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President's Letter

Dear Friends in League,

First of all, I want to wish us all a Happy Birthday! LWV is 85 years old this February 14, and I have to say that's a pretty good start. Regarding our future, I have good news and bad news. Good news first: Ralph Martire (Feb. 9), President's Cocktail Party (Feb. 26), Route 60 discussion (March, 9), Candidate Forums and Home Rule discussion for Lake Bluff (also early March, dates t/b/d), ongoing voter registration efforts, an Affordable Housing program with AAUW (April 9), a visit from a delegation of Ukrainian women, (sometime this spring, we're not exactly sure when yet), a program on the Electoral College (with LWV Highland Park-April 18) and our Annual Meeting, Wednesday evening, May 18, at the home of Liese Kant. Whew!

With all this going on, we can be truly proud of ourselves and the service we render to our communities. Education and voter service is at the core of League's mission, and this has been a banner year for opportunities to serve. It is hard to believe that such a vital, useful organization could be plagued with a perennial threat of insolvency, but, hey, it is true once again (our annual realization) that the Sisyphean task of keeping League's head above water is demanding our attention. We don't like to think about money, we're not particularly good with money, but we need money to fund our

programs and activities, and dues aren't enough.

Based on the 2004-05 budget and treasurer's records, LWVFLB has received \$5,275 in dues payments as of 1/14/05. After all per-member payments are made to LWVIL and LWVUS, (based on 104 active members at \$48.75 per member, our local league is left with \$6.25 per member to cover all administrative expenses (Gorton rent, postage and printing for the newsletter, and costs for programs not covered by the Education Fund). Our 2004-05 budgeted administrative expenses are \$9,406.06. The shortfall, excluding donations and net profits from events, is \$4,131.06, or \$(39.72) per member.

In taking up the slack, members have been generous. In the past year, members have upped their membership contributions by joining as sponsors and patrons, and Eleanor Beidler's friends contributed approximately \$2,600 in her memory. But these gifts are unusual, and the membership levels selected by members are variable. A reliable source of adequate funding for our organization needs to be identified, and toward that end, a Finance Committee was formed to work on the problem of League finances. The committee has met only once so far, but has identified problems and made several recommendations which will be further discussed at our February 9 board meeting. Increasing dues in line with a formula that takes into account our contributions to State

and National has been suggested: \$48.75 (State & National PMP) + \$19.00 (local PMP) would yield a dues figure of \$67.75 for regular members. It was also suggested that dues for patrons and sponsors should be increased as well, to 2 time dues = sponsor and 3 times dues = patron. Senior and student dues levels may remain the same.

Further, a new category of financial support for our local League may be established, called the "Friends" of LWVFLB. This group would not be dues-paying members of our League, and their contributions would not be subject to PMP payments to State and National, but they could provide financial support for our activities.

Other fundraising activities were suggested, including an all-household mailing to Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents announcing upcoming events and asking for financial support, a Bridge invitational event at the end of May, and development of a corporate strategy to solicit funds. A community dinner in October along with an Annual Appeal in November is being investigated.

Not all of our problems are financial. Like all volunteer organizations nowadays, we are a little short handed. More members would be nice...a bigger labor pool from which to draw to staff these events and activities would be very useful. Please ask all of your friends! There is really no reason why everyone in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff couldn't be a member of League. As the only non-partisan group focusing on voter service and education, we fill a unique role in our communities. No one else does what we do. It is up to us to ensure that we can continue doing it.

Board meetings are always on the second Wednesday of each month, at Gorton, at 10:30 in the morning, and all members are always welcome to attend. If this doesn't work for you, please e-mail me with your ideas, comments and concerns. The League of Women Voters is 85 years old this year. Happy Birthday to us! That's a pretty long tradition of making a difference, being the voice for voter service and voter education...let's make the next 85 years just as meaningful.

Yours,

Cynthia

Upcoming Event Reminders

Wed., February 9th - School Funding Public Meeting - Ralph Martire, Exec. Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability will talk about proposed state legislation that eliminates the primary cause of ongoing school district budget problems. Gorton Community Center - 7:30 PM.

Looking for a LOVELY way to spend **February 14th**? How about lunch with Leaguers from all over Illinois at LWVIL's 85th birthday party at the Ritz Carlton? There will be a panel discussion about women, democracy and politics in Illinois. Lunch is \$85 per person, and proceeds will benefit State's Education Fund. Call Cynthia Maloney, 847-615-1123 to car pool.

LWV - LFLB is partnering with other North Shore Leagues, through the primary efforts of Highland Park, to co-sponsor a forum on the Electoral College. The Forum will

take place **April 17 at 2 p.m.** at the **Highland Park Community Center** and will feature **Siobhan Moroney**, Associate Professor from Lake Forest College.

Did you know?

How is League Funded? Funding for League comes only from member contributions, either to operations or to our education fund, or from dues. However, most of our dues pay Per-Member-Payments (PMP) to State and National - only about \$7 of the \$55 we collect stays here to sustain our activities! For more information, refer to the President's Letter in this issue!

Observer Core Reports



Observer: Nicki Snoblin
Board monitored: Lake Bluff Village Board
Date of Meeting: January 24, 2005

The Village Board approved unanimously the resolution to place the home rule question on the ballot for the April 5 election. The board emphasized that home rule does not necessarily equate to higher taxes, and they passed an additional (non-binding) resolution stating their intention to keep property taxes below the tax cap limit unless authorized by referendum to increase them. The village will hold public forums to educate residents about the implications of home rule before the election.

The board also approved a resolution granting approvals for a restaurant to be located in downtown Lake Bluff. Holly's

American Bistro will be a family restaurant offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week, with outdoor dining in summer. The restaurant will have a liquor license. The board discussed concerns with parking and hours of operation.

On the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, the board approved the first reading of an ordinance designating the property at 210 E. Center as a historic landmark; the second reading was waived with the consent of the property owner. This property's impending demolition sparked a great deal of interest and concern among residents last fall, leading to the Village Board's activation of its historic preservation ordinance. Some board members felt that the property was not an ideal test case for the ordinance, because it was not nominated by its owners and because it is already in very substantial disrepair, but they accepted the recommendation of the commission. As residents become more familiar with the ordinance, the village anticipates that more property owners will apply for historic certification for their properties.

Village President Thomas Skinner addressed the public on the topic of possible development of the open land behind the Harrison Conference Center on Green Bay Road. He acknowledged that a developer will be presenting a plan to build 90 to 100 homes on the site. He emphasized, however, that there will be a lengthy process of review with both the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, which will involve public hearings. The property is currently zoned for 1.5-acre residential development, which will not accommodate the density of development being proposed. The

Plan Commission will see the plan for the first time at their meeting on Thursday, February 3.

The Lake Forest Ad Hoc Housing Team is considering forming an Affordable Housing Commission and drafting an inclusionary zoning ordinance for Lake Forest. They are in the process of studying what other localities have done. They have also engaged an architect to come up with a plan for a site owned by the city that is near to downtown.

Voter Registration

Stephanie Victor is the Voter Registration Chair. The League is currently coordinating voter registration drives most likely to be held at the Lake Forest library and possibly one corporate location. If you are currently a voter registrar, you will be contacted by e-mail or phone about participating in these voter registration drives.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **Saturday, February 26** - voter registration drive at the Lake Forest Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Stephanie Victor at 847-735-1228 if you are interested in registering voters.
- ❖ **March 8, 2005** - last day for Voter Registration is in order to vote in the April 5 Election. Contact the Lake County Clerk's office with any voting questions. Visit the web site at www.co.lake.il.us/ or call 847-377-2400.

Also, contact the Clerk's office above to identify dates and locations for voter registrar training.

Great Decisions Group Underway

- U.S. Intelligence Reform
- Putin's Second Term: A Scorecard for Russia
- Outsourcing Jobs: U.S. Dilemma
- China: Economic Giant Emerges
- Sudan and the War in Darfur
- The U.S. and Global Poverty
- U.S. Challenges in Iraq and in the Muslim World
- Freshwater and Foreign Policy: New Challenges

Interested? These topics are all on the agenda for the LWV-AAUW Great Decisions discussion group. We meet on the second **Friday of every month, beginning Friday, February 11, from 1:00 to 3:00.** We take a summer break, usually in July and August and discuss the last topic in November. Each discussion begins with a 20 minute video produced by the Foreign Policy Association which augments the text for the day. The texts have arrived and are available for \$15 from Diane Lloyd 615-9182.

This is a very informal group and you are invited and welcome to come when you can. Some of us come every month and others make it only a few times a year. Questions? Call Betty Buker, 234-4509 or Diane Lloyd, 615-9182.

Dates to Remember

<i>Wednesday, February 9</i>	<i>LWV Board Meeting - 10:30 am - Gorton Community Center</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 9</i>	<i>School Funding Public Meeting with Ralph Martire (see inside)</i>
<i>Monday, February 14</i>	<i>LWVIL 85th Birthday Party (see inside for details)</i>
<i>Saturday, February 26</i>	<i>President's Cocktail Party (invitation to follow)</i>

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**LAKE BLUFF HOME RULE
DISCUSSION**
2:00-3:30PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
**PUBLIC SAFETY
BUILDING**
COMMUNITY ROOM

Home rule is on the ballot again, this time in Lake Bluff. The League of Women Voters will sponsor a discussion on March 20th at the Public Safety Building Community Room. Featured will be former Glen Ellyn LWV president Rinda Allison, a municipal attorney, also Dan Pierce, former Highland park Mayor, and Paul Lemieux, currently a Lake Bluff village trustee. League member Melanie Rummel will be the moderator, and member Herb Nelson will film the first hour of the event for rebroadcast on channel 19. The home rule initiative in Lake Forest last November passed by a wide margin. Lake Bluff residents will vote on it April 5th.

Upcoming Events

*Affordable Senior Housing
in Lake Forest*
-Sponsored by AAUW

April 11th - 7:00 PM
Lake Forest City Hall

Lake Michigan Inter-League Organization

Look forward to seeing the Board members and anyone else who wants to join us on March 19th, 10:00 a.m. at the Illinois LWV office, 332 S. Michigan, Suite 1050, Chicago, Illinois.

Judy Johnston 847-433-9375
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Co-Presidents

Lake Michigan Inter-league Organization

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Observer Corps



Report

City of Lake Forest Writes an Affordable Housing Plan

The LF City Council continues to hold monthly Housing Committee meetings. They will wind down, however, once a Lake Forest Housing Commission is formed. The tasks and membership of the Commission are being worked out, but this is one product of the council committee.

There will be a Request for Qualifications to find a developer that can develop a feasibility study of one piece of city land. There was discussion about what constitutes affordable housing in Lake Forest. It is felt by the committee that utilizing regional area median income requires a selling price that is too low for the area. Lake Forest demographics would make the price too high. It was felt that Lake Forest should use Lake County demographics which would be higher than the regional incomes, but would allow for pricing of housing at around \$200,000. Nothing was decided. Many other suburbs are having similar discussions.

Other tools to help in the development of affordable housing were discussed. Among them are:

- An Inclusionary Zoning Code which would require developers to include in their plans 15% affordable housing
- The establishment of a Housing Trust Fund to aid developers in building affordable housing. The source of funding could come from a tax on demolitions.

City staff have almost completed the Affordable Housing Plan for Lake Forest. I think this is a significant achievement!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF OPEN WORLD DELEGATION 2005

Open World Program. Open World is a nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress that has brought emerging young Russian political and civic leaders to communities throughout America. The objective is to spend about one week observing their political counterparts in action and living with American families to become familiar with their life-styles and community and cultural lives.

The program is designed to ensure that the delegates have the opportunity to:

- Exchange views with influential representatives of appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies; civic organizations; the business community; and other NGOs.
- Participate in community events, leading to an understanding of the role of community organizations' interactions with the government.
- Receive an overview of programs, services and educational efforts focusing on the community's health, safety and well-being.

Visit health care facilities, schools, homeless shelters, social service agencies, social welfare advocates.

Attend workshops to examine issues surrounding childcare, eldercare, disability rights, special

education and prevention of infectious diseases namely, TB, HIV/AIDS, heart disease and the effects of substance abuse. Discuss the role of philanthropy and volunteerism in the provision of health and social services.

It is an exciting event for the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff to be selected to host the five delegates. The delegates will be arriving on Friday, May 27, 2005 and will depart on Saturday, June 4, 2005. Happie Datt
Chair - International Committee



Voter Registration

Kitty Cole, Julia Shackelford and Stephanie Victor registered 4 voters at the Lake Forest library prior to the April 5 election.

All registrars should verify that their voter registrar cards have not expired. The Lake County Clerk's office has sent out new identification cards. If you have not received yours yet, give the Clerk's office a call.

Board Announcement

Nicki Snoblin, LWV-LFLB Membership Chair, will be taking a leave of absence from the board until April to run for elected office. In her absence, Carol Gilbert will take on the duties of Membership Chair.
Carol Gilbert 295-4044

WELCOME New Members!

Please add the following new members to your membership directory.

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LWV US Launches "LOCAL VOICES PROJECT"

A Public Dialogue about Civil Liberties

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) today launched "Local Voices: Citizen Conversations on Civil Liberties and Secure Communities," an eight-month initiative that will foster public dialogue about the balance between civil liberties and homeland security.

"In this post-September 11th world, it is critical for all communities to explore the relationship between these two important topics," said LWVEF Chair Kay J. Maxwell. "This effort builds on the League's role as a trusted convener of community discussions, as well as our traditional focus on the protection of our civil liberties. We are

thrilled to begin work on Local Voices."

The League and its partners will develop materials, train local facilitators, and encourage citizen participation in large League-led conversations about this topic. While all 900 local and state Leagues will have opportunities to work on this important topic, 10 select cities will be the focus of the LWVEF work on Local Voices. Representing ethnic, economic, and geographically diverse locations, the outcomes of the conversations in these locations will be gathered, analyzed, and compared with larger national trends. A final report will be released in Fall 2005 to coincide with the national debate about the sunset provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Local Voices continues the League's traditional leadership in the area of civil liberties. In the 1950s, the League led a national campaign, The Freedom Agenda, to educate the public about their rights and to combat the impact of the McCarthy hearings. More recently, the organization has lobbied Congress on legislation that affects civil liberties, and Leagues across the country have held educational forums about the Patriot Act. Local Voices will allow the League to further involve the public in grappling with the interplay of civil liberties and security in their own communities. LWVUS
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Dates to Remember

- Sunday, March 20 HOME RULE Discussion - 2-3:30 pm - Lake Bluff Public Safety
- Monday, April 11 Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest - 7:00 pm - Lake Forest City Hall
- Wednesday, April 13 Board Meeting - 10:00 AM - Gorton Community Center

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LWV of Illinois 52nd State Convention

June 24-26, 2005 - Rockford, Illinois



On behalf of LWV-LFLB, Happe Diatt accepted a rebate incentive check of \$143.50 for a net increase in membership of at least 5%.

This study is both important and timely and could affect public policy on immigration for Illinois, and perhaps beyond. Illinois is one of six or seven states that are particularly impacted by immigration and the effects it has both upon citizens and upon illegal immigrants. More information will be forthcoming when the study is under way. Please call **Jane Partridge** if you are willing to help in this study, for they need data from all over the state. 847.234.1247, janepartridge@aol.com.

Priorities Set

In addition to readopting our current positions on Government, Natural Resources and Social Policies, the following Action Focuses were also readopted: Visit <http://www.lwvil.org/> for more details.

Funding of Public Education and Social Services:

LWVIL will promote efforts to provide stable, reliable, and adequate revenues for public education and other social services. **Contact: Kathy Nesburg** (708-848-9129, knesburg@msn.com)

Investigation of need for 2010 State Constitutional Convention:

The State of Illinois Constitution requires the Secretary of State to submit the question of whether a Constitutional Convention should be called at a general election every twenty years. Therefore, this question should be submitted to Illinois voters in 2008. LWVIL will form a committee with the intent to gather information for taking a position on the ballot proposal. **Contact:** LWVIL Office (312-939-5935).

LWVIL to Consider State Study on Immigration

One of the major caucuses at Convention was on Immigration, chaired by the Glen Elynn and Wheaton leagues and attended by Jane Partridge. The goal is a two-year state level study, which will need help from local Leagues both in womanpower and in financial support.

The proposal was introduced on the floor on Saturday and passed, dependent upon more funding. A study costs between \$3-5,000, and the Glen Elynn and Wheaton Leagues are able to fund one-third to one-half of that amount).

What
IS
an LWV
study
anyway?

Find out inside!



Jane Partridge, Robbyn McFadden, Marge Blake

Making Democracy Work

(MDW): Under MDW, LWVIL will support efforts to increase voter education, reduce

barriers to the electoral process, and improve election procedures based on findings of the Election Administration Reform Committee (EAR), including monitoring the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. Assess and strengthen citizen participation in the state legislative process through the Democracy Project.

For more information about EAR, contact **Gail Feiger Brown** (847-433-2093, g.f.brown@comcast.net) or **Marcia McConnell** (708-957-9189, marcia_mcconnell@sbcglobal.net). For more information about the Democracy Project, contact **Chris Slowik**, 708-598-5459, ChrisScope@aol.com

Be Inspired by LWV Energy! Attend the LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis June 10-13, 2006.

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"Nothing is more important than for women to participate - in whatever way.....it's that there is no pattern, no one area. It's mostly deciding you're going to make a difference." Madeleine Albright.

That pretty much sums up why I accepted the nomination - because only by participating in the process can we all make a difference. All league members have all contributed in so many ways and one of my goals is to interview and document our chapter leaders and create an institutional memory for newcomers and the new generation of leaders that we will welcome into our membership.

Kathryn Cole led a visioning session at our first board retreat in June, which resulted in a newly designed newsletter, and a newly designed membership directory and handbook. Sometimes good ideas can be reinstated. The eight broad categories in which we are going to focus during this term are listed below in the Board Retreat notes.

Most important we want to have another mini-annual meeting in mid year. It was exciting and there was an energy which needs to be harnessed more than once a year!

At the State Convention, the new State Board was given direction to commence a study on immigration in Illinois. This is going to be an exciting time for the league as new studies bring renewed energy and more new members, who bring even more new ideas and more energy! We must fully fund conventions to keep energy levels up.

Mark your calendars for the September 24, 2005 membership breakfast and the October 23rd, 2005 welcome reception for the Open World Leadership Center's Russian delegates, who we will be hosting Oct 22 through Oct 30, 2005. This program introduces Russian leaders to U.S. democracy at every level of government and provides first-hand experiences of American life and culture.

Hattie Datt



THIS YEAR'S FOCUSES

- 1 Enhanced membership development
 - 2 Advocate for school refunding reform
 - 3 Improve league's public face
 - 4 Maintain and enhance voter services
 - 5 Update affordable housing position (direction to board at annual meeting)
 - 6 Increase international affairs focus
 - 7 Consider programming for "separation of religion and government"; further Patriot Act issues and "local environmental issues".
 - 8 Establish healthcare/insurance task force
- Religious Freedom and the Constitution informational program
 - General Membership Brainstorming Session
 - "How to be an Advocate" workshop

Board Retreat

On June 8, several members of the newly elected board and the outgoing board met for approximately five hours at the Lake Forest Senior Center. The meeting began with a visioning session led by Kitty Cole that helped us set our goals for the year. Three new events also came out of this planning:



Membership Notes

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It will soon be time for our members to start thinking about LWV membership renewal again. However, for the League board, it's always time to be thinking about our members:

- Are we representing them adequately?
- Are we providing programming that interests them and meets their expectations of League?
- What else could we be doing to keep them in the loop?
- How can we retain members, when we know everyone has so many demands on their time and budget?
- How can we carry out our mission on a very limited budget without overburdening our members?

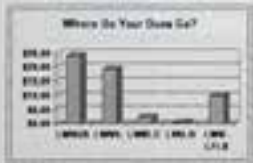
IDENTIFYING OUR GOALS

In June, the LWV board held a retreat to address these questions and several more, some of which had also been discussed at the Annual Meeting in May. We face some challenges, but many exciting new ideas and plans are being hatched.

In regard to membership, the board has been discussing two main issues:

- Membership dues alone do not provide us with sufficient operating funds because most of that income is paid back out to support the League at other levels.
- Membership retention has been a problem for us, as for most Leagues, which makes attracting new members all the more important.

For the past few years, our standard membership dues have been \$55 (\$50 for seniors). Of this, *only \$9.95 per member (\$4.95 for senior members) stays with us* to operate our own organization (see chart). We have instituted various fundraisers and looked for sponsorships to supplement our revenue, with varying success.



A POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR OUR FUTURE

All in all, the board is approaching the new League year with energy and optimism. We have an abundance of good ideas and a number of dynamic volunteers. You will receive a membership renewal form in August. We hope you'll renew promptly and maximize the benefits of your membership by attending events and getting involved.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

This year, the Board has decided to institute stepped increases in the basic membership rate to bring our share in line with that of the State League. The first increase will take effect on September 30 of this year, when the rate will go to \$60; **members who renew before that date will pay the old rate.** The senior dues (age 62 and over) will not go up.

In addition, the membership renewal form this year will reflect an **increased emphasis on giving more** than the basic dues amount. We have always had some members who make very generous donations, and we know League membership holds a high value for many of our members. We ask that those who are able to pay more than the minimum consider doing so.

A new page of the Membership Directory will be dedicated to acknowledging our donors in the following categories:

- Patrons (\$250)
- Benefactors (\$200)
- Advocates (\$150)
- Sponsors (\$100)
- Supporters (\$75)

Another new emphasis this year will be on **bringing younger members into the League.** We have long offered a student rate of \$25 for any full-time college or graduate student 18 years of age or older. This year, we will introduce the **LWV Associate Membership, open to young people of any age** who have an interest in civic or social issues. The cost is \$25 per year. An Associate Membership would be a perfect gift for a daughter or granddaughter (or son or grandson!); a certificate announcing the gift will be available. Associate members are nonvoting members, but they will receive all of our publications and invitations. We look forward to the input and perspectives these young people will bring.

Study ... The First Step to LWV Action

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Making a difference by influencing public policy makes League membership exciting and personally rewarding. Action by League is unique because it is based on the informed decision of its members. It is guided by positions formulated through member agreement after extensive study. Our careful and thoughtful method of study and process of member consensus gives League its credibility and integrity when acting on issues. We aren't just speaking based on a hunch or a feeling ... we've done our homework!

The road to action begins with study. It is not always necessary to adopt a new study in order to take action on an issue. If an applicable position exists, a local League may move directly into action. Along with acting on their own positions, Local Leagues may interpret positions formed at the national, state and county/LO levels. If no existing position exists, a study may be proposed to form a position.

At the Illinois state League level, studies are adopted at the biennial convention and most often take place over two years. However, potential action possibilities, the scope and complexity of the topic will determine the time needed to complete the study.

STUDY COMMITTEE

A study committee is formed with in-depth, impartial analysis as the goal. Ideally, the committee will be comprised of members with different points of view.

Special non-member constituencies are often targeted for participation in the study committee. For example, the Sierra Club might be contacted during the course of an environmental study.

The study committee researches and then presents pertinent information that will enable League members to decide where they stand on an issue. The goal is to become informed citizens, not definitive experts. All sides of the issue should be examined so that the information will be balanced as well as objective.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Two general sources of information are existing publications and field research. Study materials developed by other Leagues can be a good source of information. (If the same or a similar study has been done, a League might decide to seek concurrence instead of consensus.) Existing publications can include, laws, ordinances, codes; agency/association publications, booklets, pamphlets and brochures; newspapers, periodicals, and books.

Field research can be interviews with individuals such as elected officials, agency representatives, etc. Guest speakers and "go-see" tours can be

informative for both the study committee and general membership.

Surveys, questionnaires and polls can also yield good information. However, some expertise is necessary in their design and implementation. Information from a biased survey could compromise the credibility of a study.

CONSENSUS PROCESS

As the study progresses, the committee will identify those aspects of the issue which need to be addressed by the membership. Consensus questions are then formulated and may help direct the remaining research. The questions will also help shape the League's position on the issue and set the stage for League action. The questions should be open-ended to stimulate wide-ranging discussion. They should elicit agreement on broad general concepts rather than specifics so the League will be able to select alternatives when actual options for action present themselves.

In the context of a study, the word "consensus" refers to a specific technique, involving group discussion, by which member agreement is reached. The accord reached by consensus is not a simple majority, nor unanimity, but rather the overall sense of the group. The advantage of consensus over other methods of determining agreement is that it is a dynamic process. During the group discussion and exchange of ideas, areas of agreement will evolve and opinions will crystallize. A consensus is reached even if only a small percentage of members participate. However, maximum participation is optimal. Having helped formulate a

position, individuals may be more willing to make a commitment of time and effort in its implementation when it is time to act.

POSITION STATEMENT

After members have had the opportunity to express their viewpoints, the study committee formulates a position statement. The position articulates the broad areas of agreement that emerged among the members. It expresses the League's view on the issue and forms the basis for League action. It is important that the position be broad enough to allow the League to initiate, support or oppose a variety of proposals over a period of time. An overly detailed position can be too limiting and less useful in the future.

BOARD APPROVAL

The study committee then submits the position to the board for approval. The board determines if the position fairly represents the sentiment of the membership. After the position is approved by the board, it becomes part of the League's program. Although positions are reviewed at each convention, the position statement is not sent to the general membership for approval. Therefore, member participation is very important during the consensus process.

HELP FORM AN LWVIL POSITION

As you can see, a lot of effort goes into an LWV study. Contact Jane Partridge about becoming involved in the LWVIL study of immigration.

In the Community



(Left to right) Kimberly Lewelling, Hattie Datt, Brendan Karson and Andy Quinn. Photo courtesy of Janice Patterson

"Know Your Government" Award at Deerpath Middle School

The League of Women Voters' "Know Your Government" certificate is awarded to eighth grade students at Deerpath Middle School who demonstrate an exceptional understanding of our democratic system through both classroom participation and performance on either or both the State and Federal Constitution tests. At a ceremony held at Deerpath Middle School on June 3, League president, Hattie Datt, presented the school with a plaque commemorating the recipients of the 2005 award, **Brendan Karson, Kimberly Lewelling and Andy Quinn.**

Report on Beijing Plus Ten and Beyond

On July 8, **Diane Lloyd** opened her lovely garden and home for a "pound or pint" potluck and **Jane Partridge's** report on some of the Beijing Plus Ten and Beyond meeting at the UN this past March. **Robbyn McFadden** also attended the meeting with Jane as observers for LWVUS, **two of only six League members from the entire U.S.** 8,500 women worldwide attended, a far lower number than the Beijing attendance of approximately 35,000

because of lack of room and of funding. However, it was a very worthwhile meeting. The concern now is more implementation of the Platform, for the document is strong as it stands. But it will take a concerted effort to make changes on behalf of women, children, and all of society. At the prior meeting of NGOs at Barnard College, a major focus was to make suggestions for connecting some of the women's issues of the Platform with the

Millenium Development Goals. (The MDG was initiated in 2000, under the leadership of Jeffrey Sachs, to wipe out hunger and poverty, under UN auspices). Countries of the world were grouped by region; therefore, the U.S. works with Canada, Mexico, the EU and Israel. The European and Canadian women are well organized. Jane sees the need for the women's NGOs in

the U.S. to plan and work together to achieve some

of the goals. Of major concern to all of the women was the proposed amendment to the B.P. adding anti-abortion language, even though the Platform in no way advocates abortion. Of the 191 countries, only the U.S. and the Holy See supported this amendment. The collective power of the U.S. women in opposing this action so that it was withdrawn showed what women can do if we work together.

Goals and Platform for Action and
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LAKE FOREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVES AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

On March 17, 2005, the Lake Forest City Council Affordable Housing Ad Hoc Committee presented for approval its Affordable Housing Plan. The Ad Hoc Committee had been meeting since August, 2003 under the leadership of Mayor Jack Preschlack. The plan directs the city to form an Affordable Housing Commission and under their leadership the city will develop various tools that facilitate the development of affordable housing in Lake Forest.

The underlying policy is that 15% of new housing development must be affordable to people of moderate means. Priority will be given to seniors and to people who live and work in Lake Forest. With our escalating housing costs, this plan recognizes the importance of a diverse and attainable housing stock.

The League has long supported attainable housing for seniors and many seniors have advocated for this for years. Thanks to Mayor Preschlack for his leadership

submitted by Kitty Cole

Calendar of Events

2005-2006

August 2005

East Middle School - Waukegan
Contact: Stephanie Victor
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September

Fri. Sat. Sep. 9/16, 9/17, 9/18
Voter Registration
Lake Forest Public Library
Book Sale Days
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September 2005

Women Engaging Globally
Topic: Multilateralism (How US Unilateralism Harms Women)
sponsored by the LWV of Geneva/St. Charles
Business Conference Center,
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Sat., 9/24 Legislative Update
Membership Breakfast
@ CROYA
9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.
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October

Sun., 10/16
Lake County Women's Coalition Tea
Highland Park Country Club
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Sat. - Sat., 10/22-10/29
Russian Delegation

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TBD: Religious Freedom and the Constitu

TBD: Holiday Luncheon
January 2006

TBD: General Membership / Brainstorming Meeting

February

TBD: Local League Fundraiser
TBD: Candidate Forums
March

Tue., 3/21 Election Day
TBD: "How to be an Advocate" workshop led by Stephanie Victor

TBD: Annual Meeting

June

Sat. - Tue., 6/10-6/13
The 47th LWVUS National Convention
Minneapolis, MN

TBD: Present "Know Your Government Award" at Deerpath Middle School

July

8/4: Lake Bluff Parade

Voter Services Opportunities

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VOTER REGISTRARS NEEDED

Training Available

If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a Lake County Voter Registrar, please contact Stephanie Victor at (847) 735-1228 or s2svictor@aol.com. With a large enough group, the Lake County Clerk's office will come to Lake Forest for a training session. Takes only 90 minutes.

Already a Registrar? Help register Voters at the Library Book Sale!

The Lake Forest Public Library Book Sale Days are SEPT. 16, 17, 18. LWV-LF/LB will host a voter registration table. Voter Registrars and a Coordinator are needed. Available and interested registrars should contact Stephanie Victor.

CANDIDATE FORUM COMMITTEE FORMING

Voter Services Committee to host a Candidate Forum prior to the 2006 March elections. All those interested in developing the forum, contact Stephanie Victor.

Voter Registration Goals for 2005-2006

- Identify other Lake County cities that would benefit from a voter registration drive such as at Libertyville's Cook library.
- Strengthen LWV ties to Lake Forest High School and other area high schools as a resource for voter registration and education on the importance of voting in our democracy.

If you can help us obtain our objectives, please contact Stephanie Victor.

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Fall Membership Drive Under Way

Fall Membership Breakfast

Saturday
September 24th,
9:00 to 11:00 a.m

CROYA
400 Hastings Road
Lake Forest

Call Nicki Snoblin at (847) 295-9059 or visit
our web site at www.lwv-illb.org.

The LWV-LFLB fall membership drive is in full swing. Many thanks to the members who have renewed their memberships so promptly. Our goal is to have received all membership renewals by September 30th. This allows us to begin work on the Membership Directory sooner, which gets it into the hands of our members sooner.

Watch for a redesigned Membership Directory this year, with a page devoted to acknowledging members who have donated more than the basic membership level. Also this year, we will be reinstating summaries of the LWVIL and LWVUS positions in our directory. The Board felt that having these available at our fingertips helps keeps us focused on the big picture of what League is doing. It also allows us to take quick action when questions of public policy arise, since local Leagues can act on any issue on which the State or US League has a position.

If you have not yet renewed, please do so at your earliest opportunity! We have so much to offer our members and the community at large this year. We start with the **Fall Membership Breakfast on Saturday, September 24th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at CROYA, 400 Hastings Road in Lake Forest**, which will feature a legislative update with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Kathy Ryg. We're also planning voter registration drives, a public forum on religious freedom and the Constitution, a visit from a delegation of Russian women, and much more.

We need your support to provide these programs to the community. Whether you are able to be actively involved, or you are one of our "guilt-free members," who generously support us with a commitment of time, you are very important to us!

We hope to see you at the Fall Membership Breakfast—and bring a friend! If you need a new membership form or have any other questions, call Nicki Snoblin at (847) 295-9059 or visit our web site at www.lwv-illb.org.

Staff Changes at LWVIL

WELCOME, DEBBIE!

LWVIL welcomes Debbie Kirman, the new Office Administrator. In this role, she manages the League office, coordinates fundraising and operational plans with the Board of Directors, and works with the board and staff to insure successful League programs and initiatives. Debbie has more than six years of non-profit experience working as a Program Coordinator for the HIV Coalition, and most recently as a Regional Youth Programs Manager with Habitat for Humanity International. Debbie is a life-long Chicago area resident, a graduate of DePaul University, currently working part-time on her Master of Science in Non-Profit Management at North Park University, and an active volunteer for several community service organizations. Debbie is very excited to be working with the League of Women Voters of Illinois and looking forward to meeting and working with the Local League members. To reach Debbie at the LWVIL office, call 312-939-5935 x33 or e-mail dkirman@lwvil.org.



Did you notice that Debbie is a southpaw?

BEST WISHES, NICKI!

Nicki Poropat, the Development and Communications Coordinator, submitted her resignation on Monday, September 12. She is leaving LWVIL to pursue opportunities within the Development Department of the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. Nicki's hard work and dedication made her an asset to LWVIL and she will be missed by all. We thank her for the many contributions she made to the League and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Nicki's last day is Wednesday, September 21.

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Lake Bluff Village Board Discusses Controversial Harrison House Development

At its September 12th meeting, the Lake Bluff Village Board discussed and took audience comments on a revised proposal from the developer of the Harrison Conference Center property on Green Bay Road.

The meeting was held in the gymnasium at Lake Bluff East Elementary School because of the anticipated large audience turnout. Many Village residents, especially those of the West Terrace neighborhood adjacent to the Harrison property, have been rallying against the development of the property.

A representative of the developer, Stonebridge Lake Bluff LLC, opted not to give a detailed presentation of the revised plan at the meeting at the request of one of the Village Board members, Rick Lesser. Mr. Lesser, an outspoken opponent of the development, called for an immediate vote on the plan without a presentation, but his motion was defeated in favor of more discussion and audience input.

The 47-acre property, which is owned by Aramark Corp., is currently zoned for residential development on 1.5-acre lots. This means that, without any zoning change, the developer could demolish the manor house, remove 50% of the trees, and build approximately 28 homes.

An initial proposal by the developer included 114 housing units, but the Plan Commission recommended reduction of the density. The new plan calls for construction of 71 residential units, which would consist of a combination of free-standing houses and duplexes plus 14 condominium units contained within the current historic Harrison Manor House and coach house. The housing density would be less than that of the adjacent West Terrace neighborhood (2.3 units/acre compared to 8.7 units/acre).

The plan would maintain a 200-foot buffer of trees between the development and the properties to the north. The clustering of houses would preserve the manor house and coach house, which would be restored to their original state. The plan also creates a permanent conservancy, deeded to the Village, of

the heavily wooded eastern acreage, which is significant because it was designed by the renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen.

The subdivision would be restricted to buyers 55 and older. A homeowners' association would maintain common property and provide snow plowing and garbage pickup, relieving the Village of these expenses.

Residents in favor of the new proposal cited its retention of most of the trees on the property and the preservation of the manor house. Opponents voiced concerns about the increased traffic on Green Bay Road and in the adjacent neighborhood, possible impact on Village infrastructure and services, and the effect on local property values.

Larry McCotter, speaking on behalf of the Lake Bluff Open Lands Association (LBOLA), praised the plan for its minimal impact on the wooded portion of the property. He said that, realistically, development of the property is inevitable, since neither LBOLA nor the County is able to buy it.

Janet Nelson of the Vliet Center for Lake Bluff Area History also favored the plan because it would save the historic manor house, designed by Howard Van Doren Shaw in 1916, from destruction.

Questions were asked about impact fees. The actual amount of the impact fees would depend on the mix of housing units in the final plan. The subdivision would add few children to the schools because of the age limits for buyers. In regard to property taxes, it was estimated that Elementary School District 65 would realize an additional \$500,000 annually; High School District 115, \$250,000; the Lake Bluff Park District, \$90,000; the Lake Bluff Library, \$27,000; and the Village, \$100,000.

The Village of Lake Bluff will accept comments from residents by mail (40 E. Center Ave.), e-mail (vib@lakebluff.org), or fax (847 234-7254). **The Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. (location to be announced) at which they expect to vote on the proposal.**

WE NEED YOU!!!

Keeping the Observer Corps staffed with volunteers is a challenge. Presently we try to have Observers at all Lake Forest City meetings, Lake Bluff Village meetings and the school boards. Eleanor Knight sends me regular reports of the Senior Center. Jane Partridge and I go to Housing meetings. Nicky Snoblin covers Lake Bluff village meetings and Dottie Fletcher covers Lake Bluff School District 65.

I would like to propose that we observe meetings and report on them in relationship to our current agenda. That would mean we would want to cover the housing meetings and the school board meetings because of our goal of adjusting our housing position and exploring school funding. This might mean that we would observe at committee meetings rather than whole council meetings. Observers would take responsibility for being at the relevant meetings and reporting information that relate to our concerns. We can now access meeting agenda's on line or get them sent to us. We can watch council meetings on TV now.

One concern I have about this proposal is that the very fact of League presence at all meetings makes a statement and is a civic activity of accountability that is important. Please look over and respond to these quick questions so that we can get a feel for the views of our members. Thanks so much.

Lake County Women's Coalition Tea

Annual Fundraiser for LCWC's College of Lake County Scholarship Fund

This year's theme is a celebration of Lake County's non-US born women leaders.

Sunday,
October 16
1 p.m.
Highland Park Country Club
tickets: \$20

Please join us at the LWV of Lake County table.

For tickets contact:
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Please circle the meetings you think the League must attend?

- a. Lake Bluff Village Meetings
- b. Lake Forest City Council Meetings
- c. Lake Forest Housing Commission
- d. Lake Bluff district 65 School Board
- e. Lake Forest district 67 School Board

The Village and City all have Planning Commissions and Zoning Boards that we might want to observe. There are other meetings such as the Lake Forest Historic Preservation Board. There are also Township meetings we could attend. Please name those you think we must be at.

2. What meetings discuss the issues you have a stake in?
3. What meetings would you attend?
4. What is the best way to report relevant information from meetings we observe?
5. Please give your name, email and phone number if you would like to be a League Observer.

HOUSING REPORT

Eleanor Knight reports that the Lake Forest Plan Commission has passed an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that is meant to encourage developers to develop housing that people who earn a median income could afford. The ordinance describes various tools and incentives for developers. The next step is for the City Council to approve it.

submitted by Kitty Cole

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September 2005
Sat., 6/24 Legislative Update
Membership Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Contact: Nicki Snoblin
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October
Sat., 10/1
LWV of Lake County
Annual Meeting
Lamb's Farm, Libertyville
9:30 a.m.
Contact: Linda Bartmus
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Sun., 10/16
Lake County Women's
Coalition Tea
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Annual Meeting
Spring Lake Holiday Inn
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November
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Convention
Minneapolis, MN

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August 2006
Wed., 8/4 Kids First Health Fair
East Middle School - Waukegan
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LWV of Lake County Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 1

9:30 a.m.

Lambs Farm

(Rte. 176 & Rte. 94)

Libertyville, IL

\$9.50 for breakfast

Come and see how the Lake County Interleague Organization has restructured and how you can become involved. Other member Leagues include Barrington, Deerfield, Highland Park and Waukegan/Zion.

The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League is entitled to five (5) voting delegates at this meeting.

Contact Linda Bartmes

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if you would like to attend.



Lake Michigan Interleague Organization Annual Meeting

Did you know that Indiana, Pennsylvania and Minnesota and do NOT have bans against drilling for oil and gas in Lake Michigan?

Interested in other legislation involving Lake Michigan, one of our greatest natural resources? Join 50+ local Leagues around our Great Lake, Lake Michigan in acting on the following priority issues:

- Regulation of Water Diversion from the Great Lakes
- Treatment of Ballast Water Before Discharge in Lake Michigan
- Federal Monies for the Restoration of the Great Lakes

Contact Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden if you are interested in attending this meeting. 847.625.9765, indezyn@aol.com

Friday and Saturday, October 21 & 22

Spring Lake Holiday Inn

Spring Lake, Michigan (Near South Haven, MI)

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Info

Development

Harrison House

September 24

Saturday

Breakfast

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The Russians are coming! Zdr'astvuite!



The Open World Institute Program (OWI) is a nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress that has brought emerging young Russian political and civic leaders to communities throughout America. The objective is to spend about one week observing their political counterparts in action and living with American families to become familiar with their life-styles and community and cultural lives. Since its inception in 1999, Senator Durbin supported its expansion to include the Baltic States, including Lithuania (which sent a delegation to Illinois) and continues to support the current level of funding at \$13.5 million. [Page: S9424 - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (Senate-September 21, 2004)].

Meet the Delegates

Tatyana Gubina from Moscow is a Child psychologist working at Orphanage #19. She has two young daughters, ages 4 and 17 and enjoys horseback riding. Though this is her first trip to the US, she has traveled to a number of countries, including UK, Spain, Turkey & Norway and speaks English.

Alla Sazonova, Department Head of the Juvenile Social Rehabilitation Center in St Petersburg is also making her first trip to the US, leaving behind her young 6 year old boy. Together with "Doctors of the World - USA", Alla is fighting for children's rights and is trying to organize foster families in Russia as an alternative to orphanages. She rides her bike and gardens in her free time.

Tatyana Shaydo from Zyryanskoye, a city in the Southern Siberian region called Tomsk Oblast has been working as a Director of the

Zyryanski Orphanage since 1995. Though she has traveled to the US in summer 1991, she speaks German better than English. She has one 12 year boy and lists her hobbies as gardening, volleyball and Turkic poetry.

Our male delegate, **Vladislav Nikitin** has been working as the Director of the Teenagers Social Rehabilitation Center, House of Mercy in St Petersburg. He has three boys and 2 girls; the youngest is 9 and the oldest 21. This is also his first trip to the US; he has traveled within Europe and also to Turkey. He enjoys Classical music and literature.

They will be accompanied by a young man, **Roman Chepa** who speaks fluent English and who will act as their facilitator. All are University graduates, as is the Roman who is working on his post-graduate studies at Kostroma State University.

Look through the schedule. Feel free to call me or the host families if you are unable to come to the reception and try to meet the families informally. During the weekdays, I will need one volunteer to drive along with me as I take them to the various agencies. Two cars will take care of our transportation needs. Jane Partridge and I will be driving on Thursday, Oct 27. Jan, however, would like to return after her tour. This is an opportunity to meet with Voices of Illinois Children as well as the State Board for lunch.

On this day, there should be 2 or 3 league members to accompany us. For spending the whole day you will also enjoy the show *The Blue Man*.

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From Our President

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*"I shall see through this world but care not any good therefore that I can do
or any kindness I can show to any human being let me do it now."*
Mahatma Gandhi.

Greetings,

The first call to LWVUS 47th National Convention 2006: "Meeting in the Middle" June 11-13, 2006 in Mirneapolis arrived this week.

Let's think for a moment about conventions – they hold the most promise for development members; JoAn Sabonjian and I were sent to the 46th in Washington and today we are both actively engaged. Attending the State Convention this summer has enhanced LWVFLB's public face, not only at the State level but also in the community as we prepare for our October programming (see international committee report) in partnership with many local organizations.

These are two of the eight broad categories the board was going to focus on during this term at the June board retreat's visioning session reported in the August newsletter.

- Enhanced membership development
- Improve league's public face

Conventions are also a great forum to further a study or an issue, develop new ideas and network with other engaged women. They could however, become an expensive way to visit with old friends, if we loose sight of why and who we are sending to convention. Think about this and the League's mission and how to achieve our goals without overburdening members, because preparation of the why and who has to start now.

Let's talk about this at our semi-annual general membership meeting being planned for mid year.

Be engaged during the visit of the Russian Delegation. Contact the host families or myself to meet them during informal times built into their schedule.

Happie Datt

In Memorium

Colleen D. Regan, 75, of Lake Forest, died September 17, 2005. Wife of John P. Regan; mother of Michael J. (Kathleen) Regan; grandmother of Caitlin, Maggie, and Michael. Contributions in memory of Mrs. Regan may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, Memorial & Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678. A funeral mass was held on September 20, 2005 at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest. She is interred at St. Mary Cemetery in Lake Forest.

Senator Link reaffirms LWV voter education work

All states offer voters the option of voting prior to the election. In some states, the ballots are returned by mail. This is referred to as absentee voting. Other states permit voters to vote in person at the offices of county clerks or at other satellite voting locations. This is referred to as early voting or in-person absentee voting. People who have trouble finding the time to vote on Election Day could find the voting process a little easier now.

This August, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed an election law that contained several changes, including a new provision that allows for "early voting" - a process that shares some similarities with absentee voting but is much less restrictive. To vote early, a person would have to show proper identification. The ballots would be sent to the polls election night, where they would be processed much the same as absentee ballots.

At the League's September Membership breakfast, Illinois State Senator Terry Link reaffirmed the work of the League of Women Voters to educate the community on this new voting capability. Senator Link worked closely with other Senate leaders to create a bill that would facilitate voting for all Illinois citizens while not increasing the work load of the county clerks' offices.

LWV LF/LB intends to hold an educational event in early 2006 in order to make surrounding communities aware of this new voting capability. In addition, the need for citizens to contact their legislators to advocate for positions they believe in will also be discussed. If you are interested in assisting with this program, contact Stephanie Victor.

Do you know the difference between
"early voting" and
"absentee voting"?

Now that Illinois voter registrars can register any Illinois resident, LWV-LF/LB intends to identify local, large corporations where it can host a voter registration drive. Corporations are a captive audience as we discovered last year at CDW. Employees are sent an e-mail reminder and then come to work with the necessary documentation. Employers give them the time to take a break from work to participate in this important task which now does not cut into Saturday morning errands, etc.

Have any good ideas for corporations? Contact Stephanie Victor if you can assist with making a call to the community outreach department to identify their needs and willingness.

Corporate voter registration drives

County Clerk Willard Helander Announces ADA Voting Machines



Lake County Clerk Willard Helander is pleased to announce that the ES&S AutoMARK Voting System will be available in all polling locations in Lake County for the March 2006 election. The AutoMARK is a ballot-marking system designed to provide privacy and accessibility to voters who are blind, vision-impaired, or have a disability or condition that would make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot in the usual way. The system offers audio-ballots, enlarged ballot print, touch screen or keypad, sip-and-puff interface, and gel pads for limited mobility. Helander notes "I am particularly pleased that each voter receives the same ballot. The accessible interface allows voters with disabilities to mark their ballot in private without being treated differently." For more information about the AutoMark Voting System, or to schedule a demonstration beginning in November 2005, call 847-377-2314.

Harrison Residential Development Receives Preliminary Go-Ahead

Center to move forward.

President Letchinger opened the meeting by outlining the process the planned residential development (PRD) would go through if the board approved it. The plan would still be subject to lengthy reviews by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Architectural Board of Review, and the Plan Commission, after which it would come back to the Village Board for final approval.

The board then needed to vote to remove the item from the table, since it had been tabled at the end of the last meeting on September 12th. The motion passed, but the two trustees who have been actively opposed to the plan, Rick Lesser and Michael Peters, voted against the reopening and trustee Geoffrey Surkamer abstained.

The developer, Shawn Hunt, then made a presentation. He began by defending his integrity in light of some of the rumors and allegations that had been circulating about the corporate nature of his business. He clarified how he and his partners were registered with the State of Illinois. He also made a presentation of other major restoration projects he had worked on, including renovation of the Civic Opera House of Chicago.

Mr. Hunt and his colleagues also clarified many questions about the project, such as public access to the grounds and walking paths, the extent of restoration of the manor house and coach house, restoration of the Jens Jensen landscaping, and character of the new construction.

applause from the large crowd.

the development. This led to discussion of the validity of the petitions, as

proponents of the petitions refuted this allegation and pointed out that the number of signatures represented more than 70% of the number of residents who voted in the last local election. It was not stated whether the signatures were restricted to registered voters who lived within Village boundaries.

Much discussion centered around traffic. An independent study commissioned by the Village largely corroborated the findings from the study done by the developer. Although traffic entering and exiting the current conference center varies widely, the subdivision could result in less traffic, rather than more.

Some speakers suggested alternative uses for the property, such as school, a park, or a community center. However, because the property is privately owned, the Village cannot prescribe how it should be developed. All it can do is evaluate proposals that are brought before the board.

Finally, it was time for the Village trustees to have their say. President Letchinger began by thanking all of the residents and the trustees for their involvement. She referred to the value of "creative tension" in developing a better end product.

Each trustee spoke in turn. Their comments made their positions clear, so that the actual vote was an anticlimax. A motion was made to approve the PRD with the following conditions:

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- Addition of a left turn lane on Green Bay Road for northbound traffic
- Age restriction, as previously discussed, to residents 55 years and older and no permanent residents under 18
- Possible public use of parts of the manor house
- Infrastructure improvements to the satisfaction of the Village engineer
- Repair of damage from construction traffic
- A 10% cap on changes in the proposed mix of single and duplex housing units
- Restoration of the manor house to the standards of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior
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Trustees Barkhausen, Shineflug, and Reier voted in favor; Trustees Lesser, Peters, and Surkamer voted in opposition. President Letchinger broke the tie with a yes vote. She then spoke positively of her respect everyone involved in the process and her confidence that the board and the residents will be able to move forward and continue to work together for the good of the community.

Have You Renewed?

The fall membership drive is well under way. Have you renewed your membership yet? The membership year ended on September 30th, so now's the time!

Each member is very important to our local League. The more members we have, the more certain we can be that we represent the concerns and opinions of informed people from all over our community. Important things are happening at every level of government and in many aspects of our society. We want to be able to speak on these issues with all of your voices.

Please help us by renewing your membership promptly. If you need a new membership form, you may use the one below, download one from our Web site (www.lwv-illib.org; click on "Join Us") or call Nicki Snoblin at (847) 295-9059 to have one mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to you. We appreciate your ongoing support.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/LAKE FOREST-LAKE BLUFF AREA

Please complete the following information and return with your check to
LWV-LFLB (attn.: Membership), 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

2005-2006 MEMBERSHIP

Address, City, Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Office) _____ (Fax) _____

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

PATRON	\$250
BENEFACTOR	\$200
ADVOCATE	\$150
SPONSOR	\$100
SUPPORTER	\$75
MEMBER	\$55 (\$60 after September 30, 2005)
SENIOR MEMBER (62 and over)	\$50
STUDENT MEMBER	\$25
ASSOCIATE MEMBER \$25 (nonvoting member; for those not a U.S. citizen or less than 18 years old)	

Please make checks payable to LWV-LFLB. Dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

I would also like to make a separate tax-deductible donation to the LWV Education Fund of \$ _____.
(Make check payable to LWV Education Fund.)

MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

- Programs, Activities: Illinois Student Vote project in school (national elections)
 Candidate Forums
 Be a moderator for public forums (Need training? _____)
 Be a League Observer for regular meetings of local government
 Register voters (Need training? _____ Already a voter registrar? _____)

Hospitality, Support:

- Holiday Luncheon
 Annual Meeting
 Joint Meeting with AAUW
 Planning or refreshments for special programs
 Short-term jobs (phone calls, mailing, etc.)
 Fundraising
 Newsletter items
 Phonathon fundraiser

Join a Discussion Group or Task Force:

- Great Decisions discussion group on foreign affairs
 United Nations and international issues
 Preschool programs and services
 Advocating for school funding reform
 Advocating for affordable housing
 Forum: Religious Freedom and the Constitution
 Forum: Health Care and Insurance
 Forum: Patriot Act follow-up
 Other: _____

Meet Our Russian G

Join us for some of

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 4:00 pm Introduction to the League of Women Voters and the organization's role in the surrounding community
6:30 pm Dinner and evening with host family.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 am Guided Bright Encounters Tram tour of the Botanic Gardens
3:00 pm Kick Off
6:00 pm Return to host family.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:35 am Depart for Evanston (half-hour drive)
9:30 am Panel discussion on programs supporting foster families with the staff of The Cradle. The foundation is an 80-year-old non-profit adoption agency that provides lifelong support to birthparents, adopted persons, and adoptive families. It has placed more than 14,000 children in Illinois statewide.
2:45 pm Visit APNA GHAR (meaning "Our Home" in Hindi-Urdu) a domestic violence shelter for women and children, especially Asian, and founded in 1989. APNA GHAR provides an array of services, from translations to legal counseling, to women and children who have faced domestic violence
6:30 pm Return to an evening with host family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:45 am Depart for Waukegan (30 minute drive).
9:15 am Panel discussion with staff of Lake County Health Center programs
11:00 pm Discussion with staff and development specialists at Allendale Association, located in Lake Villa, a non-profit social service agency that serves children and adolescents with moderate to profound emotional and behavioral disabilities.
1:00 pm Lunch at a shopping mall.
6:00 pm Pot luck dinner with American Association of University Women (AAUW) and community members. The delegates will be asked to speak about their lives, families, regions, and country.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:30 am Brunch at Egg Harbor, local restaurant. Invited guest Circuit Court Judge Margaret Mullen will talk about Lake County Juvenile Crime Division and Drug Court initiatives and possible field trip [to be confirmed].
10:45 pm Visit Arden Shore Child and Family Services which provides a variety of services, including group home, foster care and counseling, to children and families. [to be confirmed].



Guests in Person ... of these activities!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 (continued ...)

- 12:00 pm Arrive at Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago. One-on-one discussion with staff psychologists (with Russian language skills) on the role of the University in community service programs in private-civic partnership settings. 1. Kid's First Health Fair, a league of Women Voters initiative to provide immunizations and basic school supplies. 2. Healthy Family Clinic initiative at Whittier Pre-School in Waukegan, and working with Lake County Head Start.
- 2:30 pm Field visit to observe and interact with Boy and Girls Club of Lake County, tutoring and mentoring program in Waukegan, Illinois. Director Chris Finkel available for questions and answers
- 6:00 pm Return to host family home.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:35 am Depart for Chicago (1 hour drive).
- 10:00 am Panel discussion with representatives from Voices for Illinois Children on the effectiveness of policy and program reform and the role of advocates in improving the lives of children in Illinois.
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Paula Lawson, president and the board members of the League of Women Voters of Illinois
- 2:00 pm Walking tour, led by a League member, Jane Partridge, and a Chicago Architectural Foundation docent, of Chicago's downtown buildings.
- 3:30 pm Train to Russian neighborhood for a stroll through the neighborhoods.
- 6:30 pm Dinner at a restaurant (Thai, Mexican, other) on Chicago's Clark Street
- 8:00 pm Attend a show by the *Blue Man Group*.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:00 am Panel discussion on youth issues with Kathy O'Hara, League member, Mimi Lustig, Volunteer Bureau, and representatives from Woodlands and Lake Forest Academy (private school) and Lake Forest High School youth service opportunities, members of the Committee Representing Our Young Adults (CROYA) at Lake Forest High School, followed by a tour of CROYA facilities.
- 11:30 am Attend Senior Center Halloween Party, games, prizes, and luncheon.
- 2:30 pm Time with host families and host family activities. It may include, shopping, visiting friends, cooking a special meal, etc. Suggested alternate: Lake Forest Hospital
- 4:30 pm Debriefing with delegates on how the week has been at Happie Datt's home, League coordinator, followed by a farewell dinner with hosts, committee members, and friends.
- 7:00 pm Program at Ravinia.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 10:30 am Guided tour of the city of Lake Forest and village of Lake Bluff by Char Kreuz, League member, including the Historical Preservation Society Museum in Lake Forest and Vliet Center in Lake Bluff. Lake Bluff was home of an orphanage that was eventually closed when all children were placed in foster homes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 10:30 am Leave for airport.

Global Sisterhood

Honoring Women from Around the World

The Lake County Women's Coalition Scholarship Fundraiser



Happie Datt, LWV of Lake County president, stands with the 1999 honoree, who was one of the women from outside the US honored at this year's tea.

On Sunday, October 16, the Lake County Women's Coalition (LCWC) held its 14th annual tea at Highland Park Country Club. This year's theme was Global Sisterhood. Member organizations chose honorees from their groups who were from outside of the US. LWV of Lake County (LWVLC) selected Happie Datt, LWV-LFLB Executive.

The Lake County Women's Coalition formed in 1995 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage. Approximately 400 women attended the first tea, and the organizations involved decided to continue holding an annual tea, using the occasion to honor women who have distinguished themselves in various walks of life.

The coalition established a scholarship fund at the College of Lake County for women returning to school. The coalition's scholarship differs from many others as the funds may be used for transportation, books or child care at CLC as well as tuition. This scholarship is funded with proceeds from the tea.

Please join us at the LWVLC table next fall and help support this worthy cause!



Sally Zeit, representing LWV of Lake County the organization that nominated Happie; Happie Datt.

League of Women Voters of LAKE COUNTY

The LWVLC held its annual meeting at the Lambs Farm on Saturday, October 1. In attendance were delegates from local Lake County Leagues, including LF/LB, Highland Park and Waukegan.

After a two-year reorganization period, a new bylaws were adopted, which changed the structure from a traditional board, with titled officers, to a five-member executive committee. This change was implemented to allow for more flexibility and hopefully more willing participation in this important level of League.

Members of the executive committee include: Linda Bartmes, Mary Mathews, Tania Murillo, Jane Partridge and Jo-An Sabonjian. Other members of the board are Marge Blake, Judy Johnston, Sally Zeit. Barb Lippai, immediate past president of LWVIL, has been assigned to be a liaison to the state League. The goal is to get board participation from all five of the Leagues in Lake County.

The statewide immigration study is a hot action item. Jane Partridge, LWVLC and LWV-LFLB liaison is eager to begin work on this project. The board has pledged \$500 to the state education fund to help get the project underway. Another \$500 has been earmarked for use at the local level.

Find out what we're all about! Please join us at the next board meeting 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8 at the Panera Bread at 176 & 43!



Hundreds of women were in attendance at this year's tea held at Highland Park Country Club

Fall Membership Breakfast Provides Interesting Perspectives

The Fall Membership Breakfast, held on September 24th at CROYA, featured a presentation by CROYA staff and students as well as a legislative update by State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Kathy Ryg.

The CROYA presentation, led by director Kamy Daddono, addressed the past, present, and future of the youth organization. The CROYA youth program has been used as a model for similar programs around the country and has served thousands of young people in its 25-year history. However, the resources it can offer are limited by lack of space.

CROYA has announced plans to create a "student union" to serve the young people of the community. The organization's current facility at the Lake Forest Recreation Center will be significantly expanded. A nonprofit foundation has been formed for fundraising, and many in-kind donations are also being made. More information on the CROYA Foundation is available at www.croya.com.

Senator Link asked for the League's assistance in disseminating information on the new Illinois early voting law. Under the new law, which took effect in August of this year, any registered voter may vote in person at a designated polling place between 22 days and five days before an election. Unlike absentee voting, there are no restrictions as to the reason for voting early. Stephanie Victor, our Voter Service chair, has offered to organize a program on early voting, absentee voting, and related topics this winter.

Representative Ryg and Senator Link also spoke and answered questions about other topics of interest, including school funding, the teachers' pension fund, and affordable housing. We are grateful to them for taking the time to speak w



State Representative, Kathy Ryg and State Senator, Terry Link speak about voting.



Kamy Daddono, CROYA Director, along with Rachel Carani, Caelan Rottman and Greg Devonshire discuss the student union expansion.



(l to r) Sen. Terry Link; Kamy Daddono, CROYA Director; Rep. Kathy Ryg; Haggie Datt, Pres. LWV-LFLB; Nicki Snoblin, Membership Chair LWV-LFLB



State Senator Terry Link with Greg Devonshire, Caelan Rottman and Rachel Carani.

Citizens Information Service and LWVIL End Merger Discussions

At the LWVIL 2005 Convention in June a Will of Convention Motion was adopted concerning a possible merger of CIS into the LWVIL. LWVIL asked CIS for information that was needed to evaluate a merger and provided information to CIS about the League. CIS held a Board Meeting on September 22, 2005 to discuss the merger.

LWVIL received the following email on September 23, 2005.

Good Morning Paula:

Wanted to let you know that we reviewed the questions that you proposed and the information about the 'League' that accompanied the questions. The board conducted lengthy discussions and voted unanimously against a merger between CIS and the League.

The board requested I convey their gratitude to you and your board for having taken the time and effort to explore a possible consolidation. As always you have our continued support in your effort toward community enlightenment.

JayDee Hudson
CIS President

Therefore, the discussions of a merger of CIS with LWVIL are concluded and there will not be a merger. If you have any questions feel free to contact Paula Lawson, LWVIL President, plawson@lwwil.org (312) 393-5935 x. 35

Immigration Study Update

The League of Women Voters of Illinois held its convention June 24—26, 2005 at the Clock Tower Convention Center in Rockford, Illinois. The delegates passed a motion to undertake a state study on Immigration Issues in Illinois contingent on funding. Thank you for your overwhelming support! We have now met with the LWVIL president, Paula Lawson, and we are ready to proceed with this study.

As those who attended state convention will remember, the Immigration Study is contingent upon raising the necessary funds. We now have \$2500 committed to this study, thanks to the Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and Naperville Leagues, but we need to have at least \$5000 before we can even begin our work. We ask each League to consider making a donation of whatever amount they think their board can afford to help with this effort; we ask that each League consider giving \$100 each, if at all possible. Checks should be made out to LWVILED (please designate Immigration Study on the check) and mailed to Judy Elsaas, LWVIL 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Reed (630) 545-0662.

We have the go ahead to hold an Immigration Study Committee Meeting, and it is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at the LWVIL office 332 S. Michigan in Chicago from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We would like to have as many of you who are interested either attend or participate by conference call (this can be set up by the League office). During this meeting we will review the timeline for the study, narrow the issues to be looked at under each of the three policies below, discuss how to delegate the work of the study, and set up future meetings.

The scope of the LWVIL study is described as follows: **How should Illinois respond to the challenges and opportunities of immigration in the areas of economic policy, social policy which includes education, and the governmental process?**

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact our local and Lake County liaison, Jane Partridge. 847.234.1247 janepartridge@aol.com

"A Community Conversation on Healthcare Reform."

An invitation from the LWV of the Arlington Heights/Mount Prospect/Buffalo Grove Area

The League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights/Mount Prospect/Buffalo Grove Area is pleased to call for "A Community Conversation on Healthcare Reform." This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 pm at the Arlington Heights Historical Society, 110 W. Fremont St., Arlington Heights.

This event is part of a larger national initiative sponsored and funded by *By The People*, a project of MacNeil-Lehrer Productions and the League of Women Voters of the United States Education Fund to encourage citizens to engage in informed dialogue. Based on the premise that an informed public is better able to contribute to decisions about proposed healthcare reforms, *By the People* and the LWVUS Education Fund is working with local organizations across the country to facilitate local dialogues during Deliberation Week 2005 (Oct. 22-29).

The program will start with a panel to introduce current problems and proposed solutions. Panel members will provide the viewpoints of a healthcare provider, a consumer advocate and the government, as well as an analysis of proposed reforms. After the panelists speak, the audience will break into smaller "community conversations," prompted by generalized discussion questions.

State Representative **Carolyn Krause**, who will also be a panel member, is assisting the League of Women Voters of the Arlington Heights/Mount Prospect/Buffalo Grove Area in this effort. Other panel members included **Ron Buch**, Director of the Low-Income Patient Program of Northwest Community Healthcare, and Ms. **Victoria Bigelow**, President of Access to Care.

For more information contact: LWV of AH/MP/BG Area: Robin LaBedz, President, rlabeledz@sbccglobal.net, (847) 392-6195 or Cathy Duoba, Program Chair, Cduoba@aol.com, (847) 437-6956

Please consider attending this event and letting us know what it was all about!

Become a Host Committee Member for the LWVIL Fundraiser

Plans are moving forward for the Annual LWVIL Fundraiser, a fantastic event that will include an awards presentation, a dynamic well-known speaker, raise big bucks to keep our finances strong and increase community awareness of LWVIL's work statewide. League members are invited to join the Host Committee.

Being on the Host Committee is a fun, exciting opportunity – a chance to rub elbows with influential leaders, our guest speaker, awardees and top corporate sponsors.

Host Committee members are asked to send LWVIL staff contact information for any corporations likely to consider sponsoring the event. They are also requested to purchase a \$100 ticket and invite 10 others to the event.

In recognition, Committee members will have their names on the invitation along with a list of distinguished leaders. Another special opportunity for those committing to the \$250 VIP level includes preferred seating, an invitation to the VIP reception and the potential to meet the guest speakers and honorees.

Please contact the LWVIL office at 312-939-5935 if you are interested in this opportunity. If you are not able to be on the Host Committee, you are still encouraged to send names of potential corporate sponsors to the state office.



Calendar of Events 2005-2006

October 2005

LWV Lake Michigan ILO
Annual Meeting
Spring Lake Holiday Inn
Spring Lake, Michigan

indezyn@aol.com

Sat. - Sat., 10/22-10/29
Russian Delegation

happiedatt@gmail.com

Thu., 10/27, 7:30 p.m.
"A Community Conversation on
Healthcare Reform."
Contact: LWV of Arlington Heights/

November

Wed., 11/16, 9:00 a.m.
Board Meeting
Gorton Community Center

happiedatt@gmail.com

December

St. James Lutheran Church
1380 N. Waukegan Rd.,

847.254.4044, crvlioin@aol.com

January 2006

TBD: General Membership
Brainstorming Meeting

fundraiser
 candidate forums

March
Tue., 3/21 Election Day

May
TBD: Annual Meeting

June
Sat. - Tue., 6/10-6/13
The 47th LWVUS National
Convention
Minneapolis, MN

TBD: LWV of Lake County
Annual Meeting
TBD: Present "Know Your Govern-
ment Award" at Deerpath Middle
School
July
7th: Lake Bluff Parade
August
Wed., 8/4 Kids First Health Fair
East Middle School - Waukegan
Contact: Stephanie Victor
847.735.1228, a2svictor@aol.com

Reminder ...

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please send your form in soon.

**SAVE THE DATE ...
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11:30 a.m.**

**LWV/AAUW
Holiday Fundraiser**

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League Lines

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Lake Michigan Interleague Organization Annual Meeting

The Lake Michigan Inter-League was formed 37 years ago to study, develop positions and take action on issues concerning Lake Michigan. Thirty-five members from the four states surrounding Lake Michigan met in Spring Lake, MI this year.

The event opened Friday afternoon with a tour of Annis Water Resource Institute in Muskegon, Michigan. This facility is part of Grand Valley State University. They have received many grants to do research on Lake Michigan and also to map the vegetation and ground water in the basin. Their contracts come from the state, private industry, and individuals.

Michigan State Senator Patty Birkholz, chair of the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee; Cheryl Mendoza and Jamie Morton from the Alliance for the Great Lakes; and Chris Grubb, the Great Lakes Water Resource Coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) were the Friday dinner speakers.

Senator Birkholz addressed the important issues of invasive aquatic species, water withdrawal, and controlling waste discharges. Michigan needs to take the lead, setting standards for the other states, because it is entirely in the water basin. Illinois is studying their invasive species bill as we craft our own.

Cheryl Mendoza updated the group on the Great Lakes Charter Annex, now called Great Lakes Water Basin Sustainable Water Resource Compact Agreement, which is an agreement between the eight Great Lakes States and two Provinces in Canada to regulate water withdrawals and ensure the region's authority. Conservation incentives, and an "improvement standard" that would require water users to include measures to benefit and restore the lakes' ecology, must be strengthened. Jamie Morton discussed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which is a bi-national agreement up for renegotiation at this time.

Chris Grubb painted the Restoration Bill picture. In May 2004, President Bush announced his commitment to the Great Lakes Restoration and formed the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Since that time committees from the Great Lake States, federal agencies, local communities and tribes have been working on the draft plan, due in December. The governors of all eight states bordering the Lakes and the mayors of every large city have supported the restoration project. It has also been backed by 100 House members and touches 128 electoral votes. Chesapeake Bay and the Everglades have successfully received Federal money for restoration projects.

The Great Lakes contain 20% of the world's fresh water, in an area larger than the continent of Europe. We use it for agricul-

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Join the LWVUS Grassroots Online E-Mail Network

Join other committed League activists from around the country by using the League's growing online grassroots network. Choose the lists that fit your roles at the local level or try a list that highlights an area of interest.

Topics include: Campaign Finance Reform, ERA, Civil Liberties, No Child Left Behind, United Nations and Healthcare.

- 1 Log in to national's website at www.lwv.org. If this is your first time logging into the new LWV Web site, or if you have not yet set up your personal password, you will need to register with the LWV Online System. If your e-mail is NOT on file with LWVUS, you will need your member ID number, which is located on the mailing label of your National Voter magazine. If you have trouble logging send an e-mail to membership@lwv.org.
- 2 Click on the "For Members" link, located in the blue bar in the middle of the page.
- 3 Click on the "Training and Resources" link, located on the left side of the page.
- 4 Click on the "Online Grassroots Network" link, located on the left side of the page, directly under the "Training and Resources" link
- 5 Fill out and submit the online form, checking the boxes indicating the lists you would like to subscribe to.
- 6 Check your e-mail inbox. You must respond to a confirmation email before you will be added to the active list.

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Corporate Voter Registration Drives

Now that Illinois voter registrars can register any resident, LWV-LF/LB intends to identify local, large corporations where it can host a voter registration drive. Corporations are a captive audience as we discovered last year a CDW. Employees are sent an e-mail reminder and then come to work with the necessary documentation. Employers give them the time to take a break from work to participate in this important task which now does not cut into Saturday morning errands, etc.

The work is all phone calls. The Voter Services Committee will locate the voter registrars, materials, etc. Our goal is to do 1 company per quarter or a minimum of 4 per year. Have any good ideas for corporations? Contact Stephanie Victor if you can assist with making a call to the community outreach department to identify their needs and willingness.

Voter Registration Drive at Lake Forest High School, January 25

LWV-LF/LB has been invited to register voters at the Lake Forest High School on January 25 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

If you are available to assist in this effort, please let me know. All materials will be provided that day. Just bring yourself and enthusiasm.

Important
change:

Illinois voter
registrars can
now register
Illinois residents
of any Illinois
county.

Observer Corps

Contact: Kitty Cole | 847.735.0418 | colekitty@comcast.net

Affordable Housing on the Suburban Agenda

Kudos to our state representatives for supporting and standing behind the Affordable Housing Appeals Act, passed two years ago. There has been a lot of activity from the 31 Lake County municipalities that have less than 10% affordable housing. Both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff have approved plans that lay out the ways they will increase their stock of housing that would be attainable to those who work in our community, such as our teachers, police, and fire personnel. This is a very important tool for our seniors, who have long advocated for more affordable housing in our communities. In fact, League leaders such as Jane Partridge and Eleanor Knight have been advocating for years for affordable senior housing—the result of which are the senior cottages in Lake Forest.

The Lake Forest City Council unanimously passed an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance which for multi-family developments of 5 units or more requires 15% affordable housing targeted to Lake Forest seniors. The sales price for an affordable home is between \$175,000 and 200,000. If a developer does not want to comply he or she can put \$130,000 per unit into a Housing Trust Fund to finance new or rehabbed affordable senior housing.

It is important that we pay attention to developments such as what will occur on the Harrison Conference Center and the Barat College sites. Both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff will be giving preference to our seniors, which is in keeping with our League policies.

Our Observer Corps will be paying attention to these important issues. Please call me if you are interested in becoming an Observer. My number is (847) 735-0418.

Kitty Cole
Chair, Observer Corps

"I cannot accept not trying." — Michael Jordan

Greetings!

BIG THANKS to the numerous league members who participated in making the October hosting-exchange program with the Russian Delegation a success!

It is with regret I inform you that our program director, Elaine Slayton has submitted her resignation due to pressing demands on her time. This will change our plans regarding the program reviewing the history of the separation of church and state in the US.

Law Day Program

However, the perennial optimist, I would like to suggest that it be combined with the proposed LWVUS program, *Safeguarding US Democracy: Promoting an Independent Judiciary by Defending the US Constitution: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers*, on May 1, which is Law Day 2006. If you would like to nominate yourself as the point person for this important program, please let any board member know of your interest.

National Convention

Last month I asked everyone to consider budgeting for conventions as we received the first call to LWVUS convention to be held in Minneapolis, MN, from June 10 to 13, 2006, with the theme "Meeting in the Middle."

- I have asked the Global Democracy Specialist that we do a workshop on hosting overseas delegations at convention. I believe we need to be included in these conversations on a formal level, bringing visibility to our league members.

- LWVIL will again propose that LWVUS adopt the position that the death penalty be abolished.

Healthcare Hearings

Finally, if any one wishes to participate in the health care hearings being held throughout the state, mark your calendars for January 18, 2006 (9th Congressional District in Skokie); April 4, 2006 (10th Congressional District in Deerfield). All questions may be directed to Eileen Lynch, LWVIL Issues Coordinator.

Mini-General Meeting

- A reminder that a mini-general meeting is being planned for early 2006, by which time we hope to have a nomination for program director as well as to review the LWVIL guidelines for inviting elected officials to our events, a diversity policy, and our nonpartisan policy. In addition, the board will discuss the death penalty abolition position in order for our delegates to represent our position at convention. Further details are available at http://www.lwvil.org/death_penalty.

Happie Datt

Lake Michigan Interleague Organization Annual Meeting (continued from page 1)

ture, manufacturing, fishing shipping, recreation and tourism, as well as for drinking, washing our cars and watering golf courses.

Scientists tell us the Great Lakes are dangerously out of balance due to habitat destruction, pollution and invasive species (like the zebra mussel, Asian carp) and the Lakes cannot heal themselves. Restoring the Lakes cannot be done all at once, and the longer we wait, the bigger and more expensive the job gets.

As you know, LMLO must have permission from LWVUS to act on federal issues and from all the state boards to lobby on state issues. We have some of those permissions for action now, and are seeking the rest. This can be an unwieldy process. Until then, we are asking our member leagues to contact their legislators, speaking as individuals. We plan to prepare summaries of these issues for our members to allow them to make informed requests for support.

After a chilly picnic lunch at PJ Hoffmaster State Park and a look at its interactive nature center, we drove to Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserves for an naturalist led walk and history of the ever changing dunes. Did you know that the fill for much of Chicago's lakerefront, including Lake Shore Drive, came from Michigan's magnificent dunes, which in many cases, are no more?

As if all that was not enough, Township supervisor, John Ash, told the impressive story of the restoration of Spring Lake. He made consensus building sound so easy!

As is usual with these meetings, time was much too short to take in all this fascinating area has to offer. Many who were there would return!

submitted by Judy Johnston,
co-president LWV-LMLO

Thanks from the Intern



Arriving at O'Hare

Enjoying the Botanic Garden.
Getting into the US spirit after
one day ... notice the ubiquitous
cups of coffee.



From the International Committee

The Open World Institute-Russian Leadership is a very special project for the League, brought to us by the efforts of many league members.

I am deeply grateful to Cynthia Maloney, who hosted me this last year and to the three host families, F. Morehead, Mike and Carol Gilbert, and AAU who showed them true American hospitality "on their own" in their homes.

I want to specially thank Phyllis Albrecht, who provided the details behind the scenes for a well-attended farewell dinner for the delegates at my house.

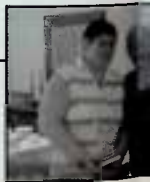
I also want to thank Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, Snoblin, Sallie Gratch, Kathy O'Hara, Marian Jane Partridge, and Liese Kant for helping with the publicity for this project.

Thanks to all the League members--

Happie Datt



Boys & Girls Club
Photos courtesy of
Theophilus Jamal



International Committee

Leadership Program has been a
brought to fruition through the

they, who encouraged me to pursue
families, Richard and Cindy
and AAUW member Janet Gomez,
hospitality by giving them a "room of

acht, who took care of the myriad
attended welcome reception and
my house.

-McFadden, Julia Howard, Nicki
a, Marian Barell, Anne Pollock,
helping with the programming and



The US Russian language press was on hand at the reception held at the home of Marian Barell and Bob Barell



Discussion with teenage jurors after a Teen Court session in Grayslake. A true jury of peers -- teens sentence first time teen offenders who have admitted their guilt in minor offenses.





The League of Women Voters of Lake County is in the process of organizing candidate forums for the March 21, 2006 primary. There are several contested races in the county, including a Democratic primary for Lake County Sheriff.

Please contact Linda Bartmes at 847-234-7069 to let her know how you can help.

P.S. Watch your mailbox for an LWVLC newsletter with details about a tour of the Lake County Jail

LWVIL Immigration Study

Jane Partridge

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The League of Women Voters of Illinois committee for the two-year study on immigration had its first two meetings on October 25 and November 17.

Our Local League, LWV-LFLB, has contributed \$100 toward the study. Our county league, The League of Women Voters of Lake County, has contributed \$500 toward the study via the LWVIL Ed Fund, with \$500 more earmarked to be used locally in Lake County. The amount collected so far is about \$4,000. \$5,000 is the target for the study. Kim Reed from the Glen Ellyn League is Chair of the study and she and the committee has asked each Local League to contribute a minimum of \$100 toward the study. Individuals may also contribute money.

Under the chairmanship of Jane Partridge, LWV of Lake County and LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area will focus the study in Lake County. Happie Datt, Cindy Morehead, Janet Gomez, Joann Meigs, Fran Goostrey and Diane Lloyd have offered to help.

However, this is study is a large undertaking and we are still looking for more committee members and more financial support. The committee intends to address history and background, current issues, current law and potential legal reform. Varied outlooks are necessary to give the study credibility and completeness. Although the meetings are held at the League office in Chicago, many committee members participate by conference call. Even the giving of a small amount of time will help so much.

Please call Jane (847-234-1247) to let her know your interest and in what way you would like to help.

Our local league has contributed \$100 and our county league has contributed \$500, with \$500 more to be used for local study expenses.

LWVIL is nearing its goal for the study budget but still needs our contributions.

The LWVIL two-year study of immigration is important and I want to contribute

Name _____

Address _____

City, St Zip _____

Phone _____

e-Mail _____

I can contribute financially

Please make checks payable to
LWV-LFLB Education Fund
400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

While dues and contributions to general operating expenses are not tax-deductible, contributions earmarked for this study or Education Fund may be deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

I can contribute my time and talent 

We need you!
Contact Jane Partridge
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Dates to Remember ...



www.steps.org

Friday, January 20, 2006

Capital Steps

9501 Skokie Blvd.
Skokie, IL 60077

Join us for an evening of laughs!

The Capital Steps, the only group in America that attempts to be funnier than the Congress, is a group of women and former Congressional staffers who perform comedy and satirical plays in Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in other centers of power and prestige around the world. Join our show & support our work without leaving home while providing a nationwide laugh for millions...

Meet at Happie Datt's home at 8:30 p.m. While we are enjoying dessert and coffee, Janet Nelson will give us an update on the high school issues. We'll leave for the theatre shortly after 7. The show begins at 8 p.m. at the Centre East. Tickets are \$45.00 which includes the refreshments. Contact Happie Datt at 847-234-6801.

LWVIL 2006 Issues Briefing: *Study, Action, Change*

Saturday, February 4, 2006

Loyola University — Water Tower Campus, Loyola Law Center, Rubloff Auditorium, 25 East Pearson, Chicago

Issue Programs: 9:30 a.m. until Noon

Panel Discussion: *Illinois Immigration — Responding to the Opportunities and Challenges Statewide*
Andrew Segartz (Calmead Global Law Group), Fred Tsao (Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) and Douglas Werman (Attorney at Law)

LWV Study, Action, Change at the National, State and Local Level
Death Penalty Abolition, School Funding and Indoor Smoking Ban Advocacy

Workshops: 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. (select one)

Understanding New Election Laws, Investigating the Need for an Illinois Constitutional Convention, Moderator Training

\$45 for whole day (includes meals), \$25 for morning program (includes continental breakfast), \$30 afternoon program (includes lunch). Call LWVIL at 312-939-5935 for more details.

Short-Term Volunteer Opportunity!



Want to help
LWVIL but can't
make a long-term
commitment?
Volunteer to be our
phonathon facilitator!
Phonathon
helps raise funds for
both our state and
local leagues. You
will determine host
location, date, time

of event, and provide names and phone numbers to be called.

Contact Happie Datt at 847-234-6801.



Meeting and a Movie

In preparation for our annual meeting in June, we will hear reports from our various committees at our February meeting - which will also be a movie night!

Stay tuned for details!

The Importance of Title IX to Female Athletes

Karen Blumenthal, author of "Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the law that changed the future of girls in America."

Saturday

March 4, 2006 noon

Valley Lo Club

2200 Tanglewood Drive
Glenview, IL 60025
847.729.5550

A Women's History Month Event held in co-sponsorship with the LWV of Glenview 847-998-6530

State of the State LUNCHEON

Monday, February 13, 2006

11:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Westin Chicago River North
The Westin Chicago River North
320 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60610

The keynote speaker will be **Diane Swonk**, Senior Managing Director and Chief Economist of Mesirov Financial and an advisor to the White House Economic Council.

This year's luncheon is being co-chaired by LWV-LFLB member, **Corinne Wood** and **Valerie Jarrett**.

Proceeds from the luncheon support the League's Education Fund, a 501 (c) (3) and charitable trust.



I want to support the League

Name _____

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Patron	\$250
Benefactor	\$200
Advocate	\$150
Sponsor	\$100
Supporter	\$75
General Member	\$60
Senior (65+ years)	\$50
Non-Voting Associate (non-citizen or under age 18)	\$25
Other	

Please make checks payable to LWV-LFLB
400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dues and contributions to general operating expenses are not tax-deductible. Contributions earmarked for the Education Fund may be deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

Join us for an evening with the Capitol Steps!
Friday, January 20

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League Lines

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A Letter from Our President FOCUS

The lesson conveyed in the President's workshop at the 47th LWVUS National Convention in Minneapolis was **FOCUS** - the key to leading a successful, dynamic and vibrant league.

First rule of league: Nonpartisanship.

Remain vigilant in keeping the LWV's reputation as a trusted nonpartisan voice.

Outreach to the community - Program

Educate members and community about topics of interest is the visible part of LWV that makes us relevant and attractive to new members, media and other organizational partners.

Consensus - Not going it alone

Act on the principle of consensus, by following democratic processes and parliamentary procedures at board meetings to create a whole board buy in for genuine participation.

Us, the grassroots - Membership

Be prepared to mentor and guide new leaders to continue to be an effective voice in the public arena.

Speaking with One Voice.

Promote and take action on national, state and local positions at the grassroots level in concert with each other. Share issues to enable consistent and effective action.

My focus and vision for the coming year is meeting with each one of you and to listen to the issues that concern you the most.

We need to make the league **visible** at the local government level. When you attend a village, city or any other governmental public meeting as an interested citizen and as the eyes and ears of the League, inform the board

with a brief email or note about the issue. If we have a position on the subject and can take action - then we can use the strength and power of the organization to influence outcome on a standing position.

We are more likely to accomplish our mission, when we spend time with each other, sharing our diverse social, economic and political viewpoints frequently. **Attend** as many monthly league meetings as possible and bring a friend with you each time to make it an enjoyable and productive experience.

To reiterate my message sent recently in the membership renewal mailing (*don't forget to mail in your checks before the end of the month!*) members join for **friendship, mutual support and intellectual stimulation**. Stephanie is planning frequent monthly meetings - a few in the morning, some over lunch and others in the evenings. They will be both informative and of interest and will serve to build trust and engage and attract new members.

The LWV also needs to be **visible** at community events and in public places, such as the Lake Bluff Parade (*check photographs on the web-site*); presenting our education-mission related awards to students with other area organizations; (*check pictures elsewhere in this newsletter*) in addition to educational and candidate forums, and registering voters at a number of locations in the community.

We need **your suggestions** for even more areas and events where we can be present!

Sincerely,

Happie Taungeo Datt
(847) 234-6801 (home) or (847) 561-6744 (cell)

The League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Its focus is primarily on issues in the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area.

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Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2006 League of Women Voters Annual Meeting was held on May 20 at the Grille on Laurel in Lake Forest. President Happie Datt presented the 2006-2007 report, commensurate with her role in leading the organization. Her highlights were also given by Happie, which included the national launch of the Open Vote campaign and the REV US publication. National and local news items were also presented, including the Lake County Board of Supervisors' decision to support the local press. Also mentioned were the Lake County Board of Supervisors' decision to support the local press. Also mentioned were the Lake County Board of Supervisors' decision to support the local press. Also mentioned were the Lake County Board of Supervisors' decision to support the local press.

Char Kruez presented the Bylaws Committee report and suggested that all members read the bylaws printed in the League directory. The committee members, Kruez, Phyllis Albrecht and Julia Fiske-Parker recommended several changes, termed as housekeeping, which were all adopted by voice vote.

Bev Adamczyk presented the Nominating Committee's slate. The committee consisted of Adamczyk, Lisa Dietrich and Alice Flaherty. Along with the nominated slate, Judy Grisamore was nominated for VP of Voter Service, Cindy Morehead for Treasurer and Dodie Cook for Voter Registration. The nominated slate was: Happie Datt (President), Stephanie Victor (VP, Program), Jo-An Sabonjian (newsletter). Off-board appointments included Nicki Snoblin as Webmaster, Paula DuBourdieu as Action Liaison and Cynthia Maloney as Nominating Committee Chair. Vacancies on the board include Membership, Secretary and Public Relations.

Stephanie Victor presented a revised Non-Partisan Policy and a new Diversity Policy. The Non-Partisan document was updated for clarity, and since it is generally a policy that addresses board member behavior, it had already been discussed and approved in that venue. A revision to amplify the language "should not support or oppose any candidate" was agreed to at the annual meeting. After a discussion referencing "removing barriers ... on the basis of age", the language of the policy, which is the same as LWVIL remained.

Marilyn Shineflug presented the budget report. Local dues will not be increased commensurate with LWVIL'S increase in per-member-payments. The board will look for other ways to increase income. Shineflug thanked patrons for increased donations in the past year. This year's budget committee was Shineflug, Happie Datt, Joan Kaltsas, Theresia Yakes and outgoing Treasurer, Liese Kant.

Nicki Snoblin presented the Program Review Committee report. Committee members were Snoblin, Phyllis Albrecht and Sally Zeit. By a narrow margin, the delegates voted to retain the Shields Township position. The Senior Housing position was retained by the words "market-value seniors-only developments" were added to the language. Positions that were retained included Nominating Systems, Comprehensive Plan, Solid Waste, Conservation, and Land Use. The Preschool Programs and Services position was abandoned. Accepted as Action Items were School Funding Reform and State Election Laws. President Happie Datt moved to add action on international issues under five existing LWVUS positions, with wording to be developed at a later date. Though there was a concern that the motion lacked a specific focus, the motion passed with more than the two-thirds majority required for a program item to be added by membership at the Annual Meeting.

based on minutes taken by Carol Gilbert

Program Summary

Priority Action items: School Funding Reform, State Election Laws, International Issues

Position Dropped: Preschool Programs & Services

Positions Retained: Shields Township, Affordable Senior Housing, Nominating Systems, Comprehensive Plan, Solid Waste, Conservation

Help Needed

Board Vacancies: Secretary, Membership, Public Relations

Immigration Study: People needed to interview school officials, health care providers, housing providers.

Action Needed: Keep up the pressure for the Voting Rights Act!

Contact your elected officials! Urge Congress to Act!
Any and all calls are important!

Action Needed: Please contact your elected officials in support of the Voting Rights Act (H.R. 9 and S. 2703) to protect the foundation of the democratic process: the right to vote. This bill must pass as drafted to ensure the continued protection of the voting rights of all Americans!

In the next week (July 1st through 9th) members of Congress will be home for the holiday. Please take this opportunity to urge them to move forward on the Voting Rights Act (VRA). If possible, it is also important to contact House Speaker Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Frist and the White House to urge their support. Lastly, concerned citizens should make a point of signing petitions in support of VRA. Such a petition is available at www.renewtheVRA.org. Once on the website, click on "Act Now" in the right hand corner to sign a pro-VRA petition.

Contact Information: House and Senate members and leadership can be reached at (202)224-3121. The White House can be reached at (202)456-1111. Email addresses and additional information is available at www.Congress.gov. Again, any and all calls are important!

Background: For 40 years, the Voting Rights Act has outlawed discriminatory practices in elections and eliminated barriers to voting and representation faced by minority voters. Key provisions of the Act will expire in 2007 unless renewed by Congress. These essential provisions protect minority voters from discrimination, assist citizens who are not native English speakers in casting informed ballots, and provide for federal election observers. Unfortunately, these provisions are still needed in polling places.

A bipartisan, bicameral bill has been introduced in Congress to reauthorize the expiring temporary provisions. The bill is known as "The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006" (H.R. 9). The legislation was voted out of the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 33-1. Unfortunately, opposition from select members of Congress has stalled action on the bill. The time to act on VRA is now!

For Further Information: Please contact Robin LaBiedz, Voter Service Chair, LWVIL, at (847)392,6195, rlabiedz@sbglobal.net



LWV In Our Community

(l to r) Anne Egan, Happie Datt, Kristin Tanabe, Nikhil Mulani. Deerpath Middle School students receive the annual LWV "Know Your Government" award.

On June 6, 2006 Happie Datt presented the book "Let Me Play - The Story of Title IX" by Karen Blumenthal at the Deerpath Awards ceremony to the School principal - Mrs Booker.

The "Know Your Government Award Certificate to three students - Anne Egan, Nikhil Mulani and Kristin Tanabe at the same Assembly.

Later in the day, another copy of "Let Me Play - The Story of Title IX" was presented to RoundOut School Athletic Director, Ms Kendra Fischl at the Sports Awards Ceremony.



Happie Datt presents Deerpath Middle School Principal, Mrs. Booker, with the book "Let Me Play - The Story of Title IX" by Karen Blumenthal at the Deerpath Awards ceremony.

Mark Your Calendars

All Members Program Planning Meeting

Monday, July 10
9 a.m. Gorton Center

Kids First Health Fair

Miguel Juarez School, Waukegan: Wednesday, August 2

Voter Registration

Lake Bluff Library: August 19, 23, 26, October 2 and 7
Lake Forest Library: September 9, 23 and 30

Lake County Women's Coalition Tea

Country Squire Restaurant, Grayslake: 1 p.m., Sun., October 15

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 13

"Capitol Steps" Fundraiser

Friday, January 19, 2007

2007 Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2007

Board Meeting - All are invited and encouraged to attend.

2nd Monday of each month, 9 a.m.
(except August)

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9 a.m. at Gorton Center

Great Decisions

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beginning in September

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Topic: **Human Rights in an Age of Terrorism**

Call Betty Buker 234-4509 or
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information about
**CANDIDATE
FORUMS**

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Program Planning
Meeting
9 a.m.
Monday,
July 10

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IMMIGRATION: THE BIG PICTURE AND THE LOCAL PICTURE

Saturday, September 9, 2006, 12:30 p.m.
Mocha Cafe, 724 Sheridan Rd., Highland

- How does immigration affect us in a day-to-day basis?
- How does immigration affect the availability of jobs and the cost of labor?
- What was the impact of the 1986 Amnesty Legislation?

Join other members of the Deerfield, Highland Park and Lake Forest/ Lake Bluff Area League of Women Voters to hear more about the immigration debate and how it affects our communities.

\$15.50 per person, includes buffet lunch.
Guests are welcome, so BRING A FRIEND!

GUEST SPEAKERS ARE:

THE BIG PICTURE

Dr. James Lewis – Executive Director of the Institute for Metropolitan Affairs at Roosevelt University. Dr. Lewis is an expert in social issues pertaining to the Chicago region and has written numerous research reports and publications dealing with public education, minority business development, voting rights, affirmative action, and welfare reform.

THE LOCAL PICTURE

Margoth Moreno – Moraine Township Trustee. She has served as a program specialist working with families at Nuestro Center in Highland, acting as a liaison between immigrant Latino families and local schools and government.

Contact **Stephanie Victor** for more information. 847.735.1228 or s2svictor@aol.com

Celebrating the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act

Together we achieved the goal of reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act (VRA) before the congressional recess in August! This victory was the result of tremendous League activity, throughout the country and on the Hill, in support of the bicameral bill to renew the VRA, "The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006," H.R. 9 and S. 2703. On July 13, the House overwhelmingly passed H.R. 9, 390-33. All amendments were defeated, thwarting efforts by some to weaken the VRA. The Senate quickly followed suit, passing S. 2703 unanimously, 98-0, on July 20. The League sent this letter to the Senate on July 19. President Bush signed the bill into law on July 27. This success was celebrated by the large and diverse coalition of groups who worked for more than a year to reauthorize the VRA. League members can be proud of the extraordinary contributions of our local, state, and national Leagues as we advocated together for the renewal of the landmark civil rights law.



The above letter was submitted to our local newspapers and published in the Lake Forester.

Voter Service Volunteer Opportunities

Voter Registration

Contact: Dodie Cook
847.295.1674
rhcdcc@comcast.net

North Chicago Library has been added as another site for voter registration. The dates and time are 9/7, 9/14 5:30 - 7:00 each evening.

As a reminder, the other sites set up are:

Lake Bluff Library: 10/7 10:00 - 2:00

Lake Forest Library: 9/9, 9/30 11:00 - 1:00 each day

Lake Forest Book Sale 9/15 11:00 - 2:00, 9/17 12:00 - 3:00

Lake Forest High School 9/13 Approximately 6:00 - 9:00

Lake Forest Place 9/29 10:00 - 11:30

Lake Forest Senior Center 9/27 11:00 - 1:00

PLEASE: Let me know as soon as you can which dates and times you are available to register. Thanks for all your help

Lake County Candidate Forums

Linda Bartmes, 847.234.7069, bartmes@sbcglobal.net
Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m. Libertyville Township Office 359 Merrill Ct, Libertyville

LWV of Lake County is sponsoring a candidate forum for the countywide offices of Lake County Clerk (**Willard Helander**, **Sharon Narrod**), Lake County Sheriff (**Mark Curran**, **Gary Del Re**) and Lake County Treasurer (**Glenn Ryback**, **Robert Skidmore**).

LWVLC is also planning a separate forum for the candidates in US Congressional Representative District 8 (**Melissa Bean**, **David McSweeney**, **Bill Scheurer**), State Senator District 31 (**Michael Bond**, **Suzanne Simpson**) and State Representative District 62 (**Sandy Cole**, **Sharyn Elman**). Who will win the seat of vacated by long-time State Senator **Adeline Geo-Karis** (District 31) who lost in the Republican primary? Who will be in Representative of District 62 after **Robert Churchill's** unsuccessful bid to be the Republican candidate for US Congressional Representative District 8?

Spencer Overton to Speak

Spencer Overton, the author of *Stealing Democracy*, is coming to speak to our League on Tuesday, October 3, 9:30 a.m., location TBD. Overton is a law professor at George Washington University. He specializes in voting rights, and served as a commissioner on the Jimmy Carter-James Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform. Spencer is also a member of the boards of Common Cause, Demos, and the Center for Responsive Politics.

He is a frequent media commentator and has appeared on various shows and networks, including ABC Television, Air America, Canadian Broadcast Corporation, C-Span's Washington Journal, Independent Television News of London, National Public Radio, and Wall Street Journal Radio. Spencer's commentaries on election law have appeared on the opinion pages of several major newspapers, including the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the *Boston Globe*, the *L.A. Times*, *New York Times Upfront Magazine*, *Roll Call*, *Newsday*, and the *Washington Post*. Spencer graduated with honors from both Hampton University and Harvard Law School.

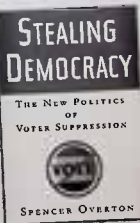
Local Candidate Forums

Judy Grisamore
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There will be a Candidate Forum on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00PM at the Lake Bluff Rec center. I am asking for volunteers to be timer keepers, ushers, and question sorters. If this is something you can do, please call me, Judy Grisamore, at 847-234-3510, e-mail me at jargriz@earthlink.net. I also would like help in preparing a printed program for that day.

Submit Questions for Online Voter Guide

Want some answers? Ask some questions! LWV of Lake County is putting together a voter guide for the candidates for Lake County Clerk (**Willard Helander** vs. **Sharon Narrod**), Lake County Sheriff (**Gary Del Re** vs. **Mark Curran**), Lake County Treasurer (**Robert Skidmore** vs. **Glenn Ryback**) and Lake County/Forest Preserve Board Commissioners. The guide will be posted on LWVLC's website, which is now being developed. Submit your questions to Barb Lippai at Bglippai@yahoo.com.



Mark Your Calendars

Voter Registration

Lake Bluff Library: October 7
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Countywide Candidates Forum

(Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer)
Sunday, October 22, Libertyville Township Office

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7

Potluck & Politics

Wednesday, November 15, 6-9 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon w/ Barbara Rinella

Wednesday, December 13

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NEWS FROM LMILO:

U.S. Congress at Re-Authorizes \$88 Million for Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration

Jeanette Neagu, Co-President
Lake Michigan Interleague Organization
219-879-0431

Dear Friends,

We have GREAT news to report! The U.S. Congress is poised to re-authorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act at double its previously authorized level. That's \$80 million over the next 5 years to utilize the manageable solutions we have to address some of the critical issues facing the Great Lakes. This is an important first step in our efforts to restore the Great Lakes and pass the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act. It is a great, big feather in our cap, and a major victory for the Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition.

When this bill was passed by the Senate and sent to the House, the House leadership offered to pass the bill at its previously authorized level of \$6 million / year. Because of the tireless efforts of so many of our coalition members - who told Congress that business-as-usual will run the Great Lakes - and because of many of our Congressional champions who stood their ground, the House and Senate have reached a compromise that doubles the original authorization from \$8M to \$16M / year.

I can't tell you how proud the entire staff of the campaign are of your efforts. Our coalition functioned like a well-oiled machine to make this happen, and it has been a joy to watch it unfold. As I said above, we couldn't have done it without some key Congressional champions who really went to bat for the Great Lakes, and who should be thanked.

The following members were particularly active: Reps. Kildee and Kirk (the sponsors of the House bill), LaTourette (who lead a Republican letter to Chairman Pombro), Hobson, Ehlers and Emanuel (who did behind the scenes work), and Walsh (who lead a Republican sign on letter to House leaders). Obviously, Senators DeWine and Levin should be recognized - DeWine especially. His office worked hard.

If you see your Rep or Senator on that list, please do take the time to thank them. In order to build and nurture the relationships we need to keep winning for the Great Lakes, it is important that members of Congress know their efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes are appreciated.

Again, congratulations everyone! We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I hope you all take a moment to reflect upon the victory.

Best,
Chris Grubb - Field Director
Chad Lord - National Policy Director
Jordan Lubetkin - Communications Director
Jeff Skelding - National Campaign Manager

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NEWS FROM LMILO: LWV Congress is Re-Authorizing \$60 Million for Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration

Jeanette Neagu, Co-President
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Dear Friends,

We have GREAT news to report! The House of Representatives passed to re-authorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990. This is a landmark achievement! There is still much work to be done, but we have addressed some of the critical issues facing the Great Lakes. This is an important first step in our efforts to restore the Great Lakes and pass the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act. It is a great, big feather in our cap, and a major victory for the Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition.

When this bill was passed by the Senate and sent to the House, the House leadership offered to bring it to a vote on the floor. This is a major step forward. We have a lot of work to do, but we have made significant progress. We have a lot of work to do, but we have made significant progress. We have a lot of work to do, but we have made significant progress.

I can't tell you how proud the entire staff of the campaign are of your efforts. Our coalition functioned like a well-oiled machine to make this happen, and it has been a joy to watch it unfold. As I said above, we couldn't have done it without some key Congressional champions who really went to bat for the Great Lakes, and who should be thanked.

The following members were particularly active: Reps. Kildee and Kirk (the sponsors of the House bill), LaTourrette (who lead a Republican letter to Chairman Pombro), Hobson, Ehlers and Emanuel (who did behind the scenes work), and Walsh (who lead a Republican sign on letter to House leaders). Obviously, Senators DeWine and Levin should be recognized - DeWine especially. His office worked hard.

If you see your Rep or Senator on that list, please do take the time to thank them. In order to build and nurture the relationships we need to keep winning for the Great Lakes, it is important that members of Congress know their efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes are appreciated.

Again, congratulations everyone! We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I hope you all take a moment to reflect upon the victory.

Best,
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Chad Lord - National Policy Director
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Immigration's Big Picture and Local Picture

Steaming at Mocha



Dr. James Lewis

The program just wouldn't stop! Dr. James Lewis of Roosevelt University and Margoth Moreno, Moraine Township Trustee, intrigued the audience with their knowledge and personal experiences that the questions and conversation went on past 3 p.m.

Members of the Deerfield, Highland Park and Lake Forest/ Lake Bluff Area League of Women Voters and their guests to learned the various aspects of the immigration debate and how it affects our communities. Dr. Lewis framed the issues around economic, safety/security and cultural.

The biggest economic impact surrounds education with an increased enrollment of students, public education does not require that the student be documented or a legal citizen. Employment competition is the biggest threat for those without a high school education, spotty work history, and/or who are not willing to work for minimum wage. There has been a flat wage impact but a low economic impact because the unemployment rate has been stable.

The crime/ security issue questions how to control the U.S. borders but this argument really is independent of how we settle the immigration issue. Since America absorbs different cultures well given the diversity of its citizens and origins and through the variety of cultural experiences via museums, restaurants, etc., immigrants have not negatively impacted our lives.



Ms. Margoth Moreno

An estimated 30 million immigrants reside in the United States with Chicago having the 5th largest population. Until the 1880's, the U.S. was free of immigration laws. Beginning in the 1920's, laws narrowly restricted the number of immigrants allowed in. A program begun during World War II running through 1964 actually asked for immigrants from Europe, etc. The program stopped when a wave of undocumented Mexicans tanked the economy in the 1970s waking America up to possibly the need for a structure or process of allowing undocumented persons in to the country.

Legalization of immigrants has allowed more to enter in the U.S. while border controls retain or trap undocumented workers from returning home. Most undocumented immigrants only want temporary employment and eventually would like to return home.

Ms. Moreno came from Columbia in the early 1970's to Highland Park with her family. As a student at Oak Terrace who was one of a handful only to speak Spanish, she replayed her first hand experience of living in the north shore as an immigrant. As most often happens, the English-speaking child takes charge of the family and head of communications at the bank, school, grocery store, etc. At Nuestro Center, she assists families to help themselves. She stressed the Golden Rule and that only by treating people with love and respect will there be an interesting community.

IMMIGRATION CORNER STATE STUDY

PRE-CONSENSUS MEETING

Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Home of Jane Partridge

1799 Farm Road, Lake Forest

SAVE THE DATE

STUDY CONSENSUS MEETING

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The LWWIL study group has been researching the immigration situation in Illinois in many ways: looking at the history of immigration and laws pertaining to both legal and illegal immigrants; the effects upon education, health facilities, housing, workplace issues, the REAL ID Act, crime, driving concerns, etc. Since the State league adopted the study in June 2005, the group, under the leadership of Kim Reed of the Glen Ellyn League and Jan Kay of Wheaton, has been meeting monthly and with the help of many other League members has gathered information at the grass roots level. We are ready to draft consensus questions for all leagues to study and vote upon for recommendations for changes in public policy.

The funding came forth (\$5325) from many leagues, with our league contributing \$100 and LWV of Lake County \$500 and earmarking \$500 more for local study expenses. The group (about 12 of us at the state level) has worked very hard gathering facts and data from many experts, and want the local leagues to have input before a consensus vote at the state committee level. Completion is planned for March 2007 to be ready for the state convention next June.

Therefore, we need all of you to attend the consensus meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 14. (Venue TBA) Jane Partridge, chairman of the immigration study for our league and for LWV-Lake County will hold an informational question and answer session at her home on Monday, Oct 16 at 7:00 pm. She invites all who have questions or want to discuss the many aspects of this study prior to the consensus meeting on November 14. Also feel free to call her if you have questions and cannot attend that evening.

It would be helpful too, if you could R.S.V.P. (234-1247). She has so much to share with you and hopes all of you can attend the meeting on Tuesday, Nov 14 and that any of you who have questions or want to discuss the immigration issues will come to her house at 1799 Farm Road on Monday, Oct 16, 2006.

Mark Your Calendars

Visit our website! www.lww-lfbb.org

Lake Michigan Interleague Annual Meeting & Conference
October 6 & 7, Milwaukee, WI.
visit our website for registration form

Voter Registration

Saturday, October 7, Lake Bluff Library

Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Discussion Group

2nd Friday of each month, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 13

Topic: India and China: Competition and Cooperation

Contact: Betty Buker 847.234.4509 or

Diane Lloyd 847.615.9182

Board Meeting - All are encouraged to participate

2nd Monday of each month, (except August), 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 9 a.m., Gorton Center

Candidate Forum (State Senate, State Rep, County Board)

Sunday, October 15, Lake Bluff Rec Center

Lake County Women's Coalition Tea

Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m., Country Squire, Grayslake

Immigration Study Update/Pre-Consensus Meeting

Monday, October 16, 7 p.m.

Home of Jane Patridge, Lake Forest, IL

Countywide Candidates Forum (Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer)

Sunday, October 22, Libertyville Township Office

10th Congressional District Forum

Thursday, October 26, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7

Immigration Study Consensus Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m., place TBD

Holiday "Brunchcon" w/ Barbara Rinella

Monday, December 4, 9:45 a.m.

Holly's American Bistro, 28 E. Center, Lake Bluff

"Capitol Steps" Fundraiser

NOTE: CORRECTED DATE!!!

Friday, January 19, 2007

2007 Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2007

Note: October 24 Global Warming program is cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.



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CANDIDATE FORUMS

Sunday, October 15

State Senate 30th - Fitzgerald & Link

State Rep 58th - Griffin & May

County Board 13th - Gravenhorst & Travers

Sunday, October 22

Lake County Clerk - Helander & Narrod

Lake County Sheriff - Curran & Del Re

Lake County Treasurer - Ryback & Skidmore

Thursday, October 26

US 10th Congressional - Kirk & Seals



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League Lines

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings!

This has been a busy fall with the mid-term election season mobilizing our membership to do what we do best – informing voters and getting them to be actively engaged in selecting our political leaders, thus affecting public policy. Dodie Cook reported 46 new registrations by our registrars. Attendance for the four candidate forums, co-sponsored with LWVLC and North Shore leagues was a record high with over 100 people attending the forum coordinated by Judy Grisamore at the Lake Bluff fitness center!

Jane Partridge has been busy and thanks the members who attended her Immigration consensus meeting. The reports from each league to State are not due till March 2007 and she still hopes to have a packet mailed to each one of you before long.

A big round of applause to Carol Gilbert, who was recognized by Baytree Bank in Lake Forest as the winner of it's Inaugural Laurel Citizen Award. She was presented with a \$1000 check, which she requested to be made to the league! "I know they will use the money wisely", says Carol. She believes in the grass roots work of this league and knows that we'll never "not have issues" to share with the voters. Thank you, Carol.

It is never too early to start thinking about the State Convention and your input is always important. This newsletter has the LWVIL program planning and Convention announcements inserts. Mark your calendars and plan to come this time!

I hope to see most of you at the December 4 program at Holly's bistro in Lake Bluff. I have been asked by a number of people about the new location. The decision was not an easy one, as we will be in a smaller space, yet we strive to continue to create an enjoyable morning of friendship and fellowship without the set-up, take down, and cleaning that went on behind the scenes for so many of our willing volunteers. Barbara Rinella is so creative that I have no doubt she will continue to mesmerize us with her rendition of the book on Dolley Madison.

If some of your friends cannot join you on this day, don't forget them to invite them to the performance by "Capitol Steps" on Friday, January 19, 2007. Dottie Fletcher is taking the RSVP for this program. If you commit before December 19, we can all sit together!

Both these events will give your friends to meet Leaguers in an informal basis and encourage them to join as members!

Happie Taunque Datt

CANDIDATE FORUMS



Three overflow areas at the 10th Congressional District forum and some still had to stand and watch the event on closed circuit TV.



LWV had an active election season with well-attended forums. It's estimated that over 1,000 (!) people were on hand at Stevenson High School to watch the candidates vying for the 10th Congressional District seat. This event was sponsored by all the local leagues in the congressional district. Our local league also sponsored a forum for State Senate 31st District, State Representative District 58, Lake County Board District 23 races. Several members of our league were also involved in two forums co-sponsored by the LWV of Lake County. Thanks to all who participated!



Countywide Administrative Office Forum held in conjunction with AAUW-Waukegan Branch

The League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Its focus is primarily on issues in the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area.

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Thank You

A special thank you to Carol Gilbert for generously designating our league as the recipient of proceeds of her 2006 Baytree Bank Laurel Citizen Award.

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE AND HOW IT AFFECTS US ALL

Thursday, December 7, 2006
9:30 a.m.

McDermott Will & Emery, LLP
227 W. Monroe
Chicago
Free, RSVP by Dec. 1. Register online at www.clw.org or by leaving a message at (312) 577-2801 ext. 229.

Panel discussion featuring
Bernarda Wong, Chinese American Service League, on immigration policy and women
Sylvia Puente, Metropolitan Chicago Initiative of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, on state policy
Carla Hill, Anti Defamation League, on extremists in the anti-immigration movement.
Linda Doyle, McDermott Will & Emery's Labor & Employment Group, moderates.

Presented by the Anti-Defamation League
Women of Achievement Committee, Chicago
Foundation for Women and McDermott Will & Emery's Women's Leadership Initiative

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2007

GLOBAL WARMING: ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE ISSUES REBECCA STANFIELD, ENVIRONMENT ILLINOIS

9:30 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. presentation
with a light lunch to follow

at the home of
JILL LAUER

190 East Onwentsia Road, Lake Forest

Environment Illinois is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization. With decades of independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Illinois' environment. Environment Illinois draws on 30 years of success in tackling our state's top environmental problems.

Contact: Carol Gilbert, 847-295-4044,
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Annual Holiday Brunchon

Monday, December 4, 2006

at 9:45 a.m.

Holly's American Bistro, 28 East Center Street, LB
\$40

Featuring A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation, a new book dramatization by Barbara Rinella. Program begins promptly at 10 a.m. Brunch served afterwards.

Gift Basket Raffle and Lake Forest Book Store Sales at the Brunchon

Two ways to make your holiday shopping easy and benefit the league, too! Lake Forest Book Store will have its latest selections available for purchase (cash, check, or credit card) at the Holiday Brunchon. A portion of the sales are donated to the local League. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to win one of two gift baskets overflowing with merchandise donated by Lake Forest and Lake Bluff merchants! 1 chance to win for \$10 or 3 chances for \$25. All net proceeds support the League's work to educate and engage citizens as active participants in our democracy.

If you haven't sent in your reservation yet, contact Stephanie Victor at 847 735 1228 or s2svictor@aol.com to see if space is still available. Payments of \$40.00 for brunch plus your additional contribution for raffle tickets should be sent to the League of Women Voters - LF/LB, c/o Stephanie Victor, 1260 Fiore Drive, Lake Forest IL 60045



NEWS FROM LMILO:

Lake Michigan Inter-League Organization 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference Report, Submitted by Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden

The 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference of the LMILO was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 6 and 7 at the Radisson Milwaukee North Shore and was organized and hosted by the delegates and members of LWW-LMILO from the State of Wisconsin.

Delegates representing Leagues from the 4 States of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were present and adopted a Program and Plan of Action for 2007. Other attendees included individual League members interested in public policy issues concerning the Great Lakes, who traveled to Wisconsin to learn about pending legislation and action affecting their regions and local areas.

Participants were able to tour one of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plants under the direction of Kevin L. Schafer who has been the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Metro Sewer District since 2002. Mr. Schafer has implemented projects to reduce flooding risks for Milwaukee area residents as well as those to reduce the number of sewer overflows and to improve the efficiency of the District's two wastewater treatment plants. The Milwaukee treatment plants were among the first built in the United

States at the turn of the 20th century based on English technology that is still the basis of standards used today. Additionally, under Mr. Schafer's leadership, MMSD instituted a regional storm water runoff rule and has been a leader in innovation in the management of storm water: an emerging issue of increasing urgency and magnitude in the field of water treatment.

Delegates and attendees were also able to tour the Great Lake Water Institute which is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Klaper. Dr. Klaper's research in the ecological and environmental health of Lake Michigan, and tributaries feeding it, includes the development of biomarkers for exposure and effects of emerging contaminants relevant to the ecology of the Great Lakes Basin. She is one of the first scientists to be working on the issue and measurement of pharmaceutical contaminants to the Great Lakes waters. Dr. Klaper was also a guest speaker to Conference prior to conducting tours of the Institute on October 7th.

A proposed By-Laws change was approved allowing State LWV's to appoint 2 alternates who may vote in the absence of appointed representatives to LMILO.

A recommended program was adopted that is based on the National Resources positions of the LWWUS. Issues requiring action and emphasis are:

- *Water conservation
- *Treatment of ballast water before discharge to control invasive species
- *Passage of the Great Lakes Restoration bills
- *Continued support for the Water Quality Agreement

The following officers and Board members were nominated and elected:

Co-Presidents: Judy Johnston and Jeannette Neagu
Treasurer: Suzanna Dixon
Secretary: Shirley Batchelder
Nominating Committee Chairs: Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, Betty Lou Nault

A Voter and Newsletter Editor is being sought. A professional Webmaster will be identified and retained.

A proposed budget for 2007 was approved including earmarked funds for action and education.

The next meeting of the LMILO will be in Chicago the first week in December 2006, exact date to be determined: December 2 or 9.

The next Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in October 2007 in the State of Illinois.

Coast Guard Live Fire

From: J G Neagu <jgvneagu@yahoo.com>
Date: Nov 12, 2006 4:06 PM
Subject: Coast Guard Live Fire

I would like to share with you another possible avenue for addressing the Coast Guard's plans to do target practice in the Great Lakes. Pat Boy, a member of the LaPorte County Indiana LWV is also a member of the Michigan City, Indiana City Council. She is going to introduce the a resolution in the Michigan City, City Council. You might be interested in introducing a similar resolution in your governmental body. The Coast Guard will certainly take into account comments from governmental bodies. It might also be helpful for individuals to write their Senators and Congressmen.

Jeanette Neagu, Co-President
Lake Michigan Interleague Organization



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2nd Friday of each month, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Next Meeting: Friday, December 8
Topic: National Immigration Policy
Home of Betty Buker 847.234.4509
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**Global Warming: Illinois
Legislative Issues**
Rebecca Stanfield, Environment Illinois
Friday, January 12, 2007
Home of Jill Lauer
Contact: **Carol Gilbert**
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**Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Disaster
and Safety Preparedness
Joint Program with AAUW**
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
Contact: **Happie Datt**
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2007 LWV-LFLB Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2007
LWVIL State Convention
Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26, 2007
Matteson



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"Capitol Steps" Fundraiser
NOTE: CORRECTED DATE!!!
Friday, January 19, 2007
Centre East Center, North Shore
Centre for Performing Arts, Skokie
RSVP: **Dottie Fletcher**
dottie@fletcher.com, 847-234-5547

Board Meeting 2nd Monday of each month, (except August), 9 a.m. - All are encouraged to participate!
Next Meeting: Monday, December 11, 9 a.m., Gorton Center

TO: Local League Presidents, Program Planning and Action Chairs

FR: Edith Auchter, Issues / Action VP (auchfam@comcast.net)

RE: LOCAL LEAGUE INPUT TO STATE PROGRAM PLANNING

October 2006

One of the most important responsibilities of local League members at state convention is to select the critical and timely issues that will impact public policy in Illinois. The program planning process offers several opportunities to influence the decisions ultimately made at convention. Recommendations for state program may come in the following forms:

- 1) **Action focus:** An action focus is a high-priority program item adopted by state convention delegates (for example, increasing school funding). After adoption, state and local Leagues act as partners over a two-year period in a concerted effort to promote the goals of the "action focus." LWVIL provides informational material and training to help local Leagues engage in effective action in their local communities, while also engaging in complementary activities at the state level. An action focus recommendation is appropriate if there is an existing state or national position on an issue.
- 2) **Concurrence:** Concurrence means "the act of agreeing with" a position developed by recommendations of a resource committee, decisions formulated by the League board, or positions reached by another league or leagues. Concurrence is an appropriate process when the program recommendation in question is straightforward and non-controversial. Leagues that are considering promoting the adoption or amendment of a state position by concurrence should note the adoption process outlined in the LWVIL bylaws.
- 3) **New Study:** A local League or Leagues study to educate members on a public policy issue as a prelude to action. A new study is necessary if there is no League position at any level (local, state or national).

In the program planning process, there are also opportunities to restudy, in other words, modify, change or drop, existing program items. If a local League or Leagues wish to pursue the restudy process, they must plan on taking steps to inform other local Leagues and generate statewide support for a proposed change at state convention.

RESOURCES TO ASSIST LOCAL LEAGUES: *Where We Stand* (2005-2007), LWVIL position handbook, *Impact on Issues* 2004-2006, LWVUS position handbook. LWVIL *Dimensions of a Local League Study*, available from LWVIL office. LWVUS *In League*, available from the League of Women Voters of the United States.

LOCAL LEAGUE PROMOTION OF A STATE PROGRAM ITEM

Some Leagues may already have an idea for a state program item that they would like to promote early in the state program planning process. When your League is considering an item to promote, the following questions are essential to evaluating a proposed program item:

- * Does your League have a strong and broad member interest in the issue?
 - * Is your League willing and able to work on the issue, including being part of a statewide committee?
 - * Is the issue of statewide concern or interest?
 - * Will timing and political realities permit effective League action?
 - * Is League involvement likely to make an impact?
 - * Is there an existing state or national position that can be used as the basis for action?
 - (Again, if yes, an action focus is needed; if no, a new study is needed.)

A memo to your fellow Leagues outlining / promoting a program idea may be included in the November State Board Report (SBR) with the other program planning materials, provided camera-ready copy is received in the state office by November 10, 2006. Leagues may promote ideas at any stage of program planning by mail or phone and at convention at their own expense, rather than through the November SBR. It is to your advantage to promote an idea early in the process to generate enthusiasm and support.

THE STATE PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 2006-2007

November 10th: Deadline for local Leagues' camera-ready memos promoting a state program item for inclusion in the Program Planning Packet.

November 17th: Program Planning Packet sent to local Leagues, including: *Status of LWVIL Issues and Advocacy*, report-back form and local League memos.

December - February: Local Leagues develop their program planning recommendations and develop and distribute "lobby" materials for locally proposed program items.

March 21st: Local League Program recommendations due in the state office.

April 21st: The state board considers local League input and makes program recommendations, (budget and bylaws are considered at this board meeting, too).

May 3rd: State board program recommendations (budget and bylaws, too) sent to local Leagues.

June 22-24: LWVIL Convention - local Leagues may wish to host a caucus to promote a program item or lobby their fellow delegates to support their favorite item!

Local Leagues are encouraged to consult with Issue/Action VP Edith Auchter (847/381-5760 or email auchfam@comcast.net) prior to submitting a memo, or to discuss a program initiative at any time before or during convention.



HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE MEMBERS: CONVENTION '07

It's time to think about Convention '07 in Matteson, IL in June...how can you and your League influence the decisions we make next.

- DATE: FRIDAY 1:00, JUNE 22 – SUNDAY NOON, JUNE 24**
- PLACE: HOLIDAY INN MATTESON**
www.holiday-inn.com/mattesonil
- LOCAL LEAGUE DELEGATES: PRESIDENT PLUS 1 DELEGATE FOR EVERY 25 MEMBERS BASED ON JANUARY MEMBERSHIP COUNT**
- DECISIONS DELEGATES WILL MAKE**
 - **PROGRAM: RECOMMENDED / NON-RECOMMENDED / WILL OF CONVENTION MOTIONS**
 - **BUDGETS**
 - **PMP (dues)**
 - **BYLAWS**
 - **OFFICERS AND BOARD**
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

FRIDAY WORKSHOP

- Training workshops offered Friday afternoon

DELEGATE CAUCUSES

- A caucus is convened by local League delegates to provide a forum for delegates with similar interests to join together to plan strategies. State Board members and off-board Issue Specialists will attend only if invited to provide background information or advice. Attending a caucus indicates interest, not necessarily commitment.
- A delegate might choose to convene a caucus to:
 - Promote interest or discussion on an item
 - Assess the strength of the position you are advocating with other delegates.
 - Decide upon floor strategy.
 - Develop arguments in support of your position.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER EVENTS

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

□ INPUT FROM LOCAL LEAGUES

AWARDS:

- CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE
(Phonathon and membership awards also given at convention based on local League achievements.)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD AND OFFICERS: Submit recommendations to Nominating Committee

Budget & PMP: attend Budget Committee meetings/ email input / attend April 21, 2007 Board meeting

Bylaws: return recommendation from local Leagues for changes to LWVIL Bylaws

Program:

- Develop your ideas for:
 - Position reviews
 - New positions / studies
 - New positions / concurrence
 - Will of Convention Motions
 - Ideas submitted by November 3 will be included in the Program Planning Packet
- Review *Status of Issues and Advocacy* (on-line in mid-December; hard copies to presidents mailed December 1)
- Plan and participate in your League's state program planning

REVIEW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO LOCAL LEAGUES IN MAY

DELEGATES COME TO CONVENTION INFORMED, BUT NOT INSTRUCTED. Local Boards should review and discuss the recommended items. Delegates should be part of this discussion, but they should be free to vote their conscience after hearing / participating in the debate.



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Emergency Preparedness

The Department of Homeland Security wants 2007 to be the year
"our nation's families and businesses take steps to prepare for emergencies."

ARE WE READY?

Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm
Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Center at Dickinson Hall
100 East Old Mill Road, Lake Forest
(just south of Old Elm Rd. and east of Ridge Rd.)

To answer this question, a panel of public safety personnel from Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and the Great Lakes Naval Station will discuss local emergency preparedness including:

- 1) Types of disasters and associated warning systems
- 2) First Responder (fire/police, rescue and emergency management team) coordination and interaction with Homeland Security
- 3) Citizen responsibilities the first 72 hours when minimal support is available from First Responders
- 4) What you can do to prepare at home. Personal Readiness Responsibilities pamphlets will be available.

This event is co-sponsored by
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Association of American University Women Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Branch at
Lake Forest- Lake Bluff Senior Center.

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



"The best of all gifts is a fitting culture, with its corresponding values, and the best of these are the human gifts will all find a fitting place". Margaret Mead

Happy New Year!

It has been very encouraging to see many of our members and assisting the executive board in programs and other less organization. Thanks to all of you.

When you meet Stephanie Victor, take a moment to thank her for the multiple hats she has been wearing. In addition to a terrific outlay of programs, she and Elaine Slayton, solicited local business for a marvelous array of items to auction, resulting in a very profitable holiday brunch! She has also kept our national database current, and always gets announcements about the programs in the local papers! Look for the big posters on the village/city signs for the next program in February!

Jane Partridge has worked hard to get the immigration packet to all of you. She is very interested in getting a sense of where the members stand on the various questions that LWVIL will vote on at the end of the 2-year study. To make sure your input is reflected in the final outcome of the study you must write to Jane before March, the deadline for local league input. Jane will be in Florida next month but will get her mail.

I would like to share LWVUS's position on Natural Resources, published in Impact on Issues 2002-2004 page 33, which many members asked me at the program on global warming on Jan 12, 2007. (see newsletter for a report on the program) "Statement of Position on Natural Resources, as Affirmed by the 1986 Convention, based on positions reached from 1958 through 1986. The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect..."

Under this position the LWV has done a lot of work on Clean Air, supported Kyoto Protocol and when the 109th Congress reached a stalemate over clean air issues, LWVUS produced a Q&A on Global Warming, a valuable resource for citizens on this key issue. Sally Zeit has, on behalf of the LWV coordinated a press conference for Environment Illinois at Wednesday January 31 at 1:00 pm at Waukegan City Hall. Ms Stanfield shared the policy strategies with us at the program that it will lobby for the State of Illinois to adopt. We hope you will be able to join us and give you another opportunity to meet Ms Stanfield.

Capitol Steps was a great success raising over \$250. Laughter is truly the best medicine to drive away the winter blues and the Bears win today over the Saints made this a memorable weekend.

Thank you for reviewing the budget, our big P programs, by-laws, policies are forming. Mary usually accepted to chair the budget committee. Stephanie Victor, heading Program committee, and JoAn Sabonjian, By-Law/Policies chair need additional volunteers. Make Cynthia Maloney's job easier by calling her at 847-922-

4119 before she calls you, to fill next year's executive board slate!

On a last note, this year the board is trying to synchronize the fiscal year with your membership year and we will be sending out renewal letters before the annual meeting.

See you all on February 7 at the LF/LB Senior Center!

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LF/LB PROGRAM REVIEW

To be most effective, local Leagues need to prioritize what they will work on in a given year. It is vital that local Leagues identify what issues are of concern locally. Most program ideas should originate from members.

Members are needed to review the current positions and suggest which research, education, and community about topics of interest. At the annual meeting in May, the LWV of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area will determine the program ideas for the 2007-2008.

For more information or to request a copy of the program review form, please contact the LWV of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area at 847-735-1228 or email at lwvillb@comcast.net

GLOBAL WARMING HEATING UP

Continues its focus on consumer issues, EI focuses on advocacy at the state legislature. The current goal is to stabilize carbon emissions, by stopping the increase. Stating that "solving the problem is not rocket science," Illinois is the 6th biggest in the nation in emissions, due to the combination of coal burning power plants and vehicle exhaust. Environment Illinois' website www.environmentillinois.org gives a rundown of their priorities and also includes a record of their testimony. EI is funded almost equally by personal donations and commitments from foundations. Saying, "This is not theoretical physics; the science is not debatable," Becky stated that lobbying will result in a more aggressive future standard.

In addition to consistent lobbying, another technique is to educate our legislators about actions taken in other states. For guidance, EI is now crafting its own ideal energy bill to provide a standard of measure. Governor Blagojevich has created a task force, but the concern is how aggressive Illinois' action will be. Controlling the destructive emissions can be done largely through common sense policies. Adjustments to standards for building products and furnaces, favoring renewable fuels and renewable energy, better functioning transportation networks and less sprawl are all potent tools. But, acting at a personal level can be as simple as changing a light bulb: changing it from incandescent to fluorescent.

The world may be hot, but here's how to...

Cool Down Your Bills

There are a few things you can do that require no investment at all, they're just good habits that your mom taught you long ago:

- Turn down the heat or air conditioning and lights in space you're not using;
- Don't linger with the refrigerator door open trying to decide what to eat;
- Take shorter showers;
- Run the dishwasher only when it's full;
- Wash your clothes in cold water when you can; and
- In the summer, pull down the shades during the hottest part of the day, and open them in the winter.

Here is one that your mother probably did not teach: Many modern electronics, like televisions, stereos, and DVD players, do not actually turn all the way off when you use the remote. Rather, these "energy vampires" stay on standby, sucking electricity even when you are not using them. You can use a power strip to switch it off completely. Spending a few dollars at the hardware store can reduce your electricity needs even further. For about \$17, you can insulate your hot water and save about 10% of your water heating costs.

Please Come Show Your Support for Global Warming Solutions

What: Environment Illinois is holding two press events on Wednesday, January 31 to release a major new report we call **A Blueprint for Action: Policy Options to Reduce Illinois' Contribution to Global Warming.**

With each season, the signs of a warming planet and the dangerous consequences of climate change, grow more apparent. We have identified a set of 13 policies which, together, would substantially reduce our contribution of the pollution that causes global warming, putting our economy on a course that is consistent with protecting our environment and our future.

When and Where: **10:00 am at the** **Waukegan** Church, Chicago Temple, 77 West Washington Street.
1:00 pm at the Waukegan City Council Chambers 100 N. MLK Jr. Ave., Waukegan, IL.

To RSVP or For More Info: Contact Rebecca Stanfield, 312-291-0696, or rebeccafield@environmentillinois.org

LEAGUE NOMINATIONS

Wow, two years can go by so quickly when you're having fun! And that's what League can be, actually, lots of fun, spending time with friends working on issues that are important to you. In the midst of the arguing and wrangling and scheduling difficulties, one can forget how much fun it is, but if it were just pure fun, then everybody would want to do it. People would be standing in line waiting to take board positions and to chair events and committees.

Oh, well, that is not the case...it takes a special kind of person to take a position of responsibility in League: someone with high principles, a sense of humor, and a willingness to be involved. If you are ready for a stint on the Board, please contact me right away to discuss what is involved and how your time and talent can best be utilized.

WE WANT YOU!!!

P.S. call anyway, whether you think you are ready or not. It's just love to hear from you and pressure me to get you on board.

Cynthia Maiboney, 847.922.4119





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Environment Illinois Press Conference
A Blueprint for Action: Policy Options
to Reduce Illinois' Contribution to Global
Warming

Wednesday, January 31
1 p.m., Waukegan City Hall

January 31, Deadline for written
comments on immigration questions
contact: Jane Partridge
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**Great Decisions Foreign Affairs
Discussion Group**

2nd Friday of each month, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Home of Betty Baker 847.234.4509
Contact: Fran Goostrey
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LWV-AAUW Community Update
April, 2007

Board Meeting 2nd Monday of each month, (except August), 9 a.m. -
All are encouraged to participate!

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 9 a.m., Gorton Center

LWVIL Annual Issues Briefing
Saturday, February 3, 2007
Loyola University Chicago-Water Tower
Campus

**Morning Session: The State of Voting in
Illinois**

Hot Topics in Illinois: State Fiscal Policy,
Assault Weapons Ban & Environmental Policy

**Afternoon Workshops include Judicial
Prevention, Education, and Emerging
Policy Discussions & How to Take Action
with the League: Advocacy 2007**

LWV-LFLB Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2007

LWVIL State Convention
Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26, 2007
Matteson

CAMPAIGN SIGN ORDINANCE IN LAKE FOREST

After considering comments from members
of the community, the Lake Forest City
Council voted on January 2, 2007 to create
new rules about campaign election and
political signs on private property. Under the
new rules, residents are allowed to:

- place two *political message signs* on
their private property
- place one *political election sign* per
candidate on their private property
during election periods, beginning 45
days before the start of early voting

The rules restrict the size of political signs to
no more than 2 ft. by 3 ft. and no higher than
4 ft., prohibit illumination of signs, and require
campaign signs to be removed promptly
after Election Day. Signs that violate the
ordinance can be removed by the City.

Action Tip

Be sure to place any political, campaign or
candidate sign entirely on your own property,
not on the parkway (near the street). The
ordinance does not limit the number of
candidates you can support with campaign
signs on your lawn - it just limits you to one
sign for each candidate you support.



LEAGUE LINES

Take Note:

- All members are welcome at board meetings: second Monday of the month, 12:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center. If you can't make it, read the minutes on the web! Visit us at www.lwv-llb.org.
- Looking for information on how the presidential candidates respond to key issues of our day? The LWV Education Fund asked presidential candidates questions on the following topics and compiled the answers in an informative voters' guide.
 - Fossil Fuels
 - Iraq and the Middle East
 - Health Coverage
 - Campaign Spending Limits
 - Immigration

To see the responses, visit www.lwv.org and click on the blue words "Presidential Primary Voters' Guide."

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League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

February 2008

Welcome!

Happy New Year from the Board of the League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area! The Board is pleased to announce that our League is resuming the production of a local newsletter. We feel that our local League members and the community at large will be well served by this publication. We look forward to keeping you informed of our ongoing local civic education, pol-



icy discussion, and voter registration efforts, as well as League action at the state and national level.

Subsequent issues of this newsletter will be published in May and September. Members who wish to submit announcements or articles should send them to Bev Adamczyk at bev@adamczyk.com. Members who want to send short announcements to the membership list between newsletters should contact a Board member.

Local News

Voter Registration

Dodie Cook and Jo-An Sabonjian

In October, voter registration was held at Lake Forest High School, where 28 young voters were registered.

On January 5, 2008, voter registration took place at Lake Forest Library. Eleven registrations were completed in a two-hour period. About half of those registering were young, college-age citizens. One registrant was an older man, recently naturalized and born in India. There was excitement in the air, and several patrons walking by expressed their gratitude to the League for registering voters.

Our next voter registration will be at Lake Forest High School in the spring.

League of Conservation Voters Describes Green Initiatives

Carol Gilbert

Last fall, local League members met with Jake Braun, president of the Illinois League of Conservation Voters, to learn about ILCV's green initiatives. These range from large-scale efforts to redevelop brownfield areas to individual assistance in preserving rights to use solar panels in condos. The ILCV does not support nuclear energy, believing that other technologies can be brought forward. Mr. Braun believes that the current consumer climate favors alternative energy, noting that the Chicago area has a cluster of green tech companies specializing in solar and wind products. Current legislative initiatives include a

focus on reliable public transit, further development of biofuels, and ongoing support for green tax

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Discussion group meets on the second Friday of each month to discuss foreign policy issues. The next meeting is Friday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Baker, 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, in Lake Forest. Briefing books from the Foreign Policy Association for 2008 are available and encouraged. The books include thoughtful and intellectual perspectives on the foreign policy topics under discussion. For more information about the briefing book (cost, \$25), please contact Pat Rounsaville at (847) 295-3916.

League Lines

Barbara Rinella's Annual Holiday Book Review a Delight

Eloise Stoyan



Einstein: His Life and Universe
By Walter Isaacson

Only Barbara Rinella could make Albert Einstein, with his unruly gray hair and bushy mustache, appear downright human. Donning a T-shirt with the logo $E = MC^2$ under a conservative gray suit, Barbara set the stage to depict the genius with both humor and humanness. After all, we were about to hear about a daunting 675-page book that surely contained mind-boggling theories and formulas of physics from the man who discov-

ered the theory of relativity. I wondered how Barbara could make it interesting for those of us who are science and math "challenged."

With her signature energy and wit, Barbara revealed not only Einstein's intellectual discoveries but also his full and complicated personal life. The book follows these two threads and manages, as did Barbara, to explain his work in layman's terms. At times, Barbara switched hats (literally), personalities, and voices to become Mileva

Maric, Einstein's first, and apparently extremely unattractive, wife. She wove this sad but humorous fact within her description of the drier, more technical aspects of the story to illuminate Einstein as physicist, husband, father, and friend. A quote by Albert Einstein at the beginning of the biography perhaps sums up this complex man: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving." [Note: In addition to enjoying League company and Barbara Rinella, LWV-LFLB earned \$284.52 on the Holiday Luncheon.]

2007 Lake Michigan Interleague Organization Annual Meeting Report

Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden

"LMILO's mission is to serve as a watchdog for public policy concerning Lake Michigan and to advocate for responsible laws on usage and access to Lake Michigan waters."

The Lake Michigan ILO (LMILO) annual meeting was held at the Illinois Beach State Park Lodge in Zion, Illinois, the weekend of October 5 and 6, 2007. This ILO of the LWWUS consists of 60 Leagues in the Lake Michigan Basin area, from the four states surrounding Lake Michigan. Its mission is to serve as a watchdog for public policy concerning Lake Michigan and to advocate for responsible laws regarding usage and access to Lake Michigan waters, both as a recreational entity and as a freshwater resource.

LMILO holds Board meetings several times a year in Chicago and also holds an annual meeting each October in one of the four member states. This year Illinois hosted the annual meeting. Participants were able to tour the Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project in Wadsworth as

well as the North Shore Sanitary District's sludge recycling facility in Zion.

The positions of LMILO are based on the Natural Resource positions of the LWWUS, as they concern environmental issues affecting the Great Lakes Basin, an international border region. Since Lake Michigan is an integral part of the Great Lakes system, this year the LMILO voted to consider expanding the focus of the organization to include all the Great Lakes as its public policy focus, which would enable the organization to work in coalition with other like-minded organizations to educate the public and our legislators on the urgent situations concerning the Great Lakes.

Further business addressed at the Annual Meeting was covered in the following action items, which were voted on and approved by

the delegates in attendance:

- Water conservation
- Invasive species
- Passage of the Great Lakes restoration bills
- Support for the water quality agreement
- Reduction and monitoring of pesticide use

Carol Gilbert, Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, and Jo-An Sabonjian from the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff LWV were in attendance.

Carol adds that the recommended reading from the weekend is Great Lakes Water Wars for fascinating studies of water diversions from the Great Lakes.



LWVIL Annual Issues Briefing

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Every year in February, there is an opportunity to gather and hear intelligent and thoughtful updates on State issues and to attend workshops to energize our grassroots efforts. This year the LWVIL Annual Issues Briefing is Saturday, February 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Loyola University's Water Tower Campus.

The morning is devoted to issues from 9:15 to noon:

- The Pros and Cons of Having a Constitutional Convention
- Updates on State Fiscal Policy
- Environmental Protection and Pollution Control
- The ShowUs Amendment

Lunch is from noon to 1:00 p.m.

There are afternoon workshops from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.:

- Education Funding
- Immigration
- Global Warming

Cost is \$45 (\$25 for continental breakfast and the morning session, \$30 for the lunch and workshop). Reservations are due February 11, 2008. For more information, visit www.lwvil.org or call (312) 939-5935.

Climate Matters

Carol Gilbert

The multi-League-sponsored, four-day "Our Climate Matters" symposium in October featured many speakers, panels, and workshops. Recurrent themes included Kansas, CAFE, carbon, and coal.

Kansas was a buzzword because the state has denied a permit for a new coal plant on the basis of its lack of a carbon emission reduction plan. Perhaps Illinois should take note—northern Illinois has six privately owned coal-burning plants and is a coal-fired energy exporter. We sell the energy and keep the pollution. The six Midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota create 20% of the global warming gases in the US, and a whopping 5% of carbon emissions worldwide.

CAFE (corporate average fuel economy) was brought up by State Representative Karen May, who is a cosponsor of the Clean Car Act in Illinois; she says cars with better MPG's don't just save

fuel, they also improve health, reduce oil dependence, and will preserve vehicle choice if Detroit is directed to retrofit more aggressively. The EPA's CAFE standards are not as aggressive as California's. Rep. May reports buttons worn in California saying, "EPA get out of the way."

U.S. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky spoke passionately about creating a new energy strategy, including action on industrial carbon taxes and "cap and trade" initiatives. Under "trading" initiatives, companies with excessive carbon emissions are allowed to buy credits from those that pollute less. The buyer is in effect fined for polluting, while the seller is rewarded for reduced emissions. The participants agree to a benchmark level of pollution that can never be exceeded in the future. (She also points out that career options in the sciences would "explode" with new clean energy legislation.)

Of special note to League members are the initiatives presented by the Environmental Law and Policy Center, a Midwest advocacy group and think tank. The Midwest region can be key to reducing U.S. pollution levels, but policy changes are needed to implement known effective technologies. Wind power could easily provide 25% of Illinois energy, better car technology is available, and high speed trains are doable, according to Howard Learner. ELPC's Faith Bugel says Illinois citizens should be aware that the Illinois Constitution's Article 11 guarantees the "right to a healthful environment." She says the good news is that the U.S.'s environmental problems are not the worst—China's are worse. And in our current global community, that's also the bad



Miss Belle Sherwin, President of the National League of Women Voters, holding silver loving cup to be awarded by the National League of Women Voters at the state League showing the greatest percentage in increase of vote of 1924 over 1920.

"The good news is that the U.S.'s environmental problems are not the worst—China's are worse. And in our current global community, that's also the bad news."

League Lines

Focus on Immigration

"Much of immigration law, especially the law affecting 12 million undocumented immigrant residents, is federal law. Therefore, a national position is needed to lobby for reform at the federal level."

"High priority should be given to U.S. employment needs, family reunification, humanitarian crises, rights of all workers to safe working conditions and a livable wage, and the rights of all individuals in the U.S. to fair treatment under the law."

LWVUS Immigration Study

Carol Gilbert

Immigration is a hot election issue this year, but the LWVIL adopted a position on immigration at last year's convention. Though far from national borders, Illinois is ranked sixth in the number of new legal immigrants annually, after California, New York, Florida, Texas, and New Jersey. The LWVIL study had its genesis in classic grassroots style, built on an earlier study by the Glen Ellyn League. Following that study, local Leagues around the state conducted their own inquiries and formed responses to State consensus issues. The final result was the adoption of an immigration position at the last LWVIL convention.

The LWVIL position is already being used for advocacy to influence public policy through lobbying and education. But much of immigration law, especially the law affecting 12 million undocumented immigrant residents, is federal law. Therefore, a national position is needed to lobby for reform at the federal level. LWVUS is seeking consensus.

Consensus responses and comments from local Leagues across the country will be used to craft wording for a future national position on immigration. Formulating the key points will require a balancing of local interests. After the responses from local Leagues across the nation are incorporated, the LWVUS Study Commit-

tee will present draft wording for a new national position at the LWVUS National Convention in Portland in June.

The process is not always easy, but as one member said during an immigration meeting, "They plan to stay, so we need to deal with

LWV-LFLB Immigration Consensus Report

Jane Partridge, Immigration Study Chair

The LWV-LFLB Immigration Study Group has discussed and made our response to the LWVUS questions on immigration. We met in two sessions, totaling more than five hours. These meetings, which were announced ahead of time and were open to all members, were held on November 1 and December 6, 2007. Our results are to be sent to National by February 1, 2008, and will be used to develop a National position to be presented in Oregon in June.

The following is a summary of our League's results. To see the complete survey with our answers, visit the LWV-LFLB website at www.lwv-lflb.org. The complete report is also available in print for anyone without access to the web; contact Jane Partridge at (847) 234-1247.

Regarding federal immigration legislation, our League feels that high priority should be given to considerations of economic, business, and service employment needs in the U.S., family reunification and the rights of families to

stay together, history of criminal activity, humanitarian crises and political persecutions, rights of all workers to safe working conditions and a livable wage, and the rights of all individuals in the U.S. to fair treatment under the law. Federal oversight and responsibility are needed for determining the status of immigrants (both documented and undocumented) and carrying out necessary action (such as deportation of felons).

Issues that should be given less weight in determining federal legislation include ethnic and cultural diversity, immigrant characteristics, and education and training. Our local group acknowledges that there is no system in place at present to deal with the health and age of immigrants, but that setting policy should have high

The LWV-LFLB study group would refrain from punitive treatment of unauthorized immigrants, such as blanket deportation and fines. The study group feels that high priority should be given to some immigrants being allowed to earn legal adjustment of their status (while others are deported) based on the length of residence in the U.S. and that all immigrants should be allowed to earn an adjustment to their status by doing things such as paying taxes, learning English, studying civics, etc. The study group gives a low priority to earning legal adjustment based on the needs of U.S. employers.

The study group concluded that federal immigration law should

provide an efficient, expeditious system for legal entry into the U.S. for immigrants who are joining immediate family members already admitted for legal permanent residence in the U.S., who are entering the U.S. to meet labor needs, and who are entering the U.S. because of persecution in their home country. There is less urgency to provide legal entry for those entering the U.S. as students. More legal points of entry may be needed.

The group feels that federal immigration law should not include a national identification card with secure identifiers for all persons residing in the U.S. due to the limits on individual security, personal privacy, and expense.

To enforce federal immigration law, the group feels high priority should be given to increased personnel at entry points; more effective tracking of persons with non-immigrant visas; verification documents, such as green cards and work permits; improved technology to facilitate verification of employee visa status and sharing information among federal agencies; a program to allow immigrant

workers to go in and out of the U.S. to meet seasonal labor needs; and significant fines for employers who fail to take adequate steps to verify work authorization of employees. The group does not support the use of physical barriers and surveillance of borders.

The group reached consensus that federal immigration law should address and balance the long-term financial benefit from immigrants with the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations. Consensus was also reached that federal immigration law should be coordinated with U.S. foreign policy to proactively help improve economics, education, and job opportunities, and living conditions of nations with large emigrating populations. Finally, the group believes more transparency is needed in immigration policy so that immigrants are not living "in the shadows."

Are You "Smarter" Than an Immigrant?

Tracy Burns

I was among the League members meeting in the cozy confines of

Carol Gilbert's dining room discussing immigration policy. During a lively discussion about the requirements of someone seeking U.S. citizenship, we asked ourselves, how much do we know about the country we call home?

I went home and perused the Internet. On the MSNBC site I found this information:

Currently a resident alien seeking citizenship must pass a test, commonly known as INS form N-200 "Petition for Naturalization." The test is conducted orally. The examiner may choose from 100 questions.

There was also a sample of the N-200 test. I took it and received a score of 90% - a couple of answers were lucky guesses. Now it's your turn. Go to www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13442226/ and take the test. Then ask yourself, "Am I 'smarter' than an immigrant?"

Extensive documentation of federal immigration issues is available on the LWVUS website, www.lwv.org. Click on "Follow our Study and Get Educated" to find study briefs and background papers for downloading.



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Primary Election Information - Election Day Is Tuesday, February 5

Early Voting: January 14 through January 31


In-Person Absentee Voting: February 1 through February 4

Election Day: Tuesday, February 5 - polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For most voters in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and unincorporated Shields Township, early voting and in-person absentee voting are at Lake Forest City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To confirm your early voting location or polling place, or to see your sample ballot, go to www.lwv-lfb.org, click on "Voter Information," and follow the link to "Lake County Clerk."

Calendar of Events



February	5	Primary Election
	8	Great Decisions, 1:00 p.m., Betty Buker's, 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, LF
	11	LWV LF/LB Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
	23	LWVIL Annual Issues Briefing, 8:30-3:00, Loyola, Water Tower
March	10	LWV LF/LB Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
	14	Great Decisions, 1:00 p.m., Betty Buker's, 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, LF
April	11	Great Decisions, 1:00 p.m., Betty Buker's, 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, LF
	14	LWV LF/LB Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
June	13-17	National Convention in Portland, Oregon



LEAGUE LINES

Take note:

- Visit VOTE411.org for all your election information needs! Sponsored by LWV.
- Save the date! Barbara Rinella is booked for the annual Holiday Luncheon fundraiser on December 15, 2008.
- The May board meeting has been changed from Monday, May 12 to Monday, May 5 at 12:30 p.m. at Gordon Community Center. All board meetings are open to members. Minutes are available at www.lwv-lflb.org.

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League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

May 2008

May 15 Annual Meeting Time

The annual meeting is one of the most important general membership meetings of the year for LWV. It gives members an opportunity to direct the future of their League. Holding an annual meeting is one of the essential requirements for a local League.

The purposes of the annual meeting are to:

- Elect the board or leadership team for the coming year.
- Adopt a local program that reflects the interests of the membership.
- Approve a budget that provides financial support for the League's activities.



- Review and/or amend the bylaws that govern the group's operations.

The annual meeting is an enjoyable social event as well as a business meeting. It's a great time to catch up with old League friends and meet newer members.

Members will receive an annual meeting packet in the mail approximately two weeks before the meeting. Please bring it with you

to the meeting; it will contain all the information you need to vote on the officers, program, budget, and bylaws.

Please join us at this year's annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.
At the home of Cindy Morehead
14 Forest Hills Rd., Lake Bluff
A Light Catered Dinner Will Be Served

RSVP with a \$10 check made out to Ann Grant. Send RSVPs to Ann Grant, 315 E. Washington, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

Voter Registration News

New Voter Registration Chairs in Place

In February Dodie Cook resigned as our local Voter Registration Chair. Dottie Fletcher and Jan Schnobrich have begun to take over the responsibilities of registering voters, and Dodie is supporting them in the transition.

The board thanks Dodie for the excellent job she has done and welcomes Dottie and Jan.

Voter Registration Drives

The LWV-LFLB is busy registering new voters. Voter registrations have taken place at the North Chicago Unit School District on April 15 and Lake Forest High School on April 30.

Upcoming registrations include Zion Benton High School on May 1 and Waukegan High School on May 14.

Perhaps you have friends or loved ones who are not local but still need to register to vote this year. Send them to VOTE411.org, where they can follow the instructions for their area to register to

Voter registration for the November 4 election is open through October 7. Any U.S. citizen who will be 18 years or older by November 4 may register now.

League Lines

Reaching New Heights Together



"The National Convention is a magnet for passionate and articulate Leaguers working to improve our nation through democracy."

Great Decisions

The next Great Decisions meeting is Friday, May 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Baker, 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, Lake Forest. The topic is "Russia and Putinism." Great Decisions meets the second Friday of each month to discuss foreign policy issues. For more information, contact Pat Rounsaville at (847) 295-3916.

LWV National Convention

The LWV-US's 48th Convention is scheduled for June 13 - 17 in Portland, Oregon. The LWV-LFLB will be sending one voting delegate to the convention. However, the Convention is open to all LWV members.

The National Convention is always a magnet for passionate and articulate Leaguers working to improve our nation through democracy. For more specific infor-

More Opportunities to Network with Fellow Leaguers

mation about the convention or attending the convention, details are available in the February issue of the National Voter (which was mailed to all local League members) and at www.lwv.org/ convention.

League of Women Voters of Lake County Annual Meeting

Save the date! The LWV of Lake County is holding its annual meeting on June 28, 2008. (Location

and time to be announced later.)

The LWV of Lake County's Annual Meeting is a great place to meet members of other Leagues and to discuss issues that affect us regionally. Linda Barmes, Lake County Liaison, reports that the County League is working on the Real ID and Death Penalty issues.

Watch your e-mail and your mailbox for the specific time and place of the Annual Meeting and plan to

LWVIL Issues Briefing Report

by Carol Gilbert

LWVIL President Paula Lawson welcomed 150 Illinois League

Briefing on February 23. The morning's feature topic was "Con-Con" - the Constitutional Convention call that occurs every 20 years as required by the 1970 Illinois Constitution. Sadly, our scheduled "pro" speaker, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, lost his father early that morning. In the absence of a speaker on behalf of Con-Con, attorney Nancy Kaszak gamely listed arguments for both sides. Even so, it was clear she prefers that constitution modifications be made by individual amendment, not a convention administered by our current General Assembly. Moderator Paul Green maximized his unexpected opportunity to speak extemporaneously, saying "For the first time I don't know what the endgame is for these legislators...they don't make sense....Illinois' accountants

went to the college of Houdini!"

LWVIL issue specialists addressed five hot topics at the morning convocation:

1. Claire McIntyre updated us on education legislation. Current initiatives center on trading income tax monies for property tax monies. Last year's session brought no relief to public schools' property tax dependency. SB 2288 is on the Senate floor for the first time, with 15 co-sponsors.
2. Jean Sanger reported that the Voter Service team is offering moderator training on May 10 and seeking volunteers to run local Illinois Student Vote mock elections in November.
3. The Show Us amendment report was given by Chris Slowik. The Show Us amendment would require any non-emergency bill to have a 21-day public review period before the Illinois General Assembly can take a final vote. The possibility of a Constitutional Convention has diluted interest for the moment, but the Show Us Amendment's call for accountability will likely be revived.
4. Paula Lawson reported on climate change initiatives. The RES (Renewable Energy Standard) bill requires Illinois utilities to supply at least 2% of power from renewable sources, increasing to 25% by 2025. The EEPs (Energy Efficient Portfolio Standards) bill imposes efficiency standards on Illinois utilities.
5. Gun violence specialist Barb Marsh reported on urgent efforts. Amid intense lobbying after the Virginia Tech massacre, SB 940 passed, which improves the state's mental health reporting. Now efforts are targeted at SB 1007, which bans the ammunition magazines typical of semi-automatic weapons, and HB 758, which requires background checks for private handgun transfers.

May 2008

LWVIL Issues Briefing Report continued

Afternoon sessions featured breakout workshops on three action items: climate change, education funding, and immigration. An area of concern for immigration policy is that local municipalities' practices toward immigrants vary greatly. Chicago became a sanctuary city in 2006, and Evans-

ton is currently proposing an ordinance to do so. In contrast, Waukegan has applied to U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to get training so its local police can initiate deportation proceedings. Waukegan's plan is to apply these powers to criminals only. Chicago's contrasting policy is that immigration enforcement is the sole responsibility of

the INS, not local police. Though LWVUS is now drafting its study on immigration, LWVIL has already adopted a position. LWVIL believes the state should provide orientation and counseling services for immigrants regardless of their documentation status, and local Leagues are encouraged to participate in advocacy.

"The core advocacy issue and priority of LWVIL in 2008 is fiscal policy/funding of public education and social services."

Action Still Needed for Education Funding

Claire McIntyre, Education Specialist, and Sylvia Tillman, Vice President, Issues and Advocacy for the LWVIL, are calling on members to contact their state senators to encourage them to vote yes for the passage of SB2288, Fiscal Policy/School Funding. The bill was put on the calendar for second reading in early April.

Action Requested: Please call your state senator and urge her/him to vote yes for passage of SB2288.

Brief Description: Senate Bill 2288 provides a new, permanent

revenue source for schools, property tax relief for homeowners, and a billion dollars for debt service for a state infrastructure program; raises personal and corporate income taxes; provides a refundable Family Tax Credit for households up to an annual income of \$55,000; expands early childhood programs; increases the reimbursement for special education personnel; and increases the foundation level over a four-year period.

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policy/funding of public education and social services. SB2288 is proposed legislation for tax reform that will significantly improve education funding while lowering property taxes. This bill provides for consistent, equitable, sustainable funding for schools, providing increases for the foundation level and for some of the costs of providing special education programs. It increases the personal and corporate income taxes, which is anticipated to raise a total of \$7.3 billion and provide \$2.9 billion in property tax relief.

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LWV Moderator Training

Moderating forums is one of the most important educational services the LWV offers. Be prepared for the candidate season by attending one of two upcoming training events—one of which will be presented by our own past president Diane Lloyd.

SESSION 1

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2008

Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: LWVIL

Hosts: LWV of Evanston

Cost: \$5 donation at the door to help cover cost of refreshments.
Presenter: Expert Moderator Diane Lloyd. Materials will be provided.

Place: King Home, 1555 Oak Ave., Evanston (northeast corner of Oak and Grove, 1 block east of Ridge, 1 block south of Davis, 1 block north of Lake Street)
Parking: Parking lot east of the King Home; enter the alley just north of the King Home; look for "King Home Visitor" signs

RSVP: By Thursday, May 1; e-mail to RSVP@LWVE.org or telephone Melinda Dworkin at (847) 475-4849.

SESSION 2

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

Sponsor: LWVIL

Place: League Offices, 332 S.

Michigan Ave., Suite 1150, Chicago

RSVP: voterservice@lwwil.org to register, or call 708-246-5052.



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Calendar of Events

May 1
May 4
May 5
May 9
May 10
May 14
May 20
June 13
June 28

Voter Registration at Zion Benton High School
Moderator Training, 2:00-5:00 p.m., King Home, 1555 Oak Ave., Evanston
LWV-LFLB Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
Great Decisions, "Russia and Putinism," 1:00 p.m., 485 N. Oakwood, #A3, Lake Forest
Moderator Training, 10:00 a.m. -12:00, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1150, Chicago
Voter Registration at Waukegan High School
Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 14 Forest Hills Road, Lake Bluff
LWVUS 48th Convention, Portland, Oregon
Lake County League Annual Meeting

LMILO Report

by Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden

As part of the annual Great Lakes Day in Washington DC on February 27-28, 2008, the Healing Our Waters (HOW)—Great Lakes Coalition gathered members and allies from the Great Lakes states to Washington to discuss with our elected officials the importance of restoring and protecting the Great Lakes.

This year, Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, board member of LWV-LFLB, along with several other members from Lake County traveled to Washington on behalf of LWVUS and LMILO to meet with Illinois senators and representatives and to lobby for Great Lakes appropriations in support of the LWV positions on the environment.

Top priorities for 2009 appropriations requests included in the HOW—Great Lakes Coalition were focused on restoring

the President's original fiscal commitment to the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative, which was a historic initiative kick-started by the Bush Administration in recognition of the importance of the Great Lakes Region. Unfortunately, the President's proposed budget for 2009 shortchanged the Lakes in many areas.

Our members of Congress can help lay a foundation for long-term Great Lakes restoration and health by supporting key investments in the 2009 budget. Until the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative Strategy is enacted by Congress, it is important for the legislators to support increases in current Great Lakes programs in the 2009 federal budget.

Along with the other 225 members of the Coalition who were present in Washington, our representatives from LMILO

spent two days meeting with Congressional legislators from all eight Great Lakes states to discuss our concerns and ask for specific measures to be met and taken in this session and prior to the November election.

Our local League members should continue to communicate their priorities, as well as those of the LWVIL regarding our specific concerns about Lake Michigan. All of our elected officials here in Illinois pledged their support to conserving and restoring Lake Michigan, but shared their concerns about the harsh realities of budgetary constraints resulting from record spending at the federal level these past four to five years. They cautioned against unrealistic expectations before the November election, but pledged to work to the best of their ability to keep our concerns at the forefront of any discussions of money spent on environmental programs.



LEAGUE LINES

League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

September 2008

Take Note:

• League's Annual Holiday Luncheon

Save the date! Barbara Rinella is booked! The Lake Forest Book Store is preparing a tailor-made selection for you. The Annual Holiday Luncheon fundraiser will be on **December 15, 2008** at 10:00 a.m. at The Grille on Laurel in Lake Forest. Start thinking about who you might like to invite to this cherished event.

Letter from the Co-Presidents

Welcome to a new year for the League of Women Voters! This election year is a great opportunity to remind all of us of the importance of being involved and well informed. We have many exciting events planned for this fall—two candidate forums as well as a joint Presidential debate and Con-Con meeting on October 7th. Please don't forget to renew your membership. We also urge you to invite a



Election Day is November 4th.

friend to one or all of these programs. This is an ideal time to recruit new mem-

bers for our League.

Please call Lisa, Cindy, or Judy Grisamore if you would like to help at one of the candidate forums. We are eager, as well, to hear what you want from your League; we welcome your suggestions and opinions. We look forward to seeing you soon.

—Cindy Morehead and Lisa Dietrich

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Candidate Forums

On Sundays at 2:00 p.m., from September 28 to October 19, see the candidates you will be voting for in No-

vember. The LWV-LFLB is sponsoring or co-sponsoring many candidate

forums this fall. Be sure to add the following dates to your election-year calendar!

• Lake County Offices (co-sponsored by the Daily Herald and the AAUW) Sunday, September 28 at 2 p.m.

Warren Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee

Circuit Court Clerk: Sally Coffele (R) v. Cynthia Prurim Haran (D)

Coroner: Richard Keller (D) v. Michael Oster (R)

State's Attorney: Michael Jacobs (D) v. Michael Waller (R)

Judge 19th Circuit, A, Subcircuit 1: George Bridges (R) v. Jay Ukena (D)

Judge 19th Circuit, A, Subcircuit 2: Valerie Ceckowski (R) v. David S. Weinstein (D)

• 58th State Representative District: Karen May (D) and Tim Stratton (R) Sunday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.

Patty Turner Senior Center, 375 Elm Street, Deerfield

• 10th Congressional District: Mark Kirk (R) and Dan Seals (D) Sunday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.

Deerfield High School, Waukegan Road, Deerfield

League Lines

Constitutional Convention Talk and the Presidential Debate

Be an informed voter in the November election, both locally and nationally! Come for a double feature on Tuesday, October 7th. You'll hear David Kohn, Public Relations Director for the Union League Club of Chicago, speak about Con-Con, the provision on the ballot to call a constitutional convention in Illinois. Then stay and watch the Presidential debate on a large-screen TV with your

League friends.

The Union League Club has dedicated several forums this year to Con-Con, culminating in a debate between proponents, represented by Lieutenant Governor Patrick Quinn, and opponents, represented by former State Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch. Mr. Kohn will review the main arguments for each side of the Con-Con issue and answer questions.

Date:

Tuesday, October 7

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Place:

LF/LB Senior Center
Dickinson Hall
100 East Old Mill Road
Lake Forest

See you there!

In Memoriam

The League acknowledges with sorrow the passing of board member Dottie Fletcher on June 5, 2008. At the time of her death, she was Co-Chair of Voter Registration for our local League. In addition to her enthusiastic and generous support of LWV-LFLB, Dottie was an avid gardener, a volunteer tutor for underprivileged children, and a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

Many LWV members have expressed their deep sadness regarding the loss of Dottie. Many of us had been friends of hers and worked with her for many years. We are grateful for Dottie's service and will miss her.

Area Voter Registration

As a nonpartisan organization, the League plays a special role in voter registration, as is evidenced by the areas in which we have the opportunity to register voters. Below are reports from both LWV-LFLB and LWVLC on voter registration activities.

From Jan Schnobrich, Director, Voter Registration, LWV-LFLB:

From April to May 2008, the LWV-LFLB registered voters at the North Chicago Unit School District, Lake Forest High School, Zion-Benton High School, and Waukegan High School, registering 180 voters.

Over the summer and into the fall the League has registered voters at the North Chicago Public Library, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior

Center, the Lake Bluff Public Library, Lake Forest Place, and the Lake Forest Public Library.

Many thanks to our volunteer registrars: Phyllis Albrecht, Dodie Cook, Happie Datt, Mary Ritter, Jo-An Sabonjian, Diane Sanderson, Alice Sievert, Stephanie Victor, Marianne Wood, and Sally Zeit, who have given of their time and effort to date, and will continue to do so during September and early October. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Registrations:

Saturday, September 27
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lake Forest Library

Saturday, October 4
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lake Bluff Library

From Jo-An Sabonjian, Director, LWVLC:

LWV of Lake County has been busy with voter registration drives. We registered 80 people during student class registration at Warren Township High School in Gurnee at the end of July. In addition, plans are in the works to register students at Waukegan High School before the October 7 registration deadline.

On September 18 we registered voters at the Crate and Barrel corporate headquarters in Northbrook. We were joined by League registrars who are deputized through the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Voting Information

Election Calendar:

- *First Day to Request an Absentee Ballot:*
September 25
- *Last Day to Register:*
October 7
- *Early Voting:*
October 14 to 30
- *Election Day:*
November 4

For more voting information, here are some handy web resources:

www.co.lake.il.us

Lake County website (go to voter information). Check that you are registered to vote, find your polling place and see a sample ballot. You can also get information on

absentee voting and early voting here.

www.elections.il.gov

State of Illinois election website. If you live outside of Lake County, or have friends or family who do, this site will lead them to their local election authority.

www.vote411.org

League of Women Voters of the U.S. Find polling places, regardless of where you live. Download a mail-in registration form from this site. Find absentee ballot information for friends and loved ones.

For in-depth information on early voting and early voting locations in Illinois:

www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/

[ElectionInformation/PDF/EarlyVoting.pdf](http://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionInformation/PDF/EarlyVoting.pdf)

www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/

[ElectionInformation/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx](http://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionInformation/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx)

For those of you who prefer to use the phone, start to find the answers to your questions by calling the Lake County Clerk's Office for the following information:

- *Absentee Voting:*
847.377.2406
- *Polling Places:*
847.377.2314
- *Voter Registration:*
847.377.2410



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Events of Interest to League Members

LMILO Annual Meeting: "Behind the Headlines: What's REALLY Happening on the Lake's South Shore"

The Lake Michigan Inter-League Organization invites all LWV-LFLB members to attend their Annual Meeting. The LMILO pools energy from various Leagues surrounding Lake Michigan to focus on issues concerning the lake.

Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11
Hilton Garden Inn
501 Gateway Blvd.

U.S. Hwy. 49 & I-80 (Indiana Toll Road)
Chesterton, Indiana 46304

219.983.9500

www.chesterton.gardeninn.com

\$70/LWV members; \$80/nonmembers.
Includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

Lake County Women's Coalition Tea

All Lake County Leagues are members of the Coalition through the LWVLC.

The tea is a fundraiser for a CLC scholarship for an older (30+) returning female student. This year the coalition is honoring female police officers in Lake County.

Sunday, October 5, 12:30 p.m.

Country Squire Restaurant, Graystake

(near Rts. 120 & 45)

Tickets are \$20 each

We are hoping to fill a table of 10. Please contact Sally Zeit at 847-244-1347 or salz@mailstation.com if you would like to attend. We would also like to contribute a silent auction item. If you are able to donate an item, please let Sally know.

League Lines

Report from the National Convention in Portland, Oregon



"The convention was fascinating, exhilarating, and sometimes frustrating and exhausting. From the 850 Leagues in the U.S., there were 684 voting delegates at the convention from 49 states and 14 ILOs."



The Convention was held in June in scenic Portland, Oregon.

Three of our members, Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, Cindy Morehead, and Jane Partridge, attended the National Convention in Portland, Oregon in June. The convention was fascinating, exhilarating, and sometimes frustrating and exhausting. From the 850 Leagues in the U.S., there were 684 voting delegates at the convention from 49 states and 14 ILOs. President Mary Wilson kept everything on track in a business-like and very pleasant manner.

There were five days of plenary sessions, workshops, and caucuses. Three outstanding speakers were: Barbara Roberts, the first woman governor of Oregon; John Kitzhaber, governor of Oregon from 1993-2001; and former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis. In addition, there was an interesting panel discussion on Global Climate Change.

The speakers focused on public policy issues. John Kitzhaber, a former physician as well as governor, presented a clear and convincing talk on universal health care. The Global Climate Change presentation was given by a professor from the Scripps Institute and a staff member of Oxfam. Justice Kourlis' powerful presentation was made possible because she resigned from her position to

head a think tank for judicial reform at the University of Denver.

A practical and useful workshop was on membership recruitment. Two years ago the LWVUS adopted a membership recruitment initiative that began with a pilot program among five selected leagues. After much research, they decided to focus first on newly retired women aged 50-65 as the most likely to join the League. However, they emphasized that many men also join the League. In fact, there now is a man on the national Board of Directors. It was emphasized that membership is everyone's job, not just the job of the membership chair. We all need to talk about the League to friends and acquaintances.

Probably the most valuable part of the experience was the chance to see in action many of the 25 staff members of the LWVUS office in Washington as well as many smart, vital, energetic women from all over the U.S. Our National League President, Mary Wilson, was especially impressive.

Among the important decisions made by the delegates was increasing our PMPs (per-member payments) from \$26.80 to \$28.00 for 2008-9 and from \$28.00 to \$29.20 in 2009-10. The in-

crease is needed because of rising operating costs due to inflation and decreasing revenues due to a gradual decline in membership.

In addition to electing new officers, the convention delegates adopted the program for the next two years, including a fast-track study of the National Popular Vote Compact (a consensus meeting on this topic will need to be held in January or February), an education and advocacy campaign to fight global climate change, and an education and advocacy campaign on health care reform. The League's position, adopted in 1993, favors a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums. The League supports administration of the U.S. health care system by either a combination of the private and public sectors or a combination of federal, state, and/or regional government agencies.

On a more intimate note, while at the convention, we heard with pleasure that one of our Russian exchange guests in 2005 went back to St. Petersburg and wrote her doctoral thesis on what she learned about adoption and foster care in the Chicago area.

It was a most worthwhile and productive convention.

Former LWV-LFLB President Embarks on Peace Corps Trip

LWV-LFLB member and past president Happie Taun-que Datt will be in Macedonia for 27 months as a Peace Corps volunteer.

The first seven volunteers in Macedonia arrived in June 1996 to teach English in secondary schools. Over the next three years, programs were added in business, environmental education, and municipal development. With political unrest in neighboring Kosovo, the

program was suspended in 1999 and again in 2001. The security situation has improved so much that Macedonia was approved for membership in NATO and the EU.

Happie will be staying with a Macedonian host family in Kumonovo (approximately 20 km from the Serbian border) for three months during training, which includes immersion in the Macedonian language and

culture. She will then be assigned to work in a smaller community advising and assisting in NGO/business/community development.

Happie will maintain a blog at www.happiedatt.blogspot.com. She can be reached by e-mail at happiedatt@gmail.com and by snail mail at Happie Taun-que Datt, c/o Miroven Korpus, Oslo 6, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia.

What Better Time to Roll Up Your Sleeves for Democracy?

The League needs your help to make democracy work in your community and across the country—and what better time than now to do your part through the nation's most trusted civic organization! JOIN US in registering voters, helping at voter education events, serving as an Election Day poll worker, and much, much more. Find out more by contacting Ann Grant.

Adlai Stevenson Think Tank Debuts

This report was submitted by LWV-LFLB member Carol Gilbert.

Several League members attended the new Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy's inaugural event, "A Grand Jollification," in August. Also in attendance were well-known political figures George McGovern, Jesse Jackson, Dick Lugar, John Anderson, and Ed Burke.

Bill Kurtis moderated the panel discussion, "The American National Nominating Process." When asked how to improve the process, Jesse Jackson immediately responded that the campaign season is too long and too costly and allows too much media influence. John Anderson added that the Iowa and New Hampshire results exert undue control. Sen. Lugar

suggested that the long primary period could be shortened. Spelling out his reform plan (at www.fairvote.org), Anderson said a goal should be "to preserve door-to-door retail politics." Ed Burke concurred, adding that the nominating conventions have no constitutional basis.

One audience questioner asked how to lessen the influence of "big money." McGovern suggested that all campaigns be funded. Jackson bluntly stated, "Stop selling ambassadorships ... where there is an ambassador to France, Germany, or Great Britain there is a campaign contributor." When asked about the efficacy of a single-day primary, McGovern preferred our current multiple primary dates, saying, "Candidates

are tested, and the smaller venues give opportunities for unknowns to compete." Jackson agreed, saying, "It's the third rail that makes the difference. We need change agents that are not locked into recycling same ideas, same candidates."

The Center intends to be nonpartisan and non-ideological; its goal is to address challenges to democracy and governmental accountability. As its first focus, the think tank will examine the media. The Center will be located at Adlai Stevenson's former home near Libertyville, restored with a grant from the state and now a property of the Lake County Forest Preserve District. For information, visit www.stevensoncenteron democracy.org.

"The Adlai Stevenson Center intends to be nonpartisan and nonideological; its goal is to address challenges to democracy and governmental accountability."





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Calendar of Events

- September 25 First day to request an absentee ballot
- September 27 Voter registration, Lake Forest Library, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- September 28 Lake County Office Candidate Forum, 2:00 p.m., Warren Newport Public Library, Gurnee
- October 4 Voter registration, Lake Bluff Public Library, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- October 5 Lake County Coalition Tea, 12:30 p.m., Country Squire Restaurant, Grayslake
58th District Candidate Forum, 2:00 p.m., Patty Turner Senior Center, Deerfield
- October 7 Con-Con with David Kohn followed by Presidential debates, 7:00 p.m., Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior Center
Last day to register to vote for the fall election
- October 10-11 Lake Michigan ILO Annual Meeting
- October 14 Early voting begins
- October 19 10th Congressional District Candidate Forum, 2:00 p.m., Deerfield High School
- October 30 Last day of early voting
- November 4 Election Day
- November 13 LWVIL Lobby Day, Springfield
- December 15 Holiday Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Barbara Rinella, The Grille on Laurel, Lake Forest



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League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

January 2009

Take Note:

- The LWV-LF/LB Board meets the second Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Gorton Community Center. Board meetings are open and members are welcome to attend.
- Not currently a member? Or know someone who's a League kind of person? Join the League today, or invite a friend to join! Contact Ann Grant, Membership Chair, 847-234-2782 or anngrant@comcast.net

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Letter from the Co-Presidents

It was great to see so many members and guests at our annual Holiday Luncheon in December. Not only did we have a wonderful time—good food and fellowship and an entertaining presentation by Barbara Rinella on *American Jennie: The Remarkable Life of Lady Randolph Churchill*—we also had a chance to buy books, recommended by Barbara Rinella, from Lake Forest Book Store for ourselves or for Christmas gifts. We were very pleased to have made a total profit of \$911.18 to help cover our local League expenses. We thank all those who came out in the icy cold and especially those who brought friends to this festive occasion.

Now that the holidays are over, we have some interesting programs planned for the winter and spring. We urge you to come to the meeting in February sponsored by the City of Lake Forest and the Lake Forest



Preservation Society on how we all can reduce our carbon footprint. In March we hope we can organize a candidate forum for the Shields Township election, which is expected to be contested. We welcome members who would be willing to help at this event. Candidate forums are one of the things the League of Women Voters does best. This would be a great way for you to get involved and make a contribution to the community. Please call Cindy Morehead or Lisa Dietrich if you would like to work on this event.

In April, we look forward to a meeting with our legislative representatives in Springfield—State Senators Susan Garrett and Terry Link and Representatives Karen May and Kathy Ryg. Date and time are to be announced.

Finally, we encourage our members to attend a discussion at 2:00 p.m. on February 9th at Gorton Community Center, after our monthly Board Meeting. We hope to have a representative of the Illinois State League talk to us about the current LWVIL issues and advocacy. All the local Leagues in the state must review these positions in February and decide whether to retain, restudy/update, or drop them. We would like as many of our members as possible to participate in this process. We also welcome your ideas for new issues to study.

—Cindy Morehead
and Lisa Dietrich

Membership Update

Please add the following member information to your membership directory:

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Please contact Ann Grant, Membership Chair, with any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

League Lines

Going Green: How To Make It Work With Preservation

"As LWV members and as citizens, we need to be informed on the important topic of green initiatives."

*Sunday, February 8, 2009
Lake Forest High School
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

The City of Lake Forest and the Preservation Foundation are sponsoring this presentation in which State of Illinois architect Mike Jackson will speak on "Preservation Goes Green" and architect Tom Rejkovich will talk about why older windows refurbished are better than new ones, a subject that is especially relevant for our high school renovations.

Why should these topics interest our League?

In February 2008, the National Trust for Historic Preservation determined that preserving good buildings rather than tearing them down for new construction is far more sustainable for our environment. Their surveys indicated that more than one third of our carbon imprint came from private dwellings, with 29% coming from manufacturing and business and 31% coming from transportation.

Lake Forest and Lake Bluff governments have also fo-

cused upon reducing our carbon footprint. Lake Forest hopes to have this program as the first of several throughout the year that will focus upon "green" initiatives in other aspects of our town life. LWV-US at the National Convention last June in Portland, Oregon focused upon the importance of "green" as one of the major issues to study.

As LWV members and as citizens, we need to be informed on this important topic.

—Jane Partridge

Remember, "all politics is local" ... and it's time for local elections

*Consolidated Election,
April 7, 2009*

On the ballot will be candidates for municipal offices, township offices, library trustees, park district commissioners, school board members, and Regional Board of School Trustees.

March Candidates' Forum Planning Under Way – Calling All Volunteers!

As this issue of *League Lines* goes to press, the final date for candidates to file nominating petitions (January 26, 2009) looms in the future. However, at present, we are sure that there will be contested elections for Shields Township offices and possibly also Lake Bluff Park District offices. Help the community be informed

voters by working with us on a candidates' forum! Participating in a candidates' forum is extremely satisfying work. It takes many people in a variety of capacities. There is background planning work, coordinating a time and place, solidifying the ground rules, contacting candidates, and more. At the event we need question

coordinators, timers, and ushers. Whatever your skills and passions, we have a role for you! To volunteer to work on the candidates' forum, contact Lisa Dietrich (847-735-1813; ljdietrich1@yahoo.com) or Cindy Morehead (847-295-6470; more6470@comcast.net).

Report from LMILO/LWV of the Great Lakes Region

Our League Director Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden attended the LMILO Annual Meeting last fall and presented the EPA plan for the cleanup of Waukegan Harbor on behalf of our League

and the Leagues in Lake County. The EPA plan, which is going forward to implementation, will be a public policy matter that needs monitoring locally.

Also at the Annual Meeting, a name change was approved. Upon the approval of the LWVUS, the ILO will now be called "LWV of the Great Lakes Region."



Waukegan Harbor.

LWWIL Program Planning Session

Monday, February 9, 2009
Gorton Community Center
2:00 p.m.

LWW-IL will be reviewing its current Program* and is calling on all local Leagues to provide input into the process. Join us as the LWW-LFLB reviews the LWWIL legislative Program.

We will recommend to retain, drop, or re-study each item. Each item is relevant to the work we do because we may use any LWWIL position to advocate for issues within our own community. If you have not done this before, it is an excellent way to familiarize yourself

and get inspired by the breadth of League positions. If you've participated in the past, you know how valuable and thought provoking this can be!

*Program - n. as used by the League of Women Voters, "the entire set of positions upon which the League of Women Voters may take advocacy action."

Great Decisions

Once again the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group will be meeting the second Friday of each month. The first meeting is Friday, February 13, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Buker, 485 Oakwood, #A3, in Lake Forest. The topic for discussion will be "The United States and Rising Powers." The 2009

booklets by the Foreign Policy Association are now available. Please pick up your book at the home of Pat Rounsaville, 901 Valley Road, Lake Forest. The cost is \$21.00. If you did not order a book last year, please call Pat (847-295-3916) and she will order it for you. The topics for 2009 are as follows:

- The U.S. and Rising Powers
- Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Energy and the Global Economy
- The Arctic Age
- Egypt in the 21st Century
- Global Food Supply
- Cuba after Castro
- Universal Human Rights

Call for Volunteers for Board Positions

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work of selecting nominees for the 2009-2010 League year. We are looking for members who would be willing to serve in an elected or appointed board position. Becoming a part of the valu-

able work your League does pays back dividends. Volunteer efforts are compensated in the knowledge that one has contributed to the ongoing work of a great organization. As an added perk, you will be working with some of the best of

our communities' volunteers—those "League Ladies." Call or e-mail Pauline Mohr at 847-234-5852 or rjpmohr@sbcglobal.net to add your name to the list of the "willing."

—Pauline Mohr

Women's History Month Luncheon

The North Shore Leagues' Women's History Month Luncheon will be on Sunday, March 8, 2009. This year's focus is the History of Women and Jazz. The

speaker is Nicole Mitchell, a creative flutist, composer and bandleader. She was awarded "Jazz Flutist of the Year 2008" by the Jazz Journalist Association, as well as

"Chicagoan of the Year 2006" by the Chicago Tribune. Save the date and watch your mail for more information!

SAVE THE DATES

LWWIL State of the State Luncheon
Thursday, February 26
Union League Club,
Chicago

Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Keynote speaker will be Carol Marin, political reporter and columnist. Watch your mail for details.

LWWIL Convention
Peoria, Illinois
June 12-14, 2009

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There is so much stimulating activity happening in League this winter! If you want to engage your mind, use your intellect, and do it in the company of other extraordinary women, read on; there are many ways to be involved.

Legislative Inter-views Coming Soon
"What's Going on in Springfield?" will be an informational and question-and-answer meeting with our state legislators for the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff area. The dates will be coordinated with the legislative schedule. Watch for a League postcard and e-mail for the specific date, time, and place.

Calendar of Events

- January 31 LWVIL Issues Briefing, University Center, Chicago
- February 8 Going Green, Lake Forest High School, 2:00 p.m.
- February 9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- LWV-LF/LB Program Planning, Gorton Community Center, 2:00 p.m.
- February 13 Great Decisions, Betty Buker's home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- February 26 LWVIL State of the State Luncheon, Union League Club, Chicago, Noon
- March 8 Women's History Month Luncheon, Location TBA
- March 9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- March 13 Great Decisions, Betty Buker's home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- March TBA Candidates' Forum
- April 7 Election Day (Consolidated Election)
- April 10 Great Decisions, Betty Buker's home, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 p.m.
- April 13 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- June 12-14 LWVIL Convention 2009, Peoria, Illinois



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League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

June 2009

Take Note:

- The LWV-LF/LB Board's next meeting will be on Monday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. at Jane Partridge's home, 1799 Farm Road in Lake Forest. Board meetings are open and members are welcome to attend.

Letter from the Co-Presidents

We would like to thank all of you for a successful year. The Board has worked hard together, but it's been fun as well.

We were busy in the spring with forums for the contested elections in Shields Township and the Lake Bluff Park District, which were successful because of all of you who put in many hours helping us before and during the events. We had several interesting programs during the year and are busy



planning for next year.

The Annual Meeting in May was well attended and has provided the Board with some challenging tasks for next year. Challenges provide opportunities, so I encourage any of you to join us in looking into:

- (1) a scholarship award at the high school level, (2) the meaning of "Area" in our name, (3) the status of affordable housing in our area, and (4) the need to expand our membership.

These are just a few of the issues that we can concentrate on next year. Thank you for all your support - we look forward to working with you in the fall.

—Cindy Morehead
and Lisa Dietrich

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LWV-LFLB Annual Meeting

On May 12, 2009, the League held its Annual Meeting in the lovely home of Cindy Morehead. Phyllis Albrecht and Joan Kaltsas served as co-parliamentarians. Marilyn Shineflug recorded the minutes, and Carol Gilbert and Hattie Datt vol-

unteered to review them. A quorum of 25 was present and the proposed budget, program, and slate of officers for 2009-2010 were approved. There were also several directives given to the board to enhance the work of the League in the

near future.

Many thanks to Cindy, Phyllis, Joan, Marilyn, Carol, and Hattie for their expertise and assistance, and thank you to all the members who attended and participated in this important annual event.

League Lines

"Convention is a great learning experience and opportunity to strengthen League roots. Ideas are shared that will assist Local Leagues as they branch out in their communities."

LWWIL Convention

This year, from June 12 to 14, the LWWIL will hold its biannual convention in East Peoria. The local Leagues from across the state will convene. There will be workshops to support local League activities. In addition,

there will be plenary sessions at which all the delegates will have the opportunity to debate and vote on the LWWIL's budget, PMP (per-member payments), by-laws, officers, and board members for the coming

two years. We are proud and delighted to have Happie Datt, Jane Partridge, and Jo-An Sabonjian as delegates representing the LWW-LFLB at the convention.

Correction to Membership Directory:

Please note the following change in your Directory: Ann Trombino's correct e-mail address is anintro1@comcast.net (that's the number "one" before the @ symbol).

Volunteers

Volunteers are the life blood of the League. We are grateful to Elaine Slayton and Joan Kaltsas, who are volunteering to help us meet publicity needs at a time when we do not have a board member whose portfolio is publicity. Thank you, Elaine and Joan!

Membership

Remember that you are the best recruiter and advocate for our League. Tell a friend or two about what we do. For membership materials, contact Ann Grant or Tracy

Save the Date

Mark your calendars. The League's Holiday Luncheon will be on December 7, 2009, with local favorite Barbara Rinella.

League Member Ann Hamlin Named Tutor of the Year

LWV-LFLB extends hearty congratulations to Ann Hamlin for being named "Tutor of the Year" recently by the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois. Ann, a tutor at the Adult Learning and Technology Center in Wauke-

gan, has been tutoring for more than 20 years. She teaches reading to adults who are illiterate, some with learning disabilities. Some of her many students have gone on to successfully take college courses.

Thank you, Ann, for serving as an example for all of us!

April Election Brings Changes in Local Offices

The local elections in April resulted in several new municipal, township, and school board officials in our area. In Waukegan, the election of Bob Sabonjian as mayor makes LWV-LFLB member Jo-An Sabonjian the new "First Lady" of the City of Waukegan.

Jo-An reports that the election season was excit-

ing and at times grueling. Always active as a volunteer in her community, Jo-An now finds herself even more involved since Bob has taken office.

As our near neighbor to the north, Waukegan is home to several of our League members. The city has seen some attempts at revitalization in the past few years, and

Bob has a vision for the future of Waukegan that would bring positive economic, cultural, and environmental changes to the area.

Congratulations to Bob and Jo-An! We look forward to watching the progress in Waukegan.

Legislative Update:
It has been a remarkable year in Springfield. Watch your email and mail box this fall for an opportunity to get an insider's update when we invite you to meet with our state legisla-

LWV-LFLB Board Members for 2009-2010

The following board members for 2009-2010 were elected at the Annual Meeting in May. We are grateful for their willingness to donate their time and talents.

Co-Presidents:	Lisa Dietrich & Cindy Morehead
VP, Voter Services:	Ann Trombino
Vice Presidents, Membership:	Ann Grant & Tracy Burns
Secretary:	Marilyn Shineflug
Treasurer:	Liz Bradner
Voter Registration:	Jan Schnobrich
Program:	Jane Partridge
Communication:	Carol Gilbert
LWV Lake County Liaison:	Linda Bartmes
LMLWV Liaison:	Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden

Off-Board Positions

Nominating Committee Chair:	Mary Ritter
Webmaster:	Nicki Snoblin
Newsletter Staff:	Bev Adamczyk & Nicki Snoblin



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League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area

November 2009

Take Note:

**Annual Holiday Luncheon
Monday, December 7
The Grille on Laurel**

The Holiday Luncheon will feature Barbara Rinella presenting a program based on the biography of Andrew Jackson. Support the League, start your holiday book shopping, and plan on enjoying a very stimulating and entertaining segue into the holidays with fellow Leaguers! Watch for your invitation in the mail soon.

Fall Is a Busy Time for League!

You'll notice as you read this newsletter that we've had a lot going on this fall! From our own programs, to other local events of interest to our members, to League activities at the state and national level, there are many ways for League members to be engaged and aware.

In addition, we are entering what promises to be a very important and interesting primary election season.



With the primary coming up in February this time around, candidates have already filed their nominating petitions. There will be contested primary races for many offices at the state and local level. Watch for League-sponsored candidate

forums as election time approaches.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities available to get together with your League board and fellow members. Be sure to look at the list of events on the back of this newsletter, and mark your calendar!

*—Lisa Dietrich and
Cindy Morehead,
Co-Presidents*

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Fall Membership Event Brings Legislators to Lake Bluff

The September 15th Fall Membership Meeting was held at the Lake Bluff Park District hospitality room. The topic was "What's Happening in Springfield!!!" and four of our Illinois legislators were there to give us their views and to answer our questions. Some of the issues addressed were transportation; campaign contribution limits; and scholarships given out by legislators to especially de-

serving high school students who might otherwise not be able to go to college.

Present were Senator Susan Garrett, 29th District; Senator Terry Link, 30th District; Representative Karen May, 58th District; and Representative Carol Sente, newly appointed to represent the 59th District.

Rep. Sente replaced Kathy Ryg, who resigned to take the position of president of Voices for Illinois Children.

Please update page 15 of your LWV-LFLB Membership Directory to reflect this change in the 59th District. Contact information remains the same.

—Jane Partridge

League Lines

Update from the Membership Chairs

"We are always looking for new members. We invite you to contact any of your friends and neighbors who might be interested and ask them if they would like to join the League."

Membership has been busy recruiting new members and renewing existing memberships. In late August, we mailed renewal letters and interest forms. We want to thank all the members who responded quickly, and especially those who made contributions above the membership levels and/or added checks for the Education Fund. A list of donors will appear in the membership directory.

In September, Ann Grant, Carol Gilbert, and Tracy Burns staffed a LWV-LFLB

recruitment table near the Lake Bluff Farmer's Market. Information about our health care program to be conducted in October was distributed, as was membership information. We are happy to welcome two new members, Debi Kiddle and Tina O'Connor, who joined in September at our recruitment table.

As you know, we are always looking for new members. We invite you to contact any of your friends and neighbors who might be interested and ask them if

they would like to join the League. Or, if you would rather, send their names and contact information to either of us and we will contact them for you. Also, feel free to invite guests to any of our programs during the year.

We look forward to an exciting membership year.

*—Ann Grant and Tracy Burns
Membership Co-Chairs*

New Member Information—Update Your Directory!

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The Chronic Crisis of Health Care

"Health Care: How to Cure the Chronic Crisis," a timely program on health care reform, was cosponsored by LWV-LFLB and the LWV of Lake County and held on October 5th at the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Center. The program was moderated by Phyllis Albrecht, past president of LWV-LFLB. The program featured the film, "Health, Money and Fear," and two panelists: Jonathan VanderBrug, Director of Campaign for Better Health, and Courtney Hedderman, Associate State Director of AARP Illinois. There was a good turnout and a very positive response to this excellent and informative evening. If you were unable to attend or wish someone else could see it too, the program is being broadcast through November on Lake Forest/Lake Bluff cable TV (channel 17: Sundays at 9:30

pm, Wednesdays at 8 pm, Fridays at 9 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 pm; channel 19: Mondays at 2 pm, Tuesdays at 5 pm, and Saturdays at 1 pm). It is being shown in other communities as well; see our website at www.LWV-LFLB.org for the complete schedule.

In addition, the video is posted on our website for those who prefer to view it there at their convenience.

"Health, Money and Fear" was produced by Dr. Paul Hochfeld, an emergency room doctor on the West Coast who recognized that much of the health care he observed was in dire straits. So, with the help of doctors across the country, he made this film available.

Health care reform not only is on the docket in Congress but also has been

identified as a major concern of LWVUS at the last convention in Portland (June 2008). The LWV position is for a one-payer system, but to participate at the table, the League is backing the inclusion of a public option. The film also presented that point of view.

If anyone wants to see the filmed program or acquire a nine-page handout stating the LWVUS position on health care, copies are available through Jane Partridge or Mary Mathews, co-chairs of the event.

Thank you to Carol Gilbert, Cindy Morehead, Linda Bartmes, Marilyn Shineflug, and Elaine Slayton for their valuable help with the event.

—Jane Partridge

"The LWV position on health care reform is for a one-payer system, but to participate at the table, the League is backing the inclusion of a public option."

Give "Great Decisions" a Try! Great Decisions, a joint program from the LWV-LFLB and the local AAUW, meets on the second Friday of each month to discuss a foreign policy topic of immediate concern. Upcoming topics include The Global Financial Crisis; Russia and Its Neighbors; Global Crime; U.S.-China Security Relations; The Persian Gulf; and Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. The group will take December and January off and resume in February. Space is limited for this very popular program. For more information and to acquire a briefing book from the Foreign Policy Association contact Pat Rounsaville at 847-295-3916.

Your Local League in Action—Affordable Housing

After hearing that the City of Lake Forest is considering approval of 16 units of affordable housing on three acres of land across from the train station on the west side of town, near

Telegraph and Everett Roads, League members Jane Partridge and Kitty Cole recently visited the mayor of Lake Forest to talk about affordable housing. They learned that the

topic will not come up until the end of the year. At that time, LWV-LFLB will communicate formally on the proposal with a letter in support of affordable housing.

League Lines

Local Meetings of Interest—Shields Township

"The most animated discussion of the Shields Township board meeting on the 15th centered on the township's grants to local service providers, and the imminent budget process."

Shields Township held a Program Workshop on October 10th. Attendance included residents as well as representatives of service providers who partner with the township. Citing the Township Official's Handbook and the Township's 2004 Strategic Plan, Supervisor Gale Strenger Wayne made introductory remarks. The list of current programs and services was reviewed, but it quickly became apparent that the trustees were focused on costs.

There were two Shields programs on the agenda for action on the 10th: the Holiday Coat Drive and Holiday Meal Program. The staff and audience answered questions on these two subjects, and the board voted to continue these programs.

At the regularly scheduled Shields Township Board Meeting on October 15th, some of the concerns of the previous workshop meeting were revisited. Again there was a lengthy discussion of the limits of public transportation, particularly for special needs patrons. The discussion on the 10th had resulted in a decision to form a transportation com-

mittee, but after discussion on the 15th an internal committee was not favored. The food pantry policy was also changed: nonresidents will now be served once only and then will be directed to other locations.



The most animated discussion of the board meeting on the 15th centered on the township's grants to local service providers, and the imminent budget process. Supervisor Strenger Wayne suggested scheduling inter-view meetings for all the grant applicants, but the trustees dissented. A discussion of the township's philosophy ensued. Trustees Baehr and Carney stated it was not the township's role

to give money to "private charities." Supervisor Strenger maintained that many of the groups who receive township funds are more aptly described as "direct service agencies" who provide efficient outreach, and are a "best practices" model of township governance.

The board meeting on the 15th opened with the presentation of a gift of \$6460 by Carl Kitzerow, from Ribfest on the Lake Bluff Village Green. The monies were given by fest aficionados and earmarked for the Shields Township Food Pantry. The cash will be deposited with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, creating a ten-fold purchasing power.

Hence, the gift is actually worth \$6460 to the food pantry, and it was warmly received. It remains to be seen if other programs and services can weather the board's budgeting. The next meeting will be November 19th at 6:30 in the township's Community Room. For more information, visit the township's website at www.shieldstownship.com.

—Carol Gilbert

Watch Your Mail for Details—

Women's History Luncheon

The local "League Clusters" are planning a Women's History Month Luncheon for early March 2010. Elizabeth Brackett has agreed to be the featured speaker. Date and place will be announced soon. Don't miss this stimulating annual tradi-

LWV and the 2010 Census

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has been selected by Governor Quinn as the lead agency for the Illinois Complete Count Committee: "Everybody In... No One Left Out!" for Census 2010. This is both a great honor and a wonderful opportunity for the League.

LWVIL will work with the Governor's office to help select Complete Count Committee members from nonprofit organizations, the business community, faith-based organizations, and the media, among others. LWVIL will work with these organizations and Leagues from the entire state to ensure that Illinois is fully counted.

According to Nancy Marcus, president of LWVIL, "the League of Women Voters of Illinois is excited to be joining efforts of the State of Illinois and the U.S. Census Bureau to create a Complete Count Committee and engage a statewide

public education campaign which will ensure awareness and motivate all residents to complete and return their Census 2010 questionnaire."

United States Census 2010

The Census 2010 was an important topic of the "LWV cluster leaders" October 20 meeting. Cindy Morehead reports that communities such as Highland Park and Highwood already have active Complete Count Committees. These committees are supposed to be organized by city or village leaders and include representatives from community organizations such as the League of Women Voters, churches, etc., who will help with educating people about the census. The LWV-LFLB hopes

to be in touch with the city managers of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest to find out how our League can help.

As Jane Partridge eloquently explains, we have an obligation to educate and inform the public about the importance of counting everyone. Everyone, college students, undocumented residents, etc., must be included. We are anticipating the questionnaire will be sent out around the middle of March and will be returned by April 1. An accurate account is so important because our monies from the federal government are determined by the number of people living in the state. Also, the numbers determine how many representatives Illinois will have in the House of Representatives.

If you are interested in helping in some way with the census education, please call Jane Partridge (847-234-1247).

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Change in the LWV-LFLB Board of Directors

In October we received the resignation of Ann Trombino from the Board. Dodie Cook and Ann Hamlin will be assuming the Voter Service responsibilities. Thank you, Ann T., for your service and contribution to the local League. And Dodie and Ann H., we are grateful to you for filling the vacancy and sharing your expertise and experience.

League Lines

10th Congressional Candidates Forum Update

"As of the November 2nd candidate filing deadline, four 10th Congressional candidates had filed for the Democratic primary and seven Republican candidates are running."

On October 20th I attended a meeting, organized by our two "LWV cluster leaders," Rhonda Diamond and Barbara Marsh. Some 12 presidents and voter service chairs were in attendance. The most important item on the agenda was planning candidate forums for the 10th Congressional District.

As of the November 2nd candidate filing deadline, four candidates had filed for the Democratic primary and seven Republican candidates are running.

Because the primaries have been moved up from March to February 2nd, the forums will have to be in early January. We plan to reserve either the auditorium or the

board room at New Trier West School for the debates. Possible dates are January 6th or 7th in the evening or Sunday, January 10th. We hope many of you will be able to attend and/or help with these debates.

—Cindy Morehead

Leadership Rap

Jane Partridge and I attended the Leadership Rap at the LWVIL office in Chicago on Saturday, October 17th. It was a great chance to meet with the Illinois State officers and staff, as well as many leaders from other Illinois Leagues. Kim Reed brought us up to date on what is likely to happen at the veto session of the General Assembly in Springfield. Another campaign finance bill has been introduced. This bill addresses many of the loopholes and bad features of the previous bill which was vetoed by Governor Quinn. However, while it limits contributions to candidates from individu-

als, it does not cap contributions to candidates from the political parties and leaders, which gives House Speaker Mike Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton much too much power. The State League urges all LWV members to call their state representa-

tives and ask them to take action to correct this. Mary Schaafsma talked to us about the 2010 census and the importance of counting all residents in the state. If people are undercounted, Illinois could lose two representatives as well as federal money. Others who spoke were Jan Dorner (Voter Service), Valerie Krejcie (Member Services), Jeanne Davik (LWVIL website), and treasurer Nancy Clark.

—Cindy Morehead

Save the Date: April Book review

Join us on April 22 for a program jointly sponsored by the LWV-LFLB and the local AAUW. Jane Partridge will be giving a book review of Frances Perkins, *The Woman Behind the New Deal*. Perkins was responsible for Social Security, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, the 8-hour workday instead of 12 hours, child labor laws, better conditions in the workplace, etc. The only piece of legislation she did not get passed was medical insurance. Although often maligned, she was an amazing woman! This event is to be held at the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior Center.



News from LWV Lake Michigan

The Lake Michigan League of Women Voters Annual Meeting was held in Saugatuck, Michigan, and included several fine speakers. Delegates were heartened to learn that two conference attendees came from outside the Lake Michigan basin, from the Erie watershed. There is hope that other lake consortiums will form and further increase the lobbying powers of their individual leagues. Discussion about the program of LMLWV centered on establishing priorities, with the delegates directing the board to designate areas of emphasis.

During the Annual Meeting we could observe John Legge, the West Michigan director of the Nature Conservancy, foraging through the sandy backdunes and scrub pines of the Presbyterian Camp, a series of cottages and boardwalks built into the sand dunes a century ago. The weather was wet, windy, and wild, and John's solo dune walk netted botanic samples and stories told indoors in front of the fireplace. This writer was grateful to find the camp's cottages had heat!

Traverse City attorney Jim Olson discussed environmental law's "public trust doctrine," which says government should guard certain resources like water and place public benefit before private commerce. This idea of stewardship has been tested in two ways.



One area of concern is a loophole in the international 2008 Great Lakes Compact, which prohibits water diversions outside the natural watershed. But, if the water is part of a product intended for immediate consumer end use, such as paint, for instance, that use is allowed. In another case, a nine-year court battle concluded in July, the Nestle Bottling Company was allowed to sell significant amounts of streamwater outside of the Great Lakes basin, for the first time in

Michigan law annals. The Nestle plant, which bottles 200,000 gallons of water a minute, tidily illustrates how water itself can be the product for international export.

Another speaker, Melvin Visser, authored *Cold, Clear and Deadly*. As a chemist with Upjohn for 35 years,

Mel had a first-person view of 20th century contaminants. After his retirement he began a quest to document POPs—persistent organic pollutants, a.k.a. the "dirty dozen"—especially in the global air supply. Though they were banned in the U.S. in 1979, PCB concentrations in the Great Lakes continue steadily. Visiting the Arctic twice to document the Inuit's diet and global exposure to PCBs, Visser wrote the book as a memoir of his personal quest to preserve Lake Superior. Of his early days as a young practicing scientist, he says, "We just didn't know."

Carol Gilbert

[Visit www.LWV-LELB.org to see the Proposed 2009-2010 Program and the LMLWV's Areas of Emphasis from the Annual Meeting.]

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| November 9 | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 pm |
| November 13 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm |
| December 7 | Annual Holiday Luncheon with Barbara Rinella, The Grille on Laurel |
| January TBA | Candidate Forums for 10th Congressional District Primaries |
| January 8 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm |
| January 11 | First Day for Early Voting |
| January 28 | Last Day for Early Voting |
| February 2 | General Primary Election |
| February 8 | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 pm |
| February 12 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm |
| February TBA | 2010 Census Program |
| March 8 | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 pm |
| March 12 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm |
| April 9 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood, #A3, 1:00 pm |
| April 12 | LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, 1:30 pm |
| April 22 | LWV-LF/LB and AAUW: Book Review, Frances Perkins |
| May 14 | Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm |
| May TBA | LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting |
| June 11-15 | LWV National Convention, Atlanta, Georgia |