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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD

NAPLES, FL, April 12, 2010 - The League of Women Voters of Collier County elected new officers and directors at its annual meeting today. The officers include Lydia Galton, president; Chris Straton, first vice president; Thomas McCann, second vice president; Marjorie Joder, treasurer; Jinny Johnson, secretary. Newly elected directors include Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, and Eileen Mann; continuing directors are Rose DiBiasi, and Anne Lewallen. Mollie Ottina is an appointed director.

Lydia Galton has been active in the League for four years, most recently as First Vice President and Co-Chairman of the Government Committee. She has served as president of the Naples Garden Club and continues to serve on its board. She is a Greater Naples Leadership graduate.

“We know that people depend on the LWV for fair, unbiased information and we look forward to educating them on the candidates and issues throughout this busy election season”, Galton said. “Watch for our Candidate Forums and Voter Education Programs this summer and early fall. And in August and November, please vote.”

“Being nonpartisan doesn’t mean we are not political,” Galton continued. “We advocate for causes we have studied, such as redistricting reform (Amendments 5 and 6 on the November ballot), which we strongly support. And although we neither endorse nor oppose any political party or candidate, we encourage member participation in the political process. We urge men as well as women to join us and to become actively engaged in improving government in a thoughtful, civil, and respectful manner.”

The new board will continue to support active Collier County League committees focused on state and local issues in education, government, the justice system and social policy.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please call 239-263-4656 or visit the website at www.lwvcolliercounty.org.

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