

**THE BALDWIN VOTER**  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BALDWIN COUNTY**  
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**“Special Recognition Award”**

Presented to the Environmental Committee of the League of Women Voters of Baldwin County by Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Board and Baldwin County Commissioners for four year program on critical water issues and coastal zone management. Pictured: Paulette Fedor, President, Jeanne Lacey, past president, Pat Laraway, past president, Jeanine Normand, committee member and state board member. In attendance but not available for photo Margaret Byron and Helen Earl.

**New Members**

Welcome to our new members Cheryl and Don Rooker. Cheryl was a member of LWV Oakland, Michigan, and served as Treasurer and active in Voter Services. Cheryl and Don are retired from General Motors and will make their new home in Fairhope.

**Baldwin County State Legislative Delegation**

It was an honor for the President Paulette Fedor to attend the county/state legislative delegation meetings held on September 23 and October 21. The subjects discussed with the State Legislators were regulation of waste water utilities, establishing community heritage districts, municipal authority outside corporate limits, providing for flow control (solid waste), amending local planning and zoning legislation to change composition of county planning and zoning commission and amending local rental/lease tax legislation to alter the manner of distribution of certain tax proceeds.

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**General Membership Luncheon**

The Luncheon was held on October 24 at Jesses's Restaurant in Magnolia Springs. The speaker for the luncheon was Mike Odom, journalist, Gulf Coast Newspapers. LWVBC presented Mr. Odom a "special recognition" certificate for his articles about the freedom of information act and open public meetings. There were 14 attendees including guest Barbara Mitchell from Spanish Fort and new members Cheryl and Don Rooker.

**LWVUS**

**First Call to Convention 2010 -** The National Convention is June 11-15, 2010 in Atlanta , GA. Under consideration is a combined bus trip with LWV Mobile.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - February 14, 2010 -** The League will be celebrating across the country and has suggested activities. LWVBC has tentatively set a date of Saturday, February 13, to celebrate.

**League Basics – Updated** - Please review the recently updated League Basics at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) It has information about the League structure, leadership roles, policies, nonpartisanship and criteria for candidate inclusion in debates and voters guides.

**LWVAL**

**Website** - The State League has launched a "new and improved" website. Please review.

**LWVAL Council** is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2009 in Montgomery. Location to be announced.

**2010 LWVAL Legislative Priorities** - Level I are ban PAC to PAC transfers, tax reform, constitutional reform , constitutional convention, government transparency and accountability. Level II are voting access and practices, judicial qualifications and selection , ethics in government , natural resources ( water purity, air quality, added reservoir), coastal zone protection, recycling, energy policy, and public transportation. Refer to LWVAL website for additional information.