

League of Women Voters of Collier County, FL

Remarks of Chris Straton, Incoming President

April 2006 Annual Meeting

I am indeed honored to be the new President of this organization.

I would like to acknowledge those who have worked hard to bring the League of Women Voters of Collier County to this place and I regret that they will not be continuing on the Board of Directors.

First, let me thank Sheilah Crowley for her excellent leadership and support during these difficult past two years. This League, indeed, is far better off under Sheilah's nurturing.

I will also miss the expertise of Sandy Brown and Dr. Kathleen Ryan. We hope that we can still count on your involvement with the League.

Let me also thank League members who have agreed to continue to give their energy, knowledge and leadership to this organization: Ann Campbell, Marjorie Joder, Sandy Parker, Alda Pierce, Nicole Ryan, Dr. Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Jennifer Walker, and Nancy Wolfe.

And, of course, a welcome to the 2 new Board members who bring their enthusiasm and fresh eyes: Susan Bookbinder and Joyce Evans.

Sheilah will be missed but she leaves a stronger League. Through the work of this Board and the membership, it is our duty to continue Sheilah's efforts on to a bigger and better and even more energized League.

Let's make this the best League in Florida.

Thank you.