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Timely Topics with Dr. Brian Binggeli



Dr. Brian Binggeli, Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools will speak on "Challenges that Brevard Public Schools are facing and the return on investment by including student achievement information"

- When:** Wednesday, September 17th
- Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- Where:** Holiday Inn in Viera -
8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940
- Cost:** \$22.00
- Menu:** Crab stuffed Tilapia
Chicken Champagne
Vegetarian on request
Entreés served with Caesar Salad and Key Lime Pie

Reservations to Doreen Archer at 321-622-4071 by Saturday, September 13 at 5 p.m.

Public is Invited.

Brevard County Commission Candidates Forum

The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc., League of Women Voters of the Space Coast and Space Coast Tiger Bay Club will host a public forum for the candidates for Brevard County Commission Districts 2 and 4 on **September 18, 2014**.

The event will be held in the **Community Room at Florida Today, 1 Gannett Plaza in Melbourne**, courtesy of facility sponsor Florida Today. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the forum will begin at 6 p.m. Moderating the forum will be Mary Hillberg from League of Women Voters who will be assisted by Leigh Holt from Tiger Bay Club. Emcee for the evening is Kim Torres from the Junior League. The forum is free and members of the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions to the candidates. For more information, call **321-254-7183**.

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President's Corner

Marilynn Collins & Priscilla Griffith

Dear Leaguers,

Summer has flown by and fall is just around the corner. Last year at this time I was writing about our petition drive to get the Water and Land Legacy proposed amendment on the November ballot. We, along with many other organizations, succeeded in that task and the Water and Land Conservation Amendment will be on the ballot along with Amendment 2 (Medical Marijuana), and Amendment 3 (Appointment of Prospective Judges). The League of Women Voters of Florida has not taken a position on Amendments 2 and 3 at the time of this printing.

Our energies are now focused on educating our citizens to VOTE YES! On Amendment 1. Our newly formed Speakers' Bureau Team met for the first time on June 17th. We have purchased a projector for Power Point presentations and have begun our outreach. If you belong to an organization that would like a speaker and/or you would like to train for outreach, call our new Speaker's Bureau Chair, Audrey Grayson, who has also just recently been appointed to our Board of Directors. Our Speakers Bureau Team includes Tony Dutton, Linda Meeuwenberg, Sharon Reynolds-Mixon, Susan Little, Shannon Roberts and myself. In addition to the Pro Amendment 1, we have a presentation that explains the Pros and Cons of all three of the ballot amendments.

On July 10, we held our first Leaders Meeting where we brainstormed and planned for our year to come. We came to an agreement to hold our monthly board meetings in the evening, when it would be easier for working people to attend. The meetings start at 5:30 PM from September through December at the Suntree Library. We will evaluate after four months to see if we want to make it a permanent move. Remember, League members are welcome to the board meetings. Our September board meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on September 2nd at the Suntree Library. We also decided to hold some of our Timely Topics on a Saturday, again, in the hopes of attracting young working people.

Our first Timely Topics for this program year will be held on September 17th at the Holiday Inn in Viera with guest speaker Dr. Brian Binggeli, Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools. In October, we will have a Timely Topics Brunch on Saturday, October 25th at 10 A.M. with guest speaker Richard Bartholomew from the non-profit organization "No Labels" whose mission is to "move America from the old politics of point-scoring toward a new politics of problem-solving." We hope to co-sponsor this event with the NAACP and AAUW. The event will be held at the Suntree Country Club.

Voter Service is in full swing with the League involved with many Candidate Forums. We co-sponsored a District 2 School Board Forum on August 4th with the Brevard Parents Action Committee and the North Merritt Island Homeowners' Association. On August 14, we co-sponsored a District 1 School Board Forum with Brevard Parents Action Committee, Brevard Teachers for Change, and the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association. On September 18th, our first post-primary forum will be held for County Commission seats District 2 and District 4. Details are on the front page.

A goal for our State League is improving the process of restoration of voting rights for felons after they have served their time. LWVSC Board Member Alberta Wilson will be the contact for our League. This is to be accomplished via an amendment to Florida's constitution. Once again we will be boots on the ground in this effort to collect the required number of signed petitions to ensure that the amendment gets on the ballot and citizens who have served their time are once again able to cast their vote.

The State League has a new online training tutorial and quiz for our members who want to be able to register voters during our registration events. Contact Voter Service Chair Tony Dutton for directions.

Don't miss the report on page 5 from Tony & Barbara Dutton and Jo Shim on their experiences at the U. S. League's National Convention that was held in Dallas, TX in June and other updates from our Committee Chairs.

In League,
Marilynn



Doreen Archer & Barbara Dutton

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.



Children's Committee

Maria Mogollon-Seemer – Chair Second Chance Surtax Defined

By: Linda Scales and Fran Baer

Brevard County Public Schools (BPS) is asking Brevard County residents to vote for a half cent surtax after failing to pass two years ago by a slim margin on a two sided ballot chock full of amendments and issues. There has been much speculation on why it failed. One of which is the ballot language, which this time is more specific. Even so, it still leaves many questions on the voters' minds.

The title and language of the referendum will read as follows:

Title: One-half cent sales surtax for critical school facilities renewal, school security, and technology upgrades.

Language: Would you support the School Board levying a one half cent surtax on sales in Brevard County, beginning 1/1/15, for a period of six years, to be used exclusively for critical school facility renewal projects, school security, and technology upgrades? A needs-based prioritized list of projects has been published and expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizen oversight committee.

The half cent surtax is defined as raising the sales tax we already pay from 6% to 6.5% on current taxable items. For large ticket items the surtax will only be applied to the first \$5,000. BPS expects the surtax to generate 32 million dollars each year, part of which will be paid by visitors to the county. Take note the surtax will only be applied for a period of six years. After which the voters can decide if it is an issue worthy of continued support.

Many voters question whether the funds raised will be spent wisely and honestly. Therefore BPS compiled a critical needs list based on a standardized approach using condition codes to determine the status of each need for prioritization. Within each critical needs category are components that have also been prioritized. A full report can be found at <http://capitalprojects.brevardschools.org/default.aspx>. Furthermore there are plans to form an oversight committee that will serve to make sure the surtax monies are being spent as promised. The nonpartisan, grassroots, volunteer group, Brevard Save Our Students (B-SOS) has formed an "ICO Team" to develop the process of how to define, select, and operate an all volunteer Independent Citizen Oversight Committee (ICOC). Members can have no business or financial ties to BPS, must be residents of Brevard County, and need to have expertise in the fields of planning, education, business, finance, law, architecture/engineering construction, technology, and/or security. The selected

candidates will be provided to the School Superintendent for Board Approval. To assure key public perspectives are addressed, this "ICO Team" now includes representatives of the *Brevard Federation of Teachers* (BFT) and the *Brevard Parents Action Committee* (BPAC), as well as members of the B-SOS Core (Board). This information is based on B-SOS/BPS cooperative efforts and understandings at this time.

Questions are frequently asked regarding the lottery dollars: "Where does the lottery money go?" and the answer is lottery dollars supplant education but do not supplement K-12 education to the degree as originally thought. Dollars are instead funneled to Bright Futures Scholar recipients to provide college education to more students. According to Superintendent Brian Binggeli, BPS had their budget evaluated by Moody's Investor Service and Fitch Group/Ratings who found it to be so lean they could not recommend any strategies to improve the efficiency of it.

Brevard County Public Schools has provided information in an effort to educate the public on how it spends our tax dollars and where it comes from. You can access this information in English or Spanish, and email your questions and concerns by following this link http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_County_Schools/Election. Also, information about Brevard Save Our Students (BSOS), the committee instrumental in forming the ballot language and key in communicating the concerns of the voters to the school board, can be found at www.bsos14.org and on Facebook.

Superintendent Dr. Binggeli will be the guest speaker at the next Timely Topics on Wednesday, September 17th at 11:30am at the Holiday Inn in Viera. His topic will be "Challenges that Brevard County Schools are facing and return on investment including student achievement information".

Finally, since we have not had sufficient time to complete a study as mandated by league bylaws, the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast has not taken a position on this issue.



**. Voter Editor
Lucia Watson**

Thank you to members who have chosen to receive our Voter by e-mail. We will continue with regular mail of The Voter to members who prefer to receive a paper copy or do not have an e-mail address. If there are any problems receiving your paper or e-mail Voter 9 months of the year, please let me know. My e-mail address is lucbil_99@yahoo.com and my phone number is 321-779-6758.



Natural Resources

Susan Little – Chair

Report from Maureen Rupe

Natural Resources Consultant.

Inland Port & KSC/MI Wildlife Refuge Rail Lines

Mr. Walsh, Port Authority CEO, sounds as if we in Port St. John should be grateful for getting a railroad yard, 2,000 feet of rails, a rail crossing of U.S. Highway 1 and a locomotive warehouse. The trains would carry rental cars, slag, oil, containers and who knows what other toxic mixtures. Does Mr. Walsh really expect that no one would oppose this bed of noise and pollution?

The environmental community has spent 3 years fighting to ensure nitrogen and phosphorus stays outside of the lagoon with the stronger fertilizer ordinance, and now both the inland port project and the KSC rail projects may both be components of the lagoon's demise. The state is spending millions to research pollution in the lagoon, and then supports these two projects that could bring enough pollution to ensure the lagoon does not survive. Just the total storm water runoff from leaking rail cars will probably be the last straw. Even without additional research, we know that manatees and barges do not mix, and the areas around the power plants have attracted huge quantities of manatees in the past. On top of everything else, there is also a large amount of dredging for the inland port project and talk of filling a significant amount of wetland to complete the 11 miles of rail lines through the Kennedy Space Center and Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. If the Environmental Study is approved. Something is very wrong.

Along those lines, in the NASA Congressional Hearing in February 2014, Mr. Walsh asked if work on the KSC easements could be started before the environmental study had final approval. Is this how government works now? Can one government agency ask for a project to start before environmental assessments are complete? This is a very serious concern that should demand an answer.

In the past two weeks, Congressman Duncan Hunter, U.S. Representative for California, is warning that a National Security Investigation must take place before the project begins. Hunter wrote the U.S. Secretary asking that the committee on foreign investment in the United States investigate the project on whether it is a security risk. Hunter seems to be concerned Port Canaveral's container project is being ran by Gulf Taner, a company based in the United Arab Emirates. Security experts have stated for a long time that there is a risk that terrorists could use a cargo ship container to come into the United States and be carried by truck or rail to an inland city for their attacks. If the

investigation states it is too high a risk, the project could be stopped or modified until it meets those concerns.

Reference:

<http://www.wesh.com/fears-of-terrorism-could-delay-port-canaveral-project/27253250?tru=bxwds1#ixzz39Br6VG6F>



Health Committee

Jo Shim & Connie Dobrin Co-Chairs

Affordable Care Act Update

Over the summer final statistics on Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment in Florida were released and the results are very encouraging. For all marketplace plans the average premium before tax credit is \$347 and the average tax credit is \$278 resulting in an average premium of \$68. Of Floridians who enrolled on the ACA marketplace 91% qualified for tax credits. Outcomes for Florida's ACA enrollees compared well to those in all federally facilitated marketplace (FFM) states. Florida's average premiums after tax credits were cheaper than the FFM average and a greater percentage of Floridians qualified for tax credits. With the arrival of this good news, ACA Navigators and health care advocacy organizations are optimistic about the new enrollment period which runs from November 15th 2014 until February 15th 2015.

A recent study on the impact of the ACA in Medicaid expansion states revealed that uncompensated care dropped by 30% in expansion states and remained almost unchanged in states such as Florida which opted not to expand the program. Medicaid expansion was ignored by the Florida Legislature during the 2014 session leaving 1.2 million uninsured residents of the state without coverage

For updates and more information on health care issues please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.healthcare.gov/what-if-my-state-is-not-expanding-medicaid>

<http://kff.org/>,

<http://floridachain.org/>

<http://thefloridavoter.org/>

If you would like to take a more active role in League activities please consider joining the Health Care Committee. Contact co-chairs Jo Shim shimjo2001@yahoo.com and Connie Dobrin mike-connie@oleanderpointe.com for meeting dates and times.



League National Convention Report

Jo Shim, Barbara and Tony Dutton attended the 51st National Convention of the LWVUS, in Dallas, Texas, from Friday, June 6th through Tuesday, June 10th as Delegates of the LWVF. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia were represented (639 voting Delegates). Workshops and Caucuses intended to help state and local leagues were held on each of the first four days of the Convention, and decision-making Plenary Sessions were held on the final four days.

These are observations from Barbara and Tony Dutton:

Local Leagues like LWVSC should broaden their visibility through their websites, social media channels and media relationships (Florida Today; WFIT – it offers free promotion of nonprofit organization events - , etc.).

For fund-raising (“Why do we need money?”) Leagues should focus on their needs (events, ads, equipment (projector, etc.), training, etc.).

Leagues should solicit funds from their members (“Start with members.”), former Board members and officers (All current Board members and officers should give; it is part of the position.), community leaders, allied groups, community foundations, businesses.

Use direct mail and online (“Most Leagues do it once a year; if doing that, consider twice a year.”) There is a reason that charities solicit so frequently – it works.

Remember, all organizations need growth, involvement, visibility, efficiency and stability.

For any fundraiser have a visible, named “Host Committee” and expect the “Hosts” to invite others and to donate.

There is much demographic change now in the U.S. Whites and African-Americans are choosing to have fewer children, and the Latino population is growing. Local Leagues must be aware of that. Leagues should also focus on the need for very early childhood education.

The Nominating Committee is, perhaps, a League’s most important committee. It should always ask all Board members and officers, and those formerly serving, to propose names for nomination. Also consider asking all local League members for suggestions. All Nominating Committee members should attend several Board meetings to observe. Interview all proposed nominees with respect to their talents, experience and willingness to serve.

A Hot Topic will be gun safety. Consider using it for programs.

Each chapter should use “VOTE411.org”. Megan Brown is the LWVUS “go to” person for this.

Local League Boards should conduct annual self-evaluations; perhaps a summer Board retreat. Avoid a “that is how we have always done it” mentality.

Seek Board diversity in age, sex, race and culture; “reflect the face of the community”.

Understand the comfort levels of your Board members; some like to lead and others prefer to work behind the scene and provide help.

Each League should have a “President’s Manual”.

Take advantage of the LWVUS MLD Program (“Shur Fellows”?). Check the “Membership Forum” on the LWVUS website.

Human trafficking (the “slave trade”) is a large current issue that should be addressed. One might check the LWVNJ.org website for information and a PowerPoint on the issue. The LWVSC might consider a coalition with Palm Beach or other local Florida Leagues on the issue.

Fracking and climate change are important current issues.

One should subscribe to the LWVUS Weekly Update. It now goes to state and local “leaders”. Some, but not all, forward it to their members. If local leaders do not regularly forward the Updates, they should consider doing so.

As a standard, no voter should have to wait more than 30 minutes to cast her/his vote.

There is a sense of urgency in LWVUS that the country is in danger, if it does not amend the Constitution to control political campaign financing and redistricting of congressional districts.

In considering working on any issue or program, four words should be focused on: WHAT (is the issue or problem) SHOULD (it be worked on) WE (or someone else focus on it) DO (what about it).

Leagues should consider creating interleague organizations to work on issues that cover broad geographic areas (like the Indian River Lagoon). There is an interleague organization for the San Francisco Bay area.

One caucus leader commenced her address by saying, “I assume you are all here because you want your Leagues to grow in size and impact.” She went on to focus on fresh leadership, increased membership and a demographically representative constituency (“A local League’s membership should look like its constituency.”).

The LWVUS budget was adopted for the 2014-2016 Biennium, including an increase of the PMP, in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, from \$31 to \$32. It was pointed out that, if the LWV had grown its membership over the last year or two, there would be no need to increase the PMP

A number of Programs and Resolutions for the 2014-2016 Biennium were adopted, including:

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International Relations

Joyce Calese

The International Relations Group will now be led by a Steering Committee of six LWV members. The group includes Joyce Calese, Board of LWV Space Coast Liaison, Lucia Watson, Kathryn Kowalski, Jane Wilson, Martha Bradshaw and Ruth Almeida. Mary Nicolay will serve as the Communications Coordinator. The schedule will remain with the group meeting the second Tuesday of the month October Through January and then every two weeks during the GREAT DECISIONS discussions. We will meet at the Satellite Beach Library from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The proposed schedule:

September - No meeting will be held

October 14th - Lucia Watson will lead discussion on National LWV's position and policy on International Relations.

November 3rd - Ruth Almeida will lead a discussion on books and magazines dealing with International Relations Issues.

December 9th - The group will tour a local museum and then meet for lunch.

January 13th, 2015 a video will be shown on a pertinent topic. February through May GREAT DECISION topics will be covered.

Turkey's Challenges 2014 - Martha Bradshaw

In 1923 a nation aspiring to be modern was founded on the ruins of the Ottoman Empire by Mustafa Kemal, who took the name Ataturk, Father of the Turks. Until very recently Ataturk's belief in radical secularism guided the nation. Seeking European modernity and standards of living, Ataturk tried to recreate his country as a Westernized, progressive society like France or Switzerland. A basic tenet of his plan was *laïcité*, European church-state separation different from secularism as we know it. In our country, people fleeing persecution sought freedom of religion. In France and until the past decade in Turkey, secularism is freedom from religion; both countries were reacting to systems in which one institution dominated the state. For decades the military enforced Kemalist secularism.

One of the challenges facing Turkey domestically is the increasing power and influence of Justice and Development, or the AK party (AKP). Coming to power in 2002 as a mildly Islamist party, AK under Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has rendered the military ineffective and gradually become more authoritarian and overtly Islamist. The first breach of *laïcité* was lifting the headscarf ban in 2013, with restrictions on drinking alcohol and changes in the education system following. 2013's harsh government reaction to citizens in Taksim Square protesting the planned destruction of Gezi Park, and again in May 2014, demonstrate hostility to dissent and a willingness to use state police power for intimidation. Earlier this year the Prime Minister banned Facebook until the court reinstated the service. He has vowed to shut down Twitter, and dissent in the media has been quelled. Earlier this year Freedom House ranked Turkey as "Not Free" in its Freedom of the Press report.

In campaigning for the presidential election to be held on August 10, PM Erdogan has used anti-sectarian and ethnic distinctions, including anti-Semitism.

Under AKP the economy has expanded to become in size 17th in the world, ranking 7 among Bloomberg's Top 20 Emerging Markets. *Forbes* lists 24 Turks, including the Kurdish immigrant who began Chobani yogurt in New York, among the world's billionaires. The middle class has grown; 94 percent of the population is literate. Because of his appeal to the deeply conservative rural population and because the majority of the people have improved lifestyles and education than previously, Erdogan is expected to win and be the next president of the country.

In the 20th century, especially during the Cold War period, Turkey aligned with the West. A member of NATO and candidate for EU accession, Turkey has been an ally of the United States in a difficult part of the world. When Justice and Development (AK) came to power in 2002, the new foreign minister changed the focus of foreign policy from Europe and the US to promoting Turkey's influence through soft power in countries that share cultural, basically Muslim, affinities. Observers now invert his goal of "zero problems with neighbors" policy to "zero neighbors without problems" as the neighborhood, including Syria and now Iraq, has become more dangerous.

Most analysts believe that in an international crisis, Turkey is likely to stay with her traditional allies because there are no other good options.

NATO's land command headquarters is in Izmir, and a US has an air force base at Incirlik on the south coast. As part of NATO support, Turkey has Patriot missile batteries and has agreed to the installation of an air defense system.

The Bush administration saw AKP and Erdogan as a positive response to the question "Is Islam compatible with democracy?" In 2009, Turkey was the first Muslim country visited by President Obama, who spoke of their democracy and friendship with the US. Relations have oscillated since, and the Obama-Erdogan friendship has cooled significantly as Prime Minister Erdogan's campaign rhetoric has become anti-American and anti-Semitic and he has shown himself to be intolerant of those who disagree with him.

When the rebellion in Syria began, Erdogan, thinking the Assad government would soon fall, took an opposition stance. Turkey is believed to have given support to rebel groups, and it provides refuge to around a million Syrians. As ISIS has moved north in Iraq, thousands of Iraqi Kurds have escaped into Turkey.

A growing economy increases Turkey's energy requirements; Iran and Russia are the main sources of natural gas and crude oil. Turkey's modern day geostrategic location is crucial due to the many oil and natural gas pipelines, both existing and planned, from the north and east toward Europe and the Mediterranean. Extensive hydro-electric systems are under construction, and two nuclear reactors are to be constructed.

In October 2013 the Bipartisan Policy Center founded in 2007 by Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell, advocated realistic dealings with Turkey. Among their recommendations were focusing on Turkey's domestic stability and democratic process; standing up for civil and economic freedom; encouraging EU membership; and setting realistic foreign policy expectations.

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- (a) Concurrence with a LWVNJ position on Human Trafficking;
- (b) A three-part study of American democracy consisting of (i) amending the U.S. Constitution, (ii) campaign finance and (iii) the redistricting process for the U.S. Congress (study committees will be appointed);
- (c) Concurrence with a LWVKS position on a Living Wage;
- (d) A Resolution advocating federal legislation that restores the voting rights of former felons to vote in federal elections; a
- (e) A Resolution supporting a price on carbon emissions as part of a program to improve energy efficiency.

Following are some of Jo Shim's comments on certain of the programs that were offered:**Building a Diverse League: How to Recruit Younger Members**

This was a very exciting and refreshing presentation conducted by 5 young League members who were members of the "Youth Task Force" and active members of their Local Leagues. Points they stressed included:

Young people can be very committed League members, but we may have to use a 'hook' to get them involved. Several of the presenters had first come in contact with the League through referrals from college professors for course work projects. Think about where we might find potential members - college campuses, Women's Studies courses, high schools, PTAs and other service/advocacy organizations.

Think about possible deterrents- high cost of dues, timing of events (evenings and weekends are best), young professionals may have many time constraints.

Young people would be attracted to a League sponsored event where there are other young people, as well as wine and beer!

Allow them time to attend a few meetings and invite them to participate in an event or sit in on a committee meeting. Let them know that the League will help them build their resume. Consider asking established members to provide mentorship.

If younger people are interested in joining make sure that we 'engage' them immediately. They might want to help with our website, The Voter, facebook page, local Voters Guide or with sponsoring a precinct. (Also, remember that not all young people are IT experts!)

Young men were more interested when they were told that the organization is the League of Women Voters and Extraordinary Men!

Money in Politics

This was also a "Hot" Topic throughout the Convention. In order to build more awareness at a Local League level the following actions were stressed/suggested:

Work for reform at the state level and support IRS revision of 501(c)(4) rules.

Attend candidates' forums and ask questions. "If elected what would you do to reduce the influence of money in politics?"

Put an article in The Voter and hold local events to educate League members and other members of the general public.

The following resources will be available soon at www.lwvnmn.org

Brochure, Tool kit, Priceless video, PowerPoint (www.lwvma.org)

Building Good Programs (MLD Training)

Key Focus areas should include- voter protection, voter registration, voter education and voter mobilization.

As part of our outreach, target under represented voters - minorities, underserved communities, health centers and transit hubs.

Hold a special event for National Voter Registration Day on 23 September.

Hold candidate forums and utilize Vote411.org (Let LWVUS know if we are holding candidates forums.)

When we do voter registration try to follow-up with new registrants to find out if they have questions or need additional help.

~September Calendar - Members welcome at all meetings~

Tuesday, September 2nd - Board Meeting at Suntree Library at 5:30 p.m. (small meeting room)

September Meeting Date and Time to be announced later. - Local Government Committee. Call Priscilla Griffith at 321-723-7101 if you would like to attend a Local Government Meeting.

September Meeting Date and Time to be announced later. - Children's Committee

Monday, September 15th - Health Committee Meeting at Suntree Library at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17th - Timely Topics with Dr. Brian Binggeli at Holiday Inn in Viera at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 18th - Brevard County Commission Candidates Forum. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Forum at 6 p.m.

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