

**St Johns County Roundtable Minutes February 8, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE: 16**

**GUESTS: Eva Doolittle, President, EMMA Concert Association  
Al Abbatiello and Dorothy Wardell, Florida Hometown Democracy, Inc.**

**January Minutes: Motion carried and approved**

**Treasurers Report: 46 members, 8 have paid 2010 dues, \$3,247.80 bank balance**

**Committee Reports: None**

**Guest Speakers: Eva Doolittle spoke about her Association which brings the concert season to Flagler College. EMMA is 31 years old and is an all volunteer organization. EMMA negotiates all concerts, and sells tickets. The season is from October to April with 6 evening and 4 afternoon performances, 2 Holiday Pops and 1 free concert.**

**EMMA also works with schools where they give free concerts and help with instruments. The schedule for 2011 is almost set.**

**EMMA has started a Cultural Coalition, hired a consultant for \$15,000 to study the St. Johns Bed Tax and the split of money for Arts and Culture.**

**You can call 797-2800 or email [emmainfo@bellsouth.net](mailto:emmainfo@bellsouth.net) for information and concert dates or volunteer to help the organization.**

**Al and Dorothy are representing the Florida Hometown Democracy. Amendment 4 will be on the ballot on November 2, 2010 which states the following:**

**Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.**

**Currently, local governments (city councils and county commissions) make those decisions.**

**Amendment 4 will need 60% to pass. You can visit their web site at: [www.floridahomedemocracy.com](http://www.floridahomedemocracy.com) for a copy of this presentation and also volunteer or make donations to the organization.**

**Any homeowner or condo associations can call either Al at 699-8475 or Dorothy at 285-5647 to make presentations at their meetings. One million residents have signed the petition to put Amendment 4 on the ballot.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Next meeting 9 am March 8, 2010 at The Record.**