday, September 15!** Members, guests, and interested members of the public are all welcome. It will be at the Sweetwater Branch Inn. [Click here for more details and the reservation form.](#)

Upcoming Study Groups: What are League Positions on the Issues?

In addition to voter education and voter service work, the League has always held positions on vital issues confronting our society. From the earliest years of the organization, the League has studied issues, discussed, arrived at consensus and advocated for our positions. Many members, both new and longer time, have requested the opportunity to learn more in order to articulate and advocate.

A goal set by the Leadership Team this year is to hold small study groups facilitated by long-time members to explain how the League arrives at a position, what that position is and how we can take ACTION! Each month will bring another study session lasting approximately an hour. The topic will be REPEATED at an alternate date/time/venue the same week for the convenience of our busy League members. You are welcome to attend and learn about as many of the topics as you wish. **Reserve your place for the dates you can attend so we can have enough materials**, by contacting Rosalie Bandyopadhyay. Call 332-3865 or rosaliemb@hotmail.com. Learn, discuss, take action!

SEPTEMBER STUDY GROUP TOPIC: LEAGUE EDUCATION POSITIONS

First Session: Sunday, September 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Home of Rosalie Bandyopadhyay, 8333 SW 4th Place
Refreshments provided

Repeat Session: Tuesday, September 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Millhopper Branch Library, Bring brown bag lunch. Drinks provided.

OCTOBER STUDY GROUP TOPIC: NATURAL RESOURCES POSITION - EMPHASIS ON WATER

First Session: Monday, October 3, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Location to be announced.

Repeat Session: Tuesday, October 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

by Natural Resources
Team
6:30 p.m.
Oak Hammock
5100 SW 25th Blvd.

Tue, Oct 18
Good Government Bus
for 5th Graders

Tue, Nov 1
Hot Topics: Mandatory
Minimum Sentencing
Northwest Grille
dinner event

Community Events of Interest

Thu, Sep 29
"Innovations in Land
Conservation and
Environmental
Protection"
7-9 p.m.
PK Yonge Performing
Arts Center.
Envision Alachua series,
sponsored by Plum
Creek

By Oct 1
Legislature Announces
presidential preference
primary date

Tue, Oct 11
Alachua County
Legislative Delegation
Meeting
2 p.m.
Santa Fe College
Kirkpatrick Center

Thu, Oct 13
GRU's 4th Annual
Community Meeting
at the Thomas Center
5:30 p.m. refreshments &
vendor fair
6 p.m. "State of the
Utility" presentations
RSVP to help
refreshment planners:
352-393-1297 or
jonesNC@gru.com

Thu, Oct 20

Millhopper Branch Library, Bring brown bag lunch. Drinks provided.

Upcoming Natural Resources Program: The Status and Future of Our Water Supply



Join The League of Women Voters for a discussion on the status and future of our water supply on Wednesday, October 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Oak Hammock. This event is coordinated by professionals who attended the League's Water Forum last year and recognized a need for further exploration of our water supply issues. Water experts will give brief presentations on why we should care about water, how our aquifer system works, who uses water, and what the future may hold. The evening will conclude with a panel discussion designed to address lingering questions citizens may have concerning water resources. The Water Conservation Coordinator for the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is assisting with coordinating this event and would like to know what questions you have about our water supply. This information will help develop the content of this event and future events. [Click HERE](#) to provide your comments. Thanks to Kathleen McKee and Stacie Greco for bringing us this program.

Hot Topics: Mandatory Minimum Sentencing program on November 1

This year will continue the series of informative discussions on issues of concern to citizens. Harvey Goldstein and Mitzi Austin are co-chairing this year's hot topics team. The first program will be a dinner event at the Northwest Grille on Tuesday, November 1. The speaker will be Greg Newburn, Florida Project Director for [Families Against Mandatory Minimums](#), discussing sentencing reform.

Member Profile: Sue Dudley

How did you come to live in Gainesville/Alachua County?

I moved up to Gainesville, from southwest Florida, to get a degree. In 2004, I graduated, cum laude, with a BA from the College of Natural Resources and Environment--at the age of 68.



Tell us about your League service.

This year, I am on the Board, and co-leader, with Nancy Sever, of the Natural Resources Team. The excitement right now is over the October water program that Kathleen McKee and Stacie Greco have put together: The Status and Future of Our Water Supply.

Of what was listed above, what gave you the greatest sense of accomplishment?

Water in Florida is a passion of mine. The Status and Future of Our Water Supply on October 12th at Oak Hammock is very important. It is about "why we should care about water, how our aquifer system works, who uses water, and what the future may hold."

In what ways do you think the League has made a difference in

United Nations Day
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Gainesville Woman's
Club

Thu, Oct 20
Naturalization
Ceremony
11 a.m.

2011-2012
Leadership Team
LWVAC

Pres: Kathy Kidder
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Reba Bandyopadhyay
Treasurer: Jerry Kidder

Elected Directors:
Sue Dudley
Billie Staff

Voter Service:
Marjorie Alexander &
Janet Jamieson

Communication/VOTER:
Colleen Porter

our community?

Oh! Boy! So many ways, all invaluable to this community! Here are just a few: the League's educational efforts on issues, our commitment to the environment, and our non-partisan efforts to inform Alachua's citizens during the election process.

With what other community groups are you involved (if any)?

This year, I am focusing on the League. The political atmosphere has made that a priority.

What was the last book that you read?

The Disappearing Spoon: and other true tales of madness, love, and the history of the world from the periodic table of the elements by Sam Kean

Who is your hero?

Elizabeth Warren is my hero. I watched the work she did in setting up the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Elizabeth Warren was, and is, awesome.

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