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CALENDAR

JANUARY 6 - Monday 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Gorton

14 - Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Great Decisions Meeting at home of Cyndy Morehead,
14 Forest Hills Road, Lake Bluff (295-6470)

15 - Wednesday 9:30-11:00 General Membership Meeting in the Friends' Room-
Gorton Community Center

Babysitters available in the 1861 Room

FEBRUARY 3 - Monday 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Gorton

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Wednesday, January 15, we are pleased to have Frederick Jackson, Executive Director of the Recreation Department, as our speaker. We hope that you will mark this date on your calendar and attend, to hear Mr. Jackson's discussion of the things going on in his department - what is happening now and what his plans are for the future. Questions will be answered.

As you know, the Recreation Department provides facilities and activities for all ages, and is now hoping to expand its facilities with a new swimming pool. Besides Kinderhaven which is held at the Recreation Center, additional preschool space has been rented in the Gorton Community Center since September. With the preschool population growing so rapidly, it is possible that more will be done in this area. Do come and hear what Mr. Jackson has to say about these and other possibilities.

Coffee will be served, and babysitters will be provided.



Dear Fellow Leaguers:



President's Pen

Our bulletin this month is brief, due to the holidays, but we did want to make sure that everyone has ample notice of our January 15th program with Lake Forest Recreation Department Executive Director Fred Jackson, who has met with the League several times over the past years. Mr. Jackson will speak to us on the recreation department, its current programs and its direction. Our attention is turned toward the department because of our longstanding interest in public recreation in Lake Forest and the growth of the department over the past years, as well as the proposal to expand its services with a public pool. Mr. Jackson will bring us all up to date and answer our questions. The program on Wed., Jan 15 will begin at 9:30 am in the Friends Room at Gorton. Babysitting will be provided across the hall in the 1861 Room. Coffee and pastries will be served and we hope that you will bring your friends and neighbors.

We plan to hold a special evening meeting in early March to address the local referenda items: the shoreline reconstruction and the public swimming pool. At that meeting, we will provide an opportunity for members of the League and community to voice their concerns and opinions about the issues. If you would like to serve on a panel to discuss the items, please contact Paula at 295-2489.

Our February meeting will be on the Lake County Department of Mental Health and details will be in the next bulletin.

If you haven't yet purchased a copy of our Lake Forest Portrait, they are still available at Helanders. I look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

With every best wish for happy holidays,

Paula

DAY
CARE

The meeting in November that explored the question of all day kindergarten in Lake Forest was a great success - about 70 interested women attended. The panel's presentation and discussion was very good, and all three members of the panel answered the many questions gladly and fully.

A short questionnaire was handed out to be completed by the women attending, and about 46 women did turn in the completed questionnaire. The results were as follows:

Need for full time day care -	Yes 21	No 28
If provided, would you use it?	10	32
Need for a drop off facility -	39	7
If provided, would you use it?	34	10
If your questions were answered at the meeting	34	4

It seems that the need or desire for public full time day care - or kindergarten - in Lake Forest is not strong, and that private facilities are available for those who want them. There does seem to be more need for a drop-off center, and the committee plans to look further into this subject. Anyone wanting to join Christie Gescheider's committee is welcome. Just call her.

The League is again joining with the AAUM to sponsor the Great Decisions '86, and the first meeting of the 1986 session will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at the home of Cyndy Morehead, 14 Forest Hills Road, Lake Bluff at 1:00 p.m.

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★ GREAT
★ DECISIONS

The subject will be "How Foreign Policy is Made - the Case of Central America" - the first article in the new '86 Great Decisions briefing book which has been prepared by the national, nonpartisan and nongovernmental Foreign Policy Association

The briefing book costs \$7.00, and this is all it takes to join the group which will meet once a month to discuss the various subjects written about in the book. If you wish to join, or want more information, please call Cyndy at 295-6470. Cyndy will order the book for you (they should be in by January 1) and will make arrangements with you about getting a copy before the meeting.



Membership Corner

WANTED

NEW MEMBERS

Thanks to all of you who have brought new members into the League recently. Three people joined on the day of the Kindergarten symposium. Now, I would like to urge all of you present members to submit to me more names of prospective members. All of the new members you have read about in past bulletins were invited by another League member to come to a meeting, or I was simply asked to send LWF material to them.

In reality, all LWF members are part of the membership committee. If you know someone who has shown some interest in the LWF, ask them if they want to know more about the League and give me their names. I will follow up. If you can't reach me by phone, please call John McAvish.

As a League member, very few individual requests are made of you. One can attend no meetings, but instead benefit by reading publications sent to you by our National, State and Local Leagues. One can choose to benefit from the efforts of others by coming to meetings where the League positions are discussed or where consensus is taken to be sent to the State or National League. One can be active studying issues, helping to register voters, observing public meetings, or serving as an officer.

We want to make it easier to be an informed participant in the democratic process.

Bea Schuetz, Membership Chairman

Our newest member is Colleen Thornton, 885 Maplewood, 234-8272

Colleen moved to Lake Forest ten months ago from Summit, New Jersey where she was a Professor of Math and Computer Science at Kane College. She was looking at houses last January when Chicago was at its coldest, and then moved to Lake Forest two weeks after her baby was born. Her husband is happy with his 20 minute commute here as opposed to 1 1/2 hours to New York City, and they are expecting another child in May. Welcome, Colleen!



NEW
MEMBERS

BRIDGE MARATHON

The four highest scores in the November 25th game were made by:

First - Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur	3,400 points
Second - Judy Dobeus and Sue Hood	3,390
Third - Gerry Ford and Mary Jane Nugent	3,330
Fourth - Cathy Harper and Ruth Sutton	3,220

The cumulative scores for September through November are:

First - Evelyn Cartwright and Joan Chell	10,240 points
Second - Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur	9,780
Third - Judy Dobeus and Sue Hood	9,000
Fourth - Eleanor Hennessy and Grace Murray	7,980

Interesting how things change, isn't it? No game in December, so the next report will be after the January game.

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

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Schuetz, Membership Chairman,
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ADDITION TO OUR MEMBER BOOK - Please clip and
paste in front page of our new green 1977 year book.

NEW MEMBERS

Bramfield, Audrey (Elmer T.) 1417 W. Fork	29-6
Preiss, Martha G. (Arthur or Rick) 1213 Wiso	27-1083
Rummel, Teranie K. (S. Michael) 36 E. Longwood	27-8858
Thornton, Colleen (M. S. T.) 5 Maplewood	24-827
Vonderheid, Joan (Kenneth) 1300 Haukegan Road	29-8289
Wegman, Elizabeth (Henry) 51 E. North	29-2443

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LWV of Illinois Mental Health Task Force meeting will be held on Jan. 15 at 10 am - 1 pm at the LWVIL conference room, 67 E. Madison. Chicago. Dr. Ugo Fornagioni, Dep't of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, will speak at 11 am on the current DMH/DD Annual Plan and the planning process, with a business meeting to follow.

LWV of Lake Bluff has invited our League to attend its Jan. 16th general meeting on county zoning changes. Two County representatives, Sunni Rossi (Lake Bluff League) and Jean Baenziger (Deerfield League) are serving on the Lake County Land Use Committee. With guidance from the County Dep't. of Planning, Zoning and Environmental Quality, this committee has basically rewritten the zoning ordinance for Lake County. This work is just being completed and the Land Use Committee will present the results in a series of meeting beginning in late January. The speakers at the meeting will be Sunni Rossi of the Lake Bluff League, and Bob Mosteller, an assistant planner with the Dep't. of Planning, Zoning, and Environmental Quality. They will discuss the zoning changes made by the Land Use Committee. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 pm at the home of Pat Kriessel, 244 Moffet Rd., Lake Bluff. For more information, please call 295-7813.

LWV of Waukegan-Zion has invited our League to attend its January meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16 at CLC Lakeshore Educational Center, 111 N. Genesee in Waukegan at 7:30 pm. Noted criminal justice speaker Sally Zeit will provide a panel to discuss new jail detention philosophy.

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APPLY NOW The League of Women Voters of Illinois, noting how many of our members have turned their League experience into satisfying paid employment, is pleased to make possible such an opportunity within the League. They are now accepting applications from League members for the PAYING jobs of 1986 Debates Project manager and 1986 Voters Guide Project Manager. Anyone interested should contact LWVIL Voters Service Chair Susan Eisenhower at the League office (67 E. Madison St., Chgo.60603). Both jobs offer a generous stipend and flexible hours, with some work to be done at home as well as in our state office.



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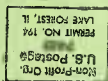
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The *League* is an excellent training ground for those who wish to run for political office or become employed in governmental and political fields.

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League of Women Voters, Lake Forest, Illinois

LEAGUE

LINES

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Eleanor Knight, Treasurer

CALENDAR

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- FEBRUARY 3 - Monday 9:30 am Board Meeting at Gorton
 11 - Tuesday 8:00 pm GREAT DECISIONS Meeting at home of
 Pat Heslop, 331 Sussex Lane
 18 - Tuesday 10 - 2 Mental Health Task Force Meeting in
 LWVIL Office, 67 E. Madison, Chicago
 19 - Wednesday 11:30 LWV LF LUNCHEON MEETING AT GORTON
 20 - Thursday 10:30 am L.F. Comprehensive Plan Amendments Study
 meeting at home of Paula DuBourdieu
 673 Northmoor
- MARCH 3 - Monday 9:30 am Board Meeting at Gorton
 10:30 am Program Planning Meeting

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND A SOUP AND SANDWICH
LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
at Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois

Coffee at 11:30
Luncheon at 12:00 - promptly
Program at 1:00

Kathleen Seemayer, ACSW from the Lake County Mental Health
Department will speak to us about care for the chronically
mentally ill in Lake County and services to families under
stress.

Please call Paula DuBourdieu at 295-2489 for luncheon reservation-\$2.00
No reservations needed to hear Ms. Seemayer's presentation.

Dear Fellow Leaguers:



President's Pen

Last year, our League spearheaded the creation of a new statewide task force on Illinois public policy on mental illness. Our concern was centered around policy toward the chronically mentally ill. Over the past months, the state task force has been meeting regularly to study the issues and develop a report. Included in this bulletin is another update from the task force and the warm invitation to join up with it or simply attend some of its meetings with expert speakers.

Also included in this bulletin is the last installment of the League series "Who Cares for Kids". We have heard from many of our members that the series has been helpful and informative. Our League is presently at work on our own booklet on child care resources in the community and it is progressing steadily.

Our February monthly meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 19 at the Gorton Center. Our speaker for the February luncheon meeting will be Kathleen Seemayer, ACSW from the Lake Co. Health Department, Mental Health Division. She is the coordinator of the Waukegan Outpatient Services and will speak to us about care for the chronically mentally ill in Lake County and services to families under stress. It should be a valuable and interesting program and, as always, we would be delighted for you to bring a friend or neighbor. Following coffee at 11:30, luncheon will be served promptly at 12 noon, and the speaker will begin at 1 pm. If you are planning to attend the soup and sandwich luncheon (\$2.00), please call Paula at 295-2489 to let us know how many to expect; as always, no reservations are needed to attend the speaking portion of the program.

It is again time to consider local and national programs for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to make any suggestions for new studies of local or national scope-- in fact, the League counts on all of its members to bring up issues for League attention. If you are unable to attend the program planning meeting, please send your suggestions to the League at our Gorton Center office.

PLEASE RETURN THE POSTCARD ATTACHED WITH THIS BULLETIN BY FEBRUARY 21.

The Board of Directors wants to verify that it has the agreement of our membership that our League should support the Shoreline restoration project in the March 18 referenda. Regardless of the result of this polling of the membership, we have scheduled a public meeting for the evening of March 4 at Gorton Center to provide an opportunity to review the issues and proposals. Please let me know if you are able to assist with the meeting.

We have resupplied Helander's with copies of our Lake Forest Portrait, (\$2.50), so if you haven't purchased your copy yet, rest assured that there are plenty still on hand!

I look forward to seeing you at our Feb. 19th luncheon.

Paula

**GREAT
DECISIONS**

The next Great Decisions meeting will be held on February 11th at 8 p.m. at the home of Pat Heslop, 331 Sussex Ln., Lake Forest.

The topic of the meeting is "CUBA: Conflict or Accommodation?" (This meeting replaces the November meeting canceled due to weather). If

you would like to join the group or want more information, please call either Pat Heslop at 234-6519 or Cyndy Moorehead at 295-6470.

All you need to take part in Great Decisions is the 96 page briefing book prepared by the national, nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. The topics for Great Decisions '86 are:

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**ABC ELECTION
NIGHT REPORTING**

Based on membership direction, the state League Board voted to continue its participation in the election night reporting project for the '86 primary and general elections.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! DON'T MISS THIS MEETING! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**LOCAL AND NAT'L
PROGRAM PLANNING
MEETING**

All interested members are asked to attend the national and local program planning meeting following the March 3 Board meeting. Please join us at Barton Community Center at 10:30 to discuss ideas for new programs and studies.

**LAKE FOREST
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
STUDY MEETING**

Members interested in the local study of the amendments to the Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan are invited to attend a meeting at the home of Paula DuBourdieu, 673 Northmoor Rd., on Thursday, February 20 at 10:30 am. We will review the issues and focus at this organizational meeting. Those planning to attend should call Paula at 295-2489.

**MIDWEST
ACID RAIN
CONFERENCE**

The LMV US and the National Clean Air Fund will cosponsor a conference, "Acid Rain: Clouds over the Midwest" on March 7-8 at the Americana Congress Hotel in Chicago. EPA sensitivity maps indicate that acid rain poses a much greater threat than previously thought to midwestern and western areas of the U.S. This conference will provide the opportunity for midwestern scientists, citizens, and policy makers to examine the impact of midwestern acid rain damage, exchange ideas and consider alternative solutions.

The first day of the conference, Fri., will be devoted to the examination of acid rain damage in the midwest. Sat. will deal with control options, implications for coal markets, and state and national control programs. Reduced rate hotel rooms are available at the hotel; registration fee is \$48. For more information, contact Leanne Klyza Linck at (608) 257-4994.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with the deepest sadness that we report the death of Mr. Charles Schuetz, Bea's husband. As you remember, he generously donated considerable time and expertise to the League in its study of Housing Needs last year; his contribution was invaluable to the study. We extend our sympathies to Bea and will miss his generous support.

Another sad death during the Christmas season was that of Elsie Michael, a long time League member who has for the last few years lived in Libertyville. She was our "Chairman for Arrangements" for many years and took care of all the details of planning for our programs. Our sympathy is extended to her daughter.

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY:

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LAKE FOREST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Executive Director of the the Recreation Department, Mr. Fred Jackson, spoke to the League this month on the administration and programs of our Recreation Department. A life-long resident, 3rd-generation Lake Forestor, Mr. Jackson explained how he has been associated with the Recreation Dep't for some 26 years. Mr. Jackson began as a part-time rec.worker at age 16, continued part-time through highschool and college, served as an acting director of the department in 1969, and assumed the full-time position of Assistant Director in 1969. In 1976, Mr. Jackson was made the Director of the department. From his retrospective and long experience, Jackson told the League that he takes great pride in what the Recreation Department has accomplished.

The purpose of the Lake Forest Recreation Department is "to develop and maintain a responsive and cost-efficient recreation program for those residents of Lake Forest who desire public recreational activities." Jackson noted that the "danger of this business is trying to be all things to all people," and that the department strives to always bear in mind its purpose and only do those things that it believes it can do well.

While most Illinois communities are served by a regional park district with special taxing abilities and independence from local government, Jackson explained that Lake Forest's Rec. Department is an integral part of our City government. A five-member Recreation Board is appointed by the Mayor and serves as an advisory body to the City Council. The Recreation Dep't hires an Executive Director and he, in turn, hires a staff. A five-member Senior Citizen Commission reports to the Rec. Board and controls its programs and costs. (The Senior program has direct program costs of about \$56,000 and does not receive tax dollars.) The Recreation Dep't has a program manager, office manager, activity director, program supervisors, and staff which total eight(8) full-time and approx. one hundred (100) part-time employees. Jackson explained that he believes it is very important that the people who work in the department live in our community and that, consequently, virtually all employees are residents of Lake Forest or Lake Bluff. Large numbers of local young people are hired to assist the department during the summer and this summer program, in addition to providing summer jobs, Mr. Jackson noted, is almost a program in itself, in the positive experiences it provides.

The Fiscal Year '86 proposed budget is balanced at \$728,786. It anticipates 41.6% of its income from property taxes and 43.3% from program fees, with the balance from revenue sharing, donations, and concessions, etc. It expects to spend 12.9% of its budget for administration, 6.4% for pensions, 7.5% for building, 72.9% for programs (incl. salaries, equipment, supplies, etc.), and .3% for capital equipment.

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The Recreation Department has scheduled programs to serve all ages, with participants ranging in age from 1 to 98. Mr. Jackson told the League that the most significant thing that the department does for the community is to "cut across all levels of the community." Lake Forest, he noted, has faced the challenge of breaking down old barriers within the community; second only to the churches, Jackson maintained that the rec. department serves to bring people of all age and all social-economic-backgrounds together in common pursuits.

The department measures attendance by units of participation; one unit of participation is accorded for each person who registers and pays a fee for a program. One individual may account for several units of participation and those individuals who use the free drop-in facilities (weight room, gym, game room) are not included in the counts. FY 86 anticipates 20,534 units of participation, the six month actual figure is approx. 9,721.

PROGRAMS

Programs for preschool children are guided by a philosophy to provide 1) a loving and caring atmosphere for toddlers and parents, 2) opportunity for development of fine and gross motor skills, and movement, crafts and special events for all ages. Since hiring a professional director for this area two years ago, programs have increased from 6 classes for 4 & 5 yr. olds to 22 classes this year, from no classes for 3 yr. olds & under, to 19 classes this year. In 1983, it served 230 children; it counts 890 units of participation now. It is looking at the feasibility of providing a drop-off center, but is concerned to do it only if it can be done well. Increased service to children in this age group is limited by lack of space and facilities.

The Rec. Dep't is the proud sponsor of the Senior program. More money is spent on this program area than any other. In 1969, the program consisted of little more, Jackson said, than a monthly birthday party for about eight seniors. Since then, a professional has been hired to develop the program and it now serves both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff seniors with one full-time worker, one part-time worker, and a full-time social worker funded through the United Way. Some 851 seniors have paid for membership this year (93 from out of town, 191 from Lake Bluff, and the balance from Lake Forest). Among the new programs is a dinner at noon on Tues. and Thurs. each week, prepared by Lake Forest Hospital, served by Jr. League volunteers, and paid for by the seniors who purchase full dinners for \$2.50. Social work programs assist the hearing impaired, those with vision problems, those coping with grief, help with income taxes, and provide individual counseling. Activities include winter golf, poker and card games, popular trips, book review club, picnics, current events, bridge, singing, and cross-country skiing. Jackson termed the growth of the program as "phenomenal" and expressed pride that the program provides seniors with an opportunity to retain their dignity. Senior programs are centered at Gorton Center, where it rents space; the program recently took on a \$50,000 remodeling project for its rooms and have now raised almost all of the necessary money.

The Department also sponsors social programming. "Hotline" is designed for 5th and 6th graders with planned activities and an activity night. "Classic Class" serves the needs of the 7th and 8th grade students and some 350 kids come to its dances. "C.R.O.Y.A." is designed to work with high school students. On the youth programs, Jackson noted that often "we activity our kids to death" and cautioned that our young people need to determine what they want to do, to plan it out, and to carry it out, for the success of the program and for their own development.

The Recreation Department sponsors outdoor recreation at the parks including skating and tobogganing, cross country skiing, sailing and water safety courses, summer camps, baseball and softball teams, tennis lessons, football games and camp, soccer, golf, downhill skiing, sports clinics, bicycle club, and rock club. It provides instruction in gymnastics, women's exercise, weight training, racquetball, dance, karate, crafts, painting, ceramics, yoga, and sponsors basketball teams, a co-ed get together and many special events for all age groups.

Jackson reviewed future directions for the department, which include providing facilities for an indoor/outdoor pool and programs, creating a new park called Northcroft (located behind the Quaker meeting house on Ridge and Old Elm), and restoration and improvements to the Lake Forest beach.

Asked about providing a drop-off center for pre-schoolers, Jackson explained that such a program would depend upon locating the drop-off facility, and would probably require a financial commitment for start-up. He noted that Highland Park runs such a facility and that it might provide a model for us to work off of.

Asked about recreation on lands of the Open Lands Association, Mr. Jackson explained that there is not now any involvement between the two organizations, but such an arrangement might be discussed for next year.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Jackson showed League members drawings of the proposed swimming pool addition to the Rec. Department building on Hastings, off Deerpath. He concluded by noting that a study commissioned in 1967 on recreation needs in Lake Forest recommended the construction of a centrally located recreation center, an indoor-outdoor pool, an artificial ice rink, and lake front development. While an artificial ice rink is no longer considered necessary and the recreation center has been built, Jackson indicated his belief that the time has come to meet these long-held recommendations.

Paula DuBourdieu

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS

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From: Phoebe Telser, Chair
Mental Health Task Force

UPDATE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

The Mental Health Task is in full swing and has attracted over 50 members, one third from outside the Chicago metropolitan area.

The purpose of the Task Force is to study Illinois public policy on mental illness and its implementation. The League's statewide perspective, which is neither that of government, funder, provider or consumer, will lead to an objective report in fall 1986 or early 1987. It will be available to League members policymakers, professionals, advocates and the public.

Research proceeds through reading, interviews and site visits. There are seven research committees: history & legal issues; funding; planning; state institutions; community-based services; monitoring, evaluation & standards and mentally ill in the criminal justice system. Work is co-ordinated with the Criminal Justice and Child Welfare/Juvenile Committees. Some committees could use additional help.

Speakers are informing the Task Force at its monthly meetings. Anyone interested is invited to hear the speakers. Topics have included: deinstitutionalization and its aftermath, the responsibilities of various state departments regarding the mentally ill, the work of the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, experiences of a family with a mentally ill adolescent and the work of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The January 15th meeting featured Dr. Ugo Formagioni of the Dept. of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities speaking on planning. The February 18th meeting subject be legal rights and issues. Information about meetings is available from local League Presidents and Task Force members.

Local League interest is strong; many people attended the Fall Conference workshops. The LWVs of Elgin, Jo Daviess County and La Grange and McLean County have local studies of mental health services. The LWVs of Aurora, Champaign, Glencoe have held meetings and the LWV of Palatine produced a cable tv program on the subject.

Proposals for funding have been sent out to a number of sources. Tax-deductible contributions from individuals can be made to the LWVIL Education Fund, earmarked for the Mental Health Task Force.

For further information, contact Phoebe Telser, Chair, 133 Laurel Ave., Wilmette 60091, 312 251-0863.

REPORT ON MEMBER AGREEMENT (CONSENSUS) ON THE FEDERAL DEFICIT:

The National Board met on Dec. 14, 1985 to consider member agreement on the federal deficit (stage 2 of the Financing the Federal Gov't study). The Board adopted the new LWVUS position stated below.

The degree of member participation was slightly greater than that in the first stage of the study on tax policy. The tax position and the federal deficit position give the LWVUS a balanced fiscal policy position, the last part of which will be added after stage 3 of the study, on the funding of entitlements.

LWVUS POSITION ON THE FEDERAL DEFICIT:

"The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the current federal deficit, as projected to 1990, should be reduced. In order to reduce the deficit, the government should rely primarily on reductions in defense spending through selective cuts, and on increased revenue through a tax system that is broad-based with progressive rates. The government also should achieve whatever savings possible through improved efficiency and management. The League opposes across-the-board federal spending cuts.

The League recognizes that deficit spending is sometimes appropriate and therefore opposes a constitutionally mandated balanced budget for the federal government. The League could support deficit spending, if necessary, for stimulating the economy during recession and depression, meeting social needs in times of high unemployment and meeting defense needs in times of national security crises. The League opposes a federal budget line item veto. "

Explanation of the positions:

Members agreed that selective cuts in non-defense discretionary spending also might be necessary. The national board would estimate any such proposed selective cuts in accord with other League program positions on Government, Natural Resources, Social Policy, and International Relations issues. Similarly, in supporting selective defense spending cuts, the League would emphasize reductions in military investment rather than military readiness, in accord with the League's military policy and defense spending position.

Members do not favor the elimination of indexing of individual income tax brackets as a deficit reduction measure. They also oppose a federal energy tax and support higher excise taxes.

There was no agreement on whether the LWV should support higher tax rates or a surcharge on the existing income tax base. Finally, members did not agree on whether deficit spending would be appropriate for funding capital expenses at the federal level.

**WOMEN'S ISSUES
ADVOCATES NEEDED**

The State League sends the following notice:
Would you enjoy working with representatives of other pro-choice organizations to ensure reproductive choice for women in Illinois? Are you interested in working to eliminate discrimination in insurance? Would you like to follow legislation dealing with pay equity?

The Marital Law portfolio is expanding to include these and other topics of special interest to women. There are many opportunities for League action in these areas as well as on our new marital law positions but, to be effective, LWVIL needs the help of more League members at the State level. If you would like to see the League play a greater role in women's issues in Illinois, call LWVIL Marital Law Director Eleanor Revelle, (312) 328-5330, to discuss your interests and find out what's happening in these important issues.

**MENTAL HEALTH
TASK FORCE**

All interested members are invited to the next meeting of the Mental Health Task Force on Feb. 18, 10 am to 2 pm at the LWVIL conference room, in the League office at 67 E. Madison, Chicago loop. At 10:30, Benjamin Wolf of the ACLU and Mary Chase Pell, former Guardianship and Advocacy Commission member will address the topics of legal rights and issues of the mentally ill and the role of the commission.

FREE LEAGUE

PAMPHLETS

Free copies of League pamphlets on Simple Justice and SpaceAge Defense: Pipedream or Protection can be ordered from the LWV US. Simple Justice outlines the Civil Rights Restoration Act and the four major civil rights laws it would restore. SpaceAge Defense: Pipedream or Protection makes the case against the Strategic Defense Initiative. Order copies from the National office by sending your request to: SDI Desk or Civil Rights Desk, LWV US, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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CALENDAR

Monday	April 23	11:30 - 1:30	Child Care Study Discussion & Consensus at Gorton in Green Room
Monday	May 5	9:30 am	Board Meeting at Gorton Green Room
		10:30 am	Financing the Federal Gov't Study Stage III Discussion at Gorton
Tues-Wed.	May 6-7		LWVIL Legislative Seminar and Interim Council at Springfield
Thursday	May 15	10am - 2 pm	Lake Co. LWV Interim Council in L.F.
Monday	May 19		FFG Study Consensus Deadline
Monday	May 19	10am - 1:30pm	LWV ANNUAL MEETING at home of Bea Schuetz 45 Mayflower Rd., Lake Forest

Invitation

You Are Cordially Invited to

Attend the 60th

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST

Monday, May 19

at the home of Bea Schuetz, 45 S. Mayflower

10:00 Coffee

10:30 Call to Order

Following the meeting, luncheon will be served

Luncheon Cost: \$7.00

R.S.V.P. by May 9th to: Paula DuBourdieu 295-2489

Bea Schuetz 234-4577



President's Pen

Dear Fellow Leaguers,

I sincerely hope that many will attend and participate in our April 23rd Consensus on Child Care in Lake Forest for Pre-School children. The study committee has worked diligently to bring our League to a level of understanding that would support adoption of a position on the issue. The discussion should be quite interesting and it should be interesting also to many to see what League consensus is all about. Babysitters will be provided for those who make their reservations by April 20. The consensus questions can be found in previous edition of the Bulletin and copies will be on hand.

The third stage of the Financing of the Federal Gov't National study is on the Funding of Entitlements and focuses on Social Security and Medicare. The study article and consensus form is in the National Voter, which has already been sent to all members. We will hold a discussion meeting on the Funding of Entitlements on Monday, May 5 at 10:30 am at Gorton. The past meetings on the Financing of the Federal Gov't study have been quite helpful to many members in sorting out the issues. Please join us for a lively discussion.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 at the home of Bea Schuetz, 45 S. Mayflower Rd. The business of the annual meeting is to select our local program, officers and directors, adopt our budget and amend our ByLaws. Following the meeting, we'll have luncheon and time to chat with our "old" League friends. Please contact Paula or Bea to let us know how many to expect at the meeting by May 9. (If your schedule changes and you can attend after all but have not made a reservation, please call)

Notices for annual dues have been sent to all members along with an interest sheet and the Board's recommendations for the Annual Meeting. Please bring your Annual Meeting packet with you to the Annual Meeting.

Enclosed with this Bulletin is a summary of our National positions. Please take a moment to review the positions. If you have any comments, please let me know so that I might bring them to the National Convention in June.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Paula

JOIN US
at the
Annual Meeting

STUDY TOUR
TO USSR

The League of Women Voters of Chicago will sponsor a study tour to the Soviet Union Sept. 7 - 21, 1986. The tour departs on Sept. 7 via AirFrance to Paris. On Sept. 8, the tour connects with its flight to Moscow; on Sept. 11, the tour flies to Kharkov, the second largest city in the Ukraine and site of Dzerzhinsky Square; on Sept. 13, the tour flies to Kiev, the third most important city in the Soviet Union. The tour explores Kiev on the 14th, and travels to Odessa on the 15th. The tour explores Odessa on the 16th and flies to Leningrad on Sept. 17th, where it will remain until Sept. 21, when the tour returns to Paris and then to the U.S.

Touring costs per person:

- \$2,220.00 based on double occupancy and air from Chicago
- 3.00 U.S. Departure Tax
- 30.00 visa service charge
- 240.00 single supplement
- 100.00 donation to the League of Women Voters

Payment schedule: \$250.00 at time of booking; Final payment by June 6, 1986. For more information, contact Space Travel, 875 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1551, Chicago, IL 60611 (312)944-2304, or LWV of Chicago 236-0315.

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ACTION ON

PAY EQUITY

A recent letter from the President of the State League contained the following announcement: "The Program Committee of the State Board has decided that the issue of comparable work (pay equity is a synonymous term) should receive our close attention during the next legislative session. This parallels action by LWVUS on national comparable worth legislation. We will be sending... more information on the issue and keeping you informed of any legislative action in the area. In the meantime, we are working in coalition with a task force from the NOW organization on the issue. ... They are putting together an action packet for their local chapters to use in establishing an action network in their local communities. ..." Please contact Paula if you are interested in working with the coalition for pay equity or if you are concerned about the proposed State League action in support of pay equity.

BRIDGE The four winners in February were:

MARATHON Helen Loving and Mary Liz Carney - 3,620 points; Joan Speranza and Adele Szymanski - 3,070; Mary Jane Nugent and Gerry Ford - 3,030; Joan Chell and Evelyn Cartwright - 3,020.

The cumulative high scores to date are: Betty Lou Wilbur and Betty Buker - 17,100; Joan Chell and Evelyn Cartwright - 17,080; Sue Hood and Judy Dobeus - 16,590; Mary Jane Nugent and Gerry Ford - 15,580.

Very close - only two more games to go!

TAKING ACTION
ON REPRODUCTIVE
CHOICES

As you may recall from the February Bulletin, the State League board has recently been considering becoming more active on our Reproductive Choices National position. The PPRC position is as follows: "LWVUS believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of

privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices." (1983)
Action taken under this position includes working to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment which would have overturned Roe vs Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming that the right of privacy includes an individual's right to make reproductive choices. The League has also opposed regulations requiring parental notification by federally funded family planning centers which provide prescription contraception to teens. Recently, the LWVUS joined as an amicus (friend of the court) in two cases currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that Roe vs Wade must be reaffirmed. Additional action has been taken under the Social Policy position that "supportive services should be available -but not compulsory- for participants in income assistance programs. Most important among these are child care, counseling, family planning, health and legal services." ('71)
It is under this position that the LWVUS has opposed cutoffs of Medicaid funding for abortions and "because such actions clearly discriminate against economically disadvantaged women." (Impact on Issues, p.42)

The Lake County League wrote to the State Board in late Feb. about its concerns on the interpretation of the PPRC position. This letter has since been sent to all local Leagues in the State. The letter notes:

"...Further, we now read that pro-choice advocates are needed by the LWV of Illinois. It seems to us a questionable leap to move from the belief that government has no legitimate basis for involvement in reproductive choices to the contention that is embodied in pro-choice: that abortion is a reasonable alternative. It is a fallacy to maintain that those who do not support government intervention are de facto in favor of abortion or of abortion funded by government. ... We contend that little is to be gained from fighting an abortion battle; that the mandate from the PPRC consensus was to keep government out of the abortion decision, not to thrust the League into an abortion advocacy role. ..."

Since late Feb., the State Board has reviewed possible action under the PPRC position and set aside time for discussion of such action at the May Interim Council meeting. The options for low-level, medium level, and high-level action on the position are detailed, but they range from primarily taking action on proposed state legislation affecting the individual's right of privacy in making reproductive choices to making reproductive choice a high priority.

All members are urged to contact Paula DuBourdieu (295-2489) to express their views of appropriate League action on PPRC before May 6, when Paula will represent our League at the State Interim Council.

In a related note, "Pro-Life" groups are now picketing LakeForest Hospital, where only 2 of the 11 OB's will perform first trimester abortions and only on their own patients. Lake Forest & Highland Park Hospitals are now the only Lake County hospitals that allow abortion practices. There does not appear to be any government interference at work, so the League has taken no action about the picketers.

STATE LEAGUE

AGENDA

The State Board has decided to continue last year's emphasis on adequate funding for education and human services, especially those provided by the Dep'ts. of Public Aid and Children and Family Services.

The governor has proposed no new major spending programs and is calling for only a significant increase in education funding.

The Board has also indicated its determination to make a final push to get the merit selection of judges referendum question on the November ballot. The General Assembly must approve a resolution by May 2 for that to happen.

An oversight during passage of last year's Spousal Health Insurance Rights Act requires that we work this year to extend the act's benefits to members of health maintenance organizations.

Dissatisfied with last year's legislative response to the need for a statewide commitment to solid waste planning that emphasizes recycling, the League will try for stronger measures this session.

Funding for education reforms and human services will be critical issues this session, as it becomes increasingly clear that revenues have not kept pace with spending this fiscal year. There is no support for an increase in the state income tax, although the League reminds legislators that this is the fairest way to raise needed funds. The amendment to the school reorganization evaluation mandate signed by the governor eliminated minimum enrollment guidelines and delayed the deadline to submit plans to the State Board of Education until Sept. 30.

The LWVIL is monitoring federal and state budget proposals for human service programs. The 111. unemployment rate rose to 9.5% in February and problems of the poor remain poor. We will press for continued or increased funding for public aid, job training, infant nutrition, day care and medical coverage for the working poor. We continue to work to increase the public aid grants so that cash grants plus food stamps will equal 100% of the standard of need; current grants are now at 50% of the standard. The LWV supports programs that help people move away from welfare.

We are working with other environmental groups to introduce new Community Right to Know legislation like that which lost in the Senate last year. The Chemical Safety Act passed in June did not meet our definition of a good right to know bill because it deals only with emergency response to accidents and provides no information about routine releases of hazardous emissions. The League also supports legislation giving the Environmental Protection Agency authority to write "tickets" for minor violations of the solid waste regulations. It currently must rely on the Attorney General for prosecution of all kinds of violations, which has resulted in only limited enforcement.

WANT TO HEAR THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON STATE LEGISLATION?

CALL the Legislative Hotline Toll-Free at 1-800-252-8959(10-3, Mon-Fri.)

WONDERING ABOUT LAKE FOREST CITY MEETINGS?

CALL the Lake Forest Public Info Hotline at 295-7575 (24 hrs.)

Recorded message about meeting dates and agendas.

ACTION ALERT

ON FEDERAL BUDGET

The Gramm-Rudman Deficit Reduction Act has spawned a new budget process and timetable that will be grafted onto the existing Congressional budget process. Passed in 1985, it provides that unless

Congress passes a budget resolution that meets annual targeted levels for deficit reduction, automatic, across-the-board cuts will occur. The automatic cuts will be determined by formulas set in the law and will be evenly divided between domestic and defense budgets. It should be kept in mind, though, that non-defense programs have already been greatly cut, so these programs are at a disadvantage compared to defense spending.

Under Gramm-Rudman, a number of human needs programs are exempted from the automatic cuts. These are: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, AFDC, and child nutrition programs. These programs may, however, be cut before Gramm-Rudman takes effect on a budget. In early February, a court ruled that the automatic cuts are unconstitutional; the Supreme Court will hear the case in May.

President Reagan's budget proposal for FY '87 calls for increased defense spending and sharp reductions in domestic, human needs programs. Once again, the President is calling for the elimination of key domestic programs including community service Block Grants, General Revenue Sharing, the Work Incentive Program (WIN), and federal housing assistance for low-income Americans. The Reagan budget would also make severe cuts in Food Stamps, Medicaid, Job Corps, and low-income housing. At the same time, the Reagan budget calls for an 8% increase in defense spending; the President has also indicated he will oppose any increase in taxes. The LWVUS tells us that the President's budget proposal is indifferent to the fact that human needs programs have suffered massive cuts in the past 5 years. The "astronomical increases in the budget deficit since 1981 have come about as a result of increased defense spending and tax cuts for corporations and wealthy individuals, according to the Congressional Budget Office." A budget battle is looming in the Congress, where the Senate Budget Committee rejected the President's budget by a 16-6 vote.

The LWV has been concerned about federal spending priorities for many years. We have lobbied against cuts in human needs programs, called for specific cuts in defense spending, and addressed appropriations related to our positions. While the League recognizes and strongly supports the need for reducing the deficit, we are opposed to mechanical, across-the-board cuts, such as those authorized under Gramm-Rudman. The deficit should be reduced through overall reductions in the defense budget through selective cuts and by increasing government revenues through improvements in the income tax system. In 1986, the League's approach can be summarized in 3 major points:

- no cuts in human needs programs
- overall reductions in the defense budget through selective cuts
- increased revenues to be achieved by making businesses and wealthy individuals pay their fair share

ACTION NEEDED: Please write to Rep. Porter, Sen. Dixon and Sen. Simon today with the LWV US 3-pronged approach to the federal budget.

For the latest developments on the budget, call Jennifer Vasiloff during business hours at 1-202-429-1965. On weekends call SPOTMASTER at 202-296-0218.

*National
Positions*

COGESTED
TIONAL
PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world through cooperation with other nations, the strengthening of international organizations, arms control measures and the resolution of conflict without the use of military force.

ARMS CONTROL

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

DEVELOPMENT

Support U.S. development assistance policies that

MILITARY POLICY

SPENDING

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures. Spending in total national defense as a percent of total national income.

UNITED NATIONS

Support measures to strengthen the United Nations, in order to meet the need for among nations in

TRADE

Support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers.

ATOMIC SECURITY

(Promotion of the development of peaceful uses of atomic energy.)

Support trade agreements.

SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.

TRANSPORTATION

Promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation.

Support measures to improve transportation in cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

INCOME ASSISTANCE

Support a federalized system of income assistance, with uniform standards, to meet the basic needs of all persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available.

EQUAL RIGHTS

Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the amendment.

New Study

*Drop from
1984-86
National Program*

*National
Survey*

HUMAN NEEDS

Study and evaluation of existing and proposed federal policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the nation's poor.

URBAN POLICY

Action to improve the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

DRINKING WATER

Collect community-based data on quality of drinking water.

GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive, and with a fair and adequate fiscal base, that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution and that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making.

CITIZEN RIGHTS

Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

Individual Liberties

Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

VOTING RIGHTS

Protect the right of every citizen to vote.

DC SELF-GOVERNMENT AND FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both Houses of Congress.

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

Congress

Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency

Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

FISCAL POLICY

Support adequate and equitable funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that is primarily based on a broad-based income tax and through the responsible use of deficit spending.

ELECTION PROCESS

Apportionment

Support apportionment of congressional districts, elected legislative bodies at all levels of government by substantially on population.

Campaign Finance

Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public right to know, combat corruption and undue influence enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Election of the President

Promote the election of President and Vice-President by direct popular vote.

Support national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote the wise management and protection of natural resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life. (Natural Resources position, as proposed by Natural Resources Review Committee, incorporates all current positions: Air Quality, Energy, Land Use, Waste Management and Water Resources.)

League of Women Voters, Lake Forest, Illinois

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Here's what's ahead

LAKE FOREST DAY - AUGUST 18
MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22

JOIN US
FOR
SEPTEMBER 22

Dear Fellow League Members,



President's Pen

Please be sure to set aside the evening of Sept. 27 for our social evening and silent auction. This is a fine occasion to bring spouses, relatives and friends to meet League friends.

The convention in Washington was quite exciting: so many vital ladies with thoughtful and vocal ideas; I felt again how unique and valuable the League is to our great nation. We have adopted two new studies and a national survey of drinking water to augment our national program, listed in this bulletin.

Please look over the items listed below and send back the form with your interests checked off-- please feel free to use other paper or elaborate as you wish.

See you at the Lake Forest Day Parade!
Paula

----- TEAR OFF -----return to LWV of Lake Forest, 400 E. Illinois Rd. -----

NAME _____ Tel.: _____

I am interested in the following, please contact me about

___ CROYA ___ Children's programs at the Rec Center ___ Drop-In Centers
___ community swimming pool ___ L.F. Comprehensive Plan ___ annexation
___ leaf burning ___ housing needs study ___ study of variances City grants
___ study of LF caucus ___ study of need for seatbelts on schoolbuses
___ study of Home Rule for Lake Forest ___ study of need for more pet-controls
___ local child care ___ voters registration ___ Lake Michigan water
___ Lake County Forest Preserve Study ___ Human Needs study ___ Social Policy
___ Agriculture study ___ Child welfare/Juv. Justice ___ Mental Health
___ Legislative Action/Lobbying ___ Observing public meetings ___ membership
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___ moderating a public meeting ___ writing for the bulletin ___ Other: _____

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE LEAGUE: _____

SILENT AUCTION AND SOCIAL EVENING SEPT. 27



Have you made your dinner dates for Sept. 27?
League members are asked to invite a few friends
from within and without the League, to a small
dinner party at their homes. Following supper,

League members will bring their guests to the Silent Auction and Social
at the home of Suzanne and Richard Gnospelius, 215 N. Sheridan Road,
for coffees, desserts and a little fun.

Linda Illes (295-3444) and Betty Wegren (234-2443) will be contacting
all members and coordinating member contributions to the auction.

Perhaps an idea or two may be inspired by those on this
page, but your imagination and attic are your only

limits. Please be thinking about what you might
donate to our good cause; arrangements can be made

to pick up or store items. If you have any
suggestions about the event or have any hints
on soliciting your generous employer or would
like to help with the arrangements, please

don't hesitate to call

Linda or Betty or

Paula (295-2489).



So, mark your calendars and
invite your friends and let your
imagination roam...



NEW NATIONAL POSITION
ON FINANCING FEDERAL
GOV'T., PART III

The National Board adopted the following new position based on the results of membership study and agreement on part III of the FPG study:

"The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal government has a role in funding and providing for old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance. For such insurance programs, participation should be mandatory and coverage should be universal. Federal deficit reduction should not be achieved by reducing social security benefits."

This statement of position encompasses the four major areas of overwhelming agreement among members who participated in the third stage of the study. While a number of other areas were considered as part of the study, including for example, Medicare, the National Board did not feel that the League has reached a position on these other areas.

Under this position, the League would support efforts to expand participation in the social security system (including state and local government employees and other excluded groups). The League would oppose measures that would allow individuals to opt out of the system and would oppose efforts to substitute private programs for social security.

FEDERAL FACTS *** FEDERAL FACTS *** FEDERAL FACTS *** FEDERAL FACTS ***

According to the Foundation for the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, Inc. (the Grace Commission Report), the federal government is the nation's biggest borrower, lender, employer, insurer, landowner, tenant and landlord, and the biggest owner of ships, grain, warehouses and trucks. Did you know that the government:

- Accounts for 25% of all U.S. economic activity?
- Owns 744 million acres of land, or one third the U.S. landmass?
- Employs 4.9 million people, or 4.3% of the U.S. labor force?
- Occupies 2.6 billion sq. ft. of office space, or 4 times the total office space in the ten largest U.S. cities?
- Has an annual cash flow of \$2 trillion? That's 8 billion collected and spent each workday, or \$1 billion an hour.
- Administers more than 400,000 single and multifamily housing units?
- Made available credit of more than three quarters of a trillion dollars in 1982, equal to the credit provided by the nation's 70 largest commercial lenders?
- Spent 3.5 billion on housekeeping and general maintenance in 1983?
- Runs 963 subsidized programs at an annual cost of more than \$400 billion?
- Lays out nearly \$50 million a year to print new food stamps and destroy the old ones?
- Provides medical care for 47 million people, of more than 20% of the population?
- Spends about \$1.8 billion on mailings a year?
- Owns almost 437,000 nonmilitary vehicles?
- Has a computer workforce totalling more than 250,000 people...to run some 17,000 computers?
- Provides 95 million meals a day?

Copies of the report are available from the Foundation at 1511 K St. N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005 or call 1 (202)628-6428

BULK MAIL PERMIT

Earlier last week, I was summoned into the office of the Lake Forest Postmaster to discuss the illegal use of our bulk mailing permit. Apparently, someone sent a chain mail letter to a local woman and used an ink stamp identical to our bulk mailing permit stamp. The envelope was not a League envelope and the League name itself was not on the envelope; the post office, however, traced the permit number to the League.

I am entirely certain that the person who sent the letter is not a member of the League, however, I am obliged to point out that our bulk mailing permit is not to be used except for certain types of official League business that meets the postal regulations, under penalty of losing our permit; further, the manner in which it was used was illegal and could carry a substantial fine and sentence. I am not aware of the existence of any League bulk mailing stamp, nor is Bulletin editor Mary Liz, and this is probably a good time to ask that anyone who knows of the whereabouts of our stamp let us know. From discussions with local merchants, I am under the impression that making up stamps like ours is fairly common, although quite illegal. We can only hope that it does not occur again.

CHILD CARE CENTER

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers to assist with the creation of the community child care center are needed. Anyone who is interested in serving on one of the committees (equipment or fundraising, for example) or who would be willing to serve on a one-shot basis should contact Christie Gescheider (295-5093) or Marilyn Criche at the Volunteer Bureau (234-8876). Volunteers are especially needed to help sell concessions (hot dogs and lemonade) on August 31 and Sept. 1; children and teenagers are welcome.

TIME TO RENEW

MEMBERSHIP DUES

For those who have not yet sent in their dues for the current year, please know that we miss you! Dues remain \$30 for the year (with a \$15 dues option for seniors) and may be sent to the League at 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest or dropped off at Gorton. Please take a minute and send in your dues now.

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(312) 236-0315

Re: Reproductive Choice

League members attending Interim Council participated in a thoughtful discussion of possible LWVIL action in Illinois on the issue of reproductive choice. They shared the views of their local boards and members who clearly had been involved in evaluating the options available to the League. The State Board then, at its June meeting, reviewed this discussion in considering what its role in this area should be. The Board believes that the following decisions are consistent with the views expressed at Interim Council.

1) LWVIL action on the issue of reproductive choice will be a low priority at this time. A substantial majority of those speaking at Interim Council do not wish to see the League become more active and visible in this area. There is more member agreement on, and support for, action under League positions in other areas.

2) LWVIL will not join the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance at this time. A substantial majority of local Leagues do not wish LWVIL to be affiliated with organizations which devote major resources to preserving the right to chose to have an abortion. The League can have a more positive influence in the reproductive choice area if it does not promote the availability of abortion services. Decisions about local League membership in the Alliance rest with each local League.

3) LWVIL will take positions on state legislation affecting reproductive choice where appropriate and will keep local Leagues informed about such decisions. A significant number of local Leagues wish to be more active on this issue, and a LWVIL position on specific bills will allow these Leagues to take action if their membership so desires. Of course, all action decisions on the national level will be made by the LWVUS board.

4) LWVIL will be alert to opportunities to be a constructive participant in the debate on reproductive choice issues. Local Leagues would like to see LWVIL take positive action under its PPRC position by emphasizing such activities as citizen education and conflict resolution.

The State Board welcomes continued comment and input from the local Leagues on this very important issue.



NEW AGRICULTURE STUDY PASSED AT CONVENTION

It was a pleasure to be among the 1,800 delegates at the recent LNW National Convention in Washington, D.C. Like an enormous Annual Meeting, the convention formulated our National Program and direction for the next two years, elected new officers, amended the ByLaws and adopted a new budget.

In a surprise move from the floor, a new study of U.S. Agricultural programs and Policies was adopted by the delegation, despite the fact that it had not been among the recommended items proposed by the LNWUS. Because agricultural policies are formulated at a national level, it was the widespread feeling of the delegates that the National League must look into these policies, since local and state studies cannot have any effect on federal programs. A recommended new study of private and public resources to meet the basic human needs was passed on its second try. Our previous National Program was passed as amended, along with a new nationwide survey of drinking water (if funding can be raised by the end of the year).

Against my lonely objection, the national dues were raised by \$1 for each member. As I sat sweltering in my folding chair I realized that there was not one delegate standing in the lines at the microphones to oppose a dues increase, so I raced up to the microphone just as debate was closing and fumbled an argument against raising the dues and I can only say that at least the vote to raise the dues wasn't unanimous. The National League continues to seek new ways to reduce overhead and other expenses and the delegation appeared to think the increase quite moderate.

We have a new National President, Nancy Neuman of Pennsylvania. Among her suggestions for League members was the exhortation to use more passion. (Perhaps my next fundraising letter should have a few tear stains...) Among the other highlights of the convention were a Capital Hill rally with Senators Packwood and Bradley for tax reform, an address on President Reagan's leadership by Treasury Sec't'y. James Baker III, and a preview of the new film "Mr. Justice Brennan" to be aired on PBS this fall. --Paula



June 1986

EDUCATION CONSENSUS

Phase I Education Program

GOVERNANCE

The League of Women Voters of Illinois believes that the state of Illinois should determine minimum program for Illinois' elementary and secondary schools. The Illinois State Board of Education should assume the primary leadership role in initiating policy, establishing minimum standards, and coordinating delivery of services. The local school board should implement minimum standards and provide leadership in the community for program development. In addition the local school board should make recommendations to the Illinois State Board of Education concerning program for Illinois' schools.

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SCHOOLING

The League believes the primary purpose of schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through which children learn in areas necessary to their continuing development. Such areas should include the language arts, mathematics, biological science, physical science, social sciences, the fine arts, physical development, and health. Emphasis should be placed on the development of critical thinking skills and the integration of knowledge. Each school district shall give priority in the allocation of resources to fulfilling the primary purpose of schooling.

STATE PROGRAM MANDATES

The League supports the following instructional mandates: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies/history, foreign language, art and music, vocational education, special education, gifted education, early childhood education, and health education. There should be more flexibility in implementing mandates at the local level.

Mandates such as metric measurement, career education, safety education, and consumer education should be integrated into other programs rather than existing as separate mandates. Driver education and physical education, especially at the high school level, should continue but with more local options permitted. The League supports bilingual programs to enable non-English speaking children to learn English as quickly as possible, but programs must be flexible.

Local school districts should be required to provide the following services: media programs, school food service, pupil personnel, student health, pupil personnel, necessary transportation, and special services to disadvantaged children.

The League supports state requirements for compulsory attendance and minimum standards for length of school day and school year. The League opposes any additional state-mandated school holidays.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES
National Program 1986-88

National Positions

GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal base; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; and that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making.

CITIZEN RIGHTS

Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation

Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

Individual Liberties

Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

Congress

Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency

Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

DC SELF-GOVERNMENT AND FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both Houses of Congress.

ELECTION PROCESS

Apportionment

Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance

Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Election of the
President

Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

FISCAL POLICY

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax and through the responsible use of deficit spending. Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old age, survivors, disability and health insurance; oppose cutting social security benefits to reduce the federal deficit.

VOTING RIGHTS

Protect the right of every citizen to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

ARMS CONTROL

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

MILITARY POLICY
AND DEFENSE
SPENDING

Work to limit reliance on military force; examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

TRADE

Support systematic reduction of tariff and non-tariff trade barriers and broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

UNITED NATIONS

Support measures to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

U.S. RELATIONS
WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

Promote U.S. policies that meet the long-term social and economic needs of developing countries and that minimize U.S.-Soviet competition.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest, recognizing the interrelationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

RESOURCE

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long

MANAGEMENT	range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POLLUTION CONTROL	Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.
<u>SOCIAL POLICY</u>	Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.
EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING,	Support equal access to education, employment and housing.
EQUAL RIGHTS	Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.
INCOME ASSISTANCE	Support a federalized system of income assistance, with uniform standards, to meet the basic needs of all persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available.
TRANSPORTATION	Promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that improve the well-being of cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.
URBAN POLICY	Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

New Studies

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS	Evaluate public and private responsibilities for providing food, shelter, a basic income level and access to health care.
AGRICULTURE	Consider the role of the federal government in agriculture. Scope: Review, evaluate and establish criteria for U.S. agricultural policy and programs.

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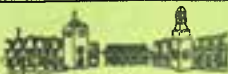
Re: Health Insurance Continuation Act

Federal legislation similar to our hard-won Spousal Health Insurance Rights Act (SHIRA) was signed into law by the President on April 8th and will take effect on July 1, 1986. Once a part of the Women's Economic Equity Act, the legislation was eventually amended onto the budget reconciliation bill approved by Congress in March. Now dependent spouses in all parts of the country will have access to continued group health insurance coverage in the event of divorce and the death of the employee-spouse.

The new federal law extends the continuation coverage provided by SHIRA in several important ways. It applies, first of all, to companies which are self-insured, a large group not affected by SHIRA. It also takes care of those residents who would have had no right to continuation coverage because their policies are issued outside of Illinois. The law applies to spouses of employees eligible for Medicare, an important group not previously covered by SHIRA, and it provides for a continuation coverage period of three rather than two years. Unlike SHIRA, however, the federal law does not require a longer continuation period for those who are divorced or widowed at age 55 or older.

Other provisions of the new federal law include the following:

- Continuation coverage shall be identical to that available under the original group plan.
- Premiums are not to exceed 102% of the full group rate, including any share formerly paid by the employer. Premiums may be paid in monthly installments.
- Coverage may be terminated if the spouse fails to pay premiums, becomes a covered employee of another group plan, becomes eligible for Medicare, or remarries and is covered under another group plan.
- Within 30 days, the employer shall notify the insurer of the death of the employee or of the employee's qualification for Medicare. The employee or the employee's spouse is responsible for the notification in the event of divorce. The insurer then has 14 days in which to notify the dependent spouse of the right to continuation coverage. The spouse has an additional 60 days in which to accept this coverage.
- Continuation coverage is available to the employee's dependent children.
- 18 months of continuation coverage is available to employees whose jobs are terminated, except in cases of gross misconduct.
- Those who have fewer than 20 employees are excluded from the provisions of this law.



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- SEPTEMBER 25 - Thursday 3:30-9 pm. LWVIL Regional Conference in Elmhurst
- 27 - Saturday 8:00 p.m. LWVLF SOCIAL, SILENT AUCTION, DISCUSSION
(More details below)
- 27 - Saturday 8:30 a.m. LWVIL Regional Conference in Chicago
- OCTOBER 6 - Monday 9:30 a.m. LWVLF Board Meeting
- 13 - Monday Columbus Day - No Meeting
- 20 - Monday Monthly Membership Meeting (to be announced)
- 25 - Saturday 9:00 a.m. Porter-Cleland LWV Debate at Deerfield H.S.
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Invitations have been sent out inviting all members and their spouses (and friends) to attend a party at the home of Suzanne and Richard Gnospelius - 215 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, on Saturday, September 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Char Kreuz, who assists the City Manager and is a League member, will bring us up to date on the shoreline restoration work, on developments in the western part of Lake Forest, and on any other problems or proposed changes facing the City of Lake Forest. She will be glad to answer questions from the guests.

Then we will have our Silent Auction, and Betty Wegren has been busy contacting members and getting a goodly number of interesting items that the guests can bid on during the evening.

Desserts and coffee, wine and cheese will be served.

Doesn't this sound interesting? Be sure to come. Call Betty Wegren at 234-2443 or Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624.

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

Our plans for our September 27 fundraiser, social, and meeting are at last coming together well and we can look forward to an informative and enjoyable evening at the lovely home of Suzanne and Richard Gnospelius. Betty Wegren has been busy calling all of us to ask about donations and plans to attend, and deserves a great deal of thanks for her diligence in tracking down our busy members: no easy feat! Please plan to attend and try to bring along a friend or neighbor - - or two!

Some of us are still not renewed for the 1986-87 year. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please take a minute now and send in your check to the League of Women Voters at 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Dues remain \$30.00 for the year with a \$15 option for seniors. Any additional contributions are welcome.

The last weeks of summer tend to be very busy for most of us and that tendency certainly has been the case this year. We are at work now formulating the programs and study groups for the year. So far, we plan to hold a "Know Your Town" meeting, as well as a meeting on Lake Michigan water quality. If you have any suggestions for interesting programs, please let us know. Most importantly, if you are interested in any of our program items, please drop a note to the office at Gorton, or call me. We need a little bit of time from a lot of members in order to tackle our program and keep the workloads manageable. I look forward to seeing you at the September 27 meeting and Social.

Paula 295-2489

VOTER REGISTRATION: The Lake County Clerk has designated Lake Forest Library as a place where voters may register to take part in elections. To register, visit the Reference Department desk just east of the main lobby. Those who wish to vote in the November election must register by October 7.

PORTER-CLELAND DEBATE: The North Shore Leagues of Women Voters are sponsoring a debate between the candidates for the House of Representatives, Rep. John Porter and Dem. Bob Cleland, on Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 a.m. at Deerfield High School in Deerfield. It should be quite interesting, so make a note on your calendar and an effort to attend.

UPDATES ON THE ISSUES: For the latest information on League issues, contact the League's grassroots coordinator, Jennifer Vasiloff at 202/429-1965 during the week. On weekends, call the League Action Line at 202/296-0218.

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STATE LEAGUE NEWS



If you miss meetings because you commute to the City, consider attending a downtown unit meeting of the Chicago League in the state office conference room. Unit 1 meets at 5:30pm on the second and fourth Mondays, Unit 22 meets on Fridays at 11 am. For more info, call Chicago office: 236-0315.

The Ill. Equity Coalition, of which the LNWIL is a member, will hold meetings this fall to discuss the issue. In the Chicago area, there will be a meeting on pay equity on Oct. 18; for info, call Ill. NOW at 217/528-2077.

A tentative agreement has been reached to sponsor a debate between candidates Dixon and Koehler on Oct. 17 at the Arlington Park Hilton.

As you may know, the state League has refused to cosponsor the gubernatorial debates with the Chicago Sun-Times. The decision was based on several factors, and ultimately revolved around the issue of League control of the debates. While the LNW was invited to attend a debate meeting at the Sun-Times offices, most of the arrangements were already agreed to by the candidates and the paper; these arrangements were not in keeping with our standards and/or policies. The League did submit a counter-proposal to the candidates that was rejected. The LNWIL feels that independent sponsorship of debates by organizations like the LNW is vital to the political process. Although disappointed that we will not sponsor gubernatorial debates this fall, the LNWIL feels that to "simply go along with debates over which we have no control in order to get our name on them would have been an insult" to the other candidates and to its members. Other debates have been scheduled as below:

- Sun. Sept. 28 - Debate for Lt. Governor candidates
- Sun. Oct. 5 - Debate for Treasurer/Comptroller candidates
- Sun. Oct. 19 - Debate for Secretary of State candidates
- Sun. Oct. 26 - Debate for Attorney-General candidates

These debates will be taped in WLS studios in Chicago and broadcast at 10:45 pm.

REPORT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE: The First Year

The Mental Health Task Force was formed at the 1985 LWVIL Convention to study Illinois public policy on mental illness and its implementation. Limited to study (not reaching consensus positions), it is a two year LWVIL Education Fund project.

A publication designed to present an overview of the current situation and problems will be published in late November 1986.

Membership. The Task Force has attracted over 50 active members from 38 Leagues, one third from outside the Chicago area. Four people have joined or rejoined the League to participate.

Membership is diverse: present or former Dept. of Mental Health employees; directors of a community agency and local mental health authority; social workers and nurses; members of the Commission on Mental Health, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and two chronic mentally ill patients.

Chairperson Phoebe Telser was appointed to the Dept. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Central Planning Advisory Council and (just retired) Criminal Justice Chair Fleur Wright to the Governor's Planning Council on the Developmentally Disabled, Mentally Retarded and Mentally Ill Offenders Task Force.

Research. Committees have been researching: history and legal issues; funding, planning and co-ordination; state institutions, community-based services; standards; monitoring and evaluation; mentally ill in the criminal justice system; and facilities for the children and adolescents. Work has been closely coordinated with the Criminal Justice and Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Committees.

Many books, reports and articles have been read, more than 69 interviews have been held, with site visits to 12 state hospitals, and research facilities, 3 correctional centers and over 40 community agencies - so far!

There have been 7 Task Force meetings in Chicago and 1 in Springfield. Twelve speakers have addressed general meetings and 4 have spoken at 3 related Criminal Justice meetings to which all League members have been invited. Regional workshops were held in 3 locations. Geographically distant members are working independently.

Local League Interest. The LWVs of Elgin, Jo Daviess County, LaGrange and McLean County are conducting studies of mental health services. the LWVs of Aurora, Champaign, Glencoe, Homewood-Flossmoor and Lake Forest have held related meetings and the LWV of Palatine produced a cable television program.

Money Matters. The Task Force has received \$7547 in total contributions: \$4220 from 5 local Leagues, including a very generous amount from the LWV Hinsdale-Clarendon Hills-Oakbrook; \$2500 from Washington National Insurance Company, \$450 from 2 other organizations; and \$477 from individuals.

As of 6/30, \$1145.37 has been spent to cover travel, telephone, copying and other costs. The Chair has contributed over 475 hours, many at the computer. The generous contributions of time and expenses given by other Task Force volunteers cannot even be estimated.

Phoebe Telser, LWVIL Chair

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS



The national Agriculture Study will be chaired by National Board member Judy Knight, who will introduce the new study in the upcoming issue of the National Voter. There are no plans to seek consensus on the study before April.

Sydell Shayer has been appointed to chair the Meeting Basic Human Needs Study, which will be discussed in the upcoming National Voter. The first phase of the study will focus on data collection by local Leagues to determine what types of people require assistance in meeting needs for food, shelter, basic income and access to health care. There will be no consensus in the first year.

Plans are progressing for the LWV Election Special '86: The Issues Hit Home, which draws on videotapes of the Agenda for Security congressional videotapes that will be sponsored by Leagues this Fall. The program will be broadcast on PBS at 9 pm CST on October 26, 1986.

The LWV Education Fund has announced its new "Experience in Washington" internship program. Made possible by a generous Leaguer, the internship will provide seasoned League leaders with the opportunity to spend a month in the Capital. The goal is to increase League leaders' effectiveness in their communities by giving them a chance to gain first-hand knowledge of the American political process and how the League and other public interest groups make an impact on public policy. Two individuals will be selected for the March 16-April 10, 1987 session; they will receive a \$2,300 stipend and transportation to the Capital. The criteria for selection are:

1. Must be seasoned League leader
2. Must have demonstrated leadership qualities in areas of education, advocacy and education (such as membership outreach, fundraising, etc.)
3. Must be a self-starter; able to function in an unstructured environment.
4. Must present evidence of a plan to take back to the local community the skills learned during the Washington experience
5. Must be able to participate for the full term of the internship

Any member who is interested in applying to the LWVUS for the internship may obtain an application from Paula (call 295-2489). Please do so as soon as possible since applications are routed to the State League office and then sent to the National League by Dec. 1.

SPOTLIGHT ON AGRICULTURE

from the American Farmland Trust

Vice-President and Natural Resources Chairperson Eleanor Reidler brings this information to our attention:

According to a recent report issued by the American Farmland Trust, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving our national farmlands, the U.S. is losing its farmland at an alarming rate. "If the present trend continues through the next decade, we'll face an irreversible national and international crisis of unprecedented scope... that will have a serious effect on the quality of your life, the cost of living, the quality and quantity of food that will be available to you and on America's international relations. Farm bankruptcies-- now approaching Depression levels-- present us with a new challenge... Additionally, soil erosion contributes to farmland loss. Our farms are losing 5 billion tons of soil a year, enough to fill the Houston Astrodome 34,000 times! ...

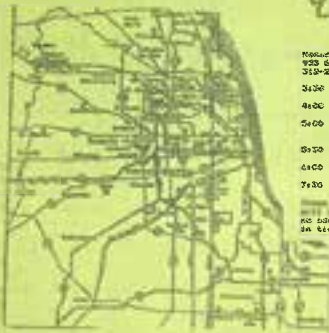
Everyday in the United States, 12 sq. miles of prime farmland are lost forever. Twelve sq. miles may not sound like very much to some, but in the course of a year, that adds up to more than 3 million acres of productive soils that are paved over to make room for urban sprawl.

If the current trend continues, there will be no prime farmland left in Florida, New Hampshire and Rhode Island in less than 20 years! West Virginia will lose almost three-quarters of its best farmland. Connecticut will lose 70%. Massachusetts, 51%. Maryland and New Mexico, 44%. Vermont, 43%. Pennsylvania, 21%. Utah, 35%. New York, 16%. Washington, 23%. California, 15%. New Jersey, 9%.

Cold statistics. But they add up to what? ... be one of the hottest issues of our time... If we don't ... farmland to make room for development, where are we going to ... the food we need? ... Florida produces half the world's grapefruit ... fourth of Florida loses all its prime farmland... what's going to happen to the fruits on the marketplace?... oranges as ... it could ... lose ... or they may be imported from countries that apply toxic ... that ... illegal in the U.S. An additional shock occurs ... imported more agricultural products than we export ... a deficit thought unlikely until just a few years ago. ... 'Failure to protect our agriculture and natural resources on which it depends,' former Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland recently warned, 'will put us on a collision course with disaster.' ...

Essentially, the source of the problem is that a farmer today too often can make more money selling his land for nonfarming use than he can by cultivating it to grow food. The acreage that provides the best farmland is also prime land for developers to build on. ... our population grows and more people move away from big cities, the demand for this land becomes greater and greater ... and as the demand increases, so too, does the land value and the farmer's taxes, ... and as agricultural productivity becomes more and more limited because of high energy costs and depleted soil and water resources, the farmer today feels more and more pressured to give in to the developers. And research ... shows us that much of our best farmland is adjacent to our growing cities...."

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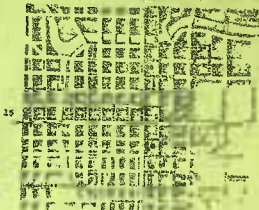
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- OCTOBER 22 - Wed. 12:00 Noon - Glencoe LWV Program
"The Future of the American Farm"
Glencoe Community Center (RSVP 835-2068)
- 25 - Sat. 9:30 a.m. Porter-Cleland Candidate Forum
Deerfield H.S., Waukegan Road, Deerfield
-  29 - Tues. 9:30 a.m. LNVLF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
"Know Your Caucus" - Gorton Community Center
- 29 - Wed. 10:00 a.m. Tour of Juvenile Detention Center
Home in Waukegan and
1:00 p.m. Tour of County Jail - Waukegan
sponsored by Lake County League
- 29 - Wed. 8:00 p.m. Jack Hou, Chief Historian for U.S.
Dept. of Energy will speak on the atomic bond
in U.S. politics since 1945 - "The Great
Nuclear Debate" - L.F. College Chapel

NOVEMBER 3 - Mond. 9:30 a.m. League Board Meeting

4 - ELECTION DAY

VOTE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' "Voters Guide" will be available for sale.

BOARD CHANGE



Our President, Paula DeBourdieu, has become a commuter! Her husband is now working in the Quad City area, and for the last couple of months they have been spending their week days in that area - returning to Lake Forest for the weekends. This situation will continue until the first of the year.

Because it has become impossible for Paula to stay on top of League business with this schedule, she is taking a leave of absence and Linda Illes will carry on as Acting President.

The Board is as follows:

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Here's what's ahead

We are setting up our programs for the year, starting with the "Know Your Caucus" program on October 28 - 9:30 am - Gorton Community Center.

In November, we shall have an update on CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults). A League study of young people's needs had a lot to do with the organization of CROYA some years ago, and we will be interested to know what is happening, how they are operating, and if there are any problems. Anita Rutigliana, League representative on CROYA Board, will be the Chairman.

Later programs will be involved with national and state studies including child care and

FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE YEAR - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 9:30 A.M.
GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER FRIENDS ROOM

Is the caucus fair? Is it democratic? Can citizens really participate in choosing candidates? What is the Committee of Candidates and how does it work?

Come to our exciting panel discussion of the Lake Forest Caucus and the Committee on Candidates and find out. Our knowledgeable panel will include:

Barbara Beacham, Chairman of the Committee on Candidates
Judy Dahlgren, Vice Chairman
Virginia Fiester Frederick, State Representative and formerly a

Melanie Rummel, Chairman of the caucus study adopted at Annual Meeting, is planning this meeting as a kick-off to the study itself. Come to the meeting with your questions or concerns if you find the caucus system puzzling or different from other places, and get better acquainted with the way our city government operates.

Coffee will be served.

REPRODUCTIVE
CHOICES

State League news is that a good many Leagues objected strenuously to the State League becoming more active in supporting abortion, arguing that such support was not intended by the reproductive choice consensus. They have therefore decided to give this issue a low priority at this time. LWVIL will not join the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance at this time since a substantial majority of local leagues do not want LWVIL to be affiliated with organizations that devote major resources to support abortion.

LWVIL will take positions on state legislation affecting reproductive choice where appropriate, and will keep local leagues informed. Some local leagues want to be more active on this issue, and a LWVIL position on specific bills will allow these leagues to take action if their membership so desires.

PORTER - CLELAND
FORUM

A forum featuring the two candidates for Representative of the 10th Congressional District, John Porter and Robert Cleland will be held on Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Deerfield High School (Room E114) - 1959 Haukegan Road, Deerfield. Moderator will be Jean Peterson, past President of the LWV of Illinois.

The audience may submit questions to one or both candidates between 9:30-11:00 a.m. These questions will be reviewed by a League panel and read by the moderator.

DAY CARE CENTER



The Drop-In Day Care Center in the Window Room at Gorton is beginning operation, and will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 2:00 p.m. for the time being. It is planned that Mondays and Fridays will be added in the near future. The Center is operated under the auspices of the Volunteer Bureau.

This Drop-In Center for very young children (6 months to 2 years) was begun as a result of a League study of the need for more facilities for the care of young children in Lake Forest. This Center fills a pressing need and is being received enthusiastically by the young mothers who have found nothing like it in the city. It is a most attractive facility furnished mainly with donated items. It still has a wish list of needed items, at the top of which is a rocking chair! If you have something to donate, get in touch with Marilyn Criche in the Volunteer Bureau at Gorton.

As another spin off of the League's study, a survey on the numbers of and needs of preschool children will go out to all households in Lake Forest soon. The Survey was gotten together by members of the League's Day Care Committee, with input from the Recreation Department and the public school administration. The mailing, itself, is being financed by the City of Lake Forest.

The League will also update its Child Care brochure in the very near future. This has become a very popular source of needed information for mothers of young children.

PARTY AND AUCTION

On Saturday evening, September 27, the League held an interesting social and auction at the home of Sue and Dick Gnospelius. Because of a conflict in dates and of particularly bad weather, the attendance was small, but we did make almost \$400.00 which the Board voted to contribute to the newly established Drop-In Center for very young children. The Center came about as a result of a League study.

The auction was of items donated by members of our League and were extremely interesting. In addition, Char Kreuz, an assistant to the City Manager, brought us up to date on what is happening in Lake Forest - shore restoration, Conway Farm property, proposed developments in the city, etc. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed hearing her and a lively discussion followed. Many thanks to Char for coming, and to the League members who planned the party as well as to the members who donated the auction items.

And particular thanks to Sue and Dick Gnospelius who so graciously opened their home to us for our party and auction.

Membership

MORGAN, Linda E. (Mrs. Jack)
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Linda and her husband moved from Chicago to Lake Forest three years ago, and now have a 2½ year old son. They are originally from New York. Linda works full time at Baxter Travenol, and joined the League because of her interest in the Child Care study. She would be interested in participating in programs for mothers and young children during the early evening hours or during the weekends.

TEMPERO, Jeanne (Mrs. Kenneth)
530 McCormick Drive

295-8329

Jeanne and her husband have lived in Lake Forest for 2½ years, having come to the midwest from New Jersey. They have two children, 5½ and 3½ years of age, and she joined the League as a result of hearing at a Newcomers' Club luncheon about the new Drop-In Center.

Please welcome these new members - and be sure to add their names to your Membership Book.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have forgotten to pay your dues for this year (and do call Eleanor Knight (295-2542) to check on it if you aren't sure) please do so right away. We need you - and we need your dues. As you know, nearly all of the dues money goes to State and National - we keep only about 75¢ from each \$30.00. That is why we have had other fund raising projects - we hate to raise dues again.

At the same time, we urge you to support our advertisers - who support us by purchasing an ad in our League Lines.

BRIDGE MARATHON

The League's first bridge marathon game of the year was played on Monday, September 22. The four high scores of this game were:

Betty Buker/Betty Lou Wilbur - 3890 points
Lois Duggan/Ginger Lesman - 3630 points
Sue Hood/Judy Dobeus - 3450 points
Mathilda Williams/Paula Cosgrove-3250 points

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FREE - Important Information Brochures:

Representative Virginia Fiester Frederick recently reminded us of several useful brochures available through her office.

... "When Death Us Do Part" is a self-help book by Rep. Frederick and six Lake County widows, newly revised to include an updated bibliography of useful books available in local libraries, as well as material on the new laws which permit continuance of an employee's group health insurance by a surviving spouse, provided this election is made within the first few weeks of widowhood. Rep. Frederick tells us that this is a most important development and addresses one of the principal traumas of early widowhood. Copies of the booklet are available at no cost through Rep. Frederick's office. (234-8454)

... "Circuit-Breaker Benefits" describes the program which permits qualified individuals (65 and older) and disabled people to receive part of their money back from property tax and other tax payments. To be eligible, total family income must be less than \$14,000 per year. This also includes pharmaceutical benefits for diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure and heart disease.

... "How to Challenge Your Property Tax Bill" is a brochure that helps you determine whether your assessment is truly unfair and what you should do to file an appeal.

... "You and Your Child" is a brochure which reviews many of the new laws passed in Illinois that affect children. Seven different areas are discussed: missing children/child abduction, day care centers, paternity, school records, child abduction/child custody, child support and adoption registry.

Copies of all or any of these brochures are available through Rep. Frederick's office: 1540 Greenleaf Ave., Lake Forest 234-8454.

**LAKE COUNTY
LWV NEWS**

The County League has set up two interesting tours for October 29, planned by Sally Zeit. The first is of Hulse Center, the Juvenile Detention Center Home in Waukegan at 10:00 a.m. and of the County Jail, Waukegan at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be at some inexpensive place between tours.

This is an unusual chance to see Hulse Center, only due to Sally's "connections". Anyone interested in joining the group, all of whom will be from Lake County Leagues, should call Linda Bartmes at 234-7069.

In February the Lake County tour will be of Winchester House.

**Bail Amendment
Referendum**



The League of Women Voters of Illinois has opposed past attempts to weaken Illinois bail laws, and believes that the proposed constitutional amendment which will appear on the ballot in November is a further infringement on the basic right to bail and should be defeated. (See article in fall issue of Illinois Voter.)

At the state level we are involved in a joint public education effort with other members of a coalition opposing the amendment formed by the Chicago Council of Lawyers. I am asking all local Leagues to support this effort through local action, such as by writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper (s) or send a copy of the item in Illinois Voter requesting publication. This article clearly defines our position and the argument we put forth.

Sally Zeit, Criminal Justice Chair

**NATIONAL STUDIES:
AGRICULTURE**

The National League Board has approved the outline of the new Agriculture study which will take two years, and will cover marketing and distribution, the conflicting goals of current federal agricultural policy, the politics of agriculture, and the impact of macroeconomic policies.

Members will receive background information on agricultural issues through the National Voter during the first year of study. A special January, 1988 issue of the Voter will provide the major source of information for the consensus process. Consensus reports will be due on June 8, 1988.

**MEETING BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS:**

The National Board also approved plans for the National Meeting Basic Human Needs study. During the first year of the two year study, local leagues will develop community profiles to document gaps, bridges and innovations in services. The survey form will be mailed to local leagues in late October, 1986; completed community profiles will be returned to the National Office in March, 1987. Leagues will take consensus between October, 1987 and January, 1988/

**SAFE DRINKING
WATER:**

The National Board reports that prospects look good for at least partial funding for the proposed national drinking water study. Additional financial contribution is needed and appreciated.

LOCATION ENGLISH

PERFORMANCE

The League believes that the state of Illinois should have a program for Illinois' secondary schools. The Illinois State Board of Education should assume a primary leadership role in initiating such a program, and coordinating delivery of the program. The local school board should implement the program. The League believes that the local school board should make recommendations to the Illinois State Board of Education concerning plans for Illinois' schools.

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SCHOOLING

The League believes the primary purpose of schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through which the learner is able to meet the needs of their continuing development. Areas should include language arts, mathematics, science, physical education, social sciences, the fine arts, and health. Emphasis could be placed on the development of critical thinking skills and the integration of knowledge. Each school district shall be prior in its allocation of resources to fulfilling the primary purpose of schooling.

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