



Women WON the Vote: How Did THAT Happen??!!

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Interested in celebrating Woman's Suffrage while educating your audience? Several years ago, Muriel Levy, AAUW Flagler member developed a script for the branch to perform. The original script is posted at AAUW Florida's website:

<https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/files/2019/08/Women-Voting-Original-Script-2-compressed.pdf>

It requires a narrator and four speakers. Part of the script envisions a conversation between Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. AAUW members J. Kent, S. Baird, S. Forsythe and S. Campbell presented the skit at the local library in October of 2012.



From Left to Right: J. Kent, S. Baird, S. Forsythe, and S. Campbell

Fast forward to 2019. AAUW Flagler Co-President, Susan Baird, suggested the group revive the performance for Women's Equality Day 2019. The greatness of the script is it can be used for to highlight more than suffrage. It can be used for women's history, voting registration drives, and a host of educational events. Susie found the script and it got a makeover. A Florida and a Flagler suffragist were added.

In addition to national suffragists: Lucretia Coffin Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Carrie Chapman Catt, AAUW Flagler added May Mann Jennings, Florida's former First Lady and then President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a driving force for suffrage in Florida. The branch also added a twist to the narrator. At the end of the skit, the narrator introduces herself as local Flagler suffragist, Alice Scott Abbott. She was one of the first to deliver suffrage speeches in Florida as early as 1893. Sadly, she died 12 days before the Nov. 2, 1920 General Election.

Props were added, too. A tea pot and cups, character name tags, books, a period dress donated to the local historical society, and even a leather belt. Why the belt? Read the revised script!

The revised script is also posted on the AAUW Florida website:

<https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/files/2019/08/Women-WON-the-Vote-Skit-Florida-Revised.pdf>

It would be easy to update the script to substitute for May Mann Jennings and Alice Scott Abbott. There are numerous suffragists who fought for Florida and local cities. AAUW Flagler performed the script August 26, 2019 at the local library. Muriel Levy attended and was proud of the revisions. A PowerPoint, featuring facts and photos that followed the script, was incorporated with the presentation.



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Since then, the script has been submitted to Flagler County Schools and is being considered for performances at the middle and high school levels. Recently, members agreed to appear in character and costume to celebrate National Museum Day and promote National Voter Registration Day. It's a great way to educate and have fun!



AAUW Flagler Suffragists at the Holden House for National Museum Day and Voter Registration Day

Remember, August 26, 2020 will come but once in our lifetime. Celebrate the bravery of women!

Stay tuned for the next idea...