

# Women voters host program on citizenship, mark 35th anniversary

The League of Women Voters of Collier County invites the public to a free program, "The Road to Citizenship: Toll Road, Super Highway, or Dirt Road?" at 1 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Collier Athletic Club. League members and guests will hear from Casey Wolff, a partner in Paulich, Slack and Wolff P.A., who specializes in immigration, naturalization and business transactions; and Martha Coreus, who came to the U.S. as a child from the Bahamas and will share the story of her "road to citizenship."

"As Americans we often take many of our rights for granted, such as the right to vote," said Sandy Parker, president of the league. "With a better understanding of what it takes to become a citizen, we hope the public will appreciate and utilize those rights bestowed upon us by virtue of our birth."

The league's annual meeting will take place prior to the program from 10-11:30 a.m. Members will elect new officers and directors, adopt a budget and vote on program goals for 2010-2011.

An optional buffet luncheon is set for noon in the main dining room of the club. Cost for the meal is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, call 263-4656 or e-mail [Hospitality@lwv-colliercounty.org](mailto:Hospitality@lwv-colliercounty.org) by 5 p.m. April 8.

This month, the League of Women Voters of Collier County celebrates 35 years of serving voters and providing



information about local and state issues. A nonpartisan political organization, the league encourages informed and active participation in government. It takes positions on issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The league's goal is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

The local league was founded March 27, 1975, with 54 members and has served two important roles in the community since then: voter service and citizen education.

The League of Women Voters of the United States was founded in March 1920 and is celebrating its 90th anniversary this month. The national league was formed in anticipation of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

For more information, call 264-4656, e-mail [lwvcc@lwvCollierCounty.org](mailto:lwvcc@lwvCollierCounty.org) or visit [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org). ■