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Mission: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Holiday Luncheon Wednesday, December 4th, 2013 Black Tulip Restaurant in Cocoa Village

Address: 207 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922
Time: Check in at Noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30.
*(The luncheon follows the board meeting that begins at 10:30.
All members are welcome to attend the board meeting.)*
Menu: **Chicken Marsala** sautéed chicken breast finished with fresh mushrooms, simmered in marsala wine.
Roasted Pork Loin finished with an apple brandy cream sauce.
Cheese Tortellini with sautéed shrimp, tomatoes, & scallions in a basil cream sauce.
Tilapia Florentine Baked tilapia with fresh spinach & tomatoes sautéed in garlic butter.
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Grilled chicken over crisp romaine lettuce tossed with Caesar dressing, romano cheese, & garlic croutons.
All entrees served with choice of house salad or soup du jour, vegetables, starch, bread & butter and dessert.

You can choose your entrée at the restaurant but it is necessary to make a reservation.
Cost: \$20.00

Reservations: Please call Mary Margaret Page at 321-631-0853 by Sunday, December 1st.

Please bring a donation for homeless students in Brevard County

Items that are needed: underwear, socks, sanitary pads, deodorant, shampoo, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, shaving supplies, toothpaste, dental floss, brush & combs, small packages of laundry detergent. \$10 gift cards are welcomed so it is not necessary to go shopping for items.

Call Maria Seemer if you are unable to attend the luncheon but would like to give a donation.

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President's Corner

Marilynn Collins & Priscilla Griffith

Dear League Members,

Here we are with the last Voter Newsletter of 2013. We can only speculate on what 2014 will bring. Hopefully, peace, prosperity and a Congress that can reach across the aisle and accomplish some goals and a State Legislature that will agree to accept Medicaid Expansion in our state.

Our major effort over the past six months will draw to a close as the Petition Campaign for the Water and Land Conservation Amendment officially ends on November 30. We are proud to report that we have exceeded the State League's goal for each local league of 20 petitions per member. With over two weeks remaining as of the writing of this article on 11/10/13, our hardworking volunteers have already collected 2,197 petitions. Once again, we want to thank Voter Service Chairs Barbara and Tony Dutton for their leadership in this very important citizens' initiative to place an amendment to our Florida constitution on the 2014 ballot which will guarantee funding for conservation efforts. Statewide as of 11/10/13, the number of petitions collected by all volunteers and paid staff is 707,128. The number required to be placed on the ballot is 683,149. The goal is 910,000 due to the fact that some petitions will be disqualified because they were filled out incorrectly. To read the full ballot language of the amendment, go to our website, www.lwv-spacecoast.org, and click on the link to Florida Water and Land Legacy, then click "about." You can download and print a petition if you have not signed one already.

Another major League effort, this time by our Children's Committee, is coming to fruition in January. For the past several months the committee has been engaged in a formal study on Charter Schools. This is a statewide study with 21 other local Leagues. Lucia Watson is the point person for our League. Participating Leagues have been provided background material and consensus questions by a state study committee as approved by the State Board. The four main questions being asked are: Who do charter schools serve?; Do charter academic programs differ from those in traditional schools?; How are charters owned and managed? and What types of facilities do charters use? Our local committee will organize the material and educate our members on their findings. We will be putting information on our website and in the January Voter. The next step is to have a consensus meeting which we hope to hold in the first week in January. Consensus is the process by which the membership will reach a general agreement. Discussion is the technique

used most often to reach consensus on an issue. The State Board will evaluate the conclusions of the local Leagues. Where there is substantial agreement or consensus, a formal LWVF position is adopted.

Our wish as a League for 2014 is to fill some Committee positions. The Health Committee is seeking a Co-Chair for Jo Shim who has taken the lead in outreach to educate about Medicaid Expansion. That committee meets at the Suntree Library on the third Monday of the month at 6 P.M. Contact Jo via her e-mail address in our Membership Book if you would like to attend a meeting. We are also seeking a Chair and members for our Justice Committee. Check out the Position Statement for Justice on page 6 of the Membership Book to see if you may be interested. If so, give me a call.

This year's Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at the Black Tulip in Cocoa Village and will be preceded by our monthly Board Meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M. We continue the tradition which we started at last year's party and encourage our members to bring supplies (listed on front page) for Brevard's homeless students. Other exciting events on the horizon include our special Luncheon on Friday, February 7th with Florida League President Deirdre Macnab at the Suntree Country Club and a Regional Outing hosted by LWVSC with area Leagues to the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science and Eastern Florida State College Planetarium and Observatory on March 8th.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

In League,

Marilynn

~Welcome to our New Members~

**Jean Carey
Angela Elliott**

Please add new members to your membership book. Addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of new members will be sent to you by e-mail. If you have friends who belong to League of Women Voters of the Space Coast who do not receive e-mail, it would be helpful if you could contact them and give them addresses and phone numbers of new members to add to their membership books. We discontinued printing this information in our *Voters* because of privacy concerns. Our *Voters* are distributed to libraries and other community locations. They are found on line at our web site, www.lwv-spacecoast.org



Children's Committee

Maria Mogollon-Seemer – Chair

The Case for Early Childhood Education, by Maria Mogollon-Seemer

The Annie E. Casey Foundation released a policy report [The First Eight Years: Giving Kids a Foundation for Lifetime Success](#) on November 5th in which it states that only about a third of the children they studied were on track with cognitive skills by 3rd grade, underlining the need for a comprehensive early-childhood education.

The findings are based on the [Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten](#), a federally funded data collection effort that tracked children who were in kindergarten through the 8th grade. The data shows that by 3rd grade, only 56 percent were on track with physical development, 70 percent with social and emotional growth, and 74 percent in their level of school engagement. However, further analysis also shows that children from low-income households fair even worse, only 19 percent of 3rd graders in families with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty line were hitting their cognitive development milestones, compared to 50 percent of children in families above that income level.

If you take into account that in Florida 54% of children age birth to age 8 now live below the poverty level; and according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) we rank 42nd in per-pupil funding (if taking into account federal, state and local sources), or 48th for state funding alone in 2011, we are in deep trouble any way you analyze it.

So whether one believes that education is a social responsibility or a good investment we really must do something. You don't need research to show that communities that commit to the care, health and education of its youngest citizens thrive. Former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist has already stated that education policy will be a key dividing line between him and Gov. Rick Scott if they square off in the general election next year, so at least the discussion will be brought to the forefront, what we do about it depends on all of us.

So what is the state of early education in our community? In Brevard County we have Early Head Start, Head Start, VPK and private organizations that provide early childhood education.

Head Start is both the name of a family of federal programs for low-income children and their families, and the name given to the original program for children from 3 to 5 years of age. The Head Start family of programs includes: Early Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and American Indian Head Start. Head Start is designed to facilitate child development and promote school readiness by enhancing social and cognitive

development through the provision of health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

Funding for all Head Start programs flows directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to local agencies. Communities provide a 25 percent local match to Federal funds. There are no parent fees for this program.

The Early Head Start Program in Brevard County has an annual budget close to \$1,000,000 to provide services to eligible infants, toddlers, and their families. A grant for this allocation was released in June but as of this writing it has not been awarded. The federal government through CDI the interim program administrator is still managing this effort and providing services to 88 children (11 of which are babies) down from 96 due to sequestration funding cuts, and as of the writing of this article 87 children are on the waiting list for services. Head Start does requires children to have a permanent address in the county they reside, but children who are homeless or in "transitional housing" who were Brevard residents prior to becoming homeless, are considered and are allocated extra points on their application for services.

The Head Start Program locally is operated as part of our Brevard County school system via a grant award for the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, with a budget of approximately \$4.7M and a cap of enrollment of 624 children. Children who reach the age of three or four on or before September 1st are eligible for services during that school year. There are 12 schools that provide Head Start services for three and four year olds, and one additional center for three year olds. As of the writing of this article the waiting list is 458 children and growing daily.

At least ninety percent (90%) of the Head Start designated children must be from families whose income is at or below 100% poverty level (including those with no income). To qualify the child's family must receives public assistance – Temporary Aid Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Social Security Income SSI). A child who is homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act also may qualify. Over-income families may qualify but they cannot exceed ten percent (10%) of total funded enrollment. Families in this income level may be accepted, but only after thorough recruiting efforts are made and those in the 100% level are not able to completely fill the classes. No more than 30% of Head Start children may come from this income level.

In November 2002, Florida's voters passed a constitutional amendment to offer free, voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) programs to every 4 year old in the state. More than 175,000 4 year olds now participate in this program, *(continued on Page 7)*



Voter Service

Barbara & Tony Dutton – Co-Chairs

RESTORING THE VOTE IN FLORIDA

In almost all of the United States, those convicted of committing a felony lose their voting rights until they have served their sentences and made any court-ordered restitution. Vermont and at least one other state are marked exceptions to that rule, as, in those states, convicted felons may vote even from prison. Florida, however, was until recently one of only 11 states that do not automatically restore voting rights to ex-felons upon completion of their sentences. It is now one of only 10 such states, as earlier this year the Governor of Virginia issued an order requiring the automatic restoration of voting rights for non-violent offenders. The nonprofit "Sentencing Project", a research and advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., concluded that, as of 2010, Florida had more than 1.3 million ex-felons to whom voting rights had not been restored. It now puts that number at more than 1.5 million Floridians, of whom more than 520,000 are African-Americans. The next closest state in 2010 was Virginia, with about 352,000 residents to whom the right to vote had not been restored.

Governor Bush restored the voting rights of 72,000 ex-convicts during the last five years of his terms in office, ending in 2006. And his successor, Governor Crist, changed state policy upon his election, placing Florida among the more than 40 other states that provide automatic restoration of voting rights for, at least, non-violent offenders. Under his new policy more than 159,000 regained their rights between 2007 and 2010. However, even that policy was not fully effective, as the Restoration of Civil Rights notice was sent to the "last known address" of the ex-felon and often never delivered.

The situation changed dramatically upon the election of Governor Scott in 2010. Shortly after the new Governor assumed office, the Florida Board of Executive Clemency consisting of the Governor and the Cabinet (the Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Agriculture) changed the rules to eliminate any automatic restoration of voting rights and to impose waiting periods of (a) five years after completion of sentence, parole and probation for "less serious" non-violent convictions and (b) seven years for all other felony convictions before offenders may apply for restoration of voting and other civil rights. In addition it requires that all ex-felons in the seven-year class must apply to the Board for a mandatory hearing on their rights restoration. The path to restoration is made even more difficult by the fact that the Clemency

Board meets only four times a year, creating a long backlog of cases. And, for voting rights to be restored, three of the four members of the Board must vote for restoration. In 2011 and 2012 only 420 people regained their rights. This year, through the month of May, only 94 Floridians have had their voting rights restored.

Governor Scott's office has defended the present situation, saying, "Governor Scott believes that in order to fully re-enter society, felons must demonstrate that they can live a life free of crime, make restitution to victims and show a willingness to ask to have their rights restored." Others, such as the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida claim, "It is a policy that had its designed effect in that it suppressed the vote of disfavored minorities." And, in an editorial published in June of this year, The New York Times noted that there is "...a growing awareness that disenfranchisement serves no rehabilitative purpose – and may, in fact, contribute to further criminal behavior by forcing former offenders to the margins of society."

At its 2013 Biennial Convention in April the League of Women Voters of Florida adopted, as an Issue for Action, "Support for automatic restoration of voting rights for former felony offenders." We will hear more of this issue.

Barbara and Tony Dutton, Voter Service Co-Chairs



Happy Birthday Vera Walker

Vera Walker will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 5 at her new home, Palm Cottages in Rockledge, where visitors will often find her sitting on the screened porch watching the world go by. Asked recently about her health, her reply was "I'm doing fine; I'm still here." Although a bit too frail to attend the League's holiday luncheon, she would enjoy receiving birthday cards at the address given in the Membership Book. Visits from friends, perhaps between the breakfast and lunch hours or in the mid-afternoon, would be even better. Vera is in Washington Cottage at the north end of the parking lot on the right.



Save the Date

League of Women Voters President, Deirdre Macnab will be at our special luncheon on Friday, February 7th at the Suntree Country Club. Details will be coming in your January Voter.

The League of Women Voters of the Space Coast will promote in all aspects of the League's activities, a philosophy of inclusion that reflects the diverse composition and issues of the community.



International Relations

Mary Nicolay – Chair

The International Relations Group will meet Tuesday, December 10th at the Ruth Funk Textile Museum on the campus of Florida Tech. Parking is available. We will gather in the lobby for a tour being led by League member Brigitte Sinton at 10:30 AM. A stroll through the Botanical Gardens is available following the tour. If directions are needed please phone Mary Nicolay, 723-6169. All League members are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Our October International Relations meeting was led by Mary Nicolay on the subject of Human Trafficking.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Loosely defined Human Trafficking (HT) is the process of recruiting by threats, force, fraud, the transporting of a person, adult or child, into slavery. The most common cause is COLLATERAL DEBT BONDAGE; the slave must work off a debt owed.

The average age for entry into trafficking is 14. A UN study done in 2011 estimated that over 27 million people world wide are enslaved. 80% of those are women and 50% of those are under the age of 18. It is estimated that over 2 million girls worldwide “disappear” due to gender discrimination.

The average price per slave is \$12,500 which is statistically LESS than that paid in Antebellum days. But some girls are sold for a shot of heroin, all things are relative. There is an issue of SUPPLY AND DEMAND. Human trafficking funds terrorism. Gangs and mafias, are more involved in HT than in the past. Businesses need cheap labor so slaves are used in the sex trades, for migrant labor, sweat shops, meat packing and other occupations around the world. HT of labor is the most prevalent type in Florida, with abuse reported primarily in agriculture, tourism and hospitality industries.

“ Man Camps “ (oil fields, men’s clubs, hunting camps) are a major problem for trafficked girls. The SUPERBOWL is the single largest event for HT in the United States. In 2010 over 10,000 prostitutes were imported to the Superbowl city. Few arrests were made. Laws are not consistent and often the victims are prosecuted . Law enforcement officers and judges are not well trained in existing law. Federal and state programs are not well established or publicized.

86% of trafficked Native American girls and other runaways in the U.S. are from broken homes, homeless situations, families with drug, alcohol, mental illness and/ or suffer physical abuse. In a 2009 study of Florida’s Foster children it was found that they often were lured into prostitution by PIMPS who offer affection and caring. Drugs and alcohol are often used to

gain their cooperation. Florida ranks 3rd in the number of calls to the Federal HT hotline. This is probably due to the geography and tourism.

Causes: The earth is over populated. Poverty in a society can increase the incidence of HT but studies also show increased wealth makes the purchase of slaves easier. Owning slaves in many cultures means elevated status and power. Slaves may not know they are victims. Poor education and poverty go together. Lack of legal papers and fear of arrest often inhibits victims from reporting abuse. Fears of abandonment, loss of affection, maiming, death, brutality, fear that family will be harmed are in evidence. Media promotes sexual images and messages. The Internet is not monitored or controlled. Society accepts PIMP culture in music and media images. Sexuality of young girls is encouraged. Drugs and alcohol make humans vulnerable. Alcohol use is advertised heavily. Families are collapsing. Religion worldwide is less emphasized, attendance at services is down. The public often turns a “ Blind Eye” or will claim HT is a cultural issue.

Prevention: Support Federal and State programs, legislation geared toward prevention of HT. Improve enforcement tools, educate judges and police. Use NAME AND SHAME and SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING campaigns. Focus on one area and one single abuse at a time. Use Interpol and Europol. Stop making sexuality in young girls and women so important. Stop objectifying women. Stop the music industry from idealizing PIMP CULTURE and making violence against women OK. Recognize that SANCTIONS are effective tools for preventing further abuse.

SILENCE

Too many women

In too many countries

Speak the same language,

Of silence.

We seek only to give words

To those who cannot speak

(too many women

in too many countries)

I seek only to forget

The sorrows of my grandmother's

Silence.

" This poem is quoted in the book LIVING HISTORY by Hilary Rodham Clinton. The book is available in the Brevard County Library system. In 1995 Hilary was visiting India and was writing her speech to be given at the Rajin Gandhi Foundation on Women's Rights. She expressed her difficulty writing the speech to the principal of Lady Sri Ram College and was given this poem written by one of her students, Anasuya Sengupta. The international press picked up on the poem, printed it and it has become requested worldwide."



Natural Resources

Susan Little – Chair

Report from Maureen Rupe–Natural Resources Consultant.

The Indian River Lagoon Workshop

The Brevard County Commission Indian River Lagoon Workshop was held on October 17th, 2013. The panel included the Brevard County Commissioners; State Representative Tom Goodson; Space Coast League of Cities Chair and Titusville Mayor Jim Tulley; Troy Rice of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program; Marine Resource Council Director Dr. Leesa Souto; Dr. Grant Gilmore of the Estuarine, Coastal and Ocean Science Inc.; and Keith Winsten, Brevard Zoo. A representative from U.S. District 18, Congressman Posey's office, stated he sent his regrets that he was still in Washington and could not attend. The meeting's purpose was to educate our elected officials of the awful truth on the state of the lagoon and to discuss possible solutions. The meeting drew more people than the County Commission had seen at a workshop, approximately 300 people attended. Besides presentations by Dr. Rice, Dr. Gilmore, and Keith Winston, Mayor Tulley, Representative Goodson and Leesa Souto also spoke. There were also a lot of speakers from the public, all in support of saving the lagoon. Tony Dutton gave an excellent speech representing our League of Women Voters of the Space Coast. A number of environmental groups also spoke urging action to protect and restore the lagoon.

After all speakers had finished the County Commission conducted their meeting. On the Indian River Lagoon, the County Commission:

1. Voted to bring back the fertilizer ordinance for discussion in the next 90 days.
2. Voted to have a Storm Water Workshop after the first of the year.
3. Voted on a resolution to support the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary Coalition composed of the six counties along the Indian River Lagoon.
4. Voted to support the launch of the Local Oyster Garden Program.
5. Voted to request state and federal assistance for the Indian River Lagoon.
6. Agreed to explore waiving hookup fees to move households from septic tank to sewer.

The meeting is recorded and is available for viewing on the county's website at:

http://brevardcountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1210.

Algae Issue is not Limited to the Indian River Lagoon

It's horrific how algae is destroying the Indian River

Lagoon, but unfortunately, the same sources of Nitrogen is having terrible effects on our other critical water sources. In a story by Steve Patterson in the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, The St John's Riverkeeper organization reported to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, tests in the St John's River show samples had between 1,085 and 2,080 of micrograms of microcystin algae toxin per liter. The World Trade Organization defines a level of 20 micrograms of microcystin algae toxin per liter is safe for recreational purposes. Due to the high toxin levels, Riverkeeper urged everyone to keep themselves and their pets away from the water until the weather changes to disperse the algae blooms.

The story explained the St. Johns flows from the south, so much of the issue was due to the large amount of Nitrogen the St. John's River has in it already due to the development and farming and residential areas to the south. The article also stated various communities in Northeast Florida stated in 2008 they would take strides to reduce the nitrogen released into the river. However, Jacksonville was warned not long ago by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that it was late on what the city would do to reduce nitrogen releases. The Department of Environmental Protection delivered a plan that relied on Jacksonville buying water-quality trading credits.

Water Quality Credit Trading is relatively new in Florida, which the state-wide program was just approved this year and went into effect on July 1st 2013. A trial program in the state has apparently been successful in the Lower St John's river basin to increase water quality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states water quality credit trading programs are strong tools to reduce water pollution faster and at a lower cost. From what I've read, it could work, but as usual, Florida has made it a voluntary program, so if anyone doesn't have the money or decides not to follow trading guidelines, there doesn't seem to be the fines to force compliance. Since it is voluntary, time will only tell if it will work, but I think we'll be lucky if this clean up on the cheap works, or at least in anyone that's living's lifetime. Reflects on the fact that the water we have today is the same water we had here at the beginning. We cannot manufacture water. What you are drinking is the same water as drunk by the cavemen. We are polluting the world for generations after us to suffer over what is our responsibility.

Reference:

<http://members.jacksonville.com/news/premium-news/2013-10-09/story/st-john-river-tests-show-algae-toxins-far-above-un-standards>
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2013/0713>
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/docs/WQ_CreditTradingReport_final_December2006.pdf

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costing the state about \$400 million annually. While this is a great start, at least we are providing a program; we are only meeting three out of the 10 nationally recommended standards for the program.

There are about 4,700 children enrolled in VPK at 185 different locations in Brevard County, this current school year.

Additionally about 3,200 children a month are in the School Readiness Program which is child care funding made available to eligible families to assist them in obtaining affordable, high quality child care. To qualify, children must be living in a low-income family where parents/guardians are currently employed working a minimum of 20 hours per week; attending school 20 hours (12 credit hours) per week or a combination of both, or children under protective services or in foster care - regardless of income, or the parents or guardians receive cash assistance for the family or for the relative children; and because of new legislation passed during last session, Early Learning Coalitions can now prioritize services to children whose families are homeless.

So where do we go from here? Obviously some policy decisions are needed urgently as well as additional funding. However with inevitable budget cuts next year, it is safe to say we probably won't see additional funds. But we can't just wait. Just look at the economics, as quoted from Noble Prize-winning economist James Heckman in the policy report referenced above, "early childhood interventions are some of the best investments we can make as a nation, with a return investment of 7-10% annually by reducing crime, improving academic achievement and building a skilled workforce". Doesn't take a rocket-scientist, now does it?

Article by Fran Baer of the Children's Committee

The past ten years have brought many changes and added attention to the nations' public schools. Increased student testing, more rigorous graduation requirements, controversial teacher evaluation systems, greater Federal intervention (I.E.) No Child Left Behind replaced with Race To The Top and now Common Core Standards, failed school tax initiatives, Florida's class size constitutional amendment, enhanced technology and economic downturns have left their mark on our public schools. Below is data over the last decade on significant demographics associated with Brevard Public Schools. All figures are obtained through the District and most can be found in the adopted budgets for school years 2002-2003 and 2012-2013. Where information is not obtainable, only the most current data is shown

Item	2002-03	2012-13	Item	2002-03	2012-13
Total Budget	\$590,692,627	\$757,897,211	Support Staff@ESF		
			Administrators	39	40
Number of Students	70,954	69,716	Services	330.89	340.35
Charter Enrollment	1,614	3,773	Number of Total Personnel	8,216.53	9,167.30
Number of Schools	98	99	Kindergarten Readiness	not available	85% Brevard 77% Florida
Number of Charters	11	10	Percent of Title 1****	not available	66%
Number of Teachers*	4,690.43	5,341.1	Percent of Title 1 Charter Schools	not available	40%
Resource Teacher@ESF**	72	87			(1 pending)
School Administrators	223	228	*includes resource teachers assigned to ESF		
Number of School Support Staff***	2,932.21	3,216.35	**Educational Services Facility in Viera		
			***Non teaching: custodians, bus drivers, secretaries, etc.		
			****Free & reduced lunch elementary public schools.		

~December Calendar – Members welcome at all meetings~

Wednesday, December 4 Board Meeting at Black Tulip at 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, December 4 Holiday Luncheon at Black Tulip at Noon.

Tuesday, December 10 – International Relations Committee meeting at Ruth Funk Textile Museum at 10:30 A.M. on campus of Florida Tech followed by lunch.

Sunday , December 15,- Children's Committee Meeting at Home of Doreen Archer at 2 P.M.

Monday, December 16 , – Health Committee at Suntree Library – 6 P.M.

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