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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The League year closed on May 20 at the Annual Meeting when the membership reviewed its accomplishments and plan for 2009-2010. The coming year will be particularly exciting as we mark our 90th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters. I want to thank Doris Conboy our past President who made the League so important to Charlotte County and to those that are stepping up to help with our future.

Our Local League has grown its membership and that is testament to the important place the League holds in the conscience of public officials and the general public in this County. We know the importance citizens place on our Candidate Forums and Constitutional amendment information and how respected our organization is at all levels of our society.

And yet, we find a continuing need for our members to assume leadership positions. So, we are creating a new Leadership Team approach to encourage more participation. If many of us are willing to serve on one of the Teams, then the workload, the camaraderie, the fun and the satisfaction of helping to fulfill the League's mission will not stretch a few busy people to their limits. Instead, we will be bound closer together and assure the important work we do for our community will continue.

Through this new approach, I hope you will be willing to become a part of a team when called. While not compromising our principles, the League must change procedurally in order to continue and carry out our important work. We need every member to help in that endeavor. Information about our new Leadership Team approach is contained on our website and will be addressed at our Membership Meetings.

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