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You Are Invited

to discuss with JOHN FISCHBACH, LAKE FOREST CITY MANAGER
all the changes taking place in Lake Forest as it grows.

WHEN? FEBRUARY 3, 1987 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE? Gorton Community Center - Green Room

Mr. Fischbach is knowledgeable, willing and able to fill
us in - do come to hear him talk about the future of cluster housing
as the League recommended following a survey of the needs of
empty nesters, the growth and development of the Waukegan/
Everett Roads area, shoreline restoration, and almost any
other area of the city in which you are interested.

GENERAL MEETING AND DISCUSSION will be at 10:30 a.m.

SOUP AND DESSERT LUNCHEON at approximately 12:00 noon

Nominal Charge of \$2.00 - Please call Mary Liz Carney (234-6624)

or Linda Illes (295-3444) for reservation

PRE-SCHOOL Survey
Marty Preis, Chairman, reports that the committee has

city has contact with non-responders, and the results reported early in the Spring.

This has been a big undertaking for Marty and her committee, and is greatly appreciated.

CAUCUS STUDY Melanie Rummel, Chairman, reports that the Caucus Committee will have a meeting on January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in her home at 593 E. Longwood. Call her at 234-8858 if you are interested in attending or joining her committee. This is a follow-up on the League's general meeting on the caucus in the Fall, and the committee will decide if further study is needed on different aspects of the caucus in Lake Forest so that consensus questions can be formulated for a League general meeting or mailing. Members' participation will be welcome.

PUBLICATIONS First of all, don't forget our own LAKE FOREST PORTRAIT: It can be purchased at Helander's, or you can get it at League meetings or by calling Mary Liz Carney - 234-7624. It gives a wealth of information about Lake Forest and includes a good indexed map of the city. It may become a collector's item since we have only about 100 left and do not plan to reprint. Be sure to get yours!

A new publication, available from the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund, is PUBLIC POLICY ON MENTAL ILLNESS IN ILLINOIS at \$6.00 which includes postage and handling. This is a report of a study on Illinois public policy on mental illness and how that policy is being implemented. The League offers the perspective of a statewide citizens' organization which is different from that of government, funder, provider, or client.

SOCIAL POLICY: Public Aid, Facts and Fallacies provides a review of Illinois public welfare programs. Published in 1983 and updated in 1985. \$.60 plus 90¢ for postage and handling. 8% tax.

ENVIRONMENT: Illinois, a Pioneer in Nuclear Energy traces the effects in Illinois of nuclear energy development from Fermi's crude reactor to the development of massive electric utility construction programs. Published in 1981 - \$1.00 plus 90¢ postage and handling. 8% tax.

EDUCATION: A Guide to Education in Illinois is a history of programs, curriculum mandates, including 1985 "reform" requirements. 1985, \$2.50 plus \$2.00 postage and handling (8 oz.) 8% tax.

These, and many others, can be ordered from League of Women Voters of Ill. 67 E. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois 60603. Sales tax of 8% must be included also.

MEETING BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS

The first part of this new national study, scheduled at the Annual Meeting in Peoria, is a survey of such needs. We do not have a committee to conduct this survey, but on interested in welcome to join the Lake Bluff study group. Call Maggie Bailey, President to get in touch with the chairman of the study.

PROGRAM
PLANNING

It is already time to start thinking about program for next year, local and state. Do you have some ideas about the Lake Forest League should study next year? If so, please call Linda Illes, 295-3444 to tell her. The Board will have a Program Planning session within the next month and are interested in what you are interested in.

STATE
CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held in Peoria this year, May 1-3. These conventions are a fascinating exhibition of League in action - workshops, lobbying, and a most interesting group of knowledgeable women working for improved legislation at the state level. Besides this there are other things, such as the following excerpted from the Peoria League's announcement:

"In Peoria the League will have a program planned with the Illinois News Broadcasters Assn. which will be meeting at the beautiful and sophisticated Hotel Pere Marquette at the same time as we are. You'll agonize over selecting one of the available tours on such relevant subjects as: (1) a modern state-of-the-art jail (Can an outsider enjoy lunch in jail?); (2) subsidized housing (What happens when a local housing authority overspends?); (3) historic preservation (Can the new tax law revive restoration?); and (4) the Illinois River (Will the river completely silt in before May 1987?). You'll discover ways to develop leadership in yourself and others. And you'll learn the identify of the major national political figure that we expect to be our keynote speaker. (Hint: she's not from Illinois.) Now if that hasn't interested you so far, remember that there will be the regular business meetings, workshops, caucuses, study selection arguments, and other League-like activities."

If you are interested in attending, please call Linda Illes so that arrangements can be made for several to go together. Further details will follow.



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- 10:00 AM Panel Presentation and Discussion
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The State's Role in Community Mental Health Services
Ann Kiley, Director, Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
Current Legislative Issues
Woods Bowman, Illinois State Representative, 4th District
Community Fears and Zoning Issues
Daniel Lauber, Attorney and Planning Consultant, Planning/Communications
Urban Mental Health Services
Robert A. Washington, PhD, Executive Director, Community Mental Health Council
Downstate Mental Health Services
Bobby J. Wilkerson, Executive Director, County of Macon, Mental Health 708 Board
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon and Speaker
The Potential for Psychiatric Rehabilitation
William Kennard, Associate Director of Technical Services,
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Conference Registration Form

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295-2542

DUES * * * DUES * * * DUES * * * DUES * * * DUES * * * DUES

April is annual dues paying month, and we do hope that you will take care of that little matter as soon as you receive the dues payment envelope in the next couple of weeks - before it is forgotten. Indeed, why don't you ask a friend to join the League? Give the enclosed application to a friend, relative or neighbor to be sent in with a check, or simply to get more information. We will be happy to contact anyone. There is a place for everyone in the League, and we are anxious to have more members join us even if they don't have time right now to join our study groups, voter service, etc. Giving support by payment of dues is welcome, and when there is more time there is a place for a more active role.

You will notice that the cost is the same - \$30.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for those who want to use the senior citizen privilege. We are determined not to raise our dues at this time, but the Per Member Payments we sent to the national and state leagues have continued to rise. With the \$1.50 increase that will probably be approved at the state convention this year, our local league will be left with almost nothing for our local programs.

So, in order to keep the dues from prohibiting younger women from joining, we are planning another raffle - and this time simply for money! The first prize will be \$100.00 cash and the second prize \$50.00. Then, there will be two smaller surprise prizes. We do hope that you will participate by buying the chances we will be sending out with the dues notice - or by selling them to your friends at your bridge club, garden club, or anyplace else. It isn't at all hard to sell such chances and we hope that you will enjoy doing so, and thereby enable us to keep our dues at \$30.00.



ANNUAL MEETING Our annual meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at the home of Eleanor Beidler - and this will be a very special celebration of our 60th birthday! Actually, we are a year late, and we did have a small celebration in February of 1985, but if Chicago can celebrate its 150th birthday this year, we can celebrate our 60th.

Our raffle prizes will be given away at this time, but in addition we are planning special entertainment - a replay. We had such fun with our 50th birthday party giving a review of 50 years in the league and in the world in 1976, that we decided to bring it up to date and do it again. And something else very special - Nancy Sylvester, one of our particularly talented league members, will sing some of the songs we have loved over the years. Do mark your calendar and plan to attend. We know you will enjoy it.

CAUCUS STUDY Melanie Rummel and her committee have have some lively meetings developing an understanding of our caucus and caucuses in general, and bringing out some concerns and perceptions of the general public, particularly those of newer residents. Right now they are planning to have a general membership consensus meeting in the early Fall.

GREAT DECISIONS We have received a message from Judy Wilson, Asst. Program Director of the Senior Citizens group, inviting League Members interested in Great Decisions to join them for three lectures to be given by Lake Forest College faculty members in the Gorton Community Room on the following dates at 1:00 p.m.:

Tuesday, April 7 - Ghada Talhami, Asst. Prof. of Policitics on SOUTH AFRICA: APARTHEID UNDER SIEGE

Thursday, May 7 - Carol Gayle, Lecturer in History on Pakistan and Afghanistan

(The third one was held early in March.)

BRIDGE After playing bridge in February, the highest four
MARATHON scores are as follows:

J. Mahan/A. Szymanski	3,540 points
K. O'Connell/ R. MacChesney	3,450
R. Shepard/D. Singer	3,100
M.J. Nugent/ G. Ford	2,820

The cumulative scores to date are:

B. Buker/B.L. Wilbur	13,540
K. O'Connell/ R. MacChesney	13,250
J. Mahan/ A. Szymanski	13,230
M.J. Nugent/ G. Ford	13,080

Congratulations to the winners so far. The last three games of the year will be played on March 23, April 27, and May 27. Will there be changes? Watch and see.

MENTAL You may recall that two years ago our President,
HEALTH Paula DuBourdieu, and the Lake County League urged
 that the State program include a study of Mental
 Health Needs and Facilities in Illinois. As a
result, a task force was formed and has been working on this
during the past two years.

The State has sent us the proposed program for 1987-89 which will be discussed and voted on at the convention in Peoria, and one of the recommended items is:

"Community Mental Health: A study to assess the level of mental health services being provided in the community and to determine directions that can be taken to improve the mental health system."

We thought you would be interested.

PRE-SCHOOL Marty Preis and her committee are now following up
SURVEY by telephone on a certain number of residents who
 did not respond to the mailing in order to get a
 better picture - although the number who did respond
was quite respectable and with any other group would be
considered adequate. Their report should be available soon.

*** Membership ***

We are happy to introduce three new members of the Lake Forest League.
Please welcome them.

GARRITY, Barbara (Husband: Don Kovalevich)
573 E. Crest Court, Lake Forest

234-3769

Barbara, her husband and their two sons, aged 5 and 2, moved to Lake Forest from Westport, Connecticut in June, 1986. She is a lawyer and is now working from home. Her husband is Director of Marketing for Tenneco Automotives, Inc. Barbara became interested in the League because of the caucus study and the league's interest in the day care center. She has done a great deal of the telephone follow-up on the pre-school survey now being completed.

HOPKINS, Sheila (John E. III)
970 Valley Road, Lake Forest

234-4826

Sheila, her husband and three children moved to Lake Forest from Marshfield, Massachusetts in August, 1986. Her husband, Jack, works for Motorola in Schaumburg and while they lived in Cary, Ill. Sheila joined the Crystal Lake League and became Bulletin Editor for a short time until they moved to Massachusetts. Sheila grew up in Lake Forest and was delighted to move back to Lake Forest when they returned to Illinois. She and Jack have two little boys aged 6 and 3, and a little daughter who has just had her first birthday. She is the daughter of Mary Liz Carney and recently joined the caucus study.

MIHALIK, Carol (Mrs. Vincent)
75 Honeysuckle Road

234-4641

Carol and her husband moved to Lake Forest from Worthington (Columbus) Ohio in December, 1986. They have a 2½ year old son, Matthew, and a five month old daughter, Elizabeth. Carol has a degree in Biology and has headed the Hiring and Training Department for a large insurance company. With the arrival of her family, she has limited her paid work to a part time job selling Discovery Toys. She says that she is her own best customer. She became interested in the League through the Day Care Center - particularly through Christie Gescheider - and has helped with the pre-school survey of this past year.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING AND 60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1987

AT THE HOME OF ELEANOR BEIDLER
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10:00 a.m. - Coffee
10:30 a.m. - Call to Order
12:00 Noon - Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - Program

Program: A Review of 60 years in the League and in the world, featuring a special recital of appropriate songs given by our talented Nancy Sylvester.

Be sure to come. It will be fun - It will be nostalgic - and it will give us all an overview of what the League in Lake Forest has been up to for these past sixty years.

Luncheon cost \$7.50.

Please respond by May 12 to Linda Illes (295-3444)
or Mary Liz Carney (234-7624)



DUES ARE DUE!

Dues of \$30.00 are now being collected for the period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, and your prompt payment will greatly assist the Board in planning the new League year. If you are hesitating about paying your dues for another year - please hesitate no longer. WE NEED YOU!

If you are concerned because you "just don't have time for the League", please think about it one more time. Even if the only time you have to donate to the League is the time it takes to write the check, we appreciate it. Keep in touch through the "League Lines" and join us in a more active way when you can. Our impact is in our numbers, and we need YOU in our numbers to make our opinions count.

However, we must explain something about our Senior Option. It was established some years ago to enable those members who had been with us for a long time and had now reached 65 or more with a limited income to remain a part of the League. This was back when our dues were \$15.00 and the Senior Option was set at \$10.00, but the dues have now been raised to \$30.00 to cover the increased National and State PMPs and the Senior Option was raised only to \$15.00. We must still pick up the difference in cost in sending PMPs to National and State, and at this time it totals about \$13.00 for each member taking the option.

Two members did not understand this and sent in \$15.00, probably because the 50+ Club at Gorton has a lower age limit, and we had to return the checks because we simply cannot afford to provide the senior option so freely. In fact, we are facing the fact that we may have to eliminate it entirely since our membership has dropped from 110 to 84 - and 14 members are paying \$15.00. A good many more of our members are 65 or older and continue to pay the \$30.00. We really appreciate that and hope that all who can afford to pay \$30.00 will do so, leaving the reduced rate for those whose funds are more limited.

AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES - THANK YOU!

LIFE	Congratulations to Eleanor Beidler who has been in our League for
MEMBER	50 years and is now a LIFE MEMBER. This means that she need pay no dues but will have full membership as provided in the LWVUS Bylaws.

Eleanor was Secretary of the League in 1937 (as Eleanor Chapman), so had probably been in for a year or so. Her interest in and devotion to the League has never waned and she has done nearly everything that needs to be done from being President to collating the bulletin or making sure. It is time she received some acknowledgement, don't you think?

BRIDGE
MARATHON

We are approaching the end of the Bridge Marathon year, and for March the top scorers were:

Helen Loving and Mary Liz Carney	3,480 points
Kay O'Connell and Ruth MacChesney	3,410
Judy Burns and Mem Considine	3,170
Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur	3,040

And the cumulative scores for the top four to date are:

Kay O'Connell and Ruth MacChesney	16,660
Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur	16,580
Adele Szymanski and Jean Mahan	15,780
Judy Burns and Mem Considine	14,870

Again, congratulations to all.

Membership

We are happy to report that another new member has joined the League this month. Please welcome

WIEGAND, Mrs. Ronald G. (Pat)
979 W. Verda Lane, Lake Forest

234-4411

Pat and her husband, Ron, moved to Lake Forest about 23 years ago, coming from Lake Bluff where they had lived for six years. Her husband works at Abbotts, and they have four grown children. Pat says that she has always been interested in local government and has thought about joining the League for a long time - and finally did.

Community focus!



CAUCUS
STUDY

Melanie Rummel, Chairman, reports that the Caucus Committee is not yet ready to have a general meeting at which the membership can take consensus. There are a number of things they still want to think about to get a better understanding of the caucus itself. A general meeting will probably be held in September or October to take consensus on this interesting subject.

PRE-SCHOOL
SURVEY

Marty Preiss, Chairman, reports that about 99% of the tabulating has now been done by the City, and that the Committee is now analyzing the data which has been received. She thinks that everything will be ready for a report in about a month.



LWVIL

legislative seminar

The 1987 Legislative Seminar will be June 10-11 in Springfield. League members and their guests will have the opportunity to lobby their legislators on our priorities, observe them in action at the State House, and take in a tour or workshop the second day. It will be the height of the session. Bills will have been introduced, debate will be lively, and the League should be able to have a greater impact than earlier in the session. Lobbying activities are planned around a one day schedule for those members with limited time, but for those who have to stay overnight anyway, some programs are planned for the morning of June 1.

We are encouraging students to attend this year by offering a reduced rate for those under 18. Consider giving the next generation of League members a great lesson in government by bringing them to Springfield.

Schedule Highlights

Wednesday, June 10
12:00 Buffet Lunch
1:00 Legislative Briefing
5:30 Legislators Reception
Vista Room, 29th Floor
Hilton Hotel

Thursday, June 11

8:30 Assemble for choice of tours/workshops: Dept. of Nuclear Safety; Dana-Thomas House; Meeting Basic Human Needs of Older Women; Legislative Committee Hearings

Registration Information

LWVIL Registration \$30
Student Registration \$15
(LWVIL deadline is May 26)

Hilton Conference Rate \$54.00
(Hilton deadline is May 20)

Registration forms for the Seminar and hotel are available from your local League President, or clip the coupon in the LWVIL Voter.

Everyone who has ever attended a Legislative Seminar comes home raving about the experience - the fun they had - how much they got out of watching and getting involved in the legislative process - meeting their legislators informally, etc. etc. etc. If you can possible go - please do so.

Call Linda Illes or Mary Liz Carney for more details or for registration forms.



Congress Poised to Uphold Arms Control

Proposals to cut medium-range missiles in Europe have set the stage for a possible arms-control agreement on President Reagan's watch. Meanwhile, however, the Reagan administration threatens to further undermine agreements in hand, and Congress must act this spring to reaffirm their critical role in arms control.

After intentionally overstepping the SALT II numerical limits on long-range offensive nuclear weapons, the Administration is poised to nullify the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty's key limits on missile defenses. The Administration's "reinterpretation" of the ABM treaty would favor early SDI deployment, permitting testing of missile defenses based on "new physical principles." (See March 1987 *RH*.)

In the words of Sen. Sam Nunn (D GA), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Administration's reinterpretation is based on a "complete and total misrepresentation" of the treaty ratification record. Moves to the broader, more permissive interpretation are expected to be countered in Congress by binding legislation to uphold the treaty's traditional interpretation. A number of bills and drafts have been circulating in both houses, and the League is working with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin (D WI) and other concerned members to develop a unified legislative approach.

On SALT II, the League is supporting House and Senate bills to restore and maintain U.S. compliance with the treaty's numerical limits as long as the Soviets exercise similar restraint. H. R. 347, introduced by Rep. Norman Dicks (D WA) with leadership support, is identical to legislation passed by the House last year. A similar bill, S. 415, has been introduced in the Senate by Senators Bumpers (D AR), Chafee (R RI), Leahy (D VT) and Heinz (R PA). At press time, the Senate legislation had 39 cosponsors.

The League is also supporting legislation that will be offered in both chambers to extend the moratorium on antisatellite (ASAT) weapons testing for another year. Last year, the House-passed ASAT testing moratorium was adopted in a House-Senate conference committee after a nar-

row defeat in the Senate.

Initial action on these issues will be taken by the House as it considers and amends the Fiscal Year (FY) 1987 Supplemental Appropriations bill in April. Because the supplemental is considered vulnerable to a presidential veto, however, the "veto-proof" defense authorization bill will be the most effective vehicle for joint congressional efforts to force compliance with the ABM treaty and the SALT II limits. Scheduled for consideration by the House in early May and the Senate thereafter, the bill will authorize funding ceilings and set policy for Department of Defense programs for FY 1988.

The defense authorization bill presents Congress with an opportunity to exercise its "power of the purse." Congressional action to cut SDI funding for FY 1988 below last year's level of \$3.5 billion would thwart the Administration's efforts to commit the United States to near-term Star Wars deployment and concurrent abrogation of the ABM treaty.

SALT II and the ABM treaty have long been the bedrocks of arms control, the only existing U.S.-Soviet agreements limiting

the deployment of strategic weapons. Defiance in the face of these agreements will cost far more than the billions sought for weapons that will violate them. Defiance will cost us a safer world, a world that Congress can protect this spring. **RH**

ACTION SUMMARY

This *RH* calls for grassroots action on the following issues:

Arms Control: Tell members of Congress to reduce FY 1988 Star Wars funding below last year's level. Urge them to support legislation to uphold the ABM treaty and the SALT II numerical limits and to extend the moratorium on antisatellite (ASAT) weapons testing.

Clean Air: Urge members of Congress to work for and support acid-rain and clean-air initiatives.

Trade: Tell members of Congress to oppose protectionist legislation.

Welfare Reform: Tell members of Congress to support welfare changes in step with League positions.

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U.S. Senate
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Call your member of Congress at (202) 224-3121.

What You Can Do

The FY 1988 defense authorization bill is on its way to the House and Senate floors. Write your senators and representative today. Urge them to:

- Take decisive action to reduce FY 1988 funding for the SDI below last year's level of \$3.5 billion.
- Support amendments to uphold the ABM treaty's traditional interpretation and to extend the moratorium on antisatellite (ASAT) weapons testing.
- Cosponsor and vote in favor of binding legislation to restore and maintain U.S. adherence to the SALT II numerical sublimits as long as the Soviets observe the same limits (H. R. 347 in the House; S. 415 in the Senate).

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Campaign for a Safer World

by Nancy M. Neuman, President, LWVUS

"Campaign for a Safer World" is the theme adopted by the LWVUS to emphasize the importance we place on arms-control issues facing the 100th Congress. The League's "Campaign for a Safer World" is designed to influence legislation and to promote widespread citizen involvement in arms-control issues. Timing is of the essence. For arms control to remain an integral part of U.S. national-security policy, decisive action by Congress is critical.

For too long, citizens have left the issues of military spending and defense policy up to the "experts," assuming that they know best how to allocate our resources and how to keep the peace. Have these "experts" brought us a safer world? The answer is a resounding "no." And now Washington buzzes daily with debate about the latest interpretation of the ABM treaty and U.S. violations of the unratified, but previously observed, SALT II treaty. Philosophizing is getting us nowhere.

The only way we are going to advance arms control is with citizens making it clear to their elected representatives that it is politically unpopular to be promoting the weapons build-up. Most citizens think they can't make a difference. Yet, citizens were the ones who created the civil rights movement, the women's movement and the environmental movement. It was grassroots action that ultimately achieved the legislation necessary to guarantee civil rights for minorities and women and to move toward a clean environment.

The League of Women Voters wants *true national security*. It is appalling to think that current military spending is diminishing our ability to fight a conventional war because so many resources are being spent on nuclear weapons and the "Star Wars" program. The less able we are to mount conventional warfare, the more likely we are to "go nuclear" quickly.

But true national security cannot be defined by military strength alone. Our real strength and security depend upon a healthy, growing economy, an educated citizenry, jobs that fit our dreams and capabilities, and social policies that enhance the quality of Americans' daily lives. President Eisenhower said it best in 1953:

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children... This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron."

Congressional Schedule

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April 11-April 20

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May 22-May 26

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July 2-July 6

August Recess

August 8-September 8



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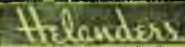
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Please return the completed survey to LWV of Lake Forest, Att. Mary Liz Carney,
400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest 60045

When these forms have been returned, the responses will be compiled and the results forwarded to the LWVUS Education Fund office in Washington, D.C.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The 61st Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest was held on May 19, 1987 at the home of Eleanor Beidler. Twenty six members and one guest were present.

We are very pleased to introduce our new Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Carol Mihalik (1989)
Mary Liz Carney (1988)

1st Vice-President: Melanie Rummel (1989)
2nd Vice-President: Linda Tilles (1988)

Secretary: Sheila Hopkins (1989)

Treasurer: Eleanor Knight (1988)

Elected Directors: Marty Preiss, Colleen Thornton and Bonnie Cross (1989)
Barbara Garrity, Dorothy Hebert and Betty Wegren (1988)

Nominating Chairman: Joy Hodgen. Committee: Linda Lambert and Jill Lauer

Many thanks to Eleanor for opening her home for this important meeting. Following a delicious salad luncheon contributed by several of the members, a delightful and nostalgic review of the Lake Forest League and the rest of the world was presented, including a wonderful selection of songs from the six decades presented by Nancy Sylvester. Nancy has a beautiful voice and a wide range. It was a joy to listen to her and we appreciate her generosity in sharing her talent with us.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER AND LOOK FORWARD TO ACTIVITIES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.

Dear Leaguers:

Summer has come - League year has ended for 1987-1988 in League Year 1987-1988 begins immediately with a new Board and a new Board set-up - Co-Presidents! I, as an old ex-President, and Carol as a new, young President, are joining forces. With our different interests, experience and abilities, and a young Board to work with, we hope to revitalize our 41 year old Lake Forest League so that it will be the active and interesting League it always has been.

To do this, though, we need your interest and participation as far as you are able - even if that participation is very small - and we need to know what you are interested in. I know that you have received Interest Sheets in the past and it may have been that those who responded were not contacted. I (or we) promise that you definitely will be contacted this time, so give us another chance. We are making plans this summer for the coming year and really want your input. Please fill out the enclosed Interest Sheet and either mail it to the League of Women Voters at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, or put it in the League drawer in the Gorton front office.

One thing we need your answer on right away is if you would like to be a deputy registrar this year. This has always been a popular thing to do since it is so easy and such fun. We will need a number of deputized registrars to man our booth at the Deerpath Art Fair on the Labor Day weekend, and we will all need to be redeputized before that date.

Another important and interesting League activity that is being reactivated is an Observer Corps. To be a League Observer you attend City Council or one of the City Board meetings regularly and then report periodically to the League Board through the Observer Chairman. This is a very good League activity, particularly for new League members and for the newer residents since it shows so graphically how our city government works.

Then, there is the Mental Health in the Community state study that we hope to do in cooperation with the other Lake County Leagues. And you might also be interested in Paula DuBourdieu's pet control study. And of course there are the other things that must be done to keep an organization going - from calling to remind members of meetings to making coffee.

Do let us know, or call me if you would like further details on anything. We are looking forward to a good League year and hope that you will join us in making it so.

And one more thing - how about asking your friends and neighbors to join the League? Or, let us hear someone to contact. The more members we have, the more we can do.

Mary Liz Carney

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ADVERTISERS - THEY HELP SUPPORT THE LEAGUE.

LOCAL
PROGRAM

As provided by our Bylaws, the Lake Forest League's local program for 1987-1988 was approved at the Annual Meeting. It is as follows:

1. Continued attention to youth problems in Lake Forest, and related services including support of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults). Continued observation of the CROYA goals and objectives.
 2. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan with continued attention to land use, local environmental pollution, zoning, recreation and safety.
 - a. Support of action to ban leaf burning in Lake Forest.
 - b. Continued attention to the housing needs of retirees and empty nesters.
 3. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus System.
 4. Continued attention to the needs of young children in Lake Forest including, but not limited to:
 - a. Revision and republication of the pre-school booklet.
 - b. Support of the Day Care Position, including support of the Drop-In Center.
 - c. Attention to the Lake Forest pre-school population study and survey.
 5. Study of the need for additional pet control regulations; a leash law and a pet waste ordinance. (Scope: Examine the current pet control regulations and assess the need for additional regulations to promote public safety, health and welfare.)
 6. Study of Lake Forest Government by means of an Observer Corps.
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1987-1988
NATIONAL
PROGRAM

We will be in the second year of two national studies. They are:

1. To review and establish criteria for U.S. agriculture policy and programs.
2. Meeting Basic Human Needs Study. Goal is to examine difficulties that exist in meeting the four basic human needs, and to identify possible solutions.

STATE
PROGRAM

At the State Convention in May, the League concurred with the Task Force's recommendation that there be a two year study of Mental Health Services in the Community: to assess the level of such services and to determine the directions that can be taken to improve the Mental Health Systems.

All three of the above studies lend themselves to be studied on a regional basis rather than by each local league individually. The seven leagues in Lake County are coordinating their studies of these items with the assistance of the Lake League. Anyone interested in any (or all) of these studies is to indicate such interest on the back of the enclosed Interest Sheet.

**VOTER
SERVICE**

Wouldn't you like to register new voters for the League?



...the practice for a few years now for
League Labor Day Weekend and Air on Market Square
where we register new voters or record new addresses.

All of our Deputy Registrars must be redeputized, and we welcome new registrars. It is easy, it is fun, and everyone who has done this kind of voter service has enjoyed it.

Please call Carol Mihalik or Mary Liz Carney if you would like to be a Deputy Registrar so that we can set up a date agreeable to everyone to go up to the County Clerk's office (or perhaps someone from that office can come down here) sometime in July or August to be deputized.

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If you have not yet paid your dues for 1987-1988, won't you do it right away? We are anxious to make up the Membership Book and want everyone to be included. **DON'T FORGET - WE NEED YOU.**

**BRIDGE
MARATHON**



The 1986-87 Bridge Marathon finished on May 27 with a lovely luncheon following the final game in the Gorton Community Room. The top four winners for the year were:

Betty Buker and Betty Lou Wilbur -	22,640 points
Kay O'Connell and Ruth MacChesney -	21,580
Grace Murray and Eleanor Hennessy -	21,490
Mary Liz Carney and Helen Loving -	20,570

The marathon is great fun for bridge players, and a new one will begin on the fourth Monday of September. If you are interested in playing, call Mary Liz Carney (234-7624) soon. The schedule will be set up during the summer.

Don't think you have to be an expert to play. All levels of ability are represented, and everyone enjoys the game. We play the fourth Monday of each month except December, only the last one all together at Gorton. We play in each others homes, two tables at a time, according to a formula worked out so that we play with different people each month - at least most of the time. Do join us. You will like it.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST

THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE IN THE LEAGUE! And we need you! Whether your time to give is as much or little, your skills or talents great or small - or someplace in between - we hope you can share some with the League to help us achieve our goals this year. Every little bit counts and we all benefit from working together.

We would appreciate your filling out the following Interest Sheet and returning it as soon as possible to the League of Women Voters c/o Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road. You can either mail it or put it into the League's mail drawer in Gorton's front office.

NAME (Mr. Mrs. Miss)

Name of Spouse

ADDRESS

PHONE

I would like to work on:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE to contact prospects, address post cards, make a few telephone calls, serve as a big sister to a new member, etc.

(Please list any suggestions for prospective members below. Show name, address, telephone number).

PUBLICATIONS, such as

BULLETIN: typing writing Collating and mailing

Revision of pre-school booklet

Putting together the Membership Year Book

FINANCE, such as serving on a fund raising committee

Soliciting ads for bulletin

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS, such as making coffee, etc.

TELEPHONE TREE - Calling to remind members of meetings or other matters.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION, such as following up on League positions by writing appropriate letters to State and National Legislators.

VOTER SERVICE: Registering new voters occasionally

(Must be deputized by County Clerk)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL INTERESTS

1. Study of Lake Forest government by means of an Observer Corps

Pet Control study.

NATIONAL AND/OR STATE STUDIES (See studies in Bulletin)

Are there any other local, state or national issues that you would like to see the League study?

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FOR ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRARS FOR THE LEAGUE

Linda Illes has arranged for a representative of the County Clerk's Office in Waukegan to come to her home on Tuesday Evening, August 25 to deputize voter registrars. It doesn't take long to become deputized, and we don't register voters very often, but we would like to have some people available to work in shifts at the Voter Registration table the League will have at the Deerpath Art League's Art Fair Labor Day Weekend, September 6 and 7. It really is fun - you see everyone.

Please call Linda at 295-3444 if you would like to be a Voter Registrar. If you cannot take part on August 25 but would like to be deputized, you can go to the County Clerk's Office at some other time, as long as Linda writes a letter to the County Clerk's Election Department to let them know who will be deputized for the League.

Deputization for Voter Registrars - Home of Linda Illes
310 W. Onwentsia Road - 295-3444
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Do join us!

REMINDER TO THE FEW WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR DUES:
YOUR DUES ARE OVERDUE!

A new Membership Book will be published shortly. Do get your dues in in time to be included.

Dear Leaguers:

In 1984 some members of the League proposed a study of housing needs of Empty nesters, retirees and seniors, and this was included as a segment of our 1984-1985 programming. In 1985 the League sponsored a professional survey of the housing needs of empty nesters, retirees and those in single member households since this group, aged 45 and over, had increased 66% from 1960 to 1980 and in 1985 accounted for 37% of our population. Since a comprehensive, statistically valid survey was important for their long-range planning, the City co-sponsored this survey and picked up most of the costs. The questionnaire was professionally designed and the results were analyzed by Elrick and Lavidge, Inc., a Chicago market research firm.

The questionnaire was mailed citywide to 5,191 households and received an unusually good response of 28% - the greatest number from people aged 45-64. Among other things the survey indicated that there is a clear indication that single-family detached homes in a group of residences on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) are favored by Lake Forest residents. Fifty-nine percent (59%) of the people contacted said that type of housing should be encouraged, while only 27% said it should be discouraged. Fifty percent (50%) favored townhouses and 33% opposed. It was about even for and against condominiums, and rental apartments were opposed by 52% with 30% in favor.

The League has studied land use and environmental quality at the National, State and County levels, and over the years has recognized cluster housing as a good concept, generally speaking, because it preserves open space and keeps all utility lines in a smaller and more efficient area. Fewer trees are cut down because they can be left undisturbed in the open land, and the number of roads or drives is limited to the area in which the houses are built. Density overall is not increased since the same number of houses are built as in traditional building - they are just built in one section of a large parcel of land and the remaining acres in the designated parcel must remain open permanently. The same total space is required and the same number of families allowed in each unit.

As in any other kind of housing, this alternative can be attractive and acceptable or not, depending on where and how it is built. The League has recognized cluster housing as a good concept and knows that it can be done well, but it makes no attempt to approve or disapprove any particular development. There are too many variables and it is the City's job to make the necessary decisions and set the restrictions to keep cluster housing compatible with other housing in the area. And this they have been trying to do.

As a result of our survey, the City has recognized that cluster housing is an alternative that some of our residents would like to have. After a good deal of study, the Plan Commission is recommending that the Comprehensive Plan be amended to allow for such housing under very limited conditions. They chose several sites that they considered most appropriate because of the amount of land that is available, the location, aesthetics, and the possibility of sheltering the clustered houses from view so that the street view would not be affected. A proposed ordinance is intended to set out the restrictions and standards needed to keep any such development compatible with other Lake Forest housing and the area in which it would be built. On these sites it could not be low income housing. The houses would be for those people in Lake Forest who have indicated that they want to reduce their responsibilities but not their standard of living.

The League does not take positions on specific zoning situations unless they involve building on flood plains, etc. Having approved the Comprehensive Plan in Lake Forest, we are interested in any amendments proposed, of course, but would not make a statement unless anything was contrary to a League position. In this case, having sponsored a survey and published the results, in which the question "Should the City encourage the building of alternate housing?" and another question asked the same question about cluster housing, condominiums, townhouses and rental apartments in which 59% still said yes to cluster housing (smaller percentages to the other kinds of alternate housing), the League certainly has given tacit approval to amending the Comprehensive Plan accordingly. A Lake County League study, in which the Lake Forest League took part, approved alternate housing in a Land Use Position.

Studying the proposed ordinance to decide if the restrictions are adequate or justified is reasonable, and the Plan Commission has held open meetings where the proposed ordinance has been discussed and worked on to include the restrictions and setting the standards that will keep any such housing compatible with Lake Forest residents' wishes and with other housing in the area. During this time there have been a good many false, misleading, and even personally insulting statements (or questions asked in an unsigned citywide mailing) made concerning cluster housing in general and the Plan Commission's intentions in particular. For this reason, I have written a version of the above letter to the Editors of the Lake Forester and the News-Voice to clarify the part the League played in all of this, and to give a better picture of what cluster housing really is.

Mary Liz Carney, Co-President

WE WANT NEW MEMBERS! WE WANT NEW MEMBERS !



Here's what's ahead

We are looking forward to having a New and Prospective Members' Coffee on Wednesday, September 23, at 9:45 A.M. at the home of Colleen Thornton, 885 Maplewood Road, Lake Forest.

What we want from you are NAMES, NAMES, NAMES - Call Marty Preiss at 295-1083 or Carol Mihalik at 234-6641 and give them names of prospective members so they can receive invitations. We want new members too, and old members to welcome the new members, but right now we need NAMES. Friends, neighbors and relatives are good prospects - let us know about them.

You can also send a list in to the League c/o Gorton Community Center if you would rather. They will get to the right people.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR INTEREST SHEET? See Last Bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to introduce two new members of the Lake Forest League of Women Voters. Please welcome

LACY, Caron (Mrs. Alan J.) 195 Poplar

295-8050

Caron moved to Lake Forest 1½ years ago, having lived in Deerfield for four years, and before that in Los Angeles for eight years. She and her husband have two little boys, ages three and ten months. With a Master's Degree in Statistics from Loyola in Los Angeles, Caron worked for the Flying Tiger Airline for four years as Market Analyst, and for Continental Airline as Manager of Market Planning and Forecasting. She traveled extensively for both airlines, and now works part time as a Market Consultant.

JACOBS, Jodie (Mrs. Allan J.) 590 E. Longwood Dr. 234-2504

Jodie has lived in Lake Forest since March, 1987, having come here from Highland Park where she lived for twenty years, and was a long time member of the League of Women Voters. She was on their Board for several years until she became a member of the Elementary Board of Education. Jodie has two daughters, one a Junior in College and the other is a grown. She is a Journalist and is now employed as a Staff Writer by the News-Voice. She also freelances extensively.



BRIDGE MARATHON

ANYONE FOR BRIDGE?

The schedule for the new year, beginning with the fourth Monday of September, will be made up in the next few weeks, and we could use a few more players. If you like to play bridge, and could play on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) until May, please call Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624.

This is not duplicate bridge. You play with the same partner for the year, and each player entertains two tables in her home once during the year. Simple refreshments are served. The final game in May is played at Gorton and the money prizes are given at that time. You don't have to be an expert - all levels of bridge expertise are represented and it is not always the experts who win. Do join us. You will enjoy it.

PRE-SCHOOL SURVEY

Marty Preiss reports that the survey is completed and analyzed and will be published within two weeks. Bravo! Marty, Caron Lacy and their committee have worked long and hard so that the results will be valid and usable, and we commend them.



Report from the Hill

League of Women Voters of the United States

Since 1984, U.S. taxpayers have committed \$8.2 billion to President Reagan's vision, articulated in March 1983, of a network of defenses that would render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." Recent studies, however, cloud the President's vision, questioning the feasibility of the high-tech missile defense initially fancied for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or "Star Wars." Conscious of the technical roadblocks to a full-scale defense, the Reagan administration is engaged in a frenzied political rush to deploy a crude, destabilizing anti-missile system.

Two recent studies discovered an epidemic of Star Wars doubt within the scientific community. The National Academy of Sciences and the American Physical Society produced some sobering reading for SDI proponents, agreeing in published reports that the envisioned "far-term" system of laser and particle-beam weapons has virtually no foundation in current research. An exotic network of population defenses is still drawing-board material, the scientists say.

The Rush to Deploy

The Administration's reorientation of the SDI program toward a cruder near-term system is documented in a Senate staff report released in April by Sens. William Markey (D WI) and J. Bennett Johnston (D LA). A system deployed in the near term would destroy enemy missiles with kinetic-energy weapons, rockets fired from space-based battle stations. The Senate staff report found that the SDI program's directed-energy weapons (DEW) budget, earmarked for far-term technology research, has been "drastically cut while the kinetic energy weapons budget is enjoying a healthy increase."

The rush to deploy SDI is motivated by political concerns. The Senate staff report found "no credible evidence to suggest that U.S. national security con-

siderations compelled a move toward near-term deployment at this time." SDI proponents are anxious to commit the United States to deployment of an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system now, so it "cannot be tampered with by future Administrations," Attorney General Meese admitted. A deployment commitment would force the United States to violate the ABM treaty, which bans the development, testing, and deployment of mobile land-based, air-based and space-based missile defenses and their components.

In pursuit of its SDI goals, the Reagan administration reinterpreted the ABM

treaty in 1985, claiming it allows for work on ABM systems based on "new physical principles" not applicable when the treaty was signed. The reinterpretation, not yet implemented because of allied and congressional support for the treaty's strict traditional reading, would likely still rule out the kinetic-weapons system envisioned for near-term deployment. "There is a strong case," Sen. Sam Nunn (D GA) said recently, "that the specific early deployment system now favored by Secretary Weinberger cannot be developed or tested under either interpretation."

A Covert Blueprint

The Senate staff report discovered the existence of a secret "black program" within the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO). Charged with "developing a blueprint for deploying strategic defenses in the near term," the program has been intentionally sheltered from public and congressional scrutiny.

"In fact," the report says, "it appears that most members of Congress are being kept in the dark about this secret program. While SDI has been telling members of Congress and their staffs that no such near-term architecture exists, it appears that SDI officials have been quietly approaching their contrac-

tors to draw up plans for near-term deployment."

The report found that SDIO has "significantly reoriented" the space-based kinetic kill vehicle (SBKKV) project, the primary component of early deployment. To enable deployment in the mid-1990s, "the project is now pursuing a SBKKV system of much more limited capability than previously discussed as essential." The near-term ABM system currently envisioned by SDIO would be able to destroy "no more than 15 percent" of incoming Soviet warheads, the report found.

Gap in Understanding

The follow-on deployment-based primarily on dubious weapons—remains so technically sketchy that a decade or more of research is still required before it can be determined even workable. That according to the American Physical Society (APS), the nation's largest professional society for physicists.

The APS convened a 12-member study group to assess the status of directed-energy weapons (DEW) research and the potential military capability of the DEW systems envisioned for far-term SDI deployment. The physicists' study, conducted over a period of 18 months with unprecedented access to Department of Defense and SDIO secrets, is the most authoritative analysis to date of the status of DEW technologies, including the lasers and particle beams considered essential to a full-scale strategic defense.

The APS study group found "significant gaps in the scientific and engineering understanding" of the many technical obstacles to DEW deployment. DEWs, the study reported, would be required to perform at power levels up to 100,000 times the power of current laboratory technologies. "At present," the group concludes, "there is insufficient information to decide whether the required extrapolations (to effective performance levels) can or cannot be achieved."

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The physicists foresee research delays "even in the best of circumstances," doubting the availability and readiness of follow-on technologies as the Administration's envisioned near-term system degrades. Administration officials have

called the study's findings "subjective and unduly pessimistic," though it was conducted with Defense Department cooperation and the study group included scientists from the government's own weapons labs.

Survivability

The APS study calls in question the survivability of any space-based missile defense. "Survivability is an essential feature of any (ABM) system employing space-based assets," the study said. "Such survivability is highly questionable at present."

Among the potential threats to space hardware are space-based and ground-based directed-energy weapons, space-based kinetic-energy weapons and "direct-ascent" antisatellite (ASAT) weapons. In contrast to the far-term technologies being considered for SDI, offensive countermeasures "may be less difficult and costly to develop and may require fewer orders-of-magnitude performance improvements," the study concluded. The SDI delays foreseen in the study will leave ample time for the development of countermeasures, rendering a deployed DEW system vulnerable to threats that didn't even exist when it was conceived.

"Pie in the Sky"

Apparently, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) suspected as much. NAS members, the United States' preeminent scientists, agreed in a recent survey that the Administration's SDI program is fatally flawed. Among the survey's findings: "The 469 scientists surveyed agree by a margin of more than 20-to-1 that an SDI system could not be made survivable and cost-effective.

* 97 percent of NAS members surveyed believe: that the SDI could not destroy enough missiles to defend the U.S. population if the Soviets tried to overwhelm the system.

* The scientists agree by an 11-to-1 margin that SDI research does not merit the \$35 billion appropriated by Congress for the current fiscal year.

At the survey's end, NAS members were asked, "Is there anything else you would like to add about SDI?" The responses are enlightening, particularly when it is considered that these are the nation's top scientists talking about a research program that pumps billions of federal dollars their way.

It is insane, wrote one. "Even the most dedicated hawk should oppose it."

I am strongly opposed to Star Wars," another wrote, "although in general I favor a strong defense for the U.S. and its allies, and I regard Soviet expansion as a grave threat to human freedom."

One scientist called it "an unprecedented hoax;" another a "fairy tale;" another a "pie in the sky to calm the fears of the masses."

I'm afraid it won't work," wrote one, "and would be even more afraid if I thought it would."

In 1987, it appears that the only target SDI will effectively zap is the ABM treaty. Technologies for even a crude near-term deployment are still in their infancy, and the survivability of space-based ABM systems is highly questionable, at best. In an era of twelve-figure federal budget deficits and hurtful cuts in programs for the nation's needy, commitment to what one NAS scientist called "costly, dangerous and a scientific fraud" is recklessness born of delusion.

ACTION SUMMARY

This RH calls for grassroots action on the following issues:

Welfare Reform: Tell members of Congress to support welfare changes in step with League positions (see page 1).

Clean Air: Urge members of Congress to work for and support comprehensive clean-air legislation (see page 3).

Arms Control: Urge senators to push for passage of the defense authorization bill with League-backed arms-control provisions (see page 7).

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A "DO-NOTHING" SESSION

"I would say it's likely this will go down in history as the most do-nothing session of the General Assembly," said Douglas Whitley, President of the Illinois Taxpayers' Federation. "Once you get past AIDS and sex in schools, the only thing left is taxes - and it never got out of the closet."

The League concurs with this analysis. Despite the Comptroller's reports that the state treasury has had end-of-the-month balances below the accepted minimum of \$200 million each month of this fiscal year, the General Assembly refused to consider seriously the need for new revenue, not only to correct the state's fiscal position but also to fund the commitment it made two years ago to education reforms and to revision of the school aid formula. The need for increased public aid grants and improved mental health programs was likewise ignored.

An examination of the bills introduced in this session of the General Assembly found few that proposed tax increases of any kind and those few died in committee in the house of origin. The only bright spot was that the many bills proposing additional exemptions, deductions, or tax credits met the same fate. One of these was finally passed: a bill making it possible to prepay tuition at Illinois colleges and universities.

LEAGUE ACTION UNDER NEW MENTAL HEALTH POSITION

Making use of its new position on mental health established by concurrence at its May convention, LWVIL

A bill requiring facilities of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to have sufficient staff in order to weakened, however, when language calling for "reasonable workloads" for "maximum performance and fulfillment of responsibilities" was amended out.

The rights of the mentally ill were addressed in HB 1812 (Bowman) which has been sent to the Governor. This is the first explicit statement in Illinois law of the definition of mental illness and the right of the mentally ill to receive care and treatment.

formula. Two bills which would have mandated DMHDD to establish and fund community services in

Implementation of these bills, however, or even maintenance of the status quo, will not be possible unless there is sufficient money in the DMHDD appropriation. The DMHDD budget took a roller-coaster ride this spring. HB 783 (Tate) originally allocated \$708 million for the department. The House reduced the allocation to the FY 87 level of \$639 million and then restored \$34 million, including \$24.5 million to keep staff/patient ratios at the FY 87 level. The Senate, after a long battle, then restored another \$4 million for state facilities and \$4 million for community services. However, since there was no tax increase, Governor Thompson has stated that he will cut 4-5% from all departments, including about 1,500 DMHDD jobs. This could jeopardize accreditation and receipt of federal money. Further debate will occur during the fall veto session.

WOMEN'S ISSUES RAISED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A number of issues of importance to women were raised this legislative session. Of special interest to the League was a proposal to study property rights during marriage. Although initial efforts to create a commission to study the Uniform Marital Property Act (HB 2568) were blocked in committee, a later resolution (HJR 88) to establish a committee with the broader charge of examining property rights during marriage, at divorce and at death received House approval during the final hours of the session. The Senate is expected to consider the matter in the fall.

This session saw pay equity reach the floor of the House for the first time as well as receive its second consideration by the full Senate. Although both HB 678 (Currie) and SB 951 (Joyce) were defeated, supporters were heartened by the close roll call: 57 "yes" votes in the House (with 60 votes needed for passage) and 28 "yes" votes of the 30 needed in the Senate, an increase of 5 affirmative votes over the 1985 Senate roll call.

Two other League-supported measures were introduced and are expected to be considered next spring. The Family and Medical Leave Act (SB 1160 - Neitsch) would allow up to 18 weeks of unpaid leave at the birth or adoption of a child, for the care of an aging parent, or for one's own illness or the illness of a child. It would ensure that men or women taking such leave are able to return to their jobs at the same or equivalent level. Legislation prohibiting sex discrimination in insurance (HB 36 - Satterthwaite) is on interim study.

CLEANER AIR, CLEANER WATER FOR ILLINOIS

Three bills which promise some improvement in environmental quality for Illinois residents have been sent to part of clean air advocates. This legislation requires the Illinois Pollution Control Board to establish a list of toxic air contaminants - substances which have been shown to be carcinogenic or extremely hazardous to human health - and to establish regulations governing the emission of such toxics. It does not include deadlines for the formulation of the list and regulations.

The Comprehensive Groundwater Protection Act (SB 1482 - Welch) marks the beginning of the establishment of some standards for protecting groundwater. This is an agreed-upon bill worked out between the Governor's office, advocates, and industry. It creates an Interagency Coordination Committee on Groundwater to work toward effective groundwater protection.

Under HB 1667 (Breslin), Illinois will designate one week each year as "Household Hazardous Waste Awareness Week" in order to inform the public about the threat to human health posed by the presence of hazardous wastes in households. Most importantly, it provides that no unit of local government shall be held liable for damages that might result from the operation of a collection program. Funding for education and collection programs was approved (up to 70% of the costs of a community's hazardous waste programs) and is tied to the collection of tipping fees at landfill sites. (This fee is being contested, so all such moneys are currently being held in escrow.)

CHILDREN TO BE HELPED

The Family Preservation Act (HB 1469 - Curran) passed both houses with flying colors. It mandates home-based services for at-risk, abusive families. Three other bills which would strengthen the ability of the Department of Children and Family Services to deal with child abuse and neglect are also on the Governor's desk. HB 93 (Curran) calls for the training of a wide cross-section of persons who may deal with abused/neglected children. SB 21 and SB 22 (Collins) provide for DCFS child welfare investigators to be trained and certified and require DCFS to develop a child abuse prevention

One other bill dealing with DCFS programs (HB 99 - Curran) is being held in conference committee until several issues are resolved. It would provide for DCFS staff training, day care investigations, and child abuse prevention programs.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This session saw the defeat of several bills which were strongly opposed by the League. Attempts to repeal the Firearm Owner's ID Card Act (HB 653) and to prohibit local units of government from enacting gun control laws more restrictive than state law (HB 1835) were rebuffed. Efforts to remove responsibility for jail oversight from the Department of Corrections were also unsuccessful.

League-supported legislation (HB 245) expanding liability exemptions for loss or injury suffered by persons performing public service (an alternative to incarceration) passed both houses. But legislators rejected measures banning nonmetal firearms (HB 34 and SB 1018) and placed on interim study a bill reducing the minimum mandatory sentence for residential burglary (HB 1350).

HOUSING NEEDS OF LAKE FOREST EMPTY-NESTERS, WIDOWS,
DIVORCEES, AND RETIREES

Summary and Conclusions

Based on the results of the study, we conclude the following concerning residents' attitudes about housing in Lake Forest.

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

7. The type of home that will satisfy the needs of retirees is a conventional single-family detached home. Single-family detached homes on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) rank second in that respect. Housing for this segment of the market should be one-story, have two or three bedrooms, and be on lots of less than one-half acre.
 8. Top priority features in housing for families with reduced households include:
 - easy-to-clean quarters
 - first-floor master bedroom
 - home security systems
 - little yard maintenance.
 9. Lake Forest residents probably will support the building of single-family detached homes on smaller lots with common land (cluster housing) and townhouses. They may or may not support construction of condominiums, but probably will oppose additional rental apartments.
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The above material is a result of the citywide survey sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and the City of Lake Forest on the Housing Needs of Lake Forest Empty-Nesters, Widows, Divorcees, and Retirees. The results of this professionally done survey were presented to the League and to the City in May, 1985. No formal League consensus was taken at that time.

After reading the Summary and Conclusions above, and the letter to League Members on Pages 2 and 3, we would appreciate your completing the following Consensus Statement and returning it to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, c/o Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. It can be mailed or dropped off at the Gorton office.

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

As a member of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest, I agree that the above report on the results of the 1985 citywide survey on the Housing Needs of Lake Forest Empty Nesters, Widows, Divorcees, and Retirees expresses the position of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest.

I agree _____

I disagree _____

Signed _____

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For Reservations call Carol Mihalik (234-6641)
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members:

As I was reading again (& again) the League Handbook outlining the responsibilities for the president (in my cast co-president), my feelings ranged from excitement to amazement at what I had to learn.

I was thrilled to see in the outline two of my favorite things - a sense of humor - and a need for enthusiasm! A sense of humor for such a serious organization - how is that possible? Can we have fun while serving as an observer at a school board meeting or a council meeting? I certainly hope so! We are all enthusiastic, concerned people who like to see results for our efforts. I'd like to think that while undertaking such important studies as the caucus system in Lake Forest, or the needs of pre-schoolers or other issues, we will learn, have fun, and grow individually and as a group.

Somehow I knew I was in for an exciting two years when in the middle of my first board meeting, the flip chart I had so tediously prepared fell on top of me. I knew this would be fun.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest was an excellent choice for me. What better way, as a newcomer, to get involved, learn about this city, and meet an extremely diverse group of people encompassing all ages, interests, and backgrounds. We have a very creative hard working board of directors, and an inspiring list of members. Sounds good so far . . .

Our administrative goals for 1987 are simple. First is to increase membership and to keep our current members informed and involved. Second and last is to successfully re-establish the Observer Corps.

What can you do? Call MARTY PREISS at 295-1083 (Board Member and Membership Chair) with the name of just ONE prospective member OR Call Caron Lacy at 295-8050 and let her know you would like to know more about the Observer Corps. AND . . .

PLAN TO ATTEND the Members Coffee with or without a guest at the home of Colleen Thornton, 885 Maplewood Road, on September 23 at 9:45 am. The event will be catered, so please RSVP to me, Marty, or Mary Liz. Anyone needing a ride should call Melanie Rummel - 234-8858.

There will be a special presentation of the pre-school survey results by Marty Preiss and Caron Lacy. New membership directories will also be available.

I look forward to seeing you all at Colleen's. Please call me anytime with comments or suggestions.

Carol Mihalik, Co-president

MEMBERSHIP

We are always happy to introduce new members for the League, and are particularly happy this month - three members of the same family - all related to our new Board Member Bonnie Cross. Please welcome:

CROSS, Maggie (Mrs. Raymond)
910 N. Green Bay Road

234-9079

Maggie and her husband, Ray, have reared eleven children in Lake Forest at the above address, and when the youngest was in high school she started working in her husband's company, Federal Chicago Corporation. She is now Production Analyst. Both Maggie and Ray are very active in state and national politics.

CROSS, Nora
910 N. Green Bay Road

234-9079

Nora graduated from Marquette in 1980 and is Vice-President of Finance for Federal Chicago Corporation. She is also Lt. Jr. Grade of the Naval Reserve, is a Private Pilot and a scuba diver. She has been interested in politics for a long time and always like to be involved.

CROSS, Stacy
910 N. Green Bay Road

234-9079

Stacy graduated from Marquette in 1984 and is Purchasing Agent at Federal Chicago Corporation. She attended Lake Forest High School and has been involved in URF. She likes being involved.

All three were of great help to Bonnie in getting together the new Membership Directory. Our sincere thanks to all three of them - and to Bonnie.



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VOTER SERVICE On August 25 at 7:00 p.m., a representative from the County Clerk's office came to Lake Forest to deputize or redeputize a group of League members to act as mobile registrars. In spite of the stormy weather, about twelve people made it to Linda Illes' home, so the League is now prepared to register voters.

As we have done in previous years, we will have a table set up at the Deerpath Art Fair on Market Square during the Labor Day weekend to register new voters and to change addresses.

Then, on September 17, two of our newly deputized registrars will attend the first meeting of the Newcomers' Club to register voters and to discuss the League with the newcomers.

REGISTER AND VOTE

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PRE-SCHOOL SURVEY

We are very pleased to announce that Marty Preiss and Caron Lacy have completed their work on the pre-school survey, it has been analyzed and published, and the results will be presented to the League on September 23 at the first meeting

of the League year. According to those who have seen a preliminary report, the survey was extremely well done, and we are looking forward to hearing Marty and Caron's discussion of the results.

So you have always wanted to write to the President? Or your Congressman? Or the Mayor? Let us show you how. Keep the enclosed leaflet handy - use your own stationery - and go to it. Incidentally, it gives the addresses of the representatives to whom you should write in responding to the League's Action Alerts - such as the one in this month's bulletin.

OBSERVER
CORPS

We are anxious to reactivate the Observer Corps beginning the middle of September, and Caron Lacy, Chairman, would very much like to get a good group of volunteers. This is a League activity that anyone can do, provided he/she can listen and not talk! It takes no League expertise nor government expertise - just an interest in how our city government operates.

The observer monitors a local governmental body for information of importance to the League and to the community. He/she keeps League members informed on local issues and government operations, and provides a League presence at local governmental boards and commissions, and identifies area/issues for League study and action.

Specifically, he/she reports to the League board and members - written or oral; does not speak at the meetings being observed (only the president or her representative speaks for the League); attends assigned meetings regularly and arrives promptly; takes notes for reports, calls the appropriate chairman on items of concern in her/his area; watches for opportunities for action on League positions - local, state and National; and wears a League button.

Doesn't sound hard, does it? Do call Caron Lacy (295-8050) right away and tell her you will join the corps. If there is a specific board or commission you want to observe, tell her. She can probably accommodate you. This is particularly interesting to new members or newcomers to Lake Forest who would like to become better acquainted with the city and with the League.

You can volunteer for just one meeting or for more - be where the action is! If you want more information before you sign up - call Caron. Incidentally, we will be planning some purely social events too.



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Cash Bar Reception 11:30

Cost: \$19.75

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Speaker 1:00

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INFORMATION: Mary Kaiser - 945-3267

Ms. Byrne will speak on the survival of the metropolitan area with emphasis
on economic and social issues.

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CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 21 WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING WITH CONSENSUS at Gorton (Friends' Room) on Need for Services and Programs for Pre-Schoolers of Lake Forest
- NOVEMBER 10 TUESDAY 7:30 PM in Auditorium at Gorton JOHN CALLAWAY speaking on Politics and the Media Public is invited More information in next bulletin
- 11 WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM in Community Room at Gorton Discussion and CONSENSUS meeting on the Lake County Forest Preserves - A joint program with the Leagues of Lake Bluff, Libertyville/Mundelein More information in November bulletin



Be sure to come to the General Membership meeting on October 21 to discuss and take consensus on the needs for services and programs for pre-schoolers in Lake Forest. The survey results were presented by Marty Preiss and Caron Lacy at our very well attended Coffee for New Members and Prospective Members (from which we have at least 12 new members!). For those members who were not able to come to that meeting, the results of the survey are enclosed with this bulletin in narrative form. This gives all the pertinent data, but if you want a copy of the survey form itself with percentages shown for each item, please call Mary Liz Carney (234-7624) for a copy. A complete copy of the survey may be audited at the Library or at Gorton. City Hall also has partial copies of the survey available upon request, or you may call either Carol Mihalik or Mary Liz for further information.

Do come! This was an excellent survey, and all who were involved with it are to be congratulated. Marty and Caron will lead the discussion and every member is invited to participate whether or not you were at the Coffee. It should be very interesting, so please join us. And be sure to bring the Pre-School Survey Summary on pages 3-6 with you for background to the discussion.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members,

FIFTY - FIVE people were on hand for our Member and Prospective member coffee - an excellent turn out and an overall great day! Thanks again to board member COLLEEN THORNTON for sharing her home with us. The setting was perfect. I especially liked the sound of the fountain in the courtyard in the background.

MARTY PREISS (board member and Child Committee Chair) and CARON LACY (board member and Observer Corps Chair) did an exceptional job (again) in presenting an overview of the Pre-school Survey results. REMINDER our general membership discussion of those results along with consensus questions and discussion is set for OCT 21 AT 7:30 PM in the Friend's Room at Gorton. The child care committee has been in existence almost two years and has quite a list of accomplishments. The survey has now given us the facts we need to continue and to review our objectives. This will be another good meeting. Guests who wish to observe are certainly welcome.

The OBSERVER CORPS IS BACK IN LAKE FOREST - CALL CARON LACY for more information 295-8050. The meetings are more fun to observe if you take along a friend, another League member, spouse or just get another name from Caron and make a new friend! I understand that the first committees observed were actually pleased to see Observers back in action!

THANKS AGAIN to all the board members, members, and guests, who helped make the coffee an event to remember.

This bulletin comes to you with a lot of reading material. Please enjoy and come prepared to our next meeting with questions, comments, and as always suggestions.

LOOK FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN which will have brief reports from all the study groups, plus some more information in re: "cluster housing".

Carol A. Mihalik, Co-President

Say "Thanks"
to our volunteers
with your gratitude



We are always pleased to introduce new members, and this month we are simply delighted to introduce thirteen new members - twelve of them joining at the New and Prospective Members' Coffee on September 23. Please welcome

Joan C. Barrus - 420 E. Old Elm	234-5597
Marilyn Birmingham - 1430 Harlan Lane	295-8181
Alison Ives Edwards - 783 S. Cherokee	234-0214
Fran Hodges - 125 Honeysuckle	295-6525
Paula Kral - 1860 Telegraph Road	295-4774
Katherine Lockett - 1380 Burr Oak	295-8713
Mary Matthews - 365 E. Foster Place	295-1494
Kathleen Murphy - 905 E. Illinois Road	234-1881
Loretta Nugent - 680 Valley Road	234-0493
Alice Pierce - 1760 Farm Road	295-8773
Laurel Schirr - 94 E. Stone	295-1303
Mary Schlott - 215 N. Washington Circle	295-1348
Linda Schwartz - 115 Honeysuckle	295-3511

Please add these names to your Membership Book right away, and be sure to get in touch with those in your neighborhood and bring them to our meetings.

VOTER REGISTRATION

We are pleased to announce that nearly 100 new voters (or changes of address) were registered at the Art Fair over the Labor Day weekend, and about 25 more at the Newcomers' Luncheon on September 1.

CAUCUS STUDY

Melanie Rummel, Chairman, advises that there will be a meeting of the study group during October. She asks that current members watch their mailboxes for more information, and that anyone else who would like to join the study group call her at 234-8858.

LEASH LAW STUDY

Mention of this study group was inadvertently omitted at the Coffee when local programs were discussed, but this is an ongoing study under the direction of Paula DuBourdieu. Anyone interested in joining this study group should call Paula at 295-2489.

CON-CON STUDY

Our State study on whether or not there should be a new Constitutional Convention is rather unusual. Information will come to you through the Illinois Voter which comes to you directly, and the consensus will be in February by

direct mail - the questions will be in the February "Illinois Voter" and individual responses will be sent directly to the League's State Office. By law, in next year's November election, Illinois voters will have to decide whether to call for a constitutional convention to review and revise the 1970 constitution. Such a convention would be likely to address a number of concerns such as right-to-life provisions, gun control, abolition of the death penalty, and a number of issues that pertain to governmental structure and state finances. Some of the provisions of our current constitution have been judged to be in conflict with federal law and thereby invalidated. In order to prepare for this debate, be sure to read your "Illinois Voter"s.

PUBLICATIONS The National League has a number of new publications available. If you would like for us to order copies for you, please call Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624.

• A Time for Choosing: The Role of Foreign Aid in U.S. Policy

Explores the impact of U.S. foreign aid on the economy and security of the United States. Analyzes the benefits of foreign aid, compares foreign aid donors worldwide and explores trends in foreign aid.
Pub. #833, \$1.75 (\$1.50 for members).

• Impact on Congress: A Grassroots Lobbying Guide for Local League Activists.

Focuses on how your local League can plan and carry out a successful legislative campaign, aimed at your members of Congress, on a priority national League issue. A great new tool for any League member interested in coordinating an effective grassroots lobbying campaign on national issues. Explains how to use the League's strength - grassroots advocacy - to win votes in Congress. Pub. #835, \$2.25 (\$1.75 for members).

• Meeting Basic Human Needs: A Crisis of Responsibility

Pub. #838, \$1.25 (75¢ for members) plus shipping and handling.

OBSERVER CORPS

Don't forget the Observer Corps! This is particularly appropriate for new members and newcomers to Lake Forest because you will become acquainted with how our city operates. Call Caron Lacy at 295-8050. She will be glad to assign you to a committee to observe - or you can choose the one you would particularly like to observe.

And while we are speaking about getting acquainted with the city, don't miss the city tour sponsored by the Lake Forest Caucus which will take place on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. until Noon. You will receive an announcement from the Caucus asking for a reservation mailed to P.O. Box 108. This is well worth doing - so watch for your invitation.

Anyone who sends a check for that amount, payable to the LWF of Lake Forest, to Linda Ellis, Membership Chairman
400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest

1987 FALL
REGIONALS

Get the League year off to a great start
Learn about national and state issues
Stimulate members and inspire leaders
Interact with other Leagues
Meet and consult with state board members
And much, much more . .

WHERE: Saturday, October 24 - 8:30 a.m. - Chicago or
Wednesday, October 28 - 4:00 p.m. - Des Plaines

WHAT: Workshops scheduled this year cover all three LHVUS Advocacy Agenda items and the LWVIL study/action priority (Con-Con).

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS - As we move into the second year of this LHVUS study, this workshop will provide an opportunity to review the results of the surveys conducted during the first phase, and to look at the consensus phase. Part of the workshop will focus on welfare reform issues at the national and state levels.

NATURAL RESOURCES - Hazardous hazardous waste, solid waste management, and ground and drinking water quality will be discussed. We will explore how to take action in your community and create interest among League members.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION - This workshop will offer "how to" information as well as content discussion for our study of the need for a constitutional convention. Included will be tips on how to provide your members with the "big picture", how to make your unit meeting informative without being overwhelming, how to focus on the lively issues and produce burning discussion, and how to get a consensus geared to action. We will review some specific articles of the constitution that are likely to engender public debate as the vote on the convention nears.

NATIONAL SECURITY - Three LWVIL local League members were selected to participate in the LHVUS'S National Security Training Conference in Washington D.C. in June. They will share some of what they learned including new techniques for developing and implementing citizen education projects on this LHVUS Priority issue.

BECOMING THE LEADING CITIZEN ORGANIZATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY - Through appropriate and effective action, your League can make a difference in your community and beyond. Participants in this workshop will hone such advocacy skills as: interpreting and applying League positions to current situations, developing a plan of action, facing controversy, and stimulating member involvement. This session is especially recommended for presidents and action chairs.

These Regional workshops are always exciting and informative - conducted by knowledgeable state board members who are worth knowing. Make a point of attending if you possibly can - you will learn a lot and have fun doing it. Call Carol Mihalik about attending in a group - carpooling to Des Plaines or going by train to Chicago, whichever is easier.

More information is on the back of this page, along with a Registration Form.

LWVIL

Regionals 1987

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

Plan now to join us at the regional of your choice for stimulating conversation, informative workshops, an idea exchange, and good food.

CHICAGO Regional: Saturday, October 24, 1987

Kent School of Law

Northwest corner, Wacker and Monroe

8:30 Registration

9:00 Workshop I

Kent College

10:45 Workshop II

Parking: north of building

12:15 Lunch/Idea Exchange

DES PLAINES Regional: Wednesday, October 28, 1987

Oakton Community College

1600 East Golf Road

Des Plaines

Directions: Via Tri-State (from North)

take Golf Rd. exit (East River Rd.); turn left to Golf; turn right on Golf to College.

Tri-State (from south)

Exit Dempster St. west; turn right on Rand Rd. (Rte. 12) to East River Rd; take East River Rd. to Golf Rd; turn left on Golf to College.

Via Kennedy (from south)

Exit River Rd. north, take River Rd. north to Golf Rd.; right on Golf to the College.

4:00 Registration

4:30 Workshop I

5:30 Evening Registration

6:00 Dinner/Idea Exchange

7:30 Workshop II

Parking: Park in Parking Lot D - remember to display Parking Permit. Proceed to Business Conference Center.

LWVIL reserves the right to cancel individual workshops if insufficient registration warrants.

LWVIL FALL REGIONAL REGISTRATION FORM METRO AREA

Cost: (includes meal) \$11.00 Amount Enclosed _____

Deadline: October 15, 1987 (no refunds after this date)

Mail check payable to LWVIL, 332 South Michigan Ave., Chicago 60604

Number attending Chicago _____ Number attending Des Plaines _____

WORKSHOP PREFERENCE (indicate number attending)

	Chicago		Des Plaines	
	9:00	10:45	4:30	7:30
National Security				
Meeting Basic Human Needs				
Constitutional Convention				
Leading Citizens Organization				
Natural Resources				

Name _____ League _____

Address _____ Phone _____

League of Women Voters
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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3, Tuesday - NON-PARTISAN ELECTION - SCHOOL BOARD
Polls Open from 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM

NOVEMBER 10 - Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Gorton Community Center Auditorium

JOHN CALLOWAY, Channel 11's Political Commentator, and Host
of "Chicago Tonight With John Calloway" will
speak to a League sponsored Community Meeting

"Media on My Mind" - a commentary on the media and
politics of today

PUBLIC IS INVITED - Plan to attend - Invite your Friends and
Neighbors

Admission is \$3.00. Doors will open at 7:00 PM for sale of refreshments and
for voter registration. Those wishing to register should
bring an ID and proof of their current address.

NOVEMBER 11 - Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Gorton Community Room

Combined meeting of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Libertyville/Mundelein
Leagues to reach CONSENSUS the future of the Forest Preserves in Lake
County. There will be an interesting panel discussion by members of
the Lake County League's Committee who have worked for two years
studying the Forest Preserves. Important information enclosed.

Please read it, and bring it with you.

Dear Leaguers:

A very big issue of "League Lines" this month - even tri-color! There is a great deal going on, and many opportunities to participate if you want to. Don't hesitate - call whoever is in charge and offer to help. We promise that you won't immediately be put in charge!

The most exciting thing of all is on Tuesday, November 10 when our Channel 11's Senior Correspondent and Political Commentator JOHN CALLOWAY is coming to Lake Forest to speak on the effect of television and other media on politics of today. "Media on My Mind" will cover both corporate takeovers of old communications firms and how that will affect what we see, and the role of TV in contemporary presidential politics - i.e., what does TV's role in the demise of Gary Hart and Joe Biden portend for future presidential campaigns. I'm sure we have all watched this development in political campaigning with some unease and will find John Calloway's viewpoint pertinent and interesting. Don't fail to come!

Host of the Emmy-award winning CHICAGO TONIGHT WITH JOHN CALLOWAY program, Callaway has been called "the master of the meaningful interview" by the Chicago Tribune. During his 30 years in broadcast journalism Callaway has won more than 60 awards including 6 Emmys and a Peabody award. He is also director of the University of Chicago's William Benton Fellows program which brings mid-career broadcasting professionals on campus for six months to study liberal arts. In this off-air role Callaway gains fresh insight into how those he considers the best and brightest in broadcasting view developments in their field.

Then, the next night, Wednesday, November 11, the Lake Forest League is hosting a Consensus Meeting on the Lake County League study of the Lake County Forest Preserves and their future. The Leagues of Lake Bluff and Libertyville/Mundelein will join us to hear a panel of committee members, who have worked two years on this study, discuss their findings. The background material and consensus questions (green sheets) are enclosed with this bulletin. Please read it and come to the meeting. We need you!

At a meeting on October 21, we reached consensus on our study of the needs of pre-schoolers in Lake Forest. This has been a good study and a fine city-wide survey. Marty Preiss, Caron Lacey, and everyone who has worked on the survey and study are to be congratulated. The Lake Forest League's Position is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

Then there is the Con-Con Study which comes to consensus in February. Don't fail to read your Illinois Voter - each issue will include study material.

And finally, the white sheets enclosed are informational sheets on the County League's task force study of our county government structure- particularly on whether or not we should have a County Executive. This question will appear on the ballot at the Primary election in March, and the voters of Lake County will vote on this issue. All Lake County Leagues are represented, and I represent Lake Forest. Please read and keep this material - it should help when we vote in the Primary on the referendum.

Incidentally, the material on John Callaway is part of Barbara Garrity's press release, in case it sounds familiar.

Mary Kay Garrison, Co. Pres.

NOVEMBER 11 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM - Gorton Community Room

The Lake Forest League is hosting a combined CONSENSUS meeting with the Leagues of Lake Forest and Libertyville/Mundelein on the Lake County Forest Preserve District and the direction it should take.

What is League about? Most of us respond immediately that League represents informed, objective, nonpartisan positions on issues affecting governmental choices. Right now, the Lake County League of Women Voters needs our input to come to consensus regarding direction for the Forest Preserve District. Without our input "we shall have no consensus; without consensus, we can have no position; without positions we shall have no voice". Be sure to join us.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE UPCOMING CONSENSUS MEETING INVOLVING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY'S TWO YEAR STUDY ON THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY. WE URGE YOU TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS GLEANING OF INFORMATION AND THEN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, LISTEN, DECIDE AND REACH CONSENSUS WITH YOUR LEAGUE MEMBERS SO THAT THE LEAGUE OF LAKE COUNTY MIGHT TAKE ACTION ON SOME VERY PRESSING QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FPDLC IN YEARS TO COME. OVER TWO YEARS AND HOURS OF THE COMMITTEE'S TIME HAS BEEN SPENT ON THIS STUDY - WE NEED YOUR HELP IN COMING TO CONSENSUS.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: One hundred years ago there were no forest preserves. In fact the name had not even evolved. But farsighted planners, observing Chicago's rapid growth, knew that future generations would need large areas of open space to balance the hectic conditions of urban life. The results of this foresight are the Forest Preserve Districts.

The Forest Preserve District Act passed through the Legislature on June 27, 1913 after three previous failures and ten years' efforts by conservations, planners and civic leaders. Cook County organized the first Forest Preserve District in 1914. Other districts were formed in the 1920s and 1930s. Lake County, one of the most recent, began in 1958. The League of Women Voters, with the Lake Forest League in the forefront, played an important role in this occurrence. The first purchase, Van Patten Woods, opened to the public in 1962.

PURPOSES: Forest Preserve Districts have the power, according to State Code:

"to acquire and hold lands containing natural forests, land connecting such forests or land capable of being reforested; for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauties within such district, and to restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and said lands, together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be in their stand and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public." (Ill. Statutes, Chapter 96 1/2, Section 6308)

In its early years, the Lake County FPD followed a traditional approach of development and use, planting former agriculture fields with thousands of trees and opening various forests for picnicking with shelters, pit toilets, parking areas and extensive lawn areas.

In the mid to late 1970s, land purchases and development projects expanded rapidly. The growing Lake County population generated new requests for various recreational uses. The FPD realized a need for consistent policies and use and drafted a definition of the FPD:

"A Forest Preserve District is a unified system of large land holdings which are restored as much as possible to their natural condition and protected as such. The main goal of a FPD is to preserve and manage the native flora, fauna, and water resources of a region. In the accomplishment of this goal, provision for the education and recreation of the public is an important objective within the primary mandate of the preservation and protection of natural resources."

Three key points have had an effect on FPD development.

1. The restoration of District lands to their original condition, and protection as such.
2. The provision of education and recreation within the primary goal of natural resource restoration and protection.
3. The preservation of Forest Preserves as regional landscapes undiluted by special uses more suited to local parks.

The results of these points have been:

1. The District has adopted a recreational development policy which promotes broad-based regional activity suited to natural settings and discourage highly organized special pursuits. The construction of multi-purpose trails along the Des Plaines River is an example.

Recent work has emphasized the use of native materials in harmony with nature, requiring less maintenance. An example is the Old School Preserve using slower-growing native grasses, thus cutting down on the mowing.

3. Future developments will concentrate increasingly on understanding and restoring District lands for conservation purposes. The Des Plaines River Valley Master Plan addresses recreational opportunities along the river within the perimeters of restoring the marshes, prairies and forests that originally flanked the river.

FUTURE: Acreage of high-quality original or restored natural areas is steadily declining in Lake County as commercial and residential growth continues. The FPD is currently concluding its last land purchases for the originally designated sites. These purchases include the remainder of the Des Plaines River Valley, the Greenbelt and other scattered sites. No further land purchases can be made at this time as the monies from the Bond issues of 1967-1977 have all been depleted.

The pace of large scale recreational developments has been curtailed due to financial constraints. Developments of conservation projects will continue since the primary goal of the FPD is land restoration and protection. Natural habitats require far less maintenance and surveillance than do high-use recreation areas.

In February, 1987, the FPD Board agreed to hire a consulting firm for the purpose of developing a long range plan for land acquisition. This firm has been hired and planning has begun. Planning for the possibilities of the next generation of land acquisitions in Lake County is imminent. The direction and priorities of the FPD in Lake County are entering a new era.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT STUDY

1. Should there be more public input into the FPDLC? If yes, how?
2. Should the Board members of the FPDLC be the same as the County Board members?
3. How should the Board members of the FPDLC be selected?
 - a. as currently elected (as County Board members?)
 - b. by direct at-large election?
 - c. election by district or region?
 - d. by appointment?
 - e. by direct election of the PRESIDENT only?
 - f. other?
4. How large should the Board of the FPDLC be?
5. Should there be a line item budget available for public inspection and Board use prior to the adoption of the levy in October?
6. Should the levy of the Corporate Fund be increased to provide additional funds for the operation of the FPDLC?
7. What should the functions of the FPDLC be? (Prioritize your answers.)
 - a. conservation/preservation?
 - b. restoration?
 - c. recreation?
 - d. flood control?
 - e. education?
 - f. other?
8. Should there be a Long Range Comprehensive Plan for the FPDLC to include:
 - a. acquisition?
 - b. maintenance?
 - c. development?
 - d. other?If yes, for how many years should the Plan cover?
9. Should the FPDLC purchase more property?
If yes, how should the decision on issuing bonds be made?
 - a. by Board vote?
 - b. by an Advisory Referendum?
 - c. by a Binding Referendum?
 - c. other?

PUBLICATIONS

The following new publications are available upon request. Please call Mary Liz Carney if you want us to order any of them for you. As you know, League publications are always very good and very helpful.

Does Illinois Need a New Constitution? - "Constitutional Convention Study Guide:" - In order to prepare League members for the coming debate on the question of holding a constitutional convention at the November 1988 General Election, this guide was prepared for the League's current study. It includes a brief history of the Illinois Constitution, a description of the methods which may be used to change or amend the constitution, and a discussion of some of the issues which might be raised if a constitutional convention were convened. (1987, 7 pages) \$.75 (2 oz.)

Who Cares for Kids? - In a new format with updated information, the third edition of "Who Cares for Kids?" is now available. This issue covers the same topics as earlier ones but with the content reflecting recent legislation. All phone numbers and addresses are updated. (1987, 26 pages) \$3.00 (3 oz.)

"Total Board Responsibility" - This brief pamphlet provides new and old board members with tips on how to work together to form a cohesive effective unit. This would also be helpful for nominating committees to give to prospective candidates for next year's board. Order enough for your current board and future members and take advantage of the discount policy. (1987, 6 page pamphlet) \$.30 (1 oz.)

Rights and Responsibilities: A Community Handbook for Low-Level Radioactive Waste - This book explains why a disposal site is needed and the process the State of Illinois is using to develop it. It raises many of the issues that citizens will want to explore in deciding whether their community should accept the facility. (1987, 44 pages) Free (3 oz.)

The Federal Deficit: Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide (Pub #629) 75¢ for members. As Congress grapples with the federal deficit, it is really grappling with the larger question of the role of the federal government in American life. This is a debate that should include an active, informed citizenry, because only extensive public discussions on national priorities can guide legislators in dealing with the deficit crisis. This LWV Education Fund publication persuasively argues that citizens must speak up to have a say in the decision making that will affect their future.

From Boom to Bust: The Illinois Farm Economy - This booklet describes and analyzes the factors that have created the changes in the agricultural economy and is targeted to all Illinois citizens, particularly urban residents who may not be directly aware of how farm issues affect the entire state. Selected comments from interviews with Senators Dixon and Simon and Representatives Madigan and Porter explore the political ramifications of these problems. Price: \$2.50, plus 8% sales tax, postage and handling.

Professor Paul Fisher to Speak to Caucus Study
Committee November 17 at 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

The Committee's first meeting this year will be on November 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at Gorton. Dr. Paul Fisher, Associate Professor of Politics at Lake Forest College since 1971, will help the Committee chart its course as he discusses the Lake Forest Political System and the role of the Caucus. Everyone on the Committee is asked to please attend. It will be a very important meeting, and other League members and the public are encouraged to attend.

Constitutional Convention Study.

The December General Meeting will focus on the question being posed to Leagues state-wide. Should Illinois hold a Constitutional Convention to revise the 1970 Constitution? All League members will be sent a ballot in the December issue of The Illinois Voter where they will be asked to voice their opinions so that the State League can form a consensus. Come to this meeting for an enlightened discussion of the Constitutional Convention's pros and cons.

This meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Gorton's Friends' Room.

**BASIC HUMAN
NEEDS STUDY**



Whose responsibility is it that people in America lack the resources to satisfy basic human needs? In the areas of food and nutrition, health care, housing and income assistance, what should be the responsibility of government at the federal, state, and local levels? What is the responsibility of the private sector? How should public and private sources be balanced in meeting basic needs?

The Lake Forest League's study committee, composed of Betty Buker, Alice Pierce and Colleen Regan are reading and studying the issues, getting ready for our general consensus meeting on January 20 on this important national study. Anyone who is interested in joining this committee should call any of the three committee members - Betty Buker at 234-4509, Alice Pierce at 295-0801, or Colleen Regan at 234-4796.

Also, the Lake County League's Basic Needs Chairman has planned a tour of family housing, both public and private, in Lake County and in Waukegan. Allen Jeffries, Director of the Lake County Housing Authority, will direct the tour on December 3 or 4th - exact date will be published in December bulletin. Please call Mary Liz Carney if you are interested in taking this tour. (234-7624)

And as always, the League has a fine publication on the subject - MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS: A CRISIS OF RESPONSIBILITY. Pub. #B38, cost 75¢ for members, plus mailing charges. Please call Mary Liz Carney if you want a copy ordered for you.

And, there is good background material in the National Voters - Issues of Sept./Oct. 1986, Nov./Dec., 1986, and April/May, 1987.

POSITION ON PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES - OCTOBER, 1987



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest (LWV-LF) believes there is an increasing number of pre-schoolers in our community. Given the resurgence of births to Lake Forest residents in recent years, the LWV-LF encourages regular monitoring of births to provide community agencies and institutions with the information necessary to plan effectively for the Lake Forest pre-school population.

To aid in educational facility planning, the LWV-LF advocates establishment of an ongoing system to identify the geographical distribution of pre-schoolers in Lake Forest.

The LWV-LF supports the development of additional pre-school programs, recreation center programs, and child care facilities in Lake Forest. Clearly, the challenge is to meet the demand for quality programs and services for our community's increasing pre-school population on a flexible basis.

Approved October 2, 1987



Each month we shall give a little biographical information about our new members to help everyone get acquainted, and this month we feature two who have not only joined our League, but also joined our Board.

PIERCE, Alice (Mrs. Ronald) 1760 Farm Road

295-0801

Alice was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and has lived in a number of places including Venezuela before moving to Danbury, Connecticut about ten years ago. Her son was just an infant when she joined the League of Women Voters there and eventually became President. She, her husband and their ten year old son moved to Lake Forest from Danbury in August, 1987. She is a teacher and has been doing some tutoring, but says that her interests now include getting acquainted with Lake Forest, helping her son with projects, working with the League, and playing bridge.

SEVCIK, Cari (Mrs. Ronald) 120 Heron

234-6826

Cari is a resident of Lake Bluff at the present time, but will move to Lake Forest when their new house at the above address is finished. Besides getting three children to their various activities, she has been extremely busy with all the details and decisions of building a new house and selling an old house in Lake Bluff. Cari joined the Lake County League in 1978 when she moved to Lake Bluff from Libertyville, and she became President of that league in 1983. From 1985 until 1987 she was on the State Board and was our Communicator during those years, but held the Natural Resources portfolio.

Two brand new members who have joined the League since the Membership Coffee are:

APFELBACH, Margaret (Mrs. Carl) 1086 Fairview Avenue

234-3739

Margaret and her husband have lived in Lake Forest for three years and have two children. Katie is three and George is almost one year old. Margaret grew up in Baltimore and Carl in Glencoe. Margaret was in a training program for American Hospital Supply when they met in Chicago, but they married and lived in Baltimore before coming to Lake Forest. She is interested in local affairs and became interested in the League through League members who are also involved with the drop-in center.

CARTER, Roberta (Mrs. Joe K.) 400 E. Onwentsia

295-7534

The biographies of Roberta Carter and the other new members who joined at the coffee will follow later. Be sure to welcome them and help them feel a part of the League.

LEAGUE BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Alice Pierce, whose portfolio is Human Resources
Cari Sevcik, whose portfolio is Voters' Service

CON-CON 1987 may be the year of the U.S. Constitution, but 1988 will spotlight the Illinois Constitution. By law, in next year's November election, **★★★** Illinois voters will have to decide whether to call for a constitutional convention to review and revise this essential document. Such a convention would be likely to address a number of concerns. Some of the provisions of our current 1970 constitution have been judged to be in conflict with federal law and thereby invalidated. Emotional issues currently debated in the public domain such as right-to-life provision, gun control, or abolition of the death penalty may be discussed. A number of issues that pertain to governmental structure and state finances may also be considered. To prepare for this debate, the State League will undertake a study (Con-Con) of the pertinent issues during the months of late October through January with consensus due in February.

Study material is being printed in the *Illinois Voter* each issue until February. In that issue the consensus questions will be printed and a form to be mailed directly to the State Office will be included. Be sure to read this material and keep it for reference.

Melanie Rummel is Chairman of this study in Lake Forest. If you are interested in joining such study, please call her at 234-8858.

BRIDGE MARATHON The League's annual Bridge Marathon got off to a fast start on September 28. The four teams with the highest scores are:

Sue Hood/ Judy Dobeus	4,600 points
Mathilda Williams/ Paula Cosgrove	4,070
Ruth Nicholas/ Mona Strenger	3,970
Evelyn Cartwright/ Martha Doyle	3,010



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***** DOES ILLINOIS NEED A NEW STATE CONSTITUTION?
***** SHOULD THE 1970 CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED?
***** SHOULD IT BE LEFT ALONE? *****

By law, in next year's November election, Illinois voters will be asked to decide whether to call for a constitutional convention to review and revise the 1970 Illinois Constitution. The League had a great deal of input into the writing of the 1970 Constitution and has been studying the need for a new one in preparation for taking a position on this issue.

The CONSENSUS will be by individual ballot, and several issues of the Illinois Voter have been devoted to Con-Con - information to give some insight into the background of Con-Con and the various issues to be considered in recommending or not recommending a new convention.

And now, our December General Meeting will focus on the questions being asked statewide, and we will be given the opportunity to discuss some of the questions and possible answers. Come to this meeting for an enlightened discussion of the pros and cons, led by Melanie Rummel, Vice-Chairman of the Lake Forest League Board of Directors. She is a lawyer and particularly interested in constitutional law. She will be assisted by Barbara Garrity, also a Board Member and a lawyer.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 9, 7-9 p.m.

WHERE: Gorton Community Center Friend's Room

Get Ready . . .

Dear Leaguers:

First, we want to thank everyone who was involved with John Calloway's lecture on November 10. He was a delightful speaker. We thank Melanie Rummel for getting him to begin with, then all her efforts in making the necessary arrangements along with Barbara Garrity who worked so hard on publicity. Two of our new members, Joan Barrus and Mary Schlott took care of the coffee and cakes that were served, and we thank them also. Linda Illes registered some new voters, and Marty Preiss assisted where her help was needed. Thank you, all!

More information is included in this bulletin about the County League's Task Force study of the structure of county government, particularly on whether or not the County Board should have a County Executive. There will be a referendum on March 15, 1988 and these research papers should help us come to a conclusion about whether or not this is desirable. Please keep these papers for reference.

Our next meeting will be a General meeting at which we shall take consensus on the National Study - Meeting Basic Human Needs. This will take place on January 20. Please plan to attend.

We both wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope that your holidays are great - we know they will be busy.

Carol Mihalik and Mary Liz Carney
Co-Presidents

BRIDGE The second game of this year's marathon was played on October 26,
MARATHON and the winners were:

First- Adele Szymanski/Jeanne Mahan	3,560 points
Second- Lois Duggan/Ginger Lesman	3,440
Third - Betty Buker/Betty Lou Wilbur	2,820
Fourth - Doris Douglas/Gloria Kearns	2,780

The cumulative scores for September and October are:

First - Paula Cosgrove/Mathilda Williams	6,510 points
Second - Sue Hood/Judy Dobeus	6,190
Third - Lois Duggan/Ginger Lesman	5,980
Fourth - Doris Douglas/Gloria Kearns	5,730

ADS Hope you all make a point to shop in the store that advertise in our "League Lines" - and let the merchants know you appreciate their support of the League in this way. They want to know. A new year for our ads begins in January and we are anxious that all of our advertisers renew, as well as some new ones. Incidentally, do any of you have a small business that you would like to advertise? The cost is \$40.00 for one year (ten issues). We would like to have your ad - all we need is a business card or something of the sort.



America's welfare system is in trouble. More than thirty million people are poor, in spite of a host of federal, state and local programs designed to reduce poverty and put people back on their feet. In the face of this sorry statistic, policy makers and social welfare experts have renewed their search for the perfect welfare system. But unfortunately for the poor, there is little agreement on exactly what is wrong with the welfare system or how to fix it.

For some, welfare reform means increasing benefit levels eroded by inflation since the mid 1970s and providing more jobs for the unemployed. These advocates argue that federal budget cuts in the major social-welfare programs (Aid to Families with Dependent Children or AFDC), food stamps, low-income housing and Medicaid) are the primary reasons since 1981. But to others, the dramatic increase in poverty the current welfare system costs too much. And in spite of considerable research findings to the contrary, they believe that welfare leads to a lifetime of dependency, encourages teen-age pregnancy and causes an erosion of the work ethic.

Income assistance programs as we now know them to help people without work during the Depression. The underlying assumptions are that everyone who can be self-supporting through employment should be and those who cannot work have a right to a basic level of income which provides a minimal standard of health and well-being.

The Social Security Act of 1935 and later revisions created two types of programs: entitlement or social insurance programs and income maintenance or welfare programs. Entitlement programs insure members of the labor force against loss of income due to old age, disability, death of the wage-earner or short-term unemployment. The major programs are Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI), commonly called Social Security; Medicare; and Unemployment Insurance (UI). OASDI and UI are available to cover people who have worked and lose their jobs due to retirement, layoff, or disability. Medicare pays partial medical expenses of any covered person over 65 years of age. Entitlement programs pay benefits regardless of current income.

Income assistance programs (also known as welfare, public aid, or public assistance) also began as a part of the Social Security Act, but they are only paid to those earning below a certain level. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are the largest programs. Their purpose is to help those unable to work, unable to find work, earning below a minimal level or elderly and not covered by OASDI. These programs contain both cash grants and services, including a health care program called Medicaid, and are designed to promote self-sufficiency through employment whenever possible.

The Great Depression caused such widespread economic hardship throughout the nation that local and state governments could not cope with it. The federal government became actively involved in the administration and funding of major social programs, some jointly funded with the states. Federal involvement in human services increased over the next fifty years. New programs were added

that were often targeted to deal with specific problems or populations, such as food stamps and hypertension control.

At the present time this trend is being reversed as the New Federalism unfolds. The federal government is reducing its funding and regulations of social programs; responsibility is falling more heavily on state and local governments and the private sector charities once again. Funding for many of the specific targeted programs has been combined with block grants to be allocated by the states as they deem appropriate. Total funds available for these programs have been cut. It should be noted that the federal entitlement programs OASDI, UI and Medicare, and the public assistance programs and Medicaid remain outside block grants.

At the same time that there has been a shift in political philosophy regarding responsibility for human service programs, our country has been in a major economic transition. A crucial factor causing unemployment in the 1930s was loss of jobs due to increasing mass production and industrialization. Now our economy is in the post-industrial or technical/service period. Many manufacturing jobs are disappearing and unemployment is very high. This factor needs to be kept in mind as the current income maintenance programs are discussed.

So, now the two year study of Basic Needs - who is responsible for meeting such needs and how - is coming to an end with consensus in January. More information and the consensus questions will be included in the next January League Lines, and we will have a meeting on January 20 to take consensus. Our committee, made up of Betty Buker, Alice Pierce and Colleen Regan, have been reading a great deal of pertinent material and doing everything they can to prepare for this consensus, and we urge you to make plans to attend.

In the meantime, please give some thought to the state of our welfare system. The national league has published "Meeting Basic Needs: A Crisis in Responsibility" and if you would like to have a copy, please call Mary Liz Carney (234-7624). The cost is 75¢.

SOME QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

- ___ What was the U.S. Dept. of Commerce definition of the poverty-line income for a family of four in 1985?
- ___ How many Americans were living below the poverty line in 1985?
- ___ In 1985 what percentage of the population in the Midwest had an annual income below the poverty line?
- ___ During which of the following years did the U.S. count the largest number of people living below the poverty line? (a) 1959; (b) 1969; (c) 1979.
- ___ Between which two target years did the change in the U.S. poverty line rate show the smallest rate of increase? 1979-85; 1969-79; 1959-69.

Answers: \$10,989; 33.1 million, 13.9%; (a) 1959; 1959-1969.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to introduce three more very new members of the Lake Forest League. Please welcome:

HARBECK, Jean (Mrs. W.J.) 470 E. Linden - 234-4562

Jean has lived in Lake Forest for over 20 years and has grown children. She has always been interested in politics and has worked at the polls at election time. She joined the League through a national solicitation drive by the National League last year, but has renewed her membership with the Lake Forest League this year.

KELLEHER, Lori (Mrs. Chris) 33 Barn Swallow Road - 234-6356

Lori and her husband moved to Lake Forest 1½ years ago from Lake Bluff. Prior to that they lived in both Indianapolis and Cincinnati. They have one daughter who is 17 months old. Currently, Lori works on a free-lance basis as a computer software consultant. She is participating in the League's Observer Corps and is also interested in learning of other committee work. Recently she has become involved in learning both bridge and tennis.

MEULEMANS, Sandy (Mrs. Dennis) 1065 S. Forest Hill Road - 295-7714

Sandy, her husband, and their three year old daughter have lived in Lake Forest for five years. They moved here from Lakewood, California. This is Sandy's first involvement with the League, and she is interested in working with the Child Care Committee. Sandy was involved in the start-up process of the Drop-In Center at Gorton. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and tennis.

(Please clip, and insert in your Membership Year Book)

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MEMBERSHIP
Continued

The following new members are among those who joined at the time of the Prospective Members' Coffee. The rest of such introductions will follow. Please welcome:

BARRUS, Joan (Mrs. James)

Joan and her family came to Lake Forest from Highland Park about two years ago. Her husband, who grew up in Lake Forest, is an Accountant with CF Industries in Long Grove. Joan, herself, grew up in Edina, Minnesota - a suburb of Minneapolis. They have three little boys, one 7 years of age, and twins of 3 years.

CARTER, Roberta (Mrs. Joe K.)

Bobbie and her husband moved to Lake Forest from San Antonio, Texas 1½ years ago. They have two children, Christopher who is 3½, and Adam who is 16 months. Before moving to Lake Forest, Bobbie worked in her own pediatric physical therapy practice. Bobbie is currently co-chairman of the newly reactivated League Observer Corps, and is interested in learning about other league committees. In her free time she also enjoys tennis.

KRAL, Paula, or P.B. (Mrs. Rich)

P.B. grew up in Lake Forest, and she and her family came back just four months ago. She is now living in her old neighborhood. She and her husband have two little girls, one three years of age and the other 18 months. She joined the League because Carol Mihalik asked her to, and her other interests are horseback riding and saving greyhounds from being destroyed after their racing days are over.

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LAKE FOREST PRE-SCHOOL SURVEY
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
1987

CENSUS: Based on survey data, Lake Forest pre-school population is estimated to be approximately 1000 as of November, 1986. This represents a 22% increase between 1980 and 1986.

- . 45% (764) of the 1691 households responding to survey have children under 18 living at home; and 20% (338) of the total households responding have pre-schoolers. (For this study and report a pre-schooler is presumed to be any child not enrolled in kindergarten as of November 1, 1986.)
- . Of the 1470 children under 18 identified in the survey, 36% of the children are pre-schoolers. In the 1980 census report, 17% of Lake Forest's children under 18 were pre-schoolers.
- . Births to residents of Lake Forest from 1982-1986 show a resurgence when compared to the 1972-1981 period. During the last five years, 1981-1986, births to Lake Forest residents have increased by more than a 12% average annual rate of change.
- . Profiles of new residents based on neighborhood and Newcomers' directories are consistent in showing that 35% of new Lake Forest residents have children under six years of age.

ATTITUDES: Survey respondents with pre-school children express positive feelings for Lake Forest and its schools.

- . Of the survey respondents, 70% indicated that they judge it most likely that their pre-schoolers would complete kindergarten through 12th grade in Lake Forest.
- . The selection of private school vs. public school will remain at its current level.
- . Currently, the largest concentration of pre-school households is in the Sheridan Elementary School district (41%) and the lowest is in the Everett Elementary School district (28%)
- . Area pre-schools are currently operating at or near capacity, while also receiving increased requests from families to be on the waiting lists.

NEED FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: Lake Forest pre-schoolers demonstrate a high level of participation in activities and programs; however, the increasing number of children in this age group is beginning to result in program capacity constraints.

- . Of the pre-schoolers in the response sample, 74% are involved in organized activities. Of the 26% not involved, 64% wanted to participate, but were unable to enroll - most often due to capacity restraints.
- . Pre-school programs, recreation department programs and full-time day care are the programs most frequently mentioned as being unavailable for enrollment.
- . The community activities and services that respondents would most like to see available in Lake Forest for pre-schoolers are additional recreation center programs and child care facilities.

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RELIABILITY OF RESPONSE: The final survey response rate of 31%, or 1691 respondents, is considered to be a reliable sample size, or statistically relevant, based on the following facts:

- The survey shows minimal respondent bias toward pre-schoolers because a greater percentage of respondents without children (55%) completed the survey than those with children (45%).
- The survey shows minimal non-respondent bias due to a 31% total response rate. This is validated through the calculation of the standard error of the mean.
- As evidence that the survey did not overstate the current pre-school population, a comparison was made between the numbers of children counted in the 1980 Census (ages 1-6 in 1980) vs. the "same" children counted in the 1986 Pre-School Survey (ages 7-12 in 1986). As seen in the table below, the number of children indicated from the survey understates the number in the 1980 Census by 46%.

Children in 1980 Census	
Age, 1980	Number, 1980
1-2	241
3-4	308
5	119
6	167
	835

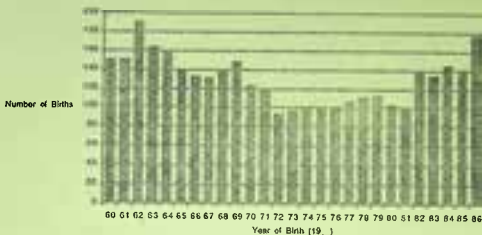
Children in 1986 Survey	
Age, 1986	Number, 1986
7-8	145
9-10	166
11	74
12	67
	452

- Following the same procedure as used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census to validate their surveys, a calculation of the standard error of the mean was made to measure the reliability of the survey sample. The standard error was calculated to be very favorable.
- The statistical conclusion reached based on hypothesis testing was that the weighted average age of children under 19 years of age in Lake Forest has shifted downward to a younger average age since the 1980 census. This statistical conclusion based on the survey data is supported by data acquired from state and local records.
- The demographic data requested of all respondents to the survey were consistent with both the 1980 Census data and a report updating local demographics that was commissioned by the City of Lake Forest in May, 1987.

BIRTHS TO LAKE FOREST RESIDENTS: To further assess whether this higher trend of births to Lake Forest residents is expected to continue, data were obtained from the Illinois Department of Health on births to Lake Forest residents from the period 1960 through 1986. As noted below, births to Lake Forest residents 1982-86 are definitely increasing over the birth rates experienced 1970-1981.

The 1986 level of 177 births indicates that by 1989 Lake Forest pre-school facilities and programs are going to experience increased demand, assuming current program participation rates. This conclusion is consistent with Child Care Resources in Illinois (August, 1986), a report prepared for Governor Thompson's Task Force on Day Care. The following is taken from that report:

"Even if women's labor force participation rates remain unchanged, the gap between supply and demand for child care will increase sharply over the next few years simply because we'll have many more 'echo boom' children of 'baby boom' parents. Meeting the child care needs of current and upcoming large birth cohorts will require fast planning and flexible resources."



Lake Forest's Future Pre-School Population: An increased pre-school population due to the construction of new developments within our community is assumed, but can only be assessed generally. A profile of recent new residents to the Lake Forest community may be viewed by looking at changes in membership levels of the Newcomers' Club of Lake Bluff-Lake Forest and directories published by new neighborhood assns.

Within the LF-LB Newcomers' organization, the membership levels were 306 in 1984, 371 in 1985, and 442 in 1986, which represent a 20% average annual rate of change. In 1986, 327 or 74% of the Newcomers' members resided in Lake Forest. Based on birth data provided for children under 19 years of age in the Newcomers' directory, approximately 35% of new Lake Forest residents have children under 6 years of age. A "Newcomer" must be a new resident to Lake Forest or Lake Bluff and can belong for two years only. It is recognized that not every new resident joins Newcomers' and that Lake Forest/Lake Bluff residents are building and moving within both towns.

Association directories were obtained for Onwentsia Gardens and the Ponds, and they show a high percentage of pre-schoolers (approx. 35%) to the total number of households with children under 19 years of age. The new resident to Lake Forest may continue to be the typical "older" professional household, but these residents are having children or starting their families later.

Distribution of Pre-Schoolers in Survey Sample: The geographical distribution of the response sample shows the largest concentration of pre-school households to be in the Sheridan Elementary School District. This is contrary to what might be expected, given last year's enrollment distribution for the elementary schools. Comparison of the geographical distribution for the responding households having pre-schoolers with the actual 1986-1987 enrollments (kindergarten through third grade) for the three elementary schools is provided below:

<u>Elementary School District</u>	<u>Percent Survey Sample</u>	<u>Distribution 1986-87 Enrollment</u>
Cherokee	31	34
Everett	28	33
Sheridan	41	33

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Participation in Pre-School Programs: Survey results indicate that 74% of those pre-schoolers in the response sample are involved in organized activities, such as recreation center programs and pre-school programs. Of the remaining 26%, 64% wanted their pre-schoolers involved, but were not able to enroll them. When this 26% of the respondents who were unable to enroll in their first choice programs were asked to identify the program in which they were unable to enroll, the most frequently mentioned programs were pre-school programs, recreation center programs, and full-time day care. (Pre-Schools 42.7%, Recreation Department 32.7%, Full Time Day Care 8.2%). Capacity restraints was the most frequently indicated reason for the inability to enroll in their first choice programs (43%). Other frequently mentioned reasons were schedule conflicts 13%, programs desired but not offered 13%, moved too late to enroll 8%, children too young 7%.

Current Pre-School Program Participation: When asked to indicate the categories of organized activities in which pre-schoolers currently participate, the survey tabulation shows the most frequently identified categories were pre-school programs, recreation center programs, and parent-organized playgroups. (39.8%, 29.4%, 12.4%)

In the survey, 74% of those responding to Question #12 (Suggested Community Activities/Services) indicated there were such activities desired, and conversely, 26% responded that there were no additional activities/services desired. The most frequently suggested activities were Recreation Center programs (39.7% and Child Care - Expanded Drop-In 16.4%, Full Time Day Care 14.2%.

Some comments: "We definitely need day care facilities that are not outrageous in costs in this town." "Reasonably priced day care - we're not all wealthy." "There is an urgent need for part-time and full-time child care." "I read all the flyers and they sound like wonderful programs. None fit our schedule, even half day . . . I find full-time programs in other communities. I am actually more concerned about child care programs after school when she gets to Everett. I don't begrudge the rest of the community excellent programs for pre-schoolers if we're the minority." (The last comment is from a working parent.)

Suggested Recreation Center Programs, Scheduling and Proximity: Many described programs they had enjoyed in other communities. The highest level of interest was in the following Recreation Department pre-school programs: Structured Programs 33.7%, Babysitting/Day Care 30.7%, Mom & Tot 26.3%. Comments: "In 1873 when we first moved from Chicago there was so little offered for the pre-schooler (unlike the city) . . . we are pleased at what's developed since." "I think the Rec. Center is doing a wonderful job right now!" "I would like to see more programs thru the Rec. Center for children of all ages. Also more park programs on a more local basis." "I think the rec. department's programs are varied and successful. Good auxiliary program to school."

Many respondents suggested offering pre-school programs on weekday afternoons. Comments indicate that the late afternoon period 3 pm-6 pm, after toddler's naps, would be an ideal time to be involved in a pre-school program.

Of those responding to the question about Facility Proximity, 27% answered "yes" that they would use Rec. Department facilities more if they were located in closer proximity to their homes, while 73% answered "no". Many of those answering "no" included remarks such as "The drive is worth it!" or "I'm willing to drive for quality programs." The strongest support for additional Recreation Center facilities is in the western portion of Lake Forest. Of those respondents answering "yes" to this question, 62% are in the Everett Elementary School Dist., 21% are in the Cherokee district, and 17% are in the Sheridan district.

UNICEF The Deerfield Area League is selling a complete line of stationery, cards and gifts this year, and they say that the card selection is just great. The UNICEF store will be open until December 12 in the lobby of the Continental Illinois Bank of Deerfield, 725 Waukegan Road, during banking hours. Your patronage would be appreciated.

WORKSHOP ON SOVIETS The LWV of Highland Park is sponsoring a workshop on the Soviet Union on Monday, December 14, 7:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Highland Park Public Library at 494 Laurel Avenue. The workshop will feature a slide presentation and discussion entitled "People and Perspectives in the Soviet Union: Summer 1987", led by Dr. Allan Howe, Director of the North Suburban Peace Initiative. Dr. Howe will offer a personal account of his trip to the Soviet Union this past summer and will focus particularly on the stories of the diverse people he met - ranging from members of the Communist Party to members of the Soviet Women's Committee to refuseniks. The program is open to the public.

IMMIGRATION HOT LINE The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund is pleased to announce the commencement of its Immigration Information Hotline. The Hotline, which operates from 1 to 5 pm Monday through Friday at 1-800-422-4982, has been initiated to provide information to employers concerning the regulations of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA).

The State of Illinois has the third largest alien population, ranking behind California and Texas. The passage of IRCA has created a great deal of confusion among employers, members of ethnic communities and employees in many businesses around the state. This confusion has been compounded by a lack of accurate public information concerning implementation of this law. Everyone in Illinois will have immediate, free access to unbiased, nonpartisan answers to many of their questions via the League's Hotline.

ACTION In October, the LWVIL Board reaffirmed the League's support for an increase in the state income tax to fund programs we believe are essential: education, services to the mentally ill, and public aid. The Board took this position despite being told that there was no chance for such a vote in this veto session and despite the fact that the legislature was then considering overrides to fund such programs.

The League's concern was not only for these programs, but for the fiscal condition of the state. Balances in the General Fund have been below safe levels for 14 months, and in August reached an alarming low of \$17 million. The League continues to say to our state legislators that the programs we support are worthwhile, cost effective and necessary, and that state revenue must be increased to fund them.



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Don't forget the tour of housing, public and private, in Lake County sponsored by the County League. We still do not know whether it is December 3 or 4, but do call Mary Liz Carney at 234-7624 if you are interested in taking the tour with Betty Buker and Alice Pierce. The date should be forthcoming soon.

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