

Democratic Women's Information Network



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Speaker Training - Amendments 7&9

The ACLU of Florida will host Speaker Training on Amendments 7 & 9 on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

If you are concerned about the separation of church and state and you value public education you should attend this meeting to practice sharing your views with others. At the training session you will learn about the devastating effect these proposed amendments could have on our state and you will learn what you can do to prevent them from passing. Adelle Fontanet, Religious Liberty Field Coordinator for the ACLU of Florida, will conduct the training.

The meeting will be held at the ACLU office, 4830 Atlantic Blvd near Empire Point Drive. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to bobbienord@gmail.com or call 904-396-9553.

WEAVERS TEAM UP WITH ST. JOHNS RIVERKEEPER

The owners of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver, have awarded a challenge grant of up to \$150,000 to St. Johns Riverkeeper. The matching gift will help the organization to raise awareness about threats to the health of the St. Johns and to legally challenge plans in central Florida to withdraw millions of gallons a day from the river.

The Weavers will donate one dollar for every two dollars that St. Johns Riverkeeper raises for its St. Johns River Awareness and Legal Fund up to \$150,000.

<http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/default.asp>

WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY REPORT

Democrats Adopt New Platform at National Convention That Reaffirms Abortion Rights

The Democratic Party adopted a new platform that reaffirms the party's support for abortion rights. The platform states that the Democratic Party "strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right." The party in the platform also pledges to ensure access to adoption services, prenatal and postnatal care and income support for pregnant women. The platform eliminates a phrase in previous platforms that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare."

<http://www.nationalpartnership.org>