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Joint Meeting with A.A.U.W. March 8, 1995



SCHOOL FUNDING

will be discussed by

Robert Rolek, President, Lake Bluff School Board, District #65;
Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District;
Harry Griffith, Superintendent, Lake Forest School District #67

Peg Morris, President A.A.U.W., Moderator

Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM

Faculty Dining Room, Lake Forest High School

League Members: Bring Dessert (cookies or brownies suggested)
Guests are invited to attend.

Directory Update

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Janice N. Schnobrich
766 Mawman, Lake Bluff

Stephanie K. Rives
116 Ravine Ave., Lake Bluff

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Rep. Lauren Gash
108 Wilmot Road,
Deerfield, IL 60015
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The Celebration Has Started!

More than 50 League members and friends gathered for tea with Carrie Chapman Catt on February 13. Suzanne Hales captured the energy and the resolve of this amazing woman.

Thanks to Diane for once again opening her home for us and to all who helped make the afternoon fun and successful. There were many new faces at the tea. Remember to include your friends in League activities!

And did you notice? Both the mayor of Lake Forest and the village board president of Lake Bluff issued proclamations making February 14 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY!!!

The League was covered in *The Lake Forester* and *The Lake Forest Journal* and in several editions of *The Chicago Tribune*. We're watching the *Tribune* for coverage of our tea with Carrie Chapman Catt . . .



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President's Message . . .

I am looking forward to the PBS documentary "One Woman, One Vote" which airs tonight on PBS. My 11-year-old daughter, Carolyn, has been interested in the unfolding of events in this 75th anniversary year and I am taping the program so that we can watch it together later. Sounds like a recipe for disaster, but I have high hopes.

The kinds of things that have impressed her so far are the tidbits (women were not allowed library cards in Philadelphia in 1923), the costumes (Suzanne Hales was here as Carrie Chapman Catt where Carolyn arrived home from school on Monday) and the stories told by women who remember their mothers and grandmothers marching for the right to vote or voting for the first time. I am gathering tidbits and costumes and memories...

The most exciting development this year has been the community response to celebrating the 75 anniversary of a woman's right to vote. The first community steering committee meeting will be on Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Green Room at Gorton. This meeting is open to the public. Feel free to join us or send your ideas with us to the meeting.

Board Meeting Highlights-February 8

- Recommended retention of all current local positions.
- Discussed four local program items; recommendations included on page 4.
- Recommended retention of all state positions and asked for clarification on the criminal justice position regarding pretrial release.
- Recommended retention of all county positions. Recommended a new county study of the public health aspects of composting and an action focus on violence, including media violence.
- Reviewed the proposed 1995-96 budget.
- Agreed on pricing for multiple copies of the new preschool directory: \$3.00 single copies; \$1.50 for 10-49; \$1.25 for 50 or more. Recommended distribution of single copies again through Gorton.
- Approved a fundraising letter for the 75th within the League and contacts with major donors.
- Discussed the candidate forum on the Lake Forest bond referendum.
- Set the next meeting for March 3 at 9:00 AM at Gorton. (Regular meeting time conflicts with our joint program with AAUW on March 8.)

School Bond Referendum Forum in Lake Bluff

The Lake Bluff Citizens' Education Committee is working with the District 65 School Board to sponsor a forum to discuss the upcoming Lake Bluff school bond referendum. The Forum will be held at 7:00 PM on March 1st at the East School. All league members are urged to attend.

1995 LWIL Legislative Seminar

Join us for an action-packed meeting in Springfield on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27. Meet with your legislators, observe them in action, receive training in being an effective citizen lobbyist and attend information-packed seminars on League priority issues. Eat chicken again! Meet with informed League lobbyists who make up for the lackluster hotel ambience. Join us at the Governor's mansion to celebrate the League's 75th birthday.

Help Lake Forest/Lake Bluff beat Oak Park and Evanston for the League with the large contingent. Registration for the full meeting is \$50.00 and hotel is \$71.00 plus 10% tax either one or two people. We will be carpooling and staying at the Springfield Hilton. Call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) for more information.

State League Convention - June 2-4, 1995

The 47th LWVIL convention in 1995 promises to be something special and we hope you will consider attending in addition to the usual convention activities of debate, caucus, parliamentary procedure, budget and bylaws, there will be added opportunities for training. The convention this year will be held on June 2 - 4 at the Bismark Hotel.

Although the convention itself begins on Saturday morning, there will be a Friday, June 2 workshop on facilitation (reasonably priced at \$35.00 including lunch). This year, Deborah Leff, president of the Joyce Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the Friday banquet. Ms. Leff is well known nationally for her support of gun control. The Joyce Foundation focuses on election issues and was the major funding agency for the Illinois Voter Project.

The Annual Benefit will be held on convention Saturday and the League will be celebrating its birthday with a politically prominent speaker. Plan to join us. Several league members will be carpooling and rooming together at the Bismark. If interested, call Diane (615-9182). This is league meat! If you have never been, you couldn't try it out in a better year!

Reminder to Registrars

On March 2 registration re-opens for North Chicago, ward 1; Waukegan, wards 1, 2,4,6, and 7; Zion; and Highland Park.

This will allow only a four-day window for voters in these areas to register for the April 4, 1995 election. All voter registration closes for the April election on March 6.

New LWV Deputy Registrars

Thanks and congratulations to our newest

deputy registrars:

Gert Barnett

Jayne Gretz

Mary Ann Kiehl

New Preschool Directory Available



The 1994-95 edition of "Childcare and Pre-schools in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff" is now available, thanks to Susan Phillips who compiled the current data and Sue Walsh who got it ready for the printer. It covers day care for children, day care for sick children, sources for baby-sitting, preschools, programs for young children and a community calendar for children.

The directory is available at Gorton Community Center for \$3.00 per copy. Multiple copies are available at reduced rates. Call Ginni Magda (295-6892) or Diane Lloyd (615-9182)

Awards to Kids 1st Health Fair!

Secretary Donna Shalala, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, selected the Kids 1st Fair program for an Outstanding Achievement Award in Community Health Promotion. The award was presented at a ceremony at the State of Illinois Building on February 9, 1995. Accepting the award for the Kids 1st Fair was Sharon Doney, BA, of the Lake County Health Department.

In addition to this award the Kids 1st Fair is now listed in George Washington University's Directory of Innovative Programs Providing Health Care Services to Poor and Underserved Communities in the U.S.

Ms. Doney, the Health Department person in charge of providing medical services for the Fair, also received the Donald B. Stone Service Award from the Illinois Society for Public Health Education.

Now that the Fair is receiving national attention, it is time to remind everyone to be collecting school supplies at your churches, clubs and other groups.

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

Nominations for 1995-1997 Terms

Vice-President: Judy Grisamore
 Secretary: Eleanor Knight
 Director: Peg Hafner, newsletter, country board liaison
 Director: Ann Hollis, newsletter
 Director: Virginia Fiester Frederick, action
 Director: Susan Engelhart, fundraising
 Director: Lorraine Bach, cable coordinator, school funding and tax

Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Kiehl, chair
 Jill Lauer
 Ann Hamlin

Continuing Board (1994-1996)

President: Diane Lloyd
 Vice-President: Phyllis Albrecht, voter service
 Treasurer: Alice Sievert
 Co-Directors: Cindy Morehead and Susan Garrett, program (completing the unexpired term of Paula DuBordieu)
 Director: Susan Kessler, national and state program
 Director: Ginni Magda, voter registration
 Director: Char Kreuz, finance (completing the unexpired term of Sue Walsh)

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Alice Pierce, chair
 Ann Grant
 Linda Illes
 Phyllis Albrecht, board representative
 Ginni Magda, board representative

Recommended Local Program

1. A study of the nominating systems in both communities, with an emphasis in Lake Forest on nominations for school board.
2. A study of gun control and appropriate local action.
3. A study of the comprehensive plans in both communities, specifically as they address density and wetlands.
4. Action on Knollwood annexation if this is a ballot issue in November. The board recommends a program on annexation in the spring to keep the membership up to date.

All studies are recommended with the proviso that groups can be formed with an adequate number of leaguers to carry out the study. Please call a board member if you are interested in working on one of these studies.

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

LWV Proposed Budget 1995 - 1996

| CURRENT BALANCE | INCLUDED FOR COMPARISON | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | BUDGETED** | ACTUAL | 7/1/94 - 1/31/95 | 7/1/93 - 6/30/94 |
| | | 1994-95 | ACTUAL | ACTUAL |
| CURRENT BALANCE | | | | |
| Checking Acct. (1/1/95) | \$7,516.12 | | | |
| Education Fund(1/1/95) | \$52,020 | | | |
| TOTAL (1/1/95) | \$59,536.15 | | | |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Dues: 13 Sr Member @ \$40 | \$520.00 | \$420.00 | | \$3,835.00 |
| Dues: 75 Reg. Member @ \$45 | \$3,375.00 | \$3,150.00 | \$3,420.00 | |
| Bridge Mission (net) | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$915.00 | \$705.00 |
| Interest | \$175.00 | \$140.00 | \$77.80 | \$152.54 |
| Gifts from Patrons, Sustaining, Ed. Fund donations | \$620.00 | | | \$915.00 |
| Subsidiary | \$1,300.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Fundraising (net) | | \$1,800.00 | (\$400.00) | \$757.18 |
| Wine/Lunch, other events (net) | \$100.00 | \$150.00 | (\$348) | \$165.01 |
| Pre-School Book, 250 @ \$1.50 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Total Income | \$7,945.00 | \$8,860.00 | \$5,113.92 | \$6,430.80 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| High School (1994-95) | \$1,672.00 | \$1,520.00 | \$1,398.00 | \$1,857.00 |
| PMP - State (88 @ \$16.50) | \$1,452.00 | \$1,320.00 | \$1,188.00 | \$1,398.00 |
| PMP - County (10 @ \$2.00 plus \$25.00) | \$201.00 | \$190.00 | \$189.00 | \$164.00 |
| Membership coffee, class notes, directory) | | \$435.00 | \$265.67 | \$428.48 |
| Program newsletter | \$1,400.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$849.46 | \$1,159.05 |
| Program/Study Groups/Wide First Fair | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$76.50 |
| Publity/Posters | \$0.00 | | | |
| Copying/Supplies | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$55.32 | \$186.91 |
| Secretary | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Treasurer | \$80.00 | | \$5.80 | \$82.81 |
| President(s) | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$42.00 | \$304 |
| Annual Meeting (Room, brochure) | \$185.00 | \$145.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| | | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Action/Lobbying | | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$2.50 |
| Conventions | \$70.00 | \$70.00 | | \$66.00 |
| Voter Service/Candidate tours | \$130.00 | \$130.00 | \$0.00 | \$128.45 |
| Natl. Convention (in Chicago) 1995* | \$600.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$614.72 |
| | | \$50.00 | | \$50.00 |
| IL Convention (in Chicago) 1997** | | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Legislative Seminars, Regionals 1995-6 | | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Pre-school Book | | \$0.00 | \$459.75 | |
| Contingency | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$740.00) |
| Total Expenditures | \$7,945.00 | \$8,860.00 | \$4,851.90 | \$5,598.37 |
| | \$0.00 | | | \$832.43 |

* \$1,000 was budgeted in 1994-5 for the 1996 Natl. convention; the balance is budgeted in 1995-6.

** An additional amount should be budgeted in 1996-7.

Items in Italics are/are expected expenses.

* The last 3 columns are included to give you a feel for our usual expenses. They show:

Our income and expenses in the current fiscal year through 1/31/95,
Our actual income and expenses in the prior fiscal year (7/1/93 - 6/30/94).

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Rather than print the entire eight page document of the LWVLF/LB Bylaws, the following highlighted Bylaws changes are submitted to the membership for review prior to the Annual Meeting. While they are not the sum of all changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee (Joan Kaltsas, chr.; T. Yakes and Melanie Rummel), they are considered by the Committee to represent the substantive changes for consideration. Copies of the entire Bylaws, with changes, are available in the League mailbox at Gorton.

Three sections included here reflect significant change.

- 1.) We submit a more relevant attempt to eliminate a yearly audit of the books by allowing for the audit of the Treasurer's books biannually or upon her leaving office after a two-year term.
- 2.) We currently do not have a fee for dues specific to two members residing in the same household. Most Leagues do; we are simply catching up here.
- 3.) There is extensive change to the Article IX on Program. Two changes are recommended.
 - 1 - That all program be voted on as a block if nobody moves to separate.
 - 2 - Program is now categorized into those items relevant to members from Lake Forest or Lake Bluff "governmental jurisdictions". With the program proposals this year, there is a third category -- program items relevant to all the membership. This addition reflects a need for change in the voting procedure, allowing for a majority vote of the entire membership.

We are also clarifying the voting procedures for the first two categories. The rules now reflect a possibility that was not intended when the bylaws were re-written as the Leagues merged: a majority vote by that part of the membership concerned with an item could be overridden by a simple majority vote of the rest of the membership being asked for concurrence. As recommended in these revisions, if no concurrence is to be given by the "non-governmental jurisdiction" members, then the item is to be put to a vote of the general membership. A simple majority vote of the entire membership will be required for acceptance of the original program proposal. Also note changes in non-recommended items.

[CODE FOR REVISION: *Italics* - additions; () - remove]

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 5. The Treasurer.

[second paragraph of section]

The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited at the end of her term or biannually, whichever comes first. *The audit and auditor is to be authorized by the Board. The audit report shall be published in the September bulletin of the year of the audit.* (each year prior to the Annual Meeting.) (by an auditor appointed by the Board.)

ARTICLE VI - Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues.

When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, their combined dues shall be equal to one and one half times the amount of dues for an individual.

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

ARTICLE IX - Program

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the Leagues as a whole, constitute the framework for the authorization (for) and the adoption of Local (P) program. *No local program can be contrary to the principles and actions adopted by the National, State or County Leagues.*

Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the program, using the following procedures.

- a.) The Board (of Directors) shall consider *all* (the) recommendations for program submitted at least (sent in by voting members) two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b.) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c.) Items proposed for study and for action by the Board at the Annual Meeting shall be divided into three categories: (in the proposed program presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors shall)
 - (1) a local study/program item involving the governmental jurisdiction specific to residents of Lake Forest,
 - (2) a local study/program item involving the governmental jurisdiction specific to residents of Lake Bluff and/or
 - (3) a local study/program item based on the combined interests of the LWVLF/LB.

At the discretion of the President, and if no member moves to separate and/or divide any proposed item(s) in the above three categories, the local program proposals can be voted on as a block. If the President decides, or a member moves to separate and/or divide, the item then requires the following action for adoption, depending on the category.

- d.) *In the case of (1) and (2) above, (require for adoption) adoption shall require:*
 - (1) a majority vote of (voting) those members present, qualified and voting who reside within the local governmental jurisdiction the item concerns, followed by (concerned with the items.)
 - (2) a concurrence vote consisting of a majority of the (Following shall be a majority vote of concurrence by the voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the governmental jurisdiction not (outside the government) concerned with the item(s). *If concurrence cannot be reached, a majority vote of the entire membership present, qualified and voting will be necessary for acceptance of the proposed program item.*
- e.) *In the case of (3) above, adoption shall require a majority vote of those members present, qualified and voting.*
- f.) (d) Recommendations for program submitted two months prior to the Annual Meeting by voting members who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction concerned with the item(s) but not recommended by the Board may be considered and adopted by the Annual Meeting provided:
 - (1) (the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by) a majority vote of the (voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction(s) concerned *must vote for consideration; and* (.)
 - (2) the (Annual Meeting shall adopt the) item shall then require for adoption,
 - a.) (by) a two-thirds majority vote of (the local voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction concerned and
 - b.) (a majority vote of) concurrence by a majority of (voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction *not concerned with the item. If concurrence cannot be reached, a two-thirds vote of the entire membership present, qualified and voting will be necessary for acceptance of the non-recommended item.*

State and National Update . . .

LWVUS

Legislative priorities for 1995:

1. Protecting the national Voter Registration Act
2. Opposing the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment
3. Opposing a Term Limits Constitutional Amendment
4. Ensuring that government can protect citizens by working against regulatory reform/unfunded mandates" proposals in Congress
5. Grassroots Lobby Corp has been established to promote and coordinate constituent support for the LWVUS legislative priorities
6. Decision not to endorse "Pledge to the Women of American" because of concern about the campaign's goal of electing to office only those who agree with the issue positions outlined in the agenda
7. Decision not to participate in NOW rally April 7-9 because of its partisan overtone

Citizen Education priorities for 1995:

Opening government to citizens:

1. Facilitate discussions with citizens on issues involved in finance reform
2. Participate in effort to broaden a successful pilot effort to provide information on-line for the 1996 election
3. Continue the "Wired for Democracy" project to use innovative communication methods to reach out to larger and more diverse audiences with voter information
4. Focus on LWVEF's election-related activities on a Get Out to Vote Campaign

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support early intervention for children at risk with meeting-ready materials, development of several potential project components and information regarding available grants

Crisis in the Community

The September/October 1995 National Voter will feature coverage of the multi-faceted challenges facing our communities.

Health Care

1. ~~Each~~ *Each* ~~state~~ *state* on topics related to health policy and the federal budget will be published beginning in summer 1995
2. Funds are being sought to follow up on the successful health care town meetings held in spring 1994

Other LWVEF Activities

1. A second round of nuclear waste community education grants to state and local leagues has been awarded
2. Local leagues' celebration of National Drinking Water Week May 7-13 is encouraged
3. The League UN observer's annual report is available from Diane Lloyd (UN's 50th anniversary is October 23, 1995)

75th Anniversary

The League travelling exhibit "Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers" celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment and the LWV will be in St. Louis March 4-31.

Lawsuit

The League has joined as a plaintiff in a suit challenging the constitutionality of a new rule adopted recently in the House of Representatives requiring a three-fifths vote to pass a bill that raises tax rates.

State and National Update . . .

LWVIL

Legislative Seminar

April 26-27 in Springfield. Opportunity to meet with legislators, observe them in action, receive training as citizen lobbyist and attend sessions in League priority issues.

Legislative Priorities for 1995:

First Level Priorities

State Fiscal Policies

Support initiatives to:

- increase the income tax and make it more progressive
- reform school funding to increase state funding and reduce disparities between districts

Oppose initiatives to:

- limit the access of local governments to property tax revenue

Election Laws

Support for:

- statutes and procedures to implement the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act

Second Level Priorities

Children and Families/Social Policies

Support for:

- Early intervention and prevention programs
- Coordinated and adequate state services
- Initiatives that facilitate welfare to work

Opposition to:

- Measures to eliminate grant increases for additional children born to women receiving public aid

Reproductive Choice

Support for:

- Medicaid coverage of full reproductive health care services including abortion

Opposition to:

- Parental notification/consent legislation

Third Level Priorities

The League will also work on selected legislation on the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, gun control and health care.

Convention

June 2-4 in Chicago

Filed Suit

Against the state for failing to implement the National Voter Registration Act

Dates to Remember . . .

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| March | 1 | School Bond Referendum Forum sponsored by Citizens Education Committee and Lake Bluff School Board |
| | 3 | LWV Board meeting, 9:00 AM, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room |
| | 3 | LWV Voter Registration, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Lake Forest High School Auditorium Lobby |
| | 4 | Community Suffrage Steering Committee, 9:30- 11:00 AM, Gorton Community Center, Green Room |
| | 8 | LWV/AAUW Joint Meeting and Potluck, "School Funding", 6:30 PM, Faculty Dining Room, Lake Forest High School |
| April | 4 | Consolidated Election |
| | 12 | LWV Annual Meeting |
| | 26-27 | Legislative Seminar, Springfield |
| May | 6 | LWV Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Base |



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Save May 6th!

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND
HISTORIC FASHION SHOW

Directory Update

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
Judy Cottone
190 Lancaster Ct., Lake Bluff

Liz Schuetz
40 Oak Terrace, Lake Bluff

Audrey Vanderaa
380 Chiltem Dr., Lake Forest

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff 1995 ANNUAL MEETING

April 10, 1995 - 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner
at the home of Ann Hollis
500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff

- Elect Officers
- Adopt 1995-1996 Budget
- Make Program Decisions for 1995-1996

Reservations to Ann Hollis (295-2463) by April 10th.
(You can leave a message on her answering machine after April 1st.)
Tell her what dish you plan to bring or pay \$6.00 at the door.

United Way Conference

Ann Hamlin represented the League on March 15 at the United Way Conference to assess community needs in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest. Six primary areas of concern were pinpointed:

- Drug and alcohol abuse, particularly in the teen community
- Senior status, including affordable housing, health care, taxation, and transportation
- Child care, especially infant care needs
- Lack of activities for teens
- Need for employment counseling because of downsizing and layoffs
- Community awareness of available services

Attention Prospective Members!

If you have ever considered joining the League (or if you are a member and want to consider a gift membership for a friend), this is the time to try us out. By joining now, you receive one and one half years of membership (and publications) for the price of one. Dues paid between now and September will not be renewable until September 1996. Just fill out the form on page 5.



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President's Message . . .

What do Katherine Arpee, Lilace Reid Barnes, Mary Beattie, Mary Liz Carney, Marguerite Stitt Church, Helen Cory and Fran Goostrey have in common? They are only a few of the women who are being honored by Lake Bluff and Lake Forest organizations at our May 6 luncheon and fashion show at Great Lakes. Jane Addams and Eleanor Roosevelt will be there, too.

Bring your mothers, daughters and friends. The invitation will be mailed in April. Do you have friends you would like us to invite? Call in their names to me or to Judy Grisamore and we'll add them to our list.

In the meantime, save the date. Wear hats and gloves or even vintage clothes if you like! This is our gift to the community in honor of the 75th anniversary of a woman's right to vote.

Board Meeting Highlights-March 3

- Treasurer's report included profit of \$232.25 for the February 14 Tea; member donations of over \$400.00 for the League's 75th activities; sales of the preschool booklet of \$163.00 to date.
- Approved new membership rates between now and September to extend to September 1996, i.e. one and one half years for the price of one, and authorized recruitment letters to that effect.
- Suggested an informational meeting in May to update members of the issue of Knollwood annexation and the League's position supporting annexation.
- Discussed cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council meetings, the need for follow up and the possibility of circulating petitions before the March deadline date.
- Announced voter registration at Lake Forest High School on May 3.

1995 LWVIL Legislative Seminar

Let us be: informative and action-packed meeting in Springfield on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27.



Meet with your legislators, observe them in action, receive training in being an effective citizen lobbyist and attend information-packed seminars on League priority issues. Join us for tea at the Governor's Mansion to celebrate the League's 75th birthday.

Registration for the full meeting is \$50.00 and hotel is \$71.00 plus 10% tax for either one or two people.

We will be carpooling and staying at the Springfield Hilton. Call Diane, 615-9182 for information.

Updates on League Positions

State and National

Several members met with the 59th District's new state representative, Tom Lachner, on March 13 to discuss the League's concerns and Tom's agenda for this legislative session. Leaguers in attendance included Judy Cottone, Beryl Flom, Susan Garrett, Betsy Lassar and Diane Lloyd.

Topics discussed included state fiscal policy, welfare reform, implementation of the National Voter Registration Act in Illinois, campaign finance reform, term limits and good management issues in government. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Tom and look forward to working with him and with his new legislative aide (and League member) Ann Carpenter.

Term Limits

The League opposes term limits because:

- 1) Term limits interfere with the fundamental right of voters to elect their own representatives. The League believes that voters can be trusted to elect their representatives without government stepping in to arbitrarily regulate their choice.
- 2) Term limits would weaken the legislative branch of government - and strengthen an already powerful Presidency, upsetting the constitutional balance of powers.
- 3) Term limits ignore the need for experience in Congress, where complex public policy issues are decided. Term limits would result in increased reliance on congressional staff, lobbyists and other unelected "insiders."

THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS "WE ALREADY HAVE TERM LIMITS.
THEY'RE CALLED ELECTIONS."

Composting

Because Lake Forest has appointed a committee to look at recent issues surrounding composting and Lake Bluff will be establishing a compost site off Route 176, we are reprinting the Lake County League of Women Voters position on composting. See page 4.

Gun Control

By the time you read this, the Illinois House may have voted on HB 568 which preempts local authority for gun control. The League strongly opposes this bill because it is in direct conflict with our support of home rule power and because we support legislative controls to stop the proliferation of the private ownership of handguns and their irresponsible use. We support the restrictive regulation of all handguns and ammunition, as well as enforcement of existing regulations at all levels of government. This bill was referred to the Agriculture Committee without public notice. Perhaps the democratic process would have been better served if an open and candid debate of the bill and its wide-ranging implications for responsible gun control in Illinois had occurred in committee. For more information, contact Barb Lippai at 432-8185. Our local League board is recommending gun control for next year's study and action agenda. Come to the annual meeting to tell us what you think.

Cable

By the time you receive this issue, Lake Bluff will already have enjoyed the first broadcast of School District 656 board meetings for Tuesday, March 21. In Lake Forest, the city council will soon be deciding whether to continue broadcasting council meetings. The League addressed the council on Thursday, March 16 to share the results of a telephone survey of communities on the North Shore which offer cable coverage to city council and school board meetings in a variety of ways (from fully equipped studios to volunteers using equipment borrowed at no cost from the local cable company). We pointed out the difficulty of measuring viewership and using it as a sole criterion for judging whether to provide the service. To date, Mayor Butler has received only 13 letters favoring continued cablecasting and non against. Results of the city survey, the green forms and the cable survey are not yet available. If you know someone who watches, please do encourage them to write to the mayor. If you think the service should be offered (whether or not you have it available or watch) or have friends who do, write.

LWV of Lake County - Position on Composting

While backyard composting should be strongly encouraged, education in this area must be stressed. Backyard composting can take several forms, the most desirable being dropping grass clippings while mowing. Instead of entering the waste stream, the clippings become a natural fertilizer. Another form of backyard composting is the individual compost bin or pile, but this must be regulated through nuisance ordinances that reflect community standards. Such ordinances should include provisions to control size, odor, distance from lot line, contents, animal pests, blowing materials, and the noise and vibration attendant on the use of clippers and grinders.

While the above are preferred methods of handling yard waste, areas which require any more extensive composting should emphasize small, local, well-managed operations. Sites should be located as close to the source of material as possible. They should eliminate long distance hauling and reduce the possibility of anaerobic conditions developing in bagged grass.

Truck traffic is one of the problems associated with large-scale composting. Sites should be located near major road systems. When yardwaste is hauled, it should be covered in transit to prevent escaping materials from creating a traffic hazard.

Current regulations may not be adequate to handle the scale of state-mandated composting operations. In order to ensure a well-run site which could be considered a good neighbor, hours of operation should be regulated to mitigate the potential annoyance of noise and vibration from trucks and other equipment. Regulations should be in place to discourage animal pests and to control blowing materials at the site. Odors must be minimized. The area should also be well-buffered and well away from any residence. In addition, no large-scale composting should be established in or near conservation, preservation or recreational areas. In order to protect our water resources, distance from the water table, rivers, and permeable soils should be regulated. Composting operations should not occur within the hundred-year flood plain and runoff must be controlled.

The League is concerned about the danger of possible pesticide and herbicide contamination of the compost and the spread of such contamination when the compost is used. Thus the League believes that the use of pesticides and herbicides should be regulated. FDA standards should be used initially until more definitive information on pesticide degradation is available. Commercial compost should not be used on food crops. Homeowners should minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides, and such treated material should be retained by the homeowner after use by means of mulching and leaving clippings on the lawn. Property owners who hire landscapers should request that they leave grass clippings on lawns and handle yard maintenance in the safest manner possible. All such companies should educate themselves on proper disposal techniques and the laws. All public and private generators of yard waste have the responsibility of keeping waste close to the point of origin; they must assume the cost for their decisions and be held responsible for any toxics used on their land. A local registry of substances used by companies and citizens would be a good way to determine what is being applied to lawns and trees in the community.

Governments at all levels should be involved in setting standards and regulations to protect the environment. The Federal government should mandate that each state produce plans for recycling and the composting of yardwaste, as well as provide education to ensure the success of these programs. State government should write regulations and set minimum standards. It should issue site permits and inspect and review sites to assure compliance with its regulations. The Department of Energy and Natural Resources should provide support through education and funding grants. The State has minimal but undeniable enforcement obligations; practically speaking, however, enforcement is best accomplished at the county or municipal level, where a shortened response time and greater concern can make for greater efficiency. The county should provide education and design programs as well as set more stringent regulations with strong and efficient enforcement. The Zoning Board of Appeals should hold public hearings and set such rules for Conditional Use Permits for compost sites as reflect public opinion. Municipal governments must provide leadership by preparing and enforcing regulations that are consistent with the standards.

Financial responsibility should rest primarily with the individual to encourage source reduction; municipalities should also be involved to guard against illegal disposal.

Large-scale composting should be operated by a combination of public and private interests, and the sites used can be either publicly or privately owned. However, since forest preserves exist for the purposes of preservation and recreation, the League believes that the Lake County Forest Preserve District should have no role in large-scale composting (1991 position).

League of Women Voters of IL 1995 Legislative Priorities

First Level Priorities

State Fiscal Policies

Illinois' revenue system place a disproportionate burden on low-income taxpayers and lacks the natural revenue growth necessary to keep up with the economy. As a result, Illinois faces critical problems, including Medicaid obligations; new state pension funding requirements; inadequate and inequitable school funding; inadequate funding for human services (particularly early intervention and prevention programs) and major infrastructure needs. A fairer and more productive revenue system is essential if Illinois citizens are to receive the services they want and need.

The League will support initiatives to:

- *increase the income tax and make it more progressive.
- *reform school funding to increase state funding and reduce financial disparities between districts.

The League will oppose initiatives to:

- *limit the access of local governments to property tax revenue.
- *divert state funds to non-public schools.

Election Laws

Support for: *Statutes and procedures to implement the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act.

Second Level Priorities

Children and Family/Social Policies

Support for: *Early intervention and prevention programs.

- *Coordinated and adequate state services.

- *Initiatives that facilitate welfare to work.

Opposition to: *Measures to eliminate grant increases for additional children born to women receiving public aid.

Reproductive Choice

Support for: *Medicaid coverage of full reproductive health care services including abortion.

Opposition to: *Parental notification/consent legislation.

Third Level Priorities

The League will also work on selected legislation on the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, gun control and health care.



Membership Form

YES, I want to be a part of helping informed citizens make a difference in government.

Here's my check for an individual membership in the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.
My dues are enclosed.

Patron (\$100.00)

Senior (\$40.00)

Sustaining Membership (\$60.00)

Undergraduate (\$20.00)

Regular Membership (\$45.00)

In addition to my membership dues, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the League

I can't join right now, but I'm enclosing \$_____ to support the work of the League.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and return it with this form to: LWV-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, 400 E Illinois Ave., Lake Forest, IL 60045. Because we lobby, membership dues and other contributions to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff are not tax-deductible. For information, call 234-3510.

Dates to Remember . . .

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| April | 4 | Election Day |
| | 8 | Community 75th Steering Committee meeting, Gorton, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| | 12 | LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ann Hollis', 500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff |
| | 26-27 | Legislative Seminar, Springfield |
| May | 6 | LWV Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, 11:30 a.m. |
| | 10 | New Board-Old Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| June | 2-4 | League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention, Chicago |
| August | 2 | Kids First Health Fair |

Don't forget collection of school supplies for the KIDS 1ST FAIR.
 Also cash contributions can be made to: "LWVIL Education Fund,"
 memo: "Lake County Kids 1st Health Fair."



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League Lines

CELEBRATION! 75th Anniversary of a Woman's Right to Vote

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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

invites you to join us in celebration of
the 75th anniversary of a woman's right to vote and
to honor local women who have made a difference

"Women's Emancipation Through Fashion"

by fashion wit and raconteur Nancy Allen

Saturday, May 6, 1995

Port O' Call (Main Gate), Great Lakes Naval Training Center
Sheridan Road, Great Lakes

Reception and Entertainment - 11:30

Luncheon and Fashion Show - 12:30

Tickets \$20.00 - Cash Bar

Call 234-3510 for reservations

You and your daughters (age 10 and older) will enjoy this event. Join us for personal appearances by historic figures, historic displays & entertainment to celebrate 75 years of women in action.

75th
Anniversary

In Memoriam

The League regrets to announce
the death of:

Eleanora Dahlman
1911 - 1995

Eleanora, a League member for over 35
years, died April 25, 1995, in Palm
Springs, California. Memorial
contributions may be made to:

Zion Lutheran Church
10 Deerfield Road
Deerfield, IL 60015.

Annual Meeting Highlights

On April 12, 1995, at the LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting we passed the 1995-1996 budget, revised the bylaws, elected new officers, and approved the program:

- a study of the nominating systems in both communities,
with an emphasis in Lake Forest on a school caucus;
- action on gun control consistent with state and national positions;
- action to monitor use of wetlands and the flood plain in both
communities; and
- action to monitor density issues in the comprehensive plans.



League Lines

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| President Diane Lloyd | 615-9182 |
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| National/State Program Susan Kessler | 615-7064 |
| Newsletter Peg Hafner | 234-3525 |
| | Ann Hollis 295-2463 |
| Program Paula Du Bourdieu | 295-2489 |
| Tax Reform/School Finance Lorraine Bach | 295-3210 |
| Voter Registration Ginni Magda | 295-6892 |
| LWV-Lake County Board Liaison Peg Hafner | 234-3525 |

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member. All members receive League Lines.

President's Message . . .

Please read the annual report of our league on pages 4-5. My main message this month is "See you and your friends at the May 6 Luncheon! You'll enjoy the personal appearances by Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Grace Lockwood, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard and more! We're arranging for historical displays and a women's barbershop group, and looking forward to a most entertaining program. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible! See you there!

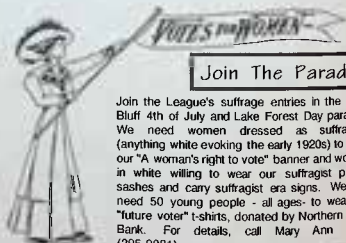
Women Who Make A Difference

OUR GUESTS OF HONOR ON MAY 6

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

VIRGINIA FREDERICK & REAR ADMIRAL ROBERTA HAZARD

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| PHYLLIS ALBRECHT | Village of Lake Bluff |
| KATHERINE AHPEE | Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society |
| LILACE REID BARNES | YWCA |
| MARY BEATTIE AND VIRGINIA FREDERICK | Women's Republican Club |
| MARY LIZ CARNEY | Gorton Community Center |
| MARGUERITE STITT CHURCH | Forest Bluff Garden Club |
| HELEN CORY | American Association of University Women |
| ROSEMARY E. COWLER | Lake Forest College |
| EDITH FISHER | Lake Bluff Garden Club |
| GERRY FORD | Woodlands Garden Club |
| FRAN GOOSTREY | Lake Bluff Woman's Club |
| REAR ADM. ROBERTA L. HAZARD | Navy League |
| ALICE HIXON | League of Women Voters |
| ELEANOR KNIGHT | Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Citizens |
| MRS. GILBERT LEWIS | Newcomers Club of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest |
| DEBBIE PENAR AND JAN SHIELDS | Volunteer Bureau |
| LORRINE TWEED | Lake Forest Caucus |
| JEAN WASS | International Club of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff |
| MATHILDA WILLIAMS | Lake Forest Women's Club |



Join The Parade!

Join the League's suffrage entries in the Lake Bluff 4th of July and Lake Forest Day parades. We need women dressed as suffragists (anything white evoking the early 1920s) to carry our "A woman's right to vote" banner and women in white willing to wear our suffragist purple sashes and carry suffragist era signs. We also need 50 young people - all ages - to wear our "future voter" t-shirts, donated by Northern Trust Bank. For details, call Mary Ann Kiehl (295-9081).

League of Women Voters of Illinois



Make your plans to attend the LWVIL CONVENTION June 2-4
at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago!



You will be able to participate in WORKSHOPS on:

- Dealing with Difficult People
- Political Extremism
- Voter Services
- How to Moderate Successful Meetings

You will VOTE on:

- proposed 1995-96 budget (which includes \$1.00 increase in dues)
- proposed by-laws amendments
- recommended program for 1995-97
- revision of criminal justice position



You will enjoy the SATURDAY NIGHT GALA at which:

- retiring senator Paul Simon will speak,
- the Citizens of Action Award will be presented to The Northern Trust Company, and
- the recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award will be announced.

LWVIL Education Fund Diamond Anniversary Advisory Committee Announced

The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund Diamond Anniversary Advisory Committee honorary co-chairs have been announced. They are **Brenda Edgar**, **Laurel Bellows**, **Newton Minow**, and **Adlai Stevenson**. Committee members include: **Joe Ahern**, **Kenneth Alderson**, **Joanne Alter**, **Ronald Bean**, **Margaret Blackshere**, **Cardiss Collins**, **Mayor Richard M. Daley**, **Loleta A. Didrickson**, **Governor Jim Edgar**, **Luis Gutierrez**, **Sharon Gilliam**, **Neil Hartigan**, **Christie Helmer**, **Carol Leifer**, **Sherrin Leigh**, **Ruth Mugalain**, **David Orr**, **Desiree Rogers**, **John Stroger**, **Brooke Wiseman**, **Paula Wolff**, and **Sidney Yates**.

New Books

New League Publication

Perry, Elisabeth Israels. Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers 1920-1980. Washington, DC: League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1995. This book addresses the relationships between women's activism and grassroots politics during the post-suffrage era. It celebrates the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment as well as the 75th anniversary of the League. In six chapters: The Place of Women in American Political History; Women's Social Welfare Movements After Suffrage; Rights for Women; Women in the Civil Rights Movement; Labor and the Economy; and Women in Peace Activism and International Affairs.

Lake Michigan Inter-League Group (LMILG).

Summary Statements of Position, 1994-95

LMILG is an interstate league serving Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and technically including all local leagues in the Lake Michigan watershed. At its October annual meeting, held this year in Kenosha, delegates review current positions and recommend new studies. This year, the delegates approved task forces to review the current positions on power plants and dredging and shoreline management in advance of the 1995 annual meeting. The task forces can recommend new wording to revise, update or clarify a position; a restudy of part of a position; a consolidation of two or more positions; or an entire new study. The most recent LMILG newsletter and copies of the current position statements are in our mailbox at Gorton.

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new members: 19 - Carpenter, Loepp, Whiten, Brown, Pliml, Gretz, Kern, Kiehl, Olincy, Schatz, Ellwein, Cottone, Schuetz, Vanderaa, Snobrich, Rivcs, Ferg, Slayton, Kirkeide

programs: September 14: **Illinois Issues** (Membership Luncheon)
State Representative Virginia Frederick
October 6: **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling in Lake County**
Mark Loughmiller, Recycling Coordinator, SWALCO
October 22: **The League Walks with Lake Bluff Open Lands**
Carolyn Goetz, President, LBOLA
November 3: **Teens At Risk**
Dorothy Chantler, LFHS counselor; Youth Officers Fahey and Hughes, LFPD;
Dr. Neil Mahoney, psychiatrist, Lake Forest Hospital
December 8: **Celebrating the 75th**
Eleanor Revelle, former president, LWVIL and current board member LWVUS
February 13: **Tea with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt**
Suzanne Hales, dramatist
March 8: **The Task of School Funding**, joint meeting with AAUW
Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District,

brown bag lunches: October 25: **Leaf burning**
Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Max Slankard, Lake Forest Assistant to the City Manager
November 29: **Gun Control**
Barb Lippai, gun control specialist, LWVIL
May (tba): **Knollwood Annexation**

study: leaf burning (in progress)

voter service: October 19, **State Representative Candidates**, Lachner and Wakefield
February 22, **Village and Park Board**, Lake Bluff
voter registration at Art Fair, LFHS
3 new deputy registrars trained

local action:
supported the LBOLA plan for the Skokie River Preserve and Trail in Lake Bluff
supported cablecasting of District 65 APT meetings, Lake Bluff
supported cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council meetings, Lake Forest
responded to DoA public notice re Newell's Reserve development, Lake Forest
provided county league position on composting to city committee

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other: prepared new nonpartisanship policy
 published new preschool and child care directory
 recruited funding, supplies and volunteers for the Lake County Kids First Fair
 sent representatives to Kids First Fair, moderator training, conflict resolution, United Way conference, legislative seminar, Illinois Voter project, Lake County League Board meetings
 responded to all state and national calls for action; conducted legislative interview with State Representative, Tom Lachner
 maintained a bridge club and, with AAUW, a CCFR foreign affairs study group
 75th anniversary activities -- on next page

75th Anniversary activities

appointed by Village of Lake Bluff and City of Lake Forest to lead a community suffrage committee of more to celebrate the suffrage anniversary

collected organizational histories from local women's organizations for publication in the fall or winter

arranged for local organizations to honor "Women Who Make A Difference" on May 6

began to explore an oral history project on cable television or audiotape

fund drive among league members for 75th activities collected over \$2000

community fund drive collected \$750 for May 6 event; additional financial support for parade entries; advertising space for August 26 anniversary of a woman's right to vote; and in kind for future events

prepared displays on woman suffrage and women in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff for May 6 and possibly later displays

organized: Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt in February
 Luncheon and fashion show "Women's Emancipation Through Fashion" in May
 Suffrage parade entries for July and August
 Tea with Suffragists in Glencoe on August 26

Welcome New Members!

Leslie Kirkeide

235 Surrey Lane, Lake Forest

Elaine Slayton

811 Larchmont Court, Lake Forest

Kathy Smith

303 East Woodland Rd., Lake Bluff

Peg Warren

236 Park, Lake Forest

From the Treasurer

Alice Sievert, Treasurer, reports that the financial books have been audited by Ann Hollis.

The bank records and reimbursements of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff as of March 9, 1995, were examined and found to be in agreement with the Treasurer's records and reports. The accounts payable were also audited and those transactions were found to be properly documented and records in good order.



The League of Women Voters of the United States

75 Years

A Voice for Citizens: A Force for Change

FEATS AND FACTS

The League of Women Voters is one of America's unique and venerable political institutions. Throughout our 75-year history, our members have helped shape American political life. This factsheet gathers together a few of the memorable highlights illustrating what the League does and what we stand for.

The Founding: The League was founded in 1920 at the Chicago convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, six months prior to passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

"Winning the vote is only an opening wedge . . . but to learn to use it is a bigger task."

— *Carrie Chapman Catt, Founder of the League of Women Voters, 1919*

First legislative victory: Passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act in 1921, providing federal money for maternal and children's programs. This act offered proof that the League's grassroots lobbying and coalition-building were effective legislative tools.

"Daily the lobby met, late in the afternoon of a hard day of work, and compared notes on the day and planned for the morrow. Daily they consulted as to how soon it would be safe to press for a vote, as to the best way of meeting the opposition that came from a belief that the states should not be helped in this work by the federal government."

— *Dorothy Kirchwey Brown, Chairman of the League's Child Welfare Committee, 1921*

Most recent legislative victory: The 1993 passage of the National Voter Registration Act, also known as "motor voter." This bill will help enfranchise millions of Americans who have been shut out of the political process by making voter registration more uniform and accessible.

"When the barriers are broken down — and this legislation breaks them down — citizens will be able to assume their rightful place at the center of our nation's experiment in democratic government."

— *Becky Cain, League president, at the White House signing ceremony, 1993*

Most famous member: Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and active member of the New York League.

Hardest-won victory: Passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — a 72-year struggle to obtain the right to vote for women. The amendment was ratified on August 26, 1920.

"Let us be thankful we are voters today in this world of turmoil and unrest. There has not been a time in our generation when such opportunities have been presented to the voters, such need for wise judgement and final intelligent actions based on careful investigation and sober thought."

— *Maud Wood Park, first president of the League, 1920*

Most courageous stand: In response to the abuses of President Truman's Loyalty Program, the League developed a program to educate citizens about their individual rights. In 1955 League president Percy Maxim Lee testified against Senator Joseph McCarthy's abuse of congressional investigative powers.

"I believe tolerance and respect for the opinions of others is being jeopardized by men and women whose instincts are worthy patriotic, but whose minds are apparently unwilling to accept the necessity for dissent within a democracy."

— *Percy Maxim Lee, League president,*

testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, 1955

Changing with the times: One year after its founding in 1911, the League opposed the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, fearing that it would adversely affect hard-won state labor laws protecting women in unorganized, unskilled jobs. Later, the League's push for civil rights led to a parallel move for women's rights. In the 1970s the League fought vigorously for ratification of the amendment.

"We will turn our frustration and anger over the denial of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment into determined efforts to achieve ERA's goals through other means."

*- Dorothy Ridings, League president,
International Women's Year Conference in Houston, 1977*

Most frequent misunderstanding about the League: That taking positions on political issues makes us partisan. The League is a nonpartisan organization: we don't support parties or candidates. Nonpartisan does not mean nonpolitical, however. After studying and debating issues, the League develops consensus positions that we then actively work to support through grassroots lobbying.

"Is the [League] political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League."

- Carrie Chapman Catt, 1919

First League-sponsored televised presidential debate: 1976 debates between Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, for which the League won an Emmy Award. These debates followed a tradition of providing voter information; in 1928 the League sponsored "Meet the Candidates," the first national radio broadcast of a candidate forum.

How the League reaches its positions: A two-year process of study and consensus. At its biennial convention, the League selects issues to be studied. After conducting a nationwide study involving massive information gathering and public dialogue, the study committee develops a questionnaire. Each League then debates the issue to arrive at a consensus. This consensus is neither a simple majority nor unanimity; rather, it is the "sense of the group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund: Established in 1957, the Education Fund is dedicated to increasing citizen understanding of major public policy issues and to promoting citizen involvement in government decision making. To further this mission, the Education Fund conducts research and produces publications on a variety of environmental, social, international and government issues.

Best slogan: "Take Back the System." In 1992, with the voters' confidence and involvement in the electoral system at an all-time low, the League of Women Voters Education Fund launched its Take Back the System campaign in an effort to reverse this trend.

"Our energy, experience and enthusiasm will be contagious. Our democracy will be stronger and better for the effort we make. It's our system. It was designed to work for us — and be responsive to us. It's time to take it back."

- Susan Lederman, League president, 1991

Most pervasive myth: There are no men in the League. In 1974, the League's bylaws were changed to allow men to join. Several men have since served as state League presidents.

Technological changes: In 1921, Carrie Chapman Catt used three quarts of ink in conducting her correspondence; in 1959, the League used 110 pounds of mimeograph ink; in 1994, League computer printers used 21 laser cartridges — in addition, we are conducting more and more of our grassroots correspondence via the Internet. By 1996 we hope to have voter information on-line across the country.

The League's three wishes:

- 100 percent voter turnout in elections
- fair and informative political campaigns
- more women and minorities in public office

Dates to Remember . . .

- May 6 LWW Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, 11:30 a.m.
 10 New Board-Old Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- June 2-4 League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention, Chicago
 3 75th Anniversary Gala, Bismarck Hotel, Chicago
- July 4 Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade - join the League and march in the parade!
- August 2 Kids First Health Fair
 2 Lake Forest Day - another chance to march with the League!
 26 Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea - Glencoe



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SPECIAL SUMMER BULLETIN OF UPCOMING EVENTS!



Box Luncheon Discussion with State Representative Thomas Lachner

Tuesday, July 11th
11:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

Community Room, Lake Bluff Public Safety Bldg.
(45 E. Center Avenue across from the Lake Bluff Village Hall)

Lachner will discuss issues of education reform, crime, legislative ethics, welfare reform and the state budget. All league members and residents of the district are invited to attend.

A box lunch from Scranton Cafe will be available by preorder for \$6.00. The lunch will include a choice of ham, turkey, roast beef, tuna salad or chicken salad sandwich; a choice of cole slaw, potato salad or chips; a canned drink; and dessert will be provided. For reservations and lunch orders, call Susan Garrett (295-4001) and if purchasing a lunch, send your check (for \$6.00 payable to LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff) to: LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, 400 East Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

You are encouraged to park in the lot at Artesian Park rather than in front of the Public Safety Building. To get to the lot, going east on Center Ave. pass the Public Safety Building to the first stop sign. Turn right onto Evanston; go to the next stop sign. Turn right onto Prospect (which will take you into Artesian Park).

Caucus Study Needs You . . .

The first meeting of the Caucus Study Committee will be the evening of July 11th at 7:30 pm at Gorton Community Center. All league members interested in this study are encouraged to attend. For further information, call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062).

Kids 1st Health Fair . . .

If you have not yet phoned Pat! Pahl (362-1700) or Sallie Hamm (362-6993) to volunteer for the Kids 1st Health Fair on August 2nd, now is the time. There are three shifts: 8:45 am - 12:30 pm; 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm; and 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm (usually ending before 8:00 pm).

March with the League!

Join us for our suffrage anniversary entry in the Lake Bluff 4th of July Centennial Parade and the August 2 Lake Forest Day Parade. A special invitation is extended to any daughters who would like to march with their moms. Northern Trust has provided "Future Voter" tee-shirts for them and we have suffragist purple sashes for anyone else marching. Join us for one parade or both. To sign up or for further information, call Mary Ann Kiehl (295-9081).

Voter registration will take place after the 4th of July Parade in Lake Bluff. Any interested registrars, please call Ginri Magda (295-6892).



Northern Trust Reception for the League

On Thursday, August 24 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Northern Trust Bank, Lake Forest will host a reception for the League to mark the suffrage anniversary. We have worked with the bank staff and will honor Lake Forest and Lake Bluff women who have served as elected and appointed government officials. Reservations are limited, so please call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) if you would like to attend. We will call to confirm your reservation if there are spaces. Suffrage materials collected by the League will be displayed in the lobby on that day and for the following week.

Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea in Glencoe - You're Invited!

You loved her at Great Lakes. Now see Annette Kolansinski (who played Susan B. to rave reviews) present a 50-minute program including five suffragists: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Lucretia Mott and Alice Paul. Our league is one of several sponsors of a summer tea with these wonderful women which will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 am at the Glencoe Women's Library Club, 325 Tudor Court in Glencoe. Cost of the tea and program is only \$5.00 per person. See you there!

State Committee to Review Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice

Are you looking for a short term project? Dying to sink your teeth into a meaty public policy issue? Want a chance to work with interested, thoughtful people from around the state? If your answer is yes, this project may be for you. A state committee is being formed to review the LWVIL position on Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice. The committee will begin its work in the fall, meeting about five times over the course of six months to prepare a statement in time for the 1998 Interim Council. Expertise on the topic is not required. If you are interested, call Betsy Lassar at 708/432-5740.

Dates to Remember . .

- July 4: Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade - Be a suffragist - bring a future voter!
Voter Registration after the parade
- July 11: Box luncheon discussion with State Representative Tom Lachner, Community Room,
Lake Bluff Public Safety Building, 11:00 am -1:00 p.m.
Caucus Study Committee, Gorton Community Center, 7:30 pm
- August 2: Kids 1st Health Fair
Lake Forest Day Parade - Be a suffragist - bring a future voter!
- August 24: Reception for the League given by Northern Trust Bank, Lake Forest, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- August 27: Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea, Glencoe Women's Library Club, 11:00 am
- September 7: Meeting with City Managers Robert Kiely and Kent Street, Lake Forest Fire Station, 7:30 pm
- September 19: Brown Bag lunch at Gorton, 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm
- September 26: Parliamentarian Training, Gorton Community Center, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- September 27: LWVIL Regionals in Libertyville/Mundelein



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Registrars Needed for Art Fair

This year once again the League will be registering voters at the Lake Forest Art Fair on September 3-4 in Market Square.

Any current registrars who are able to help please contact Ginnie Magda at 295-6892.



League to Hold Joint Community Discussion

Wednesday, September 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Lake Forest Fire Station (Telegraph Rd.)

The League will be hosting an informal joint community discussion with City Manager Robert Kiely and Village Administrator Kent Street on Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Fire Station on Telegraph Road. Kiely and Street will provide an update of current plans for their respective communities. Following their discussion, members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

League president Diane Lloyd said, "It's tradition for the League to hold this meeting. We believe it's an unique opportunity to hear from both communities at the same time and hope that many residents will attend." Please call Susan Garrett at 295-4001 to make a reservation.

Affordable Senior Housing Overview

The League will be sponsoring an "Overview of Affordable Senior Housing" on Tuesday, September 19th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Gorton Community Center in the Friends' Room. Guest speakers will be Lake Forest alderman Abigail Fassnacht, Lake Forest Plan Commissioner Corinne Wood and Chuck Crook, Director of Community Development in Lake Forest.



Both Mrs. Fassnacht and Mrs. Wood (who are League members) have been involved in on-going senior housing discussions and studies for several years and currently serve on the Senior Housing Commission in Lake Forest. "We have explored many sites appropriate for affordable senior housing and are determined to create an attractive solution," commented Alderman Fassnacht.

All members and guests are invited. Please bring a brown bag lunch. To make a reservation, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

President's Message . . .

- What would we include in a yardstick to measure the health of democracy in local communities?
- What institutions and patterns of civic behavior lead to a healthy score and what strategies could be used to strengthen those institutions and behaviors in all communities?
- What kinds of projects could be designed to stimulate greater citizen involvement?
- What would we include in an aggressive citizen education and voter turnout strategy?

"An Initiative to Renew Democracy" is the title of a campaign proposal from the national office that would focus the league's efforts on coming to grips with the lack of confidence in government replacing the cynicism, anger and rhetoric with reasoned public policy debate. The initiative would be launched at the 1996 National Convention in Chicago and would include an emphasis on legislative priorities such as campaign finance reform that further the initiative. Strategy sessions at convention, training, technical assistance and pass-through grants to enhance local and state participation would all be part of the campaign. Let a board member know what you think.

Fall Membership Luncheon

Thursday, September 14

at the home of

Linda Bartmes

242 Ravine Forest Drive, Lake Bluff

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

-- Bring a friend or prospective member--
Please respond to Judy Grisamore (234-3510).

Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

Tuesday, September 26

Gorton Community Center

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Does the thought of an out-of-control meeting concern you? Do you long for more effective and efficient meetings? Learn the essentials of parliamentary procedure and the manners of good meetings from a pro. This is a good session for the earnest beginner as well as a refresher for the more experienced. Cosponsored by the League and the Senior Center, this free workshop will be held at Gorton Community Center. Please call the Senior Center by Thursday, September 21 to reserve a space (234-2209). The Senior Center will serve lunch at 12:00 p.m. if you are interested in making a reservation for lunch, please call the Center. Lunch is \$3.50 per person.

Local Issues and Update

Study Opportunities

Local Nominating Procedures Study Group: Our League's local study of candidate selection procedures in our two communities is just getting underway. We welcome - and need - the participation of League members from both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Please join us at our meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Center.

To date a small group of us have met a few times over the summer and have developed a survey to be used this fall in polling a broad spectrum of communities, both local and in other regions, to explore what varieties of candidate selection processes are in use. This timely study promises to be of great interest and benefit to our two communities. Please join us and help to whatever extent your schedule permits. Call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062) for more information.

Knollwood Annexation: We will review and discuss the December 1994 Analysis of the Fiscal Impact of Knollwood Annexation Report, to see if it has a bearing on the existing League position which supports Knollwood annexation to Lake Bluff.

If you would like to participate, please phone Alice Sievert, 234-4133, as soon as possible, to obtain a copy of the report and to state your preference for either Thursday, September 21 or Friday, September 22 for an 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting at Alice's home. Coffee, juice, baked goods, etc. will be ready at 7:30 a.m.

Welcome New Members!

Kathleen M. Richer

540 Lakeland Dr., LB

Mary Clark

315 E. Woodland Rd., LB

Kathryn Friedberg

1345 Kajer Ln., LF

Adrianna Faifer

PO Box 618, LF

Mary L. Hunt

1797 Everett Rd., LF

Dorothy T. Whalley

222 E. Orwentsia, LF

Susan B. Ross

737 Timberlane, LF

We Won!

LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff won three awards at the State League Convention in June:

- outstanding fundraiser (for our May celebration of suffrage and women who make a difference);
- best appearance for a large league newsletter; and
- honorable mention for growth in membership. Congratulations!

Bridge Anyone?

Anyone interested in playing with the League bridge group, please contact Margie Olincy at 234-0624.

Thanks!

Hillary, Hannah and Abby Alley
 Claire Booth
 Angie, Maria and Tony Buonafede
 Claire Burke
 Molly and Michael Butler
 Janelle Cooper
 Molly Cyphers
 Dwyer and Jennifer Gunn
 Kristen Hickey
 Liz Hinchman
 Katie Katsas

Laurel and Whitney Kiehl
 Carolyn Lloyd
 Emily Magnuson
 Katelyn, Kelly and Shauna McCarthy
 Mallory Meinen
 Jessica and Nadine Oddi
 Audrey Olenick
 Christina and Stephanie Owen
 Lily Peterson
 Emma Slayton
 Kelly Stevenson
 Emily Storm

Meg Vallaly
 Patty Butler
 Judy Grisamore
 Martha Hinchman
 Joan Kaltsas
 Mary Ann Kiehl
 Eleanor Knight
 Diane Lloyd
 Pat Meinen
 Elaine Slayton
 Royce Wood

... to organizer Mary Ann Kiehl and to our 4th of July^{LD} and Lake Forest Day suffrage celebration marchers:

LWV- Lake County: Issues and Update

A preliminary report from Eleanor Knight is that over 1700 children were served at the Kids' 1st Fair! 140 volunteers helped make this possible. A more complete report will follow next month.



Lake County Study

Want to learn more about Lake County land use, growth patterns and transportation systems? Join the League of Women Voters of Lake County to study and educate the membership about Lake County today. If interested, call Jean Baenziger, study chair, for details at 945-8197.

Great Decisions . . .



Great Decisions is an interest group, sponsored jointly by AAUW and LWV of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, to discuss the topics of the Foreign Policy Association study guide. After taking a vacation in August, Great Decisions will resume meetings on September 8th. Topics to be read and discussed are:

What: Great Decisions

September 8: United Nations at Fifty: Reaching Out or Overreaching?

When: Friday, September 8, 1995

October 13: Nuclear Proliferation: Can It Be Capped?

November 10: Promoting Democracy: America's Mission?

Where: Betty Buker's
485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3
Lake Forest

After November an interval will occur until February when the study guide for 1996 will be available and the meetings will resume.

Questions? Betty Buker 234-4509

Celebrate the 75th!



You're Invited to a Tea Party!

To further celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, a special celebration - a tea party will be held October 29th at the Lincolnshire Marriott. This event is being planned by the Lake County Women's Coalition. In conjunction with the October celebration, there is to be a kick-off event of march around the inside of Gunnee Mills on August 26th, the actual date the Amendment was signed. If you'd like to join the marchers, please bring your own placard. For more information, contact Shirley Williams, LWV-Lake County president (945-8049).

Time is Running Out . . .

. . . On your opportunity to attend the Barrington Area CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH with SUZANNE CALDER Sunday, September 17, 1995, 11:30 a.m. at the Barn of Barrington (1415 South Barrington Road, Barrington, IL). If you wish to attend, a check for \$25.00 must be sent before August 30th. Send checks to LWVBA PO Box 1501, Barrington, IL. ACT FAST! SEATING IS LIMITED! This is another event to celebrate our 75th anniversary.

LWVIL- State Issues and Update

At convention, delegates requested the state board oppose cuts in Amtrak service. After research, it appears that the most effective way to influence the debate is for individuals to write their own members of Congress, Senators Mosely-Braun and Simon, and the President. They need to know the impact such service cuts would make on people's lifestyles.



Looking for a Golden Opportunity?

Would you like an opportunity to wrestle with substantive public policy issues? Would you like to contribute and/or develop expertise and skills while engaged in a worthwhile pursuit? Would you enjoy working with other thoughtful League members from around the state? Being on a state-wide committee or task force can be just the opportunity you are looking for.

LWVIL is in the process of forming two committees and a task force to implement three new action items adopted by the 1995 State Convention for the 1995-97 biennium: a Working Committee on State Tax and School Funding Reform, an Action Focus on Breaking the Cycle of Violence and a Task Force on Senior Care.

If you are interested in working on one of these items, call the League Office at 312-939-5935 or LWVIL Program VP Betsy Lassar at 708-432-5740.

Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

"The problem of violence in America is unlike that in any other developed country . . . The interaction of poverty, racism, drugs and alcohol, the loss of jobs with decent wages in our inner cities, gangs, inadequate handgun regulation, lack of personal opportunity and responsibility, disinvestment in schools and after-school activities and family violence play a critical role on our culture of violence." (Chicago Tribune, 12/18/93)

Join the League's Violence Prevention Action Focus of Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children! Help us research the causes and effects of violence against children - both on the child and society. Work with us in identifying and evaluating current prevention programs. Assist in the development of our action program -- Keeping Our Children Safe.

In the first year of this action focus, we will prepare educational materials on violence against children, the causes and effects. We will research such topics as drug abuse, alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, violence in the home, neglect, poverty, the entertainment industry and guns. Plan to meet experts at our committee meetings!

Phase two will focus on what local leagues can do in our communities and across Illinois to keep our children safe. How can we plug into Illinois' Violence Prevention Act? What in-place programs work? We plan to present a menu of items for local league action!

Ambitious? Yes! Do-able? Absolutely! All we need are enthusiastic members who are vitally interested in kids' issues and breaking the cycle of violence in America! So join us! Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the State office. Call Barb Lippai (708/432-8185) or Mary McLaughlin (708/381-1443) with your suggestions, comments . . . and to tell us you're joining us!

Walk Against Handgun Violence
September 10 - 1:00 p.m.
Pioneer Court on Michigan Avenue
for further information, contact:
Barb Lippai, 432-8185

LWVIL- State Issues and Update

LWVIL is working on more effective ways to connect the work of our legislative specialists with local Leagues and interested League members. Accordingly, we have developed the Grassroots Advocacy form (below) as a tool to help activate interested Leaguers, as well as a possible networking tool.

GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY 1995-96

From time to time, particularly when the state legislature is in session, LWVIL Legislative Specialists have important information to share and need to mobilize grassroots action on League issues. If you are interested in any of the issues listed and would like to be contacted, please complete the form below. This is a new form which we anticipate updating annually.

Count me in! I am interested in receiving information and taking action on the following state issues:
(Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Choice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Policy/Tax Reform | <input type="checkbox"/> School Funding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Policy |

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____
 Local League: _____
 Your League portfolio: _____
 Your State Legislature: _____
 Date: _____

Mail completed form to LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604, or fax to 312-939-6887.



Update on ERA

At the state level, the Equal Rights Amendment, HJR 14 CA, was reintroduced with bi-partisan sponsorship in the Illinois House this past spring. There are five primary co-sponsors, led by Louis Lang (D-Skokie). It is currently in the House Executive Committee and was not heard this spring.

At the national level, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) has reintroduced the ERA in the Senate without a time limit for ratification. Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ) has introduced a resolution in the House stating that if three more states ratify ERA, Congress will take whatever action may be necessary to validate ratification.

For more information, call Pat Polos, ERA Illinois (312/262-6039).



When time is of essence in contacting your members of Congress, you can call them at this toll-free number: 1-800-972-3524.

LWVIL 47th BIENNIAL CONVENTION SUMMARY

The 47th Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois was held June 3-4, 1995, at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago, IL.

Plenary Sessions

The LWVIL Budget for 1995-96 in the amount of \$135,185.00 was adopted. PMP for 1995-96 will be \$17.50; PMP for 1996-97 will be \$18.00.

Bylaws were amended to change the wording in four articles. Each would require that convention materials be mailed *six weeks*, instead of the current two-months, prior to the convention and council.

Program: The recommended program items and one not-recommended item were adopted. The delegates voted to retain the current positions with a concurrence on the proposed revision of the Criminal Justice position. The program for the 1995-97 biennium will include:

A Working Committee on State Tax and School Funding Reform

Education of members and the public; advocacy at the state level; work with state-wide coalitions; support local Leagues who choose to work actively on these issues.

An Action Focus on Breaking the Cycle of Violence: Promote efforts to prevent violence in all forms in the lives of children:

Education of members and the public; collaboration to bring about changes in local communities; lobbying at federal, state and local levels.

A Task Force on Senior Care

A) to develop a survey to be used by local Leagues to identify needs and strategies for living and care options for the elderly, and

B) to recommend what, if any, future activities LWVIL should undertake.

Two Will of Convention motions were passed. LWVIL will:

Support Cook County and Chicago Leagues' health care reform efforts by distributing periodic information to local Leagues;

Provide guidance and encouragement to local Leagues to speak to their legislators regarding the lack of reasoned discussion and public input in the legislative process during this past session.

LWVIL Officers and Board Members and Nominating Committee were elected unanimously. Delegates also voted to re-nominate LWVIL Past President Eleanor Revelle to the Board of Directors of the LWVUS.

The facilitator training opportunity and other workshops were well received. The address by Deborah Leff of the Joyce Foundation on campaign finance reform is available by request from the LWVIL office.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WAS GREAT!!!!

REGIONALS 1995

Get a jump start on the 1995-96 League year by joining LWV members at the fall REGIONAL nearest you. REGIONALS provide background on priority issues, '90s techniques for League activities, and, per your requests, time to network with other League members. Study the schedule below and make plans to join us in September.

HOST LEAGUES and DATES

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Decatur | Saturday, September 23rd |
| Libertyville/Mundelein | Wednesday, September 27th |
| LaGrange | Saturday, September 30th |

SCHEDULE

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Registration/Coffee |
| 9:30 - 11:15 | Workshops |
| 11:30 - 12:45 | Lunch/Informal Networking |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | General Session: Violence Prevention |

(*1 hour later in Decatur)

WORKSHOPS

• Leadership Development •

Is getting people to say "yes" -- to join, to help, or to lead -- a problem? Your prospective member, volunteer or Board member will say "YES!" more often when you take home proven strategies, cutting-edge ideas and hot tips from this LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT workshop. Ideal for Presidents, Board members, Nominating Committee members and others who want to help ensure fresh recruits for a re-energized League.

• Who's In Charge? •

Does the thought of an "out of control" forum or candidate debate concern you? How will changes in the Open Meetings Act impact public meetings? Attend this VOTER SERVICE workshop to gain insight into: Recognizing "stealth" candidates and managing their participation in a forum Formats for moderating and/or facilitating public meetings Everything that you need to know about holding--or attending--a public meeting.

• Are We Having Fun Yet: Fundraising Tips and Techniques •

Does the mere thought of "fundraising" make you cringe? Have you said, "I'll do anything for the League, but not fundraising!" This workshop will focus on proven strategies for success in fundraising that will improve three parts of the League's operation: the program, the membership, and the publicity. You will also discover the "fun" in fundraising by examining some of the successful fundraisers that other League's have conducted.

• Local Action •

What is League "action"? Which action model should you use - advocacy, facilitation, community education? How can action help your League be more visible and attract new members? Join us to learn how to select and construct a visible local action campaign. We'll examine successful League action projects and help you design one for your community.

GENERAL SESSION

• Violence Prevention •

Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children: A report card on the state of Illinois. How are we doing -- what are we doing? How does the 1995 Violence Prevention Act affect our children? What actions can a local League initiate to help their community?

COST and REGISTRATION

The cost of this action-packed day of condensed learning, sharing and fun is **\$17.00 per person** (box lunch included). Please **postmark your registrations 10 days in advance of meeting date** to avoid the **\$2.00 per person late fee**. Contact your local League president to register. Or call the state office at 312/939-5935. A **\$2.00 per person refund charge** will be deducted from any refunds, no refunds can be issued for cancellations received after the 72-hour cating deadline.

LWY-LF/LB 1995-1996 CALENDAR

- Aug. 24 - Women in Government reception, 5:00 - 6:30, Northern Trust Bank
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- Sept. 3, 4 - Voter Registration, Deerpath Art Fair
 Sept. 6 - Community Update, 7:30 to 9:00, Lake Forest Fire Station
 Sept. 14 - Membership Salad Luncheon
 Sept. 17 - Champagne Brunch with Suzanne Calder, 11:30, Barrington
 Sept. 19 - Brown bag lunch: Overview of Senior Housing in Lake Forest, 11 - 1, Gorton
 Sept. 26 - Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 1:00-3:00, Gorton
 Sept. 27 - LWVIL Regional Workshop, 9:00 - 2:00, Libertyville/Mundelein
 Sept. 29 - LMLG Annual Meeting, Chicago
- Oct. 5 - Our Caucuses and How They Work, 7:30-9:00, Gorton
 October 6 - last day to register voters
 October 16 - absentee voting begins
 October - Knollwood breakfast meeting or brown bag lunch (date to be announced)
 October (late) - candidate forums, if any
- November 7 - election day
 November 14 - Addressing The Needs of Our Teens
- December 13 - Holiday Luncheon, "Women Won the Vote"
- February - Violence Prevention (date to be announced)
 February 19 - last day to register voters
 February 26 - absentee voting begins
- March 16 - Women's History Month Brunch
 March - Capitol Steps fundraiser
 March 19 - General Primary Election
 March - Voter service activities for primary in late March
- April 10 - Annual Meeting Pot Luck
 April 17, 18 - LWVIL Interim Council and Legislative Seminar, Springfield
- May 8 - New Board, Old Board meeting
 May - Symposium on Property Tax (date to be announced)
- June 8 -12 - LWVUS Convention in Chicago

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In Memoriam

Esther Velde

1904 1995

Esther Velde, president of the Lake Bluff League from 1950-1952, died August 25, 1995.

Esther is fondly remembered by Lake Bluff League members as an intelligent and lively person. She was born in Cripple Creek, CO, where her father was a mining engineer. She attended the Universities of Arizona and Colorado. Both she and her husband James A. Velde, a retired Chicago lawyer, worked at Hull House in Chicago during the life of its founder, Jane Adams. She was also a member of the governing board of Hull House and vice president of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mary Margaret Finn Velde Uyekis of New York; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters.



LAKE COUNTY WOMEN'S COALITION

A CELEBRATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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Sunday, October 29, 1995

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Tuesday, September 26
Gorton Community Center
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cosponsored by the League and the Senior Center

For reservations: call the Senior Center (234-2209)
by Thursday, September 21.

If you are interested in making a reservation for lunch, please call the Center.
Lunch is \$3.50 per person.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

We are off to a running start again this fall and invite you to take time to sample some of what the League has to offer. Susan Garrett and Cindy Morehead have planned an excellent lineup of programs and brown bags.

And thanks to Lorraine Bach, not only did we have our community update and senior housing brown bag on cable, but we are also looking forward to a cablecast forum this month for candidates in the contested Lake Forest District 67 school board election. And now you can tune in to Lake Forest Cable's information channel #17 for information about League programs.

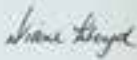
Special thanks to Char Kreuz and Joan Kaltsas who took time this summer to help identify the 250+ local

women who have served in elected and appointed government positions. Without their background work, we could never have put together the outstanding reception at Northern Trust. And now we have a permanent record of the women who have served that we can deposit in both of our libraries and in our own files.

Thanks also to Phyllis Albrecht and Alice Sievert from the league and to Barbara Davis (City of Lake Forest), Sue Goursd (D115), Joyce Liens (D65), Pauline Thorsen (Village of Lake Bluff) and Ann Whipple (D67) for their invaluable assistance in identifying names and addresses. Lorraine Bach, Judy Grisamore, Susan Kessler hosted for the League and Carolyn Lloyd helped with the suffrage displays.

Judy Grisamore has been working steadily this fall on the thankless task of collecting our membership renewals and the more exciting job of recruiting new members. Last year Judy won an award for our league for the largest increase in new members in the state.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, do it today, and same Judy some work! And, just as importantly, please forward to Judy the names of anyone you know who is seeking intelligent company or worthwhile work and who might enjoy League membership!



WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

More than 60 Lake Forest and Lake Bluff women who have served in elected and appointed government positions joined the League and officers of Northern Trust Bank for a champagne reception to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment on August 24.

Of just over 250 local women who have served since the 1920s, 120 still have local addresses and more than half were able to join us in late summer to mark the date! We celebrated the occasion by reminiscing about the achievements and some of the hurdles there were to jump. We renewed acquaintances and marked our own "firsts":

Women who were the first to serve in the particular position include:

In Lake Forest:

Virginia Frederick, Alderman (1974-78) and State Representative (1978-95)
 Sue Gravenhorst, University of Illinois Board of Trustees (1984-present)
 Mary Casselberry, City Supervisor (1988-91)
 Mary Ann Hodgkins, Plan Commission (1980-81)
 Grace Murray, Zoning Board of Appeals (1980-83)
 Beverly Jane Sanchez and Nancy Paul, Construction Codes Commission (1994-present)
 Anne Adams, Cemetery Commission (1975-79)
 Virginia Clarke, Building Review board (1982-83)
 Kimberly Tunney, Lake Forest Cable Commission (1991)

In Lake Bluff:

Theresa Yakes, Shields Township Assessor (current)
 Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools
 Phyllis Albrecht, Village Trustee (1973-81) and Village President (1981-85)
 Babette Rosenthal, Village Clerk (1975-77) and Shields Township Trustee
 Helen LaCroix, Architectural Board of Review (1982)
 Virginia Brodbeck, Plan Commission (1972)
 Mary Clark, Zoning Board of Appeals (1980-82)
 Betty Ferris (1957-61) and Margaret McGhie (1957-63), Park Board

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES ADDRESSED

KNOLLWOOD ANNEXATION

Annexation Review

Alice Sievert announces a meeting to review the League's position on the annexation of Knollwood. The group will look at a cost analysis and other issues. The breakfast meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. on September 21 at Alice's home (233 E. Washington Ave., Lake Bluff). Possibly more than one meeting will be needed. Call Alice if you plan to attend (234-4133).

Public Meeting Moderated by League

A public meeting on the issue of Knollwood annexation will be held on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the West School in Knollwood. The League has been asked to moderate the meeting. Citizens must present their questions in writing.

Petitions

Petitions both FOR and AGAINST the annexation of Knollwood can be signed at the West School.

LOCAL NOMINATING PROCEDURES SYMPOSIUM

The League will be hosting a symposium, "How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures," on Thursday, October 5th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Community Center. Guest speakers will provide a review of the caucus process of nominating candidates for municipal offices and school boards in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff and an overview of candidacies not endorsed by a caucus.

Panel members will include M. David Cain, President of the Lake Forest Caucus; Glen Alexander, President of the Lake Bluff School Caucus; and elected officials who ran as independent candidates, Richard Ernest, Lake Forest Alderman, and Douglas Schuetz, Lake Bluff Village Trustee.

Background information on the Lake Bluff Park District Caucus and the Lake Bluff Village Progressive Party Caucus will be given by Phyllis Albrecht, former Village of Lake Bluff Board President. Information will be provided on how citizens become candidates without the endorsement of any formal organization.

"How We Become Candidates" is part of the League's current study of reviewing local nominating procedures. If you are interested in participating in the League study, call Phyllis Albrecht at 234-7062. If you plan to attend the symposium on October 5th, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001. The symposium will be cablecast.

CANDIDATES' FORUM FOR DISTRICT 67 SCHOOL BOARD

Lake Forest Lake Bluff League of Women Voters is sponsoring a CANDIDATES' FORUM for candidates for the Lake Forest District 67 School Board on Thursday, October 12 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Community Center.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

A workshop to be led by Circuit Judge Raymond McKoski, Greg Light and Mark Montenuro will give information on various forms of alternatives to traditional sentencing. The workshop will take place on September 21, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Courtroom 202 at the Waukegan County Building. There will be a \$5.00 charge for a light evening meal, or participants can bring a brown bag lunch.

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TEENS

On November 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a symposium of speakers will consider the needs of teens. A United Way study has shown that teens do not have a place to congregate and the League wishes to make a difference. The symposium will be held in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center. Local speakers will be announced.



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PREVIEW OF LWVUS PROGRAM PLANNING 1996-98

Recently LWVUS has been urged by a significant number of members to undertake a grassroots campaign to rebuild citizen confidence in government. Those suggestions encouraged LWVUS to develop a concept proposal for an initiative to Renew Democracy, to be the form for the League's advocacy and education activities for the 1996-98 biennium. League leaders attending Council '95 in June responded so enthusiastically that LWVUS is recommending the concept to all Leagues for consideration during the program planning process.

We will be asked whether this concept should be the focus of the League's national program for 1996-98 and what kinds of activities we would see as having the greatest potential to strengthen participatory democracy in our community and in the nation.

Our comments are welcome about the proposed concept at any time during the coming weeks.

--- reported by Susan Kessler

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - ILLINOIS

The 1995 LWVIL convention adopted a Will of Convention directing LWVIL to: *"provide guidance and encouragement to local Leagues to speak to their legislators regarding the lack of reasoned discussion and public input in the legislative process during the past session."*

The LWV LF/LB had a dialogue with Representative Tom Lachner during a box luncheon July 11th in Lake Bluff in which the following concerns were addressed when public participation in committee hearing is stifled.

- 1) The League believes that the legislative process must be open to the public and provide ample opportunities to evaluate and comment on legislative proposals, particularly during committee proceedings.
- 2) "Fast track" legislation in which identified problems were ignored for the sake of political expediency.
- 3) The League believes it is crucial to seek public and professional input and to proceed with measured deliberation on complex issues.
- 4) Diminished input of individual legislators with the increasing control of party leadership.
- 5) The League believes that in order for our system of government to be representative, responsive and accountable, the viewpoints of individual legislators must be sought and respected.

--- reported by Susan Kessler

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues are due! All members are urged to renew as soon as possible. If all members renew and we add our wonderful new members, our chapter will receive a monetary award for our Education Fund. Send your check and form to our mailbox as soon as possible.

--- Judy Grisamore

KIDS' 1ST HEALTH FAIR CONTINUES TO GROW

Attendance at the Kids 1st Health Fair on August 2nd was obviously much greater, according to volunteers who have worked more than one year. The lines of people never stopped until mid-afternoon, but the breathing spell was short and the crowds returned after work. We have a more accurate account of the number of children attending this year: 1700 children came with their parents/guardians and 2430 toys and backpacks/totes were distributed. The following comparisons are now available, with much more yet to come:

| 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 490 families | 606 families | 706 families |
| 312 lead tests | 374 lead tests | 483 lead tests |
| 585 kids immunizations | 681 kids immunizations | 938 kids immunizations |
| 371 dental screenings | 828 dental screenings | 1208 dental screenings |

We tried having local outreach committees in targeted towns; all of them ran buses/vans into the Fair, but it did not increase the percent attendance from outlying areas. However, since the total attendance was up, the actual number of families from outlying areas was greater, too.

Needless to say, virtually every book and most of the backpacks and toys were distributed to delighted kids. The effort that local Leaguers put into collecting, sorting, and packing these is much appreciated. There were also lots of loyal Leaguers volunteering the day of the Fair. In fact, it was like old home week for some. It is these 600 volunteers that make the Fair so successful - and we can't thank you enough.

The Steering Committee is looking for some additional volunteers who would help with school supplies, fundraising (people are generally delighted to donate to this cause), outreach, publicity, books, signing up volunteers, etc. If you would like to give us some time in the months ahead, please call Beryl Flom, 945-1937. — Eleanor Knight

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, together with Baxter Healthcare and numerous Lake County communities, hosts a household hazardous waste collection day on October 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baxter Round Lake Technology Park, State Route 120 and Wilson Rd.

This event provides residents with an opportunity to safely dispose of items such as point, paint remover, insecticides, weed killer, fungicides, aerosol products, furniture stripper, solvents, household cleaners, metal polishes, prescriptions, hobby chemicals, used motor oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, pool chemicals and drain cleaner.

For more information, contact Baxter Healthcare at 546-6311, or the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 336-9340.

WATERWAYS CRUISE & ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR

The Lake Michigan Inter-League Group is having an environmental meeting in Chicago in the form of a floating seminar. This is a waterways cruise and environmental seminar. The group will meet at the foot of the Wrigley Building in Chicago on September 30 at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$45.00. If interested, contact Lake County League Board president Shirley Williams at 945-8049.

GETTING TO KNOW LAKE COUNTY

Jean Baenziger is looking for people to help with this study. Issues to be addressed are still being formulated. The committee will drive around Lake County while pursuing this issue . . . and Shirley Williams has volunteered her Jeep! If interested, call Jean at 945-8197.

EDUCATION FUNDING & SINGLE PARENT AND DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROGRAMS

Join community leaders and area legislators to find out how proposed changes in education funding would affect single parent and displaced homemaker programs at Harper College on Thursday, October 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Harper Bldg. A, Fireplace Area. Harper College is in Palatine at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Roads. For information, call Kathy Lindstrom, 925-6558.



TURN ON, TUNE IN, DIAL 615-3437 . . .

The League now has several addresses on Lake Forest Cable's Information Channel #17. Watch the on-line menu for our listings and then dial 615-4347 and the three digit number holding the information you wish.

We have posted information about membership in the League, the names of our board members and detailed information on upcoming programs.

Try it and tell us what you think!

THANKS!

Many thanks to Lorraine Bach who has arranged for the Leagues' symposia to be cablecast!

And to Mary Ann Kiehl and our suffrage entry in the Lake Forest Day parade which won third prize (and now we have a plaque to prove it!) in the civic/social/fraternal category. We were the only non-motorized entry. Kudos to Mary Ann who got the ball rolling!

Dates to Remember . . .

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| September 21 | Knollwood Annexation Review Breakfast Mtg, 7:30 a.m., Alice Sievert's, 233 E. Washington Ave., LB |
| September 21 | Alternatives to Incarceration, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Waukegan Co. Building, Courtroom 202 |
| September 26 | Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 1:00 p.m., Gorton |
| September 30 | LMILG Waterways Cruise & Environmental Seminar |
| October 5 | "How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures" Symposium, 7-9 p.m., Friends' Room, Gorton Community Center |
| October 6 | Last day to register voters |
| October 7 | Hazardous Waste Collection, Baxter Round Lake Technology Park, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. |
| October 12 | "Education Funding & Single Parent and Displaced Homememaker Programs," 5-7 p.m., Harper College, Harper Bldg. A., Fireplace Area |
| October 12 | Candidates Forum: District 67 School Board, 7:30-9 p.m., Friends' Room, Gorton |
| October 13 | Reservations deadline for Tea Party at the Lincolnshire Marriott |
| October 16 | Absentee voting begins |
| October 19 | Knollwood Annexation Public Meeting, 7:30 p.m., West School, Knollwood |
| October 29 | Tea Party at the Marriott, 2-4 p.m. |
| November 7 | Election Day |
| November 14 | "Addressing the Needs of Teens" Symposium, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Green' Room, Gorton |

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Panel Discussion:

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR TEENS

Tuesday, November 14
Northern Trust Bank
(Waukegan & Everett Roads, Lake Forest)
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Panel members will include:

Mary Ann Pekarek, 4th Ward Alderman, City of Lake Forest;
Camille Wilson, President of the Lake Forest High School Student Council and Vice Chairman of CROYA Youth Committee;
Karry Daddono, Director of CROYA;
Cheryl Derman, Director of L.E.A.D. (Linking Efforts Against Drugs);
James Warfield, Director of Pupil Personnel, Lake Forest High School;
Mary Carolyn Embry, Guidance Counselor, Lake Bluff Middle School;
Robert G. Boone, Chief of Police, City of Lake Forest

All members are encouraged to attend and to invite friends.
For more information and reservations, call: Susan Garrett, 295-4001

There will be a reception following the presentation. Refreshments have been generously donated by Sunset Foods of Lake Forest.

HOLIDAY FUNdraiser!

COOKIE EXCHANGE
at Diane Lloyd's
500 College Road,
Lake Forest

Tuesday, December 5
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring a dozen cookies,
a small donation, and
a friend!

DO NOT SEND MONEY!



What you

will receive: You have already received a request in the mail this month for contributions to the state league. If you make an annual contribution to the state league, please make it through us. We will be participating in the phonathon on November 15 and contributions made through our league will earn us 15%. Thanks to callers Phyllis Albrecht, Sue Engelhart, Ann Hollis, Diane Lloyd and Elaine Slayton, our league will receive an automatic \$50 for participating plus 15% of the amount pledged through us.

If you do not wish to be called on the 15th or prefer not to make a contribution, or if you would like to make an early contribution (and not be called), please call one of us or send your contribution to the League at our address: 400 E. Illinois, Lake Forest IL 60045.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the League, October is often the busiest month. This year is no exception. Our forum for candidates for District 67 school board in Lake Forest and the panel discussion on the possible annexation of Knollwood to Lake Bluff were well attended, informative and essential nonpartisan services we provide to our communities.

Not only did we provide these services locally, but several of our members served as moderators for pre-election forums in other communities. Next month, leaguers will be serving as election judges or election day field representatives for the office of the Lake County Clerk.

This is some of the most important work we do and how we are best known in the community. Special thanks to Phyllis Albrecht, voter service chair, Melanie Rummel, who moderated the panel in Knollwood and to all who helped!

We also presented a panel discussion on cable "How We Become Candidates" to kick off our study of local nominating procedures. We hope you will watch on cable channel 19. We now have a League time slot and our programs play a few times a week at either 5:30 or 6:30p.m. So now you can cook with the League!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? BASIC LEAGUE

Join the board from 7:30 to 8:30 on Wednesday, November 1 for a one hour training session on League.

Betsy Lassar, our state league communicator, will be on hand to give us a once over from the ground up with no holds barred.

All members welcome. Gorton Community Center Friends' Room.

CABLECASTING IN LAKE FOREST

At its October 2 meeting, the Lake Forest City Council decided to include equipment for cablecasting council meetings on a list of capital improvements for the renovation of City Hall.

Contributions for these improvements will be sought from the community.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Joy Hodgen
50 Maywood Rd., Lake Forest

SAVE THIS DATE
DEC. 13th



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

with
Susan B. Anthony
Carrie Chapman Catt
Lucretia Mott
Alice Paul
Elizabeth Cady Stanton

In the Community Room
at the
Northern Trust Bank
959 South Waukegan Rd.
Lake Forest

A TIME TO
INVITE FRIENDS

Report on Knollwood Annexation Breakfast Mtg, 9/21/95

Fourteen highly motivated League members met at crack of dawn to review the existing League position, which supports the annexation of Knollwood by Lake Bluff. This position was adopted by the Lake Bluff League before its merger with the Lake Forest League, and before a 1980's annexation attempt approved by Knollwood, but rejected by 3 votes in Lake Bluff.

Recently a group of Knollwood residents initiated a re-examination of annexation, and contacted the Village Board of Trustees. A Joint Task Force was set up, a consultant was hired and the report, "Knollwood Annexation Fiscal Impact Analysis," submitted in December 1994.

We reviewed this 50 page report. League members who had been involved with the previous annexation attempt and with subsequent efforts by Knollwood to incorporate, provided insights into the issues involved, both currently and in the past. Members with expertise in assessing costs for municipal services, evaluated the consultant's cost estimates.

We found that the report failed to address the major advantages which annexation would provide to Lake Bluff residents, and failed to investigate the possibility that annexation costs could be cut by phasing in municipal services and possibly by delaying a fire department merger.

The principal benefits of annexation to Knollwood were listed as: a more rapid police response time and regular patrols, twice-weekly garbage pick-up, greater zoning control, Lake Bluff Library membership and improved water pressure for fire department needs.

However, the listing of advantages to Lake Bluff residents failed to mention that 1) Lake Bluff children attending Park District pre-school classes and the Lake Bluff Children's Center in Knollwood's West School would also benefit from better police response time and improved water pressure in case of fire; that 2) contiguous boundaries for Schools, Park and Village would allow for cost savings due to equipment sharing; and

that 3) zoning control by the Village over areas currently within the LB school and park districts, would be of financial benefit to Lake Bluff residents. This is because redevelopment of the increasingly valuable land in Knollwood, much of which is now occupied by single family homes could either result in greater housing density (which would put a strain on existing school and park facilities) or could result in new businesses which would provide increased tax revenues to Village, schools and parks.

Some Knollwood residents fear that annexation would bring higher property values and higher taxes and user fees. While tax rates for the Lake Bluff Elementary School and Park Districts and the LF-LB High School District would not be changed by annexation, tax rates for municipal services would increase somewhat, if existing services are taken over and additional services provided by Lake Bluff. At present, services are provided by Lake County, Shields Township, other taxing bodies, or are contracted for by individual homeowners.

A major initial funding shortfall is projected by the consultant, if Lake Bluff assumes responsibility for these services immediately after an annexation. This is due to the long lag between property tax collection in Lake County and distribution to municipalities. The Village is now investigating whether annexation can be followed by a gradual phase-in of Village services or an immediate transfer of tax revenues from governmental bodies which currently provide these services. Unless this can be done, the shortfalls in years 1 and 2 after annexation would be \$936,800 and \$211,500, respectively. Financing a bond issue @7% interest would add \$700,000 over the life of the bond. The shortfall would be much lower in years 3 through 19, and would become a surplus in year 20.

The outcome of any annexation referendum would most likely hinge on financial considerations. These would include the size and duration of the shortfall, how expenses would be apportioned between Knollwood and Lake Bluff residents, and whether residents of

each area would have adequate assurance that they would not have to pay for near term infrastructure improvements in the other area.

Another major concern to both communities is that if annexation to Lake Bluff failed, Knollwood would probably not remain "as is". Given the increasing Knollwood business tax base, Knollwood may become subject to annexation by its 3 other neighbors, Lake Forest, Green Oaks and North Chicago. The latter has held off annexation moves because of an existing but temporary boundary agreement with Lake Bluff, but recently stated its intent to annex areas in Knollwood (News-Sun, Sept. 9-10, 1995).

Some votes may be cast on the basis of fears that annexation would change the character of a community, and some Knollwood residents are concerned that they might not have representation on the Village Board.

Hopefully some of these concerns were addressed at the October 19, 1995 informational meeting on Knollwood annexation, which was planned by Knollwood residents and the Village Board. Village Trustees answered written questions which had to be submitted a month in advance to allow adequate time for well researched responses. Follow-up questions were accepted in writing during the meeting.

The League was asked to provide a moderator, question collectors, and petition circulators. Melanie Rummel, former President of the Lake Forest Elementary District 67 School Board, was the moderator. Other League members from Lake Forest assisted at the meeting and are in charge of annexation petitions which are available for signature by Knollwood property owners on the two Saturdays following the meeting.

-- reported by Alice Sievert

If Knollwood residents petition for annexation, the League will then decide whether to be active if the issue comes to referendum in Lake Bluff.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

PROGRESS ILLINOIS

Good news! Progress Illinois, the tax reform coalition chaired by the League, has received a \$20,000 grant to develop a tool (or model) to evaluate proposals that will impact tax and school funding proposals.

Earlier Progress had received a grant to investigate whether the state has a structural deficit in its General Funds. That research has been completed by a team of professors from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and a report will be issued this fall.

The initial research will demonstrate how the growth of the Fund's revenue is unable to keep pace with the state's expenditures. The second piece will be valuable to help evaluate the effect of proposed programs or legislation on Illinois' revenue growth, local communities and taxpayers.

PROJECT VOTE SMART

Project Vote Smart, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, is offering its "U. S. Government: Owner's Manual" to League members at no cost.

The 75-page pamphlet includes a variety of information about each member of the U. S. Congress, including performance evaluations by a politically diverse group of rating organizations, campaign finance information and votes on a variety of issues.

To receive a copy free of charge, call 1-800/622-7627 and identify yourself as a member of the League of Women Voters.



LWV ILLINOIS UPDATE

The LWVIL is active on various fronts. Their September mailing contained information relative to involvement in:

- Beijing, China trip by LWVIL President Suzanne Calder)
- The Motor Voter Act
- Progress Illinois (tax reform coalition chaired by the League)
- Invitation to the Collar Counties' Council for Choice
- A legal challenge to state's current school funding system
- "Membership Saturday" in Chicago area November 18th
- Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children Action Focus
- Working committee on state tax and school funding reform
- Distribution of informational memos on health care reform

Additional information may be obtained from Susan Kessler or Diane Lloyd.

-- from Susan Kessler

From Our Friends . . .

An Armenian Evening! Fundraiser for AAUW's Educational Foundation

AAUW's Armenian fundraiser will be held Saturday, November 4th, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM at the Northern Trust Bank, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest.

PROGRAM: An illustrated lecture on Oriental carpets, (including samples) given by a staff member of Oscar Isberian Rugs of Evanston accompanied by delicious Armenian cuisine orchestrated by Kay Mekaelian and Alice Goshgarian and produced by AAUW membership.

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Complete the form below and send it to Cathy Sullivan, LWVUS Grassroots Coordinator by e-mail at 75444.3132@compuserve.com or by fax to (202) 429-0854. Or mail it to LWVUS, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Name: _____ League: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

My U.S. Representative: _____

Dates to Remember . . .

- November 1 Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
November 7 Election Day
November 14 "Addressing the Needs of Teens" Symposium, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.,
Northern Trust Bank Community Room, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest
November 15 Phonathon, League of Women Voters of Illinois
League Lines deadline, December issue (THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY ISSUE.)
December 5 Holiday Cookie Exchange, Diane Lloyd's, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
December 13 Holiday Luncheon and Program: Women Won the Vote!
Northern Trust Bank Community Room, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

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WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!

Joanna Kollek

122 Ravine Forest Dr., Lake Bluff

Joan Toole

34 N. Ridge Rd., Lake Forest

League of Women Voters Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

FUN RAISER EXTRAORDINAIRE

SEE THE CAPITOL STEPS LIVE!

Saturday, March 30, 1996

Centre East, Skokie

Laughter and great desserts are the order of the night.

Do yourself a fun-filled favor - reserve now for the social event of the year. For those of you not familiar with THE CAPITOL STEPS, they are the only group in Washington that attempt to be funnier than the Congress - and succeed!

THE CAPITOL STEPS are a politically correct, hygienic, bipartisan troupe of former Congressional staffers who travel the country satirizing everything and anything. There are no sacred cows, and they are absolutely non-partisan. All political ideas are created equal targets in their skewering.

Are you asking yourself the eternal question, "How can I be sure to be a part of the fun on March 30?"

Send a check for \$35.00 per ticket to Treasurer, League of Women Voters, 400 East Illinois, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Includes the cost of the ticket and after-performance coffee & dessert at the home of fellow Leaguer Ann Bassi, 3325 Summit, Highland Park.

We have a limited number of tickets which we are sharing with the Highland Park League on a first-reserve best seat basis.

VOTERS' REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES



Deputy Registrar Training - Jan. 31 at Gorton

A representative from the County Clerk's Office will conduct a one-hour deputy registrar training session for League members who wish to register voters. The session will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31 in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center. There is no charge.

If you are planning to attend, please call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) or Ginni Magda (295-6892) as soon as possible so there will be adequate supplies and ID cards can be prepared in advance. However, don't hesitate to come if you learn you are available at the last minute. Once you complete this session, you are immediately able to register voters and could help out at Lake Forest High School on February 5 for an inspiring start!

Voter Registration at LFHS - Feb. 5

The League will be registering voters at the Lake Forest High School in the student cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5. Any new or current registrars who are interested in helping please call Ginni Magda, 295-6892.



League Lines

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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Happy New Year! Much has happened since our last newsletter in November! Our panel "Addressing the Need of Our Teens" was a good first follow-up on the United Way study and drew well over 100 people in November. Thanks to our program chairs Susan Garrett and Cindy Morehead and to Anne Csar who pulled together an excellent panel and reception following the discussion.

Thanks to all of you who supported the State League phonathon in November. Lake Forest and Lake Bluff League members contributed a total of over \$1600 to the State League. Fifteen percent of that was returned to us and, with a \$50 bonus for the number of callers we sent and a local match from an anonymous donor in our League, we earned over \$600 in three hours.

Ann Hollis and I served as election day field representatives through the County Clerk's office during the November elections, became better acquainted with the election process (and with Deerfield and Zion) and earned \$200 for the League.

Best of all, Sue Engelhart, our fundraising chair, put together a cookie exchange, light holiday luncheon and raffle early in December which was great fun and raised \$374. Thanks to Sue and her committee (Susan Garrett, Ann Hollis and Elaine Slayton) and to all who contributed items for the raffle.

Finally, dramatist Annette Kolasinski brought Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt and Susan B. Anthony to our Holiday luncheon. Thanks to everyone on the board who provided the meal and became the clean up committee.

Now, we're looking ahead to the last few months of the League year, which ends with the Annual Meeting in April. The nominating committee and bylaws committee are at work and are happy to receive your suggestions.

We have an excellent speaker on the topic of violence in the lives of women and children for our February meeting. Local and national program planning will take place at the February board meeting (members are greatly encouraged to attend and to suggest topics for study) and then we are fast into activities surrounding the General Primary Election in March.

We need leaguers to work on a candidate forum (call Phyllis Albrecht) and to help with some of the election day jobs offered through the County Clerk's office and more leaguers trained to register voters. We worked with the Highland Park League to set up a training session on January 31.

Jump in and help us get off to a good start in the New Year!

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Treasurer reported a total of \$11,417.80. \$1,100.00 was raised from November and December fundraising events and activities.
- Board decided to put \$4,000.00 in a six-month certificate of deposit.
- Board decided not to participate in the student/parent mock election unless league members can be found who would like to organize the program.
- Board agreed not to plan an all-League event before or after the Capitol Steps event on March 30 since the date falls during the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff public school spring break.
- Board agreed to plan a single evening Candidates' Forum in late February for the contested elections in the March General Primary Election (state senator, state representative and county board member).

BROWN BAG LUNCH & PROGRAM - Wednesday, February 7

Preventing Violence in the Lives of Children

presented by Detective Portia Wallace

Wednesday, February 7, 1996
Ragdale (White House)
1260 Green Bay Road, Lake Forest
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring your own brown bag lunch;
coffee will be provided.
Reservations: Susan Garrett, 295-4001

Detective Wallace of the Juvenile Office of the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been dealing the criminal investigations for 15 years. She has made numerous presentations on child-related issues and has been involved in training other officers and social workers who deal with domestic violence and sexual abuse.

An active volunteer working with children's programs especially Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Lake County, she has received numerous awards for her volunteer and professional work. In 1993 she was named one of the Top Ten Volunteers of the Year by *North Shore Magazine*.

CANDIDATES' FORUM



Phyllis Albrecht, Voter Service chair, is organizing Candidates' Forum for the contested election in the March General Primary Election for the offices of state senator, state representative and county board member.

The time and place of the forum are yet to be determined. Watch your mail for a special notice of this forum. Leaguers are needed to assist. Please call Phyllis at 234-7062 to help.

The election date is Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

NEW, EXPANDED LEAGUE DIRECTORIES

Many thanks to Alice Sievert and Ann Hollis for their work on our new membership directory. In addition to the usual names and addresses of League members and elected officials, new information includes background on the League, League positions at the national, state, regional, county and local levels and FAX numbers!

If you have a change or addition, please notify Alice Sievert.

NEW LEAGUE BOARD IN FORMATION

With the Annual Meeting fast approaching (April 10), the nominating committee is now looking for leaguers willing to serve on the board or in a committee position.

If you are interested or know someone you think would be interested in serving, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Susan Garrett, Ann Hamlin, Ann Hollis, Mary Ann Kiehl or Jill Lauer.

The committee will be working in January and February and will present a slate to the membership through *League Lines* in March.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

Thanks to League Friends Northern Trust Bank, Sunset Foods and Jewel for their in-kind contributions to the League in December! And to all League members for their support of these events!

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| Phonathon: | \$600 |
| Holiday Cookie Exchange and Raffle: | \$374 |
| Holiday Luncheon and Program: | \$125 |

ELECTION DAY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE . . .



The Lake County Clerk's Office is looking for League members to serve on Election Day in many capacities. Earnings (ranging for \$35 to \$125) would go to the League of your choice. This is a good way to serve in a nonpartisan role, become more familiar with Election Day procedures and problems, and help the League at the same time.

Call Diane Lloyd soon at 615-9182 if you are interested in any of the following nonpartisan Election Day assignments (work times are listed with each position):

COLLECTION STATION WORKERS

(6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

At the twelve Lake County collection stations, these workers will initially process the voted ballots, voter registration files and do the "After the Polls Close" envelope. They will also process the election judges and their materials.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

(5:30 a.m. until poll closing)

Problem solvers for the County Clerk's Office who visit each polling place in their assigned area twice during the Election Day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. They check to see that the polling place is set up and running properly, check the booths for tampering, look for electioneering concerns and answer any questions judges may have. After the rounds, they may be asked to return to spots where there are problems to relay the appropriate responses to the Clerk's Office.

MID-POINT REPRESENTATIVES

(6:30 p.m. to completion)

Teams of two to travel to the twelve ballot collection stations throughout Lake County to pick up the voted ballots and drive them to the County Building for tabulation.

RECONCILIATION TEAMS

(6:00 p.m. to completion)

These individuals help the election judges as needed after the polls close. They may assist with election judge paperwork and initial ballot counting.

UNVOTED ABSENTEE REPRESENTATIVES

(8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Three teams of two to go to the off-site voting locations (townships and municipal offices) to pick up the unvoted absentee balloting materials, unvoted ballots, voting machines, specimen booklets, etc.

VOTED ABSENTEE REPRESENTATIVES

(noon to 5:00 p.m.)

Groups of two to take the absentee ballots which come in the morning mail on Election Day and take them to the polling places.

ELECTION JUDGES

Election judges are partisan positions. League members in many communities serve as election judges.

In our League, only the president and the voter service chair may not serve as election judges.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, call the Clerk's Office at 360-6827 and plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

Monday, February 13
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
College of Lake County
19351 W. Washington, Graylake

Thursday, February 15
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Hyatt Hotel
1750 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield

Saturday, February 17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Hyatt Hotel
1750 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield

Tuesday, February 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Ramada Inn
200 N. Green Bay Rd., Waukegan

Wednesday, February 28
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Holiday Inn
510 E. Rt. 83, Mundelein

FROM THE COUNTY BOARD . . .

Route 53 Extension

A committee of four drove Rt. 53 to Rt. 120 and on to Richmond. It was noted that there is an enormous amount of development in the area and roads are overcrowded.

There is no relationship between the availability of good roads and the building of new housing. More roads seem to be desperately needed.

IMPACT OF ROADS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

Beryl Flom reported attending an environmental meeting in Libertyville. Studies show that roads affect vegetation for 400 feet on each side.

As to wetlands, the kind of wetland is what is important, wetlands cannot be generally categorized. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA and the Federal Highway Department have to agree on environmental issues. The Federal Highway Department makes the final decision.

THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RT. 53 ON JANUARY 18 AND 23.

January 18, 1996

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds
Building 7

50 South Rt. 45, Grayslake
(Use entrance gate on Rt. 120
which is west of the intersection
of Rt. 120 and Rt. 45.)

January 23, 1996

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn at

2025 South Rt. 83, Mundelein

Criminal Justice

A workshop has been planned for late February or the beginning of March. Themes discussed include child abuse, the growing violence in society, alternatives to incarceration, and how to select a judge.

Input is needed from local leagues since the aim of the workshop is to educate local leagues. Linda Bartmes, Peg Hafner and Sally Zeit are in charge of arrangements for the workshop.

Fort Sheridan

Beryl Flom reported that the Joint Planning Commission has been dissolved. Lake County and Lake Forest will develop open space. Highwood and Highland Park will work on selling the Historic District which first must be environmentally cleaned up.

The clean-up is slow and detailed and may take three years before it is finished. A land appraisal of the district is needed before it is eventually sold to a developer. Now Highwood and Highland Park are the only ones concerned with that aspect.

NEW YEAR FOR GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women to discuss the foreign policy topics covered in the Foreign Policy Association Study Guide.

The group meets monthly on the second Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the home of League member, Betty Buker. Outside reading is recommended. Persons of international affiliations are sought to aid insight about their cultures. Topics in the 1996 Study Guide are:

- I Foreign Policy and the US Political Scene
- II The Intelligence Community - Reform
- III Mexico
- IV Economic Operations in the World
- V Water - Worldwide
- VI Failing National States
- VII Africa
- VIII NATO



The study guide will be available in early January in time to read for the first meeting on Friday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Betty Buker's. Chapter 1: Foreign Policy and the US Political Scene is the topic for discussion. At the March meeting the topic is The Intelligence Community - Reform. All League members are welcome to join the group and/or visit to see if this activity interests them. Questions? Call Betty Buker, 234-4509.

LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING



Across the country local leagues will meet to help determine the focus for the LWVUS's advocacy and education work for the 1996-98 biennium. On February 7 our league will discuss the national program at our board meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The LWVUS believes that this task is particularly significant this year in light of

evidence that Americans have a growing loss of faith in government.

Ideas are being discussed concerning what can be done to make the system work again. The LWVUS board is proposing that there be a sweeping campaign to revive democracy, restore confidence in government and engage citizens in the work of shaping better communities and a better country. Thus, the LWVUS is taking the unprecedented step of proposing that just such a campaign be the sole focus for the League's national program. Our league must now review this concept of an Initiative for Renew Democracy,

decide if we support such a campaign as the nationwide focus for 1996-98 and, if so, suggest activities we believe have the greatest potential to strengthen democracy in LFLB and the nation.

Should we as a league decide to reject the LWVUS's concept we may recommend an alternative program. Our response, along with that of every other league from across the country, will be submitted to the delegates for debate and possible adoption at the 1996 convention in June.

Details of this program proposal and its ramifications follow.

1994-96 LWVUS National Program

GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; that provides sound agricultural policy; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

Agricultural Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

Citizen Rights

Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation. Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making

Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices. Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Congress and the Presidency

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

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

DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation

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

Election Process

Apportionment. Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all

levels of government based substantially on population.

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

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

Fiscal Policy

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax; promote responsible deficit policies; support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

Voting Rights

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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

Arms Control

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

LWYUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

1994-96 LWYUS National Program

Military Policy and Defense Spending

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

Trade

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

United Nations

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

U.S. Relations with Developing Countries

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Resource Management

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of the public health and environment.

Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, achieve universal health care coverage at reasonable cost, promote the well being of children, and combat discrimination, poverty and violence.

Child Care

Support programs, services and policies at all levels of government to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.

Equality of Opportunity

Support equal access to education, employment and housing. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in all communities.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- *competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- *coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- *adequate financing,
- *effective enforcement,
- *well defined channels for citizen input and

1994-96 ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS

- Health Care
- Early Intervention for Children at Risk
- Crisis in the Community
- Opening Government to Citizens

LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING*Questions and Answers About Program Planning 1996-98*

Q. What will happen to League work on issues at the national level if the Initiative to Renew Democracy is adopted?

- A. The LWVUS will give high priority to work on issues addressed by our Government positions, taking a strong leadership role in promoting legislation that will further the initiative, such as campaign finance reform. This will include work at the national level and, where appropriate, at the state and local levels.

Rebuilding citizens' confidence in government and their role in the governing process is an essential first step in making real progress on issues addressed by League positions in other program areas. We must help citizens rediscover what binds us together as a nation if we are to succeed in finding shared solutions to the many complex problems that confront our communities today.

Q. How will the initiative affect our League's work on state and local issues?

- A. Leagues may continue to adopt issues for state and local study and action at their conventions and annual meetings. They may also continue to make use of national positions in their work on state and local issues. By reaffirming existing national positions in Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy, convention delegates will provide the basis for such work.

Q. Will adopting the initiative prevent the League from responding to changed circumstances?

- A. No. The League must continue to retain the flexibility to take action in any area if the national political outlook changes. Furthermore, the policy for state and local League action on national issues will remain the same. After consultation with the LWVUS, Leagues may contact their own members of Congress on any issue, providing the action is consistent with League positions and does not conflict with other advocacy efforts.

Q. Can our League recommend an issue for emphasis in addition to the initiative?

- A. The national board believes that the initiative, to be effective, must be the sole focus for the national level of the organization. Adopting an issue for emphasis in addition to the initiative would signal "business as usual" for the League at a moment when the organization needs to concentrate its message and resources on a single common goal.

Q. How should our League go about recommending a study or issue for emphasis?

- A. Your League may recommend an *alternative* to the initiative, such as a study or an issue for emphasis, for the 1996-98 biennium. Describe your proposal in detail on page two of the Program Planning Report Form. Indicate what the problem is that needs to be addressed, how the League's involvement can help resolve the issue, and what specific activities the League should undertake to address the issue. If you are proposing a study, describe the intended scope.

LWYUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING**Questions and Answers About Program Planning 1996-98**

- Q. Why is the national board proposing a focus at the beginning of the program planning process rather than waiting to hear from the grassroots?**
- A. During the last few months, we have heard from an unusually large number of members of the League and the public, asking the League to do something about the atmosphere of distrust and hostility that increasingly dominates the public debate in our country, no matter which party is in power. Many longtime League members likened the current situation to the crisis America faced in the 1950s when the League initiated its "Freedom Agenda."

These messages encouraged us to develop a concept for a League campaign to renew democracy as the focus for the organization's advocacy and education work during the 1996-98 biennium. We presented this concept to League leaders attending Council '95 in June. Their enthusiastic response helped us decide to recommend the campaign to all Leagues for consideration during the program planning process.

The final decision on the program focus for the coming biennium, however, rests with the grassroots membership. The response from local and state Leagues will determine whether the program that is submitted to convention delegates in June includes some version of the campaign to renew democracy outlined here.

- Q. What was the Freedom Agenda?**
- A. The Freedom Agenda project was the League's response to the erosion of the democratic process threatened by Senator Joseph McCarthy's attacks on civil liberties during the 1950s. The League published six pamphlets written by acknowledged scholars that were designed to build public understanding of the Bill of Rights. Leagues across the country used these materials as the basis for a series of unprecedented community discussions across the country.
- Q. Does the Initiative to Renew Democracy imply a major restructuring of the League?**
- A. No. The unparalleled challenges now facing our country seem to demand an extraordinary response from the League. Dedicating our 1996-98 biennium to the task of renewing democracy could be that response. It does not alter the basic nature of the League as a multi-issue organization that both encourages citizen participation and influences public policy.
- Q. How will the national board use the information in the report forms?**
- A. The board will look first of all at whether there is strong support for the initiative, from Leagues of all sizes and from all parts of the country. If that is the case, the board will develop goals and a blueprint for the campaign based on the strategies and activities that Leagues suggest on their report forms. The results of League surveys of community leaders also will be an important source of ideas. The board would then submit the campaign as the proposed program for the 1996-98 biennium and plan convention strategy and training sessions to help members implement the initiative. If the report forms indicate stronger support for an alternative to the initiative, the board would develop a proposed program based on those recommendations.

LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

Rebuilding Citizen Confidence in Government A Challenge Unique to the League of Women Voters

"What is the greatest challenge now facing our nation and our community? What role will the League play in addressing this challenge?"

These are among the questions that we will be discussing at our upcoming program planning meeting as we decide what we think should be the focus for the League nationwide during the 1996-98 biennium.

Lending urgency to our discussion is the growing evidence that our democratic system is in crisis. Frustration with government is mounting, and many citizens seem to have lost sight of their role in the governing process. Excessive partisanship dominates public policy debate, and extremist rhetoric endangers our search for the common good—no matter which party is in power.

A Proposal for Our Consideration

In response to this challenge, the LWVUS board is taking the unprecedented step of proposing that an Initiative to Renew Democracy be the sole focus for the League's national program for the next two years.

The board believes that the League is uniquely qualified and trusted to help rebuild our political and civic infrastructure. And only by restoring citizens' faith in government can we make real progress on issues addressed by League positions on the environment, social policy and international relations.

The Initiative to Renew Democracy would include both legislative work aimed at restoring confidence in the political process and educational projects designed to engage more citizens in civic life. Possible activities might be:

- * Advocacy campaigns for legislation to strengthen democracy and the voice of citizens in shaping public policy, such as campaign finance reform.
- * Public journalism projects that would link Leagues with media partners interested in

providing citizen-oriented news coverage to stimulate increased civic participation.

- * Civic education ventures that would create opportunities for citizens to come together in new ways to explore public problems and develop effective problem-solving skills.

What Will Be Our Recommendation?

The LWVUS board is looking for our input.

- * What do we think our community and our country need from the League right now?
- * Do we believe that a campaign to renew democracy is the best way for the League to pursue its mission in the coming two years?
- * If we agree that such a campaign should be the League's nationwide focus, what kinds of activities do we think would be most effective at strengthening democracy in our community and in the nation.

We hope you will join us for this important discussion. Your ideas are needed!

Program Planning at a Glance

November 1995—February 1996

- * Leagues interview community leaders and hold program planning meetings.

March 8, 1996

- * Program planning report forms are due.

March 28-30, 1996

- * Based on Leagues' recommendations, the LWVUS board formulates a proposed program to be sent to all Leagues in late April.

June 8-11, 1996

- * Delegates to Convention '96 debate and adopt a national program for 1996-98.

LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

Concurrence at Convention

Convention '94 passed a motion asking the LWVUS board to develop a "standard concurrence process that ensures the same high level and standard of informed member agreement that the League, in its wisdom, has required of consensus." In response to that request, the national board adopted the following guidelines in April 1995.

Guidelines for Concurrence at Convention

These guidelines supplement the program adoption process as detailed in the LWVUS bylaws. Thus, any state or local League that wishes to propose an item for concurrence on the floor of convention must begin by submitting its recommendation to the national board at least three months before convention, as part of the program-planning process. This will ensure that the item is eligible for consideration by the convention in the event that it is not included in the proposed program formulated by the national board.

Notice

Any League that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention shall give notice to all Leagues of its intent to do so at least six weeks before convention.

Rationale: Advance notice of major items of business to come before the convention gives delegates an important opportunity to discuss these items with the rest of their membership, helps them come to convention "informed but not instructed," and promotes good decision making. The six-week time frame coincides with the notice requirement for proposed program, budget and bylaws amendments as detailed in the LWVUS bylaws.

Background Information

Any League that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention shall send background information, including pros and cons on the issue and an explanation of the

rationale for using this form of member agreement, to all Leagues at least six weeks before convention.

Rationale: An essential aspect of any member agreement process in the League is that members have an opportunity to become informed about all sides of the issue. The preconvention distribution of objective, balanced background material enables delegates, in consultation with others in their League, to make an informed decision, provides the membership with a common base of knowledge, and lays the groundwork for effective advocacy.

Super Majority Vote

A two-thirds vote is required to amend or adopt a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention.

Rationale: In determining whether a position has been reached during a conventional study involving grassroots member participation, the national board looks for substantial member agreement rather than a simple majority. A similar level of member agreement should be required of a position established by concurrence on the floor of convention, a process that directly involves only a fraction of the total membership. The two-thirds vote requirement corresponds to the super majority required to adopt and suspend the rules of convention, to amend the bylaws and to adopt not-recommended action motions.

[Note that the two-thirds super majority refers only to the vote required to amend or adopt a national League position by concurrence. A simple majority vote would continue to be required to gain convention consideration of any not-recommended program item, including any state or local League concurrence proposal. Note also that, should the national board wish to propose adoption or amendment of a national position by concurrence at convention, the same two-thirds vote requirement would apply.]

Dates to Remember . .

- January 24 Executive Committee Meeting, Diane Lloyd's, 7:30 p.m.
 January 31 Deputy Registrar Training Session, Gorton Community Center, Green Room, 7:00 p.m.
- February 5 Voter Registration at Lake Forest High School, Student Cafeteria, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 February 7 Brown Bag Lunch and program "Preventing Violence in the Lives of Children"
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Ragdale, 1260 Green Bay Road, Lake Forest
 Reservations: 295-4001
- February 7 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, National and Local Program Planning,
 Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
- February ??? Candidates' Forum for the March General Primary Election, time and place to be announced
 (WATCH FOR A SEPARATE MAILING ON THIS FORUM)
- March 6 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
 March 19 Election Day
 March 30 Capitol Steps Fundraiser at Centre East, Skokie
- April 10 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Linda Hinde

517 Rockland Ave., Lake Bluff

CONGRATULATIONS

NEW DEPUTY REGISTRARS!

Ann Hollis

Emily Jennings

Char Kreuz

Jan Schnobrich

Elaine Slayton

ATTENTION

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

If you have ever considered joining the League (or if you are a member and want to consider a gift membership for a friend), this is the time to try us out.

By joining now, you receive a year and a half of membership -- and publications -- for the price of one. Dues paid between now and September will not be renewable until September 1997. Just fill out the form on page 2.



CANDIDATES FORUM



Date: Tuesday, February 27

Place: Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. - Primary Candidates for
Lake County Board - District 16
(Sponsored by LWV/LF-LB)

* Republican Candidates: Mary Beattie, Lake Forest
Mark Shaw, Lake Forest

8:00 - 9:45 p.m. - Primary Candidates for
Illinois State Senate - 30th District
(Co-sponsored by Highland Park LWV & LWV/LF-LB)

*Democratic Candidates Panel Candidates:
(40 minutes)
Larry Krulwich, Buffalo Grove
Terry Link, Waukegan

(1 hour)
Thomas Adams, Green Oaks
Thomas Lachner, Lake Bluff
Christopher Stride, Lake Bluff

*The order in which the two panels of candidates appear will be determined by lots drawn by a representative of each party shortly before the forum begins. The allotted length of each panel's forum has been adjusted to reflect the number of candidates participating, so that individual candidates from both parties have equivalent opportunities to respond to questions.

This forum is covering those local offices which are contested in the primary. Party candidates who are unopposed in the primary will be invited to participate in candidates' forums at election time in the fall.

League volunteers are needed as ushers, time keepers and question screeners. Please call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062) to help.

TO HONOR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OR EVENTS

If you wish to honor one or more League members or some outstanding local League activity or significant historical event, your message can be included in the Historic LWVUS 1996 Convention Program.

Cost: First 2 lines, \$15.00 each

Each subsequent line, \$10.00

See Diane Lloyd for application blanks.



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| Diane Lloyd | 615-9182 |
| Vice President/ | |
| Voter Service | |
| Phyllis Albrecht | 234-7062 |
| Vice President/ | |
| Membership | |
| Judy Grisamore | 234-3510 |
| Secretary | |
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| Alice Sievert | 234-4133 |
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| Finance | |
| Char Kreuz | 295-3427 |
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| Sue Engelhart | 234-1761 |
| National/State Program | |
| Susan Kessler | 615-7064 |
| Newsletter | |
| Peg Hafner | 234-3525 |
| Ann Hollis | 295-2463 |
| Program | |
| Cindy Morehead | 234-4990 |
| Susan Garrett | 295-4001 |
| Tax Reform/ | |
| School Finance | |
| Lorraine Bach | 295-3210 |
| Voter Registration | |
| Ginni Magda | 295-6892 |
| LWV-Lake County | |
| Board Liaison | |
| Peg Hafner | 234-3525 |



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At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

1996 LWV/LF-LB ANNUAL MEETING

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

1996 Annual Meeting

April 10, 1996 - 6:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner
at the home of Judy Grisamore
410 E. Onwentsia Road, Lake Forest

Elect Officers
Adopt 1996-1997 Program Budget
Make Program Decisions for 1996-1997

Reservations to Cynthia Morehead (295 6470) by April 8
(Tel) Cynthia what dish you plan to bring or pay \$6 at the door

STATE LEAGUE UPDATE

TASK FORCE ON SENIOR CARE

Consider joining the committee by calling Jeanne Zimmer of the Evanston LWV who will chair the Task Force.

POSITION AVAILABLE -- LOBBYIST

The LWVIL Lobbyist for the past three years has accepted a full-time job so the position is now open. The responsibilities include maintaining a League presence in the capitol and communicating the League's position to legislators. For further information please contact Diane Lloyd or Susan Kessler.

ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT REVISED

Our local league has two copies of the "GUIDE TO THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT" prepared by the Illinois Attorney General's office. The Guide reflects major revisions made to the Act in 1994 and amendments passed in 1995. All earlier editions of the Guide should be disposed of because they are out of date. All governing bodies should be aware of the need to comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Boards, commissions, etc. should be urged to request copies of the Guide from the Attorney General's office. Please contact Diane Lloyd or Susan Kessler for further information.



Membership Form

YES, I want to be a part of helping informed citizens make a difference in government.

Here's my check for an individual membership in the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. My dues are enclosed.

Patron (\$100.00) _____ Senior (\$40.00) _____
Sustaining Membership (\$50.00) _____
Regular Membership (\$45.00) _____

In addition to my membership dues, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the League.

I can't join right now, but I'm enclosing \$_____ to support the work of the League.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

Please send this form to: League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, 410 E. Onwentsia Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Membership dues are not tax-deductible. For information, call 234-3510.

TIME FOR ACTION . . .



THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ILLINOIS

TIME FOR ACTION

To: Presidents, Natural Resources and Action Chairs
 From: Rosemary Ashworth, Natural Resources Specialist, 708/279-8726
 Date: January 15, 1996

ACTION NEEDED TO SUPPORT REPEAL OF RETAIL RATE LAW

Who Should Act: Your League and members as individuals

When: Immediately

Action Needed: Contact Governor Edgar and urge him to sign HB 1523 as passed and presented by the General Assembly

The Hon. Jim Edgar, Governor
 State House
 Springfield, IL 62706
 PHONE: 1-800-642-3112
 FAX: 1-217-524-1678, Attn.: Erica Mair

Why: The League has long worked for the repeal of the Retail Rate Law and is pleased to report that on January 11, 1996, HB 1523 was passed by both the Illinois House and Senate. It is now awaiting Governor Edgar's signature. However, incinerator lobbyists and some aides to the governor are urging Governor Edgar to use his amendatory veto to continue the retail rate subsidy for incinerator projects where "investors have put up money, started building or received some level of approval for their projects." The League opposes special exemptions and believes HB 1523 should be signed with no changes.

Background: The Retail Rate Law was passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 1988 to promote "waste-to-energy" technology as an alternative to landfills by subsidizing the sale of electrical power generated by incinerators. As a result of such subsidies, incinerator projects that would otherwise not be economically viable are very lucrative. Illinois communities are currently faced with over 20 new incinerator proposals from out-of-state companies. These could cost Illinois taxpayers \$10 billion over the next twenty years.

In addition to the financial treat, the Retail Rate Law poses a health threat. Incinerators spew toxic chemicals into the air, such as dioxin and furans which have been linked to cancer, birth defects, and reproductive, developmental and neurological damage. The ash left over from the incineration process must be handled as hazardous waste.

Also threatened are the "reduce, reuse, recycle" components of the waste management hierarchy because the Retail Rate Law promotes incineration at the expense of competing waste reduction and recycling methods which do not receive the same subsidies. Success with waste reduction and recycling is reducing our waste stream and the need for additional landfill space.



MORE ACTION NEEDED . . .

CITIZENS ACCESS TO POLLS PROJECT (CAP PROJECT)

From Suzanne B. Calder, LWVL president, and Mary-Lou Agaard, Elections Law Specialist, we have the good news that the Joyce Foundation will underwrite expenses for the CAP Project for the March Primary election. The goal of the project is to increase the awareness of the problems inherent in Illinois two-tier voter registration system.

Neil Richardson has been hired as the CAP project coordinator (312/939-5935, ext. 31). Neil's first assignment is to survey county clerks to determine how they plan to administer the two-tier system and what additional preparation they will undertake to train election judges. Other potential CAP project activities may include (but are not limited to) poll-watching, an 800 number, press releases and conferences.

Since it is now too late to register for the primary election, the second step of the CAP Project will be to alert the media and public to flaws in the registration system and to mobilize a demand for change. The third component of the project is poll watching on primary election day. With each of us doing a little bit we can make a big difference in Illinois! CALL Neil with questions or suggestions

COLLAR COUNTIES COUNCIL FOR CHOICE (4 C's)

State Representative Rosemary Mulligan was the featured speaker at the January 30 meeting of this new Council. Our League and Leagues throughout the collar counties attended with members of the AAUW, Planned Parenthood, NOW, the ACLU, several main line churches and other interested groups. The Council is a network of independent organizations located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties which cooperate to raise the visibility, increase the effectiveness and further mobilize the pro-choice community.

Our League is looking for a representative to attend the quarterly meetings of the Council and report back to our board and membership. Each meeting includes an information update and a training/strategy session. At the last meeting, the strategy session involved brainstorming on responses to the tactics of the religious right.

The next meeting is April 9 at the College of DuPage. Call a board member if you are interested. Carpool possibilities are available.

COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

Lorraine Bach and Diane Lloyd attended the January meeting of the Coalition which focuses on "Fair Funding for School Kids."

Although Illinois is the 9th wealthiest state in the nation, we rank 49th in our level of state revenue allotted for school funding. Illinois spends 32% of its total state revenue on education. The average state revenue received by school districts per pupil in Illinois- for the 1994-95 school year was \$4,621.00.

In Lake County, the state and local per pupil revenue for the 1994-95 school year ranged from a high in Rondout High School District #72 of \$14,682 to a low in Galesburg CC School District #83,240.

The Coalition's goal is for Illinois to adopt an education funding system built around several principles:

- that the state, not the local school district, is responsible for the quality of our children's education;
- that the state must ensure that every child, regardless of need, has a fair chance to receive a high quality education;
- that Illinois needs a fairer, more progressive tax system;
- that the state should provide the majority of funding for public education;
- that equity should not be achieved at the expense of adequacy i.e. reform should 'level up' the educational opportunities available to every child in the state; and
- that adequately funded schools should be held accountable to provide effective and high quality education.



LWVUS CONVENTION 1996 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LWVUS National Convention 1996 Chicago Hilton Hotel VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Indulge Yourself - Have Fun !

Meet people from all over the USA

Work different days - different hours! You get to choose. There are various needs requiring different skills.

- Hospitality:** greet delegates and guests, assist with information and directions
- Registration:** staff registration tables, distribute materials and badges
- Information:** staff info and tours desk, provide information to delegates and guests
- Credentials:** prepare official daily attendance reports, certify voting eligibility of delegates
- Election:** process vote cards and counts, record results
- Floor:** door keepers, ushers, pages, timekeepers, microphone
- Dine Around:** staff info / registration desk
- Convention Office and Pressroom:** assist LWVUS staff

Come to convention! By volunteering, you can attend a plenary session at no charge the day you work. You will be called for personal scheduling.

Convention Volunteer Form

Name _____

Address _____

City St. Zip _____

Ph: Day (____) _____ PM (____) _____

League _____

Return by May 1 to:

Sallie Hamm
1055 Oak Spring Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

(847) 362-6993



DINE AROUND

Sunday, June 9

Starting 6:30 pm

Would you like to eat in one of Chicago's fine restaurants, enjoy great conversation and company too? THEN BEING A DINE AROUND ESCORT IS FOR YOU !!

You will have the pleasure of escorting a small group of convention delegates from the Chicago Hilton & Towers to a restaurant where reservations have been prearranged by the Dine Around Committee.

A wide variety of food, dining styles, and price ranges will be represented by the restaurants chosen.

This is a "Dutch Treat" event. Each participant is responsible for the cost of her/his own meal and transportation.

Volunteer RIGHT NOW by filling out the **DINE AROUND ESCORT FORM** ! We will contact you to confirm details.

Dine Around Escort Form

Name _____

Address _____

City St. Zip _____

Ph: Day (____) _____ PM (____) _____

League _____

Return by May 1 to:

Grace Arthur
665 Tahoe Trail
Palatine, IL 60067

Questions? Call: (847) 934-0622 Grace Arthur
(847) 358-2243 Toni Vargo
Fax: (847) 358-2283

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| IL GOVERNMENT 101: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR |
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ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT 101: A COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

*a program of the League of Women Voters of Illinois
co-sponsored by the Chicago Foundation for Women*

WHAT: A day-long workshop designed to help Chicago-area women and men launch effective citizen action on issues of neighborhood, community or statewide concern. In interactive sessions, lobbyists, League members and others will share their expertise in community organizing, lobbying, communications, coalition building, and much, much more.

WHEN: March 23, 1995 10 am - 3 pm

WHERE: The Eleanor Foundation & Residence
1550 N. Dearborn (at North Ave.) Chicago

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: League Members & Friends
Community and Neighborhood Leaders
Nonprofit Agency Board and Staff Members
Concerned Citizens and Voters
Teachers and Students

Everyone who cares about their community --from experienced activists to novices in the public policy arena --will gain new advocacy skills and forge stronger networks.

HOW MUCH: \$25.00 (includes morning coffee, lunch, and seminar packet)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9 a.m. Registration, coffee and networking:
Participants are invited to bring literature from their organizations.
- 10 a.m. Government 101: What They Didn't Teach You in High School Civics.
- 11 a.m. Workshops:
- * Coalition Building/Networking
 - * Developing Strategy: Understanding the State Legislative Process
 - * Making Your Voice Heard: Effective Public & Media Relations
 - * Finding Your Way Through the Maze: Access to Information
 - * Who Says You Can't Fight City Hall: A Guide to Action at the Local Level
- 12 noon Lunch
Success Stories: How Three Community Leaders Effectuated Change
- 2 p.m. Workshops (repeat)
- 3 p.m. Refreshments & Networking

This program has been generously underwritten by the Chicago Foundation for Women

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Lake County Medical Society Seeks Interns

Because of the League's interest in health care, we have been invited to send a representative to a mini-internship program sponsored by the Lake County Medical Society on April 1 and 2. Each intern is assigned to several different physicians -- from primary care, surgery, emergency medicine, and other specialties. The intern will spend half a day accompanying each physician. The internship program has been available since 1989 and has included a broad range of community leaders including legislators, educators, and members of the business community, all of whom share an interest in health care costs, quality and access to care. If you are interested, please call Diane for further details.



HEAR JEANNE SIMON WITH OTHER LEAGUERS . . .

The 3rd Annual North Shore Leagues Woman's History Month Luncheon

When: Saturday, March 16, 11:30 to 1:30

Lunch at 12:00, Speech at 1:00

Who: Jeanne Simon will speak about the
"Reflections on Being a Part of the Political Scene"

What: Lunch of grilled chicken and asparagus
over penne pasta*

How Much: Cost \$18

Where: Hackney's on Lake
1514 Lake Avenue, Glenview

Questions can be answered at 866-7844

Given by: The Leagues of Women Voters in
Evanston, Glenview, Glencoe, Morton Grove / Niles, Park
Ridge, Wilmette, Winnetka / Kenilworth / Northfield

*If you have diet restrictions call Barbara Marsh at 729-7493

RSVP by March 9

Name _____
Phone _____
Number of guests _____ x\$18.00 = _____
Names of guests _____

Make checks
out to:
LWV Illinois
Education Fund

Mail to: Evanston LWV
2100 Ridge Road Suite 2650
Evanston IL 60201

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| Dates to Remember . . . |
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February 27 Candidates Forum, Gorton Community Center, 7:00 p.m.



March 16 Woman's History Month Luncheon, Glenview, 11:30 a.m.

March 19 Election Day

March 23 Illinois Government Leadership Seminar, Chicago. 10:00 a.m.

March 30 Capitol Steps Fundraiser at Centre East, Skokie, 8:00 p.m.



April 1, 2 Lake County Medical Society Mini-Internship Program

April 9 Collar Counties Council for Choice Update, College of DuPage

April 10 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting and Pot Luck, Judy Grisamore's, 6:30 p.m.

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Welcome New Members

Mary Claire Briggs

120 Oak Terrace, Lake Bluff

Sherry R. Fischer

1054 Mt. Vernon Ave., Lake Forest

Peg Hedding

611 S. Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest

Liese C. Kant

1633 S. Oak Knoll Dr., Lake Forest

Patricia Loftus

1021 S. Mar Lane Drive, Lake Forest

Mary Lane C. Mathews

317 E. Wisconsin Ave., Lake Forest

Carol L. Russ

23 Oak Terrace, Lake Bluff

Call to Registrars

Deputy Registrars will be needed this summer to register voters:

4th of July,
Artesian Park, Lake Bluff
&

Labor Day Weekend
Market Square, Lake Forest
Deerpath Art League Art Fair

Call Char Kreuz, Voter Registration
Chair, (295-3427), to help.

Could YOU Balance the Federal Budget?



Find out when you play . . .

DEBTBUSTERS 2000

Saturday, June 29th
7:00 pm

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
at the home of Diane Lloyd
500 College Road, Lake Forest

\$10.00 per person plus an hors d'oeuvre for 8

. . . a two hour role-playing exercise that simulates a meeting of the House and Senate Budget Committees. As a member of Congress facing a strict timetable, your challenge is to balance the budget without offending too many of your constituents, since you will be facing re-election in a few short weeks. How you balance the demands of special interests and constituent pressures will determine your success. (Sponsored by the Concord Coalition of Illinois)

Bring a spouse or a friend and join your fellow League members for an evening that promises to be stimulating and fun!

RSVP by June 20th to Elaine Slayton at 295-0275 or
send checks (made out to LWV-LFLB) to
Elaine at 811 Larchmont Lane, Lake Forest, 60045.
There's a limit on the number of players so HURRY!



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| Susan Garrett | 295-4001 |
| Vice President/ Voter Service | |
| Anne Csar | 234-4231 |
| Mary Claire Briggs | 615-8661 |
| Vice President/ Membership | |
| Judy Grisamore | 234-3510 |
| Secretary | |
| Eleanor Knight | 295-2542 |
| Treasurer | |
| Ann Hollis | 295-2463 |

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| Cable Coordinator | |
| Lorraine Bach | 295-3210 |
| Hospitality | |
| Sue Engelhart | 234-1761 |
| Arlene Loepp | 615-1535 |
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| Membership Development | |
| Diane Lloyd | 615-9182 |
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| Ann Hollis | 295-2463 |
| Program | |
| Elaine Slayton | 295-0275 |
| Voter Registration | |
| Char Kreuz | 295-3427 |



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President's Message

Being elected President of the League is an honor and a distinction of which I am proud. Like League presidents before me, I will work to ensure that our organization continues to carry out its mission: encouraging informed and active participation in government. With that objective in mind, I am confident we will continue the League's long-standing tradition of providing valuable programs to the communities of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

1996 - 1997 will certainly be an exciting year. National elections seem to bring out more interest in all aspects of government. Our Program Chair Elaine Slayton has already outlined some interesting programs. (See page six for our tentative program calendar). Anne Csar, Voter Service Chair, is working to set-up candidate forums. We have also scheduled the following fund raising activities: "Debtbusters" on June 29th, our December Holiday Luncheon featuring book reviewer Barbara Finella's presentation of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, and a cocktail party at the home of Pru Beidler celebrating George Washington's birthday - all great ways to toast the electoral process!

On behalf of everyone on the board, we hope to see you often during the next year. If you have any additional ideas or input, please call me a 295-4001. Thank you to all members for your continued interest and support of the League.

Susan Garrett

Thanks - To Our Out-going Officers & Directors

What a wonderful past two years our League has had. To those leaving the board: Alice Sievert, Susan Kessler, Cindy Morehead, and Ginni Magda; many thanks.

And to Diane Lloyd, a hard act to follow - the 75th Anniversary Year would not have been the same without your drive and leadership. On pages three and four are Diane's report of her term of office. Truly a job well done.

Schedule of LWV-LF/LB Board Meetings

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| June 5 | 11:30 a.m. | January 8 | 7:30 p.m. |
| July 10 | 7:30 p.m. | February 5 | 11:30 a.m. |
| September 4 | 11:30 a.m. | March 5 | 7:30 p.m. |
| October 2 | 7:30 p.m. | April 9 | 11:30 a.m. |
| November 6 | 11:30 a.m. | | |

All meetings are at Gorton Community Center. 11:30 a.m. meetings are brown bag affairs. If a December meeting is necessary, it will be held prior to the Holiday Luncheon tentatively scheduled for December 9 or 11. Please remember to call Susan Garrett if you cannot attend meetings.

Good News for Informed Citizen Participation

At the May 6th meeting of the Lake Forest City Council, retiring Mayor Rhett Butler announced a gift to the city of \$45,000.00 from the Butler Family Foundation. This money is to be used to purchase video equipment to ensure continued cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council Meetings and also of some board and commission meetings in the newly renovated City Hall.

Thanks to any of you who may have communicated your interest in cablecast meetings to the city and special thanks from all to the Butler family.

1994-1996 Biennial Report - LWV of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

It was a busy two years. The following is a brief summary of our league's activities in the past biennium. Many thanks to an active and dedicated board and to all of our members whose continued support and encouragement make it all happen. With your League membership and support, the League has accomplished much. Thank you!

We welcomed 45 new members (19 in 1994-95 and 26 in 1995-96)

Programs 1994-95

- September 14: **Illinois Issues** (Fall Membership Luncheon); State Representative Virginia Frederick
- October 6: **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling in Lake County**; Mark Loughmiller, Recycling Coordinator, SWALCO
- October 22: **The League Walks with Lake Bluff Open Lands**, Carolyn Goezt, President, LBOLA
- October 25: **Leaf burning**, Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Max Slankard, Lake Forest Assistant to the City Manager
- November 3: **Teens At Risk**, Dorothy Chantler, LFHS counselor; Youth Officers Fahy and Hughes, LFPD; Dr. Neil Mahoney, psychiatrist, Lake Forest Hospital
- November 29: **Gun Control**, Barb Lippai, gun control specialist, LWVIL
- December 8: **Celebrating the 75th**
Eleanor Revelle, former president, LWVIL and current board member LWVUS
- February 13: **Tea with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt**, Suzanne Hales, dramatist
- March 8: **The Task of School Funding**, joint meeting with AAUW, Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District; Harry Griffith, Supt, LF D67; Robert Rolek, Pres, D65 School Board
- May 6: **Women's Emancipation Through Fashion** with Nancy Allen, a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of a Woman's Right to Vote

Programs 1995-96

- July: **State Issues Update**, Illinois State Rep. Thomas Lachner, brown bag lunch
- August 24: **Reception for Women in Government** with Northern Trust Bank
- September 6: **Joint Community Update**, cablecast, LF City Manager Bob Kiely and LB Village Administrator Kent Street
- September 14: **Fall Membership Luncheon**, no program
- September 19: **Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest** (brown bag), cablecast, Chuck Crook, LF Director of Community Development, Abigail Fassnacht, LF Alderman, Corinne Wood, LF Plan Commissioner
- September 22: **Knollwood Annexation Update for Leaguers**, breakfast meeting
- September 26: **Parliamentary Procedure Workshop**, Mary Lou Aagard, LWVIL election specialist
- October 5: **How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures**, M. David Cain, LF Caucus President; Glen Alexander, LB School Caucus President, Richard Ernest, LF Alderman; Doug Schuetz, LB Village Trustee; cablecast
- October 19: **Knollwood Annexation Public Meeting** Lake Bluff Village Trustees and Attorney; moderated by Lake Forest Leaguer Melanie Rummel
- November 14: **Addressing the Needs of Our Teens**, Mary Ann Pekarek, LF Alderman; Camille Wilson, president LFHS Student Council; Kamy Daddano, Director, Croya; Cheryl Derman, Director LEAD; James Warfield, Director Pupil Personnel, LFHS; Mary Carolyn Embry, Guidance Counselor, LB Middle School; Robert Boone, Chief of Police, LF
- December 13: **Women Won the Vote!** Annette Kolasinski as Alice Paul, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt
- January 31: **Deputy Registrar Training**, our League was regional host
- February 27: **Preventing Violence in the Lives of Women and Children** (brown bag), Detective Portia Wallace, Lake County Sheriff's Department
- March 30: **Capitol Steps**, Centre East, Skokie
- May 8: **Alternative Sentencing Workshop**, Judge Ray McKoski

1994-1996 Biennial Report - LWV of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Voter service: October 19, 1994 State Representative
 February 22, 1995 Village and Park Board, Lake Bluff
 October 12, 1995 District 67 School Board, Lake Forest
 February 27, 1996 Primary, Lake County Board, 16th District; Illinois State Senate,
 30th District
 voter registration at Deerpath Art Fair, Lake Forest High School, both years
 3 new deputy registrars trained, 1994-95
 5 new deputy registrars trained, 1995-96

Studies: leaf burning
 local nominating procedures (the caucuses)

Local action:
 supported the LBOA plan for the Skokie River Preserve and Trail in Lake Bluff
 supported cablecasting Lake Forest and Lake Bluff School Board and Lake Forest Council meetings
 responded to public notice re Newell's Reserve development, Lake Forest re wetlands concerns
 active on open lands and environmental issues related to Newell's Reserve and Fort Sheridan

Other: prepared new nonpartisanship policy
 published two preschool and child care directories
 recruited funding, supplies and volunteers for the Lake County Kids First Fair
 sent representatives to Kids First Fair, moderator training, conflict resolution workshop, United Way
 conference, legislative seminar, Illinois Voter project, Lake County League Board meetings,
 Collar Counties Council for Choice
 responded to all state and national calls for action; conducted legislative interview with State
 Representative, Tom Lachner
 maintained a bridge club and, with AAUW, a Great Decisions foreign affairs study group

Awards: Best League Fundraiser in Illinois for May Suffrage Celebration, LWVIL Convention
 Largest League Membership Increase, LWVIL Convention
 Most Professional League Newsletter, LWVIL Convention
 Third place, Lake Forest Day Parade

75th Anniversary activities

Village of Lake Bluff and City of Lake Forest appointed LWV to lead a community celebration of the
 suffrage anniversary

arranged for local organizations to honor "Women Who Make A Difference" at a community celebration of
 the suffrage anniversary

collected organizational histories from local women's organizations - to be published

prepared displays on woman suffrage with support from District 67

Honored women in government at a reception at Northern Trust Bank; researched and printed a list of women
 in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff who have served in elected positions

organized: Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt in February on League's birthday
 Award-winning luncheon and fashion show "Women's Emancipation Through Fashion" in May
 Suffrage parade entries for 4th of July and Lake Forest Day
 Tea with Suffragists in Glencoe on August 26

Kids 1st Health Fair Volunteer Opportunities

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, August 7, is the date of our fourth Kids 1st Health Fair! The Fair, coordinated with the Lake County Health Department, serves the back-to-school needs of low income families throughout the county.

Mandatory school physicals for children entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grade; high school sports physicals; immunizations; and a variety of health screenings are provided free of charge to qualifying families. Backpacks, filled with necessary supplies to start the year off right, will again be given to school age children - pre-schoolers will receive totes and the our youngest participants will get an age appropriate toy!

To serve the 2,000 children who attend the FAIR requires the coordinated efforts of a large cadre of concerned volunteers! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at and before the FAIR:

- Starting July 8 we will pack 3,000 backpacks and totes with the greatly appreciated and needed school supplies. We'll be packing everyday until the job is done (2 to 3 weeks) at Waukegan High School East - tentative times, 9 am to 2 pm. This is another volunteer opportunity where kids or groups can participate. Call Bonnie Bates (374-8918) or Ellen Shown (374-1803) for information and directions!

- You can also contact your favorite nurse, dentist and doctor and ask them to volunteer their time. We need to provide 500 school physicals, 1,000 immunizations and 1,200 dental screenings during the 10 hours the FAIR is open! We are asking for three volunteer hours from these medical volunteers... ask someone you know!

- On the day of the FAIR, we will need volunteers to perform a variety of tasks. There will be three



shifts throughout the day - 7:45 to 12:30, 12:15 to 4, and 3:45 to 7:30. Please call our volunteer coordinators Patti Pihl at 382-1788; Kathy Dorn at 362-0897 or Marlie Rand at 680-9770.

- Are you fluent in Spanish? Do you know someone who is bilingual? We need them! Half of the participants at the FAIR are Hispanic and many will need language assistance. Call Patti, Kathy or Marlie!

Illinois Students Vote

Student/Parent Mock Election, to increase students' political awareness and to encourage parents to vote on November 5th. The students will hold their "mock election" one week earlier, on **October 30th**.

Activities are focused on future voters who will make up a new generation of voting adults within a few years.

Students in grades K-12 and their parents are eligible to participate. Involving students in a hands-on project like the Mock Election is a valuable teaching tool to increase understanding of the election process. Parents who, along with their children, get excited about the issues and candidates are more likely to vote.

The process is simple. Interested schools register to participate in the program and receive curriculum suggestions and activities. Discussion

of issues and a variety of activities designed to learn about the electoral process lead up to Mock Election Day, October 30. Students and parents cast their votes and await the results broadcast from State and National Election Central Headquarters. CNN will broadcast the national results.

So far, Lake Forest High School and District 65 schools have indicated interest in the project. Over the summer plans will be made to make the election a reality for the students of our community.

If you like to be a part of what *Time* magazine has called "the largest voter education project ever," contact Ann Hollis (295-2463) in late August when plans will be more definite for our area elections.



The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund is the coordinator for Illinois Students Vote, a statewide education project for future voters. Honorary Illinois co-chairs for this project are Governor Jim Edgar and Senator Paul Simon.

Illinois Students Vote is part of a national program, the National

Dates to Remember . . . 96-97 Tentative Program

- June 8-11 42nd National Convention, League of Women Voters of the US, Chicago
 June 29 "DEBTBUSTERS" Evening Social at Diane Lloyd's. (Reservations by June 20th)
 July 4 Voter Registration at Artesian Park, Lake Bluff
 August 7 Kids 1st Health Fair, Waukegan West High School
 Labor Day Weekend Voter Registration at Deerpath Art League Art Fair, Lake Forest
 September 18 Review of Illinois Academic Assessment Stands, 7:30 p.m., Northern Trust Bank, Waukegan Rd., LF
 September 26 Brown Bag info-session: Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election), 11:30 a.m., Gorton
 October 9 New Member Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's
 Candidates Forums (TBA - 2nd or 3rd week in October)
 October 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools
 November Campaign Finance with Grace Mary Stern and Virginia Fiester Frederick (TBA)
 December 9 or 11 Holiday Luncheon with Barbara Rinella's book review of First Ladies by Margaret Truman
 January 15 Township Government Panel Discussion
 February 22 George Washington's Cocktail Party at Pru Beidler's
 March 12 County Board Panel Discussion
 April 23 City and Village Administrators on balance between environment & development
 May 7 ANNUAL MEETING



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September Program:

Illinois Academic Standards Presentation

Ed Gorwa, Regional Superintendent of Schools
Roycealee Wood, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Gerry Van Pelt, Director of Educational Services

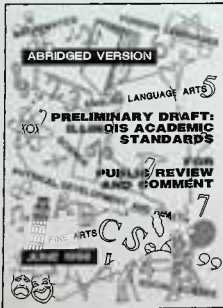
Wednesday, September 25, 1996
7:30 p.m.

Baggett Room, Deer Path Elementary School
95 W. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest

co-sponsored by School Districts 65, 67, 145
and Delta Kappa Gamma

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Improving the quality of public education must be a shared priority. Ensuring that our children acquire the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in their education, career and community life requires a joint effort of educators and school board members, as well as business, community and civic representatives.

In order for such cooperation to take place, the intended results of schooling must be defined and communicated in ways that all participants can understand and use.

The presenters will review the contents of the *Preliminary Draft: Illinois Academic Standards for Public Review and Comment* which proposes the essential academic knowledge and skills all students should learn as a result of their public education. When this document is finalized, it will serve as a guide to help our children acquire the essential learning. It will also serve as a basis for communicating the expected results of Illinois schooling to our residents and the rest of the nation.

Please make time to hear the review of this work in progress. Become an active participant in the ongoing process of developing a set of academic standards that will focus the work of schools as they prepare our children for the future.



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines

President's Message

Dear League Members:

Our League has clearly demonstrated its strength and vitality, both on the national level and on the local community level. In June, Judy Grisamore and I represented our League at the League Of Women Voters of the United States 42nd National Convention held in Chicago. (See page 6 for a summary). The convention established direction for the League for the next two years. After much debate, we as delegates voted to support the broad theme, "Making Democracy Work."

Making Democracy Work has specific and timely meaning for our League. Initially the national theme was to be "Initiative to Renew Democracy." When the delegates decided they didn't like this wording, Judy and I proposed Making Democracy Work. It was one of three final themes and delegates voted to accept it as the new theme to characterize the national program.

The program, Making Democracy Work has already been "put to work" at a local level. Recently the League was asked to assist the Village of Lake Bluff in collecting 350 signatures of Lake Bluff registered voters. These signatures would ensure that the Knollwood annexation issue would be placed on the ballot as an advisory referendum November 5th. By adhering to the democratic process, those who are either for or against annexing Knollwood into Lake Bluff will have an opportunity to cast a ballot and vote on this issue.

Since 1982, the League has taken a position in support of the annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. We have continued to endorse that position over the years, based on zoning issues and a sharing of schools and parks by both communities.

However, as a board we wanted to be updated. We invited John Kallsas to provide background information at a special meeting. After a review of the annexation history, and discussion on the current role of the League, we agreed we would continue to support annexation, based on reasons for establishing our original position in 1982. We have yet to determine whether the financial impact estimates or details of the special service district plan should influence our future support of annexation.

Each League member was sent an update on Knollwood annexation which listed the steps we will be taking. We will hold an informational meeting in October and call a membership meeting to assess our annexation position. The date for this membership meeting will be set as soon as the date for the informational meeting has been established. We welcome all support and assistance. If you are interested, please give me a call.

As you can see, our program schedule is full. Candidate forums have been agreed upon, and as an organization we are intent on reaching out in ways that will benefit our communities, always striving to make democracy work! Please review our program schedule and mark your calendar for at least one event. Our strength and vitality, nationally and locally, is a reflection of our membership. The entire board thanks you for your support and participation.

1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Financial Audit Report

I have examined the bank records of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff as of April 10, 1996 and find them to be in agreement with the Treasurer's records and reports. I have also audited the accounts payable and find everything to be properly documented and in good order. The bank balance as of 4/10/96 is \$4,162.49.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Anne Sorsen

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK - Help Register Voters !!!

Deputy Registrar Training:

Two training sessions for deputy registrars have been scheduled for early September. After completing one of these hour-long sessions led by the county clerk's office you can register voters through the League. Call Diane Lloyd, LWV Lake County Voter Service Chair (615-9182) if you can attend either session:

Thursday, September 5, 10:00 a.m.
County Building, Board Office
18 N. County Street, Waukegan

Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.
Gorton Community Center, Green Room
400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest

Voter Registration Dates:

Registrars are being scheduled for the following dates for Voter Registration. Many hands are needed to cover this busy pre-presidential election time. If you are a deputy registrar, please call Char Kreuz, Voter Registration chair (295-3427), to indicate your availability.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER VOTERS: OCTOBER 8, 1996

Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2
Annual Art Fair sponsored by Deer Path Art League
Market Square, Lake Forest
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14
Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale
Market Square, Lake Forest
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, September 27
Lake Bluff Farmers' Market
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28
Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale
Market Square, Lake Forest
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 28
Lake Forest Public Library
360 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 29
Lake Forest Public Library
60 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, October 4
Lake Bluff Farmers' Market
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Illinois Students Vote Mock Election October 30, 1996

As of mid-August 1200 schools have registered to participate in the *Illinois Students Vote* Student Mock Election. These schools will be receiving two resource guides, "How to Do It Guide" from Macmillan/McGraw-Hill and "Guide to the Issues" from Time Magazine, to assist classroom teachers with materials and teaching activity suggestions related to the 1996 General Election. The LWVIL will be sending packets of teaching materials developed for participating Illinois schools to further assist teachers.

On October 30 each school will be responsible for calling or faxing the results of that school's election vote to a central election site. Those totals will be forwarded to CNN which will report results by 7:00 p.m. EST. Local Leagues are asked to serve as facilitators for participating schools in terms providing resources, assisting with the actual mock election, and providing incentives for children to more fully participate in the democratic process.

We are finalizing our local plans and will be encouraging all schools in our area to participate in a mock election (There are others being offered. The advantage to this one is there is no cost to the school to participate in a nationwide vote.) Lake Forest High School, Lake Bluff Central Elementary, Lake Bluff Middle School, St. Mary's, and Lake Forest Country Day School have indicated interest in this activity.

If you are the parent of a school age child, please encourage your school to include this activity in the school's curriculum. We will be sharing our plans at a Brown Bag Info-Session at Gorton on September 19 at 11:30 a.m. Our primary focus will be to facilitate the actual vote on October 30th and will need mentors in the schools. Please plan to attend and help. For more information, call Ann Hollis (295-2463).

Candidates Forums



Voter service co-chairs Anne Csar and Mary Claire Briggs have been busy this summer trying to schedule Candidates Forums for contested local and state offices. Information will be sent to League members (either by mail or in the next newsletter) when the dates are finalized. League volunteers will be needed as ushers, time keepers and question screeners. Please call Anne or Mary Claire to help.

The LWVIL is responsible for scheduling the Candidates Forum for the office of U.S. Senator. If able to be scheduled, information of the forum will also be forthcoming.



Moderator Training Workshop

A two-hour Moderator training workshop is scheduled at the LWVIL office on Saturday, September 7, 1996. Marilyn Schell will be the presenter and will cover procedures and techniques to enable persons to feel confident in the role of moderator. This training will help you if you are asked to moderate a candidates forum or present issues or debates for other organizations to which you might belong.

The cost will be \$10.00 for League members and \$20 for the general public. To register for the training, mail your check to the LWVIL office at 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604.

Election Day Positions: Represent the League

For the past two elections our League members have served on election day and donated their pay for the day to the League treasury. Its a great deal: making democracy work and building our financial base.

The Lake County Clerk's office is seeking approximately 250 individuals to work at the Tuesday, November 5, 1996 General Primary Election. According to Lake County Clerk Willard R. Helander voter turnout for the presidential election is historically very high and a very large team to administer the many election day duties is needed.

If you can do any of these jobs, contact the County Clerk's office at 360-5827. Please have your name, address, telephone number, and social security number available and tell them you are representing the Lake Forest - Lake Bluff League.

For those positions where individuals must provide their own transportation, mileage will be reimbursed at 30 cents per mile. The County Clerk's office will train election day workers in mid September. Positions available are:

Field Representatives visit polling places in assigned areas to ensure that each is set up and functioning properly, check voting booths for tampering, address electioneering concerns, answer questions from election judges and make repairs to voting equipment. Field Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 5:30 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m.

Unvoted Absentee Representatives pick up unvoted absentee ballot materials at off-site voting locations and return them to the County Clerk's office. The Clerk's office provides a mini-van. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to early-afternoon.

Voted Absentee Representatives deliver voted absentee ballots to the polling places. Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 12:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Point Representatives pick up voted ballots at collection stations throughout Lake County and deliver them to the County building. The Clerk's office provides a van. Hours: 6:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Collection Station Workers verify that all election materials have been returned, confirm that reconciliation is complete, transfer and seal the good voted ballots for tabulation at the County Building. Hours: 7:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Representatives help election judges with "after the poll's close" reconciliation. Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Election Results Workers answer telephones and provide election results to the public. Hours: 7:00 p.m. to approximately 1:00 a.m.

Membership Information and Opportunities

Welcome New Members

Ann Brennan
331 W. Prospect, Lake Bluff

Nancy J. Hansen
1005 Quassey Ave., Lake Bluff

Catherine M. Lyczko
1007 Plalster Ave., Lake Bluff

Donna Marie Ryckman
12971 W. Sanctuary Ct., Lake Bluff

Kathleen A. Stevenson
1020 Beverly Place, Lake Forest



1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters will be in the mail soon. Please renew your membership as soon as possible and save time and anguish for your overworked and underpaid board. Be as generous as you can.*

*A note from the treasurer: Your dues are not tax deductible. We encourage you to be a sustaining member or a patron of the League by giving an additional amount with your dues payment.

This donation to the League can be tax deductible if you make out a separate check to the LWVIL Education Fund.

Know Someone Who Should Be In The League?

A presidential election year is an extremely active and visible one for the League and an excellent time to recruit new members.

Our League has won awards during the past two years as one of the most active and fastest growing in Illinois and the nation!

Send (or call in) the names of your friends so we can send them an invitation to our October 9th Membership Luncheon at Susan Garrett's home at 11:30 a.m.

Put it on your calendar, too. Details to come.

Great Decisions . . .

What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

When: 2nd Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3, Lake Forest

Questions? Betty Buker (234-4509)

Great Decisions is an interest group, sponsored jointly by AAUW and LWV of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, to discuss the topics of the Foreign Policy Association study guide. Topics to be read and discussed are:

September 12: What Future Role for NATO?

October 10: Failing Nations: What U.S. Response?

After October an interval will occur until February when the study guide for 1997 will be available and the meetings will resume.

Bridge Anyone?

Anyone interested in playing with the League bridge group, please contact Margie Clincy at 234-0624. The bridge meets on the 1st Monday of the month and dues are \$20.00 per year.

If you like cards, this is a way you can support the work of the League since proceeds from this group are given to the us.



LWVUS 42nd National Convention Summary



LWV-LF/LB delegates: President Susan Garrett and Vice President/Membership Judy Grisamore

Phyllis Albrecht, LWV-LF/LB member served on the Local Arrangements Committee as Hospitality chair. Other League members served as committee volunteers who helped make the convention a terrific success.

The League culminated its 75th anniversary celebration, taking pride and passion from the past to build a stronger future. The prelude to convention '96 was the arrival of the Victory Train from St. Louis on Friday evening, carrying more than 150 League members on a journey reminiscent of that taken by the suffragists in 1920. The traditional Roll Call of States untraditionally, but fittingly, departed from alphabetical order. State League leaders approached the podium in the order in which their states ratified the 19th amendment with Illinois leading off the parade.

THIS COUNTRY NEEDS WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

On the second day of Convention '96, LWVUS President Becky Cain told those assembled, "Right now, this country needs what we have to offer: concern for the public interest, grassroots membership, expertise in citizen involvement. Are we ready to make the commitment?"

On the convention's last day, after having been reelected to her third term as president, Cain returned to the provocative theme. "We have everything we need to transform the political landscape by making government more responsive and more relevant," she said.

She repeated the litany of the League's strengths. "We are a true public interest organization. Our agenda is the common good. We're in it because we care about the democratic process. We have 75

years of experience in making that process work. But we have something else. Something very precious to the women and men in this room. We have faith in the system. We know that it can still work. We've seen it work. We've made it work."

"Ours is not a naive or blind faith," Cain continued. "We are aware - painfully aware - of all the problems, faults and miswirings that plague our system of government. But while other people may throw up their hands in disgust, League members are stubborn. They're also effective - and brave. We have everything we need to change the way politics is done in America and to restore public confidence. Your action at this convention and the action you take when you return to your communities will have a measurable impact on this country."

PROGRAM

The convention adopted 1996-98 national program for advocacy and education culminating a year-long process that involved hundred of League members. This year, the process was driven by the growing mood of cynicism about government and about citizens' ability to help shape the country's future. The LWVUS board decided to start off the program planning process by sharing with members a proposal for a concerted and comprehensive campaign to strengthen democracy and engage more citizens in the work of shaping better communities and a better country.

More than 70 percent of Leagues that participated in the program planning process supported the proposed Issue for Emphasis: "A comprehensive advocacy and education campaign to make government more responsive to citizens and to build citizen participation and confidence in government," with the working title, Initiative to Renew Democracy. Leagues' responses helped the proposed campaign take shape.

The Issue for Emphasis was proposed as a real departure from League "business as usual." A concerted focus on the League's "core issues" was called for as necessary to ensure an effective campaign. While all current positions would be maintained and while the flexibility to respond to other potential action needs would remain, the local and state Leagues participating in the program

planning process supported a two-year emphasis on the League's basic mission: ensuring citizen participation in government.

Although support for reconnecting citizen to government was strong, the convention debated the "focused" nature of the proposed Issue for Emphasis. Some delegates argued that it would mean "abandonment" of the League's multi-issue program and approach. Supporters countered that just the opposite was the intent: that "making democracy work" again and reestablishing the commitment to the common good was fundamental to achieving all of the League's public policy goals.

The convention defeated three not-recommended items that illustrated the debate:

- * "Adopt Building Sustainable Communities as the goal of our advocacy efforts, with emphasis on health care, early intervention for children at risk, crisis in the community, which includes environmental concerns and opening government to citizens."

- * "The LWVUS should not abandon the 1994-96 Issues for Emphasis but should continue to emphasize in 1996-98 the same substantive and interconnected issues: Health Care, Early Intervention for Children at Risk, Crisis in the Community, and Opening Government to Citizens."

- * "Adopt a restudy of the role, structure and financing of the United Nations."

Delegates voted their support for adoption of the proposed Issue for Emphasis, renamed "Making Democracy Work."

The convention readopted all current LWVUS positions in Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy, with no changes.

The LWVUS will publish a new edition of *Impact on Issues* for the new biennium in fall 1996. The 1996-98 edition will include updates on action taken under League positions during the past two years.

Mark your calendars now for Convention '98 in San Diego, California, June 12-17, 1998. See you on the beach!

Kids' 1st Health Fair



On August 7th the Annual Kids' 1st Health Fair co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lake County and the Lake County Health Department was held at Waukegan West High School.

During the hours of the fair 1040 families (2065 children) were served. Thanks to the over 600 volunteers and corporate and community support for once again making the fair a successful service to the community.

Plan ahead now to volunteer at next year's fair.

Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

On August 12th, at the Lake Bluff Village Board Meeting, Village President Fred Wacker announced that the 350 Lake Bluff signatures required to place the annexation issue on the November 5th ballot had been collected. Thanks to League members Mary Claire Briggs, Ann Grant, Peg Halner, Linda Hinde, Emily Jennings, Joann Meigs, Alice Sievert, Janice Schnobrich, and Linda Williams who dedicated their time and effort to see this process through.

At our August 21st board meeting, we determined that the League will continue to facilitate the process. First we will establish a framework to provide an effective informational meeting to the community. Second, we will hold a membership meeting to determine what additional action, if any, we will take on our official position regarding annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. The League's long-standing position is one of support for annexation, based on zoning, and sharing of schools and parks. We have yet to determine whether the financial impact estimates or details of the special service district plan should influence our future support of annexation.

NEXT STEPS:

* ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO PLAN A COMMUNITY-WIDE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We are asking all league members interested in this issue to volunteer their time and expertise. We anticipate a total of 3 meetings. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th at Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Susan Garrett at 295-4001 if you plan to attend.

* HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The date for this informational meeting will be set as soon as the details of the special service district have been officially released from the Village of Lake Bluff.

* HOLD A MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO ASSESS OUR ANNEXATION POSITION

The date for this membership meeting will be set as soon as the date for the informational meeting has been established.

Your input and expertise are very important. We hope to hear your ideas at our committee meeting on September 5th. Thanks in advance for your support.

For Your Information: Gun Control Presentation



On Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am, Phil Andrew will make a presentation called, "Gun Control: It's Time to Win" at the Fall meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Deerfield-Lincolnshire Area. The meeting, which includes brunch, will be held in the Community Room at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Ln., Deerfield. The public is welcome.

Phil is most widely known for being a victim of Laurie Dann's shooting in the Winnetka school a few years ago. He recovered, got his law degree, and is now a very active advocate for handgun regulation and the reduction of firearm violence. He is Chairperson of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and President of the Illinois Citizens for Handgun Control. Phil works for the Chicago Housing Authority as an Assistant General Counsel. He has also been employed in the political arena with Grace Mary Stern, John Porter, and both the Lake and Cook County States Attorneys. He has been featured on several national talk shows and delivers a powerful message.

Phil's presentation will be followed by a discussion on the realities of gun control and how citizens can participate in the campaign against violence caused by firearms. For further information, please call 945-5639.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Voter Registration at Art Fair sponsored by Deer Path Art League, Market Square, LF, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 4 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m. (bring a brown bag lunch)
- 5 Deputy Registrar Training, County Bldg. Board Office, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Formation of Knigwood Informational Meeting Committee, Friends' Room, Gorton Community Center, noon
- 7 Moderator Training Workshop, LWVIL State Office, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago
- 10 Deputy Registrar Training, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Buker's
- 13-14 Voter Registration at Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale, Market Square, LF, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 19 Brown Bag info-session: *Illinois Students Vote* (Student Mock Election), Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 *Review of Illinois Academic Standards*, Baggett Room, Deer Path Elementary School, LF, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake-Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 27 League Bridge Group
- 27-28 Voter Registration at LF Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale, Market Square, LF, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 28 Voter Registration at LF Public Library, 360 E. Deerpath, LF, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 29 Voter Registration at LF Public Library, 360 E. Deerpath, LF, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 7 Candidates Forums (more details in next newsletter)
- 8 Last Day to Register to Vote in the Nov. 5 General Election
- 9 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Buker's
- 25 League Bridge Group
- 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools

NOVEMBER

- 2 LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWW-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle. The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Fiester Frederick and Grace Mary Stern, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(LWW-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

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Candidates Forums

Monday, October 7

Gorton Community Center

co-sponsored by LWV-LF/LB and LWV-Lake County

7:30 p.m.

Lake County Circuit Court Clerk

Jacqueline Jones (Democratic)
Sally D. Coffelt (Republican)
(statements by both candidates)

7:30 p.m.

Lake County Recorder of Deeds

Mary Ellen Vanderverter (Democratic)
Robert P. Neal (Republican)
(statements by both candidates)

8:15 p.m.

State Senator

30th Legislative District
Terry Link (Democratic)
Thomas F. Lachner (Republican)
(written questions from audience)

Wednesday, October 16

Heller Nature Center

2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
co-sponsored with LWV-Highland Park

7:30 p.m.

State Representative 60th District

Lauren Beth Gash (Democratic)
Joel D. Gingiss (Republican)

Monday, October 28

Deerfield Public Library
920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield
co-sponsored with LWV-Deerfield

7:30 p.m.

County Board Member District 21

Pat Wilder (Democratic)
Martha Marks (Republican)

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Bring a prospective member to the

Fall Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, October 9

11:30 a.m.

at the home of Susan Garrett

LWV-LF/LB President

1181 W. Melody Road, Lake Forest

Members: please bring a salad to serve 6 to 8 or \$5.00.

Prospective members will be our guests.

RSVP: Acceptances Only

Judith Grisamore 234-3510 or Diane Lloyd 615-9182



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

President's Message

Dear League Members:

The League of Women Voters is truly among the most effective and active organizations working today. I am excited about the many ways in which the League makes contributions to our community and to our country. We participate in a wide range of community services, all of which are important.

This became apparent recently when our membership chairs, Judy Grisamore and Diane Lloyd, put together a list of multiple opportunities for League members to be active and involved in. Registering citizens to vote, holding candidate forums, monitoring environmental issues and facilitating a process for complex issues such as the Knollwood annexation are just a few examples of our activities. Yet we don't expect our members to be actively involved in all that goes on. As I've told prospective members, even if your schedule doesn't allow for much participation in special projects, being a member of the League is a great way to support the democratic process, and have fun doing it!

The board continues to do an outstanding job. Our calendar is filled with programs, meetings, a nominating procedures study, a student mock election, and for the first time, a reception for Lake Forest residents to meet city officials on November 7th. As you read the articles pertaining to League events in the Lake Forester and the Chicago Tribune, know that Liese Kant has been successfully handling the publicity for the League. Special thanks also goes to Char Kreuz for organizing one of the most aggressive and successful voter registration drives our League has seen. Anne Csar has worked overtime in organizing our local candidate forums (October 7th, 7:30 p.m., Gorton) and has provided the League with a Candidate Participation Policy, a great step forward in establishing "debate" rules for candidates.

I hope to see you at our annual membership luncheon on Wednesday, October 9th. This has always been a wonderful opportunity for members to get together. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a League member, please invite her (or even him) to attend with you. Our door is always open!

And, as always, thanks for your support.

Susan Garrett

Nonpartisanship & The League

With the election fast approaching (and another one always on the horizon), we need to remind ourselves about our nonpartisanship policy.

The League of Women Voters NEVER supports particular candidates or political parties. We support only specific issues which our members have studied and on which we have come to consensus/agreement.

Each fall, local league boards review and reaffirm their own nonpartisanship policy. If you would like to have a complete copy of our policy, call any board member!



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Deputy Registrars Added to Our List of Hard Workers!

The following have taken the registrar training since our last reporting of registrars. Congratulations and Thank You!

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| Beverly Adamczyk | Margaret Holding |
| Phyllis Albrecht | Linda Hinde |
| Lorraine Bach | Arlene Loepp |
| Linda Bartmes | Patricia Loftus |
| Mary Claire Briggs | Christine Moses |
| Anne Csar | Donna Ryckmann |
| Susan Garrett | Joan Toole |
| Judy Grisamore | |

Voter Registration Dates:

Registrars have been very busy during this pre-presidential election time. Char Kreuz, Voter Registration chair, thanks all who've assisted with our many scheduled registration periods. Look for her report next month of the many hours donated to registering and updating records for voters in our communities.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER VOTERS. OCTOBER 8, 1996.

Friday, October 4
Lake Bluff Farmers' Market
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo
7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

Informational Meeting Set For October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School

In September, League members volunteered to serve on a committee to establish the framework for an informational meeting regarding the Knollwood annexation issue. The committee, chaired by Liese Karl, is comprised of Phyllis Albrecht, Christa Donnelly, Susan Garrett, Carol Russ-Gilbert, Nancy Hansen, Linda Hinde, Joan Kallsas, Cindy Morehead, Melanie Rummel, Janice Schnobrich and Alice Sievert.

The informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School at 7:30 p.m. It will be moderated by Melanie Rummel (who expertly moderated the Knollwood meeting sponsored by the League last year in October). We expect to have the meeting broadcast on Channel 19.

The committee has identified key questions for various village, township and county officials to answer at the meeting. These questions will be mailed in advance to participating officials. Additionally, after the submitted questions from the League have been answered, questions from the audience will be taken.

The League's intent is to ensure an even-handed approach for establishing questions and the framework for the October 23rd meeting. League President, Susan Garratt said she "believes the meeting will provide answers to questions that definitely need to be addressed." Lake Bluff registered voters may vote for or against the annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff on November 5th.

Reception for Lake Forest City Officials & Residents

Lake Forest residents are encouraged to meet with their aldermen and city officials at a reception hosted by The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff

Thursday, November 7th
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber in Lake Forest City Hall
220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest

All Lake Forest residents are invited.
Refreshments will be served.

ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION: OCTOBER 30th

(homerooms) elected deputy registrars who were trained by L

and became eligible to vote in the Mock Election to be held on October 30th

selected and trained for the day of the election

These students, as well as students at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Country Day School, St. Mary's School, and Lake Bluff Central Elementary School, are participating in a nation-wide program which affords students an opportunity to participate actively in the political process by simulating an actual election in local school districts. Through class activities, students will study the candidates and issues of the 1996 state and national elections in order to make informed voting decisions.

If your child attends a school that would like to participate in the program, have the principal or teacher contact Ann Hollis. Schools may vote even if they have not registered into the program, we just need to get them the ballots and reporting information.

Volunteers are needed to be classroom speakers on topics including citizen responsibility and the how-to's of registering to vote are needed at schools; trainers for election officials; and trouble-shooters the day of the election. League members who would like to be a part of the process should contact Ann Hollis (295-2463). Be sure to watch CNN the night of October 30 to hear the national vote tabulation (around 7 p.m. EST). It should be interesting to see if the students' vote will be a predictor of the actual November 5th vote!



Lake Michigan Inter-League Group 1996 Annual Meeting



Join us at the Holiday Inn in Hammond, IN, for the Lake Michigan Inter-League Group Annual Meeting on October 18-19, 1996. Organized under the auspices of the LWWUS as well as the state LWW's of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, the group includes over 70 local leagues in the Lake Basin. Its purpose is to help protect our precious resource, Lake Michigan. Through the group expertise and interest in Lake Michigan and its watershed is pooled and information is made available to local leagues. The group takes action on study positions on pesticides, phosphates, power plants, shoreline erosion, dredging & filling, and water quality. The following plans for this year meeting are below.

The PCBs, PAHs and heavy metals in the bottom of the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal have been seeping into Lake Michigan for years. Last year we saw how the Corps of Engineers was going to dredge the Canal and store the sediment in concrete. So many questions arose about this plan - Will the uncovered sediments create noxious odors? What about

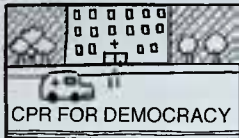
the effect on neighboring schools and homes? - that a coalition hired independent scientists to study it and make recommendations. On Friday afternoon we will hear the analysis of the plan from those who commissioned the study

But wait... There's more! Suddenly, everyone wants to buy Hammond's water. Communities in both Indiana and Illinois use the water, but is it discharged back into the Lake Michigan basin? And what's that new proposal to form a network of Great Lakes Leagues and how will it affect us? After dinner Gordon Durnil, former chairman of the International Joint Commission and author of The Making of a Conservative Environmentalist will discuss how he believes the government is misdirected in protecting the environment. Since the charge of the IJC is to resolve and prevent disputes about water quality, air quality and water quantity between the United States and Canada, he will have much to say about what should and should not go in the lake

Do you know about the push to reauthorize all abandoned Indian lands so that they can be used for development? In December we will hold a meeting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Lake Michigan states and development is being funded to gain the joint grant from the IJC and the United States and Canada. On the way we will visit the site of the Government Indian lands of the State of the Chicago Indian and of the Indian Chicago which under the Indian Lands program.

For further details, contact: Harriet Schlesinger (219/932-2212) or Vollie Riskin (219/844-7305)

LWWIL Fall Regionals 1996



ALL LEAGUERS:

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT
TODAY!

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

Wilmette.....Wednesday, October 23, 9am - 2pm
 Glen Ellyn.....Saturday, October 26, 9am - 2pm

New insights into strengthening our communities, information on priority issues, hands-on learning, take-home material, networking!
 Come to fall regionals - and bring a friend!

9:00 a.m. Registration - Coffee, Networking and Publication Sales

9:30 a.m. **DIAGNOSIS**

Changing Times/Changing Communities - General Session

Increasing lack of civility, distrust of public leaders and inability to solve serious problems have come to characterize our communities. This session will explore how communities have changed and what is needed to improve civic health.

10:15 a.m. **PRESCRIPTION**

Community Partnerships: Key to Making Democracy Work - General Session

This interactive session will focus on the why's, how-to's and challenges of doing effective community outreach and provide examples of successful collaborative efforts.

11:45 a.m. **TRANSFUSIONS** - Nourishment, Networking and Publication Sales12:30 p.m. **TREATMENTS** - Choose 1 workshop

Specific topic workshops will illustrate strategies for working on issues as well as how to form collaborations, build visibility, membership, and diversity for your League.

✓ **Stop the Cycle of Violence Against Children**

Do you know the signs of violence in your community? Learn about successful prevention programs and receive the new LWWIL Preventing Violence Against Children Action Kit. Get started on violence prevention in your community.

✓ **The Graying of America: Is Your Community Prepared?**

Workshop demonstrates the survey developed by the LWWIL Senior Needs Task Force to assess the services available for older adults in your community and, using local League examples, discusses possible next steps for meeting senior needs.

✓ **Campaign Finance: Seeing the Forest Through the Trees**

Workshop participants will engage in an interactive process to define the problem of money in politics, clarify the issues and wrestle with options for action.

2:00 p.m. **DISCHARGE** - Take prescriptions to your community!

COST (includes lunch): \$17.00 per person up to 10 days before the meeting; after that, \$19.00.
 REGISTRATION: Contact local League president Susan Garrett (295-4001).

Membership Information and Opportunities

Not sure how to ask a friend to join the League?

Here are some tips from LWWUS president Becky Cain...

- Usually I come right out and ask them to join. This could be someone I'm working with in a project, someone I know in the community, or someone sitting in the next seat on an airplane. People are forever asking me if they can join. It is as if they feel there is some special criterion they must meet.
- Another method is asking "What are your concerns affecting citizens today?" People will talk about their children, schools, or what they don't like about their community. These are natural League issues. Explain the mission of the organization. And, tell them how they can become involved in the League in the community.
- It is very rare that I have any kind of discussion with someone who does not know something about the League. People know and respect the League. Don't be selfish, let people know about us.
- I always wear my LWW pin. I feel naked without it. It gives me another opportunity to talk about the strength of the organization. It is a natural conversation piece.
- Almost everyone can see I really believe and care about the League. I project my enthusiasm about a particular project, or the overall good the League has given the country. The League has changed my life. I believe other people should have the same opportunity I've had - to have the same positive experiences the League has to offer. I find that people just naturally want to be part of something like this.
- When someone wants to become a member, help them. This means supporting them, taking an interest in them, and helping them find their strengths so our organization can benefit. One of the most powerful ways we can create active and informed citizens is to sign them up in the League of Women Voters.



Welcome New & Returning Members

Beverly J. Adamczyk
702 Ouassey Avenue, Lake Bluff

Diane Driscoll
130 Ravine Forest Dr., Lake Bluff

Cynthia Maloney
417 Deerpath, Lake Forest

Heleen Melchior
35 Rue Foret, Lake Forest

Mary Jane Wolter
1321 Wild Rose Lane, Lake Forest

1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters were sent in September. Thanks to all who have renewed and the many who gave additional donations to the League. If you've not yet sent your dues, an asterisk appears on the name label on this newsletter. Please take time now to find the form, and mail in your check (payable to LWW-LF/LB). Your support to the League is greatly appreciated.

Voters' Resources for the '96 Vote

VOTERS GUIDE

The Chicago Tribune will be publishing a special election supplement in their October 1 edition as part of the cooperative effort between the LWWIL Education Fund and the Child's Play Touring Theater Company. The project is being underwritten by Marshall Field's and WPWR-Channel 50. This "pull out" Voters Guide covering Presidential, Vice Presidential and U.S. Senatorial races is designed to encourage kids and adults to talk about the elections.

VOTER'S SELF-DEFENSE MANUAL

The *Project Vote Smart* has again offered to send copies of the "Voter's Self-Defense Manual" to League members. This is a non-partisan organization which produces a pamphlet about elected officials in Washington. It has addresses and phone numbers, position statements, performance evaluations by liberal and conservative organizations, voting records and campaign finance contributions. Send your request for a manual(s) to Project Vote Smart, 129 NW 4th St., #204, Corvallis OR 97330. They will send as many as you need. Computer access to the information can be obtained through Vote Smart Web: <http://www.vote-smart.org> or Gopher Access: gopher.vote-smart.org or Bulletin Board Access: 541-737-3777 (14.4K BNI).



WEB SITES (more listed in the Fall '96 Illinois Voter)

League of Women Voters: <http://www.electricity.com/~lww/>
 Power the Vote: <http://www.lhj-wv.com/> ("Only election web site especially for women."
 joint project of the League of Women Voters & Ladies' Home Journal, LWW Voter Guide, LHJ candidate profiles)
 Presidential Debates (sites & dates): <http://sa.acusd.edu>
 Clinton-Gore '96: <http://dolphins.gulf.net/political/nrmt>
 Date for President: <http://www.dole96.com>
 All Things Political: <http://dolphins.gulf.net/political/hmtl>

For Your Information . . .

**The Issues****A Fall 1996 Current Events Series**

Presented by the Women's Board of Lake Forest College
Lake Forest College Chapel, Middle Campus

Three Wednesday Mornings from 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.
One Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. with optional dinner to follow

October 2 - "The 1996 Election and the Future of the Two-Party System"
Professor Paul Fischer, Politics Department

October 9 - "Tax Cuts, Welfare Reform, and Balanced Budgets: Where is the Economy Heading?"
Professor Carolyn Tuttle, Economics Department

October 16 - "Foreign Policy Issues in the Election"
Professor Michael Ebner, History Department

October 22 - "A View from The Potomac: How Washington Sees the Issues"
Judge Marian Blank Horn, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C.
1995-96 Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Cost of the series is \$60. Tickets will be issued for each talk. Individual tickets available for \$20. Dinner on Tuesday, October 22 will be an additional \$25 each. For more information or reservations, call 735-6002.

Proceeds help support the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Program which brings outstanding individuals to campus annually to share their expertise with the campus and community.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park presents . . .

Juvenile Justice in the Year 2000

(or will the juvenile court system be obsolete?)

with Ms. Bernadine Dohme, Director
Children and Family Justice Center
Northwestern University Legal Clinic of the
Northwestern University School of Law

Highland Park Hospital, A.V. Lecture Hall

October 2, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.

The Lake County Women's Coalition invites you to its Second Annual Tea Party

Share the Dream:**Celebrating Women, Honoring Olympians**

Monday, October 20, 1996
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
at the Marriott Lincolnshire

Donation \$15.00
Special Guests: Women of the Olympics

For more information, contact
Virginia Szatkowski (847) 294-1730 (W) (847) 566-7397 (H)
or Kathy Greco at (847) 918-1300 (W)

Reservation Deadline: Monday, October 14, 1996
Make checks payable to "Lake County Women's Coalition"
Tickets will be held at the door.

LAKE COUNTY WOMEN'S COALITION**Lighting the Way**

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CLUB CHURCH
WOMEN UNITED
LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
XYZINGERS

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- 2 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Juvenis Justice in the Year 2000, Highland Park Hospital AV Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 7 CANDIDATES FORUM, Gorton, 7:30 p.m. (State Sen., 30th Leg. District, Lake Co. Circuit Court Clerk; Recorder of Deeds)
- 8 Last Day to Register to Vote in the Nov. 5 General Election
- 9 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 9 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Boker's
- 16 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 16 Candidates Forum, Heller Nature Center, 7:30 p.m. (State Rep. 60th District)
- 18-19 Lake Michigan Inter-League Group Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Hammond, IN
- 20 Celebrating Women, Honoring Olympians, Lake Co. Women's Coalition Tea, Marnott Lincolnshire, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 22 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 LWVIL Regionals, Wilmette, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 23 KNOLL WOOD ANNEXATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING, Lake Bluff Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 League Bridge Group
- 26 LWVIL Regionals, Glen Ellyn, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 28 Candidates Forum, Deerfield Public Library, 7:30 p.m. (County Board Member District 21)
- 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools



NOVEMBER

- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWV-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Fiester Frederick and Grace Mary Stern and the Grace Mary Stern Chorus, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella; St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

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Don't miss this rare opportunity . . .

Virginia Fiester Frederick, former State Representative
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in a lively discussion

**"Conversations Across the Aisle:
The General Assembly Then and Now"**
with the Grace Mary Stern Chorus performing

Wednesday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m.
Gorton Community Center
Coffee & Danish
- No Charge -

Guests are welcome, but space is limited!
Reservations to Elaine Slayton (295-0275) by **November 8**

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Reception at City Hall

Thursday, November 7th
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber in Lake Forest City Hall
220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest

All Lake Forest residents and businesspersons are encouraged
to meet with their aldermen and city officials at a reception
hosted by LWV of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.
Refreshments will be served.



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines

President's Message

Dear League Members,

For the League, election years are not only exciting, but also challenging and ultimately fulfilling. And this election year will prove to be no exception. Our League has made every effort to lead the charge to encourage voter participation and involvement. Here are the facts to date: We have registered over 500 voters, sponsored or co-sponsored three candidate forums (all taped), sponsored a mock election for students (featuring the directory of Candidates with an explanation of issues and sponsors), a public forum on the historical anniversary issue. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the participation of our members. Thank you, one and all.

Our membership numbers were very well attended. For those of us who were unable to come, we had over 45 members and prospective members assemble at my home where we provided an overview of the League and its activities. Virginia Frederick, long-time League member, and past State Representative from our 59th District, highlighted the League's valuable role and commitment. You'll be happy to know that over 25 new members have joined the LWW of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff since May 1996.

I hope to see you November 13th at our program with Virginia Frederick and Grace Mary Stern (with her Chorus), "Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Then and Now." This program promises to be a humorous "meeting of the minds" between these two important women - one a Republican, the other a Democrat. Truly, this is a program not to miss!

By the time you receive League Lines, the election results will be known by all. Take comfort (whether your candidates and issues were successful or not) that the League was there, making democracy work, member by member, voter by voter.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Susan

SAVE THE DATE
FOR A VERY SPECIAL LEAGUE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Barbara Rinella will present a dramatic book review of
First Ladies by Margaret Truman

DATE: December 4, 1996

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: St. James Lutheran Church

1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

COST: \$15.00

Catered luncheon will be served.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25 TO ELAINE SLAYTON (847/295-0275)

Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

Informational Meeting Held on October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School
On October 23, the League held a public forum at the Lake Bluff Middle School on the proposed annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and last 3-1/2 hours - the final question was asked at 11:00 p.m.! The meeting was cablecast live, gavel to gavel, and will be broadcast on Cable Channel 19 on Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.; and Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

The League's goal was of offer an objective forum; a forum that would allow those officials with different views to weigh in on the proposed annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. Officials answering questions included representatives from the Lake County Board, Lake Bluff Park Board, Lake Bluff Plan Commission, School District 65, Shields Township and the Village of Lake Bluff.

Here is how the League put this program together: Nineteen questions were compiled by a committee of thirteen League members. We identified key concerns relating to annexation, decided on appropriate questions to address those concerns, and several drafts later, finalized our questions as well as program logistics. At the meeting, League questions were asked to officials until 9:00 p.m. We allowed for an intermission and resumed the program with questions from members of the audience until 11:00 p.m. Over 50 questions were submitted before the program began, and we collected approximately 300 questions in all! Our question screeners, Diane Lloyd, Beth Kress and Elaine Slayton, did an exceptional job dividing the questions into specific categories.

We are confident that the forum addressed all the most significant questions surround annexation. Each official body that responded to questions did an excellent job. We believe it is fair to say that those who attended the forum (approximately 300), or those who viewed it on cable, were pleased with the results.

A special thanks goes to Melanie Rummel who moderated the first meeting on the Knollwood annexation and agreed to moderate the forum on October 23rd. She proved to be a perfect moderator. Additional thanks to Lorraine Bach, Peg Heldring, Eleanor Knight, Cait Lysko and Mary Lane Mathews for their work as timers, ushers overall program coordination.

Many League members worked to ensure the success of the program. They include Phyllis Albrecht, Christa Donnelly, Linda Hinde, Susan Garrett, Carol Russ Gilbert, Nancy, Hansen, Joan Kaltsas, Liese Kant, Cindy Morehead, Jan Schnobrich and Alice Sievert.

The League should be proud of our efforts to inform the voters on this issue. Residents of both Knollwood and Lake Bluff expressed appreciation for being able to receive the facts in a neutral and comprehensive manner.

ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION

In the next issue of League Lines final results of the Illinois Students Vote Mock Election on October 30 will be reported. Students in several Lake Forest and Lake Bluff schools had the opportunity to cast their votes for President, US Senator, US Representative, State Senator and State Representative. Their results were phoned or faxed into a central tabulating station in Oak Park, the statewide results were then sent to CNN in Atlanta and broadcast nationwide that evening.

In an effort to simulate the voting process students have learned about voter registration, the responsibilities of informed voting, and the actual election day voting process. The League has been able to make presentations to students in the Lake Forest High School political science class as well as 4th and 5th grade classes at Central Elementary in Lake Bluff. Teachers and administrators have been very supportive of the project.

An offshoot of the project has been developing internship possibilities for students in the high school political science class. To fulfill one of the class requirements is 8-10 hours of community service, one student has worked with deputy registrars registering voters and will travel on election day with League members working the election as field representative, absentee ballot collector, and election judge.

Many thanks to all League members who have assisted the children of our community in this exercise in democracy.



Making Democracy Work

Record Number of Voters Registered

Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League members registered 651 voters from May 20 through October 8, according to Char Kreuz, Voter Registration Chair. Included were first-time voters (both 18 year-olds and newly-naturalized citizens), those who moved from other states or counties to Lake County, those who moved within Lake County, motor voters, and voters whose names had changed.

Thanks to Diane Lloyd for arranging the training sessions for the 15 new deputy registrars trained between mid-July and mid-September. This swelled the ranks of deputy registrars to 34.

League registrars were on hand at the Lake Bluff Fourth of July Parade, Lake Forest Day, the Deer Path Art League's Festival of Art, the Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale, the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale, and at two Lake Bluff Farmers' Market days. In addition, voters were registered at Lake Forest High School, Lake Bluff Library, Lake Forest Library, Barat College, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Newcomers fall luncheon, at several sites arranged through the Lake County League, and by individual League members.

A reminder that one important job remains: getting to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, to cast your ballot. And with thanks to all of these League deputy registrars for the record total of voters registered:

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| Beverly Adamczyk | Anne Czar | Linda Hinde | Eleanor Knight | Bea Muelier |
| Phyllis Albrecht | Susan Garrett | Ann Hollis | Char Kreuz | Janice Schnobrich |
| Lorraine Bach | Judy Grisamore | Emily Jennings | Diane Lloyd | Julie Shackelford |
| Gertrude Barnett | Peggy Hafner | Joan Kalties | Patricia Loftus | Elaine Slayton |
| Mary Claire Briggs | Peg Heldring | Susan Kessler | Chirs Moses | Joan Toole |

Voters' Resources for the '96 Vote

To help you make informed decisions when you cast your ballot on November 5, the following resources are available to you:

LWW-LF/LB Voters' Guide (insert in the newsletter; extra copies in the League mailbox at Gorton) containing responses to questions or statements requested by the League from candidates for 10th District U.S. Representative, 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk.

Voters' Guide: "The Power to Make A Difference" October 1, 1996 Special Edition from the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Herald* for voters.

Cablecast: Channel 19 presentation of the October 23rd League Moderated Informational Meeting on Knollwood Annexation (Fridays, 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m.)

Cablecast: Channel 19 presentation of October 7th LWW-LF/LB Candidates Forum with candidates for 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk (Mondays, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.)

Videotapes of the October 23rd League Moderated Informational Meeting on Knollwood Annexation (available at Center Video store in Lake Bluff and the Lake Bluff Public Library)

Videotapes of the October 7th LWW-LF/LB Candidates Forum with candidates for 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk (available at the Lake Forest Public Library and the Lake Bluff Public Library)

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During the past weeks, several candidates' forums have been held to provide the candidates in contested elections opportunities to answer questions from the public regarding issues related to the offices sought. The following voter's guide contains information obtained from candidates' forums.



U.S. Representative, 10th Congressional District

The following information has been shared by the League of Women Voters of Highland Park.

Candidates: John E. Porter (Rep) and Philip R. Torf (Dem)

Responses of Philip R. Torf - Democrat

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what do you believe are the necessary elements in effective campaign finance reform legislation?

Campaign finance reform is desperately needed to end special interest domination of the political process and restore popular faith in our government. While campaigns have grown far too expensive and focused on paid advertising, legislation aimed at restricting contributions has failed to blunt the power of large contributors to influence elections and legislation. Too often the very scale of largesse heaped upon incumbents forecloses the sort of challenge which would force public scrutiny of a candidate's record and fundraising. I would focus reforms on ensuring that every federal election offers voters a credible alternative through public financing for candidates who agree to strict spending and fundraising limits. Alternatively, I would endorse a ten dollar refundable tax credit for campaign contributions to ensure that average Americans have an impact on elections proportionate to their numbers not their wealth of political clout.

2. What should the federal government's role be in promoting the economic security of American families?

Whether we wish it or not, the federal government plays a profound role in determining the economic experience of

all Americans. Unfortunately, this role is often misunderstood, or worse, misstated for political gain. Even Republican Presidential candidate Bob Dole complains that the current strength of the economy has failed to translate into broadly shared prosperity, that "the rich get richer while ordinary men and women work harder and harder for less." But his economic proposal promises to exacerbate the problems, not achieve solutions. An honest appraisal reveals that America's middle class has suffered from three government policies - deficit spending, shifts in the tax burden, and the Federal Reserve's policy of fighting inflation by restraining economic growth.

Most Americans feel overtaxed - and they should. 44% of personal income taxes in 1996 go just to pay interest on the federal debt. If not for the "supply side" tax cuts of the '80's, that money would be available to support education, provide health care, or lower taxes. And by competing for capital, that huge debt raises interest rates, imposing a stealth tax on all Americans who borrow to buy a house, a car, or a college education or carry credit card balances, and on businesses that borrow to invest and build the economy. In 1993, President Clinton courageously delayed middle class tax cuts to ensure credible deficit reduction. The result has been 4 years of declining deficits, improved economic growth, and falling interest rates. Many homeowners saved thousands by refinancing their mortgages. The Republican plan threatens to reverse this progress, with

unspecified spending cuts, supply-side "dynamic scoring" and economic wishful thinking, it is a credit card offer the American people cannot afford.

Bad as the deficits of the '80's were, they would have been much worse if not for payroll tax increases to cover rising health care costs and create a social security surplus to provide for the baby-boomers' retirement. While income and capital gains taxes remain far below what they were when Reagan took office, payroll taxes on working are higher than they have ever been. This shift has given rise to an unstable credit card economy, with consumers borrowing to maintain their lifestyle until they max out and the economy lurches toward recession.

The Republicans often criticize Washington for taking on responsibilities better left to the people. The Federal Reserve's policy of controlling inflation by limiting economic growth and maintaining slack in labor markets has had profoundly negative consequences for the American economy and society. Wage-earners fail to share in productivity gains, and many Americans are simply left out of the economy altogether. What can we do? First we must continue and build upon President Clinton's success in reducing the deficit. It is simply un-American to indenture America's children in perpetuity because we are unwilling to deal honestly with taxes and entitlements. We must carefully target tax relief to the overburdened middle class, to encourage real investment in education and capital that increases productivity and prevent rising wages from vanishing in a

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self-defeating inflationary spiral. As President Clinton has proved, it is possible to reduce the deficit, improve the economy and, recent ly, even increase wages - all without accelerating inflation. It requires leadership, commitment, and a firm grasp of economic reality.

3. There is currently a ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons, such as UZIs and AK-47s. What is your position on proposals to repeal the ban?

No.

4. The federal government now provides health care coverage for the elderly and the poor, including millions of poor children, through Medicare and Medicaid. Should these programs be cut back, should they be retained at current levels or should the federal government's role be expanded to ensure that all Americans have health insurance?

America has the greatest system of health care delivery in the world, but our system of financing health care, based on private insurance underwriting is expensive, wasteful, and fails to adequately protect even those Americans who have private insurance. Too often, and for too many, private insurance is like the child's game Survivor where every change in employment or insurance status offers insurers a chance to drop those who truly need insurance, leaving only a few healthy individuals paying too high premiums. Medicare and Medicaid have been overburdened with the discards of the private system and their growing costs threaten to balloon the federal budget. And the future will be worse. Genetic screening, which should offer insight into the mechanism of disease and warning for early detection, instead threatens: patients with exile from the private insurance system, should they possess "markers" for some disorder. The recently passed Kennedy-Kassebaum legislation which guarantees portability for those currently insured is a first step, but it leaves many pitfalls remaining. It is time the federal government took steps to insure that all Americans have access to quality affordable health care.

Should the federal government continue to set regulations to protect the environment and public health?

Yes, just as a consensus was building in the country that recognizes that environmental protections provide cost effective means of controlling floods, processing wastewater, conserving soil and water, supporting recreation, controlling disease, and generally improving the quality of life for all Americans, the Republican takeover of Congress has put all of this progress in jeopardy. I do not believe the American people are ready to abandon decades of bipartisan efforts to clean up our air and water, and to preserve our natural heritage for our children and grandchildren, just to appease the big polluters, developers and resource exploiters who have been allowed to draft legislation for the Republican leaders. And I do not believe that the American people are willing to accept relaxation of public health standards that leave them wondering whether their drinking water and food supply are safe for their children. I will work tirelessly to ensure that we preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

Responses of John E. Porter - Republican

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what do you believe are the necessary elements in effective campaign finance reform legislation?

The big money poured into political campaigns has turned them into big business -- professional marketers determine a candidate's stance on the issues based on their evaluation of what will "sell" and then use negative advertising to destroy their opponent through personal attacks and misleading claims. This leaves voters feeling that no candidate is honest or deserving of support.

The solution is legislation to encourage low campaign spending limits, local involvement, volunteer participation and attention to the issues. I have introduced H.R. 3912 to impose a spending limit of \$300,000 on House elections. If a candidate exceeds that

limit, their opponent receives compensating support (the Supreme Court has held mandatory limits unconstitutional). My bill would halve the current limit on Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions while doubling the limit on individual contributions. I would require that two-thirds of a candidate's funds come from individual donors with no more than 20% of such funds coming from donors living outside the congressional district. My bill would reduce the overwhelming money being poured into campaigns, decrease the influence of PACs, increase the role of individuals from the district and promote candidates responsive to local concerns.

2. What should the federal government's role be in promoting the economic security of American families?

The federal government must create a prosperous economic climate for families by balancing the budget. A balanced

budget means lower long and short term interest rates, reduced inflationary pressures, greater availability of capital for productive use, and an end to annual increases in the national debt and debt service costs (already over \$200 billion annually). For families, this means lower priced goods, reduced interest costs for homes, automobiles and student loans, and improved employment opportunities.

Deficit reduction is and has been my highest priority. Independent organizations such as Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc., the Concord Coalition, the U.S. Chamber of Congress and Citizens for a Sound Economy have repeatedly recognized me for my efforts along these lines. In its report entitled "Tough Choices: Who Made Them and Who Didn't," the Concord Coalition ranked me in the 92nd percentile in Congress for my deficit reduction efforts in 1994. The National Taxpayers Union analysis for 1995 shows

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Responses of John E. Porter - Republican

that I ranked near the top for my votes to control spending.

3. There is currently a ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons, such as Uzis and AK-47s. What is your position on proposals to repeal the ban?

I consistently support legislation to place tough restrictions on the easy availability of handguns and to ban weapons that have no recreational or sporting purpose.

I strongly supported enactment of the Assault Weapons Ban in 1994. I led a bipartisan team that worked on the House floor during the weeks preceding the vote to identify and hold support for this proposal. I oppose repealing this law.

I also strongly supported the Brady Bill -- requiring the Attorney General to establish a background check system to prevent sales of handguns to convicted felons, fugitives, individuals with histories of serious mental illness and drug addicts. I also worked hard to enact this law and oppose efforts to weaken it.

4. The federal government now provides health care coverage for the elderly and the poor, including millions of poor children, through Medicare and Medicaid. Should these programs be cut back, should they be retained at current levels or should the federal government's role be expanded to ensure that all Americans have health insurance?

Our health care system has the best technology, personnel, innovation and research. Nevertheless, many are

denied access to health care or risk losing their insurance. I strongly supported recent legislation to limit preexisting condition exclusions, expand individual policy availability, promote guaranteed renewability, initiate Medical Savings Accounts, enhance long-term care affordability and insurance for the self-employed, and crack down on fraud. These are significant steps to improve the market without compromising choice, quality and access.

Biomedical research not only creates high-skill jobs and retains U.S. research leadership and exports, but also leads to treatments, cures and prevention strategies for numerous diseases that save billions in health care costs. As Chairman of the Subcommittee that funds this research, I have made this one of my top priorities in Congress.

I am committed to preserving Medicare and ensuring that seniors receive high quality services at an affordable cost. The fund that pays hospital benefits will be bankrupt by 2001 and Medicare must be reformed to prevent this. Preserving choice is central to Medicare reform. Under legislation I support seniors could stay under the current Medicare program and pay the Part B premium at the same (31.5%) percentage, or they could elect one of four fully prepaid programs such as managed care organizations (HMOS), preferred provider organizations (PPOS), networks set up by doctors and hospitals, or medical savings accounts. They could not be denied entry into any program and could change programs when desired. This would provide seniors with coverage options similar to those millions of Americans enjoy and would both preserve quality and control costs.

I support Medicaid legislation to allow the states to design their own programs while creating an "umbrella" fund to protect

against unforeseen increases in caseload. This legislation would retain current nursing home standards and guarantee care for children, pregnant women, the elderly poor and the disabled. It would also assure sufficient resources -- federal funds to Illinois would increase 56% between 1995 and 2002, with additional funds to serve Native Americans and illegal aliens guaranteed care by federal courts.

5. Should the federal government continue to set regulations to protect the environment and public health?

Yes. I have worked hard in Congress to reduce waste and pollution, preserve natural lands and resources, promote energy efficiency and recycling, and protect fragile ecosystems both in the United States and abroad. We should not pass on deficits, including environmental deficits, to future generations and we must act responsibly now so our children inherit a sound environment and a sound economy.

I support eliminating government subsidies that encourage the unsustainable and environmentally damaging use of resources on public lands. Ranchers, loggers and miners must pay a fair share for access to these resources, and they must carry out their activities in a sustainable and environmentally-sound manner. I also advocate effective oversight of our National Parks, Forests, Wildernesses and Refuges to protect these treasures from overutilization. I advocate a strong Endangered Species Act that encourages use of Habitat Conservation Plans. I strongly supported this year's reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, led the fight to stop logging in our old-growth forests, and vigorously oppose opening up the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil drilling.



Election Day is November 5.
Exercise your Right to Vote.

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Lake County Circuit Court Clerk

The Clerk is the official in charge of the seal of the Court for the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake County, Illinois. The Clerk is responsible for the administration of the Court and the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk currently employs 170 people.

Candidates: Sally D. Coffelt (Rep) and Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones (Dem)

Statement of Sally D. Coffelt - Republican

Having served as Circuit Court Clerk of Lake County for the past fifteen and one-half years, I am currently running for re-election to my fifth term of office.

I am a lifelong resident of Lake County, having grown up in Wadsworth, Illinois. I graduated from Warren Township High School in 1965 and went on to attend Milikin University in Decatur, Illinois. I received my B.A. in 1969, majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in English.

Many improvements have been made during my tenure as Circuit Court Clerk. In my first term of office, we designed, wrote, and implemented an award-winning automated traffic system which is the basis for our new court information system which will be implemented in December of this year. We also redesigned our office to better utilize space with relationship to office functions. A major accomplishment

of this term was the distribution of all fine monies due to the municipalities, both late and current, within the first six months of taking office. The office has maintained accurate and timely distribution of monies ever since. In my second term of office, we automated child support processing and the small claims division for more efficient case processing. In my third term of office, we began the development and design of our new automated court information system and the preliminary study of image processing for future record keeping. Both of these projects were funded by user fees, not tax dollars. We also began the design process for new office space within the county complex and moved our branch traffic courts into new facilities. I designed and implemented a Career Path for the employees of the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk which has been expanded for use for all clerical employees of the County of Lake and adopted by the County Board for the

purpose of advancement of employees. As my fourth term of office comes to a close, we are preparing to implement the new court information system and we are operating the Small Claims Image/Information System successfully. We have moved into our new offices at the County Building in Waukegan and the new Juvenile Complex is being completed and readied for operation this Fall.

In the future, we must replace our automated child support processing system with a system that is compatible with the IDPA automated system to meet federal requirements and we must begin to address the issue of government accessibility through automation. New laws require constant attention to insure accuracy in our processes and in the records that we maintain. We must continue to monitor these changes and train the staff in the resulting new procedures.

Statement of Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones - Democrat

Many people have asked me why I am running for this office and my answer can only be why not? My opponent has now served as our Clerk of the Circuit Court for almost 16 years and after reading the report issued in February of this year that details the performance of her Office, I came to the obvious conclusion that I must step forward and run as a candidate in this year's election. Recently I was reminded of a famous quote "Democracy is not a spectator sport" well let me tell you I am not that type of person to stand on the sidelines when I see a problem.

The report I mentioned details the many problems that exist today in the Clerk's Office. The area needing the greatest attention in the Clerk's Office is its management capacity. According to the report and I quote "The deficiencies and barriers can be traced to existing management". The Clerk is the ultimate manager within the Office. The report also states "If the Office does not enhance its management capacity, with the support of the County Administrator and the County

Board, its ability to successfully implement most of the recommendations in this report is questionable." Have any of you ever heard the expression "a tiger doesn't change its stripes"? Well I have, and I know we need a change of management in order to move the Clerk's Office forward into the 21st century.

OK so we need a change, but why is Jackie Jones the candidate we should elect? Because I have the management skills necessary to implement the changes that are needed. I believe a manager should be able to do 5 key things: Set Goals, Organize, Motivate/Communicate, Quantify Needs/Results and most importantly, Develop People. These are the skills that I have proven to the employers I have worked for in the past 12 years. I am currently employed by the American Federation of Government Employees 7th District's National Vice President. Robert Nelson has held this elective position for over 10 years. Since I joined his staff, I have enhanced the district's management capacity to the

point that he ran unopposed in his last election. Prior to my coming on board, he had an opponent each time. My prior management experience came from working for a marketing company in which I managed a territory larger than Lake County, with a staff of over 200 employees. I was instrumental in the growth of that company from a small family owned business to one that is now doing over 100 million dollars in business each year and is currently traded on the AMEX.

I have a management plan that could be implemented immediately upon my election to office that would not increase the operating costs associated with the operation of the Clerk's Office. A 15 point plan, that would utilize dollars currently going unused (training budget) or being misused, in the case of unnecessary overtime, towards increasing efficiency within the Clerk's Office.

I hope that you join me in this race to bring the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk into the 21st Century.

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Lake County Recorder of Deeds

The Recorder of Deeds is responsible for keeping permanent records of all land transactions in Lake County. The Recorder's office currently employs 25 people.

Candidates: Robert P. Neal (Rep) and Mary Ellen (Durkin) Vanderverter (Dem)

Statement of Robert P. Neal - Republican

Management Expertise... President of Able Electronics, Inc. - Director and Chairman of Illinois Prairie Trail Authority - Director and President of Wetlands Research, Inc.

Computer/Technical Skills... Active in Naval Reserves as electronics expert - Graduate of advanced computer schools

Organizational/Administrative Ability... Served as Chairman of the Engineering Committee of the Illinois State Toll Road Authority - CEO of electronics company responsible for budgeting, purchasing, payroll and customer service.

Customer Service Orientation/People Skills... Graduate of Narda School of Service Management at Notre Dame - Managed a company whose technicians each year averaged 25,000 service calls.

Knowledge of County Government... 1982-98 Lake County Board Member. Elected five terms - Involved with setting and overseeing the budget for the Lake County Recorder's Office; 1985-89 - Elected Newport Township Supervisor; 1971-83 Wadsworth Trustee. Elected three terms.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires the management expertise and background to work with people... Only **Bob Neal has that Expertise**. Bob managed a company of 27 people that dealt with customer problems on a daily basis and maintained files on over 60,000 repairs annually with an office staff of only 7 people.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person experienced in handling the financial management of a budget of \$939,660... Only **Bob Neal has that Background**. Serving as CEO of his electronic firm for 33 years in addition to serving as the Maintenance/Material Control Officer for his Navy Squadron for 6 years makes Bob eminently well qualified.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person with experience in the operations of computer data input and processing of microfilm as well as overall office management... **Bob Neal has that experience**. Military, business and government service have brought the knowledge and experience necessary to do all the functions of the Recorder's office.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person with the ability to prepare a budget and to get it adopted by the County Board committees as well as the full County Board... Only **Bob Neal has that Ability**. Serving 14 years on the County Board and 8 years on the Finance Committee that adopted the Recorder's budget, Neal knows how to get the job done.

Robert P. Neal: "My 33 years in business; 23 years in the Navy Reserves; and 25 years in local, township, and county government have given me the qualities which are necessary to being a good recorder: a strong business background; the ability to manage technical programs; a reputation for being good with people; trustworthiness; knowledge of computers; and an understanding of County government."
"Protecting and recording your family's investment" is the major responsibility of the recorders office. My primary objective is to continue Frank Nustras' record of excellence and to continue the modernization begun by Mr. Nustra."

Statement of Mary Ellen (Durkin) Vanderverter - Democrat

From 1985-1995 I managed the largest department in the Lake County Clerk's office. As Elections Administrator I supervised operations for every local, state and national election; prepared and managed a \$1 million budget; managed a full time staff of 22 administrative and clerical personnel and was responsible for the daily administration of over 265,000 voter registration records. For 10 years I ran the Elections Department under the watchful eye of the Lake County taxpayers, politicians and the press without mishap.

The Recorder's office is responsible for recording and retrieving any document the public wants recorded. Most often the

office is used in real estate, recording property transactions. One of my objectives is to generate increased revenue with an off-site, remote access program for banks, lawyers and title companies. These customers use the Recorder's office most often. Under my new program, they would be able to access needed information from link-ups in their offices. We would be able to create a network of information that reaches subscribers where they work.

My opponent and I could not be further apart in the way we approach public service. I held one job and concentrated all my efforts on performing my duties within that position. My opponent has held

as many as four taxpayer paid positions at once and recently led the battle in his position on the Lake County Board to increase the Recorder's salary by 25%, knowing he was a candidate for this office.

In my run for Recorder of Deeds, I am being publicly supported by both Democrats and Republicans. Being elected Recorder would restore the 2 party system and offer a check and balance in Lake County government. I would serve the people of Lake County as a full time Recorder with a proven record of courteous, dedicated, non-partisan service.

1996 Voter's Guide

State Senator District 30

The biography of each candidate for State Senate District 30 was provided by the candidates for October 7, 1996 Candidates' Forum sponsored by LWV-LFLB (co-sponsored by LWV of Deerfield-Lincolnshire Area, LWV of Highland Park, LWV of Waukegan-Zion Area, and LWV of Lake County).

Candidates: Thomas F. Lachner (Rep) and Terry Link (Dem)

Thomas F. Lachner - Republican

Tom Lachner is Illinois State Representative for the 59th District. He is president and owner of Device Resources Corporation, a medical fiber optics firm located in Lake Bluff, Illinois. The firm manufactures his patented fiber-optic devices for use in neonatal intensive care units. Tom's public office experience includes being President of the Lake Bluff District 65 Board of Education and serving as Vice President

of the Northern Suburban Special Education District. He was honored by the State Superintendent of Schools as a recipient of the "Those Who Excel" Teacher of the Year awards program. Tom was the only board member in Lake County to receive the award that year.

Tom holds a Bachelors degree in International Relations for Lake Forest College and an MBA from Kensington

University. As part of his community activities, he serves the sight and hearing impaired through his activities in the Lions Club. In addition, as a veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, he is a member of the Lake Forest American Legion. Tom Lachner is a member of the Illinois House of Representatives' Financial Institutions and Elementary and Secondary Education, Privatization and Deregulation, and Veterans Affairs Committees.

Terry Link - Democrat

Terry Link is a lifelong resident of Lake County. He has served six years on a local parochial school board. He participated in the efforts to resolve the North Chicago School District funding problem, and currently serves as a member of the College of Lake County Foundation Board.

Terry is active in the Lake County United Way and is a member of the Highland Park Elks Club.

Terry is co-owner of Major Industrial Truck, a sales, rental and service company. As a small business owner, Terry is aware of what it takes to run a business, and all of the responsibilities of meeting a payroll, managing sales, controlling inventory, and providing customer service. He is a member of the Lake County Contractors Association, as well as the Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

Terry is the current Chairman of the Lake County Democratic Party where he has developed a once dormant group into a more highly visible political organization. Under Terry's leadership the Democratic Party has maintained a year round office with staff and conducted voter registration drives adding hundreds of new voters each election cycle.

On June 2, 1996, Terry married Susie McCall. Together they have four daughters. They live in Vernon Hills.

Workshop on Meeting Strategies for Leaders

Making Meetings Work

Rules, Procedures and Strategies for Leaders and Participants

Saturday, January 13, 1997

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

National-Louis University Conference Center, Wheaton

hosted by the League of Women Voters of DuPage County

Workshop will focus on skills needed in presiding at meetings and procedures for members in taking part in actions that keep a meeting on course. There will be exercises to demonstrate useful practices for the conduct of good meetings. The presentation will include a brief refresher on Robert's *Rules of Order*. Workshop leader will be Mary Ellen Barry, a consultant and facilitator specializing in organization development and productive group processes. She has over twenty years of experience in organizations, both as a manager and as a volunteer. An active member of the LWV, she served as state president from 1985-89 and chaired the national League's study of U. S. health policy.

The public, especially those actively taking part in meetings, are invited to take advantage of this workshop. Registration prior to December 30 is \$25; afterwards, registration is \$30. For more information, please call the DuPage League at 658-5725 or Rosemary Martin at 355-5581.

Membership Information and Opportunities

Interested in Children's Issues?

The League of Women Voters of Lake County is looking for people who might wish to explore the possibility of serving either now or in the future on any of following groups (LWVLC is presently a member of these councils and programs). Please call Claire Weiner 945-8088 if any of these opportunities are of interest to you.

Kids 1st Health Fair

Co-sponsored by Lake County LWV and Lake County Health Dept. for children of families with limited income. We are reorganizing for our 5th year and would welcome volunteers on our committees that do the year long planning as well as for the actual Fair in August.

Violence Intervention/ Prevention Council

Representatives of provider agencies, schools, law enforcement, civic groups, etc. have coordinated to develop and implement the Framework for Action. They sponsored their second forum on Oct. 10 -- Youth and Adults Learning from each Other-- at College of Lake County.

Lake County Early Intervention Council for Children at Risk

This council is mandated by the State to develop and coordinate a system for the delivery of coordinated services to the families of developmentally delayed children 0-3.

Successful Families

This committee formed to develop a Healthy Families Program in Lake County. The Healthy Families Program is a program that provides services from birth to ages 3-5 to families who present risk factors that potentially might translate into abuse and/or neglect of the children

Welcome New Members

Claire A. Campbell
1570 Heritage Court, Lake Forest

Doris E. Cook
429 W. Hawthorne Court, Lake Bluff

Cheryl Derman
1924 Bowling Green Drive, Lake Forest

Susan M. Ernst
1365 Wild Rose Lane, Lake Forest

Alice Flaherty
380 S. Cherokee Road, Lake Forest

Margaret Kanakis
1866 Wilson Drive, Lake Forest

Elizabeth A. Kress
1081 Arcady Drive, Lake Forest

Jeanie Rogalski
350 Edgefield Lane, Lake Forest

Courtney Williams
561 Moffett Road, Lake Bluff

Last Chance for Dues Renewals

If you've not sent your dues, an asterisk appears on the name label on this newsletter. Please take time now to find the form, and mail in your check (payable to LWV-LF/LB).

The deadline is December 1 when we turn in our membership list the LWVUS. Your support to the League is greatly appreciated.

For Parents (and Grandparents) of Teens!

Shrinking the Gap

is a parenting booklet invaluable in communicating with your child in his teen years. It is a parenting resource to address family problems and issues between teens and parents. In September, the parent and teen resource booklet was made available to all our public and private schools to families whose children are in 6th - 12th grades. If you have not received one, it is available in your respective school office.

The contents offer help in parenting, health facts on drugs (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana) and the law, a guide to hosting teen parties, a guide to discussing your teen's sexuality and its responsibilities, teen stress, eating disorders, and a resource for help to these issues and much more. The booklet was compiled and researched by L.E.A.D., Linking Efforts Against Drugs.

The Beanery

is a coffee house located in the "grotto" at the Gorton Community Center sponsored by The Volunteer Bureau. Every Saturday night it opens its doors 7:30-11:30 P.M. offering high school teens a place to meet with friends, listen to music, play board games, ping pong, pinball, eat, drink coffee and be merry. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the evening setting and showcase their talents or discover hidden talents: Stand up comedy, play a musical instrument, pantomime, magic tricks. The evening is supervised by chaperones and concession

standards. If you're looking for a place to meet with friends, or if you're interested in volunteering at the food concession located in The Beanery, interested? Call The Volunteer Bureau, 234-9876.

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 1 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWV-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Fleister Frederick and Grace Mary Stern and the Grace Mary Stern Chorus, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR DEC. 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella; St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

JANUARY

- 13 Making Meetings Work Workshop, National-Louis University Conference Center, Wheaton, 8:30 a.m. - noon



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November 5th

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League Lines

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY FOR A VERY SPECIAL LEAGUE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Barbara Rinella, popular North Shore book lecturer,
will present a dramatic review of First Ladies by Margaret Truman.

DATE: December 4, 1996

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: St. James Lutheran Church
1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

COST: \$15.00 per person

Catered luncheon will be served.
Guests are encouraged and welcome!

RSVP by November 29th to Elaine Slayton (847/295-0275)

Checks for reservations should be payable to: LWV-LF/LB
Send to: LWV-LF/LB, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

There is not a better person than the only daughter of President Harry Truman to write a book about First Ladies! Margaret Truman was born in 1924, and has wonderful first hand knowledge of First Ladies from Grace Coolidge to Hillary Clinton. Of course, only Margaret Truman can give a proper view of a "famously private" First Lady, one who never held a press conference during her years in the White House—her mother, Bess Truman. Barbara Rinella will become many of our First Ladies as she dramatizes aspects of this fascinating book.

From Martha Washington, who was greeted by the words, "Long Live Lady Washington" as she accompanied her newly elected husband to New York, the first city of the President's residence...to Dolley Madison, called the "greatest tone setter" of First Ladies...to Mary Todd Lincoln, assailed beyond all imagining by conflicts and tragedies...Mrs. Rinella will present vivid portraits of these early First Ladies.

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Mrs. Rinella will then allow Bess Truman to speak, commenting not only on her life in the White House, but also giving thumbnail sketches from her daughter Margaret's point of view of Edith Roosevelt, Nellie Tait, Edith Wilson, Florence Harding, Grace Coolidge, Lou Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower, Jackie Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, Betty Ford, Roslyn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton. Your history lesson will never be more fun! As Margaret Truman states, being First Lady of the United States is "the world's second toughest job!"



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

President's Message

As we approach the holiday season and the closing of 1996, let's take a moment to reflect back on our League's many accomplishments.

We have made remarkable work in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest to make more meaningful citizens, facilitating the public budget on education, engineering and

hosting candidate forums and sponsoring the student mock election. Additionally, with the help of Mary Lane Matthews, the League mailed over 500 fund raising letters to businesses and residents (all non-members) in our communities. We plan to publish the names of those who donated, along with the total funds collected, in the January issue of *League Lines*.

Other good news is that our membership is strong; our financial status is sound. Membership interest and participation are high.

The board is now contemplating the future direction of the League. We plan to focus on programs and issues that we believe will make a difference in the coming months and years. At our annual meeting we voted to offer a program on township and county government. Elaine Slayton is currently developing these programs. We are also ready to complete the Nominating Procedures study very soon.

Other divergent issues at community, county, state and national levels need to be addressed. For instance, in Lake Forest members are asking for more discussion on affordable housing, the location of a permanent senior center and ways in which to address teen substance abuse. In Lake Bluff and Knollwood, the possibility of Knollwood's incorporation still remains unclear. At every level of government, campaign finance reform is ready to be seriously studied.

The League can only do so much. Our members all have busy schedules. However, the board will hold a long range planning meeting January 8th to determine ways in which we can address some of the most pressing concerns. Once we have organized our ideas, we will hold a meeting for the entire membership to hear, consider and provide input on priorities for the League in 1997. We expect that meeting to take place in early February and will notify you well in advance. Your input will be a very important component in this process and will help us offer programs that will provide value in our communities.

Everyone is looking forward to coming together for the Holiday Luncheon, which includes a book review of *First Ladies* by Barbara Pinella, on Wednesday, December 4th. Please try to join us for this wonderful event and feel free to invite or bring guests.

Thank you for your ideas and observations. As you know, I always enjoy hearing from you. I am confident that the League is on the right track, making democracy work, thanks to the support of our members and the leadership of our board.

Susan Garrett

Save the Date!

Saturday, February 22nd

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

Cocktail Party Fund Raiser

at the home of Prue Beidler

20 South Stonegate Road, Lake Forest

Membership Information and Opportunities



The new LWV-LF/LB Membership Directory will be available at the December 4th luncheon. Copies will be mailed to members not able to attend the luncheon.

Welcome New Members

Marsha Avery Belcher
1166 Fairway Drive, Lake Forest

Cheryl Johnson
1450 Arbor Lane, Lake Forest

Thanks for Letting Us Listen Across the Aisle . . .

On November 13th, Virginia Fiester-Frederick, former State Representative and Grace Mary Stern, former State Senator joined together in a candid and humorous discussion, "Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Then & Now". They talked, among other things, about their roles as "female" legislatures paving the way in a male dominated government.

Virginia recalled the high emotions during the attempted passage of the ERA amendment, saying that "women lay prostrate on the 'Well' of the State Capitol Building" in protest and support, while "a very fat man walked across the women". When the June 30th deadline was upon them, the women legislators gathered at the Well singing "We Shall Overcome". The then Speaker gavelled continuously, demanding loudly, "Business as usual". Finally, the ultra-conservatives began singing "God Bless America", drowning the women out. After all, there were far fewer women than men.

On the treatment of female members by male members in the State Senate, Grace Mary recalled that none of the men would dare help a woman. Some would explain what was going on, but no more. They (the men) "treated her like the plague" and not even the Democratic men would join the women for dinner or a movie".

Both Virginia and Grace Mary did agree that presence of women has forced a change in lifestyles in Springfield. Other topics discussed were campaign finance reform, the speaker's role and power, and significant contributions of which the two women felt proud.

The program was closed with a spirited and very entertaining performance by the Grace Mary Stern Chorus. Their final song, written especially for the League and this program, was sung by all to the tune of "Oh, Beautiful for Spacious Skies". We wanted to share the verse with you:

Non-partisan, how beautiful,
How well-bred, wise and warm -
We don't endorse - we can't of course -
Our function's to inform.
We try to let the people know
To vote and act as well -
Our path is down the middle
And it's difficult as hell.

Many thanks to
Grace Mary and Virginia
for sharing their time and experiences with us!

You are cordially invited to the inaugural celebration
in honor of Corinne G. Wood
State Representative-Elect, 59th Legislative District
Wednesday, January 8th, 1997
Springfield, Illinois

- * Luxury bus departs early morning for Springfield (donuts & coffee provided).
- * Swearing-in ceremony at 12:00 via closed circuit T.V. in Capitol (boxed lunch provided).
- * Afternoon tours of Springfield historical sites such as the Historic Old State Capitol and the Dana Thomas House (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright).
- * Late afternoon reception at the Springfield Renaissance Hotel honoring Representative Wood.
- * Bus departs Springfield early evening.
- * Cost for the trip is \$25.00 per person.
- * Reservations are limited! Please RSVP to 615-1996.

League Looks Into Representation in Lake Forest

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff sent two letters to the Lake Forest City Council dated September 4, 1996, and November 14, 1996, conveying our serious interest regarding the number of aldermen elected to represent the city's four wards. Our concerns are that 1) the City Council have the appropriate number of aldermen to represent the city's population; and 2) each ward is divided in such a way that equal representation is achieved as nearly as possible.

It appears from Illinois State Statute 5/5-2.2 that the overall population (1990 census) may be under represented in the City Council. According to the Statute, municipalities with populations "exceeding 15,000 but not exceeding 20,000" should have the representation of ten aldermen. As of the 1990 census, the population of Lake Forest was 17,836. Lake Forest is currently represented by eight aldermen, or two aldermen in each of the four wards. The League is also requesting a population breakdown by ward so as to ensure equal representation for each ward.

As we openly discuss this matter with the City we will continue to keep our members informed. If you wish more information, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001.

ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION

If the students from our local schools had been able to determine the results of this fall's election, our elected representatives would look somewhat different than what we're getting. We had a wonderful example that one vote does make a difference. At LBMS Dole defeated Clinton by one vote!

On October 30th, students at Lake Bluff Central Elementary (grades 3-5), Lake Bluff Middle School (grades 6-8), Lake Forest High School (grades 9-12) and Lake Forest Country Day School voted for President, US Senator, US Representative and some for State Senator and State Representative. Results of the election from three of the schools were:

| | Central Elementary | Lake Bluff Middle School | Lake Forest High School |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clinton | 54% | 39% | 33% |
| Dole | 38% | 39% | 49% |
| Perot | 8% | 17% | 12% |
| Durbin | 40% | 37% | 31% |
| Salvi | 41% | 48% | 55% |
| Torf | 39% | 38% | 28% |
| Porter | 61% | 62% | 72% |
| Link | | 16% | |
| Lachner | | 84% | |

Special thanks to Lorraine Bach, Melanie Rummel, Susan Garrett, Sue Engelhart, Chris Moses, Linda Hinde, and Elaine Slayton who helped in our schools. We had a lot of fun and reached a lot of kids! Teachers and administrators were very appreciative of our efforts. The letters are samples from Ms. McGlynn's fifth graders at Central School.



DEAR MRS. HOLLS,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
COMING TO CENTRAL SCHOOL.
I WANTED TO TELL MY
PARENTS TO VOTE

SINCERELY
SHEILA



I
VOTE
TODAY!

Dear Mrs. Holls,
Thank for coming in. I
learned a lot. I'd always
wondered why my parents didn't just
who they voted for on a ballot. Now
I know what all the other stuff was.

Thank you
Cathy

Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

Following the October 23 informational meeting on Knollwood annexation, the fifty-six Lake Bluff members of our league were mailed a consensus card to indicate how they felt regarding our league's continued support of this position. The card stated the current position as retained at the 1996 Annual Meeting. The tally of cards returned was: 28 yes (continue to support position); 7 no; 3 no opinion.

In addition to phone calls and notes thanking our league for moderating discussion of this issue in the community, the following two letters were received:

Lake Bluff School District 65

121 E. Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
(847) 234-9400
FAX: (847) 234-6237



November 4, 1996

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the efforts of the League of Women Voters in hosting the recent Knollwood annexation forum at the Lake Bluff Middle School. Your efforts and those of the League, particularly Melanie Rummel who moderated the evening, were extremely well done and vital to the notion that there can and should be civil discourse on an issue that has raised such emotional concerns.

As a member of the forum group that answered and presented, I can well appreciate the hard work that you and your committee have done. I have participated in this League's efforts in providing a proper and informational forum on all sides of an issue.

Congratulations on a job very well done. As a public official, I am grateful that the League has both the ability and the judgment to provide forums that are as balanced and informational as this. Thank you again.

Sincerely,


Thank You
Superior



October 24, 1996

On behalf of the Village Board, please accept our sincere appreciation for the League's coordination of last night's public forum discussing Knollwood annexation. The meeting was well organized and its format allowed productive dialogue of a complex issue with a long history.

Melanie's service as the Moderator was, as last year, truly noteworthy and her willingness to assist most generous. Thank you, and your fellow league members for your support of an open discussion of this important issue.


Fred E. Swanson, III
Village President

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Dates to Remember

- NOVEMBER**
29 Reservation Deadline for Holiday Luncheon
- DECEMBER**
4 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., St. James Lutheran Church
4 Holiday Luncheon with Barbara Rinella, 11:30 a.m., St. James Lutheran Church
9 *League Lines* deadline for January issue
- JANUARY**
8 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting & Long Range Planning, 9:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
13 Township Government Panel Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
19 *League Lines* deadline for February issue
- FEBRUARY**
5 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center
12 *League Lines* deadline for March issue
21 State Program Recommendations and Bylaw Changes due
22 Cocktail Party Fundraiser at the home of Prue Beidler
- MARCH**
3 Last Day to Register for April 1 Municipal Elections
5 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
12 *League Lines* deadline for April issue
- APRIL**
1 Municipal Elections
9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center
9 *League Lines* deadline for May issue
15-16 Legislative Seminar in Springfield
- MAY**
14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller
16-18 LWVIL State Convention in Peoria
21 *League Lines* deadline for Summer issue



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