## LOCAL PROGRAM 2016-17

## League of Women Voters of Alachua County

**Education:** will examine vocational education for students who will not attend college; follow the progress of the System of Change program; look into what can be done to help students who do not graduate from high school; and follow the establishment of the Child Services Advisory Board.

**Natural Resources:** will continue to focus on water issues, as well as, climate change and other environmental concerns.

**Voter Services:** will support voter registration and organize candidate forums to help inform the public about differing views concerning local issues.

**Local Government:** will promote understanding of our county and city governments. This group will study current issues affecting the City of Gainesville and Alachua County and organize relevant informational programs about such issues, and when appropriate, advocate for them, based on LWV positions.

**Social and Criminal Justice:** will identify gaps in processes and services in the criminal justice system to which we can apply our strengths: education, collaboration, and coordination. We will work with community groups to build collaborative efforts to improve the criminal justice system.

**Communications:** will continue to build awareness of the League's activities through our Facebook page, web page, and Voter newsletter. We will continue to develop our technology applications to assist in the management of our league events as well as to better share information with the public.

**Citizenship/Naturalization:** will continue to provide a speaker on the history of the League at naturalization ceremonies and provide help registering new citizens to vote.