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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

urges all members to attend the
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND CONSENSUS MEETING

on

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION



featuring Guest Speaker:

WILLIAM H. RENTSCHLER - Member of the Executive
Committee of the John Howard Association;

Member of the National Advisory Council of
the National Council on Crime and Delinquency

Time: Thursday, February 17 - 9:30 a.m.

Place: Gorton Community Center
400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest

Membership in the League of Women
Voters is open to any United
States citizen of voting age.
Dues in the Lake Forest League
are \$25.00 per year. Anyone
wishing to join can send a check
for that amount, payable to the
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Lauer, Membership Chairman,

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ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION - BACKGROUND

At the 1981 convention, the LWV of Illinois adopted a study of Illinois sentencing laws and alternatives to incarceration - prompted by the overcrowded conditions in Illinois prisons, the rapidly escalating cost of maintaining prisons, and concern that prisons seemed to be ineffective. League members wanted to know why the prison population was growing, to what extent alternatives were being used in Illinois, and whether alternatives could be used more extensively without endangering the public.

Last year the League examined sentencing laws and determined that it was not the laws per se that limited the use of alternatives. Judges do have the authority to sentence all but the most serious offenders to alternatives, but other reasons prevent them from doing so. This year the League is trying to discover what these reasons are, if alternatives are as effective as incarceration, if they are economical, what alternatives are available, etc.

To assist us in our study, the League has published ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: PUNISHMENT OR PLOY? and we have been furnished with a supply free of charge. They are in our office at Gorton, and every member may receive her copy by

stopping in at the Gorton office - copies are in the League drawer in the file cabinet near the door -

stopping in at the League's office - they are on the desk -

calling Elva Bacon (295-1909). She will be glad to get one delivered to you.

To give us more insight, we have asked Mr. William H. Rentschler to address us on February 17. Mr. Rentschler is a Lake Forest resident, well known in the community, who has developed positive ideas and suggestions on the subject which he will discuss with us on February 17.

Following Mr. Rentschler's talk, we shall have a discussion meeting and attempt to come to consensus.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. with limited state financial resources, should state funding emphasize
 - a. building prisons?
 - b. Community-based alternatives to incarceration?
 - c. other?
2. Should the use of the following alternatives to incarceration be continued, expanded, or decreased?

Pretrial Diversion? ____	Improved Probation Services? ____
Community Service? ____	Restitution? ____ Fines? ____
Periodic Imprisonment? ____	Split Sentences ____
Pre-release Centers? ____	Other (Be specific) ____

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This exciting program got off to a great start on Thursday, January 13, at the home of Lori Schriver. Everyone who attended agrees that both the speaker and the discussion were wonderful.

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The link between FPA and local sponsors is a network of volunteer coordinators who provide ideas and materials to individuals and groups interested in taking part in Great Decisions.

MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to the League:

Barbara (Mrs. Samuel) Beacham
1249 W. Inverleith Road - 234-2077

Anita (Mrs. Louis) Rutigliano
333 S. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest

When adding these new members to your membership book, also add

Mrs. Joseph L. (Rose) Shepard
1350 Western Avenue - 234-2666

Rose is a long-time member who was omitted from the current book. The Membership Committee offers its most sincere apologies to Rose. Inadvertent mistakes do occur - even in League!

FINANCE

Our fun raffle will be beginning soon - watch for your chances. You should be contacted in the next month or so, but if not - call us! We held our first raffle last year, and it was so successful and so well received that we hope to do even better this year.

Financing the League continues to be of concern. Our entire dues are passed on to finance the State and National League, leaving the Local League to finance its own activities by means of contributions, garage sales, raffles or whatever else it can come up with. So don't think we are rich because our dues are now \$25.00. We need your contributions and ask you to do whatever you can to make this raffle successful.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

While the Nuclear Freeze is not a League position, the League is studying arms control, etc. and the following meeting is of interest to everyone concerned with this subject.

Dr. Larry Smarr, Assoc. Professor of Physics and Astronomy will speak on America's Two Futures - Future Defense versus Nuclear Build-Up.

Sunday, February 27 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Reid Chapel of Lake Forest College - No charge.

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ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: PUNISHMENT OR PLOY?

Excerpts from Publication

ARE THERE ANY ALTERNATIVES?

Alternative justice programs can occur at various points in the criminal justice process. They may be described as alternatives to the traditional criminal justice system. Decriminalization of victimless crimes is a less drastic alternative. Victimless crimes are a behavior which affects only the person or persons involved (e.g., gambling, prostitution). Decriminalization would remove these offenses from the criminal justice system.

Dispute resolution centers, more commonly known as Neighborhood Justice Centers (NJC), are another attempt to bypass the criminal justice system. They are currently operating in many cities. They vary widely with respect to the types of cases they handle. Some are limited to disputes between individuals, while others handle many types of disputes, including criminal offenses. Many NJCs have a mediation component, which allows the parties to a dispute to work out a solution before going to court. This can save the parties money and time, and it can also help to reduce the burden on the courts.

The potential of dispute resolution centers for reducing incarceration is as yet unknown. NJCs are still in their infancy, and there is no reliable data on the number of cases handled. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that these centers may be able to handle a significant number of cases, thereby reducing the burden on the courts. This could lead to a reduction in the number of people incarcerated, as fewer cases would need to be processed through the traditional criminal justice system.

Alternative justice programs can also occur at the sentencing stage. Some jurisdictions have established sentencing alternatives, such as probation, house arrest, and community service. These alternatives can be used for a wide range of offenses, and they can help to reduce the number of people incarcerated. However, it is important to ensure that these alternatives are properly monitored and evaluated to ensure that they are effective in reducing recidivism.

Preliminary Programs

County	Type of Offense	Administering Program	Types of Programs Offered	Number of Participants
Lake	Felonies	State's Attorney's	Counseling and referral to appropriate agency	200

SUMMARY

Prison has more than doubled since 1974, and it is projected that it will continue to grow. This is due to a number of factors, including an increase in the number of people arrested, an increase in the length of sentences, and an increase in the number of people who are reincarcerated. This has led to a significant increase in the cost of the criminal justice system, and it has also led to a number of problems, including overcrowding, violence, and a lack of resources for rehabilitation. As a result, there is a growing interest in finding alternatives to prison.

There are a wide array of alternatives to prison, and they can be divided into three main categories: pre-arrest, post-arrest, and post-sentencing. Pre-arrest alternatives include programs that aim to prevent crime before it occurs, such as community policing and crime prevention programs. Post-arrest alternatives include programs that aim to reduce the number of people who are arrested, such as diversion programs and plea bargaining. Post-sentencing alternatives include programs that aim to reduce the length of sentences and the number of people who are reincarcerated, such as probation, parole, and restorative justice programs. Each of these alternatives has the potential to reduce the number of people in prison, and they can also help to reduce the cost of the criminal justice system and improve the lives of the people who are involved in the system.



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FEBRUARY 7 (Monday) 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting - Gorton Community Center

10 (Thursday) 1:00 p.m.- AAUW-LWVLF GREAT DECISIONS '83
Home of Abbie Fassnacht,
451 S. Beverly, L.F. -295-3828

17 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m. - ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION -
Lecture and Consensus Meeting
Speaker: William N. Rentschler
Gorton Community Center

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND THESE FINE PROGRAMS!

PUBLICATIONS Two new publications of LWVUS are now available. You can order either or both by calling Judy Wilson or dropping a request off at the office.

Providing for the Common Defense: A Military Policy Reader
Pub. #531, \$1.25 (members, 75¢)

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST

cordially invite all members and guests

to join the Board for coffee with our

SENATOR DAVID BARKHAUSEN

on Monday, March 7, 1983 - 10:30 a.m.

at the Gorton Community Center
1861 Room (upstairs)

Come to meet Senator Barkhausen, hear what he has to
say about what is going on in the State Legislature
and what he thinks (or hopes) will happen. He will
be glad to answer any questions you may have.

COME *** COME *** COME *** COME *** COME *** COME

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Leaguers:

Many thanks to JEWEL DAYS Chair Mary Ann Fowler and to the 13 participating members who added \$18.61 to our treasury in December. Thanks are also due Membership Chair Jill Lauer who organized the January STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING COFFEE. Those present favored retaining all LWVIL program items and supported proposals for a long-term care study and for a traffic court study emphasizing driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In addition to retaining all current Local Program items, members present expressed interest in a study of housing for the elderly in Lake Forest. On March 7th the Board will make its final decision on recommending this new study for adoption at Annual Meeting on May 9th. If you did not attend the planning session, please call a Board member with your views on a study of housing for the elderly.

Our participation in the ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION Consensus grew from the interest of Elva Bacon and Millie Kitzmiller in this important and timely topic. Copies of the State League's publication on Alternatives are still available in the office. The Board is most grateful to Elva and Millie for conducting the consensus meeting on February 17th.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION Chair Bea Schuetz has written an excellent summary of her interview of State Sen. Barkhausen in conjunction with the LWVIL's project to interview all members of the General Assembly and of the Illinois Congressional delegation. Be sure to look for Bea's article on the interview and LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR in this bulletin.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of off-Board chairmen working on preparations for the new League year: Susie Warner BUDGET, Betty Baker NOMINATING, Millie Kitzmiller BYLAWS, and Kay O'Connell RAFFLE. Your participation and involvement in planning are needed. Mark your calendar now for Annual Meeting on Monday May 9th.

Judy Wilson

The League is seeking help in arranging roundtable discussions on the Draft Report of the GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN.

Summaries of the ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE PROJECT are available to interested members.

LITIGATION This month marks the fourth anniversary of the Rockford, Illinois League's Intervention in the Operating License of the nuclear power plant in Byron, Illinois, and the hearing so long sought will take place in Rockford on March 1. Out of economic necessity they have trimmed the number of contentions to seven categories, and are seeking monetary support from other Leagues to help them present the strongest case possible.

We regret that we, as a League, do not feel that we can send the \$25.00 requested from each League because of our own financial condition, but if any member would like to support this litigation, send your contribution to the League of Women Voters of Rockford, Intervention Fund, P.O. Box 4031, Rockford, Il. 61110.

LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR - The two-day conference held annually in Springfield has traditionally been one of the year's most interesting events, for long-term members and new recruits alike. It is a quick, participatory introduction to state government. It is a comfortable and relatively inexpensive social event. It is an opportunity to see and meet some of the political leaders of Illinois and to get to know a variety of League members from around the State. It is a chance to make progress toward important League program goals. It is a learning experience that awakens interest in state government and in participation in other League activities. What other meeting offers so much for only one night away from home?

Bea Schuetz (234-4577) is driving and has room for four others. We do need to make hotel reservations almost immediately, so call her soon. She will be leaving early Tuesday morning and returning by supertime on Wednesday.

Join us to visit our legislators and see the legislature in action!

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK Women's History Week always includes March 8 (International Women's Day), and in many areas the whole month of March is used to sponsor events honoring women of local to national importance.

In our own area, Northwestern University is sponsoring a lecture on Steadfastness: Why Women Suffragists Never Gave Up and What We Can Learn From Them, by Carolyn DeSwarte Gifford, PhD, Researcher, Women's History. It is free, open to the public, and will be held on March 9, beginning at noon in Dining Room A, Norris University Center, 1999 Sheridan Road, Evanston. (located on ground level in the northwest corner of the student cafeteria.) For further information, call Program on Women, 492-7360.

PUBLICATION Providing for the Common Defense: A Military Policy Reader, (Pub. #531, \$.75 members) is now available. Call Judy Wilson if you would like to order a copy.



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most dramatic change in the American workforce in the past decade is the increase in the number of women working outside the home. Given this phenomenal addition to the workforce, women are still concentrated in a relatively small number of low-paying, predominantly female occupations."

The League is deeply concerned about the unemployment problem of all people. Yet we recognize economic imperatives of working women: that most women, like men, work out of economic necessity; that women head one out of six households; that 2/3 of all working women are single, widowed, divorced or separated; or have husbands who earn less than \$15,000 a year; that the average woman earns only 59 cents for every dollar earned by a man, and this gap is even greater for minority women.

With this understanding, the League's national board at its January meeting, agreed to give jobs creation, with special recognition of the employment needs of women, major legislative emphasis this year. Putting all Americans back to work is a top priority of the League and a top priority of the 98th Congress.

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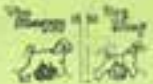
Congress is still formulating its plans to put our nation's military on a par with the rest of the country, and it is imperative that we include women in their thinking about the military.

Please write to your MCs and urge them to support a jobs program that put all people, men and women, back to work. Make no mistake, any program must ensure employment for all people, and advance the interests of American minorities.



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CALENDAR

MARCH 7 Monday Board Meeting - 9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. COFFEE WITH STATE SENATOR BARKHAUSEN

9 Wed. Women's History Week - Program on Women

10 Thursday Great Decisions' Meeting

APRIL 11 Monday - Janet Otwell, Director of Gov. Thompson's Task
10:30 a.m. Force on Children (ex-President of State LWV)
will speak to us about child abuse, etc. as it
relates to her position. SAVE THE DATE!

19-20 Legislative Seminar Springfield

MAY 9 Monday Annual Meeting

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CORDIALLY INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

to join the Board for Coffee with

JAN OTWELL

former President LNV of Illinois

on Monday, April 11, 1983 at 10:30 A.M.
at Gorton Community Center, 1861 Room

Jan will inform us about the draft report of
the Governor's Task Force on Children
INVESTMENT IN AN INDEPENDENT FUTURE: AN AGENDA
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

Background of the Task Force, as well as an
overview of the recommendations will be given.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest is pleased to announce that Jan Otwell will be our speaker on Monday, April 11 at 10:30 A.M. in Gorton Community Center.

Jan, who is a former State LWV President, is staff coordinator of the Governor's Task Force on Children. A draft report by this committee, which has been in preparation over a year, will be out for public comment in April. The report is entitled "Investment in an Independent Future: An Agenda for Children and Youth."

Because of the longtime League positions in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, and because many Leagues have developed contacts in their communities over the years with those who provide services to children and youth, Leaguers are in a good position to assist with the public comment period before the revised report is presented to the Governor.

Background is given on Illinois children, and this is certainly of interest to all of us. One comment was that "Too many children are growing up without the capacity and the opportunity to become independent and productive adults, and many families, especially in these times of economic hardship and accompanying cutbacks of services, are becoming permanently trapped in an underclass". Nearly a third of Illinois' 11½ million population is under 21 years of age. Two thirds of these children and youth live in the northeastern part of the State, in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

We urge you to attend this informal meeting with Jan to hear what she has to say, and to give her your ideas on the subject. It should be extremely interesting to all of us.

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CHANGE IN METHOD OF PAYING DUES For several years, we have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of changing the method by which we pay our local League dues, and at its last meeting, the Board of Directors decided to take the step - to replace the anniversary dues collection system under which members pay dues on the anniversary of the month they first joined the League, with a single annual dues date of April 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

The State League Treasurer recommends that dues be paid annually on a single date, and the advantages to us are a solid membership figure for determining Per Member Payments to the National and State Leagues, ease in preparing the membership directory, a concentrated work load for the Treasurer, and a larger cash balance for investment/interest.

Therefore, early in April each member will receive a letter requesting payment of pro-rated dues for the period April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984. We trust that this will not be too inconvenient for you, since the advantages to us at this time are considerable.

RAFFLE

RAFFLE As announced in the February Bulletin, Kay O'Connell is chairman of this year's raffle, and urges all members to participate in this popular fund raiser.

RAFFLE This is a repeat of our last year's raffle which was so successful, and we hope that this year's will be even more successful.

RAFFLE These are the plans:

S The big prize is dinner for two at Le Francais in Wheeling - any time you choose. What could be more glamorous?

RAFFLE Each ticket will cost only \$1.00 - can you imagine going to Le Francais for \$1.00?

RAFFLE Each member will be contacted and asked to be responsible for selling (or buying) 10 (or more) tickets. They are really easy to sell - everyone considers this a fun thing to do, and would love to get the prize! Please do your share.

RAFFLE The prize will be awarded on May 9 at the Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Schuetz - following luncheon.

RAFFLE PLAN TO COME.

RAFFLE If by any chance you are missed, please call Kay O'Connell at 295-1482, or Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624.

VOTER Wouldn't you like to be an official Deputy Registrar?
SERVICE Over the past several years, League members have
 registered new voters at the Art Fair, in the park on
 Lake Forest Day, at Newcomers' Club meetings, and at
other locally advertised affairs. Mary Jane Kentsiger asks that
anyone interested in becoming a registrar call her at 234-2139.
She is planning to take a group up to Waukegan sometime in April
or May to be deputized, and would appreciate a call from you. A
convenient date will be discussed at that time. Everyone who
has done this particular voter service job has enjoyed it
thoroughly, so you are urged to join the group.

LEGISLATIVE Last Call! Do plan on attending this interesting,
SEMINAR informative, exciting seminar if you possibly can.
APRIL 19 Bea Schuetz is driving to Springfield early on
APRIL 20 Tuesday morning, and there is still room if you
 care to join her. Telephone 234-4577.

TOWNSHIP Illinois township annual meetings will be held on
ANNUAL April 12. Townships can distribute General Revenue
MEETINGS Sharing Funds for school services and can administer
 General Assistance funds. Review your local town-
 ship's budgets and activities and attend the annual
meeting. You, as citizens, have voting rights at town meetings
(direct democracy). The four meetings available to Lake Forest
citizens are as follows:

Shields Township - 8:00 p.m. - City Hall, Lake Forest
Deerfield Township - 2:00 p.m. - 600 Laurel Avenue,
 Highland Park
West Deerfield Township - 8:00 p.m. - Deerfield High School,
 Room Ell4, Deerfield
Vernon Township - 8:00 p.m. - Town Hall, 23450 Main St.,
 Prairie View

ERA IS NUMBER ONE !!!!

In each new congress one bill is given a special designation to signify the social
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issue in every election and to urge representatives in Congress to sign on as co-sponsors.

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Saturday, May 14, 1983
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| 9 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:30 a.m. | "It seems to me I've heard that song before," Edna J. Schade, preside
ERA Illinois |
| 9:40 a.m. | Education: Finding parity for Dick and Jane
Employment: Underpaid, underrated, overworked
Mid-life and beyond: Are you in for a fall? |
| 10:45 a.m. | Party structure: Mainstreaming into the party |
| 12:20 p.m. | Municipal and county government: City Hall, here we come! |
| 1:20 p.m. | Celebrity mentor lunch: Sit with a woman who's "done it."
Speakers: Sharon Sharp, "Leadership is action, not position."
Grace Mary Stern, "Politics is going to be a dirty business
as long as decent people stay out of it."
Brief business meeting to elect new officers and board of directors. |
| 2:45 p.m. | Money: Take it and run! |
| 3:40 p.m. | Speak up! All conference dialog featuring expert panelists and
ERA Illinois member organizations |
| 5:30 p.m. | Picking up the pieces |
| 5:45 p.m. | Reception |

More than 20 distinguished women will speak at the conference. Among them will be: Sara Bode, President, Village of Oak Park; Peg McDonnell Breslin (D-Ottawa), Majori Whip, House of Representatives; Sharon Sharp, Special Assistant to the Governor on Women; Grace Mary Stern, Lake County Clerk, 1971-83 and Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, 1982; Nina T. Shepherd, Trustee, University of Illinois; and Joyce Tucker, Director, Illinois State Human Rights Commission.

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PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE CONFERENCE.

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RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 7, 1983 For add'l information: (312) 232-3006 or
(618) 453-2354

I have friends who want to attend the conference. Send _____ registration forms to me.
no.

COFFEE WITH Senator David Barkhausen was the guest of the
SENATOR League of Women Voters of Lake Forest on March 7th.
BARKHAUSEN He reiterated some of his views that were recorded
 in a legislative interview in January, and answered
 questions of the members who attended. With his local office now
 located on Market Square in Lake Forest, Senator Barkhausen is very
 available to us and we hope to have him speak to us again soon.

In the January interview, he answered questions about revenue spending and taxes. Senator Barkhausen said that it would be difficult to avoid an increase in some tax this year. He believes there should be no additional exemptions in the property tax, but favors increasing the State Income Tax because it is the most fair tax. He further would not remove sales tax on food or drugs because the administration costs would be too great and savings would not trickle down. He favors property tax relief but only as it applies to schools. He insists that money should not go into state aid formula but be distributed in an amount which would equal loss in property taxes to schools. Quality of education should be improved with students being pushed harder, teachers paid to make teaching an attractive vocation, and dead weight in college course trimmed. Emphasis should be on skills needed to get a job.

His top spending priority in the state government is public protection (lives and property). He feels that new prisons are inevitable, but favors a program of assistance to counties for probation.

Hazardous waste is a concern of equal importance. He would like to see more money spent in conservation of environment and natural resources to preserve open areas before it becomes prohibitively expensive, and favors a permit program for wetlands.

He feels that there could be some savings in public aid with stricter administration. He advocates a work-fare program requirement for public aid. He feels that we need an increase in home health care for the elderly so that they need not go to a nursing home.

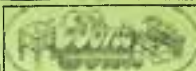
He supports gas tax to be used for roads and also to assist the RTA (with stringent conditions). There must be labor cost containment in any transit package. DVI (Driving Under the Influence) legislation is a special concern which he is working on with Secretary of State Edgar.

BRIDGE Announcement: The final game of the League's Bridge
MARATHON Marathon will be held on May 23, 10:30 A.M., at the
 Gorton Community Center.

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Monday, MAY 9th, 1983

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PROGRAM

10:00 a.m. -----Coffee
10:30 a.m. -----Business Meeting
12:00 Noon -----Cocktails
12:30 p.m. -----Luncheon

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RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE MAY 5th



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 9, 1983

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Adoption of Rules

Report on disposition of 1982 Minutes and appointment of
Committee to approve 1983 Minutes

Report on League Year by President

Treasurer's Annual Report and Audit Report

Presentation of Proposed Budget

Presentation of Bylaws Changes

Presentation of Proposed Local Program

Report of the Nominating Committee - Election and
Installation of New Officers

Announcements

Adjournment

RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

1. Speaker should rise and be recognized by Chair.
2. Only members of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest may vote and make motions.
3. Visitors and guests may have the privilege of the floor.
4. No one shall speak more than once to a question until all who want the privilege of the floor have spoken.
5. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983-1984

INCOME

A.	Dues (91 members @ \$25, 14 members @ \$10 Sr. Option)	\$2,415.00
B.	Contributions	
1.	Members	500.00
2.	Non-members	--
3.	Tax-deductible contributions through LMVIL Education Fund	275.00
C.	Publications	
1.	Lake Forest Portrait	100.00
2.	State and National Publications	--
D.	Other Sources	
1.	Bulletin Ads	1,000.00
2.	Fundraiser	1,000.00
3.	Bridge Marathon	600.00
4.	Women's Club sub-lease	300.00
5.	Meetings	--
6.	Refunds	--
7.	Other	--
E.	From Reserves	--
F.	Interest on Reserves	100.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,290.00

Susie Warter, Budget Chairman
Judy Wilson, ex-officio

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983-1984

DISBURSEMENTS

A.	Operating Costs	
1.	General Supplies	50.00
2.	Rent and Telephone	690.00
3.	Insurance	
	Sub Total	790.00
B.	Board and Administrative Committees	
1.	President and Secretary	200.00
2.	Finance Committee	100.00
3.	Membership Committee/Public Relations	150.00
4.	Board Tools	
	Sub Total	600.00
C.	Delegates' Expenses	
1.	State Convention	415.00
2.	National Convention	
3.	County Convention	20.00
4.	Annual Meeting	50.00
5.	Workshops	100.00
6.	Other Meetings	
	Sub Total	585.00
D.	Financial Support for the League	
1.	National Per Member Payment (105 members @ \$12)	1,260.00
2.	State Per Member Payment (105 members @ \$13)	1,365.00
3.	County League Affiliation (105 members @ .75)	78.75
4.	Lake Michigan Interleague dues	20.00
	Sub Total	2,723.75
E.	Bulletin	350.00
F.	Educational Activities	
1.	Publications	100.00
2.	Program Committees	150.00
3.	Voters Service	100.00
	Sub Total	350.00
G.	Position Support	100.00
Tra	Transfer to Reserves	791.25
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,290.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

BYLAWS CHANGE

The first three articles of local League Bylaws must be consistent with those of the League of Women Voters of the United States. In accordance with changes approved at the 1982 LWVUS Convention, Article III, Section 2 will now read:

Section 2. Types of Membership

- a. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age residing within the United States, a territory or an associated commonwealth, who join the League shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of residence and of the League of Women Voters of the United States; (1) those who reside outside the area of any local League shall be state members-at-large; (2) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members. Those residing outside the United States shall be members of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Millie Kitzmiller, Bylaws Chairman

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

1. Continued study of youth problems in Lake Forest, and related services - including support of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults).
2. Support of and continued attention to public education in Lake Forest, including elementary schools and the high school. Focus on problems of declining enrollment and disposition of school buildings.
3. Support of the Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan with continuing attention to land use, local environmental pollution, zoning, recreation and safety.
4. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus system.
5. Continued attention to the future of Fort Sheridan.

By Board of Directors

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee (Betty Buker, Chairman; Mary Liz Carney, Sue Christensen, Jane Fischbach and Adele Szymanski) propose the following slate of officers:

To be elected in two-year terms, expiring in 1965

President	Bea Schuetz
Vice-President	Sue Christensen
Secretary	Paula DuBourdieu
Directors (4)	Abby Fassnacht
	Bette Jo Pedersen
	Lorrie Schriver
	Vacant

To be elected to fill unexpired terms - expiring in 1965

Vice-President	Bonnie Shepherd - to complete term of Jill Lauer
Treasurer	Judy Wilson - to complete term of Genevieve Aversano
Director (3)	Blanche Johnston - to complete term of Susie Warter
	Jane Orth - to complete term of Nancy Bolton
	Vacant (term of Bea Schuetz)
Nominating Committee -	Millie Kitzmiller, Chairman
	Betty Buker
	Betty Snyder



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LEAGUE CALENDAR

APRIL 11 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting at Gorton
Monday

11 10:30 a.m. - Janet Otwell, Coordinator of Governor
Monday Thompson's Task Force on Children -
Gorton Community Center

19-20 - Legislative Seminar in Springfield

MAY 9 10:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting at Home of Bea Schuetz
Monday 45 S. Mayflower Road
Luncheon and Drawing for Raffle Prize!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Membership in the League of Women
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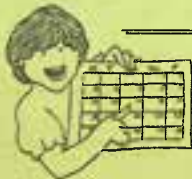
Mary Liz Carney, Bulletin Ed.
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Bonnie Shepherd, Membership Ch.
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CALENDAR

- JUNE 6 Mon. 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting - home of Bea Schuetz
45 So. Mayflower, Lake Forest
- 11 Sat. 8:30 a.m. Alternative Strategies for Peace: Is
5:00 p.m. There a Way Out? - Northwestern University
- 21 Tues. 9:30 a.m. Leadership Conference 1983 - Deerfield
- AUGUST 3 Wed. Lake Forest Day - Voter Registration
- SEPTEMBER Art Fair - Voter Registration
- 14 Wed. 10:00 a.m. Prospective Members' Coffee at home of
Mary Liz Carney, 277 Bluff's Edge Dr.
- 19 Mon. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF LUNCHEON
FOR LNVLP members - old, new, prospective
at Gorton Community Center



Here's what's ahead

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Just a reminder to those who may have forgotten. All members' dues are now based on an April anniversary date - pro rated to April, 1984. Do stay with us - we need you!

Dear Leaguers:

On behalf of the League, I wish to congratulate the newly elected officers, directors and nominating committee members and to express my appreciation of their willingness to accept the responsibilities of League leadership.

I am most grateful to all the League members who have served as officers, directors and off-Board chairmen with me these last two years. It has been an honor to represent the League in Lake Forest and on the other levels of League in workshops, councils and conventions.

I turn this gavel over to Bea with sincerest personal wishes for a successful and rewarding term as President.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilson

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Dear Leaguers:

I am honored to be elected to the presidency of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest for 1983-1984 and I thank all of you who have consented to be on the board or help in another way. I have appreciated Judy Wilson more and more as I attempt to take over the reins from her. Her files are perfect, she has been most helpful in her continuing advice and, to top it all off, she is continuing on the board as Treasurer! Thank you from all of us, Judy, for doing such a wonderful job as President.

There is nothing like jumping right into this job by attending the LWV State Convention this past weekend, but I shall let Paula DuBourdieu tell you about that. She attended the convention also, along with Bonnie Shepherd.

Bea Schuetz

Cops! To those of you who are neat and orderly and keep your bulletins in order, the Editor apologizes. Since the December-January League Lines was a combined issue, the February League Lines should have been Vol. 29- No. 1. Note that this is No. 4.

TIME FOR ACTION * * * TIME FOR ACTION * * * TIME FOR ACTION * * *

Re: Senate Bill 1295 - to increase motor fuel tax and registration fees for cars and trucks. Increased road fund revenue is necessary if Illinois is to provide qualifying matching funds for federal highway and transit monies. Bill has been amended in committee to include a weight/distance tax on heavy trucks and a scaling down of vehicle fees. Automobiles and light trucks have been subsidizing heavy trucks and the weight/distance tax would correct the inequity.

Position: The League supports greater reliance on user fees. Also the higher truck fees should encourage shippers to use rail transportation which is more environmentally sound.

Senate Bill 1296 - to increase per gallon tax on liquor, wine and beer which would raise approximately \$50 million for the General Revenue Fund.

Position: The League supports greater use of selective sales taxes on nonessentials to produce additional revenue.

Senate Bill 1297 - to increase individual income tax rate from 2.5% to 4% and the corporate rate from 4% to 5.6% beginning 7/1/83 through 6/30/87 - to raise approximately \$1.5 Billion for the General Fund. It also provides additional tax relief for Senior Citizens and the disabled by increasing maximum household income from \$12,000 to \$15,000 to qualify for state grant. would raise standard exemption to \$1100 in July, 1983 and to \$1200 in July, 1984.

Position: League supports income tax as the fairest, most equitable means of raising necessary revenue for funding of education, public welfare, mental health and services to children and their families.

What You Can Do - Phone or write your Senator as soon as possible and urge him/her to vote for a tax increase. The League supports the general concept of these bills because of the desperate need for additional state revenue and the shift of the tax burden to the local property tax.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Re HB 297 - Revision of the Public Aid Code. It is the result of the Commission to Rewrite the Public Aid Code, which included League representation. It is a comprehensive reform of the current Code. Its provisions are practical and relevant, and perhaps most important today because of the high unemployment and increased need for public aid. There are a number of other bills which address single issues but the comprehensive approach is much better and the climate for passage looks good this time.

What You Can Do - Write or call your State Representatives immediately and your State Senators early in June and urge support of HB 297, and ask them to try to prevent any crippling amendments.

LAKE COUNTY On May 11th, Bea Schuetz, Mary Liz Carney, Eleanor
BIENNIAL Beidler, Jane Orth and Sue Christensen traveled to
CONVENTION Grayslake to attend the Lake County Convention
 which was held at the Lake County Area Vocational
 Center.

Some of the important items of business included the election of officers for the Lake County League. They are:

President - Carl Sevcik of Lake Bluff
Vice-President - Marjorie Sennholtz of Zion
Treasurer - Mary Kaiser of Deerfield

Directors: Sara Clark from Green Oaks (Libertyville League)
 Mary Liz Carney from Lake Forest
 Jane Orth from Lake Forest
 Di Kieckhefer from Barrington

The County Program adopted is: 1. Lake County Jail Task Force
 2. Hazardous Waste Task Force
3. Action on Solid Waste Disposal in Lake County
4. Observer Corps for Lake County government
5. Support Positions on Watershed Management (1975), Land
 Use in Lake County (1977), Solid Waste Disposal in
 Lake County (1981). Concurrence with DesPlaines LWV
 Consensus (1979) Aircraft Noise Pollution.

The Treasurer reported \$2,570.00 on hand as of March 31, 1983,
and the Budget recommended and adopted was for \$1,040.00.

The luncheon was prepared and served by students at the Vocational Center in the restaurant facility. Following the luncheon we had a tour of the Vocational Center - and it was most impressive! The school provides numerous occupational educational opportunities primarily for the Juniors and Seniors of the participating school districts who wish to gain employability in one of a wide range of occupational areas - from auto mechanics to greenhouse maintenance, from TV repair to a nursery school, from electronics to typing - and much more in between. The underlying method of instructional experience is Learning by Doing and emphasis is placed on student participating in actual or simulated job and production situations. A trip out to Grayslake would be well worthwhile to see this impressive county facility.

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For those of you who remember Genevieve Regan, our President of a few years ago - she and her husband have opened their own private investigation firm, licensed by the State of Georgia. Both have been qualified as Armed Private Detectives!

LEADERSHIP Tuesday, June 21 in Deerfield - be sure to make a
CONFERENCES note on your calendar!

These annual workshops are wonderful helps to new officers and board members, and all are urged to attend. All other interested members are welcome, of course, and Bea Schuetz is the person to contact to make arrangements for car pooling. The State League always provides good workshops and besides being helpful, they are fun to attend.

The closest conference for Lake Forest members to attend is in Deerfield - First Presbyterian Church, 824 Waukegan Road. Parking is just west and just south of the church.

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Registration
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Presidents' Workshop
Membership Workshop
Treasurer's Workshop
Board Members' Workshop

12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Bring sack lunch
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Reaching the Public
Finance/Fundraising

President's Duties and Powers as President - The role of the president is to plan, promote and preside. Pointers and helps.

Membership Workshop: Ideas, Ideas, Ideas - Get some new ideas on how to recruit and retain members. Bring your membership books and new member kits. There will be a chance to exchange ideas.

Treasurer's Workshop: The Bottom Line - We will go over the basics: setting up books, preparing reports, and working with your League board.

Board Members: During the Job- Through discussion, you will learn your responsibilities as a board member and hints on how to do your job. You will learn how to handle many issues, problems and procedures which go with serving on a League board and you'll have fun doing it.

Reaching the Public: Media Magic
This workshop will give you ideas and helpful hints on working with the media. It is a must for anyone who has eyes glaze over when giving a speech will be revealed.

Finance and Fund Raising: Back to Basics - Join us for the "back to basics" of the finance drive and "how-to" of using the education fund for tax-deductible contributions. Show and tell.

Pay \$2.50 per person at the door. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Publications will be available for purchase.

BRIDGE
MARATHON

On May 24th, the last game of the LWVLF Bridge Marathon was played at Gorton Community Center. Thanks to Frieda Thomas, Jean Huevelman and a committee of the players, a delightful luncheon was enjoyed by all. Gift certificates were awarded to the high scorers for the year's play as follows:

Frieda Thomas and Jean Huevelman with 24,590 points

Adele Szymanski and Joan Speranza with 22,280 points

Sue Hood and Judy Dobeus with 22,030 points

Coke McPartlin and Yvonne Squires with 21,780 points

Mary Jane Nugent and her partner, Gerry Ford, got the high schore for the day with 4,100 and each received a bridge set.

We thank Frieda and Jean for their skill and cooperation in managing the marathon this year, and congratulate the winners.

We do need a new manager for the marathon next year. Won't someone please volunteer? Also, if you would like to play next year, please send your name, with or without a partner, to the office (League Office at Gorton). You meet a lot of very nice people and have a great deal of fun.

ALTERNATIVES Conference at Northwestern University on
STRATEGIES FOR June 11, 1983, 8:30 a.m. = 5:00 p.m.
PEACE: IS THERE Anderson Hall - Coon Forum
A WAY OUT?

This conference, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Illinois, is intended for all of those who believe America has legitimate security concerns, who want to explore alternative ways of meeting them, and who are interested in realistic peace initiatives. It will explore past, present and proposed strategies of peace and seek to identify the goals, the specific next steps, and the obstacles to overcome in an American strategy of peace. The workshops will focus on specific peace initiative acts.

Registration, including lunch, is \$20.00.

Information concerning time of each workshop and its subject are in the office. Call Bea Schuetz or Mary Liz Carney concerning further information or registration.

ANNUAL MEETING The 57th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest was held on May 9, 1983 at the home of Bea Schuetz. It was a beautiful day, and the members who attended thoroughly enjoyed the lovely surroundings.

Reflecting a lower membership, a budget of \$6,290.00 for 1983-1984 was recommended and approved.

The slate of officers and directors proposed and elected are as follows:

President - Bea Schuetz
Vice-President - Sue Christensen
Secretary - Paula DuBourdieu

Directors - for 2 years - Abby Fassnacht
Bette Jo Pedersen
Lorrie Schriver

Officers for 1 year - Bonnie Shepherd, to complete term of
Jill Lauer
Judy Wilson, to complete term of Genevieve
Aversano

Directors for 1 year - Blanche Johnston, to complete term of
Susie Warter
Jane Orth, to complete term of Nancy Bolton

Nominating Committee elected: Millie Kitzmiller, Chairman
Bette Buker and Betty Snyderacker

The Local Program which was proposed and approved is:

1. Continued study of youth problems in Lake Forest, and related services - including support of CROYA.
2. Support of and continued attention to public education in Lake Forest, including elementary schools and the high school. Focus on problems of declining enrollment and disposition of school buildings.
3. Support of the Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan with continuing attention to land use, local environmental pollution, zoning, recreation and safety.
4. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus system.
5. Continued attention to the future of Fort Sheridan.

Following luncheon, the winning raffle tickets were drawn. The lucky winner of the dinners at Le Francais is JAN SHIELDS. Three bottles of champagne were given as consolation prizes, and those winners were JUDY WILSON, IRENE HILLMAN and ART GRAN of Waukegan. Congratulations to all. The raffle, incidentally, netted the League \$1,071.50, with a gross of \$1332.00 and expenses of \$260.50.

LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR
 APRIL 19-20 A trip to Springfield? Doesn't sound like a travel agent's dream, but I did go to our state capitol for the League of Women Voters Legislative Seminar along with our new president, Bea Schuetz. And how glad I was that I did go! If you have never taken the opportunity to go to Springfield, do so, it is a wonderful way to observe your legislature and to see how both the Senate and House of Representatives operate.

Attending committee meetings is one very good way to get the feel of the legislature. I attended the Revenue Committee; our Representative Ginnie Fiester Frederick is a member of this committee and I enjoyed seeing it in action. Bea and I, together with members of the League of Women Voters of Lake Bluff, had dinner with Ginnie that night and learned a great deal more about what else would be coming up for votes in this session.

The evening program we attended was entitled "women in the Legislature" and had five women, Republican and Democratic Representatives, speaking on the various roles that they played in their lives. Very interesting and bright, articulate women.

The following day we were able to go to more committee meetings and also to see and hear Harold Washington, Chicago's new mayor; address both the House and the Senate.

I came away from Springfield with a renewal of my interest in politics and am anxious to continue working through the League to provide information and to keep abreast of League actions and policies.

Lorraine DuPont Shriver

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PUBLICATIONS The Future of America's Farmland LWVEF #261 is a new well planned, easy-to-understand publication - perfect for experts and nonexperts alike. Will there be an adequate supply of farmland to meet future needs for food and jobs? Every state in the country is facing the farmland conversion issue and this publication describes current state and local preservation programs and evaluates their effectiveness. Cost: \$1.25 - but 75¢ to members. Call Bea Schuetz 234-4577.

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Another good publication hot off the press -

"Write it Right: Letters That Get Results" LWVIL - 35¢ each. This is a quick and easy primer on writing effective letters - to use language effectively, to use the "Magic Sentence", and to organize and structure letters. Every member should have one. It will help you make your letters to elected officials and other government agencies more effective.

LWVIL 1983-1985 Over the weekend of May 20-22, Bea Schuetz, STATE CONVENTION Bonnie Shepherd, and Paula DuBourdieu represented our League at the 1983-85 State LWV Convention in Normal, Ill. 283 delegates, 16 State Board members and 32 alternates, representing 72 local leagues, 3 IL0s, and one new provisional League, attended the Convention at Illinois State University. The order of business included adoption of the State Budget, changes in the State Bylaws, the 1983-85 State Program and election of the State Board members.

The changes in the Bylaws and the budget proposed by the State Board were adopted with nearly unanimous approval. A proposal to limit State Per Member Payments (PMPs) during fiscal '83-84 to \$13 and during '84-85 to \$14 was, despite our League's opposition, adopted with a large majority of delegates present voting to grant the potential \$1 increase per member in 1984-85.

The major discussions involved the proposed '84-85 program and consideration of non-recommended Program items. The State Board recommended two new studies:

A STUDY OF ILLINOIS LAWS GOVERNING MARRIAGE AND THE
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The remainder of the program recommended are support positions on School Finance, State Fiscal Policies, Land Use, Election Laws, Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice, Constitutional Implementation and Amendments, Criminal Justice. The State recommended Program was adopted by nearly unanimous vote.

Two non-recommended program suggestions were also considered but did not pass the final voting. Support for these programs was, however, very strong and our neighboring Leagues were among some of the supporters. These items were: "A Study of State Legislation Affecting the Quality of Education in Grades K-12" and "A Study of Long Term-Care".

We learned that the LWVUS is developing a Comprehensive Plan to direct the future of the League to 1990. A major theme in many of the addresses to the convention was the problem of membership. Reversing a decade-long trend, membership in the LWV of Illinois increased over the last year (by 4 members), bringing the total membership to 6,597. It might be interesting to know that there are in the LWV of Illinois

- 19 local Leagues with 50 or less members
- 37 local Leagues with 50-100 members
- 11 local Leagues with 100-150 members
- 3 local Leagues with 200 or more members
- 1 local League with just under 600 members

Two Will of the Convention motions were adopted. The first one will result in the sending of telegrams to those Illinois Congress-

men who have not as yet co-sponsored the ERA in the House, urging them to join in its support. The second will result in telegrams being sent to the members of the General Assembly urging them to act quickly and responsibly to increase State revenue, which is necessary to maintain the fiscal integrity of the State and to provide for essential state services.

Finally, it was a pleasure to see that 23 Action Awards were given to local Leagues for their outstanding efforts over the past two years. These ranged from silent vigils, studies of day care ordinances, and studies of local caucus systems, to trying to save a municipal bus system, toxic and solid waste studies, and causing a ten week hearing to be held on the safety of a nuclear energy plant.

In addition to participating in the convention, our representatives also attended several workshops including those on topics for League Presidents, Natural Resources, Human Resources/Social Policies, and managing Candidates Meetings.

Paula du Bourdieu

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Some Washington observers expect the ERA to be out of Congress before the 1984 elections. According to our Illinois Constitution, "The General Assembly shall not take action on any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States submitted for ratification by legislatures unless a majority of the members of the General Assembly shall have been elected after the proposed amendment has been submitted for ratification." Article XIV, Section 4. Which means, of course, that if Congress does send the ERA out to the states before the 1984 elections, the newly elected Assembly will be voting on the amendment.

Efforts in Illinois must center on having our state one of the first to ratify. To accomplish this we must maintain and expand our pro ERA majority in the legislature, and maintain and expand our ERA supporter networks and coalitions. These organizations can support other women's interests until ERA is back in the states, or work to help put more women into public office.

Attention to women in the military is essential also, since in the 1982 Illinois House hearings, the opponents of ERA based their main arguments on the threat of the draft for women if we had the ERA. We all know that our U. S. Constitution gives Congress the power "To raise and support armies", but many people do not know that at the end of World War II two bills to draft women were in Congress. One bill dealing with nurses passed the House, but the war ended before the Senate acted. At present, legislation has been proposed to require the registration for the draft of "every person trained in a health occupation between the ages of 18 and 46" the majority of these "persons" are women. Women have always served in the armed forces and can be drafted if Congress chooses to do so. Without ERA they will be subject to discrimination in advancement, career opportunities and benefits.

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES

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After the subcommittee and debate,
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Even though SJ Res 3 is expected to be debated
in the 111 Senate sometime before the end of
June, the tie vote in committee represents a
major back for the anti-choice lobby this
year. Senator Hatch had hoped that the sub-
committee revision would result in more
support for the proposal. Instead
Senator Biden (D DE), and Simpson (R WY)
who voted with Hatch last year, switched and
voted against SJ Res 3 this year. Voting
against SJ Res 3 (and in support of the League
position) were Senators Mathias (R MD), Simpson
(R WY), Specter (R PA), Baucus (D MT), Biden
(D DE), and Kennedy (D WA). Leahy
(D VT) and Metzenbaum (D OH), voting for SJ
Res 3, are Senators Thurmond (R SC), Denton
(R AL), Cole (R KS), East (R NC), Grassley
(R IA), Hatch (R UT), Laxalt (R NV), DeConcini
(D AZ), and Harkin (D AL).

WHAT CAN DO
Write your Senator urge
or any substitute with Senate

Urge them to support individual right of
privacy in reproductive matters
any legislative process which
with that right.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

League staff participated in a briefing for
Congressional staff on women's concerns about
reauthorization of the Vocational Education
Act (VEA). The League provided information
on the results of a League of Women Voters
Education Fund project to monitor state and
local implementation of the sex equity provi-
sions of the 1976 VEA that was funded by the
Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

Representative Carl Perkins (D KY), Chairman
of the House Committee on Education and Labor,
plans to take up the reauthorization of VEA in
the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and
Vocational Education in May. Secretary
of Education Daniel H. Bell is expected to test-
ify on May 19 before the Subcommittee on Sena-
tor Orrin Hatch's (R UT) proposal to consoli-
date federal support for vocational education
and adult basic education into a single block
grant. Under the Hatch proposal, \$1039, the
elimination of sex discrimination and the pro-
motion of sex equity remain a stated pur-
pose of vocational education programs, but no
federal money will be earmarked for such pro-
grams, and state and school districts will no
longer be required to expend money to encourage
the participation of women and girls in voca-
tional programs.

WHAT CAN DO

Contact your MP's and tell them the 1976 Voca-
tional Education Amendment was a step toward
overcoming sex discrimination and stereotypes
and promoting equal access to vocational pro-
grams. A continuing strong federal committee
is necessary, however, to ensure equal oppor-
tunity for women and girls in quality vocational
education programs.



Report from
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EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION

UNITED STATES TAX CREDITS

The Senate Finance Committee held hearings on the Administration's tuition tax credit proposal, the Educational Opportunity and Equity Act of 1983 (S. 28), on April 28-29. As in past proposals, S. 28 provides a tax credit for 50 percent of tuition paid for each child up to a maximum of \$100 in calendar year 1984, \$200 in 1984, and \$300 in 1985. Families with incomes of \$40,000 or less would be eligible for the credit. For higher income families, the tax credits would be phased in and finally allocated for families with incomes of \$60,000 or more.

S. 28 includes anti-discrimination provisions identical to the provisions in last year's bill, S. 2673. Civil rights organizations do not consider the provisions strong enough to prevent racially discriminatory private schools from receiving federal monies.

Civil rights provisions in the legislation alter the definition of who can bring a discrimination charge. Traditionally, the IRB has been responsible for investigating discrimination on behalf of individuals and/or against schools. In a reversal of this tradition, S. 28 requires that only the individual who alleges they have been discriminated against may petition the Attorney General or groups of other third parties can bring discrimination suits. The equity in this is a major step backward in civil rights enforcement in that it shifts the burden of proof from suspect schools to the individual complainant. Such a requirement forces the alleged violator to bear a monetary and time consuming burden to refute this charge.

The restriction on third parties from bringing a lawsuit greatly limits the involvement of the general public. Presently, if the IRS denies private school applications for tax exemption, it has begun administrative proceedings to revoke tax exemption because of racial discrimination on the part of the school. The IRS could refer the matter to the Attorney General to pursue litigation based on discrimination.

Under the provisions in S. 28, the IRS could no longer refer such matter to the Attorney General. The League believes such a practice would severely restrict the litigation of litigation against schools that have already been determined to have engaged in racially discriminatory practices and inhibit the IRS from carrying out its constitutional authority.

A third concern of the League focuses on the Attorney General's enforcement discretion. After receipt of a complaint, the Attorney General is free to discuss allegations with the school in an attempt to reach a settlement or correspondence. The bill does not provide any specific role for the complainant in these negotiations nor it absents judicial proceedings. We feel this is a violation of an individual's due process rights. If an individual files a complaint with the federal government, the league believes she or he has the right to know what information is being exchanged between the involved parties.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, you can tell the League of the Nation's position on education and federal dollars to schools. Write your federal representatives with the following suggestions: Also, the League believes the provisions in the bill, which would require a written statement of the record.



**NATURALIZATION
CEREMONY**

The LMV of Lake Forest was privileged to hostess a coffee for 115 newly naturalized citizens and their guests on April 29 at the Lake County Building.

Voters Service Chair Maryjane Mentzinger's advance arrangements were greatly appreciated by hostesses Pat Bina, Nancy Bolton, Sue Christensen and Bonnie Shepherd.

Following remarks by the presiding judge, the new citizens were welcomed by a representative of the Lake County Bar Association, an administrative assistant to Congressman Porter, the Jr. Vice Commander of the American Legion 10th District and by Judy Wilson on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

Local League participation in the Naturalization Ceremonies is co-ordinated by the LMV of Lake County in co-operation with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Each of the 7 Lake County Leagues hostesses a coffee once every two years. This is truly an outstanding Voters Service activity.

Judy Wilson

**POLITICAL
ACCOUNTABILITY
RATING (PAR)**

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. recently released its political accountability ratings for Senate and House members based on their voting records during the

1st and 2nd Sessions of the 97th Congress. Ten Representatives and nine Senators had PAR ratings of 100%.

Members of Congress were rated according to their votes on twelve selected issues of concern to the League. These include voting rights, social programs spending, foreign aid, busing, food stamps, education funding, environmental funding, domestic content, hazardous waste, and resource conservation.

Senators Dixon and Percy scored 83% and 67% respectively. Representative John Porter scored 67%.

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LAKE MICHIGAN
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GROUP

The annual meeting of the Lake Michigan Inter-League Group will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, 1983 at the Holiday Inn at Illinois Beach State Park, south of Zion. It will be an opportunity for all leaguers to learn about the problems of water diversion from Lake Michigan.

SMALL DANCE FOR A BIG CAUSE - June 24, 1983

This benefit for Gorton Community Center is sponsored by Friends of Gorton, and as an occupant of the Center, the League has been sent 25 raffle tickets to sell. These tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 and the prizes are stupendous! Ten of them ranging from \$1,000 in blue chip stock to a week's lodging for two at the Ocean Reef Club at Key Largo. Bea has the raffle tickets and we hope that you buy one or three from her - and support the dance too. It is great fun - and it enables us to have a wonderful office at minimum cost.



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CALENDAR

- AUGUST 1 8:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING - City Hall
Monday Expected first reading of Conway
Annexation Proposal - BE SURE TO
- SEPTEMBER 4-Sunday Deerpath Art Fair - Voter Registration
5-Monday Market Square, Lake Forest
- 14-Wednesday New and Prospective Members' Coffee at home of
Mary Liz Carney, 277 Bluff's Edge Dr., L.F.
- 19-Monday Membership Kickoff Luncheon at Gorton
Community Center 1861 and Friends' Rooms
Speaker: City Manager John Fischbach
- 28-Wednesday Regionals at Evanston (Details later)
- OCTOBER 3-Monday 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting at Gorton
- 14-15 Lake Michigan Interleague Meeting and Conference
Fri. & Sat. at Illinois Beach State Park Holiday Inn
- 24 -Monday 7:30 p.m. - Gorton Lounge UN DAY
Joan Neil, NATO Observer, International
Relations State Chairman

A committee of three - Paula DuBourdieu, Judy Wilson, and Sue Christensen - were appointed at the July Board Meeting of the League to evaluate the Conway Farms Annexation Proposal in relation to the Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan of 1978, which the League has supported. To refresh all of our memories, portions of the Comprehensive Plan dealing with annexation follow.

OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF 1978 - City of Lake Forest

(Excerpts)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The overriding planning objectives are to manage and control future growth and development in order that it is in harmony with the developed and natural character of the City and to set forth needed public facilities and resources to accommodate the future population.

As such, the plan shall be advisory and in and of itself not be construed to regulate or control the use of private property, except as such part may be implemented by ordinances duly enacted by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest.

STATEMENT OF GOALS: The Comprehensive Plan is a guide to the establishment of compatible land uses, efficient streets and adequate community facilities needed for existing and future population. However, zoning changes may call for revising and updating the Plan from time to time. This statement of goals for The City of Lake Forest are the basis for carrying out the Comprehensive Plan and should be reviewed before changes are made to the Plan.

Residential Goal: To perpetuate a high quality residential environment suitable for enjoying life in a spacious and quiet atmosphere.

Parks and Open Space Goal: To provide the maximum amount of active and passive open space for the enjoyment of all Lake Forest residents.

Community Services and Facilities Goal: To provide the services and facilities essential for the protection, operation and use of real property in the City.

Business and Economic Goal: To strengthen and maintain real property values and to promote a sound economic base for the City.

Supporting Guideline #7: Consider the annexation of additional land, generally westerly to the Illinois Toll Highway in order to control development and as a possible location for an executive office park.

(Supporting Guidelines #1-#6 refer to Market Square and central part of City shopping and development).

Environment and Appearance Goal: To preserve and enhance the natural beauty, uniqueness and attractive appearance of the community.

Supporting Guidelines: #1. Maintain high standards in public and private building design and landscape site design.

#2. Diminish and control noise pollution, especially from truck traffic entering and exiting the City.

LAND USE PLAN

The Land Use Plan reflects the previous goals in attempting to provide a balanced pattern of land use which is in harmony with the natural setting and provides a safe, efficient and pleasant living environment for Lake Forest residents. At the same time, the Plan is addressed to major concerns identified through the analysis of existing conditions and trends: the future use of the large areas of vacant land; maintenance of sufficient tax base to meet the cost of governmental services; and efficient provision of public facilities.

In addition, significant considerations which influence the proposed land use pattern include the framework established by the existing land use pattern, development trends and patterns in areas surrounding the City, and the physical and topographic character of land within the City.

Land Use Pattern: The overall pattern of land use in the plan is based upon three major concepts for the future development of the City. Of primary importance is the maintenance of the overall residential character of the City with provisions for appropriate densities in relation to transportation facilities, services and topography. The greatest part of future development in the City would be for residential use, both through filling-in of existing, residential areas and the development of new residential neighborhoods. General commercial and office activity would be maintained within the framework of the two existing business areas to serve as local centers for goods and services. The Plan provides for the continuance of major institutional uses and recommends the provision of essential open space either along stream corridors for recreation or as buffer areas for residential neighborhoods.

ANNEXATION AND NEW GROWTH AREAS

Annexation should be undertaken with specific planning considerations, objectives or policies in mind. Rather than as an end in itself, annexation should be viewed as a means of maintaining or creating sound living environments for both the City and for annexing residents and property owners.

Planning Considerations for Annexation

There are a number of planning considerations which should be evaluated or satisfied before proceeding with annexation. Some considerations are essentially technical in nature, while others raise broader social or economic questions. Therefore, some considerations may be weighed more than others in arriving at policies for annexation. Such planning considerations include:

1. Location of the area in relation to existing corporate limits and other municipalities;
2. Existing land use in relation to adjacent areas and city as a whole;

3. Trend of development as it affects future land use, reflecting both local and external factors;
4. Physical characteristics of area and suitability for development;
5. Location of utilities to provide necessary physical plant;
6. Location of major thoroughfares in relation to need for access;
7. Ability to properly control future development of area;
8. Socio-economic orientation of area;
9. Ability to provide adequate services;
10. Location within same jurisdiction;
11. Contribution of area to be developed in relation to community goals;
12. Balance of cost and revenue to minimize financial impact; and
13. Pattern of ownership.

Policies for Annexation

Based upon the statement of community goals and recognizing the needs of the City as well as residents and property owners in areas adjacent to the City, the following policies should be followed in considering future annexations:

1. The annexing properties and residents should be socially oriented to Lake Forest and naturally consider themselves participants in the community life.
2. The annexing properties should be compatible in character either at the time of annexation, or potentially so.
3. The annexing properties should be able to be served by City facilities without undue difficulty or economic penalty to either party. In particular, this pertains to sewage, water, street repair, and maintenance, police and fire protection.
4. Insofar as possible, the annexing properties should be served by identical government taxing bodies and commissions, e.g., schools, fire districts, etc.

Potential Annexation Areas

Four major development trends affect the potential annexation areas, of which two may be discerned within the immediately surrounding areas and two are basically regional or external in nature.

Adjacent areas within Lake Forest have been developing as spacious, high-quality single-family residential areas. This trend of development has been established over a long period of time and, in fact, the last annexation to the City in 1957 developed in this manner. To the north of the potential annexation area, development

of an industrial character has been occurring as an extension of the Rondout area. Development of this type, without substantial aesthetic and environmental controls, could present serious conflict with a number of the Community Goals.

The influence of the Tollway would affect the trend of development in the potential annexation areas. At major tollway interchanges throughout northern Cook County and southern Lake County, clusters of office or office and research uses have been developed. These are generally corporate or regional headquarters buildings or, in some cases, large multiple tenant buildings.

The land to be considered for annexation has been divided into three areas. Area I is that area lying south of Kennedy Road (Route 60), north and west of the present City limits and east of the Tollway. This area has been found to be compatible with Lake Forest and could be efficiently provided with public services. This area appears to be a prime area for Estate Single-Family Residential of a density similar to existing development within Lake Forest and would be desirable property for annexation.

Area II is the area north of Kennedy Road, west of the present City limits, east of the Tollway and south of the northern limits of the Tollway Oasis. It is also compatible with Lake Forest, could be served with public services, and is potentially developable as Estate Single-Family Residential. If such development is proposed, annexation of this area should be considered. Also, discussion has indicated that if this proper high-quality office center were proposed for the portion of this property adjacent to the Tollway, annexation may still be desirable. The remainder of Area II should be developed either as Estate Single-Family Residential or Institutional land uses.

Area III is the area lying west of the present City limits, east of the Tollway and north of Area II. While this area is not as desirable for annexation as Areas I and II, the City may wish to consider this area for annexation under certain conditions, specifically if Areas I and II are annexed and the appropriate land uses are proposed for Area III.

There are no major problems in providing services to these areas, although the northernmost portion would be difficult to serve separately from the remaining annexation areas. There is also some question as to the possibility of including the areas within the Lake Forest school districts, although this question would be resolved on the basis of the wishes of the residents of the area.

Economic Factors in New Growth Areas

Over the past few years, the cost of providing improvements (streets, sewers, water, etc.) in newly developing areas has increased markedly, both through application in some cases of

higher standards, and through increases in the basis costs of materials and labor. The objective of maintaining specific improvement standards should be to insure adequate services and facilities for the residents of the community. While maintaining adequate services for newly developing areas should properly continue to be the major concern in setting standards for improvement, there are potentially applicable concepts which could result in more efficient provision of improvement with possibly lower cost as well.

The concept of planned residential development, while not reducing the standards for improvements, would allow a given length of street or sewer line to serve a greater number of dwellings. With the permitted number of lots on a tract grouped or clustered in certain areas and individual lots decreased in size or street frontage, services may be provided more efficiently while the overall density of a tract is not increased. A second concept with potential applicability is maintaining a flexibility in development standards related to the density or intensity of development. In areas of low density, a lesser standard of improvements may provide adequate service while at the same time being more in keeping with the character of the area. Substitution of adequately graded and drained shoulders for curb and gutter or natural drainage channels for piped storm drainage are types of standards which could be considered.

An additional economic factor to be considered is the need for maintenance once the improvement is installed. The potential use of a specific improvement and the expected maintenance resulting from the use should be related to the expected intensity of development, and as the intensity increases, generally a higher standard of improvement should be provided.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION POLICIES FOR NEW GROWTH AREAS

1. The permitted density for individual parcels should be consistent with the predominant density of the neighborhood as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Within an individual parcel, while maintaining overall density, some variation in lot size should be permitted where necessary to provide transitions to adjacent uses, protect significant natural features, provide usable recreation areas or other community facilities, or reflect other conditions unique to that site.
3. Connections to the existing road system within a neighborhood should be required where necessary to maintain continuity of the internal circulation system.
4. Access to residential areas should generally be provided from secondary or arterial or collector streets. Access to primary arterial streets should be limited where alternate access can be provided.

Dear Leaguers:

Your League Board has just met to solidify plans for an exciting year in which we hope to have participation from all of our members.

To finance our year, Judy Wilson has already begun solicitation of advertisements for the Bulletin. Do call her if you know of a certain advertiser that you can approach - be it a business, a lawyer, a doctor, an engineer or a beauty shop.

Mary Jane Nugent will be in charge of the Bridge Marathon, which is also a money maker. Call Mary Jane (234-9585) if you are interested in playing bridge with the group this year.

Mary Ann Fowler will be running our spring raffle, which was such a success last year.

Our first event this year will be voter registration at the Deerpath League's Art Fair on September 4th and 5th. I am happy to report that we have six new registrars - Pat Bina, Jane Orth, Carol Bowman, Linda Illes, Julie Shackelford and me.

Bonnie Shepherd is planning the Prospective Members' Coffee at Mary Liz Carney's home on Wednesday, September 14, at 10 a.m. Think of people you know who may be interested in the League, and send their names and addresses to Bonnie so that she can send them an invitation. (A tear-off sheet is provided in this Bulletin.) Then, you pick them up and bring them to the Coffee!

More about membership in the next Bulletin. Meanwhile, check the calendar dates already confirmed and put them on your calendar.

See you in September.

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HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy - 353-4952

U. S. Senator Alan J. Dixon - 353-5420

U.S. Representative John Porter - 940-0202

State Senator David Barkhausen - 234-1630

State Representative Virginia Fiester Frederick - 234-8454

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MEMBERSHIP We are delighted to welcome three new members to the Lake Forest League. They are:

Mrs. Dennis W. Altbrandt (Ann) 234-9013
1510 Tara Lane, Lake Forest

Ann is a part time consultant for the Xerox Learning Systems. She has lived in Lake Forest for two years, is a member of the Lake Forest Symphony Women's Board and does their publicity, as well as a member of Arden Shore and publicity chairman for the Newcomers Club.

Mrs. Imre Illes (Linda) 295-3444
310 W. Onwentsia Road, L.F.

Linda moved from Lindenhurst, Illinois to Lake Forest one year ago and has two children, ages 10 and 15. She is a part time registered nurse, and has previously belonged to the League.

Mrs. Francis Beidler III (Prue) 234-3277
20 So. Stonegate, L.F.

Prue has three children, ages 1, 4, and 7. She is interested in Women's Issues and International Relations. She is a volunteer for Hull House, is on the Wellesley College Women's Board, the Lake Forest College Women's Board, and the Illinois Women's Lobby, as well as of Personal P.A.C. She is Eleanor Beidler's daughter in law.

Be sure to add these members to your Membership Book.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Bonnie Shepherd's new address is:
360 E. Westminster Road, Lake Forest

We were extremely sorry to learn of the death of one of our members. Frances Bressler died on June 23. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

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You can help keep the
League alive! We need the
names of your friends and neighbors
for our New Members Coffee!

Send to Bonnie Shepherd, L.W.V. 400 E. 11th,
Prospective Members... Lake Park

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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Submitted by _____

The following is a distillation of Dorothy S. Ridings' address to the 29th National Council of the LHMUS. As National President of LHM, she gave a "State of the League" report on May 15, 1983 when the National Council met in College Park, Md.

"It has been a joyous year seeing the League move in some new directions in our program, action, membership and finances. As a result of our concurrence on Public Policy on Reproductive Choices, we took some unexpected flak and lost some members, but by the same token we handled an extremely controversial subject with sensitivity and strength, and gained some new members. The League is now an important player in a national debate over governmental interference in the right of privacy.

We are on the same path with our ongoing study of National Security. We are in for a repeat of intense press coverage when we announce our position that evolves from that study. Our ongoing program in government, human resources, international relations, and natural resources is moving along. We forged new ground last fall with our first Congressional Leadership debates. Although the reviews are mixed, they were certainly worth doing in 1982. The LHM will be the sponsor of the 1984 Presidential Debates.

Our action priorities have not exactly been in sync with the nation's political leadership. Our current legislative priorities are: the Clean Air Act, jobs bills that recognize the needs of working women as well as men, and the revived Equal Rights Amendment. Our fourth action priority is no longer a legislative priority at the national level but is in the hands of the states - the DC Voting Rights Amendment. We're deeply involved with a number of other organizations in capitalizing on the new attention given to the women's vote.

After a decade of declining membership, we have had our first turn-around year since making an effort to recruit membership at all levels of the League. The revised 1983 membership campaign kits are ready, and all of us are ready to build on an encouraging in membership growth, including reaching out to the employed member.

We have tried some new budgetary procedures. One of the most exciting aspects is our planned giving program.

We are slowly advancing in our determination to bring the League into the computer generation by outlining our needs that can be met through computerization. A questionnaire is being sent out.

The Long Range Planning Committee is anxious to get suggestions as they head into the home stretch toward their report to Convention '84.

Barbara Beacham



A Guide to Women's Rights in Illinois

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Call Abbie Fassnacht (295-3828), or send her a check for \$3.75, made out to "League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund" - (\$3.50, plus 7% sales tax).

Name _____ Address _____

City _____

Abbie Fassnacht will be heading up the Lake Forest League's participation in the new state study of Illinois laws governing marriage and the dissolution of marriage. Do call Abbie if you would like to participate in this study.

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CORPS

Are you free one evening a month? By donating one evening each month, you will help the Lake Forest League fulfill one of its obligations to the community - observing its elected and appointed boards.

JOIN THE OBSERVER CORPS!

This is a pleasant way to learn what is going on in town, and it is a good way to meet Leaguers and others interested in your favorite subjects. And you would be making an important contribution to our League and to our town.

Yes, you may call in or write your report - and yes, you may take someone with you. Now, call Sue Christensen (234-6043) and tell her what you would like to observe. Following are the possibilities:

City Council - Council Chambers
220 E. Deerpath
First Monday at 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education Dist. #67
DPI Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesday after First Monday -
8:00 p.m.

Plan Commission - Council Ch.
Second Monday - 7:45 p.m.

Board of Education Dist. #115
L.F. High School Library
First and Third Mondays
8:00 p.m.

Playground & Recreation Board
400 Hastings Road
Third Thursday: 8:00 p.m.

Other public meetings are those of the Library Board and of the Gorton Community Center

The Lake County League (of which we are a member) is also requesting Observers for the various committees in county government.

would anyone be interested in observing the Finance Committee of the County Board? It meets on the fourth Wednesday night each month at 7:30 P.M. on the 10th floor in the Court House, Waukegan.

Call Marge Sennholtz of the Lake County IMV (872-8475) if this interests you.

INTERBASIN TRANSFER
OF WATER - The Great
Lakes Connection

More and more this topic keeps surfacing as population growth and energy development place increasing demands on the sparse water supplies of the western part of the country. The Mississippi River is being eyed as a way of recharging the High Plains aquifer - and Lake Michigan is being considered as a source to keep the Mississippi flowing!

The Great Lakes are North America's largest supply of fresh surface water. As water becomes an increasingly valuable resource, its value is not only as a needed commodity in areas where the supply is short, but also as a potential attraction to bring in industry and development to areas with surplus - the Great Lakes region in particular. The southwestern Sun Belt is fine - but not without water!

What are the implications for the Midwest? That is what the League is now addressing through the Lake Michigan Inter-League Group of which we are a member. On June 7 there was a Diversion of Great Lakes Water Conference in Chicago which brought together people from all regions of the country engaged in mini-diversion projects at the present time or contemplating the possibility. There were approximately 25 speakers addressing the topic from diverse viewpoints, and all looked upon the subject as one with great potential for controversy. Among others who spoke, a representative of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) stated that they believe that export of water from Lake Michigan would have a negative impact on the economic climate of northeastern Illinois by causing loss of industry and of jobs. The Illinois Division of Water Resources emphasized that the water of Great Lakes is needed to meet the current and future demands within the Great Lakes states and the Canadian provinces. However, it was reported that some recent court decisions had established water as an inter-state commerce commodity and that "one state cannot prohibit export of water to another state solely on economic terms". It is a "legal fiction" to assume that a state has ownership rights over "its" water.

The Interleague study, therefore, is particularly relevant and appealing if one goes for "hot topics" and answering hard questions, and the Lake Forest League should be very interested and anxious to take part since this is "our" lake.

Plan to attend the Lake Michigan Interleague Annual Meeting on October 14/15 at the Illinois Beach Park Holiday Inn. The Lake County League is planning this meeting with Jane Orth as Chairman, and we shall undoubtedly be asked to take some part. Be sure to call Jane (234-9846) if you would like to help.

There will be a go-see bus tour at 1:00 Friday, October 14 at 1:00; and the business meeting will be held on Friday evening. On Saturday, October 15 there will be a mini conference on water diversion, the speakers for which will be the Canadian Consul-General, Professor James MacDonald from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dr. Frank Kudrna - Chairman of the Great Lakes Commission; and Marilyn Reeves, LDV-US, Natural Resources Chairman.

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Anyone for Bridge?

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It is great fun to get acquainted with other nice people over the bridge table. There are still a few spaces left on next year's schedule, so call the chairman if you would like to play. Sign up as a couple if you can, but the chairman might be able to find a partner for you if you sign up alone.

Call Mary Jane Nugent as soon as possible. (234-9585)

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to any U.S. citizen of voting age. Dues in the Lake Forest League are \$25.00 per year. Anyone wishing to may send a check for that amount, payable to the LWV of Lake Forest, to Bonnie Shepherd, Membership Chairman, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL. 60045.



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on

Monday, the 19th of September

at eleven o'clock

at Gorton Community Center - Second Floor

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Salad Bar Luncheon

1:00 Speaker: John Fischbach,
Lake Forest City Manager

RSVP by the 12th of September

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CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 4 - Sunday Deerpath Art Fair - Voter Registration
5 - Monday Market Square, Lake Forest
- 14 - Wednesday 9:15 a.m. Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. New and Prospective Members'
Coffee - Home of Mary Liz Carney
277 S. Bluff's Edge Drive
- 19 - Monday 11:00 - Membership Kickoff Luncheon at
Gorton Community Center 1861 & Friends Rooms
Speaker (1:00) John Fischbach, City Manager
- 27 - Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. - Financial Problems of Widows
Speaker: Virginia Flester Frederick
Place: Deerfield Public Library
Call: 945-6489
- 28 - Wednesday - 1983 Regionals in Evanston (See Page 5-6)
- OCTOBER 3 - Monday 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting at Gorton
- 14 - Friday Lake Michigan Interleague Meeting and
15 - Saturday Conference at Ill. Beach State Park
Holiday Inn, Zion
- 18 - Tuesday 11:30 - Community Awareness Program in
Waukegan. Duties of courts and judges.
- 24 - Monday 7:30 p.m. - UN Day - Joan Neill, NATO
Observer, International Relations State
Chairman - Gorton Lounge
- 25 - Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - Toxic Waste Forum at Gorton
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST

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Dear Leaguers:

This has been a busy August starting with a meeting of all of the Lake County League of Women Voters Presidents, and culminating with the request of the Conway Farms Group to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest to hold an informational meeting at Gorton on August 30.

Since the League of Women Voters did support the Lake Forest 1978 Comprehensive Plan (excerpts pertaining to annexation were published in the August "League Lines") we were interested in hearing the facts about the proposal for annexation from the Conway Farms Group.

As always, the public was welcome, but this was your League's meeting and I hope that you were there to learn and to ask questions. The committee that was appointed last month is now analyzing the latest draft of the annexation agreement and determining the possibility of producing a fact sheet.

See you at the Kickoff Luncheon where John Fischbach will be our speaker.

Bea

**NEW MEMBERS
COFFEE**

Our first activity in September will be a coffee for new and prospective members at the home of Mary Liz Carney on September 14 at 10:00. Invitations have been sent out, but it is not too late to attend and to bring a prospective member with you. Just call Bonnie Shepherd - 234-3256.

**MEMBERSHIP
KICK-OFF
LUNCHEON**

Do start our League year by attending the luncheon and hearing about Lake Forest from John Fischbach, our City Manager. He will be glad to answer questions.

The luncheon will be a salad bar, furnished by the Board and some of the members who would like to bring something. Call Bonnie Shepherd to make your reservation.

**REGIONALS
1983**

This year we shall attend the Regional Meeting in Evanston on Wednesday, September 28. All details are given on Page 5-6, and if you are interested in attending, please call Bea Schuetz to carpool.

REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES On June 11, 1983 Bea Schuetz and I attended a discussion of reproductive rights sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Assn. at the Hadley School, Winnetka

The Honorable John E. Porter, Congressman, was the primary speaker and I shall review some of his opinions on the subject and related funding issues. Mr. Porter believes that:

- * Population is a greater threat to world peace than are nuclear arms. He pointed out, as an example, that per capita income has been the same in India for the last forty years with an obvious deterioration in the quality of life.
- * The U.S. government should provide information on birth control but not funding for abortions. He admits that this is a polarizing issue but believes that if the government takes a funding responsibility it will then have a regulatory function for abortion. It is such a personal decision that Mr. Porter feels that government should not be involved.
- * He pointed out that he has consistently supported legislation concerning rights to abortion.
- * He opposes the "squeal rule".
- * He introduced HR 93 to return family planning programs to Health Care and to remove it from domestic population policy. This bill was then still in committee.
- * He thinks that if domestic and defense spending are in the same bill there will be different results than if the two are introduced separately.
- * He would like to see a 5-6% increase in military spending in order to attain what he describes as a parity with the USSR.

Whether or not you agree with his views, Mr. Porter urges that you write or phone him your opinions. I also urge you to keep him aware of your views of reproductive choices.

Abbie Fasanacht

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM As part of this program, we have been invited to visit with some of our Lake County judges on Tuesday, October 18 from 11:30 until 1:15 in Courtroom 202 of the County Building, Waukegan. The Chief Judge and the Circuit Judges will be there, and each judge will describe his duties and those of his court at a presentation beginning at 11:30.

This sounds very interesting, and most of the Board is planning to attend. Call Bea Schuetz if you would like to join us.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH LAKE FOREST DAY

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

We have been invited to join a "go see" tour of Lake Forest, conducted by City Manager John Fischbach

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

It will begin in the Council Chambers at City Hall with a short presentation by Mr. Fischbach telling us about the recent renovation and other changes.

Next, we shall get on a bus for a riding tour to show the extent of the city and a number of its developments. We shall get off the bus to tour the Municipal Services Building, the Public Safety Building and the Water Plant - areas unfamiliar to a lot of us.

Mr. Fischbach has made at least two similar tours with the Aldermen and some guests, and those who have made them enjoyed them thoroughly. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get acquainted with Lake Forest facilities and environs in a way that is seldom offered.

Since bus capacity is somewhat limited, make your reservation right away to be sure to get a seat. The deadline is Tuesday, September 20.

Either call Mary Liz Carney, 234-7624, or sign the following reservation form and send it in to our office in the Gorton Community Center.

To: League of Women Voters
400 Illinois Road
Lake Forest, Ill. 60045

Please reserve a place for me on the "go-see" tour of Lake Forest on Saturday, October 1, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Name _____ Tel. No. _____

Address _____

1983 Regionals Information...Evanston

hosting League: Evanston

ate: Wednesday, September 28, 1983

ime: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration)

ocation: The Unitarian Church
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end registration form and check to: Jackie McQuire
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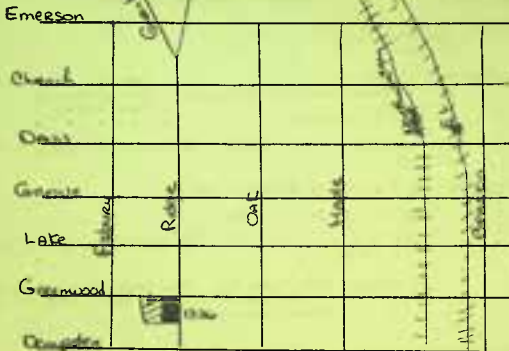
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PUBLICATIONS

A Guide to Women's Rights in Illinois has just been published by the Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and is a product of research by a task force of League members. In concise understandable form, it details women's rights concerning marriage and divorce, childbearing decisions, credit, estate and retirement planning, and domestic violence.

Because women's rights have become the focus of increased interest in recent years, the League felt that an analysis of selected provisions of Illinois law and federal law, and how they are applied, would assist both men and women in making vital decisions affecting their daily lives. The League researchers contend that even though the 1970 Illinois Constitution provides that the equal protection of the laws shall not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex, in practice women may have difficulty obtaining that protection.

Abbie Fassnacht will have these books for sale at our Membership Luncheon on September 19, or you may call her at 295-3828.



Math, Science and Technology: Adding It Up For Women LWVEF #116, Cost 20¢. The latest in the League's Women and Work series explores the reasons behind the scarcity of women in math and science fields and explains how greater numbers will be needed to handle America's technological future.

Tell It to Washington LWVEF, #349, \$1 (75¢ to members). This guide to the 98th Congress lists all Senate and House Members and their committee assignments and gives tips on how to effectively make your opinions known.

Call Blanche Johnson (234-1969) for the above two publications. She will order them for you.

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ANALYSIS OF 1983 TAX LEGISLATION FOR ILLINOIS, by Joan Morton
State Fiscal Policy Chair

H.B. 1470 started as the Non-game Wildlife Protection Act to establish a non-game wildlife conservation fund. When this bill of 101 pages passed the House and Senate June 30, and was signed by the Governor, it had enacted the first tax increase in Illinois in 14 years.

Basically, this legislation will provide a temporary increase in the state income tax rate and permanent increase in the state sales tax. The contents are:

- * a .5% individual and .8% corporate income tax increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 1983 and expiring June 30, 1984, but collected in one yr
- * a delay of the effective date of the Investment Tax Credit against the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax from July 1, 1983 until July 1, 1984.
- * Property tax relief for homeowners by a tax deduction on State income tax.
- * a permanent 1% increase in State Sales tax beginning Jan. 1, 1984.
- * elimination of the last 2% state sales tax on food and drugs.
- * exemption of machinery parts from sales tax. *****
- * elimination of 3% transfer to the Road Fund. *****

New Revenue: Raising the individual income tax rate from 2.5% to 3% and the corporate rate from 4% to 4.8% and collecting it in 12 months is actually a 30% income tax increase for FY '84 and should generate approximately 23 million in FY '84. Local governments will benefit from the temporary income tax increase since they receive 1/12 of the additional revenue, about 60-65 million dollars above the normal distribution.

The second component of H.B. 1470 is a permanent 25% increase in the state sales tax from 4% to 5%, beginning Jan. 1, 1984. This will raise approximately \$580 million annually but only \$295 million in FY '84.

Tax Relief: The most significant tax relief provided by H.B. 1470 is the repeal of the remaining 2% state sales tax on food and drugs. This will save taxpayers about \$230 million a year but only \$100 million in FY '84. The State's elimination of the sales tax on food and drugs will not affect counties, municipalities, the RTA or Metro East which levy a local sales tax.

Property tax payments for a taxpayer's principal residence may now be deducted for state income tax reasons, saving taxpayers a projected \$59 million annually.

The major tax reform in H.B. 1470 is a delay in the implementation of the corporate investment tax credit until July 1, 1984. This credit is deducted from the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, a local revenue source collected by the state. By delaying it one year,

municipalities, school districts, and other local taxing bodies will save a projected \$40 million.

Is the Tax Adequate? Probably not. Some state spending obligations have been deferred and projected revenues may be unrealistically high. Not enough revenue was raised to rescue local governments with fiscal problems. School, transit and municipal bodies will all have major financial problems next year. In addition, local government revenue from the property tax will decrease because legislation passed which increased the homestead exemption from \$3000 to \$3500 and the senior citizen exemption from \$1500 to \$2000.

Comptroller Report: The comptroller reports the \$110 million available balance in the General Funds on June 30, was achieved only through the short term borrowing of \$150 million in June, 1983. The deficit in fiscal 1983 under the available balance concept was still \$77 mil. It was the 4th consecutive year that the General Funds budget was not balanced.

HB 1305 --An Act in Relation to Financing State Highways and Local Streets: The other major piece of tax legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor increases vehicle registration fees and flat weight truck fees. It also increases the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel.

* by 1986 all autos will pay a \$48 annual registration fee. Personalized plates will increase to \$75 and motorcycle plates to \$30.

* Motor fuel tax will increase to 11¢ per gal. in 1984, 12¢ in 1985 and 13¢ by 1986. This revenue will allow Illinois to provide matching requirements for federal funds to maintain 17,000 miles of stage highways and 118,000 miles of local streets and roads.

Despite active lobbying by several groups including the League, the weight/distance amendment requiring heavy trucks to pay a larger share of the cost of highway damage was deleted before passage of HB 1305. Effective October, 1983 federal legislation requires states to allow trucks weighing up to 80,000 pounds to travel their highways.

The proceeds of the increase in registration fees and flat weight taxes shall be placed in the State Construction Account Fund. All other monies received from fees and taxes shall be deposited in the Road Fund. New monies will be shared with local governments on a 70/30 split.

Fair Tax Coalition: Although it is difficult to assess the impact of the Fair Tax Coalition's work, several specific reforms were won. The Coalition was the only voice for tax reform present in this legislative session. Aspects of the Coalition's program that passed were:

Ending the sales tax on food and medicine.
Postponing the investment tax credit for one year.
Maintaining the 8/5 ratio on income tax rates.
New state revenues generated through an income tax increase.
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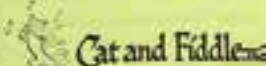
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CALENDAR

- OCTOBER
- 1 - Saturday Tour of Lake Forest with John Fischbach
 - 3 - Monday 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting at Gorton
 - 4 - Tuesday 8:00 p.m. L.F. Caucus Ward Meetings
 - 11 - Tuesday - Last Day for Voter Registration
 - 14 - Friday 1:00 p.m. - Lake Michigan Interleague Meeting
 - 15 - Saturday 3:00 p.m. and Conference - Ill. Beach State Park, Zion. (See Page 4)
 - 18 - Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. - Community Awareness Program.
1:30 p.m. County Building, Waukegan (P. 6)
 - 24 - Monday - 7:30 p.m. - UN Day - Joan Neill, NATO Observer, State Ch. International Relations, will report to League. Gorton Lounge (P. 3)
 - 25 - Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. - Hazardous Waste Forum at Gorton, sponsored by Lake County LWV. (P. 3)

- *****
- * At the Membership Luncheon on September 19, Mr. Fischbach advised the League that changes in the annexation proposal might be forthcoming. So, with such advance notice, the committee preparing the Fact and Issues Paper has decided to wait until after the City Council Meeting on September 24. When the fact sheet comes out, please help us to distribute it by calling Judy Wilson, Paula duBourdieu or Sue Christensen for extra copies.

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including the Conway Farms annexation proposal. He also reminded us of the October 1st tour of Lake Forest. A thank you to Bonnie Shepherd, Membership Chairman, for arranging for our stupendous kick-off luncheon.

My sincere thanks to Judy Wilson, Paul DuBourdieu and Sue Christensen for working so diligently on our planned fact sheet on Conway Farms.

See you in October. Be sure to check the calendar!

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VOTER
REGISTRATION

Thank you to all of our voter registrars who registered 180 voters at the Deer Path Art League Fall Festival the Labor Day weekend! A very rewarding experience.

The registrars were Sue Hood, Julie Shackelford, Jane Orth, Pat Bina Helen Yomine, Bonnie Shepherd, Linda Illes, Mary Liz Carney and Bea Schuetz. Thanks again - but it was fun. The next time we have a training session do plan to become a registrar.

LEAGUE CALENDAR - CONTINUED

NOVEMBER 3 - Thursday - Last day for election official to receive app. by mail for absentee ballot

★★★★★ 7 - Monday - 9:15 a.m. - Board Meeting in 1861 Rm.-Gorton
10:30 a.m. - Dave Skeffington will speak on CROYA in Friends Room - Gorton

8 - Tuesday - ELECTION DAY - Non Partisan Election

In Lake Forest we have only the High School Board election on November 8. Vote at your regular polling place 6am - 7pm.

U.N. Day
MONDAY -- OCTOBER 24 - 7:30 p.m. -- Gorton Lounge

REPORT BY NATO OBSERVER

Joan Neil

LWVIL International Relations/National Security Study Chair

Dessert and Discussion

Gorton Community Center

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

Joan Neil was one of ten leaders of the League of Women Voters of the United States selected to take the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) sponsored tour this past March..

We are indeed fortunate to have her as our speaker on U.N. Day to discuss her observations of this 34 year old alliance at a time when the complex interplay of foreign and domestic politics within and among NATO member nations require that we all give attention to NATO's problems and prospects.

Bette Jo Pedersen
Nat'l Security Study Chair

HAZARDOUS The LWV of Lake County is sponsoring a Hazardous
WASTE FORUM Waste Forum on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at
 Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest.

The panel will be made up of a representative of a chemical company which is a generator of hazardous waste, a representative from Browning and Ferris which is operator of a landfill disposer facility, and a representative of a neutralization facility for hazardous waste.

This will give us another view of problems connected with hazardous waste and should be extremely interesting. Do come and bring your friends - it is right here in Lake Forest.

LAKE MICHIGAN
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The Lake Michigan Inter-League made up of the Leagues surrounding Lake Michigan is its bi-annual meeting and conference on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. The Lake Forest League is a member, of course, and members should be particularly interested in attending since we consider the lake "ours".

A bus tour of the northern Lake County and Lake Michigan area will kick off the seminar at 1:00 P.M. (PROMPTLY) on Friday. The business meeting will be held on Friday evening, and Saturday until 3:00 P.M. will be devoted to talks and discussions concerning water diversion. This is a possible area of great concern to us since population growth and energy development places increasing demands on the sparse water supplies of western U.S. The Mississippi River is being eyed as a way of recharging the High Plains aquifer and Lake Michigan could be a source of water to keep the Mississippi River flowing.

Speakers will be from Canada (which is also vitally interested), the University of Wisconsin, the U.S. Government and the Natural Resources representative from the League of Women Voters of U.S.

~~Mini-conference~~ will be held at the Holiday Inn in the Illinois Beach State Park, Zion and will end at 3:00 P.M. Saturday. Call Jane Orth, 234-9486, for further information or reservations.

AD PAGE Enclosed with this copy of League Lines (and with each copy during the coming year) you will find a copy of our ad pages. Thank you to all who solicited ads this year. Because of you we have 26 advertisers this year! That's nine more than last year!

We would like to thank all of our past advertisers and welcome our new ones to League. Because the ad pages help defray our operating costs during the year, please remember to patronize these businesses and services. Why not stop in to say hello and thank them in person?

The 1983-84 issue of WHERE WE STAND is off the press and available to members of the League at 75¢ each. This pamphlet gives the Positions of the League of Women Voters on all of the issues which the Leagues of Women Voters in Illinois have studied and on which they have taken consensus. Those who are interested in the League's Positions in Illinois can order one from Jane Orth. A copy will be in the office, and each of the Board Members will have a copy.

MEMBERSHIP September 9 through October 29 has been designated by LWVIL as a special period in which to increase membership - always important in a volunteer organization.

The goal is a 10% membership growth, and the theme is

"EACH ONE, REACH ONE!"

Every League member should try to get another member. Sometimes just asking a friend or neighbor to come to a meeting is the answer. Getting involved yourself and making friendly contact with other members helps retain the members we have. Every League member is a member of the Membership Committee and can accept a dues check from a prospective member - but it should be forwarded to the Treasurer promptly.

Just remember the benefits of League membership to the individual member - yourselves and to others. League provides each of us with good information, good friends, good training, good contacts, a way to practice good citizenship as part of a respected multi-issue organization.

NEW
MEMBERS

And now, our heartiest welcome to two new members:

Char Kreuz (Mrs. Frank) 30 S. Sheridan Road 295-3427

Char has lived in Lake Forest for eight years and is a native of Chicago. She came here from Menlo Park, California where she lived for four years. She is on the Executive Committee of the Lake Forest Caucus, a member of the Board and Membership Chairman for Friends of the Lake Forest Library, and adviser to the Board of Family Services of Lake Forest.

Mollie Heizer (Mrs. Ned) 261 Bluff's Edge Dr. 234-3883

Mollie has rejoined the League after an absence of a few years, her interest aroused by local issues. She has lived in Lake Forest for 18 years and at her present address for 5. She has three adult children, plays golf in the summer and curls in the winter, is a Docent for the Terra Museum, on the Board of the Preservation Foundation, and a member of Center Court at Northwestern to promote women's group athletics.

We regret to report the recent death of one of our members - Eleanor (Mrs. Ansel) Kinney. Our sympathy to her family.

WASTE! WASTE! WASTE! and more WASTE! That is what we are all accumulating:

Although garbage from our houses is piling up in landfills everywhere, a far more difficult problem is presented by low-level radioactive waste. This comes from industry, nuclear power plants, hospitals, laboratories, even cancer research. (Waste which is low level is different from that caused by our nation's plans for defense.) In an effort to solve the problems closer to our homes, the country has been divided into sections which are inelegantly nicknamed "dump groups". The one which Illinois should join but has not yet joined, is the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. Other states in this group (or which are eligible to join it) are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, and some others nearby. Our General Assembly has been holding back because we are so centrally located that all of our neighbors would probably decide that we should become the dump for our particular group.

Like Minnesota, we are presently shipping our low-level radioactive waste east to South Carolina and west to Washington. However, it is probable that these two states will soon be unable to accept any more wastes from outside their borders. When that time comes, if we are not within the confines of a "dump group", all of the other states (perhaps even Hawaii) could legally vote that we must receive and bury their wastes as well as our own. This could occur because in 1980 Congress required that each state must find a way to dispose of its own low-level waste by 1986, either individually or through multistate agreements.

"It's a lot better to have waste from a dozen or so states than from fifty", said Don Atchison, who is overseeing this issue for Governor Thompson.

Eleanor C. Beidler, Natural Resources Ch.

COMMUNITY
AWARENESS
PROGRAM

As announced last month in League Lines, the Lake County Leagues have been invited to participate in a Community Awareness program sponsored by the courts. It will give Leaguers the opportunity to meet judges, learn their positions on the judicial system, and have refreshments with them. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. the Chief Judge and the Circuit Judges will describe their duties and those of their courts in Room 202 of the County Building in Waukegan. The meeting will end at 1:30 p.m. Call Bea Schuetz if you would like to join Board Members in attending this sure to be interesting session.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST

WE NEED YOUR HELP! To be successful in achieving our goals this year, we need the active support of all League members. Please fill out the following interest survey and return it to us as soon as possible. Just mail it to the League Office c/o Gorton Community Center or put it into the LMV mail drawer in Gorton's office - att. Bea Schuetz.

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II. PROGRAM:

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 7 - Monday - 9:15 a.m. Board Meeting at Gorton

10:30 a.m. David Skeffington, Director CROYA
Friends Room at Gorton

8 - Tuesday 6 am-7 pm - ELECTION DAY VOTE

12 - Saturday 10:30-2 pm - Women's Political Caucus
Campaign Skills Workshop - Libertyville Twp. Hall

16 - Wednesday - Great Decisions '84 meeting on El Salvador
1 pm at Cyndy Morehead's 14 Forest Hill
Rd., Lake Bluff. RSVP 295-6470

DECEMBER 5 - Monday - 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Gorton

Dave Skeffington of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) will be our speaker on Monday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m. following our Board Meeting. On November 2 and 9 he will run two town meetings in the Telecommunication Room at Lake Forest High School following the Chemical People Program on TV "A Call to Action" at 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion will take place on the extent of drugs and alcohol abuse in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

The League was instrumental in the formation of CROYA several years ago and is very interested in its progress. Dave can tell us what CROYA is doing and what it is planning, and will be glad to answer questions concerning the various problems facing our young people and their parents, as he sees them as Director of CROYA. So come to the meeting and get in on the discussion.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER . . .

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PRESIDENT

Dear Leaguers:

The United Nations Program on Monday evening, October 24, was a most interesting talk by Joan Neil, State National Security Chair, who gave her observations on a NATO sponsored tour of Europe, and answered questions from our audience of 25 - including husbands. I wish more members had been there as the evening was so timely in light of recent developments in Beirut.

which brings me to the subject I would like to emphasize. PLEASE take the time to fill out the interest sheet in the October League Lines, or request another one from me. Otherwise your telephone tree caller must interview you over the phone. Save time for everyone and send in your interest sheet now.

I have been told various times are best at which to hold general interest meetings. What time is best for you? Are you working? What are your interests? The Board welcomes your attendance at all of our Board Meetings which are held on the first Monday of the month at the Gorton Community Center.

The League provides each of us with good information, good friends, good training and a way to practice good citizenship as part of a respected multi-issue national organization. What can you do for the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest? A handful of people can't accomplish all we would like to do, so we need your time as well. Observers for all local government boards are needed. Call Sue Christensen at 234-6043.

Also, my sincere thanks to Blanch Johnston, Eleanor Beidler and Jane Orth for collating the past bulletins.

Hope to see you on November 7 at 10:30 to hear Dave Skeffington tell us about what OMOYA is planning.

CONWAY Our fact sheet about the Conway Farms petition to Lake FARMS County for rezoning was mailed the week of October 17.

I hope you have all received it and read it. The committee of Judy Wilson, Paula du Bourdieu and Sue Christensen worked very hard to bring this information to you.

If you know someone who would like a copy, please call Judy Wilson, or you may pick up a copy at City Hall. Many thanks to the committee for keeping our league current on this issue.

Bea

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BRIDGE Judy reports that we have received the \$600.00 which
MARATHON is paid by the bridge players in the marathon. Thanks
to all - and now on with the game!

MARITAL LAW: MARRIAGE . . . WIDOWHOOD . . . DIVORCE . . . CUSTODY

The LWVIL has adopted a two-year study to review marital laws. In the first year we will examine issues regarding rights and responsibilities during marriage and the financial impact of widowhood. The second year will focus on dissolution of marriage, maintenance, child custody and support procedures.



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WHAT do you think?

COME JOIN our Study Committee on Tuesday, December 6 as we begin to struggle with the consensus questions regarding

MARITAL LAW

WATCH for news about our progress in our LEAGUE LINES.

MARCH 19, 1984 we will present to the membership.

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The meeting on December 6 will be at 10:00a.m. at the home of Bette Jo Pedersen, 300 Bluff's Edge Drive.

The following meetings will be Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) January 10 - 24; February 14 - 28; March 6 - 19.

The committee so far consists of Abbe Fassnacht, Chairman; Bette Jo Pedersen, Betty Buker, Anita Rutigliano, Beth Napoli and Barbara Waldman. Call Abbe at 295-3828 if you would like to join the committee in this very interesting and important study.

STATE
REGIONALS

Four members of the Lake Forest LCV attended the conference at the Waukegan Christian Church in Evanston. The enthusiasm of our discussion leaders and other League participants was contagious, and we came away charged up and ready to involve ourselves in League activities. Anita Rutigliano attended the Marital Law workshop, Paula Du Bourdieu attended the Leadership discussion, Bea Schuetz attended the Membership workshop, and Barbara Beacham was our representative at the Criminal Justice discussion.

VOTER Thirty people were registered to vote at the
REGISTRATION Newcomers' opening luncheon in September by Mary Beattie and Bea Schuetz. New registrars are always needed. Please call Bea if you would like to become a League registrar.

There will be a naturalization ceremony in Waukegan for approximately 200 people in December. The Leagues of Lake County have always hosted that event. The date will be announced in the next bulletin.

HAZARDOUS On October 25 at 7:30 p.m. a forum on hazardous waste
WASTE was held at Gorton Community Center, sponsored by
FORUM the LNW of Lake County - of which Lake Forest is a member. An interested audience heard speakers representing a producer of hazardous waste (Velsicol) tell of their efforts to control and dispose of such waste; a company that treats such waste so that it is no longer hazardous (Envirite); and an operator of a hazardous waste landfill (Browning and Ferris). This is part of the Lake County LNW's study of waste disposal, which is now focusing on hazardous waste, and these speakers represented the "good guys" of whom we hear very little.

LAKE This is Lake County, a publication of the Lake County
COUNTY League, is being updated and reprinted because all 2000
LEAGUE copies of the last printing have been distributed and there have been a number of requests for more copies. All leagues in Lake County will be asked to help in distributing the booklets when they are printed.

Carl Sevoik, President of the Lake County League, reports that they have added new members to their Observer Corps, and all subcommittees are covered except two. Anyone interested in observing county government should call Marge Sennholtz, 872-8475. We are all affected by what goes on in Waukegan even though many of us are puzzled by or quite unaware of county government.

GREAT
DECISIONS
'84

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and the American Association of Women have come together to form a Great Decisions group. Sponsored jointly, the first organizational meeting will be on

NOVEMBER 16 at 1:00 P.M. at

Cyndy Morehead's house -

14 Forest Hill Road, Lake Bluff

We would like to have as many of you as possible at this meeting so that we may choose which topics upon which we should focus. We shall also be talking about El Salvador at this meeting.

The 1984 topics for discussion will be The USSR Under Andropov; Mexico and the US (Discord Over Immigration); Allies, Arms and Diplomacy; South Africa - Can US Policies Influence Change?; International Debt Crisis; Saudi Arabia & Jordan; China and the US; and International Drug Traffic. The books from the Council for Foreign Relations will be available in January, and you may sign up at the November meeting.

If you are able to attend, please call Cyndy at 295-6470, or me at 295-2468.

Lorrie Shriver, Chairman
Great Decisions

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Lake County Chapter
Campaign Workshop

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The National Women's Political Caucus is a multi-partisan group dedicated to organizing women of all races, creeds, and cultural backgrounds, in order that they may unite in political action.

The Workshop will be held SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1983, at the Libertyville Township Hall, 359 Merrill, Libertyville, at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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ALTERNATIVES As you are well aware, the prison overpopulation
TO in our state has reached a crisis stage, and the
INCARCERATION League's position is to hold the line on building
more prisons because, among other considerations,
building more prisons is the most costly solution to the problem.
The League has urged alternatives to incarceration including
improved probation plans, while asserting at the same time that
this is not being soft on crime.

The Governor has vetoed the Probation Subsidy Bill (HB 97) and
in the fact of the House overriding his veto, has now agreed to
talks about a compromise which the Senate will act on in November.
HB 97 provided for reimbursement to counties of up to 50% of the
costs incurred in the delivery of probation and court services.

Our Lake County jail is also overcrowded and is at the point
of not accepting more prisoners. It would seem that we have no
choice but to devise effective probation programs. Probation
departments are "woefully under-funded" with lack of resources
to handle the caseloads.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write or call Senator David Barkhausen,
273 E. Market Square, Lake Forest (234-1630) to let him know that
you think the state must give significant financial help to the
counties to provide effective probation supervision in order to
relieve the explosive situation.

We will be cooperating with other Lake County leagues in a
survey of our county jail. More about this follow.



Barbara Beacham,
Action Chairman

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COUNTY The survey of the county jail is designed to give local
JAIL leagues a better idea of what kinds of alternatives would
SURVEY be most appropriate for their community. It is also
meant to provide the State League with data so that it is
in a better position to evaluate proposals for state
subsidies for jails and for community-based alternatives.

This survey of the Lake County jail will be carried out by the
County League, but that committee will be made up of members from
the Leagues in Lake County - and that means us. It is important
and interesting, will require not more than a committee meeting or
two and two days of visiting the jail in a formal group. Do call
Bea Schuetz if you would like to be part of this committee.

MEMBER P We are delighted to welcome three new members to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest:

Loving, Mrs. William (Helen) - 525 Rosemary Road - 234-6638

Helen has lived in Lake Forest for about 16 years, has a daughter of 22 and two sons aged 19 and 17 - the latter a senior in L.F. High School. She has been very active in Girl Scout and school activities, is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Women's Board of the Lake Forest Symphony - was formerly a member of the Symphony Board. At present she is Chairman of the Gorton Community Center Board.

Gnospeilus, Mrs. Richard (Suzanne) - 215 N. Sheridan Road - 234-7662

Suzanne, her husband and three children (ages 11-14-15) moved to Lake Forest from Connecticut in August, and all of the children are in Lake Forest public schools. She and her husband are natives of Boston. She has been active in school and civic affairs in other cities, and joined the League of Women Voters 12 years ago in Stanford, Conn. Right now she is busy redoing a 54 year old house.

Napoli, Mrs. Matthew (Beth) - 50 E. Laurel - 234-1354

Beth came to Lake Forest from Princeton, N.J. three years ago and has a daughter 12 years old. She is a native of Chicago and lived in Brussels for four years where she originally became interested in the League. She belongs to the International Club and joined our League because she was interested in the Marital Laws study.

Be sure to add these new members to your Membership Book and - by the way - the new Membership Book will be finished next week and will be mailed to all of the members who aren't at the November 7th meeting. So, do come to the meeting and pick up your book.

If you know a prospective member for the League, please call Bea Schuetz (234-4577) or send the "footprint brochure" about membership to your prospective member with a personal note. The brochures are in the top right hand drawer of the mail file in Gorton's office. Use them!

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We regret to report the death of one of our members - Ellen Stuart (Mrs. John). Our sympathy to her family.

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BOARD
BRIEFS

Sea announced the First Call to Northwestern Leagues which will be held in Detroit on May 13-17. Because this coincides with the date scheduled for our Annual Meeting, the Board decided to change the date of the Annual Meeting to the following Monday or the next date possible.

The Board authorized a \$10 contribution to LWVIL State Fiscal Policies Committee to support their recommendation for a new study on Federal tax policies, to be presented for adoption at the LWVUS Convention. Thirty two states have agreed to a Constitutional Convention to add an amendment requiring a balanced budget. If two more states agree, Congress will call a National Constitutional Convention; the League does not now have a position on this issue.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Bonnie Shepherd from the Board.

It was agreed to publish a short summary of what the Conway Farms Partnership petition to Lake County for rezoning would permit, explaining the County standards for land use and the process for rezoning. The paper would briefly detail what the current zoning allows and what the proposed rezoning would allow. The paper would be distributed to the membership and our mailing list of interested individuals, and would be made available to the public.

Bea reviewed her discussions with the Lake Bluff League on its receipt of donations for its silent auction fundraiser from Lake Forest businessmen. The Lake Bluff League has explained that the donations are mainly from businesses which employ Lake Bluff Leaguers. Our League is concerned that our financial base may become diluted if this practice continues. The issue is not yet resolved but Bea is awaiting an answer to her letter.

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PUBLIC Eight leaguers from Lake Forest traveled to Waukegan
AWARENESS on October 18 to hear the judges of Lake County tell
PROGRAM their interested audience just what they do in their
 own courtrooms. Quite a large group of leaguers from
Lake County heard the judges speak individually of the procedures
involved in dealing out justice to various kinds of offenders, and
were able to get questions answered or have discussions with them
over luncheon. All who went found it to be a good experience.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Abbie Fassnacht, who has recently been
 appointed to the West Deerfield Township Board
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Marital Law In Illinois

A STUDY OF ILLINOIS
LAWS GOVERNING MARRIAGE,
THE DISSOLUTION OF
MARRIAGE, AND THE
FINANCIAL IMPACT OF
THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE

This study was adopted by the 1983 convention and will include an examination of the financial rights and responsibilities of spouses, the financial impact of maintenance and property settlement laws, custody and child support enforcement procedures, and the financial impact of the death of a spouse.

The study is an outgrowth of the work of the League's Task Force on Equal Rights under Illinois law. The Task Force was established by the 1981 convention to examine current Illinois statutes for evidence of gender discrimination. Local Leagues participated through surveys of women's issues in their communities. These efforts culminated in the publication of *A Guide to Women's Rights in Illinois*, an educational booklet describing laws in the areas of marriage and divorce, childbearing decisions, credit, estate and retirement planning, and domestic violence.

The research for this publication raised many concerns about current marital law, in particular its relationship to the increasing feminisation of poverty, and indicated a need for further study by the League in this area. Local Leagues will participate in the two-year study with units and consensus each year.

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234-8235

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 5 9:30 A.M. Board Meeting - Gorton Community Center
6 10:00 A.M. Marital Law committee meeting - home of
Bette Jo Pedersen

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



JANUARY 9 9:15 A.M. Board Meeting - Gorton Community Center
10:15 A.M. National and Local Program Planning
Session - Coffee and Donuts'
10 10:00 A.M. Marital Law committee meeting
24 10:00 A.M. Marital Law committee meeting
26 1:00 P.M. Great Decisions '84 meeting at home
of Lorrie Shriver

FEBRUARY 6 9:30 A.M. Board Meeting - Gorton Community Center



Be sure to put our Program Planning session on your calendar - come and tell us what you think the League should study - or should not study. This is a grass roots organization - your opinion counts. Help us decide what we should do next year.

January 9 - 10:15 a.m.
Coffee and donuts

PRESIDENT'S LETTER . . . PRESIDENT'S LETTER . . .

Dear Leaguers:

Please mark Monday, January 9 on your calendars - that is Program Planning Day. This is your opportunity to have real input into our national and local studies. The Fall "Voter", which you just received, has all the information about the suggested National Program. Read it and come to the meeting at the Gorton Community Center, 1861 Room, at 10:15 a.m. with your ideas. Our local program is listed in your Membership Book and we need your input on this as well. Coffee and donuts served!

David Skeffington was a most interesting speaker at our November meeting. He brought us up to date on CROYA's activities and his part in the Chemical People program as Director of the Committee Representing Our Young Adults.

We are looking forward to a very interesting year with our Marital Law study in full swing, and a very active Great Decisions group. Details are in accompanying articles. Do join these groups.

Thanks to all of you who called Congressman John Porter to urge him to vote "yes" for the Equal Rights Amendment without any change in the wording. Now, please write him and thank him for voting "yes" on November 15. His address is in your Membership Book.

Bea

CONGRATULATIONS



to Jan Otwell, former LWV State President, who was awarded the Community Service Award by the Northwestern Club. This award is given annually to an outstanding alumnus for noteworthy service to the community.

Congratulations also to Judy Bec, State League Natural Resources Coordinator, named to moderate a Hazardous Waste Conference in Washington.

And to Pat Bergman, former ERA Chair for the State League, who was recently appointed to the Illinois Commission on the Status of Women.

The Guide to Women's Rights is still available from Abbie Fassnacht. This is an informative and interesting publication. Do call her - or send your check for \$3.50 to her at 451 S. Beverly, and she will get a copy to you.

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Lorrie Shriver - 881 Rosemary Road.

THE BOOK
Topics for '84

**GREAT
DECISIONS '84**

Introduction

U.S.S.R. UNDER ANDROPOV
Hard Choices for Moscow & Washington

MEXICO & THE U.S.
Discord Over Immigration & Central America

U.S. SECURITY & WORLD PEACE
Allies, Arms & Diplomacy

SOUTH AFRICA
Can U.S. Policies Influence Change?

INTERNATIONAL DEBT CRISIS
Borrowers, Banks & the IMF

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Kingdoms at the Crossroads?

CHINA & THE U.S.

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Concise and highly readable, this 96-page magazine... paperback by UPA's editors provides in-depth background and current data on each of the eight topics listed above; impartial... the Administration's policies for alternative choices; policymakers; suggested for discussion; illustra-

The speaker at this meeting will be Carol Moodie, Professor of History at Lake Forest College, and she will discuss "The USSR Under Andropov".

Professor Moodie is well known as a knowledgeable and vibrant speaker who knows her subject well so this promises to be a particularly interesting meeting. Do plan to attend.

The only cost is \$6.00 for the book - which will be available in January from Lorrie Shriver. So call her right away to join the group, send her your check, and she will get a book to you when it is available. Her telephone number is 295-2468.

Except for the first meeting, all meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. - the first and third Wednesday of each month with the final meeting on May 7.

**MAKE YOUR DECISION TO JOIN
GREAT DECISIONS '84**



ERA
UPDATE The newly appointed ERA Committee reported to the National Board in September on its efforts to define the future role of the League in the current ERA effort and to develop both short and long-term plans to carry out that role. LWVUS President Ridings testified at hearings before the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee.

The board concurred with the committee's conclusion that the League two major strengths in the renewed ERA campaign will be its image and its lobbying clout. To be successful, the ERA effort must build on those strengths and especially on the grass-roots LWV network of ERA support. The board approved an overall ERA strategy plan that calls for beginning the grass-roots organizing process with the help of a temporary grass-roots coordinator and a public relations expert, both to be hired immediately.

The strategy also calls for soliciting advice from political and fundraising consultants. The timing of a direct mail appeal for contributions from members will depend on events in the House and Senate. LWVUS plans also include producing an updated ERA flyer and a substantive background publication. Depending on the results of fundraising efforts, the League hopes to develop plans for a leadership training conference for state League representatives and to pursue other long term action efforts.

On Tuesday, November 15, a vote on ERA failed by six votes short of the two-thirds majority needed in the US House. Illinois reps voted as follows:

Democrats Annunzio, Collins, Durbin, Evans, Hayes, Rostenkowski,
for: Price, Savage, Simon, Yates

Republicans Martin, O'Brien, Porter
for:

Democrats against: Lipinski, Russo

Republicans against: Corcoran, D. Crane, P. Crane, Erlenborn,
Hyde, Madigan, Michel

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ERA Please write Congressman Porter and thank him for voting
ACTION "yes" on the ERA without amendments. Bea Schuetz wrote
him on behalf of our League, but individual responses
are also very important and very welcome.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - October 31, 1983
by Joyce O'Keefe Criminal Justice Committee

Last spring the League of Women Voters of Illinois completed a two year study of Illinois' sentencing practices and alternatives to incarceration. One assumption of the study was that prisons, like other governmental programs, should be evaluated in terms of cost-effectiveness. As you know, the cost of a new 750-bed prison is approximately \$40 million. When financing costs are included, that figure is tripled over a 30 year period. In addition, operating costs are estimated to be \$14,000 per bed annually. Given the limited financial resources of the state of Illinois as well as the inability of prisons to reduce recidivism, the League concluded that state funding should emphasize alternatives to incarceration.

Consequently, in terms of the Governor's proposal to increase the capacity of the correctional system, we are concerned by the over-reliance on the construction of new prison beds. We do support the proposal to add more work-release beds, and we believe that this approach can be emphasized to a far greater extent. Presently, only 20% of all persons released from the Department of Corrections spend any time in a community correctional center. This figure is down from 26% in 1981. Not only should every inmate spend some time in a community correctional center before release, but work-release beds should be available for appropriate offenders first entering the system. We agree with the report of the Governor's Task Force on prison crowding which listed the following advantages of community correctional centers: "they provide a range of punishments within the Illinois Department of Corrections; they are less costly than prisons; are more flexible and may be expanded more readily than secure capacity; properly administered, they do not endanger public safety; and finally they can enhance public safety through provision of intensive supervision and other reintegrative services as the offender's sentence nears completion."

Additionally, the League believes that any proposal to address prison overcrowding should include funding for an improved probation system. Illinois Dept. of Corrections statistics indicate that 47% of the admissions to Illinois prisons over the last three years were property offenders. One-third of the new admissions had no prior felony convictions. Given an improved probation system and the development of other alternative programs, many of these offenders could remain in the community.

Meaningful probation is the key to diverting increased numbers of offenders from prison. State funds are needed to hire qualified staff, to reduce caseloads, and to provide alternative programs. Judges are understandably reluctant to sentence serious offenders to understaffed and overworked probation departments. Average caseloads in 1982 ranged from 65 in Kane County to 160 in Cook County, to 467 probationers supervised by two officers in Macon County. A probation officer cannot keep track of - let alone keep on track - so many offenders.

It seems reasonable to expect that judges will be willing to sentence offenders to probation if they know it provides adequate supervision. However, in order to insure that state funds for probation have impact on the size of the prison population, several additional steps can be taken. First, the group of offenders whom the state wishes to divert from prison must be identified. Second, using either a carrot or a stick approach, performance standards can be developed and implemented. Third, probation departments can be required to develop programs which put real teeth in probation. For example, intensive supervision programs like those in Georgia, Texas and New York, assign two-officer teams to supervise 35 persons who otherwise would have gone to prison. Alcohol and drug treatment programs can be funded for significantly less than the cost of prison and can address the root cause of many offenders' behavior. Public service employment programs can be structured by probation so that community service sentencing is translatable into jail or prison equivalents (e.g. six hours of work = one jail/prison day).

Finally, the League would like to comment on the issue of double ceiling. Whether additional double ceiling can be safely accomplished depends upon the following consideration: first, the overall capacity of the institution in terms of being able to provide work assignments, vocational training, and educational programs; second, the amount of time inmates spend in their cells; third, the need to create some incentive for good behavior; and fourth, the risk it poses to the physical and emotional well being of the Department's employees. Based on these considerations, the League believes that increased double ceiling is a very short-term solution to a long-range problem.

HAZARDOUS WASTE Lake County League's Sara Clark will attend meetings in Washington on November 14, 15 and 16 on Hazardous Waste. Ten of the states that have the most hazardous waste have been invited to participate in these meetings. Each state is sending two representatives. Judy Beck of the State League and our own Sara Clark will represent Illinois. This shows the recognition that Sara has received for her knowledge of hazardous waste.

NUCLEAR WASTE On the last day of the veto session, the House
LEGISLATIVE approved the low-level nuclear waste compact with
ACTION the improvements that the League lobbied for. A
 comprehensive package of hazardous waste
 legislation was also passed.

BOARD
BRIEFS

Bea Schuetz announced that we have been asked to participate in a study of the Income Assistance Program. Jane and Paula volunteered to work on the study, which will be overseen by the Lake County League.

Bea announced that Suzanne Gnospelius has agreed to serve as Membership Chairman, filling the vacancy created by Bonnie Shepherd's resignation.

Eleanor Beidler discussed the meeting on natural resources which was sponsored by the Lake County Defenders. Eleanor also discussed Congressman Porter's program focused on issues affecting Senior Citizens and programs available to Senior Citizens.

Jane Orth reported on the Lake Michigan Interleague Convention and said that it was most interesting and encouraging. She reported that the pipeline to North Dakota for the transport of coal slurry has been canceled, and reminded members that Lake Michigan does not share a border with Canada and the use of Lake Michigan water, therefore, is not subject to the terms of the United States' International Treaty with Canada.

Bea read a letter from the Lake Bluff League which outlined her recent discussion with that League and its reasons for soliciting donations for its silent auction from Lake Forest businesses. The letter suggested that the two Leagues should meet to discuss a joint fundraiser and suggested that, especially since this particular fundraiser will be discontinued within a few years, the Lake Bluff League could continue to solicit from six specific Lake Forest businesses which have ties with Lake Bluff, and cease solicitation for its bulletin ads. It was agreed that Bea should write to the Lake Bluff League to accept its proposed resolution.

Jane agreed to arrange a Shop and Share fundraiser for our League at the Jewel Grocery in February.

Bea reported that Lake Forest is among the sites being considered for the next League State Convention.

LUNCH WITH
CONGRESSMAN
PORTER

Congressman John Porter, 10th District, invited a group of women from various civic organizations to a Dutch Treat luncheon at the Deerfield Library on October 22 to share information and ideas.

Many issues discussed were of concern to the League, but of special interest was his position on women's rights. He is sponsoring bills on Child Support Enforcement, Civil Service Pension Reform (divorced spouses), Displaced Homemaker's Tax Credit, reform of all regulations involving gender discrimination, and an increase in IR deductions for non-salaried wives.

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