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CALENDAR

JANUARY 7 Mon. 9:30 AM LWVLF Board Meeting - Gorton
8 Tues. 9:30 AM Leaf Burning Study Meeting - Gorton
10 Thurs. 1:00 PM Great Decisions Meeting
FEBRUARY 4 Mon. 9:30 AM LWVLF Board Meeting - Gorton
11 Mon. 12:00 Noon - Birthday Party for League

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The League of Women Voters of the United States is 65 years old,
and the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest is 60 years old,

so

on Monday, February 11, 1985 at 12:00 noon, we shall have a party
in the new Community Room at Gorton Community Center
Virginia Fiester Frederick will be our speaker

Make your plans to attend and to help us celebrate!

Call Bea Schuetz (234-4577) for reservations

Dear Leaguers:

Driving through Market Square, lit like Michigan Avenue, one is reminded of what a special community and spirit we have in Lake Forest. Many things contribute to the quality of our community and this is the time of year to reflect on them: our neighbors, our city government, our merchants, and our community groups. I know that the League contributes to the special quality of our community and I look with pride to what our League represents and to the interest of our members in national issues and local issues, in economic issues and in social issues, in foreign affairs and in environmental affairs. At this special time of year, I thank our contributors, our local advertisers and, especially, our members for their commitment and support of our League, one of the things that makes our town special.

Merry Christmas!

Paula

UPDATE ON LOCAL STUDIES

LEAF BURNING: The leaf burning study committee, chaired by Suzanne Gnospelius, is holding monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning Jan. 8, in Gorton Community Center, Rm. 214, at 9:15 am. All members of the League and of the public are invited to attend the meetings. For further information, contact Suzanne at 234-7662

HOUSING NEEDS OF RETIREES AND EMPTY-NESTERS: The housing needs study committee, chaired by Barbara Beacham, is putting together a community-wide survey to assess the perceived housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters. The survey, which is co-sponsored by the City of Lake Forest, should be in the mails shortly after the first of the year. Marketing expert, Charles Schuetz has donated his services to the League and will assist the committee in the phrasing of the survey questions and in the analysis of the survey data, to ensure that our survey will be statistically valid and meaningful.

CROYA: The C.R.O.Y.A study committee, chaired by Anita Rutigliano, observing CROYA committee meetings and meetings related to community youth needs and has spoken with CROYA board members and other individuals who are interested in youth needs.

GREAT DECISIONS

'85

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GREAT DECISIONS

The League is joining with the AAUW to sponsor the Great Decisions '85 again this year, and the first meeting will be on Thursday, January 10 at 1:00 PM, at the home of

Rory Sevillos
106 Park Lane
Lake Bluff - 234-7060

Call Rory if you wish to attend this meeting of any of the others - all of which will be on the second Thursday of the month. All it takes to join is to have the book - which costs \$6.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling and will be available in January. Rory will be glad to order one for you - call her.

This is an extremely interesting and worthwhile program, and the speakers are always knowledgeable and thought provoking - most from Lake Forest College. Do join - you will like it.

1985 is the 31st year that Great Decisions will involve Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all political point of view, in the largest foreign policy education program of its kind. More than 200,000 individuals in communities in all states took part in Great Decisions '84; letters and calls inquiring about the topics for 1985 forecast even greater participation in Great Decisions '85.

All you need to take part in the program is the 96-page Great Decisions '85 briefing book. Prepared by the editor of the national, nonpartisan and nongovernmental Foreign Policy Association, the book is available in January.

Topics for '85

GREAT DECISIONS '85

Introduction

- 1 **REVOLUTIONARY CUBA**
Toward Accommodation or Conflict?
 - 2 **SOVIET LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITION**
What Impact on Superpower Relations?
 - 3 **IRAN-IRAQ WAR**
What Role for the U.S. in Persian Gulf?
 - 4 **BUDGET DEFICIT, TRADE & THE DOLLAR**
The Economics of Foreign Policy
 - 5 **THE PHILIPPINES**
What Future for Democracy?
 - 6 **POPULATION GROWTH**
Critical North-South Issue?
 - 7 **FUTURE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE**
(Subject of 1985)
 - 8 **INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS**
How Undercover Diplomacy Works
- © Opinion Ballots

Concise and highly readable, this 96-page magazine-size paperback provides in-depth background and current data on each of the eight topics listed above; impartial review of current policy with pros and cons for alternative choices available to U.S. policymakers; suggested readings; questions for discussion; illustrations (photographs, cartoons, maps, charts and graphs); and opinion ballots bound in the book. (Available January '85.)

1985 is the 31st year that Great Decisions is offered to interested citizens across the nation by the Foreign Policy Association. Ever since FPA was founded in 1918, this national, nonpartisan, nonprofit Association has worked to help Americans increase their understanding of significant U.S. foreign policy issues, and to stimulate constructive citizen participation in world affairs. (National headquarters: 205 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY 10016. Washington office: 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006)

MEMBERSHIP We are very happy to introduce three new members
who have joined the League since our last bulletin.

PRENDERGAST, Mrs. Robert (Barbara) 234-8896
1268 Winwood

Barbara has lived in Lake Forest for a long time and has
thought about the League and was interested, but did not
join until now, when a friend asked her. She and her
husband have five children, all grown and away from home.

McHUGH, Dr. Marie
1665 S. Oak Knoll Drive

GESCHEIDER, Mrs. Bruce (Christie)
95 W. Honeysuckle 295-5093

Following, is some further information about our other new
members mentioned in the October bulletin:

GILLISPIE, Mrs. Robert (Cynthia)
303 Butler Drive 234-3714

Cynthia moved from Boston to Highland Park in 1946 with
her husband, Bob, whom she met in Harvard summer school.
She moved to Lake Forest five years ago. In the early
60s she taught history at Ferry Hall, then completed her
master's degree at Northwestern in 1969. Since then she
has worked as Director of Alumni Relations at Lake
Forest College. She retired five years ago but is still
very interested in Common Ground and recommends it highly.

Mimi Burke is originally from Oak Park and attended Loyola
University. She has just moved to Lake Forest from
Waukegan where she lived for 11 years. Her husband is an
obstetrician and gynecologist at Condell, St. Theresa
and Victory Hospitals. They have 4 girls - 2 in college,
1 in high school, and 1 in grade school. Because of a
back problem she has been forced to give up tennis but
has taken up bridge and loves it.

Kay Ellwein is currently working as a real estate broker
with Rayner. She is Education Chairman for AAUW and is
looking for classes in taxation related to real estate.
She would also like to form local ski and swim groups.
She is already a Voter Registrar and is interested in
Women's Issues and local issues. Kay moved here from
Birmingham, Michigan five years ago, and before that
lived in the dunes area of Michigan.

If you have a friend whom you think would be interested in the
League, ask them, and I will follow up.

Bea Schuetz

**VOTER
SERVICE**

The new Voter Registration Law which took effect on July 1, "grandfathered" new deputies for the pre-election period, but all deputy registrars must now be redeputized for two years.

Get in touch with Linda Illes (295-3444) if you would like to be deputized or redeputized. Arrangements will be made with the County Clerk's office to deputize in a group.

While Leagues in Lake County have registered voters for a number of years, this is the first time that leagues have been able to register statewide. They accounted for over 30,000 new registrations! The law will undoubtedly be refined somewhat to try to eliminate some of the inconsistencies and confusion encountered in some cases, but it was certainly proved that the citizens like to be able to register at convenient locations and are genuinely pleased to have these services easily provided.

**CHARITABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS**



As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind you that contributions to the League can be tax-deductible. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the League, make out your check to:

League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund

and mail the check to our treasurer, Jill Halbert, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Our local League will benefit from your contribution and you will have the tax benefit.

**MARITAL LAW
WORKSHOP**

All marital law chairs, committee members, and interested Leaguers are invited to attend a workshop on preparing for consensus, to be held on Wednesday, January 9, in the conference room at the LWV of Ill. office, 67 E. Madison Street, Chicago. The workshop will provide an opportunity to ask for clarification of the consensus questions and divorce law material, and to share ideas for preparing for unity meetings.



GORTON
COMMUNITY
CENTER



Have you seen the new Community Room that is nearing completion? It is going to be beautiful and add a space that will make Gorton even better as a community center. There will be an Open House on Sunday, January 27, to dedicate the room and to show what is going on throughout the building. You are invited.

As you know, Gorton has changed from an old school smelling of chalk dust, ink and old tennis shoes to a real community center - always busy, and serving interests of all ages. Programs are being added all the time and if you aren't on their mailing list, call their office and get on it.

The Special Project Fund which was announced last October has been successful, and the community did match dollar for dollar the \$175,000 given by a generous donor to build the new room. Now, in the hope that there can be gotten together enough money to rearrange the Senior Citizens' rooms and to move their Director's office to that part of the building so that the Gorton Director and her assistants would have more adequate facilities, the project is being extended a little. The work really should all be done at the same time.

It was promised that this would be a one time deal - and it is - but if you have ever considered giving something to Gorton beyond what you have given to their annual fund drive for operating expenses, this would be the perfect time. The community center is not supported by taxes, and depends on the fund drive, the annual dance, tenants' rents and user fees to support the building. The League always needs money itself, and seldom takes on the problems of other groups, but as tenants (at the very reasonable rent we can afford) and regular users of Gorton (see calendar!) we are really a part of Gorton.

Mary Liz Carney

EXCERPT FROM "REPORT FROM THE HILL"

Before the 98th Congress closed its doors and members hurried away, citizen groups, including the League, scored some important victories - passage of the reauthorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); an Anti-Satellite Weapons Program (ASAT) moratorium; delay in MX missile production; and passage of early projections legislation.

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the only major pollution control bill to be reauthorized, was signed by Pres. Reagan on Nov. 8, 1984. Endorsed by the League, HR2867 governs handling of hazardous wastes, including generation, treatment, storage and disposal. It closes loopholes in the existing program, particularly those for small generators and for liquids in landfills. Unfortunately other environmental issues did not fair as well: the Clean Water Act, Superfund, and the Safe Drinking Water Act never saw the light of the Senate floor."

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Department submitted its report on the proposed expansion of the Recreation Center to the City Council at the Nov. 21 City Council meeting. This report, prepared by Recreation Department staff, concludes that "expansion of the Recreation Center as proposed will enable the Recreation Board to provide a self-supporting, high quality, and nationally recognized aquatic program for the entire community of Lake Forest." The major goals in the expansion of the recreation center are to design a youth center and an indoor/outdoor, efficiently operated, and multi-use swimming facility. Incorporated into the expansion is also the construction of two more racquetball courts with a viewing area.

The report asserts that public interest in a community swimming pool has been documented over the past 35 years, beginning with a fund established by private citizens in 1948 to donate land to the City for the creation of a community center with an indoor swimming pool. Public opinion did not seem to support the project and it was abandoned. In 1967, a survey of the recreational needs of the residents was conducted which recommended the creation of a centrally-located recreation center with an indoor/ outdoor pool. In 1981, a CROYA-commissioned survey of community youth needs revealed a strong interest in a public swimming pool by both parents and youth. This survey further concluded:

"... this (swimming pool) would constitute an extremely visible indication of concern for the city's youth by its adults. In addition, it would provide a place for young teenagers to meet in a controlled, family oriented setting. For people without private facilities, a public pool implies that more affluent members of the community care about their needs, and it may even reduce some of the friction that great differences in affluence in the same city induce."

It will be recalled that this same survey also recommended the creation of a youth center. Finally, a 1982 City survey on parks and recreation desires and priorities concluded that "swimming is the most popular form of recreational activity for the community" and that, "next to improvements at the beach, respondents indicated a strong desire for construction of an outdoor swimming facility."

The report recommends Deerpath Park as the best site for the pool/youth center because it has a community image and would promote operational efficiencies, program coordination, and centralization. Deerpath Park is centrally located and accessible and was purchased through a bond referendum in 1967 with the major intention of developing the site for community recreational facilities. The actual site proposed is adjacent to the south and west of the current recreation building.

The new recreation facility is designed as three modules, which means

that the design is based on modular construction. The report notes that this approach would allow some flexibility if construction cost bids are higher than expected or if funds for the entire project are not immediately available. The total cost of construction for all three modules (the entire proposed project) is estimated as \$3,370,000 in today's dollars. The report describes the design of the modules as follows.

MODULE 1: construction of two additional racquetball courts with a viewing area. Size: 2,160 sq. ft. Estimated cost: \$120,000.

MODULE 2: construction of a youth center with space for a concessions area, offices, storage and meeting rooms. CROYA would design and furnish the youth center. Size: 11,000 sq. ft. Estimated cost of "bare bones" youth center and furnished concessions area: \$400,000.

MODULE 3: construction of a swimming pool and support facility. The swimming area is designed as an 8-lane (approx. 60 ft. wide) by 50 meter rectangular pool with 4 diving boards (2 one-meter and 2 three-meter) at the deep (east) end. The water depth would slope from 3.5 ft. to 5 ft. to 15 ft. The design calls for two floatable bulkheads which could be used to divide the pool into as many as five different sections, to permit simultaneous multiple uses. The design also includes sliding glass doors on the south wall and a mechanically retractable roof, which would promote warmth, openness, and ventilation. Support areas include shower and locker rooms, a special Adults locker-shower area, mechanical area, a pool manager's observation area, pool equipment storage area, and an area for spectator seating. Size: 29,000 sq. ft. Estimated cost: \$2,850,000, which does not include the cost of exterior landscaping and patio, office furnishings, time clocks, bleachers, or running track in the basement.

The report states that its goal in programming is to promote multiple uses and flexibility of programming for all residents at convenient times nearly every day of the year. For Module 1, the racquetball courts, it is envisioned that the additional courts would meet the current demand for prime-time use and permit the expansion of racquetball activities, such as leagues, lessons, expanded tournaments and demonstration clinics. The report does not describe any programs for Module 2, the youth center, because it would be aimed at the young adults, whose interests are represented by CROYA. CROYA will be prepared to report to the Mayor on the potential use of the youth center area in the Spring of 1985. The report details the programming of Module 3, the swimming pool, on three bases:

1. Full aquatic program. During the first two years, emphasis in programming will be on swimming lessons, with all Lake Forest schools encouraged to add swimming instruction to the curriculum and the ultimate goal that every 8th grade student will swim at least one lap prior to graduation from junior high school. In time, it is envisioned that emphasis will switch to activities such as water polo, scuba diving, synchronized swimming, sailing, canoeing, diving, and competitive swimming.

2. Multi-use concept. With the floatable bulkhead design and size of the swimming pool, the recreational needs of a great number of residents will be met at convenient times, which translates into more people using the facility at any given time and generating more revenue for support of the pool and programs.

Swimming. With few exceptions, it is envisioned that lap swimming will be available to swimmers at all times. Such an exception would be a major swimming meet.

The report projects that the use of the facilities will exceed 3,000 units of registered participation, with 7,500 daily fees paid and 770 memberships sold. With this projected use, the estimates of the operating costs are predicated on the following four assumptions:

1. Multi-use Design. The generation of revenue depends upon the implementation of the multi-use concept. Since everyone who uses the facility will pay some sort of user fee, the flexibility of the design is essential to the generation of sufficient revenue to pay the direct operating costs.

2. Stretching of Personnel. Cost savings exist with the stretching of job responsibilities of current employees. For example, the custodian can clean the additional area, office personnel can handle the additional registrations and correspondence, etc.

3. Absorption of Overhead Costs. Costs of administration and maintenance will be absorbed by the current operations, for example, currently employed office personnel can be employed as cashier, saving some \$22,000 annually.

4. No Projected Use by Non-Residents. In keeping with the conservative approach to estimates of revenue, fees generated by the use of the facilities by non-residents have not been considered or included in the estimates.

On the basis of these assumptions, an outstanding pool manager, the interest of Lake Foresters in swimming, and the general ability of the residents to pay, the report maintains that "the direct costs of operating all three modules will be supported 100% through direct revenues."

The report details a construction timetable for the proposed expansion of the recreation center which was predicated on a date which is now passed. The timetable showed approval of the project in Nov. 1984, groundbreaking in April 1985, and grand opening of the facilities in May, 1986, indicating that actual construction will require approximately one year.

The report concludes that "... A full aquatic program, expanded racquetball activities and social programs for our youth would serve all residents of Lake Forest. The user fee concept will be incorporated in each new area of programming and result in revenues from these programs offsetting all direct costs of operations..."

from the Summary of Operations of Expansion of the Rec. Center:

	TOTAL	AQUATIC_CNTR	CRYA_CNTR	RACQ.BALL
REVENUE:				
Memberships	\$77,650	77,650	n/a	
Daily Fees	17,500	17,500	n/a	
Locker Rental	3,500	3,000	n/a	500
Donations	500	500	n/a	
Interest	2,000	2,000	n/a	
Concessions	90,000	90,000	n/a	
Swimming Programs	67,540	67,540	n/a	
Facility Rental	29,650	29,650	n/a	
Racquetball progr:	10,000	n/a	n/a	10,000
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$298,340	287,840		10,500

EXPENDITURE:				
Personnel	139,640	139,640	2,000	n/c
Equipment & Supplies	67,000	67,000	n/c	n/c
Services	72,500	67,000	3,000	n/c
Miscellaneous	4,500	4,500	n/a	n/a
Contingent	10,000	10,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	\$292,640	286,140	5,000	1,500

Report estimates the following breakdown of revenue:

- 400 family full year memberships, at \$150 ea.,
 - 50 family summer only memberships, at \$60 ea.
 - 50 Adult full year memberships, at \$75 ea.
 - 20 Adult summer only memberships, at \$35 ea.
 - 100 Child full year memberships, at \$60 ea.
 - 100 Child summer only memberships, at \$30 ea.
 - 20 Senior Citizen full year memberships, at \$20 ea.
 - 2,500 Adult Daily Fees Paid, at \$3 ea.
 - 5,000 Child Daily Fees Paid, at \$2 ea.
 - 70 "Preferred (18 & older) lockers rented at \$50 ea.
 - \$80,000 revenue from food/ soft drinks
 - 6,000 revenue from electronic games (3)
 - 4,000 revenue from misc. (supplies, T shirts)
- Classes are proposed to cost from \$30 to \$120 each.

PROGRAM January comes very quickly, but it is now time to think
PLANNING about program for next year - both local and county
as well as state and national.

We welcome your suggestions - we want you to tell us what you think we should study next year here in Lake Forest and on the county level as well. Call anyone on the Board or drop a note to the League at Gorton.

League of Women Voters, Lake Forest, Illinois

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CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 4 - Mon. 9:00 AM - BOARD MEETING - Gorton Comm. Center Room 214
10:00 AM until Noon - DISCUSSION MEETING ON FEDERAL TAX
POLICY AND CHOICES - Consensus
(Bring LWVUS VOTER and sandwich with you)
- 11 - Mon. Noon - BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LWVUS and LWLF in Gorton's
new Community Room
- 14 Thurs. 1:00 PM - Great Decisions Meeting at home of Bea Schuetz
45 S. Mayflower Road
- 15 - DEADLINE for return of consensus form to LWVUS for member
agreement on Financing Federal Government.
- MARCH 2 8 AM - 3:30 PM - Funding Education in Illinois Conference at
Bryan Jr. High., 111 W. Butterfield, Elmhurst
- 4 Mon. 9:30 AM - BOARD MEETING - Gorton Comm. Center Room 214

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR LUNCHEON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, at 12:00 NOON

WHERE: NEW COMMUNITY ROOM AT GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER

WHY: to celebrate LWVUS' 65th Birthday and
LWLF' 60th Birthday

SPEAKER: Virginia Fiester Frederick

RESERVATIONS: Bea Schuetz (234-4577) Cost: \$2.50



Dear Leaguers:

Our Birthday Party on the 11th of February is an event not to be missed! Our dear friend Representative Virginia Frederick is always a delightful speaker and will review some of the highlights of League accomplishments over the years as she shares her insights with us all. For many of us, it will also be our first chance to see the new Community Room at Gorton -- a major new benefit to our community. If you haven't done so yet, please invite a friend or two and any prospective members and let Bea Schuetz, Membership Chairman, know that you will be attending the party.

The Financing of the Federal Government study has now begun. As you recall, this is the study with the new kind of consensus: a tear-off in the VOTER to be mailed in by February 15. In order to participate in the consensus you MUST return the tear-off form included in the VOTER that the National LWV recently sent you with the label with your name printed on it. If the study article leaves you with questions or ideas about financing the Federal Government, come to the discussion program at 10 am on February 4 at Gorton, at which Study Chairman Kay O'Connell will lead a review of the important concepts.

We can all be proud of the survey of the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters that will be mailed to all Lake Forest households within the next weeks. The survey has exceeded all expectations and should prove to be a valuable resource for the League and the entire community. We express special thanks to the study committee chaired by Barbara Beacham, marketing expert Charles Schuetz, and the City of Lake Forest.

Our study committees on Leaf Burning and C.R.O.Y.A. are actively carrying out their research and building up momentum. Members interested in joining the studies should call Suzanne Gnospelius or Anita Rutigliano, respectively. The Marital Law study group is now meeting and, as you can see, reviewing a fascinating and important issue in Illinois public policy.

As we prepare to add several more accomplishments, it is a good time to step back and celebrate the achievements of our past sixty years, to renew our long friendships and to hear our friend Rep. Virginia Frederick. See you in the new Community Room!

Paula

LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING It's time to start thinking about what to include in our local program next year: what items to retain, modify, drop, or add. Our local program is created by all of us and voted upon by the entire membership at the Annual Meeting. Now is a good time to review the current local program (in the Membership book) and send ideas and suggestions along to Local Program Chairman Molly Heizer or to the League Office at Gorton.

TELL US!

CONSENSUS

FINANCING THE
FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society."
Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

"The role of the tax collector is to get the most feathers
from the goose with the least amount of squawking."
Old Chinese Proverb

Today, federal tax policy is the subject of searching debate, and most Americans share the general sense that the tax system needs restructuring - that it is unfair and unnecessarily complex.

Everyone knows that governments assess and collect taxes in order to fund activities that benefit the common good - at least that is the purpose. Also, they should distribute the cost of government fairly and promote economic growth. And that is the question.

The League has now taken on a three stage study which will involve evaluating the U.S. fiscal policy; revenue sources including borrowing; tax expenditures; and the funding of entitlement programs. Stage One of this study focuses on an evaluation of revenue sources, which includes what and whom we should tax.

But this study is different from any other League study you have done! It will be conducted by direct mail with each member by means of the National VOTER (Winter 1985) which you recently received. The material for the study and the consensus questions are in it. Read the article on pages 19-36 and you will find the questions on the inside back cover. This form is to be completed and returned to LWVUS by February 15, 1985 to be included in the consensus.

Do read this very interesting and informative article - you will be amazed at how clearly such a complex subject is discussed. But it is always more interesting to be on a study committee and to discuss problems and issues with other Leaguers - it helps to clarify one's thoughts - so you are invited (and urged) to come up to the League's room in the Gorton Community Center at 10:00 on Monday, February 4 to discuss with each other the article and anything in it that puzzles or confuses you. Kay O'Connell will lead the discussion and try to keep it on track - it will be like being a part of a study group preparing to take part in a consensus meeting - only this will be the meeting.

Bring the National VOTER with you, and if you feel comfortable about completing the form there, they can be sent in to the LWVUS office together. If you need to give it more thought, you will have about a week to get it in - but don't forget to send it! The meeting should end by noon, but you might bring a sandwich with you in case it lasts longer. Coffee will be furnished.

TAXES:





MARITAL LAW



M A R I T A L S T U D Y 1984 and 1985

"The LWV of IL. supports laws which recognize marriage as an economic partnership based on principles of fairness and equality".

That statement of principle based on grass roots consensus of Leagues state wide, was adopted by the State Board in May 1984. (The complete position statement was published in League Lines, Summer 1984 Issue).

At the state level LWV is lobbying for legislation that would bring marital property laws more in line with Twentieth Century conditions and culture. Later this year there will be an opportunity to contact our legislators to ask their support for a bill that League favors.

DIVORCE LAW IN ILLINOIS is the concern in 1985 of the LWV of Lake Forest committee on Marital Law. Did you know that divorce is now legally called dissolution of marriage in Illinois? That alimony is now called maintenance? That maintenance is infrequently granted to divorced women? That there are new ideas on how to determine who gets custody of children ?

These questions and many more will be the concern of the study committee as they examine Illinois laws that deal with 1) property division 2) maintenance 3) child custody 4) child support 5) child support enforcement.

At a UNIT DISCUSSION MEETING in April, League members will consider the report of the committee; its summary of the pro's and con's of possible legislative regulations; and will participate in our League's choices of preferable guidelines. This consensus , with that of all the other Leagues will form the basis for the State Board's determination of position; the basis for their support of specific legislation.

The committee includes two veterans from the last years's study - Colleen Regan and Betty Buker- and three new volunteers; Grace Murray Mary Jane Nugent, and Diane Tahmouash. They began work in January ; will continue through February and March to prepare for the Consensus meeting in April. New volunteers are encouraged to join the group ; exploration into the ramifications of fa ir property division , child custody, child support could occupy an army of Leaguers.

Interested? Phone Betty Buker (234 4509) or Colleen Regan (234 4796).

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to introduce three more of our new members. A thousand welcomes to

Dr. Marie McHugh, who is a clinical psychologist and has been a resident of Lake Forest for a good many years. She has offices in Lake Forest and in Rolling Meadows. She is particularly interested in local government, but had not joined the League until she was invited to do so by our President, Paula DuBourdieu, who is one of her three daughters.

Leslie Caringello, who has a strong interest and background in international relations, political science and literature.

She now a member of our Board as Chairman for International Relations. She has lived in the area for nine years, and previously in California and Mexico. She and her husband, Michael who is a chemist, have traveled widely, and for relaxation she plays racketball and golf.

Christie Gescheider is now a retired marketing manager, but an active and full time mother, chauffeur, animal trainer, etc., which is more demanding than a full time job! Enjoying change of pace and flexibility. She volunteers for battered women shelter, and enjoys racquetball, tennis and needlepoint.

BRIDGE MARATHON

Three games have now been played with five to go on this year's marathon, and right now the top scores are as follows:

1. Mary Liz Carney and Helen Loving - 9,330 points
Sue Hood and Judy Dobeus - 9,120 points
Mary Jane Nugent and Gerry Ford - 8,900 points
Adele Szymanski and Joan Speranza - 8,810 points

HOUSING SURVEY

You will be receiving the questionnaire to be completed concerning your opinion on the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters in Lake Forest within the next few weeks, and urge you to complete and return it quickly so that it will not be forgotten. And please talk about it to your friends and neighbors and urge them to complete and return it as soon as possible also. The more forms that are returned, the more valid will be the study. Don't forget!

GREAT DECISIONS
PROGRAM

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The Great Decisions discussion meetings will be held at 1 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the homes of group members. The group uses the booklet prepared by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and will discuss the following 8 topics this year:

1. Revolutionary Cuba
2. Soviet Leadership in Transition
3. Iran- Iraq War
4. Budget Deficit, Trade and the Dollar
5. The Phillipines
6. Population Growth
- Future of the Atlantic Alliance
- Intelligence Operations

Interested members may still obtain booklets and join others interested in discussing foreign affairs. For information, please call chairmen Rory Sevilla at 234-7060 or Cindy Moorehead .

The February meeting will be held at the home of Bea Schuetz, on February 14 at 1:00 PM (Thursday), and the subject to be discussed is "Soviet Leadership in Transit".

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS

January, 1985

JOBS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT - THE FIRST YEAR

The Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) replaced the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) in October 1983. JTPA's purpose is job training for the economically disadvantaged, people with serious barriers to employment (handicapped and displaced homemakers, etc.) and dislocated workers.

Federal money is given to states for distribution to local service delivery areas (SDA's) to provide job training services in co-operation with the private sector. The Private Industry Council (PIC) in each SDA has a two year plan regarding provision of services and co-ordination with existing agencies. Performance is measured by comparing the plan with actual results.

Although there is great variation among the 26 Illinois SDA's, certain general observations can be made from statewide statistics. 1) Many more women and minority people are needed on PIC's to fill equal representation requirements. 2) The "entered employment rate" is higher than expected, possibly because those most qualified and ready for employment were "creamed", to the detriment of other harder and more expensive to place hard-core unemployed. 3) Women, youth and welfare recipients are not being served in adequate numbers. Women were actually served 13.6% less than planned; youth 14.3% less and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients 39.8% less. This is largely due to lack of support services such as day care and transportation; and lack of co-ordination with the AFDC (mandatory) Work Incentive Program.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

At its December Board Meeting, the LNWUS Board of Directors and the LNWVF Board of Trustees approved the 1985 Advocacy Agenda and the 1985 Citizen Education Priorities. Following is a brief summary of the advocacy agenda and education priorities that will be particularly focused upon at all levels of the League in the coming year.

1985 ADVOCACY AGENDA

GOV'T:

Secure protection of the right to vote by ensuring and enhancing access to registration and voting.

Strategies include: Work to achieve federal law providing for mail registration and other registration reform...Continue public opinion campaign to influence networks to cease early projection of election results.

Secure an effective and equitable Federal Tax Policy.

Strategies include: a legislative campaign to achieve congressional passage of tax reform consistent with League positions (contingent upon outcome of member agreement on Financing Federal Government)... Work to solidify a coalition to support tax reform efforts.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

Reduce the risk of war and promote stability by creating a climate for arms control through spending decisions on national weapons policies.

Strategies include: Work with leaders of other national organizations in coordinating a legislative campaign to reduce funding for specific destabilizing weapons systems...Implement public relations and media strategies to promote League position, advance legislative efforts and mobilize public support for arms control.

Promote international cooperation and the resolution of conflict by non-military means through strengthened U.S. participation in international organizations.

Strategies include:...Mobilize League network to oppose House and Senate Authorization and Appropriations Committee action to reduce U.S. contributions to UN agencies and programs... Work with other national organizations to oppose substantial funding reduction and selected proposals for withdrawal from UN agencies and programs.

NATURAL RESOURCES:

Protect the Nation's air and water resources through enactment or implementation of effective laws to control environmental pollution.

Strategies include: Work to secure passage of environmental laws central to the protection of air and water resources. Focus resources on achieving adequate controls on acid rain and run-off sources of water pollution... Work for the establishment of an environmentally sound management system for hazardous and radioactive wastes.

SOCIAL POLICY:

Protect the civil rights of women and minorities and promote adequate Federal funding for programs for the disadvantaged.

Strategies include: Work with other organizations to secure passage of legislation affirming civil rights of women and minorities...

Work with the Coalition on Block Grants and Human Needs to ensure that budget cuts don't have a discriminatory impact on women and minorities.

Funding Education in Illinois Conference

March 2, 1985
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Bryan Junior High School
111 West Butterfield Road
Elmhurst, Illinois

Purpose:

To encourage a climate of public opinion in which educational funding reform is possible. Speakers will address issues related to sources of revenue, methods of distribution of monies to school districts, and ways to achieve equity for students in all Illinois schools. This will be followed by an opportunity for representatives from the community, business, education and state government to participate in the discussion of interrelated problems and to initiate consensus building for action.

Speakers:

- James R. Thompson, Governor of Illinois
- Jean A. Peterson, League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund
- Michael J. Bakalis, Illinois Project for School Reform
- Douglas L. Whitley, Taxpayers Federation of Illinois
- Robert M. Beckwith, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce
- Dorothy J. O'Neill, State Board of Education
- Mike Lawrence, Lee Enterprises - Springfield Bureau
- Joyce Holmberg, member of the Illinois Commission on the Improvement of Elementary and Secondary Education

Public Transportation Information: Call Wanda Jackson, (312) 236-0315.

REGISTRATION FORM

Funding Education in Illinois Conference

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State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please enclose a \$12 check for each pre-registration before February 23 (no refunds after February 23). Registration at the door will be \$17. Make check payable to the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund. Please return check and registration form to:

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1985 LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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TREASURER

MARCH, 1985
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CALENDAR

- MARCH
- Mon. 9:30 am - LWVLF Board Meeting at Gorton
 - 5 Tues. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
 - 5 Tues. - Deadline for return of Housing Survey
 - 18 Mon. 9:30 am - Local Program Planning Meeting - Gorton
 - 13 Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
 - 13 - 7:00 pm - Information Meeting on "Safe Homes"
Deerpark Intermediate School
 - 18 Mon. - 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
 - 25 Mon. - 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
- APRIL
- 1 Mon. 9:30 am - LWVLF Board Meeting at Gorton
 - 3 Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
 - 10 Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
 - 11 9:30 am - CONSENSUS meeting - Marital Laws in Illinois -
Gorton Community Center

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What do you want your League to do next year? Are there local problems we should study? Is there some action we should take? It is time to make our plans now, so we urge you to come to a Program Planning coffee in the League room at Gorton on March 18. If you cannot attend but have some ideas, please call Molly Heizer, Chairman of Local Program.

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

How wonderful it was to get together with so many friends this month at the Birthday Party for our League's sixty years of service and involvement in our community. The new Gorton Community Room was a grand setting for our luncheon and for hearing our friend, member and Legislator Ginny Piester Frederick. Ginny reviewed the history of the League, reminded us of some of our past glories and related insightful anecdotes of the involvement of Eleanor Roosevelt in the League. Some forty members and friends attended the luncheon party and special thanks are due to Bea Schuetz and her committee for all of the arrangements. As always, it was a treat to hear Rep. Frederick and we are grateful to her for her time and interest.

By now, all Financing the Federal Government consensus tear-offs that will be counted have been mailed to the National League. The new position reached after the consensus will be released to the national media on March 14. The program led by Catherine O'Connell on this first stage of the FFG study was tremendous. With her grasp of the material and clear explanations, I think we all left the discussion meeting able to fill out that consensus form with confidence of understanding the questions!

The State League has announced a new fundraiser for its level of the LWV. The League is selling raffle tickets (\$2 each) with prizes that include trips to Washington, a snowblower, and baseball tickets. Everyone is encouraged to take a chance (Call Paula for tickets) BUT please remember that our own League will soon be holding our annual Raffle (tickets are just \$1 each) and that your support for the local League is greatly needed.

It is program-making time again so if anyone has a suggestion for a local study or action program item, please send it along to Molly Heizer, Local Program Chair or to any Board member you happen to see. We have been very successful this year in carrying out our local studies partly because someone thought up the idea-- let's do it again next year.

The deadline for returning the Housing Study survey is extended to March 5. If you haven't yet mailed it, please do it right away and urge your friends to get it in. So far, we have received a tremendous number of returns and are hoping to get a 50% response. Thanks for your help,

Paula



The Great Decisions Group sponsored by the Lake Forest LMW and the AAUW will meet eight times during March and April at the Gorton Community Center, joining the Great Decisions Program introduced into the Senior Center's programming by the Junior League.

This eight week lecture series, supplementing the briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association, is being coordinated by Professor Jonathan Galloway of Lake Forest College, and the schedule follows:

Tuesday, March 5 - "Revolutionary Cuba", Jonathan Galloway, Professor of Politics, Lake Forest College

Wednesday, March 13 - "Soviet Leadership in Transition", Carol Gayle, Lecturer in History at Lake Forest College

Monday, March 18 - "Iran-Iraq War", Ghada Tahami, Asst. Professor of Politics at Lake Forest College

Monday, March 25 - "Budget Deficit, Trade and the Dollar", Robert Baade, Asst. Professor of Economics, L.F. College

Wednesday, April 3 - "The Phillipines", Rand Smith, Asst. Prof. of Politics

Wednesday, April 10 - "Population Growth", Arlene Eskilson, Assoc. Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Wednesday, April 17 - "Future of Atlantic Alliance", Rand Smith

Tuesday, April 23 - "U.S. Intelligence", Jonathan Galloway

All meetings will be held from 1-3 p.m. in the West Lounge at Gorton. A 30-45 minute lecture will be followed by a question period and group discussion.

If you found it difficult to attend the Great Decisions meetings on the second Thursday of each month, you might find it possible to attend at least some of the above lectures, and they will be very worthwhile with such good people involved - informative, stimulating and probably provocative.

The briefing book costs \$6.00 and may be purchased at the Gorton Community Center - Senior Citizens' section.

And, incidentally, this is not for women only - men are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to announce that a new member has just joined the League on February 8, 1985. Please welcome

CHANDLER, Mrs. Henry T. (Clarissa or Chris)

902 N. Green Bay Road, L.F. 234-1747

Chris has lived in Lake Forest all of her life, and in the early 70s she returned to school at the National College of Education for a Master's Degree. She was a learning disabilities tutor for several years after that, but is now retired. Presently, she is a Trustee of Lake Forest College, on the Board of the Lake Forest Open Lands Assoc., and on the Board of Ragsdale.

Also, a little biographical information on one of the new members who joined us last October,

HILLS, Mrs. George (Sarah Anne)

289 E. Foster Place, L.F. 234-8167

Sarah Anne was born in Florida and grew up there. Since she married George, she has lived in various cities in Canada, including Winnipeg and Vancouver. Four of her five children were born in Canada and have dual citizenship. The Hills moved here seven years ago from New Canaan, Conn., where they had lived for 12 years. Sarah Anne is very active at the Church of the Holy Spirit, and is a sustaining member of the Junior League where she is on the house committee. She is interested in skiing, antiques and tennis, plus traveling a lot with her husband.

Bea Schuetz

bits & pieces

TWO BENEFITS



The Illinois Women's agenda is sponsoring a benefit performance of "The Madwoman of Chaillot" on March 21 at the Body Politic Theater, 2260 N. Lincoln, Chicago at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$17.50 from

the Illinois Women's Agenda at P.O. Box 941483, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

Citizens Information Service is sponsoring a benefit performance of the Chicago Bar Association's Christmas Spirits Show at the First National Plaza in Chicago on Friday March 15. Tickets are available at \$25 each. The show will start at 8:00 pm and there will be a wine and cheese party at intermission. Contact Ann Evans at 236-0315 for reservations and details.

Public Hearing on leaf collection and disposal has been rescheduled from March 13 to Wed. April 24 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

STATE LEAGUE At its January Board meeting, the State League set priorities for the 1985 Legislative Session. The two major areas of emphasis will be adequate funding for education -- including education reform and a revised funding formula -- and marital property/ spousal health insurance based on positions reached by the League last year. Other priority concerns in various program areas will be:

SETS NEW

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PRIORITIES

Natural Resources -- Community Right to Know legislation.

Social Policy -- Job Training program with adequate support services, especially day care.

Child Welfare -- Funding for community-based child welfare services.

Criminal Justice--Community Corrections Act.

Election Laws -- protection of the right to vote including possible mail registration.

For information about these and all League-related Legislation, call the Legislative Hotline in Springfield: 1 - 800 - 252 - 8959.

The following names and addresses are an addenda to the 1984-85 Membership Book. Please cutt off and clip in front of Membership Book.

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NEW TOPIC:

Meeting Secretary - Christie Geschel

CORRECTION

phone number for LWVUS office in Washi. D.C.
202-429-1961 (Address is correct)

This One Is Mine



In "How It Feels When Parents Divorce" (Knopf), Jill Kromantz asks boys and girls from 7 to 16 to tell us what it's like to be at the heart of a failed marriage. This is the answer of a 13-year-old boy who seems almost praternaturally aware of his position.

Even though I live with my Dad and my sister lives with my Mom, my parents have joint custody, which means we can switch around if we feel like it. I think that's the best possible arrangement because if they had fought over us, I know I would have felt I was like a check in a restaurant — you know, the way it is at the end of a meal when two people are finished eating and they both grab for the check and one says, "I'll pay it," and the other one says, "No, this one is mine," and they go back and forth, but secretly neither one really wants it; they just go on pretending until someone finally grabs it, and then that one's stuck. □

(from *N.Y. Times*)

Child custody is one of the five dilemmas in the dissolution of marriage to be considered at the Lake Forest League's consensus

meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 am at Gorton.

Joint custody? Sole custody?

How can children best be assured of frequent and continuing contact with both parents after divorce?

How can the divorced father be encouraged to maintain contact, responsibility, support? Is it reasonable to expect the agreement and cooperation necessary in joint custody to be achieved by parents who could not get along during their marriage? How could mediation be useful?

In the vast majority of divorces involving minor children, custody is awarded to the mother. Criticism of sole custody together with the desire of many divorced fathers to play a greater role in their children's lives has led to the adoption of strong joint custody laws in some states. What should be the starting point for custody in Illinois?

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has prepared a summary of the pros and cons of these questions to help us define our position for the consensus statement.

All will be revealed at the consensus meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 9:30 AM at the Gorton Community Center . . . Do Come.

Two League issues that are particularly timely are the MX missile and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985.

The MX Missile Funding for continued production of the MX missile will again hang in the balance. According to the terms of an elaborate compromise, the MX must survive two votes on consecutive days in each chamber, before funding can be approved for the current fiscal year. The votes will be on authorization and appropriation requests, and they must come after March 1 and before April 5. The battle promises to be heated.

The League continues to oppose the MX because it is a destabilizing modernization of the land leg of the nuclear defense triad. The vulnerability of the MX increases the accuracy and firepower of the MX increase incentives for a first strike by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The Administration is expected to try to parlay enthusiasm over the upcoming Geneva arms control talks into increased support for the MX, arguing that it is an important bargaining chip. The League believes that the Geneva talks should not be used as a smokescreen for deployment of this strategically unsound budget-buster. Please contact your Representatives and Senators to oppose.

Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985 This Act (HR 700 and S 431) is designed to reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's sweeping Grove City College vs. Bell decision. The 1984 court decision reinterpreted key provisions of several important civil rights statutes with the cumulative effect of permitting federal aid to institutions that discriminate. The League is again at the forefront of efforts to restore these statutes to the broad scope and coverage originally intended by Congress.

Please contact your Representatives and urge them to support HR 700. Also, contact your Senators and urge them to support S 431, and not S 272. Emphasize that the federal government should not be subsidizing any institution that discriminates. (S 272 applies only to educational institutions, providing no coverage for other institutions, such as hospitals.)

LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR 1985 - The League's annual Legislative Seminar will be held April 17 and 18 in Springfield, giving League members a personal opportunity to experience lobbying and the legislative process. This year the Legislature will consider major legislative in all our program areas - school finance, Marital Law, Criminal Justice, Social Policy, natural Resources, Child Welfare and Elections. There will be opportunities for action, no matter what your interest.

This is always a really interesting experience, and if you are interested, please call Paula DuBourdieu for more details - reservations and car-pooling.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Attendance for both days	\$ 33.00
Attendance for April 17 only	29.00
Attendance for April 18 only	20.00

Registration includes reception and dinner on Wednesday evening, breakfast on Thursday, breakfast for your legislators, and a seminar kit. Registration forms for the seminar and Sheraton Motel are available from your League president or coordinator.

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Each local League will receive 20% of the money from tickets sold by its members. The tickets are cheap--\$10 for a book of six tickets, or \$2 per ticket. We'd like every member to sell a book . . . or two . . . or more. Or buy them for yourself and your family.

The drawing for prizes will be at our state convention on May 17, and prizes will be sent directly to the winners. Get your tickets to buy and sell from your local coordinator:

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When preparing your state income tax, you may want to give thought to the tax check-offs available.

CHECK-OFFS

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You may ear-mark up to \$10 or \$20 if filing jointly.

The Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund is used to manage habitats and restore endangered species and for education and research which promotes nongame wildlife management. The same \$10 and \$20 figures apply.

On Wednesday Evening, March 30 at 7:30 there will be an informational meeting at Deerpath Intermediate School Auditorium concerning the "Safe Homes" program.

This is a community-parent program and all parents are urged to attend.

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 join can send a check for that amount payable to the LWV of Lake Forest, to Beatrice Schmetz, Membership Chairman, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.



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CALENDAR

- APRIL 3 - Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
- 10 - Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
- 16 - ~~WED.~~ 9:30 am - CONSENSUS meeting on Marital Laws in Illinois -
Gorton Community Center
- 15 - Mon. 9:30 am - LWVLF Board Meeting at Gorton
- 17 - Wed. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
- 17 and 18 - Wed. and Thurs. - Legislative Seminar 1985 - Springfield
- 23 - Tues. 1-3 pm - GREAT DECISIONS - Gorton West Lounge
- 24 - Wed. 7:30 pm - Public Hearing on Leaf Collection and Disposal -
Council Chambers, City Hall



The second year of our Marital Law study is coming to an end with the CONSENSUS meeting at Gorton on April 16, and this next year we have been focusing on Divorce Laws in Illinois.

The consensus questions are included with this League Lines so that you can get acquainted with them. Do come to the meeting and take part in an interesting and informative discussion on how property and assets are and should be divided, on maintenance, custody of children and child support - how should these thorny problems be handled when a marriage is dissolved? It should be a lively meeting since so many people are dealing with these problems right now.

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

At the next Board Meeting, April 15 at Gorton, the League will consider formulating a position on leaf burning in Lake Forest. The Leaf Burning study committee has met often and gathered a great deal of information, some of which was included in its recent mailing to the membership. The Board would like a clear sense of the feeling of the membership, so please fill out the postage-paid postcard include with the report right away!

The Housing Study Chairman, Barbara Beacham, reports that we have received a total of 1,440 responses to the recent City-wide survey. This amounts to a return rate on the survey of over 25% -- a great response. The results of the survey are now being analyzed and will be released as soon as they are completed.

I am happy to report that we are making arrangements to reprint our Know Your Town book, the Lake Forest Portrait. The League is seeking financial contributions to help underwrite the cost of printing the booklet and is now seeking commitments to purchase the book; if all can be successfully arranged, we plan to update, revise, and reprint the book by early summer. Anyone interested in helping to revise an update the Portrait should call Leslie Caringello at 689-2254.

Public Education in Illinois is a priority item on the State Agenda and is the main topic of the recommended state study item for the coming biennium: "Study of the role of the State of Illinois in determining policies and standards for elementary and secondary education." For a summary comparing three major state education proposals, see the chart in this bulletin.

It was the decision of the State Board to propose only one new study item for adoption at the State Convention. As you remember, our League recommended a State study on Illinois Public Policy on Mental Illness. The State Board did not recommend this item, so the only way such a study will pass at Convention is if we get together with the other Leagues in Illinois that supported our suggestion and make a big effort at Convention to sway the other delegates. If you are especially interested in seeing this study passed, please consider becoming a delegate to the Convention May 17-19 in DeKalb.

Mary Liz Carney has again offered the use of her home for our Annual Meeting on Monday, June 10th. The Annual Meeting is our own small convention, the meeting at which the membership decides on the new local program, what we'll study, the bylaws, the budget, and the officers for the coming year. Be sure to set aside the date now.

The Marital Law Study committee has been focusing this year on Divorce and related issues. The committee has prepared a very informative program and discussion meeting, immediately after which we will seek consensus on this important topic that affects so many of us. Please plan to attend the meeting on Thursday April 11, at 9:30 am at Gorton.

We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Paula

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS - DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

1) According to the Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act, property should be divided at divorce in much the same way that assets are distributed when a partnership is dissolved. In addition, property division (rather than maintenance) should be the primary means of providing for the future financial needs of spouses. Do you agree with these goals and, if so, how can they best be achieved?

A) What should be the basis for the division of property?

- equitable distribution
- equal distribution
- an initial presumption of equal distribution subject to modification after consideration of all relevant factors
- other

B) What assets should be divided at the time of divorce?

- only property titled in the name of both spouses
- marital property as currently defined in the Illinois statutes
- assets not currently defined as marital property in Illinois such as pensions, increased earning power due to skills/education acquired during marriage, and professional goodwill
- income from separate property to the extent that the income is acquired during the marriage
- other

2) Maintenance currently is awarded only in cases of proven financial need (roughly 14% of divorces). When awarded, it is typically of short duration (averaging about two years), lasting just long enough for the dependent spouse to find "appropriate employment." Do you agree with this approach and, if so, how can it best be implemented?

3) In the vast majority of divorces involving minor children, custody is awarded to the mother. Criticism of sole custody together with the desire of many divorced fathers to play a greater role in their children's lives has led to the adoption of strong joint custody laws in some states. What should be the starting point for custody awards in Illinois?

A) Should there be a presumption regarding custody alternatives?

- There should be no presumption that either sole custody or joint custody is the better alternative. Each custody decision should be based on a determination of what will be in the child's best interest.

- Sole custody should be the preferred alternative. Joint custody should be awarded only in exceptional circumstances and when both parents request it.

- Joint legal custody should be the preferred alternative with primary responsibility for the physical care of the child given to one parent.

- Joint physical and legal custody should be the preferred alternative. It should be presumed to be in the best interest of the child until shown otherwise.

- Other

B) What should be the place of mediation in the custody decision?

- 4) What steps should be taken to ensure adequate child support awards?
- establish uniform, statewide guidelines for setting support awards
 - establish a formula based on the income of both parents and the needs of the child
 - permit automatic cost-of-living adjustments to be included in child support awards
 - require provision of health insurance for dependent children
 - other

5) Illinois and Congress have recently passed income/wage assignment laws. What additional steps should be taken in Illinois to promote more effective enforcement of child support orders?

- establish administrative or quasi-administrative procedures to reduce the burden on the judicial system
- require all child support payments to be made through the clerk of the court
- provide adequate funding for enforcement activities
- improve computerization of child support records
- enforce visitation rights of non-custodial parents
- other

DO YOU WANT TO BE A DELEGATE AT CONVENTION??

Do you have a hankering to cast your ballot on the direction of the League of Women Voters of Illinois or of Lake County? Have you a wild yen to rise up in parliamentary debate to move a question? Would you like to take a little Springtime trip to DeKalb or even the new Gorton Community Room? Why not consider becoming a delegate from our League to the conventions this May?

Our League is entitled to send 5 delegates to the State Convention and 5 delegates to the County Convention. (State Convention is May 17-19 and County Convention May 8). No special qualifications are needed to serve as a delegate, so why not think about it? At Convention, you will join with other interesting women to debate, consider and vote on the direction of the Leagues for the next two years. It is a great way to learn more about the League, about State or County politics, and about League issues.

If you have only one day to give to the League, then serve as a delegate to the County Convention and hear Jim LaBelle, County Board chairman, lunch on Swiss Colony sandwiches, and enjoy the new Community Room. If you can give a bit more time, then serve as a delegate to the State Convention in DeKalb and consider being part of the push to make Illinois Public Policy on Mental Illness a new State Program Study, a study that our League came up with this year!

Anyone interested in serving as a delegate should call Paula as soon as possible at 295-2489.

LEAF BURNING STUDY: By now, all members should have received a letter from the Leaf Burning Study Committee and a postcard to return with an indication of whether you support a position against leaf burning. The study committee has spent a great deal of time learning about leaf burning and alternatives and has found no evidence that leaf burning is not a form of air pollution. Since the League at the National level opposes air pollution and encourages measures to decrease air pollution, the study committee is asking for membership agreement on the belief that leaf burning pollutes the air and should be banned.

Many members feel confused about what National, State and County positions really mean to the Local League. Essentially, the League of Women Voters is a group with one voice. All local Leagues automatically carry the positions of the State, National and County leagues. These positions are reached through membership agreement or by acts at the Conventions (that is one of the reasons it is so important that we send our delegates to these conventions!). Local Leagues act to support the National, State, and County positions, or may elect not to actively support a particular position, but in any case, local Leagues may not act against a position of another level of the League. To act on a National or State position on a local level, the local League Board makes an interpretation of the position, determines that it applies to the local issue, and makes certain that the membership will support the interpretation and then takes action. For a summary of the League's positions, see the Membership Yearbook.

LOCAL PROGRAM IDEAS: At the March Local Program Coffee, several lively ideas were brought up for new studies this year. Much enthusiasm was generated for a study of childcare services and facilities in Lake Forest for pre-school aged children. Broadly speaking, this study would look at the need for such services and examine facilities and options available in the community to meet the need. This need is felt not only in our group but also in other community groups whose members are mainly women volunteers.

Another study item raised at the Coffee is a study of the need for increased pet-control regulation: a leash law and pet-waste ordinance. This study would examine the current pet control regulations and assess the need for additional regulations to promote public safety, health and welfare. Lively conversation about the problems with loose dogs, fouled parks and lawns, and other nuisances ensued on this topic! This topic apparently is discussed regularly at community meetings over the past years and may well benefit from reasoned League study.

A third study item was suggested as a Study of the amendments to the 1978 Comprehensive Plan, with the intention to develop criteria for support of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to it. The League has supported the Comprehensive Plan since its inception. Changes to the Plan are expected and it might serve the League to understand the Comprehensive Plan and know what we believe about Land Use in Lake Forest. If such a study were adopted by the membership, we would want to maintain our support for the 1978 Comprehensive Plan and concern ourselves only with the amendments and changes to the Plan. Such a study would require a commitment from several members to take part in the study who would be willing to absorb the fairly detailed information.

Of course, the ever-popular Traffic Study (proposed last year and rejected by the Board and the Membership) raised its ugly head and again met with laughter and general groans. It's not too late to propose a new item, so if you have any ideas or just want to support a suggestion listed above, please call Local Program Chairman Moll Heizer at 234-3883 or Paula at 295-2489.

FINANCING THE LAKE FOREST LEAGUE

At the March meeting, the Board decided to raise the annual membership dues by \$5. Regular dues beginning April 1 will be \$30 for the year; Senior Option dues will be \$15. Increasing the dues is necessary because dues (per member) to the National, State and County levels of the League exceed the \$25 we previously charged for dues to our own League. We were losing money on every membership and having to fundraise just to pay our dues. Many Leagues have \$30 dues. It is the sincere hope of the Board that all of our members will see their ways clear to paying \$5 more for annual membership.

Additional contributions to the League are always welcome.

FINANCING THE
FEDERAL GOV'T.
POSITION

The League of Women Voters of the United States has announced the results of the recent consensus on the Financing of the Federal Government. The statement of position as adopted by the National Convention, May 1984 and the new position follow

"The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal tax system should:
be fair and equitable;
provide adequate resources for government programs while allowing flexibility for financing future program changes.
be understandable to the taxpayer and encourage compliance.
accomplish its objectives without creating undue administrative problems.

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal tax system, taken as a whole, should be progressive, not proportional. The League:
supports income as the major tax base for federal revenues;
believes that the federal income tax should be broad-based with minimal tax preferences and a progressive rate structure;
opposes a value-added tax or a national sales tax in the federal revenue system."

Under this position, the LWV would support tax measures that broaden the base and improve the equity of the income tax while working to incorporate progressivity into the system taken as a whole. In evaluating specific tax preferences, the League will use the following criteria:

- whether the tax preference promotes equity and progressivity,
- whether the tax preference effectively furthers LWV program goals
- whether the tax preference is the most efficient means of achieving of achieving its purpose,
- whether the revenue loss from the tax preference is justifiable.

Over 9,000 member responses were counted in the consensus on Financing the Federal Government (8.9% of membership). About two-thirds of the responding members reported that they had attended a League meeting before sending in the tear-off form; there was, however, no appreciable difference between the pattern of responses of those who attended a meeting and those who did not. Based on the success of this new style of study, the National League will employ the same method for parts 2 and 3 of the study. The Fall (October) issue of the National VOTER will contain the study article and tear-off consensus for part 2 of the study, "The Deficit". The Spring 1986 VOTER will carry the same for part 3 of the study, "Funding of Entitlement Programs."

On the basis of our new position, the League does not support a flat tax or a surcharge on the present income tax.

RAFFLE Have you received your 20 raffle tickets?



For the past few years we have conducted a raffle instead of a finance drive - believing that this is a much easier and more painless method of securing the funds we need to operate our local league, since all of our annual membership dues go to National and State, and they have gone up nearly every year.

We do hope that you will do all that you can to sell your 20 tickets to friends, neighbors and associates - your bridge groups, at meetings and at parties. The big prize is the same - a \$150.00 meal (or two) at La Francais in Wheeling, and the cost is reasonable - only \$1.00 a chance. Mary Ann Fowler, Chairman, has also promised three surprise prizes - all to be awarded at the annual meeting on June 10. And, of course, be sure to call Mary Ann if you want more chances!



YOUR DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dues are now being collected - or will be requested very soon - for the period April 1, 1985 through March 31, 1986, and your prompt payment will greatly assist the Board in planning the new League year. If you are hesitating about paying your dues for another year, please hesitate no longer! WE NEED YOU!

If you are concerned because you just "don't have time for League", please think about it again. Even if the only time you have to give the League is the time it takes you to write your check, that's fine and we thank you. Keep in touch through the League Lines during a busy period in your life, and join us in a more active way when you can. Our impact is in numbers and we need YOU in our numbers to make our opinions count.

And, of course, any contribution over and above the annual dues is greatly appreciated. You may remember that a donation of \$25.00 or more made to the LWV of Illinois Education Fund is tax-deductible and may be used to cover one-fourth of the LWVIL per member payment.

And while we are talking about money - the bulletin ads bought by our local merchants help support our League, so it would be a real contribution if you help support these merchants. And please let them know that you saw their ads in the League Lines.

LAKE COUNTY
LEAGUE

The Lake County League's Biannual convention will be held on May 8 here in Lake Forest at Gorton Community Center - in the new Community Room. If you are not asked to be a delegate, you are welcome to attend as an observer. It will cost \$7.00 for registration and lunch. Call Paula for details.

TIME FOR ACTION . . . TIME FOR ACTION . . . TIME FOR ACTION



ACTION NEEDED: Now is the time to contact Senators Dixon and Simon urging them to oppose both MX and SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative).

LWF worked long and hard on the study/consensus on arms control and military policy, and both of these action items have been targeted by LWVUS for the current session of Congress.

Background: Rationale for opposing the MX

1. It is considered a vulnerable and destabilizing weapon
2. the cost of the Administration's plan to place 100 MX missiles in Minutemen silos would be approximately \$26 billion (or more)
3. while considering options to reduce the federal budget deficit, the elimination of such weapons systems as the MX should be considered.

Rationale for opposing SDI

1. It is only applicable to ballistic missiles, thus excludes intermediate nuclear forces, as well as any nuclear weapon deployed on aircraft.
2. It would be a violation of the ABM Treaty
3. It would stimulate the Soviets to improve their offensive weapons that would "beat the system", thus escalating the arms race.
4. The first \$20 billion plus being requested by the Administration is for R & D only - meanwhile the nuclear weapons development would proceed.

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Topic	"More Better Schools Program" (Gov. James A. Thompson)	Missile Commission on the Improvement of Elementary and Secondary Education (Legislative Commission)	Missile Project (Initiative study headed by J. B. Baker, former state superintendent of schools)
Teacher pay	A minimum teacher salary of \$18,000 a year.	A minimum teacher salary of \$18,000 a year.	A minimum teacher salary of \$18,000 a year and a 10-month contract for teachers with less than four years' experience. Teachers with more than four years' experience be given raises and the option of a 12-month contract.
Merit pay	Teachers should be paid based upon their performance.	School districts should be encouraged to develop their own merit systems.	Not addressed.
Y	Evaluation of tenure faculty and subsequent evaluation for non-tenured teachers.	Same as Tennessee's proposal.	After successfully passing a paid one-year internship, a prospective teacher would be eligible for full employment.
Y	Evaluation of tenure faculty and subsequent evaluation for non-tenured teachers.	Family would have to be evaluated formally at a minimum of twice a year. Administrators would have to be evaluated every five years.	The state would require local districts to develop evaluation procedures for faculty contributions.
Y	Tenure students' academic proficiency in the third, eighth and 11th grades.	Same as Tennessee's proposal.	The same but students would be evaluated in district's learning objectives.
Y	Establish an early-education program for 3- to 6-year-olds and encourage full-day kindergarten.	The state should encourage and pay for full-day kindergarten programs.	Not addressed.
Y	Some state school districts have no resources, with new districts receiving the existing highest tax rate.	Not addressed.	The state should require consideration of districts.
School safety	A new plan to protect students from substance abuse and gang activity.	Not addressed.	State will consider requirements for a program.
Special	A math and science academy, a fine arts academy, and an agricultural school to develop the skills of exceptionally talented students in those areas.	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Public review	Development of a "school report card," which would provide parents and the general public to evaluate a school's performance.	The state should require public reporting on school performance.	Districts programs to "reconnect" with the 75 percent of the school-age children.
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League of Women Voters, Lake Forest, Illinois

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Paula DuBourdieu, President

Mary Liz Carney, Bulletin Ed.
234-7624

Membership

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Jill Halbert, Treasurer
234-4241

ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS
are cordially invited and urged to attend

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

on Monday, June 10, 1985

at the home of Mary Liz Carney, 277 S. Bluff's Edge Drive,
Lake Forest, Illinois

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

Following luncheon, Charles Schuetz will give the
results of the Housing Survey which the League
co-sponsored with the City of Lake Forest.

RAFFLE DRAWING:
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For Information: Call Paula DuBourdieu at 295-2489
or Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624

Membership

I would like to announce that two new members joined the Lake Forest League in March.

They are:



William B. Cutler 234-9021
1207 Burr Oak, Lake Forest

Mary Ann Johnson 295-8700
1441 Lawrence 234-6755

More about them in the next bulletin.

With the annual meeting coming up on June 10 at Mary Liz Carney's, I would like to urge everyone to attend and to bring a prospective member. It should be a very interesting meeting with the results of the LWVLF/City of Lake Forest housing survey interpreted by Charles Schuetz. An excellent introducing to what we in the League do!

Our membership stands at 110 as, although we have gained four new members since January, we have had four resignations because of members moving to different cities.

Please get names of prospective members to me and I will see that they get information about the League.

Bea Schuetz, Membership Ch.

BRIDGE MARATHON



The Bridge Marathon will play its final game for the year at Gorton Center on May 13 at 10 A.M. The winning scores have shifted considerably during the year, and to date the four winners are:

First - Judy Dobeus & Sue Hood 24,420 points
Second - Gerry Ford & Mary J. Nugent 21,410
Third - Bertha Pepe & Elise Compere 18,690
Fourth - Helen Loving & M. E. Carney 18,540

Do let us know if you would like to play again next year. It is great fun!



REPORT FROM THE HILL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

ACTION UPDATE

THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985

House committees have completed a series of regional hearings on HR 700, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. The bill would reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's sweeping *Grove City College v. Bell* decision, which significantly weakened several key civil rights statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in institutions receiving federal funds.

Prospects for passage in the House are very good: the bill already has over 180 sponsors. A floor vote is expected in late April or early May and the bigger the margin of victory in the House, the greater the pressure on the Senate to follow suit.

In the Senate, two very different bills have been introduced, and a real battle is expected. The League-endorsed bill, S 431, is identical to HR 700. The second bill, S 272, introduced by Majority Leader Robert Dole (R KS), is an unacceptable substitute. S 272 would address only educational institutions, leaving federally-funded hospitals, transportation and housing programs and other federally-supported institutions and programs free to discriminate provided the specific unit of the institution receiving funds is not discriminating. For example, under the Dole bill, even if a given ward in a hospital were operating with federal support, the hospital as a whole would be free to discriminate against would-be patients provided that the federally-supported ward was not discriminating.

Please contact your Representatives and urge them to support HR 700. Contact your Senators and encourage them to support S 431. Tell them that S 272 is unacceptable because it would leave too many institutions free to discriminate at the taxpayer's expense.

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League of Women Voters of Illinois
Education Fund

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 join can send a check for that amount payable to the LWV of Lake Forest, to Beatrice Schuetz, Membership Chairman, 400 N. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

PROPOSED BUDGET OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985- 86

INCOME	BUDGET '84-5	ACTUAL '84-5	PROPOSED '85-6
A. Dues(83@\$30, 15@\$15, 4@\$7.50, 8@\$22.50)	2,415.00	2,531.75	2,985.00
B. Contributions			
1. Local	500.00	494.75	500.00
2. Education Fund	355.00	338.41	381.50
C. Publications			
1. "Portrait"	50.00	214.08	—
2. Other	—	7.50	—
D. Other Sources			
1. Bulletin Ads	1,000.00	480.00	480.00
2. Raffle	1,000.00	1,396.00	1,400.00
3. Bridge	600.00	806.36	600.00
4. Luncheons	—	225.50	150.00
5. Jewel Days	—	—	40.00
6. Misc.	—	427.00	—
		54.13	
E. Interest on N.O.W. Account	150.00	233.99	200.00
F. Transfer from Reserves	—	—	—
 TOTAL INCOME:	 6,070.00	 6,949.17	 6,736.50

Budget Committee:

Judy Wilson, Chairman

Jill Walbert

Bea Schuetz

Paula DuBourdieu, ex-officio

PROPOSED BUDGET OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985 - 86

DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET 1984-5	ACTUAL 1984-5	PROPOSED 1985- 6
A. Operating Costs	50.00	6.95	100.00
1. General Supplies	50.00	6.95	100.00
2. Rent, Telephone	420.00	315.00	420.00
3. Insurance	50.00	—	50.00
4. Bank Charges	10.00	2.00	10.00
B. Board and Administrative Committees			
1. President & Secretary	200.00	164.06	200.00
2. Finance	450.00	432.75	450.00
3. Membership/PR	150.00	157.15	400.00
4. Board Tools	150.00	82.40	75.00
C. Delegate's Expenses			
1. State Convention	—	—	500.00
2. National Convention	500.00	658.61	—
3. County Convention	25.00	—	30.00
4. Annual Meeting	50.00	177.25	200.00
5. Workshops	50.00	40.00	50.00
6. Other	30.00	43.27	30.00
D. Financial Support for the League			
1. National Per Member Payment (109@ \$13)	1,365.00	1,358.50	1,417.00
2. State Per Member Payment (109 @ \$14)	1,470.00	1,463.00	1,526.00
3. County League Affiliation (109@ \$.75)	80.00	79.50	81.75
4. Lake Michigan ILO	20.00	—	20.00
E. Bulletin	450.00	522.84	525.00
F. Educational Activities			
1. Publications	100.00	116.88	100.00
2. Program Committees	150.00	25.00	150.00
3. Voters Service	150.00	25.00	150.00
G. Position Support	150.00	142.11	150.00
H. Transfer to Reserves	—	—	101.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	6,070.00	5,812.27	6,736.50

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985-86

1. Continued attention to youth problems in Lake Forest and related services including support of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults). Continued observation of the CROYA goals and objectives.
 2. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan with continuing attention to land use, local environmental pollution, zoning, recreation and safety.
 - a. Support of action to ban leaf burning in Lake Forest.
 - b. Continued study of the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters.
 - c. Study of the amendments to the 1978 Comprehensive Plan, with the intention of developing criteria for support of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to it.
 3. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus System.
 4. Study of Child Care Services and Facilities for Pre-School Aged Children in Lake Forest.

Scope: Study to assess the level of need for such service/facilities and to examine facilities and options available in the community to meet the need.
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NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR LOCAL PROGRAM:

- Item 2d: "Study of the need for additional pet-control regulation: a leash law and pet-waste ordinance."

Scope: Examine the current pet-control regulations and assess the need for additional regulation to promote public safety, health and welfare.

- Item 5: "Study of Traffic Control in Lake Forest."

NOTE: ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD WILL BE UP FOR ADOPTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS MAY BE ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IF THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS AND ADOPTS THEM BY MAJORITY VOTE.

RECOMMENDED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LAKE FOREST LEAGUE

N.B. Wording to delete is in parentheses; Wording to add is underlined.

Art. II Purpose and Policy

Section 1. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

BASIS: The first 3 articles must conform to the By-Laws of the LWVUS.

Art. III Membership

Sec. 2. 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 LWVUS; (1) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (2) those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues; (3) those who make a lump-sum life membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life-members excused from the payment of dues.

BASIS: The first three articles must conform to the By-Laws of the LWVUS.

Art. IV Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers, (six) a minimum of five elected directors and (not more than six) appointed directors not to exceed the number of elected directors. ...The elected directors and officers shall (appoint) name the appointed directors whose terms of office shall be one year.

BASIS: To provide flexibility in the creation of the Board while ensuring that elected directors shall not be out-numbered by appointed directors, and for clarity.

Art. V Officers

Sec. 2d. The Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all League funds... (The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.)

BASIS: Auditing of books should be included in a following Article.

Art. VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall begin April 1. The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.

BASIS: See above basis.

Sec. 2. Dues. Dues shall be paid annually in the amount approved by the Board. ... Members classifying themselves as Senior Citizens shall have the option of paying yearly dues of (\$10.00) one-half of the amount of the regular dues. ...

BASIS: To clarify how dues are determined.

N.B. Wording to delete is in parentheses; Wording to add is underlined.

Art. VIII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, only two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. They shall nominate Officers, Directors, the Chairman and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee. (The Chairman and two members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations of these members shall be made by the current Nominating Committee.) The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the meeting....

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee (of its nominations for Officers, Directors and Members of the succeeding Nominating Committee) shall be sent to members at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting. ... Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided that the consent of the nominee (shall have) has been secured.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 5. Elections. The election shall be by ballot except(that)when there is only one candidate for an office, in which case election may be by voice vote.

A majority of those members (qualified to vote) present and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

BASIS: For clarity.

Art. IX Program.

Sec. 4c. Adoption of any (program subject in) part of the Proposed Program presented by the Board of Directors requires a majority vote of voting members present at the Annual Meeting.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 4d. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1)the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote. The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by majority vote.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 4e. Changes in the Program may be made provided that information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

BASIS: The number two is unnecessary in the defining of these conditions.

Art. X Conventions and Council

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National Office) shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted...

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the State Office) shall select...

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Sec. 3. State Council. The Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the State Office) shall select...

BASIS: For clarity and to eliminate some wordiness.

Art. XI Amendments.

Sec. 1. Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members at the Annual Meeting providing notice of the amendment (be) is given to the membership at least one month before the meeting.

By-Laws Committee:

Christie Gescheider, Chairman
Jane Fischbach
Sue Krall

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT --1985

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of candidates for election at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the Lake Forest League of Women Voters:

To be elected for two year terms expiring in 1987

President	Paula DuBourdieu
Vice President	Eleanor Beidler
Secretary	Christie Gescheider
Directors (3)	Mary Liz Carney Blanche Johnston Kay O'Connell

To be elected to the Nominating Committee-- term expiring in 1986

Maryjane Mentzinger, Chairman
Dorothy Hebert
Leslie Caringsello

It is the feeling of the Nominating Committee that some positions should have assistants such as Membership, Voters Service, and Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryjane Mentzinger, Chairman
Dorothy Hebert
Linda Illes
Millie Kitzmiller
Bea Schuetz



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 1985

CALENDAR

MAY

- 8 Wednesday 9:00 am - LWV Lake County Bi-Annual Convention -
Gorton's Community Room
- 10 Friday 8:15-1:30 TAKING A STAND - Second Annual Conference
Chicago Medical School, North Chicago
- 13 Monday 10:00 a.m. - Marathon Bridge - Final Game at Gorton
17-19 LWV Illinois State Convention - DeKalb
- JUNE 3 Monday - 9:30 am - LWVLF Board Meeting - Gorton
- 10 Monday - 10:00 am - LWV Lake Forest Annual Meeting
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PROPOSED BUDGET OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985- 86

INCOME	BUDGET '84-5	ACTUAL '84-5	PROPOSED '85-6
A. Dues(83@ \$30, 15@ \$15, 4@ \$7.50, 8@ \$22.50)	2,415.00	2,531.75	2,985.00
B. Contributions			
1. Local	500.00	514.75	500.00
2. Education Fund	355.00	318.44	381.50
C. Publications			
1. "Portrait"	50.00	214.08	—
2. Other	—	7.50	—
D. Other Sources			
1. Bulletin Ads	1,000.00	480.00	480.00
2. Raffle	1,000.00	1,396.00	1,400.00
3. Bridge	600.00	806.36	600.00
4. Luncheons	—	225.50	150.00
5. Jewel Days	—	—	40.00
6. Misc.	—	427.00	—
		54.13	—
E. Interest on N.O.W. Account	150.00	233.99	200.00
F. Transfer from Reserves	—	—	—
TOTAL INCOME:	6,070.00	6,949.17	6,736.50

Budget Committee:

Judy Wilson, Chairman

Jill Walbert

Bea Schuets

Paula DuBourdieu, ex-officio

PROPOSED BUDGET OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985 - 86

DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET '84-5	ACTUAL '84-5	PROPOSED '85- 6
A. Operating Costs	50.00	6.95	100.00
1. General Supplies	50.00	6.95	100.00
2. Rent, Telephone	420.00	315.00	420.00
3. Insurance	50.00	—	50.00
4. Bank Charges	10.00	2.00	10.00
B. Board and Administrative Committees			
1. President & Secretary	200.00	164.06	200.00
2. Finance	450.00	450.00	450.00
3. Membership/PR	150.00	150.00	400.00
4. Board Tools	150.00	82.40	75.00
C. Delegate's Expenses			
1. State Convention	—	—	500.00
2. National Convention	500.00	658.61	—
3. County Convention	25.00	—	30.00
4. Annual Meeting	50.00	177.25	200.00
5. Workshops	50.00	40.00	50.00
6. Other	30.00	43.27	30.00
D. Financial Support for the League			
1. National Per Member Payment (109@ \$13)	1,365.00	1,358.50	1,417.00
2. State Per Member Payment (109 @ \$14)	1,470.00	1,463.00	1,526.00
3. County League Affiliation (109@ \$1.75)	80.00	79.50	81.75
4. Lake Michigan ILO	20.00	—	20.00
E. Bulletin	450.00	522.84	525.00
F. Educational Activities			
1. Publications	100.00	116.88	100.00
2. Program Committees	150.00	25.00	150.00
3. Voters Service	150.00	25.00	150.00
G. Position Support	150.00	142.11	150.00
H. Transfer to Reserves	—	—	101.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	6,070.00	5,812.27	6,736.50

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST 1985-86

1. Continued attention to youth problems in Lake Forest and related ~~services~~ including support of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults). Continued observation of the CROYA goals and objectives.
2. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan with continuing attention to land use, local environmental pollution zoning, recreation and safety.
 - a. Support of action to ban leaf burning in Lake Forest.
 - b. Continued study of the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters.
 - c. Study of the amendments to the 1978 Comprehensive Plan, with the intention of developing criteria for support of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to it.
3. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus System.
4. Study of Child Care Services and Facilities for Pre-School Aged Children in Lake Forest.

Scope: Study to assess the level of need for such service/facilities and to examine facilities and options available in the community to meet the need.

NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR LOCAL PROGRAM:

- Item 2d: "Study of the need for additional pet-control regulation: a leash law and pet-waste ordinance."

Scope: Examine the current pet-control regulations and assess the need for additional regulation to promote public safety, health and welfare.

- Item 5: "Study of Traffic Control in Lake Forest."

NOTE: ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD WILL BE UP FOR ADOPTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS MAY BE ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IF THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS AND ADOPTS THEM BY MAJORITY VOTE.

RECOMMENDED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LAKE FOREST LEAGUE

N.B. Wording to delete is in parentheses; Wording to add is underlined.

Art. II Purpose and Policy

Section 1. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

BASIS: The first 3 articles must conform to the By-Laws of the LWVUS.

Art. III Membership

Sec. 2. 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 LWVUS; (1) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (2) those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues; (3) those who make a lump-sum life membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life-members excused from the payment of dues.

BASIS: The first three articles must conform to the By-Laws of the LWVUS.

Art. IV Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers, (six) a minimum of five elected directors and (not more than six) appointed directors not to exceed the number of elected directors. ...The elected directors and officers shall (appoint) name the appointed directors whose terms of office shall be one year.

BASIS: To provide flexibility in the creation of the Board while ensuring that elected directors shall not be out-numbered by appointed directors, and for clarity.

Art. V Officers

Sec. 2d. The Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all League funds... (The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.)

BASIS: Auditing of books should be included in a following Article.

Art. VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall begin April 1. The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.

BASIS: See above basis.

Sec. 2. Dues. Dues shall be paid annually in the amount approved by the Board. ... Members classifying themselves as Senior Citizens shall have the option of paying yearly dues of (\$10.00) one-half of the amount of the regular dues. ...

BASIS: To clarify how dues are determined.

N.B. Wording to delete is in parentheses; Wording to add is underlined.

Art. VIII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, only two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. They shall nominate Officers, Directors, the Chairman and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee. (The Chairman and two members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations of these members shall be made by the current Nominating Committee.) The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the meeting....

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee (of its nominations for Officers, Directors and Members of the succeeding Nominating Committee) shall be sent to members at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting. ... Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided that the consent of the nominee (shall have) has been secured.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 5. Elections. The election shall be by ballot except(that)when there is only one candidate for an office, in which case election may be by voice vote.

A majority of those members (qualified to vote) present and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

BASIS: For clarity.

Art. IX Program.

Sec. 4c. Adoption of any (program subject in) part of the Proposed Program presented by the Board of Directors requires a majority vote of voting members present at the Annual Meeting.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 4d. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1)the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote. The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by majority vote.

BASIS: For clarity.

Sec. 4e. Changes in the Program may be made provided that information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

BASIS: The number two is unnecessary.in the defining of these conditions.

Art. X Conventions and Council

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National Office) shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted...

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors (at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the State Office) shall select...

League of Women Voters, Lake Forest, Illinois

LEAGUE LINES

USourdieu, Treasurer
295-2489

Lehman, Membership
24-4577

Mary Liz Carney, Bulletin Ed.
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Treasurer

we did it!

The new State Program has two new items: the first one, a study of the role of the state of Illinois in determining policies and standards for elementary and secondary education. The second one is the creation of a task force on ILLINOIS PUBLIC POLICY ON MENTAL ILLNESS, originally suggested by the Lake County League and OUR OWN LEAGUE. For more on this success and other news from the State Convention, see inside.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

on Monday, June 10, 1985 at the home of
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RAFFLE DRAWING: Dinner for Two at LeFrancais
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Please respond by June 6, and send check made out
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Mary Liz Carney, 277 S. Bluff's Edge Drive, L.F.

President's Pen

Dear Leaguers:

It was an unexpected pleasure to bring our League's recommendation for a new study item to the State Convention last weekend. Not only did we meet with gracious and considerate delegates who were willing to listen to our proposal, but we also met with success. Over the next two years, a task force will meet to review Illinois Public Policy on Mental Illness. All interested League members are invited to join the task force, which will have its first meeting in July; anyone wishing to contribute to the task force may make a tax-deductible contribution to the LMV of Illinois Education Fund, ear-marking the contribution, if desired.

With much of our attention focused on the annual meetings of the County and State levels of the League over the last weeks, it is time to turn our minds toward our own League. I do hope that many will gather together at our Annual Meeting on June 10 at the home of Mary Liz Carney. We will adopt our new local program & budget, elect new officers and directors, and amend our ByLaws at this meeting, following which luncheon will be served. We are delighted to have Charles Schuetz as our Speaker at the meeting. Charles Schuetz has been very generous with his time and will present the analyzed results of our local survey of the Housing Needs of Retirees and Empty-Nesters. If you have not already done so, please contact Mary Liz or me to let us know you are planning to attend.

Raffle receipts and stubs should be returned to Mary Ann Fowler as soon as possible, but last minute returns will be collected at the Annual Meeting. Tickets are still available if you need a few more. This raffle is our major fundraiser for the year and provides a large part of our budget.

The second part of our Marital Law Study has been completed and the resulting position, based on our consensus, has been announced. The second part of the study dealt with the laws governing the dissolution of marriage, divorce, and our new positions on property division, maintenance, custody, and child support are all to be found inside this bulletin.

The League has been following the changes proposed to our Comprehensive Plan, which include sections pertaining to the annexation of lands, including the lands known as the Conway Farms. I cannot urge you strongly enough to attend the upcoming Plan Commission and City Council meetings, in order to learn about these and other changes and to make your feelings known. City meetings are usually held at the City Hall Council Chambers on Deerpath and Forest and the dates of the meetings are published in the local papers and posted at City Hall. (Because of possible changes, it is always wise to call first.) The meetings are open to the public, usually begin at 7:30 on weeknights, and tend to be easy to follow. Since you last attended, the seats have been cushioned and the ventilation improved, so do make an effort to attend these meetings -- the changes and ordinances have an effect on us all; as the League is so fond of saying: "Democracy is not a spectator sport."

This past year, our League has been a dynamic group and an asset to our community. With your support, it can be repeat its successes over the next year. Please make arrangements to attend the annual meeting and think about participating in one of our studies; many hands make light work! I look forward to seeing you at the June 10 meeting, Paula 295-2489

Post card from DeKalb

What a genial Convention! Armed with posters, 3-page handouts, books and monographs for reference, and bold yellow badges, I arrived ready to do my best to provide the delegation with compelling reasons for adopting our mental illness study and to build momentum and enthusiasm for the dark topic of mental illness. Who could have anticipated the respect and thoughtful consideration given by the delegation? Veterans of Countless Conventions have told me that the support and consideration given to our proposal throughout the Convention was perhaps even unprecedented. Who would have imagined that those leading the campaign for the education study would have donned the Mental Illness study badges and urged support for our item, a potential rival for their own study? Those campaigning for the Mental Illness study sporting an education button on the same lapel as the Mental Illness study badge? The mutual respect and harmony between those campaigning for these two studies was truly overwhelming. There are many to thank for their thoughtful consideration, respect, help, time, and support. Although the formal study did not pass, we have succeeded in focusing League attention on the public policy on mental illness through the creation of a state-wide task force and that, in essence, was our goal. To have attained our goal within an atmosphere of harmony and respect was the only way, I think, that you and I could have been pleased with our effort. I am delighted to tell you that we can indeed be pleased.

Paula

League of Women Voters of the Deerfield Area

P. O. Box 134

Deerfield, Illinois 60015

Mr.
&
in
Lake Forest, IL

Dear Mary Liz:

What
study of convention last year. It really was
pull everyone together, especially in the same respect. I
and yet she was able to bring us with the other group
from DeKalb who had a similar study and to orchestrate
the whole thing on the floor of the convention pretty
much single-handedly. She really put a lot of effort into
a good presentation.

Sincerely,

Mary Flom
President

Membership

Let us introduce you to two of our new members:

Eleanor Knight - 1301 Western Ave., Apt. 117
Tel. 295-2542

Eleanor moved from Urbana to Lake Forest last September to be near her granddaughter and her family, having lived in Urbana since 1959 where she was a High School Chemistry teacher. She now works at the Hospital as a volunteer in the Medical Library. Eleanor met Blanche Johnston through the Senior Citizens and was introduced to the League by Blanche. She wants to be involved in the League and its studies, and is particularly interested in Voter Service and Water Quality/Natural Resources.

Mary Ann Johnson (Mrs. James H.)
1441 Lawrence 295-8700, 234-6755

Mary Ann has lived in Lake Forest since 1972, previously having lived in Hinsdale. A graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., Mary Ann served as President of the Chicago Alumni Club for six years. She has been active in Lake Forest AAUW, Women's Board of Lake Forest Symphony, volunteer at L.F. Hospital for ten years and Faith Lutheran Church, where she has served as Council Secretary for 2 years. Mary Ann started her first import boutique "Hjertehjem" which means "Heart Home" 15 years ago in Baileys' Harbor, Door County, Wisc. She opened her second shop in Lake Forest in October, 1982.

LAKE COUNTY LEAGUE

Instead of the annual coffee for the County Board, the Lake County League had a luncheon for the Board in the Council Chambers of the County Building in Waukegan on Tuesday, May 14. This is something that has been done for the past several years in order to get better acquainted with the Board. The luncheon seemed to be enjoyed by all. Linda Illes and Mary Liz Carney represented the Lake Forest League.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to any U.S. citizen or
voter. Women in the Lake Forest League pay \$25.00 per year. Anyone
wishing to join can send a check for that amount, payable to the L.F. W.
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BRIDGE
MARATHON

On Monday, May 13, the final game in the 1984-85 LWV Bridge Marathon was played in the new Community Room at the Gorton Community Center, followed by a delicious salad luncheon.

Money prizes were awarded to the eight pairs of players with the highest cumulative scores. They were

First: Sue Hood and Judy Dobeus; Second: Mary Jane Nugent and Gerry Ford; Third: Adele Szymanski and Joan Speranza, Fourth: Bertha Pepe and Elise Compere; Fifth: Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur; Sixth: Mary Liz Carney and Helen Loving; Seventh: Dorothy Singer and Florence Trueblood; and Eighth: Rita Mitchell and Marge Weldon.

Congratulations to the winners and our heartiest thanks to Adele Szymanski and Joan Speranza who managed the Marathon this past year so efficiently.

Mary Liz Carney and Helen Loving will be Chairmen for the coming year and hope to keep the number of pairs playing at 28. There are now some spaces left and Mary Liz Would like for anyone wanting to play next year to call her at 234-7624.

For anyone not sure how the Marathon operates, the year begins in September with a game on the fourth Monday of each month, except December, until May. Each player is hostess for two tables of bridge in her home once during the year, and the final game in May is played at Gorton with everyone participating. This is when the eight money prizes are awarded.

Don't feel that you must be an expert in order to participate - all levels of bridge expertise are represented and it often happens that some of the best players do not get into the winners' circle at all - much depends on the cards dealt out. It is always a great deal of fun and a wonderful way to get acquainted with some very nice people. It is also a good money raiser for the League and that is greatly appreciated. Incidentally, if you are unable to play every month on the 4th Monday, you just get a substitute to take your place.

Do call Mary Liz soon so that the schedule can be made up during the summer and distributed by September 1. Join as a pair if you can since you will be playing with the same person all year, but singles can usually be matched up too. The cost will be \$15.00, to be paid to the hostess at the first game in September.

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LAKE COUNTY LEAGUE

CONVENTION NEWS

Two members, Linda Illes and Leslie Caringello, were among the delegates to the Lake County League Convention at Corton this month. Delegates from the seven Leagues in Lake County

elected new officers and directors and Program for the biennium, in addition to amending the ByLaws and adopting a budget. New officers for the biennium are:

President:	Joan Kaltsas (Lake Bluff)	Directors:
VicePresident:	Sara Clark (Libertyville)	Nora Licata (Highland Pk)
Treasurer:	Mary Kaiser (Deerfield)	Sally Zeit (Waukegan)
Secretary:	Paula DuBourdieu (Lake Forest)	
Nominating Committee Chairman:	Mary Liz Carney (Lake Forest)	

The current program retains all items from the previous year (see the membership yearbook for a listing) and includes one new study item and the creation of a special task force. The new study is of the Forest Preserve District of Lake County: Study the budget and policies of the Forest Preserve, land acquisition, development, maintenance and committee structure; Define the difference between Forest Preserve and Nature Preserve. The task force item calls for the creation of a special committee to review, for the purpose of updating, the Land Use position.

Following the business meeting and luncheon, Lake County Board Chairman James LaBelle spoke to the League about the nature of politics and the issues and priorities before the County Board. Chief among these are issues related to land use, zoning and capital improvements. LaBelle noted that, "with population of the county expected to increase to 612,000 within the next twenty years," the County Board's role is to "prepare for the growth inevitably to occur." Another matter of importance is the County's Solid Waste Management. LaBelle described the plans for the new County Jail and detailed the new philosophy of corrections that will be employed in the designing of the new jail. "High on the list," LaBelle told the League, "is finding a way to provide for the future stability of the County." LaBelle reviewed revenue source shortfalls and discussed the possibility of a county-wide sales tax. LaBelle spoke of his respect for the League, reminded us that his wife is an active member, and pointed out that the Board's Parliamentarian is also a Leaguer.

TIME FOR LOCAL ACTION

At its recent meeting, the Urban and Environmental Affairs Committee of the City Council recommended an ordinance that would permit leaf burning on four 3-day weekends each fall and two 3-day weekends each Spring. Some of last year's provisions would also apply to this ordinance: prohibitions against burning wet leaves, burning during excessive winds or thermal inversions, burning after sunset or before sunrise... Our League has a firm position against leaf burning in our community. Now is the time to write our City officials and aldermen to advise them of our position and urge them to prohibit leaf burning in our community.

REPORT ON THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS OF ILLINOIS
STATE CONVENTION

Some 300 members of the League of Women Voters gathered together last weekend in DeKalb to transact the business of the 42nd State Convention. Among the business items was the election of new officers and directors. Elected were the following Mary Ellen Barry (Naperville) as President, Carol Lingenfelter (Springfield) as V.P., Gretchen Monti (Normal) as V.P., Joyce O'Keefe (Highland Park) as V.P., Nancy Phelan (Downers Grove) as V.P., and Carol Piper (Winnetka) as Secretary-Treasurer. Elected as Directors were Betty Bucknell (Belleville), Joanne Eckman (Libertyville), Susan Eisenhower (Arlington Heights), Barbara Moore (Park Forest), Joan Parker (Lincoln), Eleanor Revelle (Evanston), Phoebe Telser (Wilmette) and Fleur Wright (Rockford). Appointed to the Board, pending approval, were Phoebe Burnette, Suzanne Calder, Peg Matthias, Joan Nudo, and Martha Janko.

Several editorial changes to the ByLaws were adopted at the Convention. Several substantive changes to the ByLaws were also adopted, including an amendment to increase to 50% the number to constitute a quorum at State level Conventions and Interim Council. An amendment recommended by the State Board that would have reduced the present requirement of a 3/5 majority to a simple majority vote in order to adopt a not-recommended Program item failed to carry by some 17 votes. (This amendment would have made it much casier for us to get the Mental Illness study adopted.) The Budget adopted for the year totaled slightly more than \$199,000.

All program items from the previous year (listed in our current membership book) were re-adopted, except for the Local Government task force which has completed its work. The State Board recommended item (Education: Study of the role of the state of Illinois in determining policies and standards for elementary and secondary education) was adopted as a new study for the biennium. The new study item that we proposed jointly with the Lake County InterLeague failed to carry a 3/5 majority (if only that ByLaws amendment had passed) by 15 votes. The item was amended to call for the creation of a task force on Ill. Public Policy on Mental Illness and was adopted handily. Concern about the ability of local Leagues across the state to muster the womanpower necessary to carry out the item as a formal study -- considering the items already on the agenda -- was the reason for the decision to create a task force, rather than adopt the item as a formal study.

DIVORCE LAW CONSENSUS
APPROVED MAY 16, 1985



The League of Women Voters of Illinois believes that divorce settlements should be fair and equitable to all parties with regard to property division, maintenance, custody, and child support.

Property Division: The League believes that each spouse should receive an equitable share of the assets acquired during the marriage. In determining equitability, the contribution of both spouses to the acquisition of marital assets should be presumed to be equal, and special consideration should be given to the diminished earning power of the homemaker. The League supports expanding the category of marital property to include such assets as pensions, increased earning power due to skills/education acquired during marriage, and professional good will. Full disclosure of assets by both spouses is essential to an equitable distribution.

Maintenance: The League supports realistic maintenance awards which encourage a dependent spouse to become self-sufficient. Maintenance awards should be substantial enough and of sufficient duration to enable the spouse seeking support to succeed in acquiring the training necessary to achieve an appropriate standard of living. Special consideration should be given to full-time homemakers, to spouses with custody of young children, and to older spouses who have little employment potential. There should be regular review during the maintenance period to assess the dependent spouse's progress toward self-sufficiency.

Custody: The League believes that each custody decision should be based on a determination of what will be in the child's best interest. There should be no presumption that either sole custody or joint custody is the better alternative. Mediation should be strongly encouraged in custody disputes, and standards should be established for mediators.

Child Support Awards: The League supports measures to ensure adequate child support awards and to divide the financial responsibilities of childrearing equitably between both parents. Child support awards should be based on an assessment of each child's needs and the resources of both parents. Every effort should be made to provide for health insurance coverage for dependent children at the time of divorce. Automatic cost-of-living adjustments should be permitted.

Child Support Enforcement: The League strongly supports measures to ensure the timely enforcement of child support payments. The League encourages the use of administrative and quasi-administrative procedures to ease the burden on the present court system, the payment of child support through the clerk of the court, improved computerization of child support records, and adequate funding to implement these measures. Attention should also be given to guaranteeing non-custodial parents continuing contact with their children.



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UPDATE



NATURAL RESOURCES

Our top Natural Resources priority, a Community Right to Know Act for toxic substances, is at a crucial stage in both houses. HB 300 (Madigan-Bowman) is on Third Reading, while SB 931 (Demuzio) is on Second. Now is the time for League members to contact their own legislators in support of both bills.

Action on our other major interest, solid waste management, is focused on the House. HB 703 (Breslin) would allow various types of local governments to plan and implement strategies that promote resource conservation, with these activities funded by a surcharge on land disposal if they desire. We also support HB 1544 (Swick-Stern) which would strengthen control of municipal waste incinerator emissions. Members should urge their representatives to vote for these bills, citing local conditions as appropriate.

A third area of interest is adequate funding for environmental programs. The Dept. of Conservation budget (HB 675) emerged from committee with a 51% increase over last year and the IL EPA budget (SB 458) provides for more staff to improve non-hazardous waste monitoring. We support HB 1774 (Currie) which mandates permit and inspection fees for air pollution sources to make up for declining federal funding. HB 569 (Daniel Madigan), the "Build Illinois" program which includes environmental protection and land acquisition projects, has also reached the floor of the House.

Gretchen Monti

out of committee. We support both SB 382 (Kustra) and HB 5 (Hicks). These identical bills increase reimbursement for special education personnel from \$6,250 to \$11,000. HB 514 is third reading and SB 382 on second reading.

We also support HB 982 (Mulca) which would increase the maximum tax rate for unit districts to 1.84% for educational purposes, .50% for the building fund and .24% for the transportation fund. These rates will be phased in over a four year period. This bill is on third reading.

WHAT YOU CAN DO. Write to your Representative and Senator and ask their support of the Special Education Reimbursement bills, and for the increase in the maximum tax rate for unit districts. Especially remind them that adequate and equitable funding is absolutely necessary if other education reforms are to succeed in improving Illinois schools. Emphasize that band-aid approaches will not work and that a comprehensive education package would be their top priority this year.

**Action
Alert**

DEADLINE DATES:

May 24 -- Third Reading of all bills in House of origin.

June 14 -- Second house committee action on substantive bills.

June 21 -- Second house committee action on appropriation bills.

June 25 -- Second House Third Reading of substantive bills.

June 26 -- Second House Third Reading of appropriation bills.

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Have a
Good Vacation!

See you in



September!



Dear Leaguers.

President's Pen

Thank you for your confidence and support. This past year has been a particularly visible year for the League. In addition to registering over 300 new voters, our League held a forum on public funding of private school students, a luncheon on Lake County issues, and evening program with City officials on leaf burning. We studied leaf burning in Lake Forest, came to a position and can now work to prohibit all leaf burning in our town. We surveyed the entire community with the help of Charles Schuetz and the City of Lake Forest on the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters, led the campaign for a state-wide League study of Illinois Public Policy on Mental Illness, and participated in a state-wide study of Illinois laws governing the dissolution of marriage. We gained many new members, observed City meetings -- including the C.R.O.Y.A., City Council and Plan Commission, and kept in good touch with our elected officials on legislation of special interest to the League.

Many of our members contributed to our efforts and successes this year. Those who took leadership positions, those who took part in our efforts, and those who sustained the League through interest and membership all contributed together to the work of the League as a whole and the betterment of our government and society.

We have decided to restore our monthly membership meetings during the coming year. So far, it seems that we are leaning toward a Tuesday each month for the day of the meeting, which may or may not include a luncheon. Anyone with ideas about this or suggestions about interesting programs should drop a note to or call me at 295-2489. If anyone is interested in organizing the topics for the meeting should also be sure to call.

We are working on a reprint of our popular Lake Forest "Portrait" and hope to bring out another edition this summer. There will be a small charge for each copy and details will be announced in advance.

As you read through the bulletin this month, please don't be shy. If you see something that interests you or have some time to spare, call me; there's always room for whatever you can give to the League. Paula

HOUSING NEEDS OF RETIREES AND
EMPTY-NESTERS SURVEY
RESULTS RELEASED

Marketing expert Charles Schuetz presented the results of the League - City of Lake Forest sponsored survey at the Annual Meeting June 10. Mr.

Schuetz also presented a text outlining the purpose, research procedures and conclusions of the survey, as well as exhibits and statistics on the answers to individual questions; a copy of this report is available at the Lake Forest Public Library.

Based on the results of the study, Mr. Schuetz concluded the following concerning residents' attitudes about housing in Lake Forest.

1. Most families with children (potential empty-nesters) do not plan to change housing or move from Lake Forest when their children leave home. Only about 24% of potential empty-nesters plan to look for new housing; 7% may seek housing in other cities.
2. Retirement tends to affect people's housing requirements more than other events. 33% of Lake Forest people approaching retirement age plan to live in their present homes, but 30% may seek new housing in the Chicago area, mainly in Lake Forest, and 24% will move to other cities, probably for reasons other than housing.
3. Many residents who plan to maintain Chicago residences after they retire probably will live in some other location for at least part of the year. A more limited number will also travel. Therefore, they seek housing that will be easy to leave vacant for a portion of the year and will not cause problems.
4. Lake Forest residents, especially those who are approaching the empty-nester stage or thinking about retirement, do not feel that Lake Forest offers adequate housing for people who are reaching these stages of life. The same attitude prevails regarding housing for people who are widowed or divorced and living alone. That factor and the high cost of housing in Lake Forest are the major factors that might cause them to look for housing elsewhere.
5. Conventional single family dwellings will meet most of the needs and desires of empty-nesters. Conventional single family detached homes on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) will also serve the needs of a portion of that segment of the population. These homes should have one or two stories, three bedrooms and be located on lots of less than 1/2 acre.
6. The needs and desires of people who are divorced or widowed and living alone probably can be served by many different types of housing. While conventional single family homes are of the greatest interest, a significant portion of that segment favor single family detached homes on smaller lots with common land, townhouses, condominiums, and rental apartments. The most suitable housing would be one-story, include two bedrooms and be located on lots of less than 1/2 acre.

HOUSING SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED

7. The type of home that will satisfy the needs of retirees is a conventional single family home. Single family detached homes on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) rank second in that respect. Housing for this segment of the market should be one-story, have two or three bedrooms, and be on lots of less than 1/2 acre.

8. Top priority features in housing for families with reduced households include:

- easy to clean quarters
- first floor master bedroom
- home security systems
- little yard maintenance

9. Lake Forest residents probably will support the building of single family detached homes on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) and townhouses. They may or may not support construction of condominiums, but probably will oppose additional rental apartments.

Eighty-two percent of the respondents were married, 27% had been empty-nesters for more than one year, and 58% were families with children. Fourteen percent of the husbands were retired, and 43% of the husbands were not retired but aged 45 years or older. The average person responding has lived in Lake Forest for approx. 14 years and in their present home about 8 1/2 years. About two out of three homes in Lake Forest have two stories, and about 50% of residents in single family detached houses have lots less than one acre, with the median lot size about 1/2 acre. The size lot favored by the average empty-nester or person nearing that stage is 1/2 acre (50% favor that size or smaller and 50% favor that size or more). The lot size favored by the average retiree is 1/4 acre or less. 69% of those approaching retirement feel that 1/4 acre or less would be ideal, a feeling shared by 65% of those already retired.

Fifty-eight percent of the men surveyed were 45 years or older, while 20% did not answer. At least part of the time, 33% have only two people living at home and 35% had three to five living at home at least part of the time. Ten percent have children under 5 at home and 49% have children at home between 12 and 24 years old. Over 50% of retirees and empty-nesters have grown children in the Chicago area. Forty-nine percent reported annual income of \$75,000 or more. Ninety-two percent do not expect to move out of Lake Forest because of a company transfer. Respondents identified themselves almost equally as residents of each of the four City wards, each ward generating about 1/4 of the responses. The overall response rate to the 5,101 questionnaires sent to every Lake Forest household was 28%.

AIR POLLUTION UPDATE: OZONE

Summer is ozone season, the recent newsletter of the Illinois EPA explains.

According to the newsletter, Progress, ozone is a major air pollution problem in many metropolitan areas throughout the U.S. Our own region is no exception: during last year's ozone season, 29 days were recorded during which ozone levels in the metropolitan Chicago region exceeded air quality standards.

Ozone is different from other air pollutants for two major reasons: First, as a form of oxygen in the stratosphere, it protects us from the ultraviolet radiation of the sun that can cause skin cancer; secondly, it is not directly emitted by specific sources. Ozone is formed by a chemical reaction when hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides are exposed to sunlight. Some hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides are naturally occurring compounds, however, many are man-made from such sources as automobiles, oil refineries, and chemical solvents, such as printing chemicals. It is the strength of the sunlight during the summer months that combines with the compounds to create high amounts of ozones, especially in areas with great amounts of auto exhaust.

The US EPA requires states with ozone problems to submit plans for its control of ozone components and to conduct vehicle emission testing. In Illinois, vehicle emission testing will begin in 1986.

The US EPA has established the level for ozone air quality as .12 parts per million (ppm) of ozone in the air. When ozone levels exceed this standard, citizens in affected areas are alerted by the Ill. EPA through the National Weather Service and local news programs.

Ozone can cause a burning sensation in the nose and throat and make one's chest feel tight. The newsletter reports that most people begin to feel the effects of ozone when concentrations reach levels of .2 and .3 ppm. People with asthma or diseases of the heart or circulatory system can feel symptoms at lower concentrations. The newsletter notes that individuals should avoid excessive physical exertion during periods of excessive ozone concentration and that those with respiratory and heart ailments follow the advice of their physicians and refrain from outdoor exercise, smoking, and exertion.

LOCAL VOTER REGISTRATION:

Thanks and congratulations go to Mary Lis Carney and Linda Illes for their recent voter registration drive at Lake Forest High School. With the assistance of the County Clerk's office and school officials, they registered over 200 new voters, high school seniors preparing for graduation exercises. We usually register some 300 or so at the Deepath Art League show over Labor Day weekend in Market Square-- with the assistance of many more members. It was an unusual turnout and the ladies did a tremendous job.

C.R.O.Y.A. UPDATE:

The League is pleased to announce that our past study chairman, Anita Rutigliano, has been appointed Vice-Chairman of C.R.O.Y.A. Anita's abilities and enthusiasm have already made a difference and, since our League supports CROYA, we are proud that her involvement will further the work of C.R.O.Y.A.



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Membership

SEPTEMBER, 1985

You Are Invited

All members of the League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest
are cordially invited, and urged to attend
the League's first full Membership Meeting of
the year -

When? - On Wednesday, September 25

Where? - Gorton Community Center Community Room

Time? - 11:30 for coffee

12:00 Noon for luncheon

1:00 for program

Program? - Charles E. Crook, Director of Planning and
Development for Lake Forest, will discuss
land use planning and related issues. This
involves the City's comprehensive plan, how
changes have been made, and the plans for
the future. Changes in population involve
planning shifts - come and hear about it.

Community focus

The luncheon is light and will cost just \$4.00. Please call
Bea Schuetz (234-4577), Mary Liz Carney (234-7624) or Paula
DuBourdieu (295-2489) to make your reservation.
Deadline: September 23



Have you paid your dues? Just a reminder
to those who may have forgotten over the
summer. All dues are based on an April
anniversary date, but our active year
begins in September. Do stay with us.

Attached to this edition of the bulletin is our version of the Deerfield League's popular "Don't Gripe". It lists the addresses of our representatives and should make it more convenient for you to write all those letters that League members are famous for.

Also in this Bulletin is the request for concurrence with the Lake Michigan InterLeague group. Please review the material and let us know your position within the next two weeks. A card addressed to the League at Gorton or a phone call to any Board member will make sure that your views are represented.

It has been a long-standing belief held by many members that our League needs to hold regular membership meetings. This year, we plan to have regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month. Gorton tells us that parking is available on that day, so please don't be shy. Our regular monthly meeting will provide us with an opportunity to learn more about our own local studies, state and federal issues, and issues of general interest to League members, in addition to the chance to meet and chat with our friends.

Our first meeting will be held at the Gorton Community Room on Wed. Sept. 25. City Planner Chuck Crook will speak to us about land use planning and related issues following luncheon. With two major studies on issues involving land use on our agenda this year, Mr. Crook's insights should be quite interesting and useful in our understanding of the fundamental goals of land use planning.

Please be thinking about your interest in our local program. Committees will soon be forming to study 1) the housing needs of retirees and empty-nesters, 2) the amendments to the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan, 3) child care services for pre-school children in Lake Forest and 4) the need for additional pet control regulation: a leash law and pet-waste ordinance. Anyone interested in joining a committee, observing a City meeting, or serving on the Board should contact me at 295-2489; there's room for everyone and we'd be more than delighted to learn that you have a little extra time to give the League.

Thanks to Mary Liz Carney's grand effort, the Lake Forest Portrait is now at the Printer, revised and ready to go... Copies will be available soon at \$2 each and details will be provided in the next Bulletin.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Luncheon on the 25th.

CHILD
CARE
STUDY

One of our local studies for this year is on Child Care Services and Facilities for Pre-schoolers - of great interest to a good many of our young mothers.

There will be an organizational meeting of the study committee on Friday, September 27 - 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Christie Gescheider
95 Honeysuckle - 295-5093

The committee is just forming, so anyone interested in this subject should call Christie. She will be delighted to hear from you and have you join her committee.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25 - Wednesday - Membership Meeting at Gorton
11:30 a.m. - Charles E. Crook

SEPTEMBER 25 - Wednesday - Membership luncheon and meeting
11:30 at Gorton's Community Room
Program: Land planning in Lake Forest

27 - Friday - Organizational meeting of study
committee on Child Care Services
95 Honeysuckle - 295-5093

27 - Friday - Deadline for getting Interleague
consensus (Inter-basin Transfers)
to LWV at Gorton

OCTOBER 7 - Monday - LWVLF Board Meeting - Gorton
3-5 (Thur.-Sat.) Fall Regionals at Hinsdale or Chicago

23 - Wednesday - Membership meeting - Gorton
Subject: Global security



Circle the third Wednesday of every month (except December) and plan to be in attendance at the League's monthly meeting. The programs will include talks (and discussion) on the need for a full-day kindergarten in Lake Forest, child care services, more on the housing needs of empty nesters and retired people, CROYA and the Recreation Department including a swimming pool, and much else.

MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE The State League Mental Health Task Force
 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS subcommittee on state and federal statutes
 SOUGHT and regulations will hold its first meeting
 on Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 10 am at the home of Paula DuBourdiou, sub-
 committee chairman, at 673 Northmoor Rd. The subcommittee will review
 its charge, organize, and break down the topics for research and study.
 The subcommittee will also look at the rights of the mentally ill.
 All interested League members are urged to join the committee at the
 October 3rd meeting. For further information, please call Paula at 295-2489.

MARITAL If you have not yet read the Summer edition of the League's
 PROPERTY Illinois Voter, be sure to do so.
 ACT You will remember that our first year's study of Marital Laws in
 Illinois resulted in consensus that marriage should be a partner-
 ship between husband and wife, whose contribution to the family should have equal
 value, and who should share equally in the assets acquired during the marriage.
 Under current Illinois law, the basic principal of marriage is one of separate
 rather than shared assets, with property belonging to the spouse who acquires it.
 Non-monetary contributions to the family do not give a spouse a legal share in the
 assets being acquired by the other spouse or a role in family decision making.

A Marital Property Act would establish shared ownership of assets during
 marriage, and would recognize the contributions of both spouses as of equal
 importance. This, in turn, would have an impact on spouses' access to credit,
 ability to will property, and inheritance rights.

The League is anxious to work for passage of a Marital Property Act in Illinois,
 and local leagues' work will be essential. They can educate their communities
 about the inequities of the present system and can build public support for a
 Marital Property Act.

Several marital property bills have been introduced in Springfield, and the state
 league will work closely with legislative sponsors to refine the proposed
 legislation.

VOTER League members made their customary appearance at the Art Fair on
 SERVICE Market Square during the Labor Day weekend to register new voters.
 While there were not nearly as many registered as last year when
 about 300 were registered (election year), it will still work doing - and fun
 to visit with people besides. There will be a training session for new registrars
 when the County Clerk receives the new forms that will be required, so call
 Linda Illes (295-3444) if you would like to be Voter Registrar for the League.

PUBLICATIONS

LAKE FOREST PORTRAIT Our own publication, the "Lake Forest Portrait" has been updated, is being reprinted, and will be in our hands soon. We were surprised to find that so many changes were needed - but then it has been six years since it was last reprinted.

Keep the Portrait in mind as a good source of information about Lake Forest and Lake County government, its history, and many other things including a good up-to-date map of the city and some artwork by local artists which is suitable for framing. Where else could you get such a value for \$2.25? It makes a great small gift at Christmas or at any other time. It will be available at various League meetings, or call Mary Liz Carney 234-7624.

NEW PUBLICATIONS The national office (1730 M St., Washington DC 20036) has released the following new publications:

Election '84 Wrap-Up (60¢ for members). An overview of the election, with special emphasis on increased voter turnout among women and minorities. Registration and voting statistics are included.

A Citizen's Guide to Electric Utilities (\$1.75 for members). Offers the non-expert a brief and balanced introduction to the electric utility industry and problems it faces in the future. Easy-to-read booklet describes how electricity is generated and distributed, and roles for citizen participation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL LEAGUE MEETINGS -- WE NEED YOUR HELP

Have you heard an interesting speaker lately? Do you have a special knowledge about a subject of interest to League members? Is there something you would like to hear more about at a League meeting? The Board would like your suggestions for an interesting meeting or luncheon program. Please send your ideas to the LF LWV office at Gorton (400 E. Illinois Rd).

----- tear off -----

to: Lake Forest League, 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045

I recommend _____ (tel. # _____)
as a speaker for the topic of _____

I would like to attend a program on the topic of _____

OPTIONAL: NAME _____

IN MEMORIAM It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Mrs. Charles Orth, a member of the Board of Directors of our League for several years. Jane's quiet humor and steadfast dedication to the spirit and principals of the League will be long remembered.

OPEN MEETINGS Copies of the Ill. Open Meetings Act are available
INFORMATION without charge from Attorney General Neil Hartigan.
They are a "must" for all observers of governmental meetings. Just write: Publications Dep't., Attorney General's Office, 500 S. Second St, Springfield, IL 62706. Limited copies of the Freedom of Information Act and Guide are also available at the same address.

EDUCATION Peg Matthias has agreed to chair our study of education policy
STUDY in Illinois. She has already met with members of the School Finance Committee who will work with her on the study. We think there are members of local Leagues who would like to participate. Please contact Peg (312) 526-2140 if you know of someone who would like to be included. The state board has endorsed the committee's recommendation that the first year of the study will be devoted to curriculum requirements; during the second year, we will address questions of personnel and evaluation. The consensus deadline, April 23, listed as tentative on the calendar is now official.

Peg Matthias, who also serves as chair of the Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice committee asks that you notify your members that the International Youth services Conference will be held on October 6 - 9 at the Hotel Continental in Chicago. It is part of the United Nations International Youth Year program. Members may call Peg (312) 526-2140 for details.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY Edna Schade, Special Assistant to the Governor for Women
COUNCIL SEEKS has brought to our attention the open nominations for appointment to the Private Industry Council, PIC. PICs share one-half of the responsibility for the development
MEMBERS implementation and oversight of the Job Training Partnership

Act (JTPA) programs for economically disadvantaged and other individuals who have barriers to obtaining or maintaining employment, including displaced homemakers, older workers, and teenaged parents. Illinois ranks fourth in the nation for the largest number of poor-female-headed households, 132,000 of whom have been identified at living below the poverty level. More than 186,000 women have been identified as displaced homemakers, a group ineligible for public assistance and, most often, having little work experience to compete in the job market. Business owners and executives and members of community-based organizations are sought. If you are interested in joining the PIC or know such a woman, please contact Paula at 295-2489.

LAKE MICHIGAN INTERLEAGUE GROUP
STUDY OF INTER-BASIN TRANSFERS - BACKGROUND
AND STATEMENTS FOR MEMBER LEAGUE CONCURRENCE

INTRODUCTION

Interstate and interbasin transfers of water have been made in the past to serve municipalities, industries, energy development and agriculture. However, approval of those transfers was based on less complete information about their effects on aquatic ecosystems than is now available. It is inevitable that requests for such transfer will be made in the future and will require carefully considered responses.

HOWEVER,

- * Construction costs of large-scale water transfers are high and economic losses in the basin of origin may also be high;
- * Environmental costs of water transfers may include quantitative and qualitative changes in lake levels, wetlands and related fisheries and wildlife, diminished aquifer recharge and reduced stream flows;
- * Lowered water tables may affect ground water quality and cause land subsidence.

THEREFORE, ANY DIVERSION PLAN

- * Must include an understanding of the fragility and incomplete knowledge of the ecologic, economic, and social nature of the area of origin, the area through which the water must pass, and the receiving area;
- * Must contain methods for reviewing and adapting the plan to protect the affected areas during all stages of development, operation, termination, and post-termination of the inter-basin transfer.

As we look to the future, water transfer decisions will need to incorporate the high costs of moving water, the limited availability of unallocated water, and impacts on the affected ecosystems.

CRITERIA AND CONSENSUS

Criteria for evaluating both the decision making process and the suitability of a proposed interbasin transfer project should include:

- * Ample and effective opportunities for informed public participation in the formulation and analysis of proposed projects;
- * Evaluation of all economic, social and environmental impacts in the basin of origin, the receiving area and any area through which the diversion must pass, so that decision makers and the public have adequate information on which to base their conclusions;
- * Examination of all short and long term economic costs including, but not limited to, construction, delivery, operation, maintenance, and market interest rate;
- * Participation and review by all affected governments;
- * Procedures for resolution of intergovernmental conflicts;

* Accord with international treaties;

* Procedure for resolution of intergovernmental conflicts;

* User and/or state financial responsibility, with no federal subsidies, federal loan guarantees, or use of the borrowing authority of the federal government;

* An enforceable contract, with assurances that any mitigation can be financed, and with supervision separate from implementation.

As the waters of the Great Lakes basin are interconnected, the present and future condition of the Great Lakes' ecosystem should be a primary consideration when weighing the water needs of other areas. LMILC recommends that:

* Water conservation should be a goal of all concerned governments in the Great Lakes region;

* All concerned governments in the Great Lakes region should have water accounting systems and should adopt water use plans as a basis for prudent management of the Great Lakes;

* Canadian interests must be considered in Great Lakes resource decision making. At a minimum, existing mechanisms for these international discussions, such as the International Joint Commission Great Lakes Commission, and ad hoc technical task forces should be strengthened;

* Because the Great Lakes are international, future investment and development in the region should include cooperative international management of the water resource;

* Since the Great Lakes waters are currently used for multiple and competing purposes, any proposals for additional diversion decisions must take into account the potential impact on ecological, economic, aesthetic, navigational, energy-generation, national security and public welfare values.

CONSENSUS

***** TEAR OFF *****

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest

☐ concur ☐ do not concur (circle appropriate response) with the proposed criteria for judging inter-basin water transfers.

COMMENTS: (use other paper if necessary) _____

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The opinions of the LWV are expressed not only in the Capitol by our lobbyist and state board members, but also through each local League as they participate in Legislative Interviews and Legislative Seminar and lobby individual legislators on selected issues.

This summary includes only the highlights of League action. More details can be obtained from the Legislative Newsletter or the Legislative Information Hotline.

This legislation allows a surviving spouse of death or divorce the option of continuing health insurance coverage by paying the employer and employee share of the premium. This was the first opportunity to act on our new marital law position and creates a foundation for more extensive revision of marital law in Illinois. Letters are needed to urge the Governor sign the bill.

Leagues took a special interest in this bill at Convention. It would have prevented local communities from using home powers to regulate use of handguns. League's opposition to the bill a significant factor in its defeat.

The League had positions only in the finance area of the education reform package and we were pleased at passage of the concepts we supported including incentives for consolidation of school districts, permissive tax rates for unit districts, and taxes on cigarettes and interstate telephone messages to fund the reforms. We did not support the grants for transportation of children who attend public or private schools more than 1 1/2 miles from their

The passage of this legislation supported by the League will strengthen probation services and provide funds to counties for community-based offender services as alternatives to incarceration in state or local institutions. This bill had been stalled last year, and its success is due to much behind the scenes work with interested groups and agencies.

The Campaign for Family Stability failed to achieve a cost of living increase in public aid grants. If no action is taken in the fall session, grants will decline to 50% of the 1986 Standard of Need. However, poor people will benefit from a new state supplement to the federally funded WIC program, restoration of AFDC grants to first time pregnant mothers and a new low income utility payment plan.

An active environmental coalition worked together to pass this bill which would guarantee all workers and communities information about hazardous substances used in industry. Opposition by industry defeated the bill at the end of the session.

The League worked for several bills to improve the management of solid waste. One which passed will strengthen control of emissions from municipal waste incinerators. Another will allow local governments to use a variety of techniques in managing

Although subject to last minute negotiation the Legislature did include funding for natural areas acquisition, soil conservation and hazardous waste cleanup in the Build Illinois legislation. It is still important to lobby the Governor to include these provisions in his approval.

Two bills were passed which will improve the accessibility of absentee voting. The requirement of a doctor's certificate to vote absentee was eliminated. Another bill will make it possible to vote at municipal and township locations for primary elections.

Several League-supported job training programs were successful including jobs for low income youth, educational programs for hardcore dropouts, an apprenticeship and training council in DCCA, and acceptance of some post-secondary educational programs for recipients of public aid.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS FALL CONFERENCES -- METRO AREA

Plan now to join us at a Fall Conference. We'll provide informative workshops on League program issues, a stimulating speaker, networking opportunities and good food at each location in the Metro Area.

HINSDALE CONFERENCE: Thursday, October 3, 1985

KATHERINE LEGGE MEMORIAL PARK
5901 SOUTH COUNTY LINE ROAD, HINSDALE

- 5:30 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Speaker: Edna Schade, Special Assistant to the Governor for Women discussing women's issues in Illinois.
7:30 p.m. Workshops on Marital Property, Education, Financing the Federal Government, Solid Waste, Task Force on Mental Health.



CHICAGO CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 5, 1985

HOWARD JOHNSON'S
8201 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, CHICAGO

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Workshops on Marital Property, Education, Financing the Federal Government, Solid Waste, Task Force on Mental Health.
12:00 Noon Lunch
Speaker: Elizabeth Hollander, Commissioner, Department of Planning for the City of Chicago discussing the impact of "Build Illinois" on Municipalities.

If traveling by public transportation (CTA), CUMBERLAND is your stop on the O'Hare "L" line. For van service to Howard Johnson from CUMBERLAND, call 693-2323.

Space is limited, so mail the registration form with your check today. The League of Women Voters of Illinois reserves the right to cancel individual workshops if insufficient registration warrants.



FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM -- METRO AREA League of Women Voters of Illinois

Please enclose \$10.00 for each person attending. Price includes meal. Mail check payable to: League of Women Voters of Illinois, 67 East Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603 **SEPTEMBER 27**. No refunds after that date.

NUMBER ATTENDING HINSDALE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING CHICAGO _____

Workshop Preference (indicate number attending)

_____ Marital Property

_____ Education

_____ Mental Health Task Force

_____ Financing the Federal Government

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Name _____

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Paula DuBourdieu, President

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NOVEMBER 4, 1985

Instead of meeting on October 23, as originally planned, our second Membership Meeting will be on

Monday, November 4, in the Green Room at Gorton

A light luncheon will be served promptly at 11:45
(This one will be free!)

Immediately following the luncheon, or while we are having our coffee, Kay O'Connell will lead a study and discussion program on our National LNW CONSENSUS question -

FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: STIMULUS
THE FEDERAL DEFICIT

Details are on Page 3

NOVEMBER 13, 1985

On Wednesday, November 13, in the Green Room at Gorton

from 9:30 until 11:00 there will be a Coffee and an

exploratory meeting on

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN LAKE FOREST - IS IT MEETING THE
NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE?

Christie Gescheider, Chairman, is planning a comprehensive program and would be very interested in having more people join her committee.

Call her at 295 - 5093.

Babysitting will be provided.

Details on Page 5





President's Pen

Dear Leaguers

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the luncheon last month. Mr. Crook was a most interesting speaker and piqued the curiosity of most of us there. He graciously stayed another half-hour to answer the many questions we asked of him and it appeared as though we could have kept asking our questions all afternoon! For a summary of his address, please read the report on Page 7-8.

Our next meeting is on the topic of our national study, the Financing of the Federal Government. Within days, you will receive the National VOTER with its study article and tear-off consensus on the Federal Deficit. Our meeting should be most useful in helping us to understand the issues and implications of the federal deficit and to take part in the consensus. It will be helpful to bring your study article to the meeting. Those who were able to attend our last meeting on the FFG last year found it a great help to discuss and reason out the consensus questions.

Our meetings are open to all and we welcome friends and guests, so please ask your friends and neighbors to come with you to the meetings, and if you would rather the League invite them, just pass along the names to either Bea Schuetz (234-4577) or to Paula DuBourdieu (295-2489).

Our local studies are getting underway, so if you are interested in the Pre-School Child Care study, please contact study chairman Christie Gescheider at 295-5093. If you are interested in the Comprehensive Plan Amendments study, Housing Needs study, or Pet-Control study, please contact Paula DuBourdieu at 295-2489.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on the Federal Deficit.

Paula

***** CALLING ALL MEMBERS *****

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN THE LEAGUE? Do you have a new neighbor, a new friend, a new tennis partner? The League is always looking for new and prospective members and it is a good way to support the community. If you know someone who might like to join, just pass the names along to Membership Chairman Bea Schuetz at 234-4577 (45 Mayflower).

ENERGY CONFERENCE The University of Illinois at Chicago Energy Resources Center will hold its annual Energy Conference on October 28-29 at the Americana Congress Hotel in the Loop. This year's theme: New Energy Technologies for Illinois and the Midwest. League members are eligible for a reduced rate if they contact Conference Coordinator Jim Miet, (312) 996-4490.



Membership in the League of Women is open to any U.S. citizen of voting age. Dues in the Lake Forest League are \$30.00 per year.

For more information, contact:
Bea Schuetz, Membership Chairman
234-4577 (45 Mayflower)
Forest, Illinois 60045

FEDERAL
DEFICIT
CONSENSUS

Mark your calendar for Monday, November 4 - 11:45 a.m.

This is really our October meeting, but a couple of unforeseen problems developed with that date so it had to be changed.

Everyone is urged to attend and to take part in our National Study and CONSENSUS meeting on FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: STAGE 2 - THE FEDERAL DEFICIT. We are all inclined to cringe at the idea of taking part in such a huge study as financing the Federal Government, but as we learned last year in working on Stage 1 - Tax Policy, it is manageable if taken a bite at a time, and we learn a lot at the same time.

The method used this year is the same as last year - direct member agreement, with study articles printed in the National Voter, and a direct member response form in the Voter for members to mail back to LNWUS by November 18. You should be receiving your National Voter soon, and in it will be the League's complete study article that will, if it comes up to the standard set in the past by League publications, be the most complete and nonbiased article you have every read on the subject. You can, of course, read anything else you want to, but at the end you are likely to find the information covered in the League article.

Our meeting on November 4 will give our members a chance to discuss what they have read in the Voter and elsewhere, anything that is pertinent. Kay O'Connell, who is famous in Lake Forest League circles for taking these large studies and helping us to digest them and to understand some of the more puzzling aspects, will lead the discussion. We all know that a good discussion often clarifies our opinions - and is a great deal more interesting than reading alone.

So, look for your National Voter which has been promised for the middle of October; read the article; then come to the Gorton Community Center's Green Room at 11:45 a.m. on November 4 to have a light luncheon with us - free. So that the working Leaguers can use this as a lunch hour, and so that other plans won't be disrupted, we promise that the luncheon will be served promptly at 11:45 and the discussion will begin as we are having our coffee - about 12:15. If you want to chat a little first and have a cup of coffee, come at 11:30. And do bring your Voter with you. If you wish, the consensus sheets can be sent in following the meeting or they can go in later, but they must be in by November 18.

Don't forget - Monday, November 4 - 11:30 in Gorton's Green Room

While not obligatory, it would be helpful if you would call to let us know you are coming: Bea Schuetz at 234-4577, Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624, or Paula DuBourdieu at 295-2489.



Support Your Local Merchants



GREAT
DECISIONS ★

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) have co-sponsored a Great Decisions program for the past two years, and plan to do so again. This program usually begins in January and ends in May, and the book published by the Council on Foreign Affairs is available in January.

On ~~Thursday~~, November 14, at 8:00 p.m. there will be an introductory meeting at the home of Patricia Heslop, 331 Sussex Lane, Lake Forest. The subject for discussion will be "Revolutionary Cuba: Toward Accommodation or Conflict?" - the article for which is published in the Great Decisions '85 book (the one used this past January-May). The discussion will be led by Oria Perez, who is from Cuba.

If you have been in this program before you know how good it is, and if you have not, this is a good opportunity to get acquainted with it. You are welcome to attend this meeting, and if you wish to join the group for January-May '86 session, you can do so by ordering your book now or later. The book costs about \$6.00 and there is no other charge. If you wish to attend, call either Patricia Heslop at 234-6519, or Cyndy Morehead at 295-6470.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4 Monday - 9:30 a.m. - LWVLF Board Meeting - Gorton Green Room

11:45 a.m. - Luncheon Meeting and Consensus on the Federal Deficit. Green Room at Gorton

13 Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - Membership meeting and Coffee in Gorton's Green Room. Babysitting provided. Subject: "Kindergarten in Lake Forest - Is it Meeting the Needs of the Community Now and in the Future?"

~~Friday~~
Thursday 8:00 p.m. - Great Decisions Meeting at home of Patricia Heslop, 331 Sussex Lane, Lake Forest
Subject: Revolutionary Cuba



LOCAL PROGRAM -
CHILD CARE



The third Membership Meeting for this year will also be in November - on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Green Room at the Gorton Community Center. Babysitting will be provided for the young mothers who would like to attend this session.

Christie Gescheider has a small committee and would like to have a larger one to explore the subject and to bring their findings to the meeting. They are looking into the possibility or need of a full day kindergarten program in Lake Forest, to get opinions both for and against, to see who is interested, to look into the cost and who should be responsible if there is such a need, etc. Apparently there was a full day kindergarten program years ago. With an increasing population of young mothers with young children after a good many years of a falling birth rate, this question is of interest to many and should be looked into. Also, with the proposed change in admission age for entrance into school, should these in-between children be treated differently?

This particular segment of our population often finds it difficult to attend daytime meetings. So, for this meeting at least, the League will provide babysitting and will look into the possibility of providing it for future meetings if there proves to be a need for it.

If you would like to join Christie's committee, call her at 295-5093.

Some proposed questions -

The rationale behind the state law which is changing the birth date for entry into kindergarten. Purpose and content of the pre-school testing program; how can it be better used to determine need for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten enrollment, or can it? Is the present kindergarten program adequate as it pertains to the transition to first grade? An administrative viewpoint on extended day kindergarten and on a pre-kindergarten program in the public schools. What are the current alternatives for pre-kindergarten in Lake Forest?

Experts will be heard from and mothers' viewpoint and questions will be welcomed.

We are looking forward to seeing you.



Membership Corner

I would like to welcome our newest members - Ingrid Sutton and Sally Sue Hughes - to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest. We are hoping for many new members this Fall.

With the array of programs and studies planned, this should be an interesting year for the LWVLF (See Program Calendar). All members are urged to bring prospective members to the luncheon meeting on November 4 . FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: STAGE 2 - THE FEDERAL DEFICIT, or to the morning coffee on November 13 which will focus on pre-school child care and whether or not there is a need for an all-day kindergarten.

Please give me the names of prospects and I will send membership material to them as well as a special invitation to the meeting.

Also, all those people who are already thinking about joining the League should send in your dues now so that you will be included in the Membership Book - which will be printed soon.

In the interest of getting more people to the meetings and keeping the members informed, we are forming a telephone tree. Please call me at 234-4577 if you can give a little time each month to do some calling.

Beatrice Schuetz, Membership Chairman

Now, let us introduce our new members:

Betty B. Cutler, 1207 Burr Oak, Lake Forest - 234-9021

Betty joined the League in March, but was not introduced at that time. She is employed as a Librarian in Franklin Park, and is particularly interested in voter education. She has two children who are young adults. Because of her employment she is interested in evening meetings.

Sally Sue Hughes, 35 E. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest - 234-5642

Sally Sue has lived in Lake Forest for 8½ years, having come from Kansas City. She is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and Chairman of the Deacons' Committee, and a member of the Junior League of Chicago. She is Chairman of the Committee on Candidates and has worked for the Caucus for several years. She is also a clown who takes part in a program sponsored by Family Services called "Clowning for Prevention" where she goes into schools to discourage drug use. She is also interested in Liturgical Dance and has performed in such programs. She and her husband are parents of one son who is a Senior in Lake Forest High School. She joined the LWV because she admired the non-partisan stand the League takes on controversial questions as well as the various surveys we have sponsored.

Ingrid Sutton, 715 E. Green Briar Road, Lake Forest - 234-6318

Ingrid has lived in Lake Forest since she was ten years old. She attended Deerpath and Lake Forest High School and received her college degree at Barat College. At present she is teaching in the Deerfield High School. Her other interests are tennis, golf, and the Council on Foreign Relations, Women's Issues and our National Studies. She, too, would like to have some evening meetings.

LAND USE IN LAKE FOREST



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest held its first membership meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 25. Following luncheon at the Gorton Community Center, members and friends were addressed by Mr. Charles Crook, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Lake Forest.

Mr. Crook reviewed the amendments to the 1978 Comprehensive Plan, focusing upon the 1981 changes that involve the business districts of Lake Forest. Mr. Crook explained the main consideration underlying plans for the central business district as a vision that the business district "should be a district where most Lake Forest residents can do most of their shopping most of the time". Office use, he said, is encouraged as a support use for Lake Forest residents. With some ten percent of the City's annual budget derived from sales tax revenue, it is important for residents to become accustomed to shopping in Lake Forest. Mr. Crook discussed measures to keep the central business district from spilling out into the surrounding residential areas and the question of adequate parking. He noted that the City has added over 100 new spaces and that a parking study is currently underway.

In late 1983, Mr. Crook explained, the Plan Commission turned its attention to the western Lake Forest Business Area. Among its planning goals were 1) the concentration of commercial activity into a compact area, 2) reduction of commercial zoning, 3) improved traffic flow and management, 4) aesthetic improvements, and 5) the relocation of the Milwaukee Road railroad station. Mr. Crook emphasized that the Plan Commission's recommendations and goals are not yet approved by the City Council. Speaking on the reduction of commercial zoning, Mr. Crook explained that a City study of the area indicated that some 100,000 square feet of commercial space would serve the needs of the area residents. However, some 35 acres (1.5 million sq. ft.) are currently zoned for commercial uses in the Western Business Area. In contrast, he said, the Central Business District now contains some one-half million sq. ft. of commercial space and could be developed up to a total of perhaps 750,000 square feet.

Among other changes to the 1978 Comprehensive Plan, Mr. Crook noted the wording changes to the section on annexation and the Plan Commission's opinion of the importance of control and influence over the development of the Conway Farm land. Calling it perhaps the biggest boom in building activity in the history of Lake Forest, Mr. Crook told the League that, while last year some 125 building permits were issued, already some 85-90 building permits have been issued since May 1 and that 10 more requests had been submitted in the previous two days. Lake Forest is one of the last places left on the North Shore that is not fully developed, Crook explained, and the same things that make Lake Forest a desirable place to live also create pressure from developers to build in Lake Forest.

Mr. Crook highlighted the main foci for the three committees of the Plan Commission: the Zoning Code, Ecological and Long Range Planning Committees. The Zoning Code Committee is now looking at our fence regulations, with special concern about front-yard fences. The Ecological Committee is now working toward development of a ravine ordinance to enforce our ravine policy; it is also looking at the problem of construction along bluffs and at our floodplain ordinance and regulations. The Long Range Planning Committee is working on its "Anti-Balkanization" measures to preserve the character of a neighborhood while permitting reasonable development of larger properties; it is looking at the need to rezone some areas of the town; it will be considering the turning of bar homes into condominiums in order to preserve the streetscape but allow the owner of the property to enjoy economic benefits of his investment in the property; it will be looking at conservation easements and outright gifts of

land to the city; it will be addressing revisions to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and considering design controls of site and architectural planning in order to promote compatibility of buildings with the existing neighborhood.

Mr. Crook praised the quality of the data generated by the League-City survey of housing needs last year, citing the benefits that the concrete data will provide for future planning as Lake Forest struggles to remain a primarily single-family residential community in the midst of the changing demographics of the area and country (smaller families, older population, more non-traditional households). Crook told the League that the City may begin to look at cluster housing in Lake Forest sometime this winter. The survey showed an acceptance of this type of housing, whose nearest example is Wood Creek Courts, but it needs to be studied carefully. Among the benefits of cluster housing, Crook noted, are the openness of the streetscape and the perception of open space provided by the spacing of the homes in clusters.

Mr. Crook took questions from the audience, some of which follow: Asked to define the Central Business District by street, Mr. Crook explained the CBD is predominantly bounded by the Water Tower at the north end (with a small amount of business on No. Western Ave.), by Vine Ave. at the south end, essentially by the railroad tracks on the east side and by Oakwood Ave. on the west side.

Asked if the City has a way to prevent large developments from being built, such as Bannockburn Green, Mr. Crook said that the City cannot control such things as the Bannockburn shopping center; a City analysis of the West Lake Forest area indicated that the Bannockburn Green mall was perhaps not needed. The study "showed the need for some 100,000 sq. ft. of commercial space" Crook noted.

Asked how many square feet are in commercial use now in the west Lake Forest business area and what is proposed by the Sunset store, Mr. Crook said that there is some 40,000 sq. ft. in use there now, and that Sunset plans to add some 40,000-50,000 additional sq. ft. with other shops.

Asked about Population Projections for Lake Forest, Mr. Crook said that NIPC and the Illinois Bureau of the Budget have projected our population at 23,000 by the year 2010. Our planning is based on 50-75 new homes built per year; however, last year we had 125 new homes and, since May 1, we have issued some 85-90 building permits. About 40% of our town is undeveloped, with about 25% buildable, he said.

By Paula DuBourdieu

**BRIDGE
MARATHON**

The first game of the season was played in five different homes on Monday, September 23, and the high scores were:

First - Grace Murray and Eleanor Hennessy - 3540 Points
Second- Joan Chell and Evelyn Cartwright - 3410 Points
Third - Mathilda Williams and Paula Cosgrove - 3290 Points
Fourth- Sue Hood and Judy Dobeus - 3130 Points

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE PUBLICATION OF
THE REVISED AND UP-TO-DATE "LAKE FOREST PORTRAIT".

This booklet was first published in 1970, following many years annual publication of "Facts for Foresters". The new book, which was designed for us by Bruce Beck, met with instant success and received many compliments on its format and content.

"Lake Forest Portrait" was revised in 1974, 1979, and now in 1985 it has been updated again so that all voting information, financial information about the city and county, information about the schools, parks and recreational facilities, and even the indexed city map are all correct.

You will find that this information filled booklet is a handy guide to what is going on in Lake Forest and would be a wonderful small gift for a friend.

Our "Lake Forest Portrait" is being sold at Helanders for \$2.50, or may be ordered direct by calling Mary Liz Carney, 234-7624.

HEAR YE,
HEAR YE.



President's Pen

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

It was such a pleasure to have had such great attendance at our last two meetings. Thanks to Kay O'Connell for leading such an interesting discussion and to Mary Liz Carney, who once again made the arrangements for the luncheon.

Our child-care study meeting on kindergarten drew over sixty people and overwhelmed our meeting room. The program provided quite an amount of information and the questions were terrific. Great thanks are due to our panel members, one of whom is one of our own members, and to Christie Gescheider, Sue Krall, Kim Wesley and the other committee members, who helped to make the meeting such a success.

We can all be proud of our new publication Lake Forest Portrait, revised and updated this summer by Mary Liz Carney. Details on purchasing the new Portrait follow in this bulletin, but do remember to help spread the word about our new book: the price is inexpensive, the information is useful for all residents, the artwork is lovely and our fold-out map lists all the new streets!

We'll not have a regular monthly membership meeting in December, but will resume in January on the 16th when Fred Jackson, Exec. Director of the Lake Forest Recreation Dep't. will speak to us about the current programs and growth in the services. The meeting will be held in the evening and we look forward to great interest. We will have another meeting in late Feb. on the issues for consideration in the March 18th elections: candidates and referenda items. We will send out another notice about the January meeting following the holidays.

For those whose schedules may be lightening with the new year, I'd like to remind you that we do need some members to look at our land use position regarding the Comprehensive Plan and to look at our pet control regulations. We do have some interested members to look at these two issues and if we just get a few more people on these topics, we'll make quick progress. If you are interested in getting more active or participating in a study, please don't hesitate to call me at 295-2489.

With every best wish for happy holidays,

Paula

Weighty questions on early childhood

By MARY CLAIRE LEA
News/Voice Staff Writer

Should my daughter attend kindergarten for a half-day session or is she better off with a six-hour school day? How do I decide whether to send my son back to preschool in my child ready for kindergarten? These are some of the most challenging questions parents are facing in the early childhood education process.

Whether the answer should be for a full-day or half-day session, and the benefits of each for our school children.

Consequently, the Forest League of Women (FLW) is investigating pre-school and kindergarten opportunities in Lake Forest, and to initiate the study, sponsored a panel discussion Wednesday at the local airport.

The three speakers highlighted nearly 50 Lake Forest mothers on junior and senior kindergarten in the community.

DISTRICT 57 offers three kindergarten classes described by School Superintendent Allen Kinsinger as "concentrated programs we are happy with at this time."

In 1962 the school surveyed parents for a reaction to the program. "Eighty-two percent of the six-hour school day," Kinsinger reported, "is most important."

Still, the full-day class was not introduced because the school board wanted three-fourths of the parents behind them, according to Kinsinger. "A major statistic we have to keep in our mind is that 87 percent of the tax payers in Lake Forest do not have children in the public school system, and the taxpayers are the ones who support a kindergarten program."

LAKE FOREST Country Day School (LFCDS) offers a full-day program geared toward the gradual development of a youngster. The first three weeks of kindergarten are strictly half-day sessions, then a full-day program of one hour, but not mandatory school is in session from 8:10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students can join the full-day program in January, and the opportunity is offered again in the spring. "Some children are not ready right away, and some parents are not ready either," said Lynn Davidson who instructed the full-day schedule.

Approximately 63 percent of the students attend for a full-day in the fall, and another 20 percent of the students stay for a full six hours after the new year. Of the remaining 10 percent, some stay until the 2 p.m. hall in the spring while others keep the half-day schedule.

FOUNDER AND director of Joytime Preschool in Lake Forest, Joy Hodgen said the question "my child ready for kindergarten?" is not as much of a money issue.

Hodgen pointed "readiness guidelines" as a mother to refer to. "The development of a child's independence, emotional and social maturity, and child's cooperative and imaginative play are measures to guide a child's readiness for school."

Additional "dirty-gitty details," were listed, as the child's ability to concentrate on one thing for an appropriate length of time.

Hodgen said, "The disclosure of readiness to many forms at different stages. A child will not develop all the skills at once."

"LAKE FOST parents tend to hold back a child in a borderline case for entering kindergarten, especially boys," Kinsinger said. "Generally, we say to parents, 'When in doubt, hold back.'"

The superintendent noted, however, that strong supports a parent's decision. "The parent's choice is your choice."

Hodgen stressed, "Parents need to be confident and leave the decision up to the administration and teacher."

"Expert child can get at the level of the child's experience is turned into significant classroom experience," Kinsinger said. "Some kindergarten teachers believe a six-hour school day is significantly different."

Christie Gescheider's fine program on Full Day Kindergarten and preschool options was attended by close to 60 young mothers interested in the subject, many of whom brought young children who took advantage of our babysitting service. This article from the News Voice is so good that we are reprinting it for those who did



NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to introduce six new members this month.
They are:

Brumfield, Audrey (Elmer T.) - 1475 West Fork 295-6695

Audrey has lived in Lake Forest for six years, having moved to Illinois from Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. She has five grown children, two of whom are in college and the others married. Her main interest is in painting, and she has taken classes at the Art Institute for 1½ years. She is a friend of Violet Roberts, who introduced her to the League.

Preiss, Martha B. (Arthur, or Rick) - 1233 Wilson - 295-1083

Marty has lived in Lake Forest for three years, and has given up working in the city to stay home to care for her year old son, Artie. Previously she worked as Manager of Business Strategy for International Harvester, having received her MBA at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Finance. She does work as financial consultant for Delta Gamma Sorority. She gardens and plays tennis, and joined the League in order to get more involved in community affairs - something she has not had time to do previously.

Rummel, Melanie K. (S. Michael) 595 E. Longwood - 234-8858

Melanie has lived in Lake Forest for 25 years - she is a native of the city. She and her husband are Northwestern graduates. She majored in Political Science and taught for awhile before entering Law School. She and her husband have a four year old son and an eight month old daughter, and she is now practicing law from her home while she takes care of her young children. She is interested in community affairs and hopes to have enough time to get more involved.

Von derHeiden, Joan (Kenneth) 1300 Waukegan Road - 295-8289

The Von derHeidens have lived in Lake Forest for 11 months, having moved here from New Jersey. They have a daughter of 24 and a son of 11. Joan has worked with senior citizens and youth groups, and became interested in the League through the Housing Survey of housing for retirees and empty nesters we conducted last year.

Wegren, Elizabeth (Henry) - 51 E. North 234-2443

Betty was an active member of the League in the late 70s but found herself on several Boards and busy with so many things including a teen age boy at home, that she dropped out of the League. Her son is grown now and she is back. She would like to be active again and her main interest is in government and how it works.

Thornton, Colleen - 885 Maplewood

EDUCATION STUDY NEWS One of the new program items elected for study at our last convention was a study item on Education: the role of the State of Illinois in determining policies and standards for elementary and secondary education. Over the last many months League members from across the state have organized the large topic into challenging and manageable components. The study will be conducted as a two-year study with consensus each year. The first part will focus on curriculum (program) issues. The second part of the study will address personnel issues and evaluation procedures. The study is designed to build upon the LWVIL School Finance positions already in place. The consensus on the first part of the study is due April 23, 1986.

Consensus questions will deal with three major areas: governance, primary purpose of schooling, and program mandates. The state-wide study committee, chaired by Peg Matthias of the Libertyville-Mundelein League, is still seeking interested members to join its committee. At our local level, we need a few members to review the state league materials, conduct interviews with our school district administrators and decision-makers, and to lead us all in a discussion on the consensus issues at our consensus meeting, where we will take the sense of our membership on the issues. The results of the state-wide consensus will, it is expected, give us a basis for action to implement our League views. Anyone interested in participating in the study should contact John McTavish at 295-1338.

SUPERFUND NEWS A recent newsletter from Senator Dixon carries an article on his support of the Superfund program reauthorization, which passed the Senate this fall. The House of Representatives have not yet acted upon its bill, but Senator Dixon feels certain the final version of the bill will provide for funding at a level of at least five times that set forth in 1980. Senator Dixon noted the following local sites are on the Superfund list: "... in Lake County - Outboard Marine at Waukegan Harbor, Peterson Sand and Gravel in Libertyville, Wauconda Sand and Gravel in Wauconda, Johns-Manville in Waukegan, and H.O.D. Landfill in Antioch." According to his list, Lake County leads all the other collar counties in the number of sites on the list. DuPage Co. has four sites in West Chicago, Will Co. has 1 site in Joliet, McHenry and Kane Co.s have no sites, and Lake County has 5. The League at several levels has positions and active committees on natural resources, waste, and environmental issues. Anyone who is interested in joining a state or county group should call Paula.

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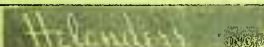
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