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Mission: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Annual Meeting and Tea in April



When: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Community Women's Club
5 Rosa L. Jones Drive
Cocoa, FL 32922

Your participation is needed to

- Adopt the Local Programs of Work for the coming year
- Elect new Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee for 2019
- Adopt a Budget
- Approve Revised Bylaws
- Other proposed business

To participate as a voting member you must have membership dues for the coming year paid.

10% of membership is needed for a quorum.

We hope to see you there.

Assorted teas, light tea time fare, and wine will be served. **There is no charge but Free Will Donations will be accepted** online or in a drop box at the event to help us cover facility and food costs.

Reservations can be made online at www.lwv-spacecoast.org or members can call Doreen Archer at 321-622-4071 or e-mail her at doreenarcher1@gmail.com. Deadline is Monday, April 2nd.

In Memoriam

Dr. Ron Bobay 11/19/42-2/20/2018



Many of us had the privilege of working and knowing Ron before his League membership.

Michigander, decorated Vietnam Veteran, Teacher, Brevard County Schools Assistant Superintendent of Exceptional Education, North Area Superintendent, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend, Community Activist, and Board

Member of the League of Women Voters of the Spacecoast, Ron offered his leadership, insight, and intelligence willingly and always with dignity.

His special interests in the League were the environment and government. Those who served on the Local Government Committee can attest to his dedication and commitment to the League's mission to educate, advocate, and inform.

Ron was very proud of his membership, proudly wearing his League button proclaiming, "Where Men Are Welcome, Too".

Ron is missed. In his memory, the LWVSC Board has made a donation to St. Francis Hospice. Those who wish to do so, may also contribute to St. Francis Hospice or to the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast in Ron's honor.

His wife, Betty, also a League member thinks Ron would like that.

Checks can be mailed to LWVSC Treasurer, Brigitte Sinton, 6629 Canal Road, Melbourne Village, FL 32904.

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President's Corner

Barbara Williams

Addressing One of our Legislative

Priorities: Gun Safety

For the LWVSC fiscal year ending, gun safety was addressed as part of our Justice Committee's program of work as "Monitor and advocate, as appropriate, gun legislation, in conjunction with the LWVF Gun Safety Action Team". Our state (LWVF) Gun Safety Action Team is chaired by LWVF 1st VP Patty Brigham who also started and co-chairs the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (<http://www.preventgunviolenceflorida.org>). If you have not already done so, please go to the coalitions website and sign the petition to demand the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) put an Assault Weapon and Large Capacity Magazine Ban on the 2018 Ballet.

Our League members have supported the gun safety action team through phone calls regarding proposed legislation and signing petitions. After Parkland our urgency for action follows that of the students. Our local board has asked all LWVSC committees to add gun safety to their program of work for the upcoming fiscal year to be voted on at our annual meeting on April 7th. Our outgoing Justice Committee chair plans to work with an incoming chair and the board to support a local gun safety action plan meeting which we hope to schedule soon after the annual meeting. We invite you to provide input through your participation in these meetings.

There are a number of actions we can do, some individually and others as a team or team of teams that include other local organizations. Individually we can write letters to our state representatives, and we can write letters or call the CRC. With the help of our LWVF president, Pam Goodman, we initiated the idea of the CRC putting a proposed amendment on the 2018 ballet to ban Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazines during the CRC meeting held at the King Center, Melbourne in February. Following this event, the commissioners have indicated there has been consideration of this idea so our continued push is essential. Here is how you can contact the CRC:

Email: admin@flcrc.gov

Call: (850) 717-9550

Mail: Constitution Revision Commission, The Capitol, 400 S Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399

As a team we can follow Broward County's lead and ask County Commissioners to get a local referendum on the ballot to prohibit assault weapons and large capacity magazines. We need more and can demand more than "Lipstick on Pigs" legislation.

New Officers and Elected Directors - Annual Meeting

Susan Webb - 1st Vice President Candidate

Susan holds degrees from University of Florida (Ba), Florida State University (MSW) and University of South Florida (MPH). Her working career includes:



- Licensed Clinical Social worker at the University of Florida College of Medicine and Child Abuse Council in Tampa
- Research coordinator and later assistant Dean for Administration in University of South Florida College of Public Health
- Health Education Specialist at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she served as technical project officer for the Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness Program, Acting Deputy Directory of the Strategic Workforce Activity Division and later as Acting Director of the Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program in the Office of Workforce and Career Development.
- At the University of Kentucky College of Public Health she was Project Manager of the Center of Excellence in Public Health Workforce Research and Policy a federal project jointly funded by CDC and Health Resources and Services Administration.
- She has belonged to League of Women Voters in Hillsborough County, Florida, Lexington Kentucky League, Charlotte, North Carolina, and LWVSC since she and John(also a member) moved to Brevard County 2015.

Diane Conaway - 2nd Vice President Candidate

Diane was born in Cleveland, Ohio but raised in Hollywood, Florida and now happily retired in Indialantic, Florida Her business career included:



- Real estate tax appraiser for City of Cleveland Block Grant for Low Income Housing
- West Coast (Los Angeles) Marketing/Leasing Director Forest City Enterprises
- Executive Director Emeritus Assisted Living/ Alzheimer's Community

Her community activities include:

- Speakers' Bureau for the Alzheimer's Association
- Marketing Director for Operation Stroke The American Heart Association

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Health Care Committee

Diane Conaway and Susan Webb

Co-Chairs

The Gender Spectrum

by Linda Kyvik

As a retired RN, I graduated to a pledge to treat any and all who are in need of care equally. Our league mission statement includes: "The League of Women Voters of the Space Coast will promote in all aspects of the League's activities, a philosophy of inclusion that reflects the diverse composition and issues of the community". There has been very little education regarding this biological issue- many mainstream physicians do not understand this. This is not comprehensive, if you wish the article as presented to the Health Committee, or have further questions, feel free to email me.

The research involves genetics, endocrinology, and brain studies. I will begin with genetics. Chromosomes, such as the familiar X and Y, hold genes. These genes hold the tiny bits of DNA that are the blueprint for one's biological body. There are many places for mutation to occur: biology is capricious. The X chromosome is larger than the Y. X contains more genes and DNA. The Y chromosome is smaller, when a gene called SRY attaches- masculinization of a fetus begins, barring other influences. The Y is also more prone to genetic mutation problems. (6)

The egg contains 23 chromosomes, sperm the same, making for 46 chromosomes to build the body. However, this is not guaranteed. The numbers may be too few or too many. Other genetic mutations can also disrupt. People are not tested for their chromosomes currently due to expense. This is called "karotyping", it is able to find many previously unknown variations upon XX, XY, XXY, XYY, and more chromosome mutation activity. (6)

At birth, physicians continue to use seen organs (medical term "sex") to declare gender, while inside, the chromosomes may tell another story. These issues are called DSD, or Disorder of Sex (organs) Development. An individual may present inter-sex, having some form of both gender organs. There have been more than 25 genes involved in DSD's. Thus, there is a biologic spectrum of gender. Not every cell in a human may have the same genetics. This is called "mosaicism": they develop from a single fertilized egg but become a patchwork of cells with different genetic make-ups. (2)

The genital organs are forming in the first 5-12 weeks of pregnancy. Besides the chromosomes, there are other influencing factors. Perhaps a fetus with non-response to testosterone, or estrogen. Receptors may be on/off to properly respond to either gender hormone. At least 278 industrial chemicals have been found in the cord blood. There are a few that are known to affect genital formation, and/or cause other genetic mutations in the fetus. Our biological makeup is not simple, it is complex. (6) (7)

In the first half of pregnancy, the organs of the brain, spine, nerves have been developing. At 20-22 weeks, the

various cellular functions begin activating, connecting neurons, rapidly. (1) In research, primarily now in the UK, brain fMRI's (9) were done to see if they could find the area which determined the gender ID. Genital organs do not determine gender. They found an area called the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis (BSTc). This area is responsible for one's sense of gender ID. The male area is larger, denser, while female area is smaller, less dense. Comparison of heterosexual persons with transgender persons have been done. The results showed the same size BSTc in males and trans males, BSTc in females and trans females. This is how one knows, via their brain, the gender one is, it is inherent. (3)

In the mental diagnosis book called DSM V it was previously body identity disorder. Now it is called BI dysphoria. Transgender, or DSD's, need removed from the mental to the medical realm. People tend to stay unaware of the true nature of these conditions, because it remains in the DSM V as a mental issue. It is seen improperly, as if dysphoria is the result of being confused. However, dysphoria is the pain, anguish inflicted by a body not matching whom one is biologically. Depression can occur due to being severely oppressed, feared, dehumanized, rejected. (3) Try to consider how you would feel, if you were to awaken in the opposite body of the gender you inherently know to be true.

One's knowledge of their gender, is not the same as sexual attraction. They are separate. Drag queens are not even in this discussion, as they are individuals who enjoy cross dressing to entertain. Drag queens have their own "culture". Trans individuals are human, with authentic medical issues. (4)-language alert

In the past, physicians felt one was XX or XY, the cultural binary. If an infant was born inter-sex, it was accepted to correct the issue surgically in infancy. The trend was to believe that culturing, dressing, treating as the gender arbitrarily chosen, worked. This has been debunked. (5) There are many accounts of intersex males surgically "repaired" as female in infancy- it was easier to perform. They often lived lives of despair, depression. Some transitioned into whom they felt to be, some killed themselves in adulthood. Physicians are encouraged to wait until the child is at least 3 years old, to state their gender prior to any surgery. They will, and can, tell. Another option is to await the pre-pubertal person's own decision as to whether they want it. (3)

The trans/gender spectrum individuals make up 1% of the general population. In this tiny population, there is a 67% risk of murder if transwoman, or 41% suicide (compare to 1.5% suicide in general population). 63% risk of bullying, job and housing difficulties. Under this administration, there is risk of even being erased as a human, of all civil liberties. (8) This is a fetal development anomaly- no public education, leading to demonization, ignorance, and hate.

The myth of the "man in your child's restroom" has been promoted by many SPLC designated hate groups.

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International Relations

Joyce Calese – Chair

April International Relations meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th at Satellite Beach Library from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Margee Smith will lead our discussion on Media and Foreign Policy.

Our January topic was South Africa.

South Africa by Martha Bradshaw

With a population of around 57 million, South Africa has the continent's most advanced economy, alternating with Nigeria as sub-Saharan Africa's largest economy. The stock exchange is among the world's top 20, and in 2010 South Africa was added to the four original BRIC's (Brazil, Russia, India and China) as one of the world's largest emerging economies. A 2013 UN online publication defined South African "middle class" as anyone earning between \$1,550 and \$4,800 per month, or having a white-collar job and a car. Over four million black citizens fit that description, with 40% of black professionals working in civil service. Two black South Africans were on Forbes' list of richest Africans in 2015, and the man who may become president is a millionaire.

A different reality faces most of the population, however. From early settlement times, whites gradually pushed black Africans off most of the land into reserves, or homelands. By the 19th century, people unable to feed themselves and pay taxes composed a vast labor reserve, working for whites on farms or in the mines. By apartheid's end, whites still owned 87% of the land and blacks only 13%. The 1994 agreement ending apartheid was that in exchange for their political rights, black Africans allowed existing property rights to be retained; one historian described this as the "fatal flaw." Consequently, the population ratio is about 10:1 black to white, while white to black land ownership is 7:1. Black people are free now to live where they choose, but few can afford to, and in 2014 almost a quarter of the urban population lived outside cities in slum housing they could afford near public transportation and work.

Over a third of the population lives below the poverty line, and in 2015 South African income distribution inequality was ranked worst in the world. Since the end of apartheid, GDP has risen and more of the poor may be living in proper houses with access to toilets and electricity, but most economic growth has benefited the best-educated. Those less educated or far from big cities often just get by, living on wealth transfers; children, the elderly, women, and the disabled are most affected. A British analyst says "For real change in South Africa, the attention must be on reducing poverty and inequality." Former president Jacob Zuma and his party, the African National Congress (ANC), had long promised land redistribution, but never carried through. Vowing to fight corruption and revive the economy, recently-elected ANC head Cyril Ramaphosa has said that land expropriation without compensation must

not harm the economy or food security, as occurred when Robert Mugabe carried it out in Zimbabwe. Fearing redistribution in order to gain votes when a new president is elected in 2019, legal analyst Paul Hoffman wrote recently that expropriation without compensation "undermines the rule of law . . . is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and . . . will be an economic disaster. . ." like Zimbabwe's.

ANC came into authority with Nelson Mandela at its head determined to protect human rights and limit state power. Attempting to right the wrongs of the past, the constitution adopted in 1996 enumerates citizens' socio-economic rights to a notably greater extent than does the US Constitution. It provides for a president, both chief of state and head of government, chosen by parliament, who selects his deputy president. With a person like Mandela in mind, the authors gave the executive enormous powers.

Candidates for positions in the two legislative bodies are selected by those who draw up the party lists, not directly by voters, so they have to comply with the party – and the president – to keep their patronage opportunities. There are several parties, including two which are gaining in popularity and have had some success, but because of the country's history and ANC's historic acclaim, a one-party system has prevailed.

The judiciary includes a Constitutional Court charged with protecting human rights. With a flagrantly corrupt executive and the ANC-dominated parliament, court rulings are the only thing other than the press and public opinion holding politicians accountable. According to a December 2017 *Economist* article, "There are concerns about the competence of some judges but not their independence."

As a result of factional rivalry, ANC intra-party violence has become a serious problem, and it looks as if the "center may not hold." Interviewed in October by *Al Jazeera*, former South African president and Nobel Prize-winner F. W. de Klerk said that his country needs to move "away from ethnically-driven politics towards policy-driven politics where people. . . irrespective of race or colour can. . . work together because they believe in the same things. . . . Bad leadership has led us to a point where the president of a country has lost his credibility. The ANC is being torn apart by faction fighting at the moment, and we don't have clear, well-balanced, credible and morally sound political leadership in South Africa. . . ."

Corruption in South Africa is the type known as "state capture." Not new, the term was used by the World Bank about 2000 to describe "how former Soviet economies were being bent to the will of oligarchs."

Transparency International defines state capture as "a situation where powerful individuals, institutions, companies or groups within or outside a country use corruption to shape a nation's policies, legal environment and economy to benefit their own private interests."

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Natural Resources

Chair – Susan Little

Florida Legislature Passes Bill Allowing Reclaimed Water Pumped into Aquifer

–by Maureen Rupe

The Florida Senate voted 27 to 10, to approve House Bill 1149. The House bill allows millions of gallons of reclaimed water to be pumped every day into the surficial aquifer and the lower Floridan aquifer, the same aquifer many Floridians depends on for drinking water. The bill had already been passed by the House of Representatives, voting 86 for and 21 against. The Bill is now being sent to Governor Scott for his signature.

The sponsors of the bill say that the sewage effluent that will be pumped into the aquifer will have to meet all required standards. The real problem is that there are no standards for many of the pollutants that sewage contains, such as pharmaceuticals and numerous toxic/carcinogenic chemicals. It also contains pathogens that are not destroyed by the chlorine added. Remember this is reclaimed water. It contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, where cities use it for fertilizing lawns because it isn't clean enough to drink. Many cities tell their citizens to keep their children and pets off of the yard for a time period after using it on their lawns.

I was appalled that the legislature would approve such a terrible bill that allows treated sewage water that contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. But I was more appalled to find out from reading the bill, the state has been allowing this to happen since 1983. The bill states: (d) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to treated or untreated effluent currently discharging into the Floridan Aquifer or Biscayne Aquifer on June 22, 1983. However, any expansion of existing facilities on or after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements of this subsection.

Reference:

<http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/1308/Amendment/269542/HTML>

Will Florida Forever receive \$100 Million this year?

A March 10th story in Orlando weekly by Jim Turner, titled "Florida Forever conservation program awarded \$100 million by Legislature," Florida Forever would receive \$100.8 million when the budget gets approved on Sunday 3/11/2018. The Article goes on to say it was twice what Governor Scott recommended, and that the Florida House had voted for a \$200 million bill but would hold back most of that in first years to pay down existing debt. According to Rep. Ben Albritton, chair of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, "We started at a much lower number for Florida Forever here in the House," Albritton said. "Thank goodness, in conference (negotiations), we raised that number significantly."

"Albritton said the Florida Forever money in the proposed budget (HB 5001) includes \$5.8 million for the Rural and Family Lands Protection program, \$6 million for recreational park development, \$77 million for acquisition of unique lands, and \$10 for the Florida Communities Trust program, which also includes land buying. The Rural and Family Lands program is used for conservation easements,

which keep land from being developed while allowing ranchers and farmers to continue operating on the land."

Reference:

<https://m.orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2018/03/10/florida-forever-conservation-program-awarded-100-million-by-legislature>



(South Africa article continued from Page 4)

The former commissioner of the revenue service said "State capture is spreading. You can see the . . . process extending through law enforcement, the state-owned enterprises, the revenue service, the Treasury and now the central bank."

According to the chairman of the mining group who as a young ANC activist was tortured and sent into exile, "What you have here is not the struggle of the kind we had before. It is not a racial struggle. It is a struggle where the very country is being stolen."

More succinctly, *The Independent* describes South Africa as "a nation being looted by its president, his family and cronies on a grand scale."

A recent article in *The Economist* sees financial crisis coinciding with Zuma as ANC head and president since 2009. Some cabinet officials are merely loyalists, while appointees to several state-owned enterprises are either party hacks or unqualified; the electricity company in particular has been negatively affected. Graft reaches deep into the government, with even school teachers affected. Cronies of the president have become enormously wealthy by bribery, bid rigging, and putting members of the president's family on the payroll.

In mid-December there were nationwide elections for a new ANC party leader. Both the communist party and trade unions, previously ANC backers, supported the Zuma faction's opponent. Results were very close with fewer than 200 votes separating the candidates, but Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa emerged as party leader. The president's term of office runs until the general election in 2019. According to precedent Jacob Zuma should have resigned shortly after Ramaphosa's election to allow him to assume the presidency, but still with substantial support within the ANC he hung on until hours before his party's mid-February deadline. The following day Cyril Ramaphosa became president.

Growth in 2016 was the lowest in the past 16 years, excepting 2009. Business confidence is at a 32-year low, while unemployment is at a 14-year high of 37 per cent. In less than a decade, government debt has risen to 53% of GDP, and the government has to keep borrowing to pay interest on existing debt that last year was rated as "junk." (Payment in 2017 was expected to be \$12.5 billion). Directing funds to debt service and bailing out several state-owned enterprises squeezes out other areas, especially public services. Economic growth has fallen below population growth; people are getting poorer. People are in the streets regularly, demonstrating against their living conditions.

In South Africa, a "crisis" for economists would be "If . . . banks start pulling loans from state-owned companies that will trigger a run on the currency and a spike in interest rates." That could force South Africa to turn to the IMF for a bailout, which could not be granted without strict requirements for reform. The crisis for millions of South Africans is that liberation – and perhaps democracy as they see it – has failed them.

(Diane Conaway bio continued from Page 2)

- Vice President Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce (Cleveland, OH)
- Volunteer teacher for Head Start (Hamilton, OH)
- Active in various capacities with League of Women Voters of the Space Coast

Brigitte Sinton – Treasurer – Brigitte’s profile will be in the May Voter.

Nominees for Elected Directors



Molly Domin

For more than a decade Molly Dempsey Domin, a native Floridian, worked as a staff photographer for newspapers from the Midwest to the Deep South telling the stories

of our shared American experience.

In 2013, Molly moved to the small beachside town of Melbourne Beach where she and her husband Nate are raising their two boys.

Molly is very interested in the legislative process and views the League as a proactive, non-partisan organization able to advocate and implement political change for many of the issues she supports. She has been a LWVSC member since 2016.



John LaSalle

Born and reared in the Boston area, I was drafted and served in the Army, from which I retired. I had a second career in civil service

as an examiner and upon retirement my wife and I with our dog, traveled around the country in our RV for many years. We settled in Brevard County about 15 years ago and through volunteering we became interested in local government issues. Our interest in government affairs led us to join the LWVSC two years ago and we have enjoyed meeting so many dedicated advocates through the organization.

(John’s wife Pam is also a League member.)



Joyce Calese

Joyce grew up in Massachusetts. After graduating college she became a psychiatric social worker in the now deinstitutionalized mental hospital

system. On marriage, Joyce moved to Northern Virginia where her husband worked for the government. Joyce and her husband were stationed in Okinawa and Hawaii for several years. On return to the states Joyce pursued a master’s degree in social work which as a “mature” returning student and without the aid of a computer was challenging. While in AZ, Joyce worked in the VA system and an air force base. She has been a member of

several Leagues. The Space Coast League is the most active and best organized of all where Joyce has been a member. . She greatly appreciates those who do the work of making the LWVSC function.

Nominating Committee for 2018

Yvonne Minus will be chair of the nominating committee for 2018. Her profile will be in the May Voter.

Two Elected nominating committee members are Dina Dearmin and Krista Soboh



Dina Dearmin

Dina Dearmin is a graduate of Florida State University (1988) where she earned a BA in English Literature and an MS in Guidance/

Mental Health Counseling from Barry University (1996). Dina has been an educator in both private and public education since 1988. Her guidance career has spanned grades 7-12, junior high through high school as well as the college level. A relatively new member, Dina joined the League of Women Voters shortly after the November 2016 election.



Krista Soboh

Krista has been a resident of Brevard County for nearly 50 years, attended Melbourne High School, and earned a degree in Government

and French from Boston College. One of her particular interests as a mother and a member of the Education committee, is examining how the lack of investment in technology in schools is leading to a new phenomenon – more income inequalities and more learning inequalities. Krista’s involvement with the League began a few years ago, because she cares about her community and wanted to learn more about government to be a more informed citizen.

Welcome to New Members

Linda Dolphin and Dennis Childs

Denise Porter

Nancy Armstrong

Marianne Carter

Heather Hoog

Lois Ellefson

Dorothy Murphy

Ann Fuller

Henriette Daulton

Stella and Ed Maybury

Lisette Kolar

 (Health Committee report continued from Page 3.) Usually attorneys who wish to put theocracy into law, are uneducated regards to biology. There has not been one reported incident of a trans person preying on children- they wish to utilize the restroom of their gender. Pedophiles are predators of opportunity- they don't take time to dress up and steal children. (5) (3) These are akin to Jim Crow laws. There is a site to watch legislative bills: freedomforallamericans.org/2018-legislative-tracker/legislative-tracker-non-discrimination-bills/. As a marginalized population, bills will not protect them in individual instances, many do not have the money to fight back with an attorney. Many LGBTQ organizations have become so busy, it is hard to obtain help.

LGBTQIA is an umbrella term. Many agree it is too complicated and long. Trans may be used to cover the entire gender spectrum, other than LGB. The letters' meanings I have learned by talking to the trans persons I know. L- lesbian, G-gay, B- bisexual, T- trans, Q- either queer (reclaimed word, not offensive- they love the person inside regardless), or questioning. I- intersex. A- agender (don't identify one way or the other), asexual (not interested in sex), aromantic- similar to asexual, Zhe/they- same as agender or gender neutral.

Heterosexual persons are called Cis-gender. Cis is from the latin root meaning "same side", they are in agreement with who they are as relates to organs. Trans- the latin root for "other side", as they do not feel their self-identity is in agreement with organs presented. There are terms which indicate mis-gendering at birth via outward organs: AFAB- affirmed female at birth. AMAB- affirmed male at birth. In this population the term "cis" is helpful- as they are oppressed, needing to know who is who in their world. There is no transgendered. I am not straighted. One isn't gayed. Also, calling humans "transgenders" is inappropriate. They are humans first.

A trans person is biologically the gender they state. A trans woman is a female. Same for male. They were born in their correct gender, with a DSD. It is not accepted medical language to state "a male who turned himself into a woman" and vice versa. (7)

Many indigenous cultures accepted this gender spectrum as part of nature. Things changed drastically when they were colonized by white patriarchal cultures. These colonialists demanded they believe in binary gender, by law.

The World Health Organization is working towards education on these conditions, there is an article put out by them. who.int/genomics/gender/en/index1.html

(1) <http://americanpregnancy.org/while-pregnant/second-trimester/>

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Calendar for April 2018

~Members are welcome at all meetings~

Tuesday, April 3 rd	Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Suntree Library
Saturday April 7 th	Annual Meeting at Community Women's Club in Cocoa 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 9 th	Local Government Committee Meeting at Suntree Library 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10 th	International Relations Meeting at Satellite Beach Library from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Margee Smith will be leading the discussion on Media and Foreign Policy.
Wednesday, April 18 th	Education Committee Meeting at Suntree Library (small room) at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 28 th	Quarterly Website/Social Media Working Group at Brevard Central Library in Cocoa 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(As additional dates of Committee Meetings are known they will be posted on the calendar on the website.)

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