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Agenda

• Introduction
  • Ashish Bajaj, Past President, LWV JFC

• “Hard Won” – Jacksonville’s role in the struggle for suffrage
  • Emily Lisska, President, Florida Historical Society

• “Not Done” – the road ahead
  • Patricia Sams, Diversity Program Manager, JEA

• Conclusion
  • Lanelle Phillmon, President, LWV JFC
Jacksonville Women Step-up: The “Hard Won” Struggle for Suffrage
The struggle begins: Seneca Falls, New York Convention, 1848
By 1848, Jacksonville’s population inched to nearly 950
“You can get to Jacksonville by boat or by train, and whichever way you choose, you’ll wish you’d chosen the other one.”

-- Unknown Author
Circa, 1867
In 1867, Mrs. Stowe checked-in as a guest at Jacksonville’s most venerable hotel, the St. James.
A celebrated social reformer, Stowe took up residence in Mandarin, Florida in 1868 and wintered in her Mandarin home until 1883 at age 76.
Mrs. Stowe’s Mandarin river home. She often spent time writing on her quirky porch.
Local women often differed on the suffrage issue.
Katharine Livingston Eagan ignited local suffrage activities in 1911.
Florence Murphy Cooley, the first woman to run for public office in Duval County
Cohen Brother’s Department Store, probable site of a local suffrage headquarters
Jacksonville’s Helen Hunt West, journalist, attorney and suffragist
Jacksonville’s Mary Nolan, the nation’s “oldest” suffragist
Picket lines at the White House, circa 1917
President Wilson’s own words were used effectively by the White House sentinels
Noted suffragist Lucy Burns served in Occoquan Work House with Mary Nolan
The ex-prisoners on a multi-city train tour
Jacksonville was “The Prison Special” destination on March 7, 1919
May Mann Jennings served as a powerful voice for Florida women.
In the critical Florida legislative session of 1919, lawmakers adjourned without taking up the issue of ratification.
Eartha White, champion of voter registration
“Eat your bread without butter but pay your poll tax!”

Mary McLeod Bethune
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The Road Ahead

Patricia Sams
Ain't I a Woman?
Born into slavery, Sojourner Truth delivered this speech at the 1851 Women’s Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio
Call to Action

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