

## League of Women Voters of Collier County announces newly-elected officers and directors

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NAPLES — The League of Women Voters of Collier County elected a slate of new officers and directors at its annual meeting on April 20, 2009. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization whose mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Elected officers include Sandy Parker, president; Lydia Galton, first vice president; Jen Marquis, second vice president; Kathleen Slebodnik, secretary; Rose DiBiasi, director; Anne Lewallen, director; Patricia Snyder, director; and Chris Straton, director. Continuing on in the second year of their terms are Marjorie Joder, treasurer; Marilyn Bogen, director; and Bernice Schmelz, director. Appointed as director is Joyce Fletcher.

Parker has been active in the League for four years following her retirement as Vice President and Treasurer for the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. As chair of the League's Government Committee, Parker organized programs for League members to meet and learn the roles of the county commissioners, constitutional officers and other county and city officials. She also led weekly discussions with League members during legislative session about the progress of legislation in Tallahassee.

"Collier County residents are interested in local issues in education, healthcare, juvenile justice and state, county and city governmental actions and elections, but don't know where to go for objective, nonpartisan information," Parker said. "The Collier League's focus is to address that need. The new board and I look forward to working with League members, as well as the general public and community groups, to provide opportunities to learn about our community and actively participate in civic life."

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, as well as voter education, registration and turnout.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please call 239-263-4656 or visit the website at [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org) for up-to-date, one-stop access to federal, state, and local government officials, as well as voter information and local, state and national League publications.

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