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Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

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The League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
invite you to attend
an evening of
mystery, suspense, dinner and dancing
Saturday, January twentieth
six-thirty o'clock
at the Harrison Conference Center

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Cash Bar

It's time for our annual, mystery party fundraiser. Last year's event was a huge success - both in terms of fundraising and fun. If you were there, we know you'll come again this year. If you missed it last year, here is your chance to see what everyone was talking about. Invitations have been sent and reservations are being taken. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know of anyone who is not a League member but would like to come, please call Dolly Palmer at 295-9040 or Joannie Barrus at 234-5597. See you all there.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members:

I can't believe we're almost into the nineties as I write this. This certainly has been an eventful year. The merger between Lake Forest and Lake Bluff has gone very smoothly. We received several accolades at the State Convention. We received recognition from the Lake Forest Caucus for the changes we were instrumental in making in the form of collecting and counting the ballots at the annual meeting. Melanie Rummel, a board member, was touted as one of the ten best volunteers on the North Shore by the magazine of that name. Our study committees are in full swing. Please call me at 295-0801 if you are interested in any of them - Fort Sheridan, School Board, Solid Waste, Pesticides, Caucus, Beach Conservation - or any new item we may wish to

very well. I know Dolly Palmer could always use more help. It

looking for more help with the Ad Booklet. If you can help or own your own business and would like to take out an ad, call Sue at 234-5041.

Speaking of January 20th, be sure to get your table or tables together for this gala event. See you all there.

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays and most prosperous new year - I remain.

Your president
Alice Pierce

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY (Wendy Stotts): The attorney hired privately by a group of parents agrees with the attorney for District 67 on all but a few points. Remaining to be resolved are 1) whether it is legally safer for the District to give up its charter in order to have an elected board and 2) whether current status permits an elected school board under the charter, so that the district could retain whatever benefits the charter might provide. A list of the approximately 96 former charter districts which converted to regular districts has now been obtained. A sampling of these will be contacted, but it is questionable whether much information will be gained from this, since all gave up their charters before 1958. The study group will meet on Nov. 29 at Wendy's home, in order to review the opinions of the attorneys for the parents' group, the city and District 67. Because of the need to duplicate extensive material for use by this study group, the League Board voted to release \$100 from the Education Fund toward these duplicating expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT; BUDGET (Colleen Thornton): The League budget has only a small cushion built in for unbudgeted expenses, and Colleen recommended that we adopt procedures under which study groups and individuals must obtain board approval before incurring expenses in excess of those specifically budgeted for that group or a specific purpose. The limited use to which the Education Fund can be put was discussed; it is limited to public education projects, such as the Lake Forest Portrait, the Pre-school Booklet, hand-outs for public meetings, etc. also to payment of a certain % of the PMP.

Jennifer Hamilton suggested a review of projected and actual expenses for the year, as a guide to possible additional fundraising. New ways to cover the large costs associated with some studies and special projects were discussed. Suggestions included a raffle, a potluck supper, and a mailing to all members to ask for donations. Alice Pierce will ask for contributions to the Education Fund in the President's letter in the next Newsletter. A proposal that the individual study groups solicit donations to support the expenses of their own studies was discussed; the tentative conclusion was that this might result in fragmentation of fundraising and also might have a negative impact on League independence from various pressure groups who would support only individual projects.

SOLID WASTE (Arlene Matthei): A letter will be sent to volunteers, asking them to assemble articles and study materials. The results of the LF city survey, which are due in January, will also be used. A planning meeting for study

participants will be set up to prepare for a forum in the spring. Organization of a special collection of household hazardous waste has been proposed.

MENTAL HEALTH: Alice Pierce reported for Monica Hildner. The State League has been studying facilities and services for the mentally ill for the past 4 years. A consensus has been reached, stressing two priorities:

1. Public awareness: education on mental illness.
2. Housing: the need for a wide variety.

The plan for the LF/LB League is:-

1. Conduct a Local Zoning Ordinance Survey, as prepared by State League, and return the completed survey to State by December 15, 1989. A copy of the survey will be available at the next board meeting.

2. An informational forum is planned for the community in the spring.

BLUFF CONSERVATION STUDY, LB: Alice Sievert read a report from Phyllis Albert, who had attended the Thurs. Nov. 2nd meeting of the Beach and Pool Committee of the LB Park Board, where a presentation was made by the engineer who had developed both the LF beach and the LB beach plans. The presentation focused on exploring 1) a scaledown of the earlier project and 2) an outline of options for phased bluff and shoreline protection which are compatible with beach development. The information presented was considered preliminary. Phyllis will continue to monitor Park Board activities in this area.

PROGRAM: Phyllis would like to continue following up on the Lake Bluff studies, since that job has not been assigned to anyone else on the board. However, she recommended that a board member be appointed to the position of program chair for the LF/LB league, because she herself would not be able to take on responsibilities beyond those of the LB studies.

MEMBERSHIP (Jennifer Hamilton): Jennifer reported that of the 42 prospective members attending the fall membership coffees, 22 have joined the League. This brings our total membership to 171!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Alice Pierce): Colleen Regan will be the new Telephone Tree chair, Joy Hodgen is the Pro-Choice chair. A new Caucus chair will be needed, since Melanie Rummel is now on the School Board.

VOTER SERVICE (Barbara Garrity): There may be a need for the League to put out a voter guide or have a candidates' forum if contested elections come up in Lake Forest. The Heritage Party has stated that it will try to field a slate of candidates, so this is a very real possibility.

Here's your chance to make your voice heard. Please fill out the two surveys on this and the next page and return them to Jodie Jacobs, 1700 Farm Road, J and F rooms, or drop them into the League's drop of boxes. The LWVIL survey has already appeared, so if you have already returned it, thank you. If not, here is another chance to let your League Boards know what direction you believe the League should take.

LWVIL 1990 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Where do you believe the LWVIL should concentrate its efforts? Please mark your first, second and third choices below.

- ☐ **Alternatives to Incarceration.** (The state's emphasis on building more prisons limits the provision of community-based alternatives.)
- ☐ **Campaign Financing.** (Legislation providing for the public financing of gubernatorial campaigns could be timely.)
- ☐ **Education.** (Revision of the school aid formula emphasizing adequacy and equity of funding.)
- ☐ **Family Issues.** (Support for passage of the Family and Medical Leave Act and expanded child care services.)
- ☐ **Gun Control.** (Work on legislation restricting proliferation of handguns and automatic assault-type weapons.)
- ☐ **Housing.** (Initiatives aimed at increasing the supply of affordable housing are likely to be introduced.)
- ☐ **Mental health.** (Work to increase funding for and establish a state mandate for community mental health service.)
- ☐ **Merit selection of judges.** (Support for this long-standing League position.)
- ☐ **Pay equity.** (Legislation requiring state employees to be paid according to a system of comparable worth, which fell only a few votes short of passage during the 1987 spring session, will be reintroduced.)
- ☐ **Reproductive choice.** (Support for family planning initiatives as well as opposition to restrictions on a woman's right to choose.)
- ☐ **Solid waste.** (Support for source reduction and recycling initiatives, i.e. packaging restrictions and household hazardous waste legislation.)
- ☐ **State Funding.** (Work to make the temporary income tax increase permanent.)
- ☐ **Voter Registration Reform.** (Support for registration by mail, "motor voter" and other expanded registration opportunities.)
- ☐ **Welfare reform.** (Implementation of federal legislation in Illinois.)
- ☐ **Other.** (Please specify) _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 9 - TUES
9:15 a.m.

BOARD MEETING
Gorton

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend

JAN. 17 - WED
7:15 p.m.

FT. SHERIDAN STUDY
Jodie Jacobs house

Anyone interested in this study should contact Jodie 234-2504

FEB. 21 - WED
7:30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING
Gorton, Friends Room

"Toxic Pesticides - Safe Alternatives"
Speaker - Barbara Alexander Mullarkey
Home Economist and Journalist

1990-92 NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

We need your help. National has asked our input in preparing our 1990-1992 national program. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below and return it to Alice Pierce, 1760 W. Old Farm Rd., LF. Thanks.

PART I: RECOMMENDATIONS TO RETAIN OR DROP CURRENT POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT	
Retain	Drop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Participation/ Right To Know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Liberties
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Choices
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Congress and the President
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> D.C. Self-Government and Full Voting Representation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apportionment
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Retain	Drop	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource management
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Protection and Pollution Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Participation

SOCIAL POLICY

- ☐ Equality of Opportunity
- ☐ Meeting Basic Human Needs
- ☐ Child Care
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Policy

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- _____ Arms Control/Military Policy and Defense Spending
- _____ Trade
- _____ United Nations
- _____ U.S. Relations With Developing Countries

PART II: WHAT ISSUES SHOULD THE LEAGUE EMPHASIZE IN 1990-92?

- ☐ Air Pollution
- ☐ Child Care
- ☐ Debt in Developing Nations
- ☐ Drinking Water
- ☐ Federal Deficit and Budget Issues
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Nuclear Nonproliferation
- ☐ Recycling and Waste Management
- ☐ Right of Privacy in Reproductive Choices
- ☐ Trade and the International Economy
- ☐ Other

- ☐ Campaign Finance Reform
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ Delivery of Health Care
- ☐ Drugs
- ☐ Federal Role in Public Education
- ☐ Low input, Sustainable Agriculture
- ☐ Reducing Poverty: Federal/State Responsibilities and Options
- ☐ Toxics
- ☐ Use of the Nation's Land
- ☐ Workforce Issues In a Changing Economy
- ☐ Other

- ☐ Chemical & Radioactive Contamination of the Environment
- ☐ Energy Policy
- ☐ Financing of Health Care
- ☐ Global Warming
- ☐ Nuclear, Conventional and Chemical Arms Control
- ☐ Regional Conflicts - International
- ☐ Rural Community Development
- ☐ Voter Registration Reform
- ☐ Other

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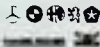
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

To start off this new decade with a bang we held our 2nd annual Mystery fundraiser. There is no way I can adequately thank Joan Barrus (finance chair), Dolly Palmer (chairperson of the Fabulous Event) or all the committee members who put so much time and energy into our fulfilled evening.

I'd like to extend my thanks, as well, to all the members and their guests who supported our endeavors with their

HEART.

You'll see the many programs scheduled for the next few months which are possible because of the funds we raised. Without financial support all of our studies cannot always come to fruition.

Mark your calendars for February 21, 7:30 pm for an authority on Pesticides; March 12, 7:00 pm for a Lake Forest candidates' forum; and April 11, 7:30 pm for a School Board forum. There are more to come as well. Keep watching your bulletin.

Remember, all of these meetings are only possible if funds are available. Please continue to support all our fundraising efforts so we can continue to help the citizens of our communities to be informed on many issues. The League always wants informed voters!!!

Thanks again, everyone.

As ever,
Alice Pierce, President

THANKS

The League would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to Dolly Palmer and her hard working committee who put together a truly memorable night of mystery. Thank you to - Patricia Baer, Joan Barrus, Bonnie Cross, Marg Emanuel, Janet Krissberg, Carol Lacy, Kristine Mardorian, Sherri Nichols, Marty Preiss, Laurel Schirr, Sue Walsh and Debra Weiss. And a special thanks to Sue Henderson and Sue Hood who went above and beyond the call of duty in soliciting ads for the program booklet. Without all of your help the party couldn't have happened. Dolly will give us all a report on the success of the event when she returns from a much deserved vacation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- FEB. 14, WED 7:30 P.M.** **FORT SHERIDAN: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**
AAUW sponsored panel discussion moderated by Rep. Virginia Frederick
Gorton Community Room
See announcement in Bulletin
- FEB. 21, WED 7:30 P.M.** **"TOXIC PESTICIDES - SAFE ALTERNATIVES"**
Speaker: Home economist & journalist Barbara Mullarkay
Gorton Friends Room
See announcement in Bulletin
- FEB. 21, WED 7:00 P.M.** **STRATEGIC PLANNING SEMINAR DISTRICT 67**
Deer Path Junior High Lecture Room
Consultant John Kaltsas to speak
- MAR. 1, THURS 7:00 P.M.** **CANDIDATES FORUM - COUNTY BOARD DIST. 2 & 3**
Waukegan Public Library
128 N. County, Waukegan
- MAR. 5, MON 7:30 P.M.** **CANDIDATES FORUM - COUNTY BOARD DIST. 1**
Elm Place School
2031 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park
Joan Kaltsas moderating
- MAR. 12, MON 7:30 P.M.** **LAKE FOREST MAYORAL & ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES Question and Answer Session**
Gorton Auditorium
- MAR. 20, TUE** **ELECTION DAY - VOTE!**
- MAR. 21, WED 9:15 A.M.** **"WHAT STAND SHOULD THE LEAGUE TAKE ON FORT SHERIDAN?"**
Review of options for Fort Sheridan
Fort Sheridan Study Committee
Gorton Community Center
- APR 11, WED 7:30 P.M.** **SCHOOL BOARD FORUM**
Guest panelists join the School Board Study Committee for a question and answer session.
Call Wendy Stotts, 234-2029, for more information
See announcement in Bulletin

WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF FORT SHERIDAN ?

Members of the League of Women Voters are invited to two programs on Fort Sheridan.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, the AAUW will hold a panel discussion moderated by State Rep. Virginia Frederick and featuring the mayors of Lake Forest, Highland Park and Highwood and representatives from Fort Sheridan and the U.S. Dept. of Defense. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Gorton Center Community Room.

On Wednesday morning, March 21, the LWV of LF/LB will hold an informational session featuring members of the Lake County LWV Fort Sheridan Study Committee. The meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Gorton Center's Friends Room.

The two programs will provide background information that should prove helpful in answering the Fort Sheridan Study consensus questions which will be mailed by the County League in March. Please come.

PESTICIDE STUDY COMMITTEE SPONSORS SPEAKER

The use of toxic pesticides for "cosmetic" purposes can pollute our food supply and can put our health and that of the ecology at risk. What are the safe alternatives?

Our speaker, Barbara A. Mullarkey, will discuss our role as environmental caretakers. She will share her experiences in reducing pesticides in Oak Park and other communities. Her "hands on", "grass roots" approach offers practical information, and shows how she and a handful of helpers- with truth, persistence and humor- were able to influence decision makers.

Bring your concerns and questions about ecology issues, and our speaker will show how, together, we can find the solutions.

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE TO HOLD PANEL DISCUSSION

In mid-January, the Lake Forest City Council was presented with the results of the city-wide survey. SRI (the people who compiled the results) stated that 57% of the respondents favored electing our representatives for School District 67. Given the somewhat biased version of the question, I believe this is a significant response. The actual breakdown of response to the question (available at the Lake Forest Library) was as follows:

- Those who believe the Board should be appointed: 34.9%
- Those who believe the Board should be elected: 46.9%
- Those who said they don't know: 15.9%
- No Response 2.3%

On April 11, 1990, the League of Women Voters will be holding a public forum on the School Board issue. Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools; Murray Conzelman, city attorney; Richard Mittelman, school attorney; and Elaine Fandell, who is a former league president from Winnetka and has been active in Winnetka's school caucus, have been invited to join a panel to entertain our questions on the topic, so please mark your calendars! We may add several more speakers to the agenda.

Those of you who are on the School Board Study Committee need to complete your phone calls to the various charter districts and either send or phone in a report to Wendy Stotts on the results. I hope to see you all April 11.

Wendy Stotts, Chair

LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT OBSERVER REPORT - BEACH PROJECT

January 3, 1990
Nancy Melick

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Pertinent to League :
Beach Project

General manager explained that by 1991 the district will have reduced its debt level sufficiently that, together with increased assessments, the district could go ahead with financing project by bonding without a referendum. It was the sense of the Board, however, that since this project has been previously defeated, they would prefer an advisory referendum of the electorate, a referendum to be tied into another election to eliminate the cost of a special election. While this

was not voted on, it appeared to be their thought that improvements should be considered on one of three possibilities: a) shoring of bluff only, b) shoring of bluff plus minimal beach improvements, or c) shoring of bluff plus more adequate extensive beach improvements (e. g. , Lake Forest.) It was also felt that a more adequate job of informing the electorate was necessary than was employed at the time of the failed referendum. The amount of necessary consultation will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

The problem of bluff and beach improvements on Park District property is one of the Lake Bluff ongoing studies.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST-LAKE BLUFF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1989-1990

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 Jennifer Hamilton
 Membership Director
 234-4049

PRE-SCHOOL BOOKLET NEEDS UPDATING - WANT TO HELP?

Our very popular Pre-School Booklet is already out of date. It's missing several new preschools and day care facilities - including Dear Haven and the Deerpath Club - and rates and hours have changed at several others. So . . . it is time to form a committee to work on revising, updating and expanding the current booklet. Jennifer Hamilton has agreed to take on this task and is looking for interested League members to help her. If you would like to work on this project, please give Jennifer a call at 234-4049.

BRIDGE MARATHON

The four highest scores earned at the games played in November were:

Shirley Koe/Lynn James	5,110 points
Sue Hood/Judy Dobeus	4,170 points
Paula Cosgrove/Mathilda Williams	3,920 points
Doris Gately/Rose Shepherd	3,760 points

The cumulative scores to date are:

Doris Gately/Rose Shepherd	11,530 points
Shirley Koe/Lynn James	10,700 points
Paula Cosgrove/Mathilda Williams	9,800 points
Sue Hood/Judy Dobeus	9,670 points
Lois Meyer/Jean Witter	9,670 points

No game was played in December.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow League Members,

Again, I must thank so many of our members. Of course, I don't think we can say thank you enough to the Fundraising Committee. They more than doubled last year's profits. Also, I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions at the end of January. Many fruitful ideas were brought forth, as well as, ways to implement them. Our League is just getting better and better.

One of the thoughts at Planning meetings was to have more General Membership meetings. Well your wish is our command. March 1st and 5th are County Board Forums. (see calendar for details) Monday, March 12 is a Mayoral and Aldermanic Forum for Lake Forest at 7:00p.m. at Gorton. Anyone interested please call Barb Garrity at 234-3769. Wednesday, April 11 is a meeting on appointed vs. elected school boards at 7:30p.m. at Gorton. Wednesday, April 18 at 9:15 at Gorton there will be a meeting on Open Space and Forest Preserves in Lake County. Our Annual Meeting, which will be a dinner meeting again, will be on Wednesday, May 9, at Gorton.

State Council is Friday and Saturday, March 30 & 31 in Springfield. Anyone interested in attending please call me at 295-0801.

Also coming up is the National Convention in Washington D.C., June 9-13. Please send your concerns to me at 1760 Farm Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Enjoy all of the upcoming activity.

*Your President,
Alice Pierce*

VOTE MARCH 20 !

CANDIDATES' FORUM

On Monday, March 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME), the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff will sponsor a candidate forum for Lake Forest's mayoral and aldermanic candidates. All six candidates, including the two from the Fourth Ward, have agreed to participate.

The forum will be moderated by Lee Johnson, former Voter Service Chair for our state League, and will be held in the Gorton Community Center's Auditorium at 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest.

Questions will be taken from the audience in writing and screened to delete inflammatory or duplicate questions. The League will supply additional questions in case the range of those from the audience is limited. Anyone who would like to submit questions in advance may send them to me at 573 E. Crest Court, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Any League members interested in helping with the forum should call me at 234-3769. This is a great way for new members to get involved in a one-shot project.

*Barbara Garrity
VP, Voter Service
234-3769*

**PRESCHOOL BOOKLET NEEDS
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WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF FORT SHERIDAN ?

Members of the League of Women Voters are invited to two programs on Fort Sheridan.

On Wednesday evening, March 14, (note new date) the AAUW will hold a panel discussion moderated by State Rep. Virginia Frederick and featuring the mayors of Lake Forest, Highland Park and Highwood and representatives from Fort Sheridan and the U.S. Dept. of Defense. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Gorton Center Community Room.

On Wednesday morning, March 21, the LWV of LF/LB will hold an informational session featuring members of the Lake County LWV Fort Sheridan Study Committee. The meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Gorton Center's Friends Room.

The two programs will provide background information that should prove helpful in answering the Fort Sheridan Study consensus questions which will be mailed by the County League in March. Please come.

GENERAL MEETING: LAND AND OPEN SPACE FORUM

A question and answer session has been planned by the LWV-LF/LB to give members and the public the opportunity to voice concerns, express opinions, ask questions and find out what the future holds for our open space and forest preserves. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at Gorton beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Speakers include Jerry Soesbe of the Lake County Forest Preserve District; Carolyn Goetz of the Lake Bluff Open Lands Association; and Stephan Christie of the Lake Forest Open Lands Association. For more information, please contact Joan Kaltsas, 234-4737.

ATTENTION:

ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS...

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Jennifer Hamilton
Membership Director
234-4049

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE

TO HOLD PANEL DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, April 11, the League of Women Voters is holding a public forum on the School Board issue. Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools; Murray Conzelman, city attorney; Richard Mittelman, school attorney; and Elaine Fandell, who is a former league president from Winnetka and has been active in Winnetka's school caucus, have been invited to join a panel to entertain our questions on the topic, so please mark your calendars! We may add several more speakers to the agenda.

Those of you who are on the School Board Study Committee need to complete your phone calls to the various charter districts and either send or phone in a report to Wendy Stotts on the results.

I hope to see you all April 11.

Wendy Stotts, Chair

FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Thank you to a fabulous fundraiser committee. It is not easy to plan an elegant fun filled evening, make money and keep the price of the ticket affordable to, hopefully, most of the community. But, because of their hard work and support, we made more than five thousand dollars. The final tally is not yet in but it was more successful than we ever expected.

I want to thank Joan Barrus (financial chair) for getting the ball rolling last year and leading me through the sequel. Sue Walsh, thank you for putting together a great ad program booklet, the money maker of the event. And thanks to all of you who worked so hard soliciting ads - the committee, the board members and special thanks to Alice Sievert, Sue Henderson and Sue Hood for their extra endeavors.

The committee members - Pat Baer, Joan Barrus, Bonnie Cross, Marg Emmanuel, Janet Krissberg, Caron Lacy, Kristine Mardorian, Sherri Nichols, Marty Preiss, Laurel Schirr, Sue Walsh and Debra Weiss - not only planned the event but attended and brought many guests. I hope in the future, these fundraisers will be supported by even more league members, either by your presence, your participation in planning the event or by sending even a small donation. Your support is most appreciated.

Dolly Palmer



**REMEMBER...
VOTE MARCH 20!**

OBSERVER REPORT

Observer: Linda Bartmes
Lake Bluff School Board

January 23, 1990

Officials present: Administration: Ed Noyes, Paul Repke, and the Principals, Janet Nelson, Michael Sullivan and Kathleen O'Hara. Board Members: Annette Dezolan, John Williams, Joan Kaltsas, Christopher Millson-Martula, Richard Reuter, and Robert Rolek. Absent: J. Lawrence Fox
Public Attendance: 3

Subjects Discussed: Principals gave reports on current events in their school. The E-21 Task Force which has been studying education for the 21st Century has met 8 times. On Feb. 9th the Joint Articulation Meeting will be held at the Lake Bluff Jr. High and the theme will be looking to the 21st century. The Summer School Enrichment Series that is being offered was discussed. The Gifted Program was also discussed. Lake Bluff currently has a non-pullout program. The Budget is being developed and will be available to the public by May 10th. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 12th.

Decisions or Actions Finalized:

Letters of Resignation were accepted from 4th grade teacher Lori Dixon and the K-5 Guidance Counselor Mary Weston-Jones. A list of District 65 employees will be recognized with a "Years of Service" award. A revised contract with North Shore Gas Co. was accepted.

ACTION ALERT...

The Clean Air Act S.1630 is a comprehensive clean air bill which will come before the Senate in the next few weeks. Here's what you can do to help win the fight for clean air:

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TOXICS: support shortening the deadline for toxic reductions.

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Most importantly, **write today!** A few lines now can and will make the difference.

MILITARY BUDGET: When President Bush submits his budget to Congress on January 29, no nuclear weapons programs are expected to be cut (big surprise, eh?) Star Wars, Stealth Bomber, MX, Midgetman, Trident II missile (D-5), etc will all be in there. Tell your representatives that given the changes in the Eastern bloc that NOW is the time for bold initiatives to end the Cold War and stop the arms race. Urge your reps to co-sponsor the Budget for a Strong America sponsored by Reps. Frank, Miller, Moody and Boxer and the Congressional Black Caucus Quality of Life Budget (due to be released in late January). Urge your Senators to introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY: Wendy Stotts received a letter from Wayne Sampson, Illinois Association of School Boards, regarding status under which a school district can give up charter status. Unlike Lake Forest, many of the charter districts which converted to regular districts, were not town charters. The present Illinois constitution and laws tend to encourage charter districts to become regular districts. An information meeting, open to the public, is being planned for February 14th. Sybil Yastrow and possibly other speakers, will discuss ramifications of charter/non-charter status, including ownership of property by the school district, annexation, and their relationship to Conway Farms situation.

MEMBERSHIP. The board congratulated Jennifer Hamilton and Sheila Hopkins on the appearance and contents of the new membership directory. Next year, we will try to get a sponsor, such as a bank, to underwrite the membership directory. There are now 171 members.

FORTSHERIDAN STUDY. The consensus questions on the future use of Fort Sheridan are being formulated by the study group. They will be mailed by the county league to all league members. The next meeting of the group is at Jodie Jacobs' house.

PUBLICITY. We will try to have publicity for our programs

put in the newsletters of other groups such as the AAUW, Newcomers, and Women's Club, and will try to have joint programs with these groups.

VOTER SERVICE. Because of the contested 4th Ward election in Lake Forest, a candidates' forum may be needed. This election and also the County Board elections will be on March 20th. The League and Farm Bureau are co-sponsoring candidates' forums for County Board races. League members are needed to act as timers, screeners and moderators at the March 1st forum for District 2 and 3 candidates which will be held at the Waukegan Public Library, and also for the March 5th forum for the District 1 candidates to be held in Highland Park.

CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS: This year, there will be a 1-day State Council meeting. The National Convention will be held in Washington D.C. in June. We can send 1 person for every 50 members. Locally, we hope to have a program on the Lake County Forest Preserve for our April general meeting. The April Board meeting would serve to plan programs for next year. It was decided to hold one daytime and one evening strategic planning meeting within the next few weeks to sound out league members on how to make our league more responsive to member interest.

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MARCH 12
Monday
7:00 p.m.
**LAKE FOREST MAYORAL &
ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES**
Question and Answer Session
Gorton Auditorium
See Announcement in Bulletin

MARCH 14
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.
**FORT SHERIDAN: WHAT HAPPENS
NEXT?**
AAUW sponsored panel discussion
moderated by Rep. Virginia
Frederick.
Gorton Community Center
See announcement in Bulletin

MARCH 20
Tuesday
**ELECTION DAY!!!!
VOTE!**

MARCH 21
Wednesday
9:15 a.m.
**WHAT STAND SHOULD THE
LEAGUE TAKE ON FORT
SHERIDAN?**
Review of options for Fort Sheridan
Fort Sheridan Study Committee
Gorton Community Center

MARCH 30, 31
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APRIL 11
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.
SCHOOL BOARD FORUM
Guest panelists join the School
Board Study Committee for a
question and answer session.
Gorton Community Center
See announcement in Bulletin

APRIL 18
Wednesday
9:15 a.m.
OPEN SPACE FORUM
Join Open Lands and Forest
Preserve representatives for a
question and answer period on
the future of our open lands
Gorton Community Center.
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MAY 9
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING
Pot-Luck Dinner
Gorton Community Center

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Leaguers,

We have so many exciting meetings coming up. Some are during the day - like March 21, Fort Sheridan and April 17, Open Space and Forest Preserve. Others are in the evening - like April 11, School Board Forum and the Annual Meeting on May 9. The Annual Meeting will be held at Gorton at 6:30 pm and will be a dinner meeting.

I hope to see all of you at one meeting or another.

There are certainly a wide variety of topics to choose from.

Included in this newsletter are the Nominating, Budget and Bylaw Committees' reports. Please read these and be ready to discuss them at the Annual Meeting. If you can't be there or have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 295-0801 to discuss them. Also if you have any suggestions for studies please contact me. Thank you.

See you soon.

*Your president,
Alice Pierce*

LAKE FOREST CANDIDATES' FORUM A SUCCESS

Our Lake Forest Mayoral and Aldermanic Candidates' Forum came off smoothly, thanks to the efforts of many people. While attendance was less than we hoped, those who came had many interesting queries. In all, some 30 questions were put to

We applaud Msrs. Cain, Clarke, Ernest, Gallagher, Preschack and Woloson for their resilience under fire, and thank them for participating in the Forum. We were delighted to have Lee Johnson as our moderator. She brought a nice combination of dignity and humor to the proceedings.

We also thank the Lake Forest High School for lending us two table microphones and putting us in touch with Tim Joosten, who so ably ran the audio system. The Parents' Board of the Lake Forest Children's Drop-In Center made our publicity efforts considerably easier by generously lending us their sign board.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the many League members who helped make the Candidates' Forum a reality —

Bonnie Ci

Caron Lac

Stotts and Sue Walsh. Your many hands made light work of what would otherwise have been an onerous task. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you! *Barbara Garrity*

DISTRICT 67 ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD STUDY

On April 11, 1990, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters Lake Forest/Lake Bluff will sponsor an educational forum on the topic of the advisability of an elected school board for the City of Lake Forest District 67 at Gorton Community Center's Community Room. Committee members have been studying the issue for over a year, and will bring it to League consensus on May 23, 1990.

Barbara Garrity, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Vice-president, will moderate the forum. Written questions will be submitted by the audience. As was done during the Candidate Forum just held by the League, the questions will be screened to avoid duplications. However, no time limit will be imposed as the intent of this forum is to educate both the League and community about the issues involved in a change to an elected board. It is imperative, therefore, that all panelists be given time to give complete answers.

Panelists will include Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Murray Conzelman, city attorney for Lake Forest; Mr. Richard Mittelman of Morgan, Mittelman & Rapin, who researched the legal questions for the League; and Elaine Fandell, Wilmette League president from 1981-1983. A representative from the Lake Forest Caucus will also be on hand to discuss how the caucus would anticipate handling nominations for District 67, should an elected school board come to pass. An attorney from District 67 has also been invited, but we do not know whether he will be able to attend.

Mrs. Yastrow, who is also a past League President, has been in the Regional Superintendent's office for the last 15 years, and has served as Regional Superintendent for the past 3 years.

Mr. Mittelman, who specialized in school law, has also worked in municipal law, and sits on a school board for Grant Community High School District 124. As this is not a charter district, Mr. Mittelman is well qualified to speak to the differences between Charter and Regular District as well as the legal research he has done for the League.

Mrs. Fandell has worked on school board caucus studies for the Wilmette League. Wilmette operates under a system where they have a separate School Board Caucus, which nominates candidates for Wilmette School District 39, and also recommends candidates for New Trier. Either James P. Richter or Lorraine Tweed will be on hand from the Lake Forest Caucus to discuss how the caucus would anticipate handling District 67 elections.

This forum will be free and open to the public. It is hoped that by hosting this forum with outside, impartial experts, the citizens of Lake Forest will be able to get accurate, factual information about what a change to an elected school board would entail for Lake Forest. Please feel free to attend and become informed on this timely issue. For more information contact Ginni Magda at 295-6992 or Wendy Stotts at 234-2029.

A.V.I.S. PLANS MEETING FOR WOMEN INTERESTED IN CITY POSITIONS

Several weeks ago, a group of local women including Abby Fassnacht (who graciously hosted the evening), Prue Beldier, Betty Baker, Eliza Davies, Betty Hutcheson, Irene McMahon, Cindy Morehead, Debbie Reed, Melanie Rummel, Wendy Stotts and Lorraine Tweed, met to discuss ways of increasing the number of women serving as public officials or serving on the many boards and commissions here in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

These women decided to call themselves A.V.I.S. for Able Volunteers in Service (because, of course, we all know that as women we must always try harder).

On Saturday, April 7, A.V.I.S. will be hosting a meeting at City Council Chambers at City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath, where both salaried and volunteer

public officials will give us an overview of their responsibilities. Coffee will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the presentations will begin at 9:00.

It is the goal of this group to:

1. Spread the word about the group and its goal to all interested women in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff,
2. Make the meeting on April 7 a smashing success,
3. Develop a file of qualified and interested women and keep it updated, and
4. Operate as a support system for each other as we do increase the numbers of women in these important jobs.

As members of the League of Women Voters you have already demonstrated a commitment to the community, and an ability to get things done! A.V.I.S. needs you!! It may be that this is a time in your life when another responsibility cannot be added. However, we hope that you can attend the meeting on April 7th, hear what these positions entail, and determine whether at some point in the future you may be interested. It is the hope of A.V.I.S. that we can maintain a list of women with the ability and the interest, and slot them in when the time is good for them.

Please come on April 7th and help us, join us! If you cannot attend the meeting but would like further information, please call 234-8371 or any of the women listed above.

FEBRUARY BOARD MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY. The committee has set April 11th as the date for a community information forum. The results of the LF City Survey show that 57% of those respondents with opinions favor an elected Board. The committee also received a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education which agrees with the position taken by the parents' attorney that LF can have an elected school board and still remain a charter

Board voted to reduce the ad size so that they would all fit on four pages instead of the eleven they would have needed at the original size.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING will be on the Friday and Saturday of our Spring vacation, so it is very difficult to get delegates to attend.

NATIONAL CONVENTION. We can send three delegates.

SOLID WASTE REPORT. The Lake County Solid Waste representatives are meeting to discuss yard waste disposal. A video of the Lake Forest LESH composting machine will be shown to representatives from other communities. The LF recycling center is now taking all printed matter including "junk mail". Wendy reported on projects in 4th grade classes to help kids become aware of the necessity for recycling: for one week, all 4th graders brought in every plastic milk jug used in their family; the next week they brought in all the junk mail.

FUNDRAISER. It was a very successful evening. Fundraising receipts and disbursements were \$11,483.42 and \$6,011.08 with a profit to date of \$5,472.34 plus an uncollected \$500 pending on invoices. Creative Parties refunded \$100 due to their error in repeating last year's mystery. There was also a discussion about complaints of high prices of drinks at Harrison House and the discrepancy in prices from one bartender to another.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT. Background: The State League has researched mental health issues and supports (a) community zoning which

allows group homes for the mentally ill/developmentally disabled, and (b) actively educating the public on the issues. In LFLB there is no discriminatory zoning in the municipal codes, but defining "family" is nebulous. The zoning board has final say in the approval on a group home. No such facility has yet been proposed in our communities. Monica Hildner wants to educate the League and the public on these issues. She proposed that we visit the Independence Center in Waukegan - an innovative day care center teaching socialization, work skills and vocational training to mentally ill adults (18+). Ellen Zagoras, the manager of the center, has invited us for an April or May information tour of the facility.

VOTER SERVICE REPORT. Barbara Garrity reported that 7 new deputy registrars were sworn in last night.

MEMBERSHIP. There are now 161 members.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT. There are two Right-to-Life bills pending, and one from Pro-Choice organizations. No action is expected before the November election.

BULLETIN REPORT. The response to the ad solicitation has been terrific. The



BRIDGE MARATHON

February High Scores

Alice Pierce/Debby Van Singel	4,140
Ann Anderson/Evelyn Cartwright	4,100
Ruth Nicholas/Mona Strenger	3,750
Gerry Ford/Mary Jane Nugent	3,610

Cumulative High Scores

Doris Gateley/Rose Shepard	16,890
Jean Witter/Lois Meyer	16,490
Gloria Kearns/Doris Douglas	16,270
Shirley Koe/Lynn James	15,340

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM 1990-1991

*New Study Items are marked with an ***

The following items are currently proposed but as of this date have not been officially recommended by the Board. The Board will vote on the items as well as entertain additional suggestions at its next meeting. Any League member may recommend a study or action by calling Alice Pierce or any Board member.

1. Study needs of Senior Citizens**
2. Lake Bluff Shoreline Study - Study the needs and alternative methods for the protection of the Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff, and alternatives for financing.
3. Lake Bluff Real Estate Tax Study - Task Force on the factors affecting the Real Estate Tax Bill, with the following scope:
 - Investigation of the current and future conditions affecting the taxing bodies represented on the Real Estate Tax Bill.
 - Possible changes affecting the Tax Bill.
4. Study the existing recycling program in Lake Bluff
5. Continued study of the need for additional pet regulations in Lake Forest; a Leash Law and a Pet Waste Ordinance. Examine the current pet control regulations and assess the need for additional regulations to promote public safety, health and welfare.
6. Update study on gun control.
7. Continued attention to youth problems and related services
 - (a) Survey of recreational services and facilities for young people in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and neighboring communities.
 - (b) Revise and republish a youth services directory
 - (c) Research and publish compilation of local, county, state and federal laws relating to teenagers.**
8. Continued attention to the needs of young children in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff including but not limited to:
 - (a) Revision and republication of the preschool booklet
 - (b) Support for additional preschool programs, recreation center programs and child care facilities in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.
9. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan as amended with continuing attention to Land Use, Local Environmental Pollution, Zoning, Recreation and Safety.
10. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus system.
11. Continued attention to District 67 elected school board issue.

PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS

Co-President (1990-1991)	Alice Pierce
Co-President (1990-1992)	Phyllis Albrecht
Vice-President (1990-1992)	Sheila Hopkins
Vice President (1990-1991)	Sue Walsh
Secretary (1989-1991)	Alice Sievert
Treasurer (1990-1992)	Jennifer Hamilton
Director (1989-1991)	Joan Barrus
Director (1990-1991)	Karen Schimmel Laurel Schirr Ann Shannon Wendy Stotts Colleen Thornton Melanie Locklear
Director (1990-1992)	Monica Hildner Joy Hodgen Jodie Jacobs Caron Lacy
Nominating Committee (1990-1991)	Linda Illes Barbara Garrity Marty Preiss

CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

The following changes to the by-laws will be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting May 9. The original version or explanation is shown in the left column, the change is shown and underlined in the right.

ORIGINAL VERSION OR EXPLANATION

*This section was originally Article IX, Section 6.
There is no change in wording, simply in location.*

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member (other than the President) shall be filled until the next Annual Meeting by means of a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting by any member without valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the Annual Meeting. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program adopted at the National Convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of LWVUS and LWVIL. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors, except as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and Board of Directors shall designate. When absent, and in the absence of a Co-President, the President shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to serve as Acting President. In the event of the resignation, disability or death of the president, the Board of Directors shall elect one of the Vice-Presidents to fill the vacancy; if no Vice President is able to serve, the Board of Directors shall elect another of its members to serve as President.

PROPOSED REVISION

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVLF-LB only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

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Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the General Membership and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program adopted at National, State and County League Conventions and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of LWVUS, LWVIL and LWVLC. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and Board of Directors shall designate. One of the Vice-Presidents shall be designated by the President in her absence or in the absence of the Co-President to serve as Acting President.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all league funds, pay all regular bills that have been duly approved, and shall render a report at the regular meetings of the membership and Board of Directors. The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues. Dues shall be paid annually in the amount approved by the Board. . . .

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Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for adoption. . . .

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 2. Annual Meetings.

(c) adopting an adequate budget; and . . .

ARTICLE VIII - Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. . . . Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by Presidential appointment. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

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Section 3. Elections. . . . If however, after the closing of nominations, it shall appear that only one person has been nominated for each office, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot at the Annual Meeting for the nominees for the respective offices.

ARTICLE IX - Program

Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting.

(c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subject in the proposed program as presented to the Annual meeting by the Board.

(d) Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that the Annual Meeting . . .

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies and shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budget. Where the expenditure(s) exceed the budget it shall be disbursed only upon order of the Board and/or the General Membership.

The Treasurer shall perform all other functions as may be pertinent to the office.

The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited each year prior to the Annual Meeting or upon completion of the Treasurer's term (whichever comes first) by an auditor appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues. Dues, when applicable, shall be paid annually in the amount approved by the Board. . . .

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Section 3. Budget. A balanced budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for adoption. . . .

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 2. Annual Meetings.

(c) adopting an adequate balanced budget; and . . .

ARTICLE VIII - Nominations

Section 1. Nominating Committee. . . . Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by Presidential appointment. Suggestions for nominations for Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

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Section 3. Elections. . . . If however, after the closing of nominations, it shall appear that only one person has been nominated for any of the above offices, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot at the Annual Meeting for the nominees for the respective offices.

ARTICLE IX - Program

Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting.

(c) Items in the proposed Program presented to the Annual Meeting as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors shall require for adoption a majority vote of voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned with the item(s). Following shall be a majority vote of concurrence by the voting members present and voting who reside outside the government(s) concerned with the item(s).

order consideration by a majority vote. Such nonrecommended items can only be adopted by a two-thirds vote at the Annual Meeting.

(e) Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting at which the changes are to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. Emergency Program Item(s)

(2) Subsequent to Board approval of consideration of the item(s), members must receive written notification of intent to consider the item(s) prior to a general membership meeting.

(4) At this, or a subsequent meeting, the item(s) may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present.

Section 6. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVLF-LB only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - Bylaws Amendments

Section 1. Bylaws Committee. . . . with the approval of the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Procedure. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

months prior to the Annual Meeting by voting members who reside in the local government(s) concerned with the item(s) but not recommended by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided;

(1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned.

(2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the items by a two-thirds majority vote of the local voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned followed by a majority vote of concurrence by voting members present and voting who reside outside the local government(s) concerned.

(e) Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting at which the changes are to be discussed and that (2) final action by the membership is taken at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article IX, Section 4 (c) and (d).

Section 5. Emergency Program Item(s)

(b) Subsequent to Board approval of consideration of the item(s), members must receive written notification of intent to consider the item(s) two weeks prior to a General Membership meeting.

(d) At this, or a subsequent meeting, the item(s) may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article IX, Section 4(c).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVLF-LB only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - Bylaws Amendments

Section 1. Bylaws Committee. . . . with the approval of the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Procedure.

(d) The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

DISTRICT 67 SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SCHEDULED FOR CONSENSUS

We are fast approaching the end of the League year, and the elected school board study is drawing to a close. The study has been difficult as we are one of only 13 remaining charter districts, and only 1 other (Chicago) has an appointed board. All other districts have elected boards, and there is not much legal precedent for the committee to draw upon.

The school board study committee met on March 7th to report the results of the survey of various charter districts. As expected, information was difficult to obtain due to its dated nature. Many of the districts that have changed to regular districts did so many years ago, and many of the charter districts were originally chartered as elected school boards. However, we did find that Rockford District 205 voted by referendum approximately 10 years ago to change to an elected board but still remain in their charter. We have contacted the Regional Superintendent of Schools to determine what statutory authority was used. Mr. Bowen, the deputy superintendent at Rockford, indicated that some time ago, the differences between regular and charter districts were more substantial, but as Illinois School

Law superseded the provisions of the charter, they are becoming less and less meaningful. The committee was unable to find any districts that had been charter districts that had any negative consequences of becoming regular districts with the exception of Waukegan. The superintendent of the Waukegan School District 60 mentioned that they did have difficulty finding enough candidates to run for the elected positions and that they had a better board when it was appointed. The committee felt, however, that our Caucus system does a good job of recruiting candidates and that this would not be a factor in Lake Forest.

The committee will wind up the study with an educational forum on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Gorton. (See article regarding that forum for more information) Consensus is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd, again at 7:30 p.m., in the Friends Room at Gorton. Following are the consensus questions that will be discussed.

Anyone who wishes a copy of the Committee Report prior to either meeting, please contact Wendy Stotts at 234-2029.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

The following principles are held by the League of Women Voters:

1. The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
2. The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
3. The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.
4. The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people.

Keeping these positions in mind, please respond to the following consensus questions regarding the advisability of electing the School Board for the City of Lake Forest School District 67.

1. Would the League of Women Voters Lake Forest/Lake Bluff prefer an elected school board? (Advantages include more direct representation, a more democratic method of selection, less of a possibility of patronage situations. Disadvantages include possibility for partisan politics - though mitigated by Caucus involvement; possibility for single issue candidate)

Yes _____ No _____

Comments _____

A. Would an elected school board be more responsive to the citizens of Lake Forest?

Yes _____ No _____ No Impact _____

B. How would electing a school board affect the number of qualified candidates willing to serve?

Increase Number _____ Decrease Number _____ No Impact _____

Comments _____

2. If an elected board is favored, District 67 elections should be handled by:

A. Lake Forest Caucus _____

B. A separate school caucus _____

C. Other (please specify) _____

2a. Should one candidate per office be slated? _____

More than one candidate per office? _____

3. If an elected school board is preferred, do you prefer staying under the scope of the Lake Forest Charter, or becoming a Regular District?

Advantages of becoming a Regular District include the feeling that Lake Foresters prefer to have a school board that is not controlled by the City of Lake Forest. Disadvantages include the possibility of legal challenge and the possible expenditure of funds to combat legal challenge. Advantages of being a Regular District include the fact that city boundaries and School District boundaries would not have to be coterminous, which would not limit annexation to only those areas currently within city boundaries. We are also secure in the knowledge that this can be done without legal challenge. Another factor in becoming Regular District, which may be viewed either as a positive or a negative, would be that city council control over District 67 would cease, with District 67 becoming a separate body.

I prefer remaining in the Charter _____

I prefer becoming Regular District _____

4. Should the city council exercise its option under 32-1(b) to create an elected school board by resolution? (Under this section, the city council would adopt a resolution to change to an elected board. Board members would remain in their positions until their term expired. As board positions expired, an election would be held at the next regularly scheduled election for the replacement of that position. Under this option, the school district would become Regular District, not remain in the Charter.)

Yes _____ No _____

5. Should the City of Lake Forest (city council) sponsor a referendum on the elected school board so that the voters of Lake Forest may vote on the issue?

Yes _____ No _____

6. If the city council does not sponsor a referendum to bring the question to the voters, should the League of Women Voters sponsor the referendum? (This has been checked with the State League and deemed to be an appropriate action.)

Yes _____ No _____

7. Does the League of Women Voters Lake Forest/Lake Bluff believe that the current process of appointment by the mayor with approval of the city council should be retained?

(Advantages include retaining the 9 member board; representation by Ward, keeping in mind that we can divide into 7 districts for area representation with an elected board; and the perceived stability of an appointed board of education, again keeping in mind that Caucus candidates tend to be more stable than would occur in general partisan elections. Disadvantages include disenfranchisement of the citizenry, or lack of democratic process; possibility of the mayor, or anyone who has influence with the mayor, creating a board of their choosing; lack of independence of the Board of Education.)

Yes _____ No _____

Comments _____

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF

	Proposed Budget 1990-91	Actual Year-To-Date* 1989-90
EXPENDITURES:		
A. Operating Costs		
1. General Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 321
2. Postage	100	100
3. Insurance	85	85
Subtotal	\$ 685	\$ 506
B. Board & Administrative Committees		
1. President	\$ 100	\$ 0
2. Secretary	150	50
3. Treasurer	50	46
4. Board Tools and Supplies	200	0
5. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance		
1) Bridge Marathon	650	635
2) Fund Raiser	5,200	6,012
b. Membership	300	350
6. Gifts	100	
Subtotal	\$ 6,750	\$ 7,167
C. Delegates, Travel & Affiliations		
1. State Convention	\$ 750	\$ 627
2. National Convention	1,110	0
3. Workshops	200	0
4. Other Meetings - County	100	66
Subtotal	\$ 2,160	\$ 693
D. Financial Support for the League		
1. River Basin Group, etc.	\$ 20	\$ 0
2. ILD (County Council)	250	118
3. National per member payment	3,220	3,006
4. State per member payment	2,655	
Subtotal	\$ 6,145	\$ 5,880
E. Bulletin		
1. Postage and Duplication	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,035
2. Mailing Permit		
Subtotal	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,095
F. Education Activities		
1. Publications - Purch. & Prod.	\$ 300	\$ 2,671
2. Program Committees	550	0
3. Voter Service	300	
Subtotal	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,959
G. Positions Support - Action Lobbying	\$ 50	0
TOTAL	\$19,100	\$18,300
INCOME:		
A. Dues	\$ 5,630	\$ 5,857
B. Contributions	400	558
C. Publications	700	996
D. Other Sources		
1. Bridge Marathon	1,000	1,097
2. Interest	300	242
3. Fund Raiser	11,000	11,483
E. Reserves Deposited with Education Fund		38
TOTAL	\$19,100	\$20,331

*Year-To-Date: 7/1/89-3/15/90

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CALENDAR

APRIL 3
Tues.
8:00 p.m.

**WHAT'S TO BECOME OF
FT. SHERIDAN**
Information forum
Phyllis Santullano
233 Briar Lane, H.P.
831-9177

APRIL 7
Saturday
8:30 a.m.

A.V.I.S. MEETING
City Council Meeting Room
Lake Forest City Hall
See article in Bulletin

APRIL 11
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD FORUM
Guest panelists join the School
Board Study Committee for a
question and answer session.
Gorton Community Center
See announcement in Bulletin

APRIL 18
Wednesday
9:15 a.m.

OPEN SPACE FORUM
Join Open Lands and Forest
Preserve representatives for a
question and answer period on
the future of our open lands
Gorton Community Center.

MAY 8,9
Tue, Wed

LEGISLATIVE SEMINARS

MAY 9
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING
Pot-Luck Dinner
Gorton Community Center

MAY 23
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

CONSENSUS
SCHOOL BOARD STUDY
Gorton Friends' Room
See article in Bulletin

IMPORTANT!

ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED
IN THIS BULLETIN. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO
LOOK OVER THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, PRO-
POSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AND THE
BUDGET.

ALSO NOTE CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ARE
INCLUDED FOR DISTRICT 67 SCHOOL BOARD
STUDY. CONSENSUS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

Your co-presidents are back from convention and raring to go. We'll try to share as much of the labor and knowledge from it as we can. It was great!!!

We have a new National president, Susan S. Lederman, a professor from New Jersey's Kean College - a former colleague of our third Lake Forest/Lake Bluff delegate to convention and present board member, Colleen Thornton. Colleen holds her in high regard and is enthusiastic about her leadership abilities.

A new two-year study of the health care system in the U.S. was adopted. The scope of this study includes the delivery and financing of all aspects of medical care and services.

Another piece of fantastic news is NO NEW PMP for the next two years. This means that the portion of our dues which goes to national will not increase for two years. This is significant, because this means that our local dues will not have to be increased for at least one year and not for two years if State doesn't raise theirs. Yeah!!!!

Membership increase will be the primary thrust for the next two years. An increase in membership is a more constructive way to finance National's programs, action and support for state and local leagues. The Illinois delegation decided to make this fun. We started a series of challenges to other states to compete for a prize at the next national convention in 1992. We directly challenged the state of

Pennsylvania. Let's go!!!

There are many other highlights that the three of us will share with you: space does not allow for all of them here, but for us the most exciting was that after two long years of work by a national task force, LWVUS adopted a position in favor of federal control of hand guns and semi-automatic assault weapons and a ban on "Saturday Night Specials". On the last day of convention Sarah Brady, head of Hand Gun Control came and congratulated us on adopting this strong position. Mrs. Brady's husband, James, former presidential press secretary, was shot nine years ago and permanently disabled from a hand gun. She is now a league member.

We can't leave out our lobbying endeavors. The three of us joined eight other Lake County Leaguers in a 1 1/2 hour long meeting with one of Secretary of Defense, Richard Cheney's Assistant Deputy Secretaries, David Berteau. We presented and discussed the league's position on the disposition of Fort Sheridan. We, also, met with Jonathon Stein, congressional aide to Senator Paul Simon on the same topic.

All in all, as always the opportunity to interact with other delegates from across the country renews one's sense of the importance of LEAGUE.

*With fond memories and more knowledge,
Phyllis Albrecht and Alice Pierce
Co-Presidents*

ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS

The Annual Meeting held on the evening of May 9 was well attended, efficiently run and wonderfully productive. A big Thank You goes out to Bonnie Cross and Colleen Regan for coordinating the event.

The budget and slate of candidates were approved as presented and published in the last Bulletin.

All changes to the by-laws which were proposed were adopted as published except for Article V, Section 5 which deals with the Treasurer's duties. The sentence which would have required the Treasurer to obtain Board approval before disbursing funds for any expenditures over budget was deleted. It was felt that this put too great a burden on the treasurer to keep a running balance on each budget item as well as putting the treasurer in the possible position of being unable to pay vendors or suppliers for services already rendered. Instead, the treas-

urer will only bring to the Board's attention any invoice which seems unreasonable.

Changes made to Existing Positions consisted of deleting the Lake Bluff positions on the College of Lake County and the continuation of paths to the northern boundaries of the village since both have been rendered obsolete by the completion of those projects, as well as the Lake Forest Recreation Study position which was judged to be too old to still be valid.

The Lake Bluff Shoreline Study was deleted from the Local Program for 1990-91 since it has been completed. This will be reworded and placed in the Position section. The proposal to study the existing recycling program in Lake Bluff was also rejected since this has been done. A complete list of those items approved for Program is included in this Bulletin.

CONSENSUS ON DISTRICT 67 ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

The League held its consensus on the elected school board question on May 23, 1990 and the position statement that is a result of that consensus follows. Consensus was easy to reach on the major question as the vast majority of those responding felt that changing to an elected school board was preferable. Consensus was not quite as strong with regard to how, specifically, those elections should be handled. The majority of the respondents wanted to see the Lake Forest Caucus handle the elections, but there was strong sentiment for a separate school caucus. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of running two candidates per position.

I have spoken with Mayor Clarke, who has

indicated that there should be no problem putting this question on the ballot in November. I hope to meet with him and the city attorney soon to determine how specifically that will be accomplished.

I would like to thank each of the members of the Elected School Board Study Committee personally for all of their work and dedication. They are: Phyllis Gilboy, Mary Barb Johnson, Jill Lauer, Virginia Magda, Catherine Oliver, Florie Perellis, Alice Pierce and Corinne Gieseke Wood. A hearty "Thank you" to one and all!

Wendy Slotts
Elected School Board Study Chair

DISTRICT 67 ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD POSITION

The League of Women Voters Lake Forest/Lake Bluff supports an elected school board for the city of Lake Forest School District 67. The League believes this is preferable to the current method of appointment by the Mayor.

The League also believes that an elected school board would be more responsive to the citizens of Lake Forest.

The majority of the responding members felt that changing to an elected school board would not hamper Lake Forest's ability to attract qualified candidates willing to serve.

League members expressed a strong preference that District 67 remain within the scope of the Lake Forest Charter using Section 32-1.5 of the Illinois School Code to accomplish the change. This section reads, in pertinent part: "Any special charter district may, by vote of its electors, determine to elect . . . a board of education . . . but such determination shall not affect any other powers or duties conferred or imposed by the special charter". Becoming Regular District was

preferred, however, by a minority of the respondents who stated that doing so would not be detrimental to Lake Forest.

League members indicated that both the City of Lake Forest and the League of Women Voters Lake Forest/Lake Bluff should be involved in sponsorship of the referendum on the elected school board question. The membership did not feel that the City Council should create an elected school board by resolution as this method involves becoming Regular District, and does not give the citizens of Lake Forest an opportunity to vote on the issue.

Slating more than one candidate for elective office to District 67 school board positions was the choice of the vast majority of the responding League members. The Lake Forest Caucus was the preferred vehicle for the selection of candidates to District 67 School Board positions among the majority of the respondents, with a substantial minority favoring a separate school caucus. A small minority preferred open, general elections.



NATIONAL GUN CONTROL POSITION

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens.

The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting

period for a background check, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

The League supports a ban on "Saturday Night Specials," enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.



FOURTH OF JULY VOTER REGISTRATION IN LAKE BLUFF

A big thank you to Alice Sievert and Laurel Shirr for giving their time during a holiday and braving the record setting heat to continue what has become a League tradition - registering voters during the Lake Bluff Fourth of July carnival. Twelve new voters were registered during the two hours that the table was (wo)mmanned. What an appropriate way to commemorate the birthday of our country!

AREA MAN IN WASHINGTON MEETINGS ON NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING

Bruce L. Felknor, a Knollwood resident and a trustee of Lake Forest High School District 115 (and the husband of League member Edith Felknor) was recently a panelist at two Washington conferences on ways to improve the conduct of election campaigns in America. He is an authority on election campaign tactics and the author of two books on the subject, the standard *Dirty Politics* (1966, 1985) and the forthcoming *Political Chicanery in America*. From 1964 through 1986 he wrote biennial syndicated newspaper roundups of unethical campaign tactics in presidential and congressional elections.

The first conference was sponsored by the Annenberg Washington Program of Northwestern and Pennsylvania universities. Its subject was the "Challenge of Creating an Informed Electorate". Mr. Felknor was featured on the panel "Proposals for Change."

The League of Women Voters of the United States conducted the second conference on the topic "Positive Thinking About Negative Campaigning: The Citizen's Role". Mr. Felknor participated in the concluding session, "Mobilizing Citizens - What Citizens Can Do About Negative Campaigning".

Both conferences were limited to invited participants chosen from among scholars, politicians, political consultants, journalists and concerned civic organizations.

CAUCUS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Because of the recent changes in procedure being proposed for and by the Caucus, the LWVLF-LB Caucus Committee is being reactivated to monitor and study the suggestions being made. A meeting has been scheduled for July 24. All past members of the committee as well as anyone interested in joining are urged to attend. Contact Barbara Garrity at 234-3769 for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 22 JOINT BOARD MEETING

A tentative schedule of meetings for the 1990-1991 year was decided upon. This list includes a Board Meeting on August 28, Coffees on September 19 and October 3, a meeting on recycling October 17, and Board meetings November 13 and December 11.

To encourage local leagues to seek new members, the LWVIL has agreed to cut its PMP in half to \$8.50 for each member who exceeds this year's count. There will be no increase in national dues. There has been a 6.8% decline in national membership. Eight staff were laid off.

The Lake Bluff League gives a social science award at LB Junior High School on behalf of the League. A committee will check into whether Lake Forest should give such an award at Deer Path Junior High.

REGISTRARS NEEDED

We will again be registering voters at the Deer Path Art League Art Fair Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is not that far off, so we will be calling all of our deputy registrars in the next couple of weeks to arrange a schedule. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. It is during this show that we have traditionally enjoyed our greatest voter registration success.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT STUDY

Although the LWVIL County Government Study Committee has been relatively quiet during the past few months, we have been steadily working on our study. At a yet to be scheduled meeting during the 1990-91 league year, our proposed concurrence will be presented to you and you will be asked to vote your agreement or disagreement with each of its statements.

The exact concurrence wording is not yet final, but we do know what topics we will be covering. Therefore, we will begin printing a series of excerpts from our Study Guide. Please read and save them so that you will be prepared to give an informed opinion on our concurrence.

This first excerpt - which is printed on the back of this page - deals with the Illinois County Executive Act. You may recall that in 1988 we participated in a LWV of Lake County study of this Act. The postion as arrived at states that the Act is seriously flawed. The Lake County League has been unable to lobby for changes in the Act because the state league has no position on it. This is a problem that our concurrence may remedy.

The Study Guide excerpt on the following page should refresh your memory about the County Executive form of government and Lake County's concerns.

ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE

History of the County Executive in Illinois

As has already been noted, the 1970 Constitution granted home rule power to any county which elected a chief executive officer. And, as mentioned earlier, Cook County was the only county that elected its chief executive officer. In 1970 until 1985, any Illinois county that wanted to change to an elected executive had to simultaneously debate the merits and limitations of both home rule and a county executive.

In 1985 the County Executive Act was amended by the Illinois General Assembly to uncouple these two issues, allowing counties to elect a chief executive officer with or without home rule. It is uncertain whether or not this uncoupling is constitutional. Only one referendum on a county executive without home rule has been successful. Will County chose that option in 1988.

Referendum Language

Probably because the issues of home rule and a county executive were initially tied together, the required wording for a referendum on county executive government without home rule is confusing. The Illinois County Executive Act requires the referendum to substantially state:

"Shall the county of . . . adopt the county executive form of government and elect not to become a home rule unit?"

Some voters have interpreted this language as meaning that they are voting on a home rule referendum. Actually, when a county considers adopting the county executive form of government without home rule, its non-home rule status does not change, regardless of the outcome of the referendum.

Form of County Executive Government

In the county executive form of government, departments are administered by a single county official called the county executive, who is elected at-large for a four-year term. The county board or board of commissioners acts as the legislative body of the county under this form of government. The Illinois County Executive Act defines county executive government for any county with an elected executive except Cook County. (The president of the Cook County Board is an elected executive, but a variety of other statutes define Cook County's government.) As mentioned earlier, only Will County has chosen to operate under the Illinois County Executive Act.

According to the Act, the county executive is the chief county administrator, exercising virtually all the administrative powers which are performed by county boards in non-elected executive counties. The county executive hires (with board approval), fires and supervises appointed county department heads.

The county executive does not directly supervise

elected county officers (e.g., sheriff, recorder, etc.) but does exercise more control over their budgets than a county board or board chair can. This is because the county executive has a veto power, including the power to veto line items in the county budget. A three-fifths majority is required for an override.

The County Executive Act states that "the salary of the county executive shall be fixed by the board and shall not be less than 1 1/2 times the amount of the compensation to which a member of the board is entitled." According to a Will County State's Attorney, the county executive also serves as the county liquor control commissioner. The salary for that position also is set by the board.

Professional Administrator

Like a county board, a county executive can delegate duties to an appointed, professional administrator. Such an appointment is subject to the approval of a board majority. Under the Illinois County Executive Act, the county executive is not compelled to appoint a professional administrator; only in Cook County is the executive to do so. Since the county executive form of government tends to appeal to larger, urban counties, where many Leagues have worked successfully to institute professional administrators, there is concern that the adoption of the county executive form outside Cook County could threaten professionalism in county administration.

Separation of Powers

Under the Illinois County Executive Act, the county board retains its legislative powers. This is reminiscent of the separation of powers at the national and state levels. There is one provision of the Illinois county Executive Act, however, which makes the county executive's role particularly different from the U.S. president's. That provision states that the county executive presides over board meetings and votes to break ties. The Illinois version of county executive government is thus similar to the structure of those corporations in which the chief executive officer is also the chairman of the board.

We are aware of only two states, Arkansas and Kentucky, which give a county executive any voting power; in those states the county executives are weaker in other ways, particularly since they have no veto power. The power to preside is apparently granted only in Illinois.

In the United States, the elected county executive form of government is generally used when there is a desire to model county government on the state and federal systems. Given the powers of the county executive as enumerated by the Illinois County Executive Act, there is concern that in Illinois, the Act makes the county executive both the administrative and legislative leader instead of providing for a traditional separation of powers between the branches of county government.

LOCAL PROGRAM 1990-91

1. Study needs of Senior Citizens
2. Lake Bluff Real Estate Tax Study - Task Force on the factors affecting the Real Estate Tax Bill, with the following scope:
 - Investigation of the current and future conditions affecting the taxing bodies represented on the Real Estate Tax Bill.
 - Possible changes affecting the Tax Bill.
3. Continued study of the need for additional pet regulations in Lake Forest; a Leash Law and a Pet Waste Ordinance. Examine the current pet control regulations and assess the need for additional regulations to promote public safety, health and welfare.
4. Update study on gun control.
5. Continued attention to youth problems and related services
 - (a) Survey of recreational services and facilities for young people in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and neighboring communities.
 - (b) Revise and republish a youth services directory
 - (c) Research and publish compilation of local, county, state and federal laws relating to youth.
6. Continued attention to the needs of young children in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff including but not limited to:
 - (a) Revision and republication of the preschool booklet
 - (b) Support for additional preschool programs, recreation center programs and child care facilities in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.
7. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan as amended with continuing attention to Land Use, Local Environmental Pollution, Zoning, Recreation and Safety.
8. Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus system.
9. Continued attention to District 67 elected school board issue.

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TENTATIVE CALENDAR

JULY 24
Tuesday
Caucus Study Committee
Call Barabara Garrity for details
234-3769

AUG. 28
Tuesday
9:15 a.m.
BOARD MEETING
Gorton Community Center

SEPT 1, 2
Saturday/
Sunday
ART FAIR
Voter Registration
Call Sheila Hopkins for details
234-4826

SEPT. 19
Wednesday
morning
NEW MEMBER COFFEE

OCT. 3
Wednesday
Evening
NEW MEMBER COFFEE

OCT. 17
Wednesday
GENERAL MEETING
Topic: Recycling

NOV. 13
Tuesday
9:15 a.m.
BOARD MEETING
Gorton Community Center

DEC. 11
Tuesday
9:15 a.m.
BOARD MEETING
Gorton Community Center

So that members can better plan their calendars, the Board will attempt to schedule all Board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, and all General meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Board meetings will be at 9:15 a.m. at Gorton while General Meetings will rotate between morning and evening.

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

It is the beginning of another year. School has started and all of the normal fall activities are underway. Wow!

Fall is, of course, the time for our annual membership drive. Caron Lacy, Membership Chair, will be sending out the dues envelopes. Please send them back right away to make her job easier. The deadline will be September 30th. After you have sent in your dues you can look around and see how many of your friends should be Leaguers. Let a board member or Caron know and we will send them an invitation or just simply bring them to one of our coffees. One is scheduled for September 19th during the morning, and the other is an evening coffee on October 3rd.

Colleen Thornton will be organizing our observer corp. This is a good way to be involved and learn what's going on in the community. Call Colleen if you are interested.

The Board has some exciting plans for this year. We are looking forward to seeing all of you. If you have any concerns, please call either of us.

As ever,

Alice Pierce
Phyllis Albrecht
Co-presidents

New Member Coffee Meetings Set

Calendar

September 19, 1990

New Member Coffee
Voter Registration
9:30 a.m.

The home of
Corinne Gieseke Wood
191 N. Mayflower Road
Lake Forest

September 27, 1990

Voter Registration at all
Sunset Foods

October 3, 1990

New Member Coffee
Voter Registration
7:30 p.m.

The home of
Annette Dezelan
510 E. Prospect Avenue
Lake Bluff

October 6, 1990

State Workshop
Gorton Community Center
9:00 a.m.

Gorton Community Center

October 9, 1990

Board Meeting
9:15 a.m.

Gorton Community Center

October 24, 1990

General Meeting on Recycling
7:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest • Lake Bluff will kick off its 1990-1991 year on Wednesday, September 19th. An informative coffee will be held for returning members, prospective members and their guests at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Corinne Gieseke Wood. Another coffee will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Annette Dezelan, for those who are unable to make the morning coffee.

The League is a unique non-partisan, issue-orientated organization committed to open, responsive and effective government brought about by informed, involved citizens.

Board members and Committee Chairs will be on hand to explain upcoming programs, events and various project committees. They will answer any questions you may have concerning the League or the many activities we are involved in. The Voter Registration Committee will also be on hand to register anyone who is not currently registered. Remember to bring two forms of identification.

We hope to see all of our returning members at the Coffees. Remember, there's a place for everyone in the League of Women Voters, so bring your friends and neighbors.

Please let Caron Lacy, Membership Chair, know how many will be attending with you so we will be prepared. You can reach her at 295-1359.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising

The Fund Raising Committee has begun planning for the 1990-91 fund raising projects.

Permits and equipment rental options are being explored for a possible Monte Carlo/Las Vegas Night to be held in January. Other suggestions are also being considered. A Fund Raising Chair is needed to take over the planning for this benefit. If you would like to chair this event, be on the fund raising committee or have ideas or suggestions, please call Joan Barrus at 234-5597.

We have also begun to solicit donations for the 1990-91 year. The committee has mailed letters to current and past *League Lines* and fund raising project Ad Book sponsors. The committee has adopted a new policy in which they will solicit donations in a once a year drive. Previously, ad renewals for the newsletter were made in September while Ad Book sponsors were sought in December.

All funds raised through our annual fund raising benefit and our sponsor recognition drive are used to support LWVLF-LB community projects. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of our fund raising project program booklet or newsletter, please call Joan Barrus at 234-5597 or Sue Walsh at 234-5041.

Membership

You should have received your dues envelope in the mail to renew your membership in the LWVLF-LB for one year. Dues for the year are \$35.00, which also includes membership in the national, state and county Leagues. Please mail your envelope back to the League by September 30th so your name will be included in our Membership Directory which will be compiled and published in October.

Caucus

The Caucus Study Group met in July to discuss the purpose and goals of the committee. A decision was made not to align with any particular group as the strength of the League lies in independence and impartiality.

One of the key issues the committee wishes to address is the direct voter participation in Lake Forest governance. This is the only item from the League's 1988 consensus on the Lake Forest Caucus which remains open.

During the course of the year the study group will update the League's 1988 information on other North Shore caucuses. They will also meet with representatives of the Caucus, Heritage Party, COG, and Coalition For Caucus Reform to learn the precise details of proposed changes to the current candidate selection system. In November, the committee will hold an educational forum to update League members on implementation of our 1988 recommendation that "COC members be chosen in a manner which promotes direct voter participation".

The committee will decide at a later date whether a new consensus and position are needed. Anyone interested in joining the Caucus Study Group should call Barbara Garrity at 234-3769.

Schools

In June of 1990, the League of Women Voters Board approved the consensus opinion reached in May in support of an elected school board for School District 67 (the elementary district). The full League position is contained in the previous *League Lines*. The League position stated that it was the desire of the League that the City of Lake Forest be given the opportunity to join the League in bringing this question to the voters. During the August 4, 1990

meeting, the City Council discussed what role it would like to take in this issue.

After much discussion, and a 3-3 tie vote that was broken by Mayor Charles F. Clarke, Jr., it was determined that the city council would prefer a "hands-off" role in this, and would prefer that the League carry this initiative on our own. Some councilmen feared that assisting the League in bringing this question to the public would lead to the impression that the council supports an elected board.

It will not be possible to bring the Elected School Board question to the public in November. School Law differs from general election law, with the requirement that the petitions be presented to the Board of Education. It would have been insufficient to present the petitions at City Hall prior to the August 20th deadline as is the case with other petitions for referendum. Since the School Board does not meet in August, it was not possible to present petitions to the board. Luckily the Study Committee discovered this before gathering signatures.

The Study Committee will begin gathering signatures soon in order to place the initiative on the April ballot. The League Board has targeted March for a possible program regarding the issues and facts involved, and will discuss the possibility of developing a factual brochure. Anyone who would like to assist in passing petitions (the law requires 200 signatures) please contact Committee Chair, Wendy Stotts at 234-2029 or Ginni Magda at 295-6892.

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, pesticides chair and Ginny Wolf, of the Doerfield LWV attended a three day agricultural tour sponsored by the University of Illinois

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Committee Reports Pesticides

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College of Agriculture, the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, the Illinois Farm Bureau and industry organizations promoting fertilizers and pesticides. The purpose was to develop dialogue between farmers and environmentalists.

Anne and Ginny found that farmers are reducing their use of insecticides by wiser use of physical methods but herbicide use continues to be high. Industry representatives contended that herbicide products are "safe", implying that health risks are known. An attorney from the Environmental Protection Agency explained that most pesticides used today still have incomplete human health data. Currently, no large scale neurological study on pesticide exposure is being conducted.

It was suggested by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget that farmers may see a time that polluted farm water run-off is tested and fined as are commercial sites presently. Farmers were concerned that environmentalists were unaware of their need for the agricultural chemicals to handle farm pest problems. Although farmers seem interested in developing research and education in non-chemical methods, the financial risks in the transitional period discourage most farmers from switching to a non-chemical method.

Presently, the University of Illinois is developing a program to help farmers switch to organic and sustainable methods of farming. Agribusiness leaders discussed new developments in the industry such as a new herbicide which is active on one enzyme system of plants and degrades quickly. We may see these new herbicide products used on lawns and playgrounds in the future. Although considered safer, studies must be made before we allow their use in our communities.

The Lake Michigan inter-League group is submitting the consensus of their study for adoption by each of the

state LWV boards in the Lake Michigan basin. The consensus statement supports the reduction in pesticide use and government regulation in environmentally sensitive areas. It also supports organic labeling laws and organic farming certification laws.

Funding for increased testing for pesticides in food is essential and public notification of pesticide use should be improved. The LWV-LF*LB pesticide committee will meet in September to determine member consensus.

If you would like to be involved in the pesticides study committee or have questions or concerns to share call Anne Shannon at 295-5562.

Voter Services

The Art Fair registration was a great success. We registered 58 voters on Sunday and 77 on Monday for a total of 135. That's twice as many as were registered at the fair last year and more than we registered at all events combined in 1989! In addition, we processed 2 requests for absentee ballots.

Thanks to all the registrars who gave their time on the Labor Day weekend...Joan Barrus, Priscilla Bina, Mary Liz Carney, Barb Garrity, Phyllis Gilboy, Eleanor Knight, Marty Preiss, Bea Schuetz, Laurel Schirr, Julie Shackelford, Neil Sherman, Alice Sievert and Wendy Stotts.

Dates To Remember

September 19	New Member Coffee
September 30	Deadline for Membership Dues
October 3	New Member Coffee
October 6	State League Workshop County Government
October 9	Board Meeting
October 24	General Meeting Recycling
November 13	Board Meeting
November 14	General Meeting
November 27	County League Composting Consensus
December 5	County Transportation Consensus

LF City Council Votes To Ban Leaf Burning

At the September 10th Lake Forest City Council meeting, the council voted 6-2 in favor of the proposed ban on leaf burning. LWV members with a position

on the ban should make their views known at the second reading on Saturday, September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 220 East Deerpath, Lake Forest.

LWV-Lake County Recommendations On Ft. Sheridan

The following are recommendations to be made by the LWV-LC. If you would like additional copies of this report or references as to information contained herein, call Alice Pierce at 295-0801.

The League of Women Voters of Lake County

1. SUPPORTS ownership/operation of Fort Sheridan by one or more governmental entities, with usage of the Fort determined by a master plan, because:

a. Ownership/operation by governmental entities would keep this historic Lake Michigan site accessible to the public in perpetuity.

b. Usage according to a master plan would prevent fragmentation and inappropriate zoning/development of the Fort Sheridan site, both initially and in the future.

c. A master plan would minimize redundancy and would keep down development costs by allowing project financing to be coordinated with successive phases of construction and of infrastructure development.

d. Development under a master plan would assure compatibility of usage and appearance between areas adjacent to and areas within the Historic District, Nature Conservation Areas, and the public park and beach.

2. OPPOSES sale of the Fort Sheridan property to private developer(s) because:

a. The land was donated to the Army by three local families.

b. Our taxes have paid for the buildings and development of the land.

c. The purpose of closing military bases was to cut operating costs, not to run a real estate profit scheme.

d. Lake County, Illinois is the 12th most rapidly urbanizing area of the

United States, and local residents consider it very important to keep the limited open space areas along Lake Michigan in public hands.

e. Sale of Fort Sheridan to the highest bidder threatens dense development of this lakefront property, with resultant gridlock on access roads, strain on infrastructure, and costs to local taxpayers. Although part of the Fort is zoned for single family 0.5 and 3.0 acre lots, there is concern that this zoning might be contested because adjoining areas contain commercial, hotel and apartment buildings.

3. SUPPORTS the protection of environmentally sensitive and unique areas, including those presently in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory:

a. The eroding bluff community, which is one of the best remaining examples in the state, currently is not represented in the Illinois Nature Preserve System. The bluff contains seven endangered, threatened and relic plants.

b. Jane's Ravine, which contains several endangered and rare species is "one of the finest examples of this kind of natural area in Illinois"

c. The Fort Sheridan tower is a breeding site of the peregrine falcon (a federally listed endangered species).

4. SUPPORTS major usage of Fort Sheridan as a public park, to include a beach, marina, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreational facilities. User fees, or user fees plus taxes, should be the means of support. A public park (National, State, or County) is highly desirable because:

a. There is no National Park in Illinois.

b. Fort Sheridan has 1.75 miles of Lake Michigan beaches, backed by distinctive bluffs and extensive open space and wooded areas. The Fort can be easily reached by public transportation,

unlike Illinois Beach State Park, which is not readily accessible by public transportation.

c. In Illinois, only the City of Chicago beaches and parks allow easy and free public access to Lake Michigan.

d. Golf courses on the North Shore are in great demand and short supply. There is no public course in the Highland area, except that at Fort Sheridan. The revenues from this course could support other public uses of the Fort.

5. SUPPORTS preservation of the Fort Sheridan Historic district in its entirety, and its control by a single board/agency, with powers to set use and maintenance conditions. The more historically significant buildings, including the museum, should be open to the public. Rehabilitation should be according to the standards of the U.S. Department of the Interior. These measures have the League's strong support because:

a. No other comparable fort exists in the Midwest. Fort Sheridan was established in 1887 and designed by Holabird and Roche, well-known architects of their day. The bricks used in its construction were hand-kilned on the property. The Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes 278 acres and 90 buildings. It has been kept intact, with few original buildings demolished.

b. The integrity of the Historic District can only be assured if its use and maintenance are tightly controlled.

c. Many of the buildings in the Historic District have undergone interior modernization to meet current heating and electrical needs. They would be readily adaptable to new occupants and are a potential source of revenue.

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LWV-LC Recommendations On Ft. Sheridan

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6.OPPPOSES major use of Fort Sheridan housing by the Navy, because:

a. Existing housing is a potential source of revenue for support of the rest of the Fort, including the maintenance of the historic buildings and of open space.

b. Substitution of Navy housing for Army housing at Fort Sheridan does not constitute closing the base for purposes of saving operational costs.

c. Impact aid to local schools is grossly inadequate to cover the cost of educating the children from the base, and has been a burden on the affected school districts and taxpayers.

7.SUPPORTS a University/Research Complex as a minor re-use of the Fort, because:

a. A University/Research Complex could utilize buildings in the Historic District in a non-destructive way, and would not conflict with retention of open space or with public use of the grounds.

b. Several universities in the area have been cooperating to develop a Great Lakes Ecological Research Center with access to Lake Michigan.

8.OPPPOSES discount stores, car dealerships and condominiums of any height on the Fort Sheridan site, because such usages:

a. Would result in excessive traffic and/or population density.

b. Would be inconsistent with the nature of the Historic District, with Nature Conservation Areas and with preservation of open space at the Fort Sheridan site.

9.SUPPORTS environmental impact and cost studies to determine demographics, traffic public transportation, utilities, and water and sewer needs prior to the implementation of any specific plan for the re-use of the base.

The League assumes that the Department of Defense will also conduct a comprehensive analysis of the hazardous materials at Fort Sheridan, including ravine landfills, asbestos, ammunition (both buried on land and within the lake), since such information is essential to decisions on re-use of the base. The Department of Defense has stated that it is their responsibility to clean up hazardous waste before they dispose of the property.

LF Recycling Meeting Scheduled

Recycling and hazardous waste will be the subjects of the October LWV-LF-LB General Meeting set for Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends Room at Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest. This informative and educational meeting will be open to all League members, their guests and the general public.

The meeting will focus on informing the public about the various aspects of recycling. Topics covered will include a discussion of what is recyclable, how to sort recyclable goods and where to take them. The future plans of the City of Lake Forest to begin a back-door pick up of recyclable goods will also be discussed.

Included will be a presentation on the dangers of hazardous waste. Questions such as "What is hazardous waste?", "Where do I store it?" and "How do I dispose of it?" will be answered. The League will also discuss plans it has for organizing a Community wide pick up program for household hazardous waste.

The Solid Waste Study Committee and a representative from the City of Lake Forest will be on hand to answer your questions. For additional information on the meeting, call Arline Matthei at 295-8090.

Pre-School & Child Care Directories Available

A new and expanded edition of our LAKE FOREST • LAKE BLUFF PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE DIRECTORY has been printed. Compiled by the volunteer efforts of League members Marg Emanuel, Jennifer Hamilton, Melanie Lockyear, Chris Mardoian and Sue Walsh, this 27 page booklet describes every pre-school and day care facility in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Philosophy statements, hours, ratios, costs and enrollment procedures are detailed for seventeen facilities. Additionally, the handbook lists sources for classes such as swimming, music and gymnastics for young children. In the back of the booklet is a section highlighting a "Community Calendar for Children" which lists seasonal events which will appeal to young ones in our area.

If you or someone you know would like a copy of this informative directory, you may pick one up at Gorton Community Center, or call Chris Mardoian at 295-8535. The cost is \$2.00 each plus postage if applicable.



Registrars Needed

The Voter Registration Committee needs registrars to register voters at the Newcomer's Luncheon on September 27th, from 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. and at all three Sunset Foods locations on September 27th from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. Call Sheila Hopkins, 234-4825.



Highlights of August Board Meeting

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY: The School Board Referendum will be in April. The petition will be drawn up and checked by an attorney for conformity with Petition Law. A program, to include speakers and a brochure is tentatively planned for the March General Meeting.

CAUCUS UPDATE: The Caucus Committee met in July to review the 1988 consensus position, which specified direct voter participation in the process. The committee identified possible steps in candidate selection (Committee on Candidates, Annual meeting, ballot box) or platform construction where voter participation should take place. The study group will meet with other groups interested in caucus reform and will look at procedures in other communities. An Educational Forum and consensus update are planned for the November General Meeting.

SOLID WASTE: Lake Forest has apparently committed to city wide at-door pick-up of separated cans, glass and paper, starting after May 1991, with participation being voluntary. An October General Meeting will examine the possibility of expanding recycling to other materials, the feasibility of a toxic materials pick-up and guidelines for handling toxic materials in the home.

MEMBERSHIP: Invitations will be sent for the two scheduled New Member Coffees. Dues for 1990-91 are payable by Sept. 30th. A membership booklet will be published in October.

VOTER SERVICE: Voter Registrars are needed for the Newcomers Lunch (Sept. 27, 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.) and at all three Sunset Foods locations (Sept. 27, approx. 9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.). Our League has been asked to sponsor the Washington Post/Newsweek Forum on Long Term Health Care, scheduled for Sept. 21 at the Marriott Lincolnshire, to be moderated by Mr. Franzin. The board decided not to co-sponsor the event since we would not be providing the moderator and would not be in control of the event.

OBSERVER CORP: An orientation meeting will be planned for all observers. A hand-out of ground rules will be distributed. A new or temporary Park Board observer is needed for Lake Bluff, in view of expected beach and bluff protection proposals.

FUND RAISING: A letter will be sent to League sponsors asking for their continued support. Fund raising efforts will be consolidated this year, asking for League Lines Newsletter and Ad Book sponsors at one time. Permits and equipment rental for a Monte Carlo event are being explored.

FORT SHERIDAN STUDY: The LWV will sponsor a public forum to present views on the reuse of Ft. Sheridan to representatives of Senators Dixon and Simon. They will also circulate petitions in support of the position on the fort.

LWV TELEVISED DEBATES

Senator

October 11th
10:30 p.m. Channel 11

October 25th
10:30 p.m. Channel 11

Governor

October 4th and 18th
10:30 p.m. Channel 7

Leutenant Governor

October 14th
9:00 a.m. Chanel 7

Treasurer, Comptroller Secretary of State

October 7th
10:30 p.m. Channel 7

LWV Observer Report

Lake Bluff Park Board

The Lake Bluff bluff and beach project, a continuing concern for Lake Bluff members following their study several years ago, is also a continuing project for the Lake Bluff Park Board. The Board has assigned three priorities to a less extensive plan than that which was rejected by referendum in 1987. Current plans are to, first, preserve the south end of Sunrise Park which appears most endangered by erosion, second, shore the bluff, and third, protect the beach.

Financing of the project will be feasible by using retirement funds from previous bonds, thereby making a referendum unnecessary, although the Board has stressed a desire for input from Lake Bluff residents. It is anticipated that the project will entail no rate increase or at most a nominal one.

Charles Shabica and Associates of Northfield, coastal consultants, was the firm selected at the July 18th meeting to provide design and more specific estimates for the first part of the work. W. F. Baird and Associates, the firm which had worked on the previous project which was defeated by referendum, had also submitted a proposal; but Shabica was the choice of the Board. The Park Board hopes that work on the bluff can begin in 1991.

In other matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Board President Geoffrey Woie, who anticipates a move from the village. Vice President Marlene Miller will serve as president.

Ft. Sheridan Petition

The LWV is currently circulating a petition to support preservation of open space at Fort Sheridan. It calls for protection of the present conservation areas including the ravines and the bluffs and preservation in entirety of the Historic District.

The petition will be at the two New Member Coffee Meetings. Please look for it and include your signature on this important issue.

LWV-Lake County Composting Questions

Since yard waste comprises about one-fifth of the county waste stream, we need to address the issue of turning this segment of our solid waste into a resource. A state law, prohibiting acceptance of yard waste in landfills, has recently gone into effect, resulting in greatly expanded composting activity across Illinois. While composting sounds like a benign procedure, we have to address certain environmental issues which may accompany operations on such a large scale.

LWV-LC will sponsor several consensus meetings on the issue of composting. Answers to the following questions will help determine both the level of environmental protection we consider necessary and if so, what role governments should play in this process. Consensus will be taken only at the meetings. Please note dates, times and locations below.

October 16th	Community Church, Barrington	9:30 a.m.
	Lee Johnson	526-7509
October 20th	2300 Harmon, Zion	10:00 a.m.
	Marjorie Sannholtz	872-8475
October 30th	947 Bartlett Terrace, Libertyville	11:30 a.m.
	Kathy Dorn	362-0897
November 27th	Deerfield Library, Deerfield	7:30 p.m.

1. Composting regulation

A. Should the following aspects of commercial/public composting be regulated? If so, in what way?

1. site selection

- distance from water table, river or stream, 100 year floodplain, wetlands, conservation areas
- distance from residences
- distance from recreational activity
- other

2. control of possible run-off

3. truck traffic

- proximity to major road system
- proximity to source of material
- materials blowing from trucks
- other

4. daily operation and maintenance

- noise and vibration
- odors
- animal pets
- blowing materials at site
- other

5. danger of pesticide and herbicide contamination

6. other

B. What aspects of backyard composting should be regulated?

C. Should there be more regulation than are currently in place? If so, what?

Composting Operations

A. State in preferred order where composting sites should be located. Are any of these sites unacceptable?

- in backyards
- in municipalities
- by region (define)
- on agricultural land
- on landfill property
- on private industrial land

7. on county land

- forest preserve land
- currently held land
- purchased for the purpose of composting
- leased land

b. other

8. other publicly held lands

B. Who should own?

- public
- private
- combination

C. Who should operate?

- public
- private
- combination

D. How should composting operations be financed?

- by a mound used by individual (financial incentive for source reduction)
- by municipality
- combination
- other

3. Who should regulate composting?

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| A. federal | E. municipality |
| B. state | F. other (define) |
| C. region (define) | G. none |
| D. county | |

4. Who should enforce regulations?

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| A. state | D. municipality |
| B. region (define) | E. other (define) |
| C. county | F. none |

5. Are some composting methods preferable to others from an environmental viewpoint?

- backyard
 - compost pile
 - uncollected grass clippings
- in-vessel
- wind drowing
- land application
- other

6. In summary, what role should the following play in composting?

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| A. individuals |
| B. private industry |
| C. municipality |
| D. County of Lake <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lake County Health Department Lake County Forest Preserve District Zoning Board of Appeals other |
| E. State of Illinois <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources state legislature other |
| F. Federal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> United States Environmental Protection Agency other |
| G. Other |

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

The election season is here—a busy time for the League! We hope you've been following the series of televised candidate debates being sponsored by the State League. Most importantly, of course, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE on election day!

Our two membership coffees were a great success, and we're pleased to be welcoming the new members who joined. Listening to the interesting presentations on League studies given by board members at those coffees couldn't help but impress and remind all of us what an important and productive organization the League is!

The Fund-raising Committee is busy making plans for a "Las Vegas Night" to be held on January 19. We hope we can count on your support.

October's general meeting, on the topic of Hazardous Waste Removal, promises to be an especially interesting and important one. Plan to attend, and invite interested members of the community to join you.

Also, two important meetings involving consensus on county study items—composting and transportation are coming up. Please attend!

As ever,

Alice Pierce
Phyllis Albrecht

Public Forum On Recycling Set for October

Calendar

October 24, 1990
Public Forum on Recycling
and Hazardous Waste
7:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

November 6, 1990
Election Day
Polls Open 6:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

November 13, 1990
Board Meeting
9:15 a.m.
Gorton Community Center

November 14, 1990
Update On The 1988
Caucus Consensus
9:15 a.m.
Gorton Community Center

November 27, 1990
LWV-LC Composting Consensus
7:30 p.m.
Doorfield Library

December 5, 1990
LWV-LC Transportation Consensus
7:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

December 11, 1990
Joint Board/Member Luncheon
12:00 p.m.
Location To Be Announced

The LWV-LF-LB has adopted the slogan "The New Three R's — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" as the environmental theme for the 90's. In order to inform and educate the community about methods of waste reduction and reuse of household materials, the League is hosting a public information forum on October 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Friend's Room at Gorton Community Center.

Bill Barron, Assistant Lake County Administrator, who oversees the Lake County Solid Waste Agency, will discuss recycling opportunities and waste disposal issues in Lake County. Dan Rion, of the Illinois State Division of Energy and Natural Resources, will address the problem of identifying, storing and safely disposing of the common toxic and hazardous products that have been stored away in our homes. The Illinois Recycling Association will address the future, markets and ways of reducing the amount of disposable waste we accumulate and the potential use of a recycling drop-off center after a community pick-up begins. A representative of the city of Lake Forest will explain how the back door pick-up recycling program will operate.

This forum is open to the public so bring friends and neighbors. Come find out how you can do your part in saving the earth's resources. There will be opportunities to participate in future environmental projects. If you have questions, please call Arline Matthei, Solid Waste Chair, at 295-8090.



Committee Reports

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5997

The 1991 fund-raising benefit has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 1991. Currently, options are being explored for a Monte Carlo/Las Vegas night. Joan Barrus and her committee have been busy obtaining permits, finding a location, and exploring costs.

The support of EVERY member is needed to make this a successful event. There is a way for each of us to participate: Work on the committee, solicit ads for the ad/program book, sponsor the ad/program book or plan to attend and invite several friends. The Committee is counting on your support.

A meeting has been scheduled for October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center for all fund-raising committee members so duties may be assigned. You can expect a call this week.

Solid Waste

Arline Matthei, Chair
295-8090

The Solid Waste Committee, in cooperation with the Pesticides Committee, will host a public forum on October 24th on recycling and hazardous waste. The meeting will focus on the new theme "The New Three R's — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle".

The Committee has scheduled many speakers to discuss such issues as storing and safely disposing of common toxic and hazardous products and the future of the Lake Forest Recycling Program. They will also discuss a possible Hazardous Waste Pick-up which will be scheduled later.

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

The Caucus Study Group have scheduled an update on the LWV-LF • LB 1988 Caucus Consensus for Wednesday, November 14th, at 9:15 a.m. at Gorton Community Center.

The Group has interviewed representatives of the Caucus, COG, the Coalition For Caucus Reform and the Heritage Party. They look forward to sharing with you each group's ideas for Lake Forest's candidate selection process. Please make plans to attend this informational meeting to learn more about the new players and proposed changes in Lake Forest politics.

Membership

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

Thank you to Corinne Gieseke Wood and Annette Dezelan for opening their lovely homes to the League for the fall Membership Coffees. These gracious hostesses enabled us to welcome prospective members and give them a good general overview of the League's current activities in very pleasant settings.

If you are a returning member and have not mailed in your dues, please do so immediately. The Membership Directory will be printed shortly and only those members whose membership form and dues have been received will be included. You should have received your dues envelope in the mail at the beginning of September to renew your membership in the LWV-LF • LB for one year. Dues for the year are \$35.00, which also includes membership in the national, state and county Leagues. A second notice will be sent this week. Please return your dues right away.

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton
234-7661

How does the Lake Forest Government function? Are you interested in participating in city government? The Observer Corps is the way to learn how city government works first hand. Corps members attend various city council and board meetings with the goal to observe and learn. There are many important Lake Forest political and administrative processes to monitor and you can choose which aspect of government you're most interested in. It's an ideal way to understand the complex fabric of the Lake Forest political system. Colleen Thornton, an experienced League member will be leading the Corps. Her committee needs many team players to be effective. Join the Observer Corps and find your niche!

The Corps will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 30th at 9:00 a.m. at Gorton Community Center Friends Room. For those who are unable to attend the daytime meeting, an evening meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Voter Registration ended Tuesday, October 9th, with the Committee having registered 210 voters this year. The 30 deputy registrars did a fantastic job of registering voters in the community. During September and October, they could be found at the Newcomers Luncheon, Sunset Foods, at LF High School, the homecoming football games, and at the LF Library.

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LWV-LC Transportation Consensus Questions

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V. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A. What incentives do you think it takes to encourage people to use public transportation?

Incentives

1. Frequent and convenient public transportation routes
2. Park and ride (bus/train depot, satellite)
3. Off-peak bus and train fares (discount during non-rush times)
4. Expansion of railroad parking lots
5. Special rates/spaces for short-term parking
6. Low train parking fees
7. Lower train and bus fares
8. Lower speed limits on roads
9. Other

Disincentives

10. High gasoline costs
11. High parking fees (at workplace, student parking lots at school, etc.)
12. Other

B. If dial-a-ride is expanded, should it include:

1. Handicapped
2. Children
3. Seniors
4. Everyone
5. Other

C. Should dial-a-ride be expanded to include trips between communities?

D. How should dial-a-ride be funded?

1. RTA
2. Lake County
3. Township
4. Local community
5. User fee
6. gas tax
7. Other

E. How can more efficient use be made of school buses?

1. Used throughout the day for residents
2. High parking fees or prohibition of parking at high school to encourage students to use buses
3. Other
4. None

VI. JUST FOR FUN

A. Pick three of the following that irritates you most concerning transportation.

1. Gridlock
2. Lack of public transportation
3. High cost of public transportation
4. Cost of gas
5. Heavy trucks
6. Frequency of traffic lights
7. Road construction areas
8. Bottlenecks
9. Poor road conditions
10. Drunk drivers
11. Slow drivers
12. Lack of parking
13. High parking fees
14. Tolls
15. Other



VOTE

NOVEMBER 6TH

LWV-LC County Government Study

The following is the second in the series of updates on the LWV-IL County Government Study. The first was published in the July issue of League Lines.

Please keep this report along with the others for reference as a consensus meeting has been scheduled on February 26th for LF+LB, Deerfield and HP Leagues. Watch for details of the time and location of the County Government Consensus in future issues of League Lines.

If you would like a copy of the July newsletter, please call Sue Walsh at 234-5041.

Janet Swartz, LWV-LC

This is the second in the series of articles preparing us for the LWV-IL County Government Structure concurrence meeting this spring. This article focuses on the subject of independently elected county officials (such as sheriffs and county clerks) and one way in which the potential for patronage and contracting abuses in their offices can be limited. As the article explains, Cook County (with help from the Cook County League) has already adopted this protection. A change in state law is required if other Illinois counties wish to follow Cook's example. One section of our proposed concurrence would allow Illinois Leagues to lobby for such a statutory change.

EXCERPT FROM PROPOSED CONCURRENCE STATEMENT

The LWV-IL believes that county legislative bodies should have the right to require independently elected county officials to adhere to the same personnel and procurement systems as appointed county department heads.

EXCERPT FROM COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IN ILLINOIS STUDY GUIDE

Independently Elected County Administrative Officers

In addition to the members of county boards or boards of commissioners, Illinois is characterized by a large number of independently elected county administrative officers, including county clerk, sheriff, coroner, state's attorneys, treasurer, clerk of the circuit court, county superintendent of schools, assessor, auditor and recorder of deeds.

Because these officers appear on the same row of county organizational charts as county board members, they are sometimes called row officers.

Some counties have eliminated some of these officers, or made them appointed positions. For example, at one time in Cook County the medical examiner and comptroller were elected, but they are now appointed by the president of the county board.

The legislative bodies of a number of Illinois counties, including Cook, Lake, DuPage, and Peoria, have instituted modern personnel and procurement practices designed to ensure fairness in county employment and contract awarding. Cook County, encouraged by the Cook County League of Women Voters and others, centralized its purchasing and personnel functions many years ago. Independently elected county officials as well as appointed department heads must apply to one office for purchasing and contracting and another for personnel matters. Under current Illinois law, no other counties (because they lack home rule power) can require their independently elected county administrative officers to abide by the personnel and procurement practices established by county ordinances. Some independently elected officers voluntarily abide by such ordinances, but they are not legally obligated to do so.

Update on 1988 Caucus Consensus

On Wednesday, November 14, at 9:15 a.m., the Caucus Study Group will present an update on the League's 1988 Caucus Consensus.

There have been many developments in Lake Forest politics since 1988. First, the Caucus adopted some of the League's recommendations. Then the Citizens For Open Government (COG) was born. Next, the Lake Forest Survey revealed that some two-thirds of those answering believe "The Caucus should recommend more than one candidate for each elective office." Soon after, the Coalition For Caucus Reform surfaced. Then the Heritage Party organized, and successfully ran Richard Ernest for Fourth Ward alderman against the Caucus-backed incumbent. Now the Caucus is making changes which attempt to allow more direct citizen participation, a goal the League has promoted since 1988.

Come learn more about these new players and proposed changes in Lake Forest politics. The Caucus Committee has interviewed representatives of the Caucus, COG, the Coalition and the Heritage Party, and look forward to sharing with you each group's ideas for Lake Forest's candidate selection process. There should be plenty of time for questions and discussion of what further action the League should take.

Thank you

Annette Dezellan
and
Corrine Gieske Wood

For Opening Your Homes
To Us for our
New Member Coffees

Committee Reports

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Voter Services

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Alice Pierce registered 15 newcomers at their annual luncheon, Colleen Thornton and Bonnie Cross registered 13 voters at Sunset Foods in LF. Eleanor Knight, Alice Pierce, Joan Kaltsas, Joan Barrus and Cari Sevcik registered 13 voters and gave out one absentee ballot request at LF High School. Neil Sherman, Wendy Stotts, Laurel Schirr and Elizabeth Clarke registered 22 voters and passed out 2 absentee ballot requests at the library.

The League thanks all who helped. You did a great job!

If you would like to become a registrar, please call Sheila Hopkins. She is arranging a meeting in November for someone from the County Clerk's office to swear in new registrars and reaffirm present ones. If you are currently a registrar, but would like your name removed from the Committee's list, please let the Committee Chair know.

Also, the Committee has Absentee Ballot Requests on hand. These may be used until November 5, 1990. If you know you will be out of town and need an absentee ballot, please call Sheila Hopkins for more information.

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

The Pesticides Committee is working with the Solid Waste Committee to present the General Meeting on October 24th addressing the issues of recycling and hazardous waste.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1969

Mental Health

Monica Hildner, Chair
295-0994

School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert
234-4133

"I am tired of hearing that democracy doesn't work—it isn't supposed to work. We are supposed to work it."

Alexander Woolcott

2nd Printing Planned

Preschool Booklet A Popular Success



The League's new Preschool and Child Care Directory has been a big success! Approximately 550 copies have been sold so far bringing the LWV • LF-LB a net profit of \$1000.00. Thanks to the efforts of Marg Emanuel, Jennifer Hamilton, Melanie Lockyear, Chris Mardoian and Sue Walsh, this has turned out to be a successful fund-raiser as well as a needed community resource.

The 27 page booklet describes every preschool and day care facility in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. It also lists many other community resources for young children.

There are still a few copies left. There will be another printing of the booklet in January or February. If you or someone you know would like a copy of this informative directory, you may pick one up at Gorton Community Center or call Chris Mardoian at 295-8535. The cost is \$2.00 each plus postage, if applicable. Hurry, because they're going fast!

LWV-LC Transportation Consensus Questions

A transportation consensus meeting has been scheduled for the Lake Forest • Lake Bluff, Highland Park and Deerfield Leagues. It will be held at Gorton Community Center on December 5, at 7:30 p.m. The LWV-LC is requiring attendance at any one of four meetings to participate in consensus. If you can not make the December 5 meeting, there are others scheduled for December 18, 9:30 a.m., at Community Church of Barrington and January 19, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Shirley Goldman, 910 N. County St., Waukegan. Another will be scheduled in January.

This is an issue that affects us all each day. Please make plans to attend to make your opinion on this issue known. The following are the proposed consensus questions from the LWV-LC.

I. PLANNING

A. Should a municipality's role be initiating, implementing, or vetoing transportation plans affecting their regions?

B. Should regional planning groups have the binding authority to:

1. Widen arterial and collector roads
2. Add arterial and collector roads
3. Close roads
4. Improve arterial and collector roads
5. Condemn property to build roads
6. All of the above
7. None of the above

C. Which of the following group(s) should have the authorities marked in "B" above?

1. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
2. Chicago Area Transportation System (CATS)
3. Northern Illinois Planning Council (NIPC)
4. Lake County Department of Transportation
5. A group of municipalities joined under an inter-governmental agreement
6. Township
7. Other

D. Should there be limited access to:

1. Collector roads
2. Arterial roads?

E. Should affordable housing be built throughout Lake County to reduce travel to work?

F. As the need for expanding transportation arises in Lake County, which should be emphasized?

1. Public transportation
2. Roads
3. Other

G. Should communities have to provide bike paths?

II. FINANCING

A. Should more new money for building additional roads come from:

1. User fees (tolls, gas tax, license plate fees, etc.)
2. Taxes (income, property)
3. Impact fees from new development
4. Other

B. Should more new money for expanding public transportation come from:

1. User fees (tolls, gas tax, license plate fees, etc.)
2. Taxes (income, property)
3. Fares
4. Other

III. GRIDLOCK

A. Evaluate your choices for eliminating gridlock on roads:

1. Staggered work hours
2. Van and carpool lanes
3. Free van parking
4. Widening arterial roads
5. Lower speed limits on roads
6. More expressways/toll roads
7. Raising the driving age
8. Frequent public transportation (buses, trains, etc.)
9. Bike paths
10. Other

IV. ENVIRONMENT

A. Evaluate environmental factors in planning road expansions or construction of new roads.

1. Streams and wetlands
2. Floodplain
3. Soil erosion and sediment control
4. Storm water detention and drainage
5. Groundwater protection
6. Woodland/vegetation protection
7. Open space preservation
8. Noise
9. Artificial illumination
10. Landscape design
11. Signage
12. Electric, water, sewer, and gas lines
13. Other

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Highlights of Sept. Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the month ending 8/31/90, there are starting/ending balances of \$8,744.16 and \$8,068.41. Cumulative actual vs. budgeted expenditures for the current fiscal year were \$1,370.25 and 1,355.00, respectively. Treasurer's Report also included a breakdown of budgeted expenses by month, which Jennifer Hamilton will be using to track actual vs. budgeted expenditures on a monthly basis.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues statements have been sent. A September 30th deadline for getting names in the membership directory was set. The Membership Coffees have been scheduled.

VOTER SERVICE: 139 voters were registered at the Art Fair. After the November elections, the committee will set up voter registrar training session for those who are interested.

LEAGUE LINES: Sue Walsh has taken over as editor from Sheila Hopkins, who is now Voter Service Chair. The Board thanked Sheila for a job well done over the past years. The newsletter deadline was set for the Tuesday before each Board Meeting with a publication date of the Wednesday after the Board Meeting.

SOLID WASTE: Lake Forest is buying equipment now for city-wide at-door pick-up of recyclable materials. A meeting on Recycling and Hazardous Waste has been set for October 24th. This meeting will be open to the public. Volunteers will be recruited to set up a Hazardous Waste Pick-up program. We will try to get a grant from the state League to cover costs.

FUND-RAISING: Plans are being made for a Monte Carlo night. A fund-raising chair is needed. The date will be set in late January, but not to proceed Super Bowl Sunday. There may be a December solicitation of donations toward the Education Fund, which can be used toward PMP's and public education.

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY: The city of Lake Forest has declined to sponsor a referendum. An attorney in Municipal Law will need to be employed to check the appropriateness of the wording of the referendum if the League sponsors it. Donations for associated costs may be solicited through a special mailing and the committee will try to get reduced fee legal advice. An educational brochure will be needed in the spring to educate the electorate on the study.

CAUCUS UPDATE: Barbara Garrity and Wendy Stotts met with Jim Richter and Kate Sackman of the Lake Forest Caucus to discuss details of the proposed revisions in the Caucus procedures. The possibility of mail-in ballots, going to a P.O. Box held in the name of the League of Women Voters, with ballots to be counted by Lake Bluff members was discussed. Possible ways to increase public participation in municipal elective office were considered. Members will meet with COG and the Coalition on September 23rd. The group will also meet with Richard Ernest. A presentation on the Caucus has been scheduled for November 14th.

LWV TELEVISED DEBATES

Senator

October 25th
10:30 p.m. Channel 7

Governor

October 18th
10:30 p.m. Channel 7

Lieutenant Governor Attorney General

October 14th
9:00 a.m. Channel 7

A Reminder...

Don't forget that the LWV-LC Composting Consensus Meeting for our area has been scheduled on November 27th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Deerfield Library on Waukegan Road.

If you are unable to attend the November 27th meeting, please refer to the September issue of *League Lines* for a listing of other dates and locations. Consensus will be taken only at the meetings.

How To Contact Your Elected Officials

Few people communicate with their elected officials. Your voice is important. A letter to Congress represents the view of 100, a telegram, 250. Here are some tips to make sure your letter gets the attention it deserves:

To set it apart from thousands of computer generated letters Congress receives, make your letter as personal as possible, offering your own views on a legislative issue.

Often, writing in longhand opposed to typing will cause your letter to get noticed. Focus on one issue and keep the letter short, preferably no more than one page.

The correct salutation for the envelope to U.S. Senators or Representatives is: "The Honorable...". The correct salutation within the letter is "Dear Senator..." or for a Representative, "Dear Miss/Mrs./Ms./Mr....".

Identify yourself as a homemaker, attorney, teacher, teenager, salesperson, etc. especially as it relates to the bill you are discussing.

Summarize your position in the letter and give your reasons for supporting or opposing a specific bill.

Telegrams called Public Opinion Messages may be sent at any time by calling Western Union at 1-800-325-6000. The charge is about \$9-\$12 depending on length.

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Dates To Remember

October 24	General Meeting <i>Recycling and Hazardous Waste</i>
November 6	Election Day VOTE!
November 13	Board Meeting
November 14	General Meeting <i>Caucus Study Committee Update</i>
November 27	County League Composting Concensus
December 5	County Transportation Concensus
December 11	Board/Member Luncheon

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Presidents' Letter

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

Several BIG thank yous are in order. The first goes to Sheila Hopkins for lining up all the voter registrars at the last minute. Of course, thanks to all those who gave their time to do the registering. Arline Matthei certainly deserves one for organizing such a dynamic and informative forum on recycling. All the well informed members who attended deserve a thank you as well. Barbara Garrity pulled together a great caucus update. Lastly, to all the other members who help this League run so well.

Please note inside the new plans for our January 19th fund-raiser. We hope we can count on your support.

Two county consensus meetings are coming up. This is truly how the League functions. Longtime members know this and know how important it is for all members to attend.

We are also having an open board meeting on December 11th. There will be very little business and a lot of socializing. We realize this is a busy time of year, but hope you will set aside a few hours and join us. We expect to have a lot of fun.

We look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

As ever,

Alice Pierce
Phyllis Albrecht

Joint Board/Member Meeting Plans Set

Calendar

November 29, 1990

Brainstorm Meeting for Board
7:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

December 5, 1990

LWV-LC Transportation Consensus
7:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

December 11, 1990

Joint Board/Member Luncheon
12:00 p.m.

Jo Henry's Restaurant
Bannockburn Green, Bannockburn

December 18, 1990

LWV-LC Transportation Consensus
9:30 a.m.
Community Church
Barrington

January 15, 1991

LWV-LC Transportation Consensus
7:30 p.m.
Libertyville Manor
Route 137, Libertyville

January 19, 1991

Cocktail Party/Silent Auction
Location to be announced

February 24, 1991

LWV-IL Fundraiser
An Evening at Second City
5:00 p.m.

The annual joint Board/Member-ship luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 11th at noon, at Jo Henry's Restaurant in Bannockburn.

The joint Board/Member-ship luncheon is held annually as an opportunity for the general membership to give input and suggestions to the Board. The Board will present the agenda for the December Board Meeting. Items covered will include committee activity updates, details of the 1991 fund-raiser and future programs planned for 1991.

The luncheon is also an opportunity for members and their guests to get together for a quiet lunch and hear what is going on within the League.

Two choices will be given for your luncheon entree. You will have a choice between salmon or chicken terriaki. These also include beverage, salad and desert. The cost is \$14.00 per person. Wine and alcoholic beverages are extra.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Karen Schimel, 295-2865 or Ellen Rubin, 234-3398, before December 7th. Jo Henry's Restaurant is located in Bannockburn Green at the corners of Waukegan Road and Route 22 in Bannockburn.

This event is always informative and a lot of fun! It is a perfect opportunity to bring a guest that is interested in the League. Please make plans to attend.

Committee Reports

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5597

The committee is actively seeking donations to support *League Lines*. If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor, please call. Don't forget to let our sponsors know that you saw their ad and appreciate their support. They give us the necessary funds to bring you timely League information each month.

You will also find a Jewel Shop & Share coupon in this issue of *League Lines*. Plan on doing your holiday food shopping on December 17, 18, or 19. The LWV-LC receives 5% of your total purchases. It's an easy way to support the League.

Plans are underway for the January 19th fundraiser. The committee is planning a cocktail party/silent auction. A location has not been determined to date. If you would be interested in hosting this event in your home, please call Joan. Also, members are needed to help in the planning of this fundraising event.

Membership

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

The committee reports that 12 new members have joined. There are still many returning members who have not sent in their membership dues. The Board will make follow-up phone calls to those members.

The membership directory will be published in January. It was delayed while awaiting the response of many previous members who have not joined this year. If you have not done so, please send in your dues immediately.

Solid Waste

Arlene Matthei, Chair
295-8090

The public forum on recycling and hazardous waste was a big success. Many members and their guests attended as well many people who had heard about it in the community. The meeting focused on the League's new theme "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". Representatives from state and county agencies were on hand, as well as Char Kreuz who is a LWV-LF/LB member and a representative for the City of Lake Forest, to educate the group about methods of waste reduction and reuse of household materials. Char explained how the pick-up recycling program will be implemented in Lake Forest. The idea of a Hazardous Waste Pick-up was also discussed. Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Highland Park are working together to explore the possibility of this idea. The City of LF is holding an application to file and will explore whether or not the city will participate.

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

Many thanks to LF/LB League members and friends who gathered signatures on petitions to keet Fort Sheridan as open space and who helped with mailings of informational materials. They included: Ginnie Alexander, Patricia Hart, Sue Henderson, Ann Hollis, Sue Hood, Alice Sievert, Ginni Magda, Arlene Matthei, Nancy Melick, Linda Mills, Elizabeth Peters, Alice Pierce, Laurel Schirr, Neil Sherman, Gail Spiel, Pam Ulvestad, and Linda Williams.

A special vote of thanks goes to the anonymous donors who paid for the mailing.

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton, Chair
234-7661

The Observer Corps is looking for interested members who are able to attend one or two meetings per month to observe Lake Forest and Lake Bluff city meetings. This is an important function as it allows the League an inside look into local government. For anyone who is interested in politics and government, this is an exciting way to learn first hand how the system works. It is an ideal stepping-stone to eventually being appointed to a city board or committee.

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

The Caucus Committee held a meeting to update members and the public on the position that the League adopted in 1988 and the changes in the caucus system which have resulted from that position. Most of the changes that the League recommended for the LF Caucus have been implemented.

An overview was given of the ideologies of the different groups which have sprung up over the last two years to bring further changes to the LF Caucus System. The varying views of the LF Caucus, the Coalition for Caucus Reform, COG and the Heritage Party were discussed.

At the meeting, it was decided that the League's 1988 consensus position still stands but some new recommendations must be made. The committee will write up a formal statement regarding the League's position on the LF Caucus, incorporating changes they feel should be implemented within the Caucus.

Committee Reports

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School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

The Committee issued a press release stating that the LWV-LF/LB will bring to referendum the issue of whether School District 67 School Board members should be elected rather than appointed in November, 1991, rather than in April.

They will publish educational materials to educate voters in the spring.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1969

Mental Health

Monica Hildner, Chair
295-0994

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Protection of LB Sunrise Park Bluff and Beach

On Saturday, November 17, the Lake Bluff Park District held an informational meeting to discuss preliminary recommendations and design plans for a project to protect the Sunrise Park bluff and beach. The Park District has retained Dr. Charles Shabica of Shabica & Associates as a consultant for this project. The meeting included a bus tour to inspect current conditions at the Lake Bluff beach and bluff south of the North Shore Sanitary District facilities and then on to Highland Park to view a bluff and beach protection project south of the Park Avenue Water Treatment Plant which was designed by Dr. Shabica and is similar to the one being proposed for Lake Bluff. Three members of our League were present for this meeting and tour: Nancy Mellick, Park Board Observer, Phyllis Albrecht, Co-President, and Jody Jacobs, representing the press.

The plan under consideration involves the construction of a 320 foot quarrystone revetment along 3/4 of the south bluff's base and a 100-foot quarrystone offshore breakwater which would be placed at the end of the present north groin, with beach fill to be placed behind the breakwater. Repair of scarred areas of the south bluff and of the bluff at the north end of Sunrise Park is also proposed. According to Park District representatives, all funds for these specific projects, which are initial phases of a longer term plan to address bluff and beach protection, have already been secured by the Park District.

Dr. Shabica is interested in historical knowledge of the bluff and shoreline (old photographs, personal recollections of changes in the bluff and beach configurations) in order to more accurately determine what the rate and pattern of erosion have been so that the most environmentally sensitive approach to protection may be taken. Please contact Milton Meigs, Chairperson of the Park District's Beach and Pool Committee, if you are able to provide any information of this nature.

Construction is targeted for 1991, and the Park District will be finalizing

decisions about the design in the next month. Based on consensus obtained in our 1989 local study of shoreline problems in Lake Bluff, our League has a position in support of bluff protection. We will continue to monitor the planning and implementation of this proposed project. Interested individuals should plan to closely follow the Park District's deliberations in the coming weeks. The Park Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Blair Park Activity Center at 7:30 pm.

Members "Tapped Out"

New Plans Made For Fund-raiser

It has come to the attention of the Fund-raising Committee that most of our members are just "tapped out" this year. So, guess what? You are off the hook, but just for this year. We still need to augment our treasury in some way, therefore, we have made a few changes. Since the last two years of fund-raising have been successful, a decision has been made to hold the major fund-raiser every other year. This being the off year, the committee has decided to host a cocktail party with a silent auction on January 19, 1991. It will be a fun, social evening for members and their guests to benefit LWV-LF/LB. We expect every member to be involved in one of the following ways:

- Provide the use of your home for the evening;
- Contribute an appetizer or dessert;
- Contribute an auction item, or solicit an item from an area merchant;
- Address invitations;
- Become a sponsor for *League Lines*;
- Attend the event and bring several friends.

Please contact Joan Barrus, 234-5597 to let the committee know which areas you will contribute, otherwise we will be contacting you within the next two weeks.

Committee Membership

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
Marg Emanuel
Caron Lacy
Chris Mardorian
Laurel Schirr
Sue Walsh

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
Mary Beattie
Elizabeth Clarke
Katie Delahunt
Ann Grant
Ann Hollis
Susan Hood
Sybel Kimmel
Eleanor Knight
Laurel Schirr
Vicki Scogland
Julia Shackelford
Neil Sherman
Linda Williams

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton, Chair
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Suzanne Henderson
Nancy Melick
Linda Mills
Vicki Scogland
Neil Sherman

Youth Ordinances

Char Kreuz
Jill Lauer
Sybel Kimmel
Colleen Thornton

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Marg Emanuel
Sybel Kimmel
Melanie Rummel
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Lake Forest

School Board Action

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Char Kreuz
Jill Lauer
Chris Mardorian
Florie Perollis
Debbie Reed
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Telephone/Action

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Ann Hollis
Bea Mueller
Elizabeth Peters
Colleen Regan
Janet Ullman

Future Use of Ft. Sheridan Property

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Laurel Schirr
Neil Sherman
Colleen Thornton

Child Care Programs

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Melanie Rummel
Neil Sherman

Highlights of October Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the month ending 9/30/90 there are starting/end balances for the checking account of \$7,868.17 and \$6,546.22 and for the Education Fund of \$200.24 and \$405.24, giving combined totals of \$8,068.41 and \$6,951.46 respectively. Total income/expenditures were \$2,471.32/\$3,588.27 for the month.

MEMBERSHIP: 38 members and guests attended the morning membership coffee and 24 attended the night one. To date, 80 out of 170 members have returned their dues. A second notice will be sent. The Membership Directory will be on hold until more responses come in.

VOTER SERVICE: 62 voters were registered during Sept. and Oct. A total of 210 have been registered since July. The committee will schedule training of registrars after the election.

SOLID WASTE: The October 24th meeting has been set and speakers scheduled. A video recording of the proceedings will be made.

FUND-RAISING: No chairperson has been found but many active workers are willing to function as a steering committee. A date of January 19th was set. It was recommended that we have alternate year low key fund-raisers to minimize burnout from work on major fund-raisers. A private home is being sought for the event.

SCHOOL BOARD STUDY: The committee proposes adopting and enforcing zoning which contain childproof, untreated and toxic paints,

Board until

more fair to the community because of poor road access and inconsistency with the natural areas;

the School Bc. SUPPORTS the preservation of the Ft. Sheridan Historic district in its entirety with public access to the mc, we want Strategic Plaistorically significant buildings. Rehabilitation should be according to the standards of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

League wait national meet; OPPOSES major use of Ft. Sheridan by the Navy because impact aid only pays about 1/3 of the cost of educating low-income children, put a referendum

and authorize effect.

CAUCUS: An informational meeting was set for November 14th. The committee has met with representatives from COG and with Richard Ernest.

FORT SHERIDAN: An informational mailing, to include post cards to be sent to elected officials to lobby for the LWV-LC position, will be included in a mailing on recycling which is to go to various county leagues. The package will also be included in League Lines and a mailing to the Villa Turicum Homeowners' Association, which is helping to fund this effort.

PUBLICITY: Only 4 of our 15 publicity items were printed in the Lake Forester (Pioneer Press). Other Leagues have had similar problems. There will be a meeting with the Lake Forester Executive Editor to discuss the problem. A gift of old real estate signs were given by First United Realtors, which we will use to hold posters announcing upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS: A letter on the leaf burning issue will be sent since the U.S., IL and possibly the Lake Michigan ILO Leagues have positions against it.

Welcome To The League

Tom Burckhalter
Claire Campbell
Bobbie Carter

LWV-LC Transportation Consensus Meeting Set

On December 5th at 7:30 p.m. the LWV-LF/LB will host the County transportation consensus meeting at Gorton Community Center. Attendance is required at one of four meetings to participate in the consensus. Consensus questions and locations of the other three meetings were printed in the October issue of *League Lines*. It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Your help is needed in staffing this meeting. Please call Alice Pierce, 295-0801 if you can help.

School Funding Debate Launches LWV Campaign

In the next few weeks, you are likely to notice increased discussion of the problem of inequitable school funding in Illinois. Some 44 school districts from across the state are expected to file a lawsuit on November 13, challenging the constitutionality of Illinois' current funding system. They will argue that the present heavy reliance on the local property tax to fund education results in unacceptable disparities in per pupil spending between school districts. Similar lawsuits in other states have resulted in court decisions mandating complete revision of existing school funding systems.

The LWV is supporting this effort through its participation in the Coalition for Educational Rights Under the Constitution. The coalition will be working to build public and legislative support

system. To launching campaign

nding for

interested or, please

call Alice Pierce at 295-0801.

Leaf Burning Fuels LWV-LF/LB Action

At the October 1st LF City Council Meeting, the Leaf Burning Ban failed 5-3 at the second reading. A motion to adopt a referendum on the April ballot was approved and at the October 13th City Council meeting, Mayor Charles Clarke asked that it be sent back to the Urban and Environmental Affairs Committee for wording.

At the November 19th meeting of the Urban and Environmental Affairs Committee, the following wording of the referendum was approved:

"Shall the city of Lake Forest amend city code from restricted to a leaf burning ban to be effective October 1, 1991?"

The wording will go back to the City Council for final approval at the December 3rd LF City Council Meeting. If approved, it will appear on the April, 1991 ballot.

The LWV-LF/LB Board approved a motion to send a letter on behalf of the League to the editors of local newspapers stating the official LWV-IL position against leaf burning.

An action committee within our League has stemmed from the controversy on leaf burning. The committee will meet in January to discuss a course of action in educating voters on the issue before the April election. If you are interested in being a member of this committee call Brenda Bogan at 234-5471.

Brenda has suggested that there are many actions we may take immediately to help make this ban effective. She suggests that if you or someone you know is affected by leaf burning, make your concerns vocal after the first of the year by writing letters to the editor of the Lake Forester, writing to your aldermen and to the Illinois Pollution Control Board who can issue an area ban if they get enough complaints.

The address for the Illinois Pollution Control Board is:

Dr. John Marlin
Illinois Pollution Control Board
104 West University Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801

LWV-IL Second City Fundraiser

On February 24th at 8:00 p.m., the LWV-IL will present a fund-raising event, "The Smoking Pot and The Little Chef" at Second City Chicago.

The comedy show will be accompanied with a silent auction. All event and guests are welcome.

The cost will be approximately \$25.00. Look for more information and more details in the next issue of

911

Effective November 1, 1990 the 911 number went into service for all Lake Forest police, fire, paramedic and ambulance emergency calls. Non-emergency numbers remain the same.

Jewel Shop - n - Share

LWV-LC receives 5% of your purchases on December 17th, 18th and 19th when you present this coupon with your purchase at any Jewel Food Store. Plan to do your holiday shopping and support the League of Women Voters!

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Florie Perollis
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Melanie Rummel
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Corinne Wood

Neil Sherman



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

2685 Edgewood Lane
Riverwoods, IL 60015

Dear Lake County League Member:

As we draw close to the time when Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and his staff will decide the future of the Fort Sheridan property, the LWV of Lake County Fort Sheridan Task Force sees an uphill battle in trying to convince our representatives in Washington, DC that we don't want the property sold to private developers. At the public forum on Fort Sheridan, Charles Smith, legislative aide for Senator Alan Dixon, stated that the property must be sold for top dollar.

By introducing contrary legislation specifically geared to transfer the Fort Sheridan property to the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or a similar agency this can be prevented. Currently our Senators are not motivated to stick their necks out. Dixon and Simon will have to do more than pay lip service to this concept in order to achieve this goal. Apparently these base closings are different than those in the past, because Congress is insisting upon "top dollars". The Lake County Forest Preserve Board and/or the State of Illinois could request some of the land at reduced or no cost for a public park. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency has recently announced that they are also interested in protecting the conservation areas and could work with the Lake County Forest Preserve District to develop a park. They have indicated that they could get money to do this.

The LWV-LC position is summarized below. We have enclosed a sheet which you can tear into 4 postcards. Please jot down your comments and send them to any of the people listed below. We really need a lot of people behind this effort, so don't let us down.

Thanks so much, in advance.

Beryl Flom, President (Tel. 945-1937)

Parts of the LWVLC Position on Fort Sheridan to be emphasized

The League of Women Voters of Lake County:

1. SUPPORTS the protection of environmentally sensitive and unique areas including the 1.75 miles of bluffs along the lake shore and connecting ravines which contain endangered, threatened and relic plants;
2. SUPPORTS major usage of Ft. Sheridan as a public park, to include a beach and other recreational activities;
3. OPPOSES the sale of the property to private developers and opposes discount stores, car dealerships and condominiums because of poor road access and inconsistency with the natural areas;
4. SUPPORTS the preservation of the Ft. Sheridan Historic district in its entirety with public access to the more historically significant buildings. Rehabilitation should be according to the standards of the U.S. Department of the Interior;
5. OPPOSES major use of Ft. Sheridan by the Navy because impact aid only pays about 1/3 of the cost of educating the children;
6. SUPPORTS a University/Research complex as a minor re-use of the Fort.

Is The Observer Corps For You?

Would you like to be involved in City Government?...Meet the people responsible for making decisions regarding your child's education?...Learn how government works first-hand?...Do you have political ambitions? Then the Observer Corps is for you!

As a League Observer, your only responsibility would be to attend the meeting of your choice each month, observe the meeting, then fill out the pre-printed form and get it back to the Committee Chair. It only takes an hour or two of your time each month and helps the League know when issues arise that we should be involved in. League Observers are welcomed at all Lake Forest and Lake Bluff city meetings.

If you are interested in attending one of the following meetings please call Colleen Thornton, 234-7661 so she can get you more information and your official League Observer Corps badge.

Lake Forest City Meetings

City Council
1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. and
2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m., City Hall

Finance Commission
1st Monday before Council Meeting
6:30 p.m., City Hall

Plan Commission
2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. City Hall

Board of Education, School District 67
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Deerpath School

Urban & Environmental Affairs
3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
City Hall

Recreation Board
2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Recreation Center

Gorton Community Center
2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Gorton

Library Board
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. LF Library

Senior Citizen Commission
2nd Monday, 9:00 a.m., Gorton

Property & Public Safety
2nd Saturday following
1st Monday preceding City
Council Meeting 7:30 a.m., City Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals
4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

Building Review Board
4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

Construction Codes Commission
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

Lake Bluff City Meetings

Park Board
1st and 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Blair Park

Village Board
2nd and 4th Monday, 7:45 p.m.
Village Hall

Library Board
2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
LB Library

Elementary School District 65
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.
East School District Office

High School District 115
3rd Monday, 8:00 p.m.

Referendum To Wait LF District 67 School Board

The LWV-LF/LB will bring to referendum the issue of whether School District 67 School Board members should be elected rather than appointed in November, 1991, rather than in April. There are several reasons for this change in date.

The League is concerned that the impending High School bond referendum and the possibility of a TIF referendum in April of 1991 may cloud the issue of an elected school board. The choice between school board election or appointment should be made dispassionately by an informed electorate. The additional time will allow the League to provide more complete voter education materials and allow for voters to focus solely on the issue of election vs. appointment.

The League did not undertake the study of the elected vs. appointed school board in order to unseat any incumbent Board of Education members. The League recognizes that the current board is in the middle of several important matters, including the Conway Farms annexation and the Strategic Plan, and would not like to upset these delicate matters.

If Lake Foresters voted in November of 1991 to have an elected school board, the first election would occur in November of 1993. School board members who are appointed in the interim would know that they would face an election if they planned to continue in office. The League feels that this gives the City of Lake Forest and School District 67 time to assimilate this significant change in an orderly fashion.

LWV-LC Ft. Sheridan Contact List

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10th Congressional District

The Honorable John Porter
1501 Longworth Office Building
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The Honorable Philip M. Crane
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The Honorable Roger A. Kents
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30th Senatorial District

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273 East Market Square
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State Representatives

58th Representative District

The Honorable Grace Mary Stern
559 Roger Williams Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035
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59th Representative District

The Honorable Virginia Fiester
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Lake Forest, IL 60045
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District No. 1

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371 Red Oak Lane
Highland Park, IL 60035
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Donald Strenger
340 Western Avenue
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615 Bent Creek Ridge
Deerfield, IL 60015
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On November 22, 1990, an editorial by the Chicago Tribune stated: "The best hope for forging a sensible, cohesive plan for the fort's future remains with the work of the Ft. Sheridan Commission, organized by Rep. John Porter to sort out the proposals and avoid legal, zoning and turf battles over the choice property."

According to John Porter's office, the best way to contact the Ft. Sheridan Commission is to write to:

Jack Moorehead
FL Sheridan Commission
P. O. Box 275
FL Sheridan, IL 60037

— Ed.



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Dates To Remember

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| November 29 | Special Board Meeting |
| December 5 | County Transportation
Consensus |
| December 11 | Board/Member Luncheon |
| January 19 | LWV-LF/LB Cocktail Party / Silent Auction |
| February 12 | County Transportation
Consensus (Alternate Location) |
| February 24 | LWV-IL An Evening at Second City
"Flag Smoking Permitted In
The Lobby Only" |

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Presidents' Letter

Fellow Leaguers,

Happy New Year!

The most important event of the New Year for the League is our fundraiser on Saturday, January 19th! It promises to be a very enjoyable evening for all of us, and we count on your attendance and support to help our League raise the necessary funds to support our local programs. Our annual dues cover National, State and County membership assessments, and we are dependent on our own fundraising projects to generate the funding for our very important local studies and programs. We look forward to seeing all of you and your invited guests at the Stotts' on the 19th!

In December, Alice Pierce and Arline Matthei met for lunch with Lake Forest's new city manager, Bob Kiley, at his invitation. He has expressed a strong interest in communicating with our League on local matters. Bob and Lake Bluff's village administrator, Peter Cummins, will both be present at our April General Meeting to enlighten us on the state of our communities. We feel confident that most of you will come out to meet Bob and Peter.

We look forward to an exciting 1991 for the League. See you on the 19th!

As ever,

Alice Pierce
Phyllis Albrecht
Co-Presidents

Silent Auction Party Set For January 19th

Calendar

January 18, 1991

Great Decisions Group

1:00 p.m.

485 Oakwood Avenue

Apt. A-3, LF

January 19, 1991

Cocktail Party/Silent Auction

8:00 p.m.

Hosted by:

Thomas and Wendy Stotts

February 13, 1991

Board Meeting

9:15 a.m.

Gorton Community Center

February 24, 1991

LVW-IL Fundraiser

An Evening at Second City

5:00 p.m.

Second City, Chicago

February 26, 1991

County Government Concurrence

7:30 p.m.

Highland Park

March 6, 1991

General Meeting

LF Elected School Board

7:00 p.m.

Gorton Community Center

On Saturday, January 19th, the LVW-LF/LB will kick-off its annual fundraiser at the home of member Wendy Stotts and her husband Tom. The event will include cocktails, a light buffet and a silent auction.

It is an excellent occasion to get together with old friends and meet new ones. Many wonderful donations have been received for the Silent Auction. Funds raised through the silent auction will be used to support local League programs.

*The League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff*

Invites Members and Their Guests

To Join Us

For Our Annual Fundraiser

Saturday

January 19, 1991

8:00 p.m.

at the home of

Thomas and Wendy Stotts

1775 Farm Road

Lake Forest

All League members and their guests are welcome. The cost is \$25.00 per couple which includes a light buffet and open bar. Please call Joan Barrus at 234-5597 before January 16th to let her know how many guests you are bringing.

We hope to see everyone at this event. Look for more information inside this issue of *League Lines*.

Caucus Study Makes Suggestions

The following is a letter to the editor sent by Barbara Garrity, Chair, LF Caucus Study, on behalf of the League, on December 11, 1990. It was sent to local newspapers and distributed at the Lake Forest Caucus Annual Meeting.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff met last month to review the Lake Forest Caucus' response to the League's 1988 LF Caucus Consensus. In its consensus, the League stated "Lake Forest voters should have a larger part in the [candidate] selection process..." Ten points were listed whose implementation would increase the voters' role in candidate selection. The most important urged election of COC (Committee On Candidates) members "in a manner which promotes direct voter participation." Election by mail ballot sent to all registered voters by ward was suggested.

This fall, the Caucus instituted such a direct mail ballot. Lake Forest registered voters now may choose their ward's two new COC members from among at least four individuals. We believe this procedure, once formally incorporated into Caucus Rules, is responsive to the League's 1988 position.

In addition, the Caucus is offering a choice among two candidates for the aldermanic positions for which the incumbent is no longer eligible to serve. To the League's concern, the plan publicized by the Caucus did not allow for voter choice in retaining incumbents. We were pleased to see voters send retention ballots for mayor and 1st ward alderman, and assume the Caucus will take responsive action if either fails to receive majority support.

There remain three areas of League concern:

(1) We still suggest the Caucus publish an explanation of standards and qualifications for open positions, elected or appointed. This is the last open item from our 1988 Consensus.

(2) There is only limited opportunity for voters to learn about the candidates' vision for Lake Forest and their qualification for office. Perhaps more advance notice for and better timing of the ward meetings, and giving candidates a full page for their statements sent with the ballot would help.

(3) The new candidate selection process needs to be spelled out in detail and adopted into the Caucus Rules at the Annual Meeting so it becomes standard operating procedure.

We applaud the Lake Forest Caucus for its steady response to the League's 1988 Consensus, as well as the concerns expressed by Lake Forest voters through the city survey, COG, the Coalition For Caucus Reform and the Heritage Party. We are proud to have been catalysts in this round of caucus reform through our 1987-88 study and consensus, and look forward to helping "de-bug" these new procedures in light of this year's experience.

Barbara J. Garrity
LF Caucus
Committee Chair

Thank You

Wendy and Tom Stotts

For opening your
home to us
for our 1991 fundraiser

Great Decisions Group Reactivated

Great News! Great Decisions has been re-activated! It is a joint project of the LWV-LF/LB and the AAUW (American Association of University Women). Great Decisions was first started in 1983 for the purpose of reviewing and discussing current international situations.

The Great Decisions Group will review chapter by chapter the Breifing Handbook, published by the Foreign Policy Association. The book is a synopsis of current international situations including the Persian Gulf Crisis. They will also review other literature available which points out pros and cons of each situation.

Great Decisions will meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m., with the first meeting being January 18th. This first meeting will be held at the home of League member, Betty Buker, 485 Oakwood Avenue, Apt. A-3, Lake Forest. (2nd Building behind the Deerpath Inn, park on the street.) Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting!

The group will be hosted by Betty Buker, a long-time League member and Cynthia Moorehead of the AAUW and the International Club. The International Club will present members who can personally offer their international experiences to the group. This is an exciting way to keep abreast of the many current world-wide events that are happening, with information that is not readily found in our daily newspapers. All League members and their guests are welcome. For more information, call Betty Buker at 234-4509. See you there!



Get A Better Understanding Of
World Events through Great Decisions

Committee Reports

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5597

You should have received an invitation to this year's fundraiser, a cocktail party and silent auction. It will be held on January 19, 1991. It will be a fun, social evening for members and their guests. Wendy Stotts has graciously donated the use of her home for the event.

For the event to be successful, everyone needs to participate in one or more of the following ways: Bring an appetizer or dessert; contribute an auction item; solicit an item from an area merchant; or attend and bring several friends. The committee is counting on your support!

Several items are needed for the silent auction. Perhaps there are some things you don't need any longer lying around your basement or perhaps you offer a service that could be useful to someone. No item is too small. If you have a contact at an area business, perhaps they would be willing to donate something also. Usually, businesses are happy to donate an item if you ask. Auction items may be dropped off at Joan Barrus' home, 420 Old Elm Road, LF or call her at 234-5597 to arrange for someone to pick it up.

Solid Waste

Arline Matthei, Chair
295-8090

The committee is checking into the possibility of a Hazardous Waste Pickup Day in conjunction with the cities of Highland Park and Highwood. The necessary forms have been submitted to the EPA by the three cities. Ravinia has been named as a possible site. The project is still in the planning phase and more information will be known later.

Membership

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

The membership directory will be published in January. If your name, address or any other information has changed since last year's book, and you have not returned your 1990 — 1991 membership form, please call Caron Lacy immediately. Members who have not sent in their dues will not be included in the 1991 Membership Booklet.

The Committee reports that 15 new members have joined. We extend a warm welcome to our newest members Sherri Fetherston, Joyce Hansen, Suzanne Meyer and Catherine Oliver. Welcome to the League!

School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

In November, the committee issued a press release stating that the League would bring the issue to referendum in November rather than April as to not unseat any incumbent board members and to allow school board members who are appointed in the interim the knowledge that they may face an election if they planned to continue in office. The League feels that bringing the issue to referendum in November would also give the City of Lake Forest and School District 67 time to assimilate this significant change in an orderly fashion.

The Committee is busy preparing for the March 6th General Meeting at which they will present an informative presentation of the facts of this issue. They are also publishing a pamphlet of information to educate voters before the fall referendum. This will be mailed to all registered voters in Lake Forest in March. It will also be given out at the March meeting.

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

The committee held an informational meeting on November 14th to review the League's prior consensus on the Lake Forest Caucus and to present the results of conversations with the LF Caucus, the Coalition for Caucus Reform, the Citizens for Open Government and with Richard Ernest of the Heritage Party. They also presented an overview of the positions taken by the four groups on such issues as screening candidates, stressing ward issues and slating incumbents without opposition.

On December 11th, the Committee issued a press release explaining the League's current position on the Caucus and the concerns the League still has. Copies of this were also distributed at the Caucus annual meeting.

The press release appears on the previous page.

- Ed.

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton, Chair
234-7661

Presently, there is League coverage at 3 out of 5 Lake Bluff boards and 1 out of 10 Lake Forest boards. The committee needs interested members to cover the board meetings. Coverage at these meetings helps the League to know when issues arise that we should be involved in.

The Committee provides a pre-printed form for the observer to fill out at each meeting. Being a League Observer is a great way to find out what's happening in City Government and to meet the people running it. If you're interested, call Colleen for more information.

Committee Reports

Continued

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1969

Please write Senator Alan Dixon and urge him to co-sponsor the federal Freedom of Choice Act, S-1912. The act will codify Roe vs. Wade and will make it illegal for the states to write or pass laws that further restrict abortion. Both Senator Paul Simon and U.S. Representative John Porter support this legislation.

Senator Alan Dixon
Hart Senate Office Bldg., Suite 316
Washington, D. C. 20510
202-224-3121

This alert comes from Laura Sabransky, Reproductive Rights Specialist, League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Write or call the President, Senators Alan Dixon and Paul Simon, and U.S. Representative John Porter with the following message:

"Offensive military action against Iraq will result in untold human cost and in economic and political upheaval in the Middle East and throughout the world. Economic sanctions must be given time to work and genuine diplomatic efforts mediated by the UN must be made to resolve this crisis peacefully."

President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500
Comment Line: 202-456-1111

Senator Paul Simon
462 Dirksen Senate Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20510
202-224-2153

Representative John Porter
1131 Longworth Building
Washington, D. C. 20515
202-224-3121

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Current registrars should have received a renewal card at the end of November, which will need signature notarization. A session for new registrars is still anticipated for January.

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

The Committee met to discuss the recommendations made by the Fort Sheridan Commission at the January 7th meeting. The Commission's proposals closely matched the recommendations made by the League.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

Mental Health

Monica Hildner, Chair
295-0994

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

If you'd like to be more involved in League Committees, but don't know exactly where, call Caron Lacy at 295-1359 for help in finding your special place in the League.

Observer's Corner

LF Library Board
Eleanor Knight, Observer

The meeting took place on November 20th. All trustees were present and Administrative Librarian Grabbe was in attendance. One student intern also attended. The following issues were discussed at the meeting: Furnishing the foyer, in-service, wish lists, computers, new type of finance report, policy and by-law revisions, North Shore Library System discontinuance of in film co-op, and purchases and proposed purchases by the Friends of LF Library.

The proposed changes in the by-laws and Policy Manual, per committee recommendations of 11-5-90, were adopted.

Welcome To The League

Sherri Fetherston

Joyce Hansen

Suzanne Meyer

Catherine Oliver

LWW-LC Convention To Be Held May 30th

The LWW-LC have scheduled their annual convention for May 30th. All League members and guests are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the County League's activities. Membership in local leagues includes membership in county, state and national.

At the convention, the County League Board will adopt program ideas and priorities for the coming year. Also, ideas for local, state and national Leagues will be discussed. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please attend or call Alice Pierce or Phyllis Albrecht.

Highlights of Nov. Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the month ending 10/31/90, there were starting/ending balances for the checking account of \$6,546.22 and \$9,140.88, and for the Education Fund of \$405.24 and zero, giving combined totals of \$6,951.46 and \$9,140.88, respectively. Total income/expenditures, were \$2,852.77/\$258.11 for the month. Over the first four months of this fiscal year, income and expenditures were, respectively, \$1,883 and \$1,054 lower than budgeted and total funds on deposit had declined by \$219.56.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Copies of the Youth Yellow Pages (i.e. Youth Services available in Lake County), published by Sybil Yastrow's office, And put together by the Lake County Community Action Project. A chair is needed for the Youth Services Project. Karen Schimmel expressed interest if someone else were to take over as the Publicity Director or if a publicity committee were to be formed. The Youth Services Committee will be responsible for putting together a Booklet on Services for Youth, which would involve compiling listings of ordinances dealing with minors.

ELDER HEALTH: Nancy Melick will read mailings from the National League. A chair is needed for the Senior Citizen study.

EQUITY IN SCHOOL FINANCING: This is currently a state study. Jennifer Hamilton will read background material. The League filed a class action suit to throw out financing of schools via the real estate tax.

PUBLICITY: The Pioneer Press expressed embarrassment over the fact that many of the League's press releases had not been printed. The Lake County editor will deal with the problem personally.

TELEPHONE TREE: A replacement for Colleen Regan, the former chair of this committee, is being sought. Until a replacement is found Alice Sievert will help to work on it.

BOARD VACANCY: Melanie Lockyear has resigned from the board. A Lake Bluff member is being sought to replace her.

For updates on individual committees, please refer to *Committee Reports*.

Auction Items Needed



Each of us is responsible for providing either a food item or an auction item for the fundraiser this weekend.

Some of the items we have received so far include lunch at Froggy's Restaurant, LF Symphony Tickets, a Birthday Party Package, dinner at McCormick's Rest., tennis lessons, cooking lessons, 1/2 hour massages and tickets to the Last Laugh Comedy Club.

We've also received many items members have found in their homes. Look around your basement. Are there items laying around that you don't need anymore but could be useful for someone else?

Do you offer a service which might be useful to someone such as babysitting, computer services or catering?

Do you have contacts with an area merchant? Most merchants are willing to donate an item if asked by a good customer.

Do you have season tickets to an event or own a vacation home?

The League needs these items and more to make our fundraiser successful! Be creative! Nothing is too big or too small!

Call Joan Barrus to arrange to drop-off your donation. Her address is 420 Old Elm Road, Lake Forest.

A Letter From the Finance Director

"As A Group, We Can Make A Difference"

By now, you should have received your invitation to our fundraiser taking place on Saturday, January 19, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. Wendy and Tom Stotts have generously allowed us the use of their home for the evening.

While addressing the invitations, I noticed many names I could not put faces to. Perhaps you do not know mine either. Aside from raising funds for the League, this is a good occasion to meet your fellow members.

This event is not just for some of the members, but for everyone! Please, take another look at why you joined the League. Many of you were active some years ago and feel it is time for others to "dive in". Please don't forget that your past experience and knowledge is very valuable to newer members and the future success of this group. On the other hand, you may be a fairly new member or just haven't found your niche. Well, long-standing member or new one, as a group, we can make a difference.

To make the fundraiser successful, we will need your participation and support in one or more of the following:

You may provide a food item, supply an auction item, secure an ad for *League Lines*, attend and invite friends, or make a donation to the League.

If you would like an invitation sent to a non-member or have any questions please give me a call. I can be reached at home at 234-5597 or my office at 433-6770.

I would like to say thank you to all the members who have responded to the invitation so promptly and enthusiastically. I would also like to give a special thank you to Tom and Wendy Stotts.

I hope to see you there on January 19th! It will be lots of fun.

Joan Barrus
Finance Director

LWV-IL County Government Study Reference

The following is the 3rd in a series of articles designed to prepare Illinois Legislators for state study concurrence meeting this spring.

Please keep this report along with others in previous editions of League Lines for reference. A concurrence meeting has been scheduled for February 26, 1990 for Lf/LB, Deerfield and Highland Park Leagues. If you are interested in attending, please call Alice Pierce at 295-0801.

Janet Swartz, LWV-IL

EXCERPT FROM THE PROPOSED CONCURRENCE ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

A) The LWVIL believes citizens in each county should have the power to initiate change in the structure of their county government.

Structure refers to form of government; number of county board members; single member districts, at-large or multi-member districts or a combination thereof; county board chairman elected at large or by peers; elected county executive.

Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. Responsible citizens in a democracy must retain their sovereign power to structure government to serve them. The Illinois Constitution recognizes the likelihood of conflicts of interest when legislators are asked to change the form of the government they serve in. Citizens already have the right to change the structure of the state legislature and the structure of municipal government by initiative. Citizens need this same right at the county level. The League notes the need for safeguards in this process to ensure that the initiative right be limited to county government structure issues. This concurrence does not propose the broad initiative power made famous in California by tax cutting Proposition 13.

EXCERPT FROM COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IN ILLINOIS STUDY GUIDE

Court Limits Referenda Changing the Number of County Board Members.

LWV of Peoria v. County of Peoria

In November of 1987, the voters of Peoria County overwhelmingly approved a referendum proposition to reduce the number of members of the Peoria County Board from 27 to nine, without changing the 1981 district lines, by electing one instead of three board members from each district.

In 1988 the Illinois Supreme Court in *League of Women Voters of Peoria v. County of Peoria* held that this referendum was invalid because the Constitution in Article VII, Section 3(a) vests in the county board exclusive authority to determine the number of members of the county board. The Constitution provides:

A county board shall be elected in each county. The number of members of the county board shall be fixed by ordinance in each county within limitations provided by law.

The court rejected the League's argument that a referendum is a "law" within the meaning of this section and went on to hold that "the method of electing board members" specifically subjected to county-wide referendum, by the 1970 Constitution, did not include the number of county board members to be elected. The court stated that only the method of electing the number fixed by the board, whether in multi-member or single-member districts, could be put to a county-wide referendum.

Finally, the court held that the referendum authority of county voters "to

adopt, alter or repeal their forms of government provided by law" did not include the power to fix the number of county board members.

Reviewing Specifics of the Peoria Case

The LWV of Peoria has set up what seems to be an unusual set of rules:

(1) The people, by initiative, can change the number of representatives in the General Assembly.

(2) The people, by referendum, can change the number of representatives in home rule municipalities.

(3) The people, by referendum, can change the number of representatives in non-home rule municipalities.

(4) The people in counties governed by three-at-large commissioners under the old commission form of county government may, by referendum, choose to change the number of county board members.

(5) The people in all other counties cannot, by referendum, change the number of county board members. They are permitted, by referendum, to change the method of electing county board members, and may "adopt, alter, or repeal the form of government".

Impact of the Peoria Decision

The bottom line is that for the time being, Illinois voters cannot change the size of their county boards by referendum. Experts have also stated that the Peoria decision means that voters also cannot choose by referendum whether to have an at-large or peer-elected board chair.

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Education Fund Benefit Set at Second City

Come for an evening of laughs at the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund Benefit at Second City in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. The current revue "Flag Smoking Permitted in Lobby Only or Censorama" will be presented. Mark your calendars now for February 24, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. An invitation from the state League should come to you this month.

Through song, scene and dance, Second City will provide a refreshing view of political, cultural and social issues—with the finesse associated with well known Second City performers. An improvisation set will end the evening with ideas suggested by the audience.

The performance will be accompanied with a buffet dinner. The event is casual and all members and their guests are welcome. The cost will be approximately \$35.00 per person.

LWV-LFLB

1991 General Programs

January 19th
Fundraiser

February 26th
County Government
Concurrence Meeting

March 6th
LF Elected School Board
Presentation

April 24th
State of The Community
Address
Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

May 22nd
LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting

What is Concurrence?

"Concurrence" is the act of agreeing with—or concurring with—a statement or position. A decision-making technique used by the League for some time, concurrence can work in several ways. Groups of League members or League boards can concur with (1) recommendations of a resource committee or a unit group; (2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or (3) positions reached by another League or Leagues.

LWV-IL County Gov'n't Study

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At least two possible solutions to this dilemma have been suggested. They include:

(1) a constitutional amendment specifically giving Illinois voters the right, via referendum, to change county board size and chairman types;

(2) a state law defining several forms of county government similar to the township forms now exist, but with provisions for varying county board sizes and chairmanship types.

Note from Study Committee

If Illinois Leagues approve section concurrence, the Illinois League will have the ability to lobby for either a constitutional amendment and/or a state statute to ensure that Illinois voters have the right to change their county's legislative body via citizen's initiative.

Fort Sheridan Commission Makes Recommendations

On January 7th, the Fort Sheridan Commission, chaired by Representative John Porter recommended to the Department of Defense, that the Fort Sheridan property be placed under a single management for all future public uses, to include public ownership and access to the beach and lakefront, preservation of the ravines, retention of the parade ground as open space, preservation and reuse of all historic and related brick buildings, principally for public and not-for-profit purposes, maintenance of the museum in its present location and creation of a park above a portion of the lakefront. These recommendations were similar to the positions taken by the League of Women Voters.

The Commission members voted to oppose Navy housing, a 162 acre Veteran's Administration cemetery, retention of the Reserves on the site, and commercial development of the interior of the fort, and commercial development along Sheridan Road, south of the Historic District. The Commission members decided to seek acquisition of the property from the Department of Defense at a 100% discount. It was also decided to ask Governor-elect Edgar to seek the site for re-use as a state park.

Commission members, the consultant and the staff were instructed to actively seek prospective tenants for re-use of the base and to investigate funding sources. Decisions on a smaller cemetery/memorial park/museum and on the golf course and other matters were deferred until the next (January 28th) meeting.

What Programs Would You Like To See?

Is there an issue that you would like to see the League address? We are currently developing programs for our 1991-1992 year. Please call Sue Walsh at 234-5041 with your suggestions.

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Dates To Remember

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| January 18 | Great Decisions Meeting |
| January 19 | LWV-LF/LB Cocktail Party / Silent Auction |
| February 13 | Board Meeting |
| February 24 | LWV-IL An Evening at Second City
"Flag Smoking Permitted In
The Lobby Only" |
| February 26 | County Government Concurrence |
| March 6 | General Meeting
LF Elected School Board |

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LWW-LF/LB Candidates' Forum Policy Statement

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, issue-oriented organization committed to open, responsive and effective government brought about by informed, involved citizens. Because of our commitment to help voters make informed decisions at the polls, the League regularly holds candidate forums at election time.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest ~ Lake Bluff has invited all candidates standing for contested office in the April 2nd election to participate in three Candidates' Forums in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff during March.

The League of Women Voters has national guidelines for holding forums, and will hold the March forums in accordance with those guidelines using a format tested on national, state and local levels. Only candidates in contested elections may participate in the forums; if there is only one candidate for an office present, the forum for that office will be cancelled.

The three Candidates' Forums to be held in March by the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest ~ Lake Bluff will be recorded by U. S. Cable for delayed broadcast before the April 2nd election. Under League guidelines, each delayed broadcast of the debates must be shown in its entirety without being edited in any way.

LF Voter Issues To Be Discussed at Forum

Calendar

March 6, 1991

General Meet

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Leaf Burning

7:30 p.m.

Gorton Community Center

March 6, 1991

Informal Meeting

LB League Members

7:30 p.m.

59 Warrington Court, LB

March 12, 1991

Board Meeting

9:15 a.m.

Gorton Community Center

March 12, 1991

Lake Bluff Candidates' Forum

7:30 p.m.

Lake Bluff Jr. High School

Library Media Center

31 East Sheridan Place, LB

March 13, 1991

Lake Forest Ward 2 Aldermanic

Candidate's Forum

7:30 p.m.

Gorton Community Center

March 14, 1991

Lake Forest Ward 4 Aldermanic

Candidate's Forum

7:30 p.m.

Deerpath Middle School

West Campus, Room 140

On March 6th, the LWW-LF/LB will present an informational forum to discuss two controversial issues which will face Lake Forest voters on April 2nd. The forum will feature speakers and information which will educate voters on the leaf burning and TIF (Tax Increment Financing) referendums.

The forum will be held in the Gorton Community Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. All members and the general public are invited.

Dr. Colin Thacker, Director of the Environmental Division of the Lake County Health Department and Mr. Jacob D. Dumelle of the Illinois Pollution Control Board will be on hand to answer questions concerning the health and environmental effects of leaf burning. A representative from the City of LF will also be on hand to explain the city's capability for handling the leaves should there be a ban on burning.

Bob Kiley, LF City Manager, will give background information and answer questions on the proposed plan to finance public improvements in the TIF District at Waukegan-Everett-Conway with \$9.5 million in general obligation bonds. The bonds would be repaid through tax increment generated by increased value and growth in the district.

If you are unable to attend, the forum will be taped by U.S. Cable for broadcast before election day. Watch cable channels 17 and 39 for details.

Presidents' Letter

Fellow Leagueurs,

This is a busy time for the League. We are involved in program planning for next year. We'd like to have input from all of our members about what programs you'd like to see next year so give us a call with any suggestions you may have. We're also planning for our Annual Meeting in May. Be sure to mark the date and plan on attending.

Coming up in the next two weeks, we have our March 6th General Meeting and the Candidate's Forums for both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. We will all be very busy. We need members to help with many important functions at all of these programs so please, let us count on your help.

We have just found out that we will have prime showing on the local access Channel 19 for our upcoming forums. This will be an exciting way for our League to reach out to all of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff!

We'd also like to thank everyone who helped make our January 19th fund-raiser such a success. Once again, we'd like to give a special thanks to Wendy and Tom Stotts for giving us their home for the night. Joan and her committee did a wonderful job.

We hope to see many of you at the forums in March. Make sure that your vote on April 2nd is an informed one.

As ever,

Phyllis Albrecht
Alice Pierce
Co-Presidents

Finance Director Thanks Fundraiser Participants

Thank you to all of you and your guests who were able to attend our January 19th fund-raiser. It was a pleasure to spend such a fun and relaxed evening with friends. We were able to raise almost \$1,500 with very little effort, and had a good time in the process. Your help with food, auction items and general donations made this a success.

I appreciated the constructive comments made regarding this event, and you can be certain you will be called upon in the future to help implement them.

Thank you to Tom and Wendy for the generous use of your home, to Sue Walsh for your many hours of work and to all of you who participated in any way.

Joan Barnus
Finance Director

Thank You For Your Donations to our 1991 Fund-raiser

Phyllis Albrecht
Brenda Bogan
Betty Buker
Mary Barb Johnson
Caron Lacy
Ginny Magda
Margaret Magnuson
Arline Matthei
Nancy Melick
Joann Meigs
Bea Mueller
Colleen Regan
Deborah Reed
Karen Schimmel
Edith Schultz
Anne Shannon
Neil Sherman
Alice Sievert
Virginia Tuthill

LWV-IL Gun Control Action

Gun Control Action is needed. The Brady Bill HR 7 has been reintroduced in the House and pressure is needed to help the bill pass this year. This legislation was named for Jim and Sarah Brady.

The bill would require a mandatory 7 day waiting period before a handgun could be purchased. During the waiting period, local police would have an opportunity to run a criminal record check of the purchaser.

This goes along with our own National position on handgun control which state, in part:

"The LWV-US believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens.

The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for a background check, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification."

Please write to Speaker of the House Foley asking for the bill to be allowed to come to the floor for a vote. Send letters to:

The Honorable Thomas Foley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

This bill died in session last year because it was not allowed to come to the floor. Let's get it up there now. If you have any questions or want further information, call the State Gun Control Specialist, Nancy Widman at 708-831-5559.

Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Candidates' Forums Scheduled for Month of March

During March, the LWV-LF/LB will present three forums in which Lake Forest and Lake Bluff voters will have a chance to meet and hear the views of their candidates running in the April 2nd election. These forums have been scheduled for March 12th, 13th and 14th. All members and the public are encouraged to attend.

Each candidate will be given a chance to give an opening statement. Written questions from the audience will be taken and directed to the candidate. The candidate will then be given a chance to answer, followed by a statement from each of the other candidates. Each forum should last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

The League of Women Voters believes that your vote should be an informed one. We urge you to attend the forum affecting you and most importantly, we urge you to vote on April 2nd!

Members are needed to work as timers, question screeners and to perform other important functions. Please let us count on your support. To ensure fairness and an unbiased opinion, Lake Forest members are needed to screen questions during the Lake Bluff forum on the 12th and Lake Bluff members are needed to screen questions for the Lake Forest Ward 2 and Ward 4 forums. If you are willing to help, please call Sheila Hopkins at 234-4826.

In our quest to inform all Lake Forest and Lake Bluff voters, we have arranged for U.S. Cable to tape each of the forums for delayed broadcast before the April 2nd election. Tune in to cable channels 17 or 39 for details of when the forums will air. Each delayed broadcast will be shown in its entirety without being edited. The broadcasts will enable those voters who are unable to attend the forums to hear their candidates and make an informed vote.



 **VOTE**
APRIL 2ND

Lake Bluff Candidates' Forum

As a service to Lake Bluff voters, on Tuesday, March 12th, we will hold a Candidate's Forum for Lake Bluff voters to hear the views of their candidates running for Village Board of Trustees and Park Board Commissioners. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center at the Lake Bluff Junior High School.

All Lake Bluff candidates have been invited and will participate. Candidates for Village Board of Trustees include: Donald Goosey, Ed Holstein, Robert Mullenbach and Thomas Tincher. Candidates for Park Board Commissioners include: Leland Brode, John Brumm, Marlene Miller, James Petillo and John Stanger.

Lake Forest Ward 2 Aldermanic Candidates' Forum

The Lake Forest Ward 2 Aldermanic Candidate's Forum will be held on March 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Corton Community Center Auditorium.

The three candidates for 2nd Ward Alderman, Abby Fassnacht, Emidio Gaspari and Roy Roadcap will participate.

Lake Forest Ward 4 Aldermanic Candidates' Forum

The Lake Forest Ward 4 Aldermanic Candidate's forum will be held on March 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerpath Middle School, West Campus, Room 140.

The two candidates for 4th Ward Alderman, Richard G. Carey and John Looby, III will participate.

Great Decisions Gets Off To A Great Start

The first meeting of the Great Decisions Group was a big success as 15 members attended. Great Decisions is a joint project between the LWV-LF/LB and the AAUW. The Group meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to review and discuss current international situations. They review the Briefing Handbook, published by the Foreign Policy Association. It is a synopsis of current international situations.

The next Great Decisions meeting will be held March 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Library. The library staff will review the procedures of finding information in the library computers for the group.

Great Decisions is open to all members and their guests. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please call Betty Buker at 234-4509



Plans Being Made For Annual Meeting

Plans are being made for the 1991 Annual Meeting. It has been scheduled for the night of May 22nd. Traditionally, we have had a pot-luck dinner with members bringing a food item. We will keep the same format as in previous years. All members are expected to attend.

An agenda of programs and study items will be presented for approval. If you have ideas or suggestions, please call Lee Kershner, Program Director, at 295-2824. Program ideas must be given to Lee before the March 12th Board Meeting. No suggestions will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Linda Illes, Chair, Barbara Garrity, Karen Schimmel and Marty Preiss, Anne Grant are preparing a slate of nominees for the 1991-92 Board of Directors. They will be listed in the next issue of *League Lines* and approved at the Annual Meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving a term on the Board

of Directors [a term is 2 years], please call Linda at 295-3444, before March 12th.

The Bylaws Committee, consisting of T. Yakes, will present any by-law changes for the year. Since there were so many last year, the board anticipates few this year.

The Budget Committee, Gayle How, Budget Chair together with Treasurer, Jennifer Hamilton will present the new 1991-92 budget. If you anticipate any expenditures for a study you are now or will be involved in, please call Gayle at 295-2568 before March 12th.

There will also be a chance to review existing positions our League currently holds. These are listed in the back of your Membership Directory. If you feel that a revision should be made, please call Alice Pierce with your suggestion.

Look for the proposed information to be presented in the April edition of *League Lines*.

Save These Dates...

March 6th
LF Voter Issues Forum
Presentation

March 12th
LB Candidates' Forum

March 13th
LF Ward 2 Candidates' Forum

March 14th
LF Ward 4 Candidates' Forum

April 24th
State of The Community
Address
Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

May 22nd
LWV-LF/LB Annual
Meeting

State of the Community Address Planned for April

We are currently planning a State of the Community Address for Lake Bluff and Lake Forest on Wednesday, April 24th at Gorton Community Center.

We will have a chance to hear the state of our communities from Bob Kiley, LF City Manager and Peter Cummings, LB City Manager. Other city personnel will be available from both Lake Bluff and Lake Forest to enlighten us on such issues as the results of the election, the status of back door recycling in LF and other important issues. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

We hope you will plan to come out and join us for this relaxing, informational meeting. Look for more details in the next issue of *League Lines*.

Janurary Board Meeting Highlights

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month ending 11/30/90, there was a starting balance of \$9,140.88, with income of \$1,509.00 and expenditures of \$466.80. For the month ending 12/31/91 there was an ending balance of \$10,026.23 with income of \$70.00 for the month and expenditures of \$226.85.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alice Pierce and Arline Matthei met with LF City Manager, Bob Kiley who was interested in the League's position on various issues. It was recommended that future Board meetings be held after LWV-LC meetings.

It was also recommended that general meetings be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, instead of the 3rd, to allow more time for *League Lines* coverage.

PROGRAM PLANNING

League Programs coming up include: LWV State Convention in June, Lake County Convention on May 30th in which we are entitled to 3 delegates, Proposed Action Focus on fair funding for schools (State Position), Lake County League study of Function of Illinois Environmental Action Agency, Day care, guaranteed tax base for school funding.

It was suggested that a program committee be established to meet in the summer to finalize programs before fall.

PUBLICITY

Publicity was arranged for the January 19th fund-raisers.

For updates on individual committees, please refer to *Committee Reports*.

Resignations Noted

Lee Kershner Accepts New Position on Board

There have been several changes in the LWV-LF/LB Board of Directors. A new position of Programs Director has been added to the Board. The Board felt that since this position was extremely critical to the League, it should not be shared with other duties. Sue Walsh, Vice President and *League Lines* editor, has temporarily held the position until it could be filled. A new member, Lee Kershner is our new Programs Director. Lee will be responsible for creating a Program Agenda for the 1991 - 1992 year as well as developing the April State of the Community Address and the May Annual Meeting. Join us in welcoming Lee to the Board.

In December, Melanie Lockyear resigned as Director of Local Programs. She will remain a member but because of other commitments, could not give the time to remain on the Board.

Monica Hildner has resigned as Mental Health Study Chair. A new Chair is being sought.

Joy Hodgen, Action Director, has resigned from the Board but will remain as Action Chair.

Jodie Jacobs resigned from the Board, because of a conflict of interest with her profession. She remains a member and will help with studies on a project basis.

Welcome To The League!

Kathy Dohrmann

Betsy Chandler

Informal Meeting Set For LB Members

On March 6th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be an informal meeting for Lake Bluff members at the home of Christa Donnelly, 59 Warrington Court, Lake Bluff. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss local study items for the 1991 - 1992 year and to finalize plans for the March 12th Candidates' Forum.

The meeting has been scheduled on March 6th, the same day as the General Meeting, because the TIF and Leafburning issues being highlighted at that meeting affect Lake Forest members only.

Your attendance at this meeting is encouraged. There is much planning and work ahead to present the March 12th Forum. Please bring any suggestions of program ideas or Lake Bluff study items you would like to see next year so they may be presented at the Annual Meeting in May.

LWV-LC Convention To Be Held May 30th

The LWV-LC have scheduled their annual convention for May 30th. All League members and guests are welcome.

The convention will be held at Fort Sheridan and will include a bus tour of the Fort and a luncheon. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the County League activities. Membership in local leagues includes membership in county, state and national.

At the convention, the LWV-LC Board will adopt program ideas and priorities for the coming year. Also, ideas for local, state and national Leagues will be discussed.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please attend or call Alice Pierce or Phyllis Albrecht.



Committee Reports

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5597

The January fund-raiser was a big success! The event netted a profit of approximately \$1,600. to be used for our local League projects. We thank everyone who helped in making this event such a big success. We extend a special thanks to Wendy and Tom Stotts who graciously opened their home to us and to all of the members and merchants who donated auction items. Through the Silent Auction alone, we made a profit of \$900. We are also grateful to all of our members who donated food, made monetary donations, and gave their time in setting up the event and to those members and guests who joined us. It was a fun as well as profitable night!

Presently, a committee is being sought to plan the 1992 fund-raisers. As you recall, a format of having a large event every other year was adopted. We hope to have an event next year that will match or outdo our 1990 success which raised over \$5000. This can only be accomplished with a commitment from our membership and a hardworking fund-raising committee. Funds are needed to continue our goals of addressing important issues and educating the community about these. Please call with your ideas and suggestions and let us know if you would like to help plan this event.

League Lines sponsorships are currently being renewed. Please note our new layout for our sponsors in this issue. This month, we have three new sponsors...Manpower Temporary Services, Lisa DeSalvo, Lyric Soprano Vocalist and Special Things, a LF shop which specializes in environmentally safe products. Please support our sponsors and let them know you're a League member. They make League work possible!

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

March will be a very busy month for the committee. Three candidates' forums have been scheduled before the April 2nd election. We will sponsor a forum in Lake Bluff on March 12th, at 7:30 p.m., to allow voters to hear their candidates. All Lake Bluff candidates have been invited and are scheduled to participate. We will also sponsor two forums in Lake Forest. We will present the three Ward 2 candidates on March 13th at Gorton Community Center and the two Ward 4 candidates on March 14th at Deerpath Middle School West Campus, at 7:30 p.m. Help is needed to staff all of these events. Members are needed as timers, to collect questions, make coffee and other important functions. We need your help. Please call Sheila for an assignment at one of these forums.

The March 6th General Meeting will provide a forum of guests to update us and answer questions on two important issues facing Lake Forest voters on April 2nd. The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Leaf Burning issues will be explored. We will provide speakers to give background and answer questions. Please come to this meeting and bring guests.

After March 11th, absentee ballots will be available in Lake Forest at City Hall. The City of LF has asked the League to provide help in supplying absentee ballots from March 4th — April 1st. At least one member is needed each day at City Hall from 10 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. each day. Please let us know if you can help on any of these days.

The last day to register for the April 2nd election is Monday, March 4th. If you or anyone you know needs to register, please call Sheila for details.

School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

The previously scheduled format of the meeting on March 6th to inform members and the public on the School Board Study has been delayed until October, 1991. Instead, the March meeting will address the TIF and Leaf Burning issues which voters will be addressing in April. The committee feels that since the school board issue will be addressed on the November, 1991 ballot, and other important issues are facing voters in April, a meeting on the school board issue will be a better voter service just before the November election.

The LWV/LF-LB Board approved a request from the committee for \$300 to be used for attorney fees to check the proper wording for the proposed referendum questions.

The committee is in the process of producing an informative brochure which will address both sides of the appointed vs. elected school board issue. The brochure will list advantages of both and will give background information on District 67 and the effects of a proposed change. It will be an unbiased and factual brochure, urging voters to consider the matter and express their preference at the polls. Members will be asked at the Annual Meeting in May to approve a budget request from the committee for the printing and possible mailing to all LF registered voters of this brochure.

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton, Chair
234-7661

We'd like to thank our two observers, Eleanor Knight and Sue Henderson, who have shared their observations with us. Currently, there are four active observers.

Committee Reports

Continued

Memberships

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

The LWV-LF/LB membership is currently at 143 members. We welcome our newest members, Betsy Chandler and Kathy Dohrman. Please note their addresses below and record in your membership directory.

Betsy Chandler
70 Sandpiper Lane, LF
234-8889

Kathy Dohrman
730 Highview Terrace, LF
295-7067

For another year, we are a sizable group and can make a difference while adding to our own community awareness. The committee thanks you for your continued support.

Board members have distributed the new membership directories to members. If for some reason you did not receive yours, please call Caron Lacy. She will get one to you immediately. Thanks to Sheila Hopkins for the wonderful job she did in her layout of the directory.

Mental Health

Monica Hildner has resigned as chair of this committee. The board is currently looking for a replacement. If you would be interested, please call Caron Lacy, Membership Director.

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1969

Please note the action request of the National League on gun control. Our help is needed to get this bill on the floor for a vote.

See Page X—ed.

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

The committee is actively involved in the planning of the two candidates' forums for Wards 2 and 4 in Lake Forest. They have contacted candidates and secured their participation in the events.

They will continue to monitor the actions of the Lake Forest Caucus and make recommendations as needed.

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

The Pesticides Committee is currently on hold. The committee does not feel that there is immediate action needed at the present time.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Solid Waste

Arline Matthei, Chair
295-8090

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

If you'd like to be more involved in League Committees, but don't know exactly where, call Caron Lacy at 295-1359 for help in finding your special place in the League.

Observer's Corner

Board of Education
District #115
Sue Henderson, Observer

The Monday, January 21st LFHS District #115 Board was observed. All members were present with 13 spectators. Business manager William Jackson submitted total bills payable in the amount of \$1,235,431.07. The bond sale (handled by Northern Trust) of \$24,000,000 will be awarded Thursday, Feb. 14th at 7:30 p.m. with a slightly lower interest rate than originally expected if the 6.7% current rate remains stable. A West Campus lease to the First Presbyterian Church was extended six months with additional income of \$2,400.

With successful asbestos abatement in the boiler room completed by the Gonzales firm, the Board approved retaining them for continued work.

Mr. Tom Taylor, project manager and Mark Dufon, Asst. Project Manager of the Greeby Co. have been retained as Owner's Representative for the renovation and additions to LFHS.

The architects reviewed the current plans for the expansion of LFHS.

Ft. Sheridan's Future Unclear after Meeting

On Saturday, February 23rd, the Fort Sheridan Commission held a public meeting to allow various groups to give their comments on the future of the Fort. Beryl Flom, President, LWV-LC attended on behalf of the League.

At the meeting, it was disclosed by Gary Patterson, a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers, that the Army will retain 111 acres of the 700 acre base and that there is a possibility the Navy will take 180 acres of military housing. The League opposes the use of the Fort for Navy housing. Patterson also stated that the Army will continue to operate a 7-acre cemetery at Ft. Sheridan and retain 104 acres being used by reserve units.

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| March 15 | Great Decisions Meeting |
| April 2 | Election Day • VOTE • |
| April 24 | State of the Community Address |
| May 22 | Annual Meeting |

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April 1991

President's Letter

March was a very busy month for the League. Now that we're through the busy time, we'd like to give a big thank you to all of you who helped make these forums such a success!

The League successfully presented the LF Voter Service Forum on TIF and Leafburning, in which Barbara Garrity did a fantastic job moderating, and three candidates' forums in one week. We couldn't have done it without the support of our members. We're very proud of the forums which were all given prime showing on the local access Channel 19. We hope you got a chance to view them.

Coming up in May, we have our State of the Community Address with Bob Kiely and Peter Cummings. We hope that you can join us for this informal morning in getting to know these gentlemen.

Our Annual Meeting will also be held in May. We hope to see all of you there. We'll have an informal pot luck dinner before the meeting and there will be a chance to talk and socialize with each other. We'll also be voting on new program ideas as well as new directors, by-law revisions and positions. We would like to hear your input. Reserve the date. It's sure to be a fun evening.

As ever,

Phyllis Albrecht
Alice Pierce
Co-Presidents

Annual Meeting Plans Being Made

Calendar

April 9, 1991

Board Meeting
7:15 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

May 8, 1991

General Meeting
"State of the Community
Address"
9:30 a.m.
Gorton Community Center

May 15, 1991

LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Center
Community Room

May 30, 1991

LWV-LC Convention
9:30 a.m.
Fort Sheridan

Due to a scheduling problem at Gorton Community Center, the date for the LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting has been changed to May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Community Room at Gorton.

The format will be the same as in previous years, with a pot-luck dinner supplied by members. Dinner will be served prior to the meeting which will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

1991 - 1992 Budget, Bylaw Revisions, Existing Positions, Local Program suggestions, and the report of the Nominating Committee (slate of directors and officers) will be presented for adoption by the LWV-LF/LB. Only members who are present and in good standing will be allowed to vote. Debate and discussion will be limited to three minutes per speaker and no one shall speak more than once to a question, until all who desire to speak have done so. Robert's Rules of Order will follow the meeting.

You will find each of the items which will be presented for adoption in this issue of *League Lines*. Please review the information. There will be a presentation, then discussion and adoption of the agenda items.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. The agenda items to be approved are very important to the League and it's a great opportunity to see old and new friends.

February Board Meeting Highlights

LWV-IL Action Alert

Minute Corrections

The minutes of the November Board Meeting were corrected to show that "Elder Care" was an action item in Illinois, but that "National Health Care" was a National study item. Also, "Equity in School Financing" was an Illinois action item. The incorrect information appeared in the January issue of *League Lines*.

Treasurer's Report

For the month ending, there was a starting balance of \$10,182.65, with income of \$106.40 and expenditures of \$870.35; for January 1991, income was \$2,195.74 and expenditures were \$858.62 (both largely due to fundraiser). The fundraiser cleared in excess of \$1,400. The ending balance for 1/31/91 was \$10,955.82. Membership dues, newsletter ads and fundraiser income were below budget, but actual expenses were also below budget. Donations to the education fund will be used to pay part of the PMP. The board approved placing \$5,000 in a 3 month CD.

Fundraising

The Finance Committee was thanked for their hard work and Wendy Stotts for the use of her home for the January event. Preliminary figures showed that ticket sales, donations and auction proceeds were \$712.50, \$230 and \$1080, respectively. Program Booklet Ad refunds will be \$400. The Finance Director reported that it was difficult to get ads for the newsletter with today's business climate. It was suggested that we highlight a sponsor each month in *League Lines*. The Treasurer suggested that next year's fundraiser be run through the education Fund so that donations would be tax-deductible and we would not have to pay sales tax on items purchased.

LWV-ILC

The Co-President recommended that we give more emphasis to increasing attendance at County concurrence

and consensus meetings, since the County League has taken the place of local Leagues in initiating studies which interest our members.

Program Planning

It was recommended that we contact members via *League Lines* and phone, about proposed program items. It was also recommended that a list of speakers, dates and times be made available in September with the year's slate of programs. An item on equal access to mental health care was suggested. It was suggested that we plan some daytime programs and some that are fun and interesting. A liaison with the AAUW Board was suggested to allow coordination of programs.

Special Awards

Local programs and activities to be submitted to the State League for consideration of special awards included *League Lines*, Caucus Committee Action, 1990 Fundraiser ("A Night of Mystery, The Sequel"), the October forum on Recycling and Hazardous Waste, and the Preschool Directory publication.

Graphic Artists Wanted

A number of League projects require graphic design or illustration. The right art work enhances benefit invitations and gives a professional look to state League publications. Many of the past designs were contributed by members and friends.

If you would be willing to put your artistic talents to work, please contact LWVIL Executive Director, Nancy Founce at (312) 939-5935 or write her at 332 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604.

House Bill 6, a bill which is designed to facilitate the siting of more landfills and incinerators in our state, has been reintroduced by Representative Myron Kulas and assigned to the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. In effect this will be a step backwards, as more landfills will reduce the incentive to develop strong waste reduction and recycling programs. Because of strong industry support for this bill, action is needed immediately.

HB 6 would alter the municipal solid waste planning process by completely restructuring the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. The current Act mandates that counties develop and implement plans for handling municipal solid waste.

The League feels that Illinois is facing a garbage crisis. The average citizen currently generates about one ton of garbage per year, and if this rate continues, we will soon run out of space in our current disposal facilities.

Furthermore, it is a huge, complicated, and confusing bill containing both positive and negative components. In addition, the bill does not contain a funding mechanism. Our biggest concern with HB 6 is that if passed, it would bring confusion and delay to the solid waste management planning process.

The LWV-IL has been working with state-wide civic and environmental organizations and grassroots citizens groups to oppose House Bill 6. These groups formed the Alliance for Reduction and Recycling of Waste (ARROW), to coordinate our efforts. In addition to this grassroots opposition, last fall 95 out of 102 counties in Illinois came out in opposition of this Bill.

Under the current Illinois law governing waste facility siting, potential waste facilities must be reviewed and approved by local elected officials, giving voters the opportunity to control the types of facilities that come into their

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"State of the Communities"

April Meeting to Feature Kiely and Cummings

The State of the Community Address for Lake Bluff and Lake Forest, which was originally scheduled for April 24th, will be held on April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at Gorton Community Center. The date was changed to accommodate the schedules of the key speakers, Mr. Bob Kiely, Lake Forest City Manager, and Mr. Peter Cummings, Lake Bluff Village Administrator.

Mr. Kiely and Mr. Cummings will address us on the state of affairs of our community. It will be an informal evening. You will have a chance to ask questions of these gentlemen and get to know them.

We hope that all members will come out to hear this address. It will prove to be an educational and fun experience.

LWV-LC Convention To Be Held May 30th

The LWV-LC has scheduled their Convention for May 30th. All League members and their guests are welcome.

The Convention will be held at Fort Sheridan and will include a bus tour of the Fort and a luncheon. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the County League activities. Membership in local leagues includes membership in county, state and national.

At the convention, the LWV-LC Board will adopt program ideas and priorities for the coming year. Also, ideas for local, state and national Leagues will be discussed.

Please note the proposed agenda items for the County League in this issue of League Lines. These items will be approved at this meeting. Our League is entitled to 5 delegates at the Convention. If you are interested in going, please call Alice Pierce at 295-0801.

The League would like to thank the following for their assistance in presenting the Voter Service Candidates' Forums:

Deerpath Middle School

Mary English

Gorton Community Center

Lake Bluff Jr. High School

LPJTV, Channel 19

Locke Venture Management

Jean Peterson

Marilyn Scholl

and

All the League Members who gave their help.

Thank you!

Boy Scout Blood Drive Set

Mark Plandowski, a Boy Scout from Troop 48 is working on his Eagle Service Project. His project this year is a blood drive. The drive will take place on April 6th at Gorton Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Blood donation appointments can be scheduled by calling Mark at 295-7405. If you are unable to donate for health reasons but would like to help out for a few hours during the drive, please call Mark.

Observer's Corner

Lake Forest Library Board
March 19, 1991

Eleanor Knight, Observer

All but one of the trustees attended the meeting. Subjects discussed included routine investments and a leave of absence which will be coming up in the children's department. It was also decided that in most quantitative measures of space and collection, the library is at its optimum.

In other matters, a user survey has been scheduled for fiscal year '93 and a lighting consultant will be hired.

LWV-IL Action Alert

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communities. The League believes this bill is working. Since it was approved in 1981, 18 new sites were approved through the local siting process; 16 were rejected. Of those 18 sites, only 7 received EPA permits and five were constructed.

The solution to our solid waste problem is aggressive waste prevention measures and recycling. The emphasis should be on reducing as much as possible, then looking to the safest available technology to handle the remaining waste. By doing this, we will be able to extend the life of the landfills and incinerators already in operation.

It is time for Illinois lawmakers to support the solid waste management hierarchy through strong waste prevention, reduction and recycling initiatives. Building new landfills and incinerators should be our last resort.

Please call or write Senator Paul Simon and Senator Alan Dixon as well as Representative John Porter. You will find their addresses and phone numbers on page 18 of your Directory.

Committee Reports

School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

Final wording for the petitions to call for a referendum on an elected school board and on dividing Lake Forest into 7 districts to be provided for representation by area have been approved by legal counsel.

Petition signatures must be obtained by August 19, 1991 in order to secure placement on the November 1991 ballot. Signature collection will begin after the April League Board Meeting. The petition for an elected school board requires 200 signature, the petition for area representation requires 5% of the registered voters, or approximately 600 signatures. Petitions must be signed by registered voters who reside in Lake Forest. An informational brochure is being prepared and will be mailed to all homes in Lake Forest giving balanced information to assist voters in making their decision.

Anyone interested in collecting signatures, please contact Ginni Magda at 295-6892.

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1966

Please note the action request of the National League on HB6, a bill which could seriously affect the League's push for aggressive waste prevention measures and recycling programs.

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Mental Health

Monica Hildner has resigned as chair of this committee. The board is currently looking for a replacement. If you would be interested, please call Caron Lacy, Membership Director.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Solid Waste

Arlene Matthei, Chair
295-8090

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Membership

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5597

If you'd like to be more involved in League Committees, but don't know exactly where, call Caron Lacy at 295-1359 for help in finding your special place in the League.

Voter Service Forums are a Big Success

The Candidates' Forums for Lake Bluff and Lake Forest Wards 2 and 4 were a big success! There was a large turnout for the Lake Bluff forum. All candidates except Marlene Miller Caucus Candidate, participated. Ms. Miller was not in town on the date of the forum.

There was also a large turnout for the Lake Forest Ward 2 forum. Aldermanic candidates Abbie Fassnaught and Emilio Gaspari participated. Candidate Roy Roadcap, of the Heritage Party, refused to participate because he believed that Mr. Gaspari was not a legal candidate for the aldermanic race. Although the Elections Board ruled that Mr. Gaspari's candidacy was invalid, through a special Board Meeting, the LWV-LF/LB Board decided that Mr. Gaspari should be allowed to participate since he had met the League requirements of being a candidate when he filed for a write-in candidacy 4 weeks before the election.

The Board made their decision based on the LWV-LF/LB's Candidate Forum Policy which states:

"The League believes in inclusivity of all candidates in our forums. All viable candidates meeting accepted norms [constitutional eligibility, filing (either by petition or formal intent to be a write in candidate) and waging a campaign], will be included in all League Candidates' Forums."

Since it is our commitment to help voters make informed decisions at the polls, the League regrets the Heritage Party's decision to not participate in the Ward 2 Candidates' Forum.

Both candidates Looby and Carey participated in the LF Ward 4 Forum. Each of the forums was recorded by LFTV Channel 19 for delayed broadcast before the April 2nd election.

LWV-LF/LB

1991 Annual Meeting Agenda

- 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
Announcements
Adoption of Rules
- 7:45 p.m. Treasurer's Report
- 7:50 p.m. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Budget
- 8:00 p.m. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of the Changes to the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
- 8:15 p.m. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Existing Positions
- 8:30 p.m. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Program
- 8:50 p.m. Report of the Nominating Committee; Election of Officers
- 9:00 p.m. Adjournment

Rules of the Meeting

1. Only members in good standing shall vote.
2. Debate and discussion from the floor shall be limited to three minutes per speaker. No one shall speak more than once to a question, until all who desire to speak have done so.
3. Speakers to a question should state their name and whether speaking for or against a motion.
4. The minutes of the Annual Meeting shall be referred to a committee, named by the President, for the purpose of reading, correcting and/or approving.
5. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

1991 Proposed Slate of Directors

Co-President
1990 - 1992 Phyllis Albrecht

Co-President
1991 - 1993 Barbara Garrity

Vice President
1990 - 1992 Sheila Hopkins

Vice President
1991 - 1993 Sue Walsh

Secretary
1991 - 1993 Laurel Schirr

Treasurer
1990 - 1992 Jennifer Hamilton

Director
1991 - 1992 Lee Kershner
Karen Schimmel
Wendy Stotts

Director
1991 - 1993 Chris Mardoian
Lynn James
Alice Sievert

Nominating Committee
1991 - 1992 Alice Pierce
Joan Barrus
Ann Grant

The following 1990-1991 programs were inadvertently left out of the printed membership directory you received. Please clip this and add to your directory, page 14.

10. Update study on recreational facilities in LF and LB.
11. Protection of Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff. Support of the implementation of measures to protect the shoreline and bluff from erosion, and continued study of proposed plans.
12. Study burning of leaves in LF and LB.

LWV-LF/LB

1991-1992 Proposed Action and Study Items

(New items marked with asterisk)

The following items are currently proposed but as of this date have not been officially recommended by the Board of Directors. The Board will vote on the items as well as entertain additional suggestions at its next meeting. Any League member may recommend a study or action by calling any Board Member.

ACTION

- Lake Bluff Shoreline Study. Study the needs and alternative methods for the protection of the Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff, and alternatives for financing.
- 2. Gun Control
- 3. Leaf burning in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff*
- Mosquito Abatement*

STUDY

- 1. Lake Bluff Caucus System Update*
- 2. Study needs of Senior Citizens
- 3. Lake Bluff Real Estate Tax Study. Tax Force on the factors affecting the Real Estate Tax Bill, with the following scope:
 - a. Investigation of the current and future conditions affecting the taxing bodies represented on the Real Estate Tax Bill.
 - b. Possible changes affecting the Tax Bill.
- 4. Continued attention to the needs of young children in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff including but not limited to:
 - a. Revision and re-publication of the Preschool Directory publication.
 - b. Support for additional preschool programs, recreation center programs and child care facilities in Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.
- Household Hazardous Waste Study*
- 6. Support of the 1978 Lake Forest Comprehensive Plan as amended with continuing attention to Land Use, Local Environmental Pollution, Zoning, Recreation and Safety.
- Continued attention to the Lake Forest Caucus System.
- 8. Continued attention to District 67 elected school board issue.
- Update Knollwood Annexation and other annexations of the comprehensive plan in Lake Bluff.

1991-1992 Proposed Budget

	PROPOSED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL (8 MOS)	'90-'91 BUDGET
INCOME			
Dues 150 x \$40 ¹	\$6,000	\$4,870.00	\$5,630
Fundraiser (Net)	\$4,000	\$1,390.33	\$4,600
League Lines Ads (50 x \$50)	\$2,500	\$550.00	\$1,200
From Reserves	\$2,460	\$0.00	\$0
Contributions	\$500	\$445.00	\$470
Interest Income	\$490	\$303.02	\$300
Bridge Marathon (Net)	\$200	\$510.18	\$350
Pre-School Booklets (Net)	\$0	\$489.20	\$400
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$489.20	\$400
Total Income	\$16,150	\$8,584.93	\$12,950

EXPENDITURES

LWV U.S. \$18/member	\$2,700	\$2,801.00	\$3,220
LWV IL \$16.5/member	\$2,475	\$1,930.50	\$2,635
LWV Co./LMLC \$2.50/mem	\$400	\$142.00	\$270
Nat'l Convention (Boston)	\$3,000	\$0.00	\$1,870
LL Printing/Postage	\$2,400	\$1,146.55	\$2,060
Program/Study Groups ²	\$2,000	\$26.50	\$550
Voter Service	\$800	\$93.41	\$300
General Supplies/Copies	\$500	\$258.63	\$600
Seminars/Workshops	\$300	\$0.00	\$300
Publicity (Signs)	\$250	\$0.00	\$0
Gifts/Awards	\$100	\$19.70	\$100
Insurance	\$75	\$75.00	\$85
Action Lobbying	\$50	\$0.00	\$50
Admin. — President(s)	\$100	\$0.00	\$100
Admin. — Secretary	\$100	\$12.50	\$150
Admin. — Treasurer	\$50	\$25.00	\$50
Admin. — Membership	\$650	\$636.41	\$300
Admin. — Other	\$200	\$104.53	\$200
Total Expenditures	\$16,150	\$7,272.00	\$12,850

¹ Regular dues will be raised to \$40 with a discount rate of \$35 for Seniors (age 65+)

² \$1,000 of this budget item is to be earmarked for printing and city-wide distribution of brochure on proposed change to elected school board for School District 67 (Lake Forest)

LWV-LF/LB 1990-1991 Existing Local Positions

LAKE BLUFF

Lake Bluff Comprehensive Plan

The League supports an effective Comprehensive Plan which encompasses potential and existing land use in Lake Bluff and surrounding unincorporated areas, as well as capital improvements, including the infrastructure of the village.

Conservation

Support of measures to preserve the natural resources of Lake Bluff. Promote appropriate use of flood plain lands. Establish walk ways and bicycle paths.

The League promotes the preservation of the beach, bluffs, ravines and open spaces.

The League supports the restricted use of flood plain lands along the Skokie River.

The League supports the continuation of paths to the northern boundaries of the Village.

Support of Coordinated Nominating Systems

The League favors the coordination of some of the procedures of the Lake Bluff School Caucus, the Lake Bluff Park Caucus, and the Lake Bluff Village Progressive Party which would improve their efficiency without impairing their independence.

Specifically, the League favors coordination with respect to maps, the timing of area meetings and the preparation and release of certain public notices and publicity. The League recommends that the nominating bodies explore together the possibilities of improving procedures and determining other areas of cooperation.

Support of Knollwood Annexation

The League believes that the annexation of Knollwood by Lake Bluff will bring about better control of zoning in Knollwood. Since Lake Bluff and Knollwood share the same parks and schools and are compatible neighbors, we feel that annexation will not change the character of either community.

Land Use

Monitor the disposition of village owned lands. The League will monitor disposition of property owned by the Village west of the West Terrace, which is in its natural state, and some of which is in the flood plain.

LAKE FOREST

Preschool Programs and Services

Given the resurgence of births in the Lake Forest area, the LWV-LF/LB encourages regular monitoring of births to provide community agencies and institutions with information necessary to plan effectively for the Lake Forest preschool population. The LWV-LF/LB supports recreational programs and child care facilities in Lake Forest.

Lake Forest Caucus

Although the LWV-LF/LB believes that a non-partisan system of candidate selection is preferred in Lake Forest to a two-party system, the LWV-LF/LB recommends that the caucus amend its operating procedures to more fully inform the resident of the workings of the caucus, of the desired qualifications of candidates which it is seeking and of the qualifications of those selected for candidacy. We recommend changes in the procedure for the annual meeting and that a secret ballot vote be used at that meeting to select each candidate individually. We also recommend that certain COC members be charged specifically with seeking qualified candidates for the school board. As a result of joint LWV-LF/LB and Caucus meetings the above recommendations were accepted and are being implemented by the caucus.

Still outstanding is the recommendation that the COC members be chosen in a manner which promotes direct voter participation.

Lake Forest District 67 School Board

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest • Lake Bluff believes that electing the Board of Education for School District 67 (the elementary district) is preferable to the current method of appointment by the Mayor. The League believes that an elected school board would be more responsive to the citizens of Lake Forest and that a change to an elected board will not reduce the number of qualified candidates willing to serve.

League members prefer that Section 32-1.5 of the Illinois School Code be used to effect the change, which would leave District 67 within the scope of the Lake Forest Charter. League members prefer a caucus system for selection of candidates for board positions, with the vast majority supporting the slating of more than one candidate for elective office.

Recreation Study

More programs and facilities, such as a Deerpath Community Park, should be developed for non-athletic and unstructured activities. Additional use should be made of existing facilities, i.e. schools, for such activities. A public annual report should be made designating the use of tax dollars.

Solid Waste

The solid waste management policy of the U.S. and Illinois should be to reduce the quantities of waste, reclaim useful materials, and safely restore the residue to the environment. Municipalities should combine their efforts to solve waste problems regionally. Recycling and reuse should be given priority. The Federal Government should continue—and perhaps increase—its financial aid for research and develop-

Cluster Housing and Empty Nesters

Empty nester housing is inadequate in Lake Forest. Lake Forest should encourage the building of single family detached homes in a group of residences on smaller lots with common land.

LWV-LF/LB Bylaws

as amended May, 1990

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, also referred to as the LWVLF/LB. This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS), the League of Women Voters of Illinois (LWVIL) and the League of Women Voters of Lake County (LWVLC).

ARTICLE II - Purposes and Policy

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

Section 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff may take action on local governmental issues and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles and Positions of the LWVUS, the LWVIL, and of the LWVLC

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League of Women Voters shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age residing within the United States, a territory or an associated commonwealth, who join the League shall be voting members of the local and state leagues of their place of residence and of the LWVUS.

(1) Those who reside outside the area of any local league may join a local league or shall be State members-at-large.

(2) Those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

(3) Those who make a lump-sum membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life-members excused from the payment of dues.

Section 3. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVLF/LB only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board of directors shall be composed of the officers, a minimum of six elected directors, and appointed directors not to exceed the number of elected directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall serve for two years. The elected directors and officers shall name the appointed directors whose terms of offices shall be one year.

Section 2. Qualifications. All elected and appointed officers and directors of this organization must be voting members of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member (other than the President) shall be filled until the next Annual Meeting by means of a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting by any member without valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the General Membership and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program adopted at National, State and County League Conventions and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the Board of Directors of LWVUS and LWVIL and LWVLC. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the LWVLF/LB. It shall meet at the call of the President or Co-President and shall transact such business as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 6. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the LWVLF/LB each year. All Board and Executive Committee meetings of the LWVLF/LB are open to all members.

Section 7. Special and Emergency Meetings. (a) The President or Co-President may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors, and must call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the special meeting at least one week prior to such meeting. (b) The President or Co-President may call an Emergency Meeting and must call such a meeting upon the request of three members of the Board, by giving personal notice to each member of the Board at least 24 hours in advance of such meeting.

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Section 8. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. In the presence of a quorum, a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall decide its action.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the League of Women voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff shall be a President or two Co-Presidents, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. The President or one Co-President, one Vice-President and the Recording Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years and the remaining Co-President, Vice-President and Treasurer in even-numbered years. Their terms of office shall be two years. Officers shall be elected by voting members at the Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The retiring President or Co-President may serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for one year.

All reference in the By-laws to "President" shall be construed to mean President or Co-President.

Section 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

In the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the President or a Co-President, the Board shall elect a Vice President to fill the vacancy. If that is not possible, the Board shall elect another of its members to serve as President or Co-President.

Section 3. The Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and the Board of Directors shall designate. One of the Vice Presidents shall be designated by the President in her absence or in the absence of the Co-President to serve as Acting President.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall act as secretary for meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies and shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disperse the same in accordance with the budget. Where the expenditure(s)

exceed the budget, it shall be disbursed only upon order of the Board and/or the General Membership.

The Treasurer shall perform all other functions as may be pertinent to the office.

The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited each year prior to the Annual Meeting or upon completion of the Treasurer's term (whichever comes first) by an auditor appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWV/LB shall begin on July 1. The Treasurer's books shall be verified annually by an auditor appointed by the Board.

Section 2. Dues. Dues, when applicable, shall be paid annually in the amount approved by the Board. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after notification shall be dropped from the membership call.

Section 3. Budget. A balanced budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for adoption. The Budget shall include support for the work of the league as a whole.

Section 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least four months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. Upon appointment, the Budget Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors until the discharge of her duties. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee, but shall act as a member ex-officio.

Section 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, all monies, securities and property of whatever nature will be distributed to the League of Women Voters of Illinois after all expenses have been paid.

In the event of a decision to separate the LWV/LB into two leagues, all monies and property shall be divided in an equitable manner as decided on by the Board of Directors of the LWV/LB, so that both leagues can continue to operate according to the State and National Policies.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

LWV-LF/LB Bylaws

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Section 1. Annual Meetings. An Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year for the purpose of:

- (a) adopting a Local Program for the ensuing year;
- (b) electing officers, directors and members of the Nominating Committee;
- (c) adopting an adequate balanced budget; and
- (d) transacting such other business as may be necessary.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of 20% of the membership.

Section 4. Voting. A voting member shall be one as defined in Article III of these bylaws. Only voting members who are present at the time the vote is being taken shall be qualified to vote. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. A majority vote shall mean a majority of those voting on a particular item or issue in question. A two-thirds vote shall mean two-thirds of those voting on the particular item or issue in question. Those who do not vote shall not be counted in computing the vote.

ARTICLE VIII - Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. The chairman and two members shall not be members of the Board, shall be nominated by the current Nominating Committee, and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The other two members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the next Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by Presidential appointment. Suggestions for nominations for Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee may be sent to this committee by any voting member. Consideration shall be given to geographical representation in all nominations.

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations of Officers, Directors and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee, shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, following presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections. Elections shall be by voice vote, except when there is a contest and then elections shall be

written ballot. The candidate having a majority vote shall be elected. However, when the closing of nominations, it shall appear that only one person has been nominated for any of the above offices, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot at the Annual Meeting for the nominees for the respective offices.

ARTICLE IX - Program

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the leagues as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff shall consist of:

- (a) Study and/or action to implement those governmental issues adopted by the National Convention;
- (b) Study and/or action to implement those governmental issues adopted by the State Convention;
- (c) Study and/or action to implement those governmental issues adopted by the County Convention; and
- (d) Study and/or action to implement those governmental issues adopted at the Annual Meeting of LWVLF/LB, hereinafter referred to as Local Program.

Section 3. Local Program. The Local Program of the LWVLF/LB shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen by its membership for concentrated study and action.

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

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting, and shall formulate a proposed program.
- (b) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Items in the proposed Program presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors shall require for adoption a majority vote of voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned with the item(s). Following shall be a majority vote of concurrence by the voting members present and voting who reside outside the government(s) concerned with the item(s).
- (d) Recommendations for program submitted two months prior to the Annual Meeting by voting members who reside in the local government(s) concerned with the item(s) but not recommended by the Board may be considered by

LWV-LF/LB Bylaws

Continued

the Annual Meeting provided: (1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned. (2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the items by a two-thirds majority vote of the local voting members present and voting who reside in the local government(s) concerned followed by a majority vote of concurrence by voting members present and voting who reside outside the local government(s) concerned.

(e) Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting at which the change is to be discussed and (2) final action by the membership is taken at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article IX, Section 4 (c) and (d).

Section 5. Emergency Program Item(s). Emergency program item(s) not adopted at the Annual Meeting may be adopted as follows:

(a) Agreement on need for emergency item(s) must be reached by the Board of Directors.

(b) Subsequent to Board approval of consideration of the item(s), members must receive written notification of intent to consider the item(s) two weeks prior to a General Membership meeting.

(c) The item(s) must be discussed at a general membership meeting; action may or may not be taken at this meeting.

(d) At this, or a subsequent meeting, the item(s) may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article IX, Section 4(c).

ARTICLE X - Conventions and Councils

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors shall select, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the National Office, delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the LWVLF/LB under the provisions of the Bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors shall select, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the State Office, delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the LWVLF/LB under the provisions of the Bylaws of the LWVIL.

Section 3. State Council. The President or President's proxy shall be the delegate to the State Council under the provisions of the Bylaws of the LWVIL.

Section 4. Interleague Organization Conventions. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the Interleague Organization Board, shall select delegates to those Conventions in the number allotted the LWVLF/LB under the provisions of the Bylaws of the Interleague Organization.

ARTICLE XI - Bylaws Amendments

Section 1. Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws Committee shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Procedure. (a) Proposals for change may be submitted by any voting member of LWVLF/LB to the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Bylaws Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors at least two months before the Annual Meeting its suggested amendments and those others which were considered but not recommended.

(c) All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the Board, shall be sent to the membership at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

(d) The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and by voting at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in these Bylaws.



A Member of the League's Telephone Tree
will be calling you to bring a
pot-luck dish to this year's Annual Meeting.

Please Plan To Attend!

LWV-LF/LB Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The Bylaw Committee proposes the following changes to the by-laws which will be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 1991. The original version or explanation is shown at the top with the proposed change shown underlined immediately following.

Presently read as:

ARTICLE III — Membership

Section 2. Voting Members. ... (2) Those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

(3) Those who make a lump-sum membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life-members excused from the payment of dues.

To be amended to read:

Section 2. Voting Members. ... (2) Those who have been members of the League of Women Voters for 50 years or more shall be Honorary life members excused from the payment of dues and all privileges shall be retained.

(3) Those who make a lump-sum membership payment to the League of Women Voters of the United States shall be paid life-members excused from the payment of dues and shall be voting members of the LWVIL and of the LWVUS.

Presently read as:

ARTICLE V — Officers

Section 2. The President. PARAGRAPH 2

"In the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the President or a Co-President, the Board shall elect a Vice President to fill the vacancy. If that is not possible, the Board shall elect..."

Section 5. The Treasurer.

"The Treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all..."

To be amended to read:

ARTICLE V — Officers

Section 2. The President. PARAGRAPH 2

"In the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the President or a Co-President, the Board shall appoint a Vice-President to fill the vacancy. If that is not possible, the Board shall appoint..."

Section 5. The Treasurer.

"The Treasurer shall collect and deposit all monies in an authorized, government insured, financial institution and be custodian of all..."

Sunday, April 7th
Daylight Savings Time



Don't Forget To Set Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour!

LWV—LC Position On Transportation

The League of Women Voters of Lake County believes that yard waste composting can be an important method of reducing the volume of waste received at landfills, while at the same time providing an excellent soil amendment for a number of landscaping uses. The League believes that on-site composting is the best way to handle yard waste. When commercial/public composting is necessary, emphasis should be placed on small, local, well-managed operations. Further, large-scale composting should not be established in or near conservation, preservation, or recreational areas nor in forest preserves. The League also believes that all composting operations, whether large or small, require regulation. Individuals must assume responsibility both for all toxic substances used on their property and the cost of disposal of any yard waste removed from its source.

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

While the above are the preferred methods of handling yard waste, areas which require any more extensive composting should emphasize small, local, well-managed operations. Sites should be located as close to the source of material as possible. This would eliminate long-distance hauling and re-

duce the possibility of anaerobic conditions developing in bagged grass.

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

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

In order to protect our water resources, distance from the water table, rivers, and permeable soils should be regulated. Composting operations should not occur within the hundred-year flood plain and runoff must be controlled.

The League is concerned about the danger of possible pesticide and herbicide contamination of the compost and the spread of such contamination when the compost is used. Thus the League believes that the use of pesticides and herbicides should be regulated. FDA standards should be used initially until more definitive information on pesticide degradation is available. Commercial compost should not be used on food crops. Homeowners should minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides, and such treated material should be retained by the homeowner after use

by means of mulching and leaving clippings on the lawn. Property owners who hire landscapers should request that they leave grass clippings on lawns and handle yard maintenance in the safest manner possible. All such companies should educate themselves on proper disposal techniques and laws. All public and private generators of yard waste have the responsibility of keeping waste close to the point of origin; they must assume the cost for their decisions and be held responsible for any toxics used on their land. A local registry of substances used by companies and citizens would be a good way to determine what is being applied to lawns and trees in the community.

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

LWV-LC

Proposed Slate of Directors

President	Beryl Flom (Deerfield Area)
V. President	Mary McLaughlin (Barrington Area)
Secretary	Martha Floener (Libertyville-Mundelein Area)
Treasurer	Alice Pierce (Lake Forest-Lake Bluff)
Board Mbrs.	Ilene Abrahams (Deerfield Area) Linda Bartnes (Lake Forest-Lake Bluff) Karen Cronin (Deerfield Area)

Nominating Committee

Mary English, Chair, (Libertyville-Mundelein Area)
Mary Liz Carney (Lake Forest-Lake Bluff)
Melanie Rubin (Highland Park)



April is Earth Month.

Plant a Tree!

Proposed By-Law Amendments

At the League of Women Voters of Lake County Convention on May 30th, many Bylaw changes will be proposed and clarified. Since there are so many changes to be made, League Lines will only give a brief overview of the proposed changes. If you would like a copy of the LWV-LC Bylaws with proposed changes to review, please call Alice Pierce at 295-0801.

The bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Lake County have been adjusted to make the following changes:

- Stay in line with the changes made in LWVUS Bylaws in 1990;
- Allow for Co-presidents;
- Extend the time that documents are sent to local Leagues prior to Convention and Interim Council by two weeks, so that local Leagues have enough time to get them into their newsletters;
- Improve grammar and punctuation;
- Clarify meaning.

In addition, the following comments refer to Article and Section numbers:

- A. Article IV, Section 5 — “an authorized financial institution” is the wording in LWVIL Bylaws and allows more flexible and yet safe means of earning interest. Since the Convention is usually in the late spring and the fiscal year ends on 6/30, the audit should come after the books are closed.
- B. Switching Articles VI and VII seems more logical, so that all meeting articles are together.
- C. Article VII (new), Section 1 — the sentences at the end are a liability safety factor — they are also in LWVIL’s Bylaws and in Article XIII (new), Section 1D in LWVLC Bylaws.
- D. Article X (National and State Conventions and Council) was removed and put into Article V, Section 3 (Board of Directors — Powers and Duties).

LWV-LC

Recommended 1991-92 Programs

1991 - 1992 Proposed Budget

1. Jail Task Force

Scope: Review of LWVIL position on Criminal Justice as it relates to the Lake County Jail, with a possibility of developing a Lake County League concurrence position.

2. Task Force to study the need, funding, and delivery of services for youth in Lake County (continued from 1989-91).

Scope:

- What, if any, gaps there are in services or delivery of services.
- Determine if there is sufficient delivery, funding and public awareness of existing services, and a need for any additional services.
- Publication of a directory of youth services in Lake County if such directory seems to be needed and can be funded.

3. Solid Waste/Compost Task Force

4. Task Force on County Government

Hazardous Waste Task Force

- Support positions on Watershed Management (1975); Land Use in Lake County (1977, revised 1986 & 1988); Solid Waste Disposal in Lake County (1981); Forest Preserve District of Lake County (1988); Lake County Government (1988 & 1989); Future Use of the Ft. Sheridan Property (1990); Transportation in Lake County (1991); Composting in Lake County (1991).

Action Priorities

Lake County Government

Solid Waste and Composting

Transportation

F.Y.E. 6-30-92

	Proposed Budget 6/30/92	Budget 6/30/91	YTD 2/28/91
INCOME			
PMP (673 @ \$2.00)	\$1,346	\$585	537.76
Shopping Days	200	500	131.05
LC Conv./Interim	50	500	0.00
Interest	150	500	81.65
Member Cont.	125	—	145.00
Member League Cont.	0	—	50.00
Miscellaneous Income	0	—	150.00
Fund-raising Ber	5,000	—	0.00
Know Your Co. Reserves	—	500	0.00
Liability Insurance	340	—	340.00
From (To) Reserves	(2436)	410	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,775	\$2,645	\$1,435.46
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Costs			
1. General Supplies	\$150	\$50	\$4.00
2. Postage	175	175	83.84
3. Duplicating	200	200	155.48
4. Misc. Expense	25	25	25.00
5. Liability Insurance	350	—	350.00
Board & Admin. Committees			
1. President	200	75	75.00
2. Board Tools and Expense	100	100	86.43
3. Six-League Book	125	100	121.81
4. Public Relations	—	25	0.00
Delegates/Travel/Affiliations			
1. State Conv./Interim Council	0	300	0.00
2. National Convention	700	—	0.00
3. Lake Co. Conv./Interim	50	500	0.00
4. Other Meetings	100	100	87.12
Financial Support of League			
1. Lake Mich. Inter-League	25	20	25.00
Educational Activities			
1. Know Your County	—	500	0.00
2. Program Committees	100	300	187.52
3. Voters Service	125	75	3.75
Position Support			
1. Publications on Positions	100	50	0.00
2. Action Activities	250	50	212.24
Benefit	2,000	—	—
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,775	\$2,645	\$1,417.19

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Dates To Remember

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| April 7th | Day light Savings Time
<i>Set Your Clocks Back</i> |
| April 9th | Board Meeting |
| May 8th | General Meeting
<i>State of the Community Address</i> |
| May 15th | LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting |
| May 30th | LWV-LC Convention |

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Co-Presidents: Phyllis Albrecht 234-7062
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MAY 1991

Presidents' Letter

Fellow Members,

May is a busy month for the League! On Wednesday morning, May 8th, our informal discussion session with Bob Kiely, Lake Forest City Manager, and Peter Cummins, Lake Bluff Village Administrator, gave us an excellent chance to be brought up to date on local issues and projects in both communities and also gave us a chance to share with them our League's interest in local government.

At our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, we'll be adopting local study items and positions, and electing board members for the coming year. Please don't miss this meeting!

This month our League will also be sending six delegates to the LWV State Convention in Lisle on May 17, 18 and 19, and six delegates to the LWV County Convention at Fort Sheridan on Thursday, May 30. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are willing to attend and represent our League at either of these conventions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

As ever,

Alice Pierce
Phyllis Albrecht
Co-Presidents

Annual Meeting & Supper to be Held May 15th

Calendar

May 15, 1991

Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Community Room
Gorton Community Center

May 17 — 19, 1991

LWV-IL State Convention
Lisle, IL

May 28, 1991

Board Meeting
Joint Meeting with Old and New
Boards
6:15 p.m.
Gorton Community Center

May 30, 1991

LWV-LC Convention
9:30 a.m.
Fort Sheridan

On Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters of LF/LB will hold their Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper. This will again be held at Gorton Community Center in the Community Room, 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

All members are asked to bring a dish for the supper to serve approximately 8 people. If you have not received a call from the League's Telephone Tree, please call Joan Barrus, 234-5597 or Alice Sievert, 234-4133, to find out what type of dish to bring.

The business meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. An important 1991 - 1992 Agenda will be voted upon. The 1991 - 1992 Budget, Bylaw Revisions, Existing Positions, Local Programs, and a slate of officers and directors will be the items on the Agenda. Only members who are present and in good standing will be allowed to vote. Debate and discussion will be limited to three minutes per speaker and no one shall speak more than once to a question until all who desire to speak have done so. Robert's Rules of Order will follow the meeting.

Each of the items to be presented for adoption were included in the April edition of *League Lines*. Please review this information prior to the meeting. If you need a copy of the April newsletter, please call Sue Walsh at 234-5041. All members are encouraged to attend.

Highlights of April Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by co-president, Albrecht. Other Board Members present were Barrus, Hamilton, Schirr, Sievert and Walsh.

Treasurer's Report

For the month ending 3/31/91 there were starting/ending balances for the checking account of \$10,458.64, and \$10,492.78 and for the Education Fund of \$225.00 and \$1.74, giving combined totals of \$10,683.64 and \$10,494.52 respectively. Total income/expenditures were \$652.73/\$841.81 for the month. Over the first nine months of the fiscal year, income and expenditures were, respectively, \$3,637 and \$1,915 lower than budgeted, and total funds on deposit had increased by \$1,124.08.

Membership

Two previous members renewed for this year, bringing membership to 146.

Finance

Since last report, eight newsletter sponsors renewed their sponsorship.

Telephone Tree

The phone tree will be set up by Joan Barrus and Alice Sievert. It will inform members about the May 8th General Meeting and the May 15th Annual Meeting/Potluck Supper and solicit contributions to the supper.

May General Meeting

The previously scheduled "State of the Community" Meeting conflicted with a similar meeting sponsored by the LF Caucus. The previously scheduled format of that meeting was postponed until January 1992. Instead, an informal meeting and morning coffee will be held on May 8th with Bob Kiely and Peter Cummins. The General Public will be invited to the meeting. The regularly scheduled Board Meeting on that date will be held after the meeting. The Board Meeting will be open to the public. The

Board will supply refreshments.

Program Planning

Lee Kershner resigned as Programs Chair, but will be asked to help with hospitality. There will be several Board Meetings over the summer to plan a scheduled program calendar for the 1991-1992 year.

Board/Off Board Positions

A Program Director, Chair and assistant are being sought. Also appointed positions for Membership, Finance and Newsletter are also being sought. Phyllis Albrecht, Alice Pierce and Barbara Garrity will solicit volunteers and announce appointments at the Annual Meeting.

LVV-LC Fundraiser

Donations are needed for the White Elephant Auction to be held on September 15, 1991. Sue Walsh's home will be the LF drop-off location. In LB, donations may be dropped off at Alice Sievert's home.

LVV-LC Convention

Laurel Schirr and Sue Walsh will attend the Convention as a delegates from our League.

*Welcome to
the League!*

Paula Du Bournieu

Susan Garrett

Observer's Corner

Lake Forest Library Board
Eleanor Knight, Observer

The LF Library Board of Trustees met on April 16th. All officials were present. Items discussed included a lighting plan which will be available in a week to 10 days and the hiring of a children's librarian for the end of the school year. The Finance Report indicated a necessity for slowing the proposed heavy expenditures which will affect the long range planning. The Trustees were alerted to possible changes affecting inter-library loans. These proposed changes were acceptable to the trustees. A State-formulated fee of \$246 for non-residents was adopted, which will be an increase from \$180.

Lake Forest High School
District 115

Suzanne Henderson, Observer

Subjects discussed included a Ryder Transportation agreement which extends transportation through June, 1992 with a 2% increase over this year. This agreement provides coverage of 2/3rds of transportation costs for the district and was worked out in conjunction with District 67. There was also discussion concerning the LFHS legal liability policy and a potential increase in that policy. No decision was made.

The Business Manager reported that accounts payable amounted to \$1,011,093.21. Norther Trust Bank of LF was appointed depository for the site and construction fund bank account. The asbestos abatement contract, Phase I for \$371,259 was awarded to North American Asbestos Abatement Company. Membership in the Illinois High School Association (governing body of interscholastic schools of Illinois) was approved. Dr. Metcalf noted Peter Ferry's acceptance of a Fulbright scholarship to Holland next year. A teacher from that country will replace him at LFHS for that year.

The board will meet with neighbors surrounding the High School to explain landscaping plans.

"State of the Community Address"
Delayed until February 1992

The "State of the Community Address", which was originally scheduled for this spring, has been delayed because a similar project was being undertaken by the Lake Forest Caucus.

The League will present the Address in February of 1992. It will include officials of both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, and possibly a sit-down dinner. The Address will be listed as the February General Meeting on the 1991-1992 Schedule of Programs, which the new Board will adopt over the summer.

A chair is needed to begin the planning of this Address. If you would be interested in undertaking the planning of this event, please call Phyllis Albrecht or Barbara Garrity, the proposed 1991-1992 Co-Presidents.

The League of Women Voters needs your involvement to be effective!

LWV-LC Annual Convention to be held at Ft. Sheridan

The LWV-LC Annual Convention is scheduled for May 30th at 9:30 a.m. at Fort Sheridan. The Business Meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., with a luncheon immediately following. After the luncheon, there will be a tour of the Fort.

The Agenda to be approved includes the proposed 1991 - 92 Slate of Officers and Directors, Budget, By-law Amendments, Recommended Programs and Action Priorities. All of the proposed information was listed in the April edition of *League Lines*.

The LWV-LF/LB is entitled to 5 delegates at the meeting. At present, Laurel Schirr and Sue Walsh will be representing our League at the Meeting. If you would like to attend, please call Alice Pierce at 295-0801. If you have questions or comments you would like related at the meeting, please call one of the delegates or Alice Pierce.

LWV-IL State Convention Albrecht and Garrity to Attend

On May 17th through May 19th, the League of Women Voters of Illinois will hold their State Convention in Lisle, IL. Phyllis Albrecht and Barbara Garrity, the proposed 1991 - 1992 Co-presidents, will attend the Convention on behalf of the LWV-LF/LB.

Our League is entitled to 6 delegates at the meeting. The Convention is a wonderful opportunity to learn the inner workings of the State League. Workshops are offered throughout the 3 days, exploring many topics and interests. Several Agenda items will be discussed and adopted for the 1991 - 1992 year. You will find those items listed in part in this issue of *League Lines*.

If you would like to accompany Phyllis and Barbara to the Convention, please call one of them directly for more details. Plans are to travel to Lisle in the morning, returning at night. Expenses incurred at the convention will be paid by the League.

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Committee Reports

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

On March 25, the Fort Sheridan Commission approved a plan for the future uses of Ft. Sheridan which is in general agreement with the League's position. The plan sets aside the north openspace, ravines, lakefront and bluffs as a nature preserve and park, except that the golf course could be retained. The Historic District's nonresidential buildings should be reused, preferably by an educational or research facility, and residences could be sold to individuals. Reuse of the Historic District and its buildings would be subject to stringent historic preservation provisions. The proposed Veterans' Cemetery should be in the southeast section, to replace military housing, which should not be transferred to the Navy, because the inadequate impact fees were bankrupting School District 111. The Army Reserves would retain the southwest portion plus the northern Reserves Area. The existing Army cemetery would be maintained by the Army. Two commercial areas are planned east of Sheridan Road, to the south of the main gate.

The LWV-LC's Ft. Sheridan Study Group has prepared an informational hand-out asking people to contact the Governor and Senators to ask their support of the Commission's plan. It will be included in Lake Co. League newsletters. The committee also passed it out at Gorton's Old Fashioned Sunday on April

Action

Joy Hodgen, Chair
234-1969

Please note the action request of the Fort Sheridan Committee. Their report is included in this issue of League Lines. See page 6 for instructions on which officials to contact.

Membership

Caron Lacy, Chair
295-1359

T. Yakes and Paula Du Bourdieu have renewed their membership. Also, please welcome our newest member, Susan Garrett. Please add their names and addresses to your membership directory. This brings our membership to 148!

Paula Du Bourdieu
673 Northmoor Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
295-2489

Susan Garrett
1181 Melody Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
295-4001

Theresa Yakes
1002 West North Avenue
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
234-6738
234-3485

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

State & National

Laurel Schirr, Chair
295-1303

Solid Waste

Arline Matthei, Chair
295-8090

School Board

Wendy Stotts, Chair
234-2029

Finance

Joan Barrus, Chair
234-5597

Mental Health

Pesticides

Anne Shannon, Chair
295-5562

Caucus

Barbara Garrity, Chair
234-3769

Observer Corps

Colleen Thornton, Chair
234-7661

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

If you'd like to be more involved in League Committees, but don't know exactly where, call Caron Lacy at 295-1359 for help in finding your special place in the League.

The LWVEF Pooled Income Fund is a special IRS-approved fund that accepts gifts of cash and securities and operated much like a mutual fund. Since 1982, the Fund has enabled League members to make generous gifts to the League-local, state and/or national while enjoying substantial tax and income benefits. To receive a personalized gift example showing the tax and income benefits you would receive by making a gift this year, please send a request to:

Ellen Richardson
Planned Giving Assistant
League of Women Voters
1730 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

(Include Name, Address and Phone Number)

LWV-LC Composting Consensus Report

The League of Women Voters of Lake County believes that yardwaste composting can be an important method of reducing the volume of waste received at landfills, while at the same time providing an excellent soil amendment for a number of landscaping uses. The League believes that on-site composting is the best way to handle yardwaste. When commercial/public composting is necessary, emphasis should be placed on small, local, well-managed operations. Further, large-scale composting should not be established in or near conservation, preservation, or recreational areas nor in forest preserves. The League also believes that all composting operations, whether large or small, require regulation. Individuals must assume responsibility both for all toxic substances used on their property and the cost of disposal of any yardwaste removed from its source.

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

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

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

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

In order to protect our water resources, distance from the water table, rivers, and permeable soils should be regulated. Composting operations should not occur within the hundred-

year flood plain and runoff must be controlled.

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

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

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

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



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

ACTION : FORT SHERIDAN

April 1991

The League of Women Voters of Lake County has participated in two years of research and discussion on the issue of the Fort Sheridan Property, and has presented testimony to the Fort Sheridan Commission (the Commission), which is chaired by Rep. John Porter.

The Commission has now formulated a plan, which is outlined on the reverse of this page. Under this plan, which is based on extensive input from Lake County residents and incorporates many of the recommendations of the League of Women Voters, much of this beautiful property remains in public hands.

The Commission's plan is now being forwarded to Secretary of Defense Cheney, who also has received requests from several federal agencies and private developers to various sections of Fort Sheridan. The Commission will therefore need the strong support of our governor and congressional delegation in order to convince the Department of Defense to accept the Commission's plan.

It is particularly important that Governor Edgar and Senators Dixon and Simon be contacted and asked to lend their support to the Commission's recommendations. The addresses and telephone numbers of the governor and the two senators are listed on the reverse of this page.

Gov. Edgar's support is essential to obtaining financing for the acquisition of Fort Sheridan. Please ask him:

1. to help to arrange financing for the acquisition of the northern part of Fort Sheridan, including the Historic District. This area would include a public park to provide open space for active/passive recreation, and would provide protection for the lakefront, bluffs, ravines and Historic District. This Historic District could be reused, preferably by a university or research institution.
2. to provide leadership in setting up a single governing authority for the Historic District and park areas, with responsibility for development and operation of the Fort Sheridan site. This authority could include representatives from the State, the Lake County Forest Preserve District and local governments.

Sen. Dixon serves on the Armed Services Committee and his strong recommendation of the Commission's plan to the Secretary of Defense is essential. In contacting Senators Dixon and Simon, please ask them to:

1. support the Commission's recommended plan for open space, park and recreation areas to the north of the Historic District and the proposed Veterans' Cemetery to its south.
2. oppose transfer or sale of housing to the Navy.
3. request a discount from the Secretary of Defense for the acquisition of the north public park areas, the lakefront, bluffs and ravines, and the Historic District.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact:

Beryl Flom: 945-1937 (President, League of Women Voters of Lake County) or
Alice Sievert: 234-4133 (Chair, Fort Sheridan Study)

Summary of the Fort Sheridan Commission's Recommendations

Designation of approximately 200 acres of open area north of the Historic District, including the current golf course, for use as a public park/open space area to include nature preserves and facilities for passive/active recreation. The Dept. of Defense would retain the existing small Army cemetery and the north Army Reserves facilities.

2. Preservation/protection of the parade ground and Historic District, and its reuse by a university/research institution or similar facility.
3. Public access to the lakefront.
4. Protection of the lakeshore, bluffs and ravines.
5. A single managing entity/authority should control and develop the Historic District and the park/open space areas north of it.
6. The proposed Veterans' Cemetery should be located to the south of the Historic District rather than to its north, so that the northern open space and the Historic District can be preserved for public use. The area south of the Historic district (except for commercial strips along Sheridan Road) would be under federal control, to include the Army Reserves area and the Veterans' Cemetery. Should the Army Reserves eventually leave the fort, the cemetery could be expanded into the Reserves area.

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LWV-IL

Proposed By-law Changes

The following are the proposed bylaw changes for Convention 1991. All are recommended by the State Board and will be presented by the state bylaws chair to the delegate body on the first day of convention. Words to be added are underlined and words to be deleted are in (parentheses).

ARTICLE II Purposes and Policy

Section 1. Purposes

Rationale: Conformance with LWVUS bylaws

ARTICLE III Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Rationale: Conformance with LWVUS bylaws

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

(a) Voting members. U.S. Citizens at least 18 years of age residing in Illinois who join the League shall be voting members of a local League, the LWV-IL, and the LWVUS).

1) Members who are enrolled in a local League shall be voting members of that local League, the LWV-IL, and the LWVUS and shall pay annual dues to that local League as determined by the local League.

Re-number and amend Sec. 2. a) 1), 2), and 3) as follows:

2) Honorary life membership shall be granted to any (voting) member of the LWV-IL who has been a member of the LWVUS for fifty years or more. No further dues will be collected and all privileges shall be retained (as a voting member).

3) Paid life members shall be those members who make a lump-sum life membership payment to the LWVUS. No further dues will be collected and all privileges shall be retained.

4) Members-at-large shall be members who reside outside the area of, and/or are not enrolled in, any local League. They shall pay annual dues to the LWV-IL as determined by the state board and shall be voting members of the LWV-IL and of the LWVUS.

Rationale: Clarification and conformance with LWVUS bylaws.

Article IV League Organization

Section 3. Inter-League Organizations

a) Inter-League organizations, hereinafter referred to as ILOs, are those groups of (Leagues which have been so recognized by the LWVUS.) Local Leagues organized to promote the purposes of the League and to take action on county, metropolitan, or regional governmental matters and which have been recognized by the LWVUS.

Rationale: Incorporate the language used in the LWVUS bylaws.

c) In the event of recurring failure of an ILO to maintain national recognition standards, the state board shall recommend to the national board that it withdraw recognition from the ILO. All funds held by the ILO from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be prorated among the Leagues responsible for funding it, after all financial obligations have been met.

Rationale: Consistent with practice.

Section 4. Member-at-Large (MAL) Units.

a) The state board may authorize the establishment of member-at-large units (in communities in which the establishment of a recognized local League is not feasible. MAL units) where circumstances dictate. Such units shall be composed of members-at-large who wish to group together for meetings, and shall operate within the limitations established by the LWVUS and within guidelines adopted by the state board.

Rationale: Clarification and conformance with LWVUS bylaws.

b) In the event of recurrent failure of an MAL unit to adhere to guidelines for members-at-large units or to operate within limitations established by the LWVUS, the state board may withdraw approval of the MAL unit. All funds held by an MAL unit from which approval has been withdrawn shall be paid to the LWV-IL, after all financial obligations have been met.

ARTICLE VII Convention

Section 2. Composition.

a) The convention shall be composed of the following voting delegates:

1) One delegate (from) representing each local or provisional League and each MAL unit for each 25 voting members or major fraction thereof based on the record in the state office of voting members as of January 1st preceding the convention.

2) A president or designated delegate from each local or provisional League and each MAL unit.

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Proposed By-Law Changes

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b) The convention shall be composed of the following non-voting participants:

1) One alternate (from) representing each local or provisional League, and each MAL unit, for each 25 members or major fraction thereof based on the record in the state office of voting members as of January 1st preceding the convention.

2) Members-at-large of the LWV-IL unless appointed as a voting delegate by a local or provisional League, or a MAL unit.

Rationale: Allow more flexibility in appointing delegates and encourage MAL unit participation.

Section 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate and alternate shall be a voting member (enrolled in, or a member-at-large appointed by, a local or provisional League in the state) of the LWV-IL.

Rationale: Simplification

ARTICLE VIII Council

Section 2. Composition. The council shall consist of:

a) Two delegates chosen by the board of each local and provisional League, and each MAL unit.

Rationale: Encourage MAL unit participation.

ARTICLE X Nominations and Elections

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the next nominating committee shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues, provisional Leagues, ILOs and to the chairs of MAL units two months prior to convention. Failure of presidents and MAL unit chairs to notify their members of the proposed state of the nominating committee shall not invalidate the nomination or election process. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the convention at its first session. Nominations may be made from the floor immediately thereafter provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Rationale: This provision protects the validity of the by-laws amendment process in ARTICLE XIV and would provide the same kind of safeguard here.

Section 4. Election. The election shall be in the charge of an election committee appointed by the president and ratified by the convention at its first business session. The election shall

be by ballot or by voting machine, except if there is but one nominee for each office it shall be by (voice vote) adoption of the slate. A majority of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

Rationale: This is the usual procedure at convention.

ARTICLE XI Program

Section 3. Adoption

a) Five months in advance of the convention the state board shall send to the presidents of local Leagues, provisional Leagues, ILOs and the chairs of MAL units a status report of the current program.

Rationale: Clarification.

c) Two months in advance of the convention, the board of directors shall submit the proposed program and the not-recommended items to the presidents of local Leagues, provisional Leagues, and ILOs and to the chairs of MAL units. Failure of presidents and MAL unit chairs to notify their members of the proposed program shall not invalidate the adoption of program.

Rationale: This provision preserves the validity of the process for adopting program.

ARTICLE XII Financial Administration

Section 3. Budget Committee. The president shall appoint a budget committee, to be chaired by a local League member, for the purpose of preparing a proposed budget in advance of the convention or Interim Council meeting. The treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the budget committee (but shall not be eligible to serve as chair). The proposed budget shall be submitted to the board of directors for approval.

Rationale: Reflects current policy.

Section 4. Budget. The board shall submit to the convention of Interim Council for adoption by a three fifths vote a proposed budget to provide support for the LWV-IL. A copy of the proposed budget shall be sent to the president of each local League, provisional League, and ILO and to the chairs of MAL units at least two months in advance of the convention or Interim Council. Failure of presidents and MAL unit chairs to notify their members of the proposed program shall not invalidate the adoption of the budget.

Rational: This provision preserves the validity of the budget adoption process.

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Fiscal Year 1991-1992 Proposed Budget

INCOME	YTD 7/1/90 - 2/28/91	FY 91 BUDGET	FY 92 BUD.GET
A. Member Support			
1.Per Member Pymts.	\$51,718.56	\$70,620.00	\$69,500
2.State Recruiting Dues	2,000.00	4,600.00	3,200
3.Local League Gifts	.00	100.00	100
4.Board Members	690.00	500.00	600
5.Individual Members	14,963.00	14,000.00	15,375
B. General Support			
1.Non-Memb. Ind. & Corp.	767.00	295.00	350
2.Speakers' Honoraria	670.00	1,000.00	1,250
C. Other Income			
1.Registration Fees	.00	29,950.00	9,250
2.Pubs. & Products	881.90	4,000.00	10,500
3.Advertisements	.00	100.00	0
4.Subscriptions	1,031.50	2,000.00	2,600
5.Interest	2,581.32	2,650.00	2,650
6.Projects	104.39	6,400.00	200
D. Other Funds			
1.Trans. fr. om Restricted	191.50	.00	1,700
2.Trans. from Reserves	.00	.00	5,175
Totals:	\$75,599.17	\$136,215.00	\$122,450

EXPENSES

A. Member Services			
1.Field Service	\$698.48	\$1,000.00	\$600
2.State Recruit. Memb.	1,286.03	2,280.00	1,360
3.Memb. Rec. Retention	81.80	1,000.00	250
4.State Convention	907.27	25,000.00	3,500
5.Meetings, Regionals	.00	750.00	625
6.Share of oper. exps.	11,798.14	25,845.00	8,225
B. Advocacy			
1.Legis. Sup	5,870.00	11,800.00	12,100
2.Action	470.09	2,670.00	1,750
3.Coalitions	300.00	550.00	550
4.Meetings	12.96	3,350.00	4,175
5.Share of oper. exps.	7,193.99	15,755.00	23,300
C. Communications			
1.Illinois Voter	3,018.81	7,600.00	6,750
2.Publications	969.44	1,200.00	2,150
3.Presidents Mailing	2,532.95	2,675.00	2,225
4.Share of oper. exps.	4,604.14	10,085.00	14,395
D. Fundraising			
1.Products	350.00	700.00	7,050
2.Phonathon	5,528.17	1,920.00	2,160
3.Local Lg. Share	2,663.50	960.00	1,070
4.Non-Mem. Solicitation	2,014.17	175.00	250
5.ABC Project	.00	3,000.00	0
6.Share of oper. exps.	2,589.83	5,675.00	13,020
E. Management & General			
1.Presidents Exps.	163.38	800.00	600
2.Board Expenses	2,343.94	3,000.00	3,000
3.National Council	94.03	2,500.00	3,500
4.Long-Range Planning	1,339.75	250.00	250
5.Share of Oper. Exps.	14,748.88	5,675.00	9,595
Totals:	\$71,579.75	\$136,215.00	\$122,450

Education Fund Fiscal Year 1991-1992 Proposed Budget

INCOME	YTD 7/1/90 - 2/28/91	FY 91 BUDGET	FY 92 BUD.GET
A. Non-League Support			
1.Corp. & Foundations	\$5,757.29	\$15,000.00	\$16,000
2.Individuals	1,049.00	2,000.00	1,000
3.LWVEF Shared Contr.	.00	1,500.00	1,200
B. Member Support			
1.Local Leagues, PMPs	9,174.05	12,460.00	12,000
2.Board Members	579.00	500.00	600
3.Indiv. Members	17,785.00	21,000.00	20,000
4.Local League Gifts	.00	100.00	100
C. Other Income			
1.Benefit	11,800.00	17,500.00	23,500
2.Pubs. & Products	3,333.36	2,000.00	5,000
3.Meetings & Seminars	786.00	1,500.00	1,360
4.Interest	7,094.81	5,500.00	5,500
5.Service Charges	500.00	200.00	1,000
D. Other Funds			
1.Trans. from Restrict.	.00	.00	4,000
2.Trans. from Reserves	.00	1,900.00	9,720
Totals:	\$57,858.51	\$81,160.00	\$100,970

EXPENSES

A. Community Education			
1.General Education	\$606.16	\$2,975.00	\$4,825
2.Voters Service	470.05	200.00	300
3.Publications	4,313.20	2,580.00	2,950
4.Share of oper. exps.	8,333.26	17,775.00	21,115
B. Fundraising			
1.Benefit	8,032.63	7,000.00	11,000
2.Phonathon	93.19	2,880.00	3,240
3.Non-mem. Solicitation	.00	240.00	250
4.Local League Share	932.22	2,400.00	4,000
5.Share of oper. exps.	18,585.53	38,610.00	48,050
C. Mgmt. & General			
1.Presidents Expenses	70.00	200.00	200
2.Board Expenses	52.00	1,150.00	1,150
3.Long Range Planning	.00	250.00	250
4.Share of oper. exps.	11,188.23	4,900.00	3,640
Totals:	\$52,898.47	\$81,160.00	\$100,970

Restricted Education Fund Budget Fiscal Year 1991- 1992

Projects	Budget	Reimb. to un-restricted
Mental Health	\$30,000	\$0
Lobbying Workshops	5,000	500
Voters Guide	8,000	800
Gov'n't Textbook	20,000	1,400
Pubs. on Convention- adopted items (2)	8,000	800
Totals:	\$71,000	\$3,500

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1991 - 1992 Proposed Legislative Priorities

This agenda is intended to be flexible to respond to public, League and legislative support and interest and will depend on available League volunteer and lobbyist time, legislative expertise and financial resources.

On most issues, the League cooperates with other organizations, works with sponsors, signs in or testifies on legislation and informs League members.

PRIORITY ONE

Education Funding — State Revenue

- Revision of the school aid formula to distribute dollars more equitably and to reduce financial disparities between districts.
- Passage of a permanent income tax increase to adequately fund education and essential human services.
- Initiatives to make the Illinois income tax more progressive and to reduce the state's reliance on the property tax.

Solid Waste Management

- Local drafted household hazardous waste legislation.
- Local siting control; waste reduction measures; low-level radioactive waste.

PRIORITY TWO

Mental Health

- Increased community services and housing opportunities.
- Revision of the Mental Health Code

Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice

- Coordinated and adequate services for children and their families.

Reproductive Choice

- Increased funding for family planning programs.
- Preservation of the right of the individual to make reproductive choices.

PRIORITY THREE

Gun Control

- Legislation restricting handguns and automatic assault-type weapons.

Family and Social Policy Issues

- Expanded programs for employment training.
- Improved access to health care.
- Measures to increase the supply of low and moderate income housing.

- Expanded child care services.
- Illinois Family Responsibility and Medical Leave Act.

Elections and Government

- Clarification of Illinois election laws.
- "Motor voter" and other expanded registration opportunities.
- A later spring primary date.
- Campaign finance reforms, including limits on campaign contributions and public funding of state-wide campaigns.

Civil Rights

- Legislation protecting individual liberties for all persons.
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Community-based alternatives to building more expensive prisons.

PRIORITY FOUR

Merit Selection of Judges

Pay Equity for State Employees

Legislation Seeking Greater Equity During Marriage and at Divorce.

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Dates To Remember

May 15th

Annual Meeting
*Please make plans to attend. Your
attendance at this meeting is very important.*

May 15th - May 17th

LWV-IL State Convention
Lisle, IL

May 28th

Joint Board Meeting
Old and New Boards

May 30th

LWV-LC Convention
Fort Sheridan, IL



Two Membership Coffees Planned for September

*The League of Women Voters of
Lake Forest-Lake Bluff*

*Invites you to a Coffee
for members, prospective members and friends.*

*Two coffees are scheduled for your convenience
at the following homes:*

*September 11, 1991
9:30 a.m.
at the home of
Virginia Magda
1392 Old Mill Road
Lake Forest*



*September 18, 1991
7:30 p.m.
at the home of
Linda Bartmes
242 Ravine Forest
Lake Bluff*

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff invites you to join the Board and membership in kicking off the 1991-1992 year at one of their annual Membership Coffees. The coffees are open to all members, prospective members, and guests. Two coffees have been scheduled to fit busy fall schedules.

A morning coffee will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. It will be hosted by League Member Ginni Magda at her home in Lake Forest. Another is set for Thursday evening, September 18, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Linda Bartmes, a long-time League member, at her home in Lake Bluff.

The 1991-1992 Board and Committee Chairs will provide refreshments and be on hand to answer your questions and give a brief overview of the programs, studies and events that have been planned for the year. Committee Chairs will assist you in deciding which committee you would like to help with.

The Voter Registration Committee will also be on hand to register members and guests for the November 5th election. If you are unregistered, please bring two forms of identification.

Please call Karen Schimmel at 295-2865 to let her know how many guests you will be bringing. The 1991-92 year is off to a great start. Come hear the exciting new programs and events planned for the year!

What is the League?

The League of Women Voters is a unique, non-partisan, issue-oriented organization committed to open, responsive and effective government brought about by informed, involved citizens.

The League membership adopts study items in May at their annual meeting. Committees of members are set up to gather factual, unbiased information on topics adopted. After careful study, the information is presented to the total membership where a consensus is formed. After consensus, a plan for Action is made. The League usually provides informational forums to the public on the study topic.

The League of Women Voters is open to all U.S. Citizens of voting age. Membership in local League includes membership and all privileges in National, State and County Leagues. Memberships may be transferred to other areas.

For more information on becoming a member, contact Karen Schimmel, Membership Director, at 295-2865 or attend any League program. Guests are always welcome!

There's a place for everyone in the League! Come to the membership coffees to find your place.



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



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League of Women Voters... A Great Place to Start

If you are interested in learning more about the various governing boards in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, then join the League! Many League members who started out as League committee chairs, observers or Board Members have gone on to hold various positions in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and the Lake County government. During the summer, three League members became active in local government!

Barbara Garrity, our 1991-92 Co-President, has been nominated for a seat on the District 115 School Board (High School). Barbara has gotten through the primary election and it looks as if she is running un-opposed on the November ballot. If elected, she will resign as Co-President of the League, as bylaws state that a board member may not serve as an elected official, but will continue to give her talents to League projects. Barbara was Chair of the Lake Forest Caucus Study and has served as moderator for many League forums. We'll miss her as a Co-President, but wish her the best in her new position.

Suzanne Henderson, a long-time League member has also been nominated for a seat on the District 115 School Board. Suzanne has been active in the League for many years. She has been an observer for the Observer Corps for almost 12 years! We wish her the best in November also.

Wendy Stotts, former Chair of the School Board study was appointed by Lake Forest Mayor Charles Clarke to the Lake Forest District 67 School Board. Upon receiving the appointment Wendy resigned as Chair of the District 67 School Board Study but continues to monitor its progress and give her input.

There are many active Leaguers, too numerous to mention, but we're proud of them all. We will spotlight one member each month in *League Lines*.

Remember, becoming an active member of the League of Women Voters is a great start for whatever you want to accomplish!

A Warm Goodbye.

It's hard to believe that I'm sitting here writing this letter to you. I've been sharing my feelings, thoughts and the copious information that comes from National, State and County and the Lake Michigan Interleague with you for three years. Truly, it has been a pleasure.

A lot has transpired since I joined the League. The Child Care Study culminated and the pre-school booklet has been reprinted twice with accolades from State. The Caucus received recognition at the State Convention for the action taken, which is on going. The School Board Study is, also, in the action stage with petitions having been passed. We tallied the survey result on the Knollwood Annexation. We have hosted many forums, the last of which were on Cable TV. Of course, numerous voters have been registered. We have raised money enough to be touted at state. I'm sure I'm forgetting something, but most importantly, we are now The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff. Wow!!

Many thanks to the ambitious leaguers who have made all of these accomplishments possible. The energy with which all responsibilities have been met and the expertise displayed are unparalleled and continue to go on.

Thank you can hardly express my appreciation to the board members (who any CEO would be proud to have sit on his/her board) and the whole membership for their help and support over the last three years. It has been an honor to serve as president of our League.

My thoughts remain with you always.

As ever,

Alice Pierce
President
1988-91

A Day of Fun To End The Summer



*On Sunday, September 15th, the LWV-LC
will sponsor 'A Day At The Harbor'*

On Sunday, September 15, 1991, the League of Women Voters of Lake County will sponsor their fund-raiser "A Day At The Harbor". The day proves to be an exciting one for the whole family so send in your check and start packing!

Starting at 12:15, there will be nature games for the kids and a guided nature walk for yourself. If you're in a relaxed mood, there will be a historical talk on the harbor, a kite flying demonstration (and a kite flying contest for those of us who are more adventure-some, with prizes for the highest flight, the longest flight, the biggest kite and the smallest that actually flies) and there's fishing for dad (licenses will be sold at the harbor). There will be volleyball, games, and a sand sculpture contest so be sure to pack your buckets and shovels! Of course there's a great beach at Winthrop Harbor so don't rule out just sitting on the beach and getting tanned while the kids go swimming (no life guard will be on duty). There will be White Elephant Sale from Noon until 3:00, so don't forget your checkbook.

After all the activities, everyone's sure to be hungry so a barbecued lunch will be provided from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. There'll be B.B.Q. Chicken, Ribs, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for the kids, corn on the cob, salad, bread, and watermelon. You can't beat those choices for a summer meal!

You should have received your invitation in the mail. If you have not sent in your reservation and would like to attend, the cost is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for teens (ages 10-18) and \$5.00 for kids (ages 3-9). Please make your check payable to LWV-LC and send to: LWV, P.O. Box 124, Deerfield, IL 60015. Include your name, address and phone number.

To get to North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor from Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, take the Tollway (94 West) North. Exit on Russell Road. Go East to Sheridan Road, turn right on Sheridan and go to 7th Avenue. Turn left at the main intersection and follow the League of Women Voters signs. In case of rain, the event will be held in a tent. See you there!

Great Decisions Focuses On Great World Events

*Amazed at the current events
in the Soviet Union?*

*Join the group on Thursday,
September 19th for an interesting
discussion of this situation
... more!*

Great Decisions is a group sponsored jointly by AAUW and the League to discuss current international situations, with a view to achieving informed opinions on controversial foreign policy issues of our time. Following a format and topics researched by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions uses the FPA current briefing book as the study guide. Cynthia Morehead, AAUW member and member also of the International Club invites members of the club to add insights to the topics under discussion.

Great Decisions will meet the third Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Buker, 485 Oakwood Avenue, Apt. A 3, Lake Forest. (Second apartment building south of the Deerpath Inn. Park on the street). Please note that the September Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19th. All League members and guests are welcome. If you have questions, feel free to call Betty at 234-4509 or Colleen Regan at 234-4796.

Committee Presents Forum To Explore Referendum

On September 25th at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room at Gorton, the LWV/LF-LB School Board Committee and the Voter Services Committee will present an educational forum on *An Elected vs. An Appointed School Board for District 67*. The forum will present a panel to discuss both points of view on the issue to help voters reach an opinion before the November 5th election.

The Committee urges all Lake Foresters to come out to this important forum. The public is also encouraged to attend. The history of the League study and the events leading to the November 5th referendum will be explored. There will also be an opportunity to have your questions answered.

In 1991, the school board committee did extensive research into the subject. They presented their information to the LWV/LF-LB general membership where consensus was reached that the League would support an elected school board.

After reaching this consensus, the League headed a petition drive and collected signatures asking the District 67 School Board to submit a referendum on the November, 1991 ballot, letting the voters decide which would be best for Lake Forest.

The committee recently published a brochure explaining the current system, the background of the League study, the effects of the proposed change and the advantages of both an appointed board and an elected one. This League publication has been mailed to all households in Lake Forest. Watch for it in your mail. Read the brochure or come to the forum to learn the facts about the Dist. 67 School Board Referendum and encourage your friends and neighbors to also. Our vote could be the deciding one, so make it an informed one!

Be an Informed Voter!

League Presidents Take Action

Facts Distorted On Fort Sheridan Plan

On July 27, 1991, the following letter to the editor was submitted to the Lake Forester and the Chicago Tribune.

"Lack of a united front may scuttle two years of work by local citizens and governmental representatives who helped to develop the Fort Sheridan Commission's reuse plan for Fort Sheridan. This plan has wide community support because it increases open space areas, provides both a public park and a national Cemetery, preserves the historic district and prevents new housing developments and associated traffic problems.

The League of Women Voters, and its Lake Forest members, support both the Commission's thoughtful plan, which is outlined below, and also the proposed purchase of the fort's north open space and lake-front by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, which wants to use fees from the existing golf course to help finance the park. Because alternate plans which would eliminate a park at Fort Sheridan are being presented to the Secretary of Defense, the League urges Lake Forest and Lake County residents to write to him asking him to accept the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission's plan 1) designates the existing golf course, open space and lake-front in the fort's north section for a publicly owned park, with golf course and/or conservation areas. 2)

cedes the 150 acre southeast section to the VA for a National Cemetery, to be phased in - as needed - to replace existing military housing, and with the potential of expansion into the adjacent 90 acre Army Reserve area, if that should be closed 3) phases out military housing, which has been a financial drain on School District 111, 4) keeps the historic district intact for potential reuse as private homes and a university/research complex, 5) avoids build-out of the Fort Sheridan site by private developers, and 6) yields substantial income to the Army from the sale of small sections of the fort for strictly defined uses.

The Commission's plan is threatened by the Navy's request for existing housing on the site designated for the cemetery, and by the VA's request for a 162 acre cemetery on the north rather than the southeast section of the fort - mainly because it would be less expensive to construct. In this they are supported by the Lake Forest City government, which fears 1) loss of buffer zone if the Secretary of Defense denies land transfer for a park and the VA selects another cemetery site in the interim, and 2) heavy traffic, based on Illinois Beach State Park figures.

However, the Department of Defense has assured the Commission that if its preferred plan were denied, it could submit a fall-back plan. Concerns about heavy traffic are also unfounded, because the proposed 250 acre park, un-

like the 4,160 acre Illinois Beach State Park, would be held by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, which requires that parks close at sunset and have no facilities for campers. Since the VA estimates traffic for the proposed cemetery to average 400 cars per day - including 27 funeral corteges, and since the proposed park would principally be a golf course (typically with maximum traffic of 20-25 cars per hour) and nature preserve, neither the park nor the cemetery would generate heavy traffic. Moreover, the VA never issued a statement that it would turn down the fort's southeast section as a cemetery site.

Because a cemetery on the fort's north section would destroy the golf course, leaving no golf course income to finance an adequate public park anywhere at the fort, the League of Women Voters opposes a cemetery at the north site. The League also opposes transfer of housing to the Navy, because inadequate federal payments for educating children from the base are bankrupting School District 111.

We hope for the continuing support of Lake Forest and Lake County residents for the acquisition of a park at Fort Sheridan."

Phyllis Albrecht
Barbara Garrity

Co-Presidents, LWV/LF - LB

Beryl Flom

President, LWV/Lake County

Action Alert

In view of the new developments on Fort Sheridan, the County League and the Study Group ask that all members write to Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney asking that he accept the Fort Sheridan Commission's recommendations on the use of the Fort. The League's position supports preserving as much of the fort as possible as open land, with

the development of a public park, to discourage the sale of the fort to developers and to phase out the use of the Fort as military housing. Please send letters and post cards to:

Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155



Let Your Opinions
Be Heard!

White Elephant Items Needed for Fundraiser

The County League needs your help! Don's Panic, all you have to do is assist them in collecting ONE piece of merchandise or a service (of course, if you can obtain more than one, that's even better!!) to be auctioned off at the white elephant sale during their fundraiser at Winthrop Harbor Marina on September 15th. Even though the date is fast approaching, it's not too late.

A white elephant is usually a very nice article for which you have no use. To that category, they wish to add services or merchandise donated by Lake County businesses. Is there a restaurant which you frequent that might be willing to help? A hairdresser looking for new customers? If you are a regular patron of a merchant, usually they are more than happy to donate to your cause.

While you're occupied with this valiant effort, consider what you could spare from among your own treasures. Didn't you just say yesterday that you needed to clean out your basement? Your attic?—Treasures are always hidden there! Usually, it's not too hard to find one unused item in your home. When you find the item you wish to donate, please call Di Kieckhefer, from the Lake County League at 381-1824 to let her know what it is.

You can drop off your item in Lake Bluff at Alice Sievert's home, 233 East Washington Ave. (234-4133), or in Lake Forest at Sue Walsh's home, 595 East Illinois Road (234-5041).

Nominations Being Accepted For LWV National Board

Is there a League member that you think would be an exceptional candidate for the LWV-US Board? Nominations are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate someone, call Barbara Garrity, 234-3769 to get the nomination form.

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest – Lake Bluff 1991 – 1992 Program Schedule

The following is a list of the planned programs for the '91 – '92 year. General Membership Meetings are open to all members and guests as well as the public. Members are encouraged to attend.

Some programs will be held in the morning, while others are to be held at night. More information will be available in the October issue of *League Lines*.

Please check *League Lines* monthly for times, locations, speakers and any scheduling changes which may occur. Although we will strive to keep the program on the date listed, unforeseen events may force us to occasionally change a date.

September 25th
*An Elected vs. An Appointed
School Board*

Date To Be Announced
An Introduction to the Lake Bluff Caucus System

October 23rd
Helping to Make Children a Priority

November 20th
The Gag Rule — Implications of the Recent Supreme Court Decision

December 3rd
State League Issues and Their Impact On Our Community,
followed by luncheon

January
Fund-raiser
(to be announced in October)

February 19th
Fair and Adequate School Funding,
A joint program with the AAUW

March 25th
Elderly At Risk

April 22nd
State of Our Two Communities

May 27th
*Annual Meeting &
Potluck Supper*



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

County Convention Results

The eleventh Biennial Convention of the LWV-LC was held in May. Barbara Garrity, president of our own League, acted as Parliamentarian. Motions were carried on all proposed items except the motion to amend the PMP to \$1.50 for the 1991-92 year with the provision that it would be increased to \$2.00 at the '92 Convention. Following lengthy discussion, pro and con, the question was called by Alice Pierce. The motion failed but a motion to amend the PMP to \$2.00 passed. The budget was then approved.

The slate of officers nominated for the new biennium was accepted unanimously. The new Lake County Board is:

Beryl Flom, President
Mary McLaughlin, Vice President
Martha Floener, Secretary
Alice Pierce, Treasurer
Ilene Abrahams, Director
Linda Bartmes, Director
Karen Cronin, Director

Incineration Interest Renewed For Lake County League

The Lake Co. League is reviewing their position on incineration as stated in the publication "Juggling Our Garbage Problem" which was issued about three years ago. It favored incineration under very strict controls. The LWV-US is claiming a position that puts a moratorium on incinerators for the next five years.

This is an issue for the County League because the Solid Waste Agency of Lake Co. (SWALCO) will be deciding whether to build an incinerator in the future. For more information or a copy of the mentioned publication, call Di Kieckhefer, 381-1824.

County League Recycling Committee Established

The Lake County League's Board gave its support for the establishment of a new Recycling Committee. The committee will take action in various ways to encourage source reduction and recycling in Lake County. A preliminary meeting was held in mid-April to determine if there was significant interest in the concept. Some areas of concern voiced by representatives from five of the six county Leagues, included: grassroots coordinated education and lobbying on waste reduction, coordinated publicity to county leagues on related events and issues concerning the county, creating a speakers' bureau and possibly holding a forum on the subject of source reduction and recycling.

The Board also voted to encourage and support the Model Community Program of Lake County (R.E.A.C.H.) which has been in operation for a full year and just received a sizable grant from Chicago Community Trust. The concept of the model community program is to encourage source reduction and recycling through education. It awards certification to businesses or institutions after they have achieved specific goals of reduction and recycling.

If you are interested in being a member of the committee, please contact Laurel Schirr, liaison for the LWV-LC, at 295-1303 for an update on the committee's June meeting and the time of the next one. Support from our League for this important committee would make a big difference.

Observer Wanted

The Lake County League needs a member to observe the Lake County Forest Board. Meetings are held once a month on Friday mornings (can possibly go into the afternoon), in Waukegan. If you are interested, call Beryl Flom, 945-1937.



Children At Risk Committee

A State Action Focus Committee has been set-up to meet the objectives of providing education for League communities about how early (ages 0-5) intervention in the lives of children can increase positive outcomes and decrease future costs and to advocate and promote the rights of children to receive intervention services.

If this topic interests you, more information will be provided at the Regionals, 1991 Workshops. Currently, our League does not have a committee or chair to address this issue.

If you would be interested in becoming a Liaison with the State Committee to keep our members abreast of the committee's developments, please call Phyllis Albrecht. She will be attending the Saturday, September 28th workshop in Arlington Heights and would love to have you attend with her. Although attending one of the workshops would be helpful, it is not required. Please see the article on the State Workshops in this issue of *League Lines*.

State Phone Tree System Needs Members To Join

The State League is looking for members to join its legislative phone tree system. The system has been a valuable tool for lobbying targeted legislators on controversial issues. If you would like to participate in any of the following trees, please call Mary Kaiser, 945-3267.

Children and Families
Education Funding/
State Fiscal Policies
Environment/Natural Resources
Gun Control
Mental Health
Reproductive Choice

League Of Women Voters of Lake Forest Lake Bluff

Dear Member,

We welcome you back to the League for another year! It's that time of year again. Fall is here and we're busy planning many exciting programs and activities for the year! The new board has been actively working this summer to make your League membership enriching.

To kick-off the new year, we will be holding our annual Membership Coffees. As in the previous years, we have scheduled one in the morning on September 11th and one at night on September 18th. Thanks to the generosity of our gracious hostesses, Ginni Magda and Linda Bartmes, we have two wonderful houses in which to greet you. The Coffees are open to all members and guests.

Margaret Magnuson has been busy this summer planning programs for the year. The complete program is listed in this issue of League Lines. We will try our best to keep the programs on the scheduled day this year, but please remember that sometimes dates must be changed to accommodate the schedules of our speaker guests. To get the year started, on September 25th, Ginni Magda and the school board committee will present a program on the District 67 School Board Referendum, coming up on the November ballot.

It's also the time of year to renew our membership dues. The Membership Committee needs our renewals by October 1st so they can get the Membership Directory printed and distributed at the October Program Meeting. Your renewal includes one year of membership in local, county, Lake Michigan Inter-League, state and national Leagues, and one year of League Lines. Please take the time to fill out the form below and mail it with your check. Your membership is important to the League.

We look forward to seeing you at the Coffees and the School Board Forum. Please feel free to call any of us on the board. Your ideas and suggestions are valuable tools in making our League one of the best in the state.

Your 1991 - 1992 Board

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Type of Membership:

Member	\$40.00	_____
Sustaining Member	\$60.00	_____
Patron	\$100.00	_____
Seniors	35.00	_____

Sorry, membership dues for the League are not tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to LWV/LF-LB and mail to:

Karen Schimmel
1870 Oak Knoll Drive
Lake Forest, IL 60045

When making contributions, please remember the LWV/IL Education Fund supports local and state educational and voter service projects. Your donation to the Education Fund is tax-deductible. Make check payable to LWV/LF-LB Education Fund.

Your cooperation in filling out the following questionnaire will help strengthen our League and the League's commitment to our community. It also helps us know you a little better. Please, take a moment and answer the following questions.

About Yourself:

Name (If not sending in membership renewal form) _____

How many years have you been a League member? _____

Number of Children _____

What is your occupation? _____

Are you a member of other Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Organizations? _____

Please list: _____

Positions Held: _____

Why did you become a member of the League of Women Voters? _____

Do you attend Programs or General Meetings? _____

Would you prefer meetings to be held a.m. or p.m.? _____

Have you worked on League Study Groups? _____

Would you be interested in learning about...? (Circle All that apply)

- a. Lake Bluff Caucus
- b. District 67 Elected School Board
- c. Lake Forest Caucus
- d. City/Village Government
- e. Elder Health/Services
- f. Children At Risk
- g. Other (Please list) _____

Would you be willing to help with ...? (Circle all that apply)

- a. Voter Registration
- b. Hospitality
- c. Communication (Publicity, Telephone Tree, Newsletter, etc.)
- d. Local Cable Presentation
- e. Fund-raising
- f. Membership
- g. Observer Corp
- h. Anywhere needed

What would you like to see more of? _____

What would you like to see less of? _____

Other Comments? _____

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LWV-IL Needs Donations
to Boost Income For Year

Since the 1991-92 State League budget was balanced with projected income from ambitious development efforts rather than an increase in the PMP, our 1992 February benefit will be more important to the League's fiscal health than ever. To boost our income, we are seeking items to offer as raffle prizes in conjunction with the benefit.

Can you help the state League by donating a week/weekend at a vacation condo/cabin, a pair of tickets to the Symphony or to a major sports event, or another similar item? Please contact Nancy Faunce at the League office if you can help. The number to call is 312-939-5935.



Bridge Group Gears Up
For Another Year Of Fun

Finally, there's a League committee to join, just to have fun! It's time again to shuffle the schedule for marathon bridge! If you have a partner, Great! If not, we'll find you one! Perhaps you would prefer to be a sub. We're always in need of people to fill in.

Marathon Bridge is played on the 4th Monday of each month except in December. At the end of the year, in May, a luncheon is held and a final round of bridge is played. If you're interested in joining the Bridge Group, call Karen Schimmel, 295-2865.

Sybil Yastrow To Discuss
School Funding in Deerfield

The LWV-Deerfield Area and the AAUW will jointly sponsor a program entitled "The Politics of Education" with Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools, at the Deerfield Library, October 8th, at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Yastrow will discuss how administrators and legislators make decisions regarding school funding and how this impacts Lake Co. schools.

Thank You

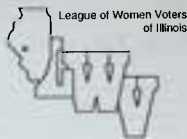
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*We thank you
Vice President David Harper
and
Notary Public Kimberly Murphy*

*for donating your
time and services.*



Regionals 1991
Power Player Politics

Workshops in

Children at Risk
School Funding
LWVUS Health Care Study

Saturday, September 28th
Arlington Heights

Wednesday, October 9th
Glencoe

These three critical public policy issues will each be the subject of a three-hour workshop at the Regionals. The workshops will be followed by lunch and a speaker who will discuss ethical considerations to be addressed in developing a sound health care policy.

Members of the LWV and other organizations interested in public action on the above issues and those interested in action, fundraising, public relations, membership, and/or citizen education for the League will benefit from these workshops and should attend. Phyllis Albrecht will be attending on Saturday, September 28th in Arlington Heights and Barbara Garrity and Laurel Schirr will be attending on Wednesday, October 9th in Glencoe. The workshops begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by lunch and speaker.

If you're interested in attending one of the workshops, please call Phyllis, Barbara or Laurel immediately as we are required to register participants at least 10 days prior to the event. LWV/LF-LB will pay the cost of members attending.

LWV Committees and Study Groups

How You Can Become More Involved in League

Become an active Leaguer! This is the time of year that the League is busy forming its various committees to carry out the functions for the year. The League needs your involvement to be effective. Please take a moment to see where your talents would best be served, then call the chair of that committee to become involved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee coordinates the finance drive for the year, including soliciting and renewing sponsorships to *League Lines* and coordinating the annual fundraiser. A fundraiser is held in January and much help is needed in this area! We need your ideas and suggestions as well as help in putting the event together. Call Chris Mardorian, Finance Director at 295-8535 for more information.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee spearheads programs and meetings throughout the year. A calendar or programs has been developed by this committee for the upcoming year but help is needed in securing speakers, coordinating programs with committee chairs and staffing program meetings. Call Margaret Magnuson, Program Director at 295-6927 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee attracts and involves members in League activities. Membership activities include Membership Coffees in the fall, membership renewals, new member orientation, developing and producing a membership directory, maintaining a state and national member listing and contacting prospective members. If you enjoy working with people, this is the committee for you. Call Karen Schimmel, Membership Director, 295-2865 for more information.

ELDER CARE STUDY

This is a new committee this year formed to monitor services available to Lake Forest and Lake Bluff seniors. The committee will collect information and study services. They will present a report to the membership at the March General Program Meeting. Please contact Ann Hamlin, for information.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

This committee publishes the monthly newsletter, *League Lines*, which is sent to all members, Lake Forest and Lake Bluff officials and area sponsors. The committee will monitor information from all committees as well as information from county, state and national leagues and relay it back to the membership. If you would enjoy writing, producing graphic art or simply getting together to put mailing labels on newsletters once a month, call Sue Walsh, *League Lines* Editor, 234-5041 for more information.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

This committee brings activities of the League to the attention of League members and the public by designing flyers, news releases for the local papers, and relaying information to the *League Lines* committee. This is one of the most important functions of the League but does not require a lot of time. If you only have a little time to spare, but would like to help get the word of what's happening to other members, call Alice Sievert, Publicity Director, 234-4133 for more information.

OBSERVER CORPS

Observers monitor local government activity by attending one or more city council, school board, or other official meetings per month of your choice and reporting the meeting's agenda back to League. This is how the League identifies issues which may need to be addressed in the community. The committee provides a pre-printed form to fill in and observer reports are featured in *League Lines*. If you have an hour or so once a month and wish to get to know your governing officials and how government works, this is for you! Call Phyllis Albrecht, 234-7062 for more information.

LFTV VOLUNTEER CABLE COORDINATORS

Last year, with the spring Candidate's Forums, the League began a new era. The forums were taped and a delayed broadcast was shown on local LFTV. We need members to be trained by LFTV to tape our forums and programs. LFTV provides all equipment and training. If learning a new skill interests you, call Barbara Garrity, 234-3769 for more information.

League Committee and Study Groups

Continued

VOTERS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Voters Service coordinates League efforts to bring election and voting information to the community. This includes planning candidates' forums, preparing candidates information, registering voters and doing voter registration. If you would be interested in becoming a registrar or deputy registrar, call Sheila Hopkins, 234-4826 for more information.

LAKE BLUFF CAUCUS REVIEW COMMITTEE

This committee is new this year. They will review and monitor the workings of the Lake Bluff Caucus system. After careful study, they will make recommendations to the membership on what, if any, changes should be made. The issue would then be presented for consensus among members, with action, if any should be needed, following. Please contact Gayle How, 295-2568 for more information.

DISTRICT 67 SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE

This committee has studied the issue of whether the Lake Forest District 67 school board should be an appointed one or an elected one. After reaching consensus last year, the committee has entered the action phase. They are in the process of planning a factual brochure, which outlines the advantages of both an elected board and an appointed one, to be mailed to residents of Lake Forest. They will also sponsor the September program, which will be a presentation of the study and the facts involved. If this subject interests you, call Ginny Magda, Chair, 295-6892 for more information.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This committee finds locations and coordinates set-up and refreshments for meetings and programs. For more information contact, Margaret Magnuson, 295-6927.

FORT SHERIDAN FUTURE USE COMMITTEE

The Ft. Sheridan Study Committee has addressed the future use of Fort Sheridan and has monitored the course taken by the Secretary of Defense, who will ultimately decide the future of the fort, the Fort Sheridan Commission and the cities involved. They will continue to monitor the situation and report to the membership through League Lines and will call for action as needed. The committee reached a position on the use of the spring of April, 1991. For more information, call Alice Sievert, Chair, at 234-4133.

ACTION COMMITTEE

The Action committee includes writing articles for League Lines when action is needed on any level, as well as preparing statements for action alerts so members can send post cards and letters to government officials. It also includes keeping abreast of issues on county, state and national levels, which may require action from local membership. For more information, call Lynn James, Action Director, at 295-5731.

SOLID WASTE/HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE

This committee has monitored the solid waste facilities and programs in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. In October, 1990, they presented a forum to the public covering recycling and how to do it, and the different forms of hazardous waste. This year, the committee will address the question of what we do with our hazardous waste, possibly coordinating a Hazardous Waste Pick-up Day for our area. For more information, or to view the October, 1990 forum video tape, call Sue Walsh, 234-5041.

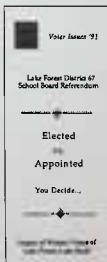
Democracy is not a spectator sport--
Get Involved!

School Board Referendum Brochure Sent To All Lake Forest Households

Lake Forest residents, check your mail! The School Board Committee has mailed a Voter Services Brochure to all Lake Forest households explaining the facts behind the District 67 School Board Referendum asking voters to decide on an elected vs. an appointed school board.

The brochure is a factual, non-biased League publication explaining the advantages of both an appointed and an elected board. It also gives an overview of the history of the League's study and explains the effects of the proposed change.

Be sure to read the brochure and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Be an informed voter on Nov. 5th.



Look for this League brochure in your mail

League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
400 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Phyllis Albrecht
217 E. Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Dated Material - Please Rush



Mark Your Calendar



Wednesday, September 11th	9:30 a.m.	<i>Membership Coffee</i> 1392 Old Mill Road Lake Forest
Sunday, September 15th	12:00 p.m.	<i>A Day At The Harbor</i> North Point Marina Winthrop Harbor
Wednesday, September 18th	7:30 p.m.	<i>Membership Coffee</i> 242 Ravine Forer Drive Lake Bluff
Thursday, September 19th	7:30 p.m.	<i>Great Decisions Meeting</i> 485 Oakwood Avenue Apartment A 3 Lake Forest
Wednesday, September 25th	7:00 p.m.	<i>An Elected vs. An Appointed School Board</i> Community Room Gorton Community Center
Saturday, September 28th	9:00 a.m.	<i>LWV-IL Regionals</i> Arlington Heights
Thursday, October 3rd	9:30 a.m.	<i>Board Meeting</i> Gorton Community Center
Wednesday, October 9th	9:00 a.m.	<i>LWV-IL Regionals</i> Glencoe

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December 1991

'92 Fundraiser will Feature Dinner and Theatre



*The LWV-LF/LB Invites You to attend
our 1992 Fundraiser*

*Featuring
"Anything Goes"*

Cole Porter's Award Winning Musical

*Saturday, January 18, 1992
5:30 p.m.
Lincolnshire Marriott*

On Saturday, January 18th, our League will hold its annual fundraiser. Yes, it's that time of year again...but relax! This year, the fundraising committee has planned a relaxing evening of entertainment for us all.

We will meet at the Lincolnshire Marriott at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, followed by a delicious dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott's King's Wharf Restaurant (and we don't even have to bring a dish!). After dinner, we will be entertained by the award winning cast of Cole Porter's fantastic musical, "Anything Goes". Curtain call is at 9:00 p.m.

Please park at the theatre entrance and register at the LWV table that will be beside the theatre entrance. The table will be clearly marked for all League guests. After registering, proceed to the lobby where there will be cocktails and socializing before dinner.

The cost will be \$60 per person, which includes dinner and the price of ticket. You should receive your personal invitation in early January. Guests and donations are encouraged as this is our main fundraiser for the year to benefit our LWV/LF-LB Education Fund.

A portion of the \$60 price is tax-deductible (\$40) so if you wish to take the '91 deduction, write your check before 1/1/92 and send directly to Chris Mardorian, 450 Butler Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045. If you have questions, call Chris at 295-8535.



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



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Holiday Recycling Tips

Over the holidays, here are some ideas for reducing our garbage and saving our natural resources:

- use cloth towels, napkins and table cloths;
- use reusable/washable table ware and utensils (not disposables);
- avoid buying items which are over-packaged or not recyclable; buy in bulk whenever possible; use your own cloth or string bags when shopping; use reusable coffee filters; turn the water off when not needed;
- use environmentally safe products when cleaning and maintaining your home;
- reuse old holiday cards for gift cards and reuse ribbons on packages;
- put gifts in reusable carry bags, wrap in recycled wrapping paper, the funny papers, or your child's drawings;
- reuse packing materials and boxes or recycle them;
- buy recycled paper products when necessary, with "post consumer" content;
- buy energy saving devices like low-flow shower heads, rechargeable battery kits, compact fluorescent light bulbs, self-propelled lawn mowers or floor sweepers;
- buy antiques or second hand items, or in general, things that last;
- buy items made from recycled materials.

Highlights of Oct. Board Mtg.

The meeting was held on October 3rd. Beryl Flom, President, Lake League was a guest at the meeting.

VOTER SERVICE

Sheila Hopkins withdrew her resignation and will remain Voter Service Chair. New voters were registered at the Newcomers luncheon.

PROGRAMS

General Meeting attendance has been down. The Elected vs. Appointed School Board Meeting in September and the Lake Bluff Caucus meeting were both poorly attended despite good publicity for both. Both study groups did a great job in their presentations.

FUNDRAISING

The fundraiser date has been scheduled for January 18, 1992. It will be a dinner theater package at the Lincolnshire, IL Marriott featuring Cole Porter's "Anything Goes". "Entertainment '92 Coupon Books will be available soon. More information on these will be printed in the newsletter.

ETCETERA

Board Minutes should be sent to the state League.

To Do List

Send In
LWV '92 dues

\$40/Regular Mbrship
\$60 Sustaining Mbrship
\$100/Patron Mbrship
\$35/Senior Mbrship

Please...
mail your check today to:

Karen Schimmel
1870 Oak Knoll Drive
Lake Forest, IL 60045



"The Haunting of Hill House"

a suspense produced by the Kirk Players acting company under the direction of John Lynn

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lake County

Friday, January 10th, 8:00 pm
Saturday, January 11th, 8:00 pm

Mundelein High School
1350 W. Hawley (at the corner of Midlothian)

Tickets: Adults \$5.00
 Students \$3.00
 Children 12 and under \$2.00
 Senior Citizens \$2.00

Call the League at 945-1937,
(945-8197 from 11/27 to 12/12),
or the producer at 566-6594

Box office opens at 7:15 pm

Parking on both sides of the school



Committee Reports

Fundraising

Chris Mardorian, Chair
295-8535

The fundraising committee is busy planning the '92 fundraiser. (See page 1 for details). We ask that all members attend the fundraiser since this is our major source of revenue for the '91-92 year. If unable to attend, please support us through a donation or an ad in the ad-book.

Even though the fundraiser this year is simple, we still need help selling ads for a program ad-book and also selling ads for *League Lines*. If left to one or two people this can be a monumental task. Please, take a moment to see where you shop regularly, then call Chris to see if they have already purchased an ad for the program book. If not, it usually only takes a simple request from a good customer.



The committee is also selling Entertainment '92 coupon books at a cost of \$30 each. These books are valuable resources for savings for almost every activity you do! There are coupons for savings at over 300 restaurants! You also get savings on Bulls, Sox and Cubs Tickets as well as savings on Theater tickets, rental cars, hotels, video rentals, dry-cleaning, movies and just about anything else you can think of. You will find that this is a great way to support the League while getting your money back in savings in almost no time at all.

Call Chris Mardorian or Beth Bernardi to get your copy and don't forget that frugal-minded person on your holiday list. Be sure to hurry because supplies are limited and they are going fast!

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Voter Services would like to thank all the deputy registrars who took part in our fall voter registration drive. The committee registered a total of 151 voters from July through September! Alice Sievert, Cari Sevcik, and Linda Williams organized the annual registration table at the Lake Bluff 4th of July celebration and over the Labor Day weekend, Joan Barrus, Priscilla Bina, Mary Liz Carney, Barbara Garrity, Marty Preiss, Bea Mueller, Julia Shackelford, Cari Sevcik, Eleanor Knight, Alice Pierce and Colleen Thornton braved the bees and registered a total of 105 voters!

The committee extends a special thanks to Alice Pierce and Sue Hood who were able to find more forms and kept the League in business long after our original supply had been exhausted. Phylis Gilboy and Wendy Stotts were also successful in registering voters at the Everett Open House and the Newcomers Luncheon. Thanks to you all!

Membership

Karen Schimmel, Chair
295-2865

The Committee would like to extend a word of thanks to Ginni Magda and Linda Bartmes who hosted the Fall Membership Coffees.

If you have not sent in your membership dues, please do so right away so the committee can get the Membership Directory printed and distributed. The Directories will be distributed in January. Membership dues are \$40.00 which includes membership in National, State, County, Lake Michigan Inter-league and of course, our local League. Patron memberships are available at \$100, Sustaining at \$60, Senior at \$35. If you have any questions, please call Karen Schimmel.

Action

Lynn James, Chair
295-5731

Please note the Action requests on the following pages concerning Fort Sheridan. Your help in writing and calling city council members in Lake Forest seems to have made a big difference in the outcome of the Fort Sheridan proceedings. (Please see page 6 for story).

There are also ACTION ALERTs concerning the House proposal to cut special interest campaign contributions and provide limited public financing to candidates for the House of Representatives who agree to abide by reasonable spending limits. (See page 8 for details)

We realize this seems like a lot of letter writing but remember that it is the most effective way to reach your elected officials. Most members of the national Congress positively do read their mail. Moreover, they are interested in its contents. The mood and tenor of the daily mail from home is a recurring topic of conversation in the rear of the House and Senate Chambers or around the coffee cups in the dining rooms of the capital. You can make an impact on the critical public policy challenges facing our nation, the state of Illinois, and our communities. When you see an ACTION ALERT in *League Lines* or the state or national newsletter, take a moment and send a post card, telegram, mailgram or make a phone call. Protocol for addressing elected officials is located in the back of your membership directory. You can make a difference!



Help Make
a Difference.

Tell your
representatives
what you think!

Committee Reports

Continued

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

Thanks are due to the Fort Sheridan Study Group and to the many League and community members who helped to bring information about the Forest Preserve District's proposal for the north section of Fort Sheridan to the attention of the Lake Forest City Council and the community. Based on this information and on the strong support for a Forest Preserve District Park, the City Council unanimously supported a park for the north section of Fort Sheridan.

Special thanks are due to members of the Fort Sheridan Study group - Alice Pierce, Laurel Schirr, Sue Hood, Neil Sherman, to Co-Presidents Barbara Garrity and Phyllis Albrecht, and County League President, Beryl Flom, who gave much time and thought to this study. The help of many other League members and members of other community groups, who attended meetings, made phone calls and circulated petitions is also much appreciated.

The following Committees are active but had no report for this issue of *League Lines*. If you would like to be involved with any of the Committees listed, please call the Chair of that Committee to indicate your interest.

School Board Study

Ginni Magda, Chair
295-6892

Elder Care Study

Ann Hamlin, Chair
234-9042

Lake Bluff Caucus

Gayle How, Chair
295-2568

National Health Care Study Begins Consensus Process

The following are questions which our League will reach consensus on for the National Health Care Study. A meeting is being sponsored by the LWV-Lake County on January 8th at Deerfield High School featuring several panelists to discuss the National Health Care situation and to answer any questions you may have on the subject. (See page 8 for more details). This is the first in a series of questions on this subject. There is a detailed discussion available for each question. If you would like a copy for your reference, please call Bea Mueller at 234-9398. The Health Care consensus will be held near the end of January. Watch for details in the January issue of *League Lines*.

Question I. What should the goals of health care policy in the US include? Rate each item according to the value you place on that goal:

HP "High Priority", LP "Lower Priority", NP "Not a Priority", or NC "No Consensus".)

- a) Minimum basic level of care for all U.S. residents
- b) Health care at an affordable cost to the individual patient
- c) Quality standards of care
- d) Consumer choice in the selection of health care providers
- e) Choice for providers in the selection of type of practice (i.e., traditional single or group practice, HMO's, etc.)
- f) Efficient and economical delivery of care
- g) A reasonable total national expenditure level for health care
- h) Equitable distribution of health care services
- i) Advancement of medical research and technology
- j) Other

Question II. If a goal of U.S. health care policy is a minimum basic level of care for all U.S. residents, what should that minimum basic level include?

- k) prevention of disease
- l) Health promotion and education
- m) Primary care
- n) Acute care
- o) Long-term care
- p) Mental health care
- q) dental care
- r) Vision care
- s) Hearing care
- t) Other

Question III. If a goal of U.S. health care policy is equitable distribution of health care services, what would contribute to achieving this goal?

(A-"Agree", D-"Disagree", N-"No Consensus")

- u) Requiring insurance companies to use community rating instead of experience rating
- v) Allocating services to medically underserved areas
- w) Providing for training of health care professionals in needed fields of care
- x) Mandating uniform service levels for all publicly funded health care programs
- y) Providing for insurance pools for small businesses and organizations
- z) Other

Update On Future Use of Fort Sheridan

Background

On November 16th, the Lake Forest City Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Fort Sheridan Commission's recommendation for open space, a park and nature preserves on the north section of the fort and a national cemetery at the south end. They also supported a Lake County Forest Preserve District proposal for an 18-hole golf course and nature preserves on the north section of the fort, on the condition that an inter-governmental agreement on funding deadlines and on annexation be drawn up between the City and the forest Preserve District. Until November 16th, the City of Lake Forest was the only member of the Fort Sheridan Commission to support a National Cemetery on the northern section of Fort Sheridan.

The support of the City of Lake Forest for the Fort Sheridan Commission's proposal makes it more likely that Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney will go along with the Commission's recommendations, which now have the unanimous support of the three surrounding communities, the county and our elected representatives. Representative Porter is now arranging a mid-December meeting between Secretary Cheney, the three mayors and representatives of governmental and community organizations to press for the Forest Preserve District Park for the north section of fort Sheridan.

Details about the two conflicting proposals of the north section of Fort Sheridan are outlined below, together with the League's concerns about their environmental impact. Copies of the League's position on Fort Sheridan can be obtained from Alice Sievert, Fort Sheridan Study Chair, at 234-4133.

Proposal for a Forest Preserve District Park

A 250 acre park on the north section of Fort Sheridan, to include the existing 18-hole golf course, ravines, natural areas and the northern lake-front is proposed by the Forest Preserve District, which has offered to purchase this property for \$10 million. The golf course is to be gradually improved and landscaped with native vegetation, nature trails would be developed, and the road to the lake-front would be closed to the public. No swimming would be permitted, and the emphasis would be on protection of the natural areas. Funding for the purchase would come from a bond issue proposed for 1993, though funding may also be available from other sources. Development costs could be partially met from revenues from several Forest Preserve District golf courses.

The LWV supports the Forest Preserve District's Proposal for a park on the North section of Fort Sheridan.

Proposal by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a National Cemetery.

A 188 acre cemetery is proposed for the north open space sections of Fort Sheridan, but would not incorporate the bluffs and ravines, since the DVA would prefer to delegate responsibility for these to another agency, as yet not identified. The cemetery is projected to accommodate up to 200,000 burials within a 21 to 35 year period, with double depth interment resulting in up to 1740 burials per acre. The peak burial rate is projected at 6700 per year, or 27 per weekday, and rates exceeding 6000 per year are projected to prevail for up to 18 years.

Environmental concerns about the proposed cemetery

There was no requirement that caskets or concrete liners be watertight, even though the lower casket would be at a depth of 7 ft. while the early spring water table was reportedly at or below 36" (though this would probably vary by location and rainfall.) The cemetery would be on bluffs fronting on Lake Michigan, a short distance from water intake plants for neighboring communities, and from swimming beaches. While the Final Environmental Impact Statement indicates that only a low and localized increase in nitrates and organic matter could be expected in the immediate vicinity of an interment, it does not state whether these data were derived from single interment sites, from cemeteries where only occasional burials take place, or from burial operations similar in intensity to those projected for the Fort Sheridan site. Because many of the larger national cemeteries front on the ocean or on brackish water, the possibility that cemetery run-off may contaminate drinking water supplies may not have had to be addressed in the past.

In assessing the impact of the proposed cemetery on drinking water supplies of surrounding communities, the erroneous assumption was made that they derive their drinking water from aquifers (i.e. wells), which were unlikely to be polluted. In reality, shoreline communities get their drinking water from Lake Michigan water intake plants on the lake shore.

In an attempt to reduce its costs, the DVA is moving away from operating smaller veterans' cemeteries at multiple sites (which has been the pattern in Illinois) and instead is planning a single central cemetery with an associated scale-up in burial density, acreage, and burial density, acreage, and burial rate—but without checking into the potential adverse effects of such a scale-up. We believe that it is essential to

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Update on the Future Use of Ft. Sheridan

check in advance if the intense interment activities, and the on the Lake Michigan water quality, or on the ecology and stability of the natural areas, ravines and bluffs.

Environmental Concerns pertaining to both cemetery and park.

Based on aerial photographs, erosion losses to the top of the Fort Sheridan bluffs have ranged from 14 to 75 ft. during the 50 years between 1937 and 1987, and this should be taken into consideration in any plans for the site. The use of fertilizers and herbicides should also be as limited as possible.

Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Community Update

The Village Children's Center in Lake Bluff will open two new programs for two year olds in January, 1992!

2's DROP-IN

9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. (3 hour maximum)

Playtime and fun activities

Children may bring a lunch

2's FULL DAY CARE

7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Pre-school, snacks, playtime, lunch and nap

Call 295-1455 for more information

FORT SHERIDAN ACTION ALERT

OUR LEAGUE NOW NEEDS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SUPPORT A PARK ON THE NORTH SECTION OF FORT SHERIDAN. Please help by:

1. Writing to President George Bush (The White House, Washington D.C. 20500) and send copies to:
2. The Honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Room E 880, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155.

POINTS TO MAKE IN LETTERS TO PRESIDENT BUSH AND MR. CHENEY:

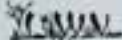
The 250 acre section of northern Fort Sheridan should become a park, not a national cemetery because:

It is the last large open land area along the Lake Michigan shore in Illinois which still contains beautiful and unique natural areas, including the lakefront, bluffs and ravines and also contains an existing golf course, in which revenues can be used to maintain and develop the nature preserves. In our rapidly urbanizing area, this site is our last chance for a lake front public park, with well-preserved natural areas. The Fort Sheridan Commission has recommended that the site become a park. The Lake County Forest Preserve District, with the support of the Department of the Interior, has offered to buy it for use as a park and nature preserve, to be funded from local (not federal) sources.

The site is not suited to a large national cemetery because it lies in a rapidly growing suburban area, with traffic congestion and a premium on open space and public access to the lake front. Moreover, a 188-acre cemetery located on an eroding lake front, and intended to accommodate 200,000 interments within a 21 to 35 years, and with no requirement for sealed caskets or grave liners, could have a potential negative impact on the environment, including the stability of the fragile bluffs and ravines and on Lake Michigan water quality.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) had not placed ads for a cemetery site in Lake County, IL and Wisconsin papers, and so had not considered other sites in this area which could accommodate the 265-acre cemetery initially planned, and would be more accessible to veterans from both Illinois and Wisconsin.

The recommendations of the Fort Sheridan Commission represent a consensus of local elected officials, the county board and state legislators, and reflect the wishes of local residents, since the commission received extensive public input.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

Panel To Discuss National Health Care Policy at Forum

The LWV of Lake County has arranged a panel of eminent speakers to address some of the concerns of our national health care policy and options for reform. They will speak and answer questions on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:15 p.m. at the Deerfield High School, 1959 Waukegan Road, Deerfield. The school is located about half way between Deerfield Road and Rt. 22. Further information can be obtained by calling Karen Cronin at 945-1694.

Panelists will be:

Dr. Quentin Young, President of the Physicians for a National Health Program and Professor of Preventative Medicine at the University of Illinois Medical School

Dr. P. John Seward, Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association;

Robert Steitl, Senior Counsel for the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA).

We have asked these panelists to address the concerns raised in the League's healthcare study which is coming to consensus also in January. Specifically, they will talk about the goals of the U.S. healthcare system, minimum basic level of care, equitable distribution of services, acceptable cost control mechanisms (including the impact of malpractice in the U.S. and administrative costs), rationing, and realistic funding. The panelists also represent different points of view regarding possible solutions.

We urge you to come and bring friends and spouses so that you may be better informed before consensus is taken by your local League.

LWV-LC Sponsors The Haunting of Hill House Benefit

The profits from the Kirk Players production of *The Haunting of Hill House* will benefit the county League at the January 10th and January 11th performance Mundelein High School. Both performances begin at 8:00 pm. The play is reasonably priced and is perfect family entertainment.

The Kirk players produce 3 plays per year for the benefit of non-profit service organizations. The LWV-LC feels fortunate to have been chosen for the January performance.

The Haunting of Hill House is a masterful adaption for the stage by F. Andrew Leslie of Shirley Jackson's suspense novel. This chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror concerns a small group of psychically receptive

people brought together to study the supernatural phenomena of Hill House. The house is alleged to possess powers which have brought madness and death to past inhabitants. This classic suspense drama will intrigue and excite an audience of all ages above second grade.

Your support is simple - just come and bring all your friends! Further support could involve taking out an ad in the program (\$50/half page or \$30/quarter page for both January and April plays), finding a donor for refreshments, serving refreshments, or taking tickets at the door. Please call Beryl Flom (945-1937 for more information or for tickets. Locally, LWV-LC Board Members Alice Pierce (295-0801) or Linda Bartnes (234-7069) also have tickets.

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ACTION Needed to Support House Proposal

On October 9th, Representative Sam Gedenson (D-Ct.), chair of the House Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform, unveiled his proposal to cut special interest campaign contributions and provide limited public financing to candidates for the House of Representatives who agree to abide by reasonable spending limits.

Please write and call your members of Congress and urge them to:

- support public financing of House elections,
- cut special interest funding of elections, and
- oppose any efforts to weaken the Gedenson proposal to reform campaign finance laws.

The Gedenson proposal sets a voluntary \$600,000 spending limit for House candidates. Those who agree to abide by the limit would receive up to \$200,000 in public financing in the form of matching payments for individual contributions of \$200 or less.

Participating candidates would also receive reduced costs for television, radio, and postage. The funds for the public financing would not add to the deficit or be taken from other programs. The money would come from ending the tax deductibility of lobbying expenses by corporations and trade associations.

All House candidates, even those not opting for the spending limit, would have their political action committee (PAC) receipts limited to \$200,000, under the Gedenson proposal. Contributions above \$200 from individuals would also be limited to a total of \$200,000.

Campaign finance reform is the real solution to much of what is wrong with Congress. Only by enacting campaign finance reform can congress reduce the influence of special interests, ensure fair political competition and get the public back into the election process.

Please Support Campaign Finance Reform!

LWV-IL Lunch Addresses Teen Access To Abortion

The LWV-IL's January Brown Bag Lunch program will address the issue of teen access to abortion. The IL Parental Notice of Abortion Act has been the subject of extensive litigation. The Act would require a physician to notify both parents of a teen at least 24 hours before performing an abortion and provides that minors may petition the court for a judicial bypass option does not provide a confidential and expeditious alternative.

Join us in the state League office on Wednesday, January 29th, when an ACLU lobbyist will be our speaker on this issue. Gather for lunch at 12:15, program will begin at 12:30 and adjourn promptly at 1:15. Please call Mary Coy at the state office (312) 939-5935, if you would like to attend.

LWV-IL Pro-Choice Alliance News

While our neighboring midwest states continue to enact measures that restrict women's reproductive choices, Illinois has kept these in tact. All anti-choice bills were defeated in the 1991 session of the General Assembly. This record reflects the strength of Illinois' pro-choice citizenry and the work of the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance, to which the state League belongs.

This year the Alliance organized 7 lobby days in Springfield for members of its 48 member organizations. The Alliance provides up-to-the minute information on pertinent state and federal legislation to members, the press, and the public. To become involved in the Alliance, please call Laura Sabransky, LWVIL Reproductive Choice Specialist, at 312-939-5935.



The League Goes On-Line with PRODIGY E-Mail

Using Prodigy's E-Mail service, members from Wisconsin, Colorado, and Pennsylvania are "computerating" with each other. Mary Ellen Barry, a national board member, reports that they are very interested in expanding their network.

If you are a Prodigy subscriber the network wants to hear from you! Send Mary Ellen an e-mail message. Her mailbox ID is SHNM23B. She'll be happy to respond and put you in touch with other League members around the country.

SIGN ON IN SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND IN COMMEMORATION OF ROE V. WADE



On January 22, 1992, a signature ad commemorating the 19th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and supporting the right to choose abortion will appear in the Chicago Tribune. The ad is being coordinated by the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance. The League of Women Voters is working, along with the other 48 member organizations, to collect 1400 names for this full-page ad.

Please send in the form below, by January 6, 1992, so that your name can be included in the ad. Your contribution helps to defray the purchase of advertising space and includes admission to the Alliance's Roe v. Wade reception on January 22nd.

I want to sign on! Add my name to the ad.

Name _____

(Please print your name as you wish it to appear)

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Telephone # _____

I have enclosed: \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

A donation is enclosed, but do not print my name

Please make check payable to: IL Pro-Choice Alliance

Send to: 20 E. Jackson, #1600, Chicago, IL 60604

Contributions are NOT Tax-Deductible

You will receive an invitation to the January 22nd reception.

League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
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Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

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Lake Forest, IL 60045



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217 E. Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff IL 60044

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Mark Your Calendar

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Deerfield |
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Mundelein |
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LWV- LF/LB Fundraiser
Lincolnshire Marriott
Lincolnshire, IL |
| Wednesday, February 19th | | <i>Fair and Adequate School Funding</i>
(A joint program with AAUW)
Gorton Community Center
Lake Forest |
| Wednesday, March 25th | | <i>Elderly At Risk</i>
Gorton Community Center
Lake Forest |



Fair and Adequate School Funding, Do the children of Illinois have this right?

On Wednesday, February 19th, at 7:30 p.m. our February General Meeting will present "Fair and Adequate School Funding" as the topic for discussion. The meeting will be held in the South Meeting Room in the basement at Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest.

School districts poor in property wealth often only have a half or a third as much to spend per pupil as do districts endowed with great property wealth. This is manifestly unfair. The quality of a pupil's schooling should not depend upon the wealth of the school district in which that child's parents happen to reside.

Illinois is one of the few states in the union to have actually reduced its percentage commitment to education. For the better part of a decade and a half, state government in Illinois has simply tried to ignore the problem as state funding of the local schools slipped from 48% to 39%. A group of 55 Illinois school districts and several individual school children filed a lawsuit challenging the fairness of Illinois' current funding system.

Judy Berliant, a Libertyville LWV member, and chairman of the school funding committee and Nancy Paul, LFLB LWV member and District 115 School Board member will address us on this issue. Judy and Nancy will explain the progress that this LWV-IL study item has taken.

There is an article in the Winter 1991-1992 issue of the *Illinois Voter* which explains background of the League's involvement and the lawsuit itself. If you would like a copy, please call Sue Walsh at 234-5041.

We encourage our members and the community to come out and become informed on this issue. The outcome of this lawsuit could have a tremendous effect on our own schools.



Woman Citizen, August 25, 1917

Our Parents, Ourselves The Elderly At Risk

"Our Parents, Our Selves, The Elderly At Risk" will be the topic for the March 25th General Meeting. This is a topic that touches a great many of our lives. Some of us are seniors and live with the realities of being being dependent on others for such things as transportation, financial and legal advice, and health care. Others of us, as we grow older, are faced with the reality that we are now in the caretaker role for our parents as well as our children.

At the March General Meeting, we will address where to find some of the services available for the elderly here in our community, legal situations the elderly face and how to avoid financial abuse.

Joining us will be Larry Smith, an attorney with Prairie State in Waukegan, a public interest law firm and Gail Blake, an investigator with Catholic Charities. They will address how the elderly can be protected and answer any questions you may have.

For more information on this important meeting, please call Margaret Magnuson, Program Director, at 295-6927.



The Lake Forest Senior Center is one of the many services available to our Elderly.

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Highlights of the November Board Meeting

The November 6, 1991 Board Meeting was attended by Phyllis Albrecht, Barbara Garrity, Jennifer Hamilton, Lynn James, Ginni Magda, Margaret Magnuson, Karen Schimmel, Laurel Schirr and Alice Sievert.

1992 Fundraiser

It was suggested that a fundraising goal of \$4,000 would be more realistic than the \$6,500 budgeted for the year for the January 1992 fundraiser. A finance meeting was planned.

Election Results

The results of the November election were discussed. The Forest Preserve Referendum was defeated (approximately 53% to 47%) although it did pass in Lake Forest. The Elected School Board Referendum was passed by almost 3:1.

The December Board Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

Ft. Sheridan Study

Alice Sievert discussed the status of the study and explained that the EPA addressed some of the environmental concerns regarding a cemetery but left many unanswered. Housing for the homeless under the McKinney act remains a possibility. Members were urged to attend a meeting in Highland Park with Congressman Porter where Ft. Sheridan and impact aid would be the main topics.

Membership

It was reported that there were 8 new members. Karen Schimmel outlined a plan to write and phone members who had not renewed their membership.

Etcetera

A letter of resignation from Barbara Garrity was read. Barbara resigned from the board when she was elected a District 115 School Board member.

Board training was postponed until January.

Treasurer's Report

as of November 30, 1991



BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 5,072.24
INCOME		
Dues	\$ 175.00	
Bridge	468.00	
Entertainment Books	280.00	
Pre-school Booklets	13.00	
Interest-Checking	19.81	
Total Income		\$ 955.81
EXPENDITURES		
Entertainment Books	\$ 280.00	
Program Notification (postcards)	86.32	
Program Arrangements	6.73	
Membership Expenses	34.80	
Bridge Marathon	28.80	
LWV Publications	70.85	
Admin-Copies	25.74	
Ft. Sheridan Study	12.29	
Total Expenditures		\$ 545.53
ENDING BALANCE (11/30/91)		\$5,482.52



Committee Reports

Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Chair
234-4133

On December 17, 1991, Congressman John Porter and a Lake County delegation met with Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to present the Fort Sheridan Commission's master plan for the future reuse of Fort Sheridan. Governor Edgar and Senators Dixon and Simon also sent representatives to this meeting, to state their support for this locally developed plan, which has the unanimous support of adjoining communities. The Lake County delegation included the mayors, representatives of the affected school districts, presidents of the Lake County Board and the Lake County Forest Preserve District, and the president of Advocates for the Public Interest in Fort Sheridan (a group of organizations, including the LWV of Highland Park, which support public use of open space at Fort Sheridan).

Congressman Porter's presentation of the proposed master plan was illustrated by plans and maps. He also emphasized the financial drain of military housing on local school districts. The Lake County Forest Preserve District, which has made a \$10 million purchase offer for the northern section of the fort, presented its proposal for a golf course and nature preserve on the site. The Department of Veterans's affairs, which wants a cemetery on the fort's north section, declined an invitation to attend this meeting but will meet separately with Mr. Cheney. Mr. Cheney made no commitment, but was impressed with the unity of the delegation.

In order to be able to lobby the entire Illinois congressional delegation in support of the League's position on Fort Sheridan, the Lake County League wrote to all Illinois Leagues to ask permission to contact their congressmen. Such approval has now been obtained.

Ft. Sheridan Committee Report Continued

Our thanks go to LWV of Illinois President Eleanor Revelle who guided us through this lengthy procedure and to all the Illinois Leagues who support our efforts. Also, belated thanks to LWV LF-LB member Ginny Alexander, who was inadvertently omitted last month from the list of members of the Fort Sheridan Study group who had worked hard in support of the League's position.

The following committees are active but had no report for this issue of League Lines.

School Board Study

Ginni Magda, Chair
295-6892

Elder Care Study

Ann Hamlin, Chair
234-9042

Lake Bluff Caucus

Gayle How, Chair
295-2568

Voter Services

Sheila Hopkins, Chair
234-4826

Membership

Karen Schimmel, Chair
295-2865

Action

Lynn James, Chair
295-5731

Fundraising

Chris Mardoian, Chair
295-8535

The January 18th fundraiser was a big success! League members and their guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Lincolnshire Marriott's Kings Warf Restaurant and were then entertained with Cole Porter's fantastic musical "Anything Goes". Everyone had a fun time and we met our fundraising goal for the year. *Specific totals were not available for this issue of League Lines.*

The committee would like to thank all the members who gave their time and efforts in selling ads and preparing the adbook for the fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$2,000.00 from the adbook alone. A big thank-you is extended to the following: Chris Mardoian, Beth Bernardi, Joan Barrus, Sherri Featherston, Susan Garrett, Barbara Garrity, Alice Sievert and Sue Walsh.

We are still selling Entertainment '92 coupon books at a cost of \$30 each. These books are valuable resources for savings on almost every activity you do! There are coupons for several restaurants, sporting events, rental cars, hotels, dry-cleaning and many too numerous to mention.



Area restaurants that have coupons in the book include Southgate Cafe, The Silo, The Rockland Roadhouse, Me & Mrs. P., J.B. Winberrie, Michaels, Panda, Panda, Bino's, Joe Henry's, Hunan North, Best Hunan, Sluggers, Silk Mandarin, Flirts, plus McDonalds, Domino's, Burger King and more. Call Chris to get your coupon book today!

Join Us for a Program Planning Session and help frame our League Program!

Each year we set aside an opportunity to examine
our League Program and devise our plans for the future.

On February 5, at 8:00 p.m.
Gorton Green Room
Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest

we will examine the 12 issues that the National LWV Board
has suggested for emphasis in
1992 through 1994.

Where can the League be most effective?

What has our League accomplished?

What issues are politically relevant today?

Do any of these issues affect us?

We will also examine our own program ideas
and look for suggestions for new
programs concerning
Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Lake County.

This is a critical strategic step in planning our future so that it
may be presented to our League during our
Annual Meeting in May.

JOIN IN AND BE COUNTED!!!

1990-92

National Program

Complex health care policy issues, a threatened environment, economic problems, emerging democracies abroad....These and other timely issues provide the framework for national program planning 1992-94. What issues should command League attention for the next two years? What are the issues on which the LWV can make an impact?

As the League looks to its national convention in June 1992 where the LWVUS National Program will be adopted, member involvement is critical now for deciding the LWV program emphasis for 1992-94.

Our League will be sending our views and ideas about critical issues to the national board, along with other Leagues across the nation. Our views will be counted with those of other Leagues to determine the national focus of our national organization.

This process doesn't work without your input. Member participation gives this process grassroots momentum. Without your views, the process will be missing an essential element.

Think about these 12 issues suggested by the national board, and decide what issues perk your interest. What issues need the League's unique role, our one-two punch of education and advocacy?

Participate in national League program planning. We will be holding a strategic planning meeting for all LWVLF-LB members on February 5th at 8:00 p.m. in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center. Come out and bring your views and ideas for national as well as local programming. We need your participation in planning so that we can represent your views to the National League. There will be a brief board meeting at 7:00 p.m. before the Program Planning Session.



Issues Suggested for Consideration by the National Board

(Please prioritize these from most important to least important.)

Government

Electoral Reform
Federal Deficit and Budget
Right of Privacy in Reproductive Choices

International Relations

Trade and the International Economy
Arms Control
Defense Spending

Natural Resources

Waste Management and Pollution Control
Energy
Use of the Nation's Land

Social Policy

Health Care
Civil Rights
Workforce Issues in a Changing Population

Other Issues?



1990-92 National Program

GOVERNMENT

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

Agricultural Policy

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

Citizen Rights

Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation.

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

Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

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

Congress and the Presidency

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

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

DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation

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

Election Process

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

of government based substantially on population.

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

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

Fiscal Policy

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

Gun Control

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

Voting Rights

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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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

Arms Control

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

Military Policy and Defense Spending

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

Trade

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

United Nations

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Resource Management

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

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

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

Public Participation

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

SOCIAL POLICY

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

Child Care

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

Equality of Opportunity

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

Meeting Basic Human Needs

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

Urban Policy

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

HEALTH CARE STUDY

Evaluate public and private mechanisms for delivery and financing of health care in the United States.

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

- Competent personnel with clear responsibilities;
- Coordination among agencies and levels of government;
- Adequate financing;
- Effective enforcement;
- Well defined channels for citizen input and review.



Celebration Planned to Commemorate 72 Years

The League of Women Voters of Illinois will be celebrating 72 years of promoting good government with a comedy murder show. Can you figure out who did it? Sit back and enjoy the show as professional actors play out a comedy murder mystery amongst those gathered for cocktails and dinner. Written especially for the League, the show will provide plenty of opportunities for comedy as well as murderous intentions! Materials will include current topics such as legislative redistricting and the upcoming elections. Pick up as many clues as you can because there are prizes for any sleuth who can solve the crime and figure out "who done it!"

The Scene of the Crime:

The Date:

The Time:

The Show:

The Extras:

The glamorous Hotel Nikko in Chicago

Sunday evening, February 23, 1992

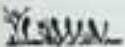
5:00 cocktails, 6:00 dinner, Cash Bar

Will unfold throughout the evening!

Great raffle prizes; silent auction, delicious meal, good company, and support for an organization working for improved public policy in Illinois.

WV before February 10, 1992

Call Phyllis Albrecht for more information, 234-7062



Health Care Panel Forum was Well Attended

The Healthcare Panel that was held on January 8th was very well attended with about 85 members participating. The League provided panelists to address the concerns raised in the League's health care study.

Beryl Flom videotaped the discussion. If you were unable to make the meeting, call Karen Cronin at 945-1694 to borrow it.

If you are interested in participating in the League's National Health Care Study, please call Bea Mueller at 234-9398. She will provide you with more information about the study and the status of the consensus taken in January.

Training Sessions Scheduled Want to be a Moderator or Discussion Leader?

The League of Women Voters of Lake County has set up training sessions for Moderators and for Discussion Leaders. Moderators will be given some clues about how to moderate a candidates' forum or debate on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:45 p.m. at Blair Park Community Center in Lake Bluff. The leader will be Marilyn Scholl, who has moderated candidate forums for Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

To get to the Blair Park Community Center, take 176 East to Green Bay Road in Lake Bluff and go north to the first street on the left which goes into the park.

Joan Neil will train Discussion Leaders to lead a consensus discussion on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7:45 p.m. in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest.

THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES

ACTION ALERT

The US faces a crisis in solid and hazardous waste. Americans throw away enough bottles and jars to fill the Twin Towers at New York's World Trade Center every two weeks; enough aluminum to rebuild the nation's commercial air fleet every three months; and enough office and writing paper to build a 12-foot wall from Los Angeles to New York every year. As landfills reach capacity across the country, we are fast running out of space to dispose of wastes. At the same time, Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.

To solve these problems, our nation must move from a throw-away economy toward one based on waste reduction and solid waste recycling. Several steps must be taken at the federal level.

We must build recycling markets for solid waste. Both supply and demand measures are needed. We must reduce unnecessary use of toxic chemicals and strengthen citizens' right to know about toxics in their community.

The League asks you to write to your representatives and the President calling on them to sign legislation that will build a recycling economy, cut unnecessary waste and protect our communities. Urge them to support the following:

recycled content standards for products,

diversion of recyclable materials from landfills and incinerators,

packaging efficiency standards and container deposit legislation, and

community right-to-know legislation on toxic and hazardous chemicals.

You will find addresses and phone numbers for our representatives in the back of your membership directory.

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Dated Material - Please Rush



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, February 5th	7:00 p.m.	<i>Board Meeting</i>
	8:00 p.m.	<i>Program Planning Session</i> Green Room Gorton Community Center Lake Forest
Wednesday, February 19th	7:30 p.m.	<i>Fair and Adequate School Funding</i> (A joint program with AAUW) Gorton Community Center Lake Forest
Sunday, February 23rd	5:00 p.m.	<i>Comedy Murder Show</i> LWVIL The Hotel Nikko, Chicago
Wednesday, March 25th	7:30 p.m.	<i>Our Parents, Ourselves, The Elderly At Risk</i> Gorton Community Center Lake Forest



Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper Scheduled For May 20th

1992 Annual Meeting Agenda

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| 7:30 p.m. | Call to Order
Announcements
Adoption of Rules |
| 7:45 p.m. | Treasurer's Report |
| 7:50 p.m. | Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Budget |
| 8:00 p.m. | Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Existing Positions |
| 8:15 p.m. | Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Program |
| 8:30 p.m. | Report of the Nominating Committee; Election of Officers |
| 8:45 p.m. | President's Report |
| 9:00 p.m. | Adjournment |

Rules of the Meeting

1. Only members in good standing shall vote.
2. Debate and discussion from the floor shall be limited to three minutes per speaker. No one shall speak more than once to a question, until all who desire to speak have done so.
3. Speakers to a question should state their name and whether speaking for or against a motion.
4. The minutes of the Annual Meeting shall be referred to a committee, named by the President, for the purpose of reading, correcting and/or approving.
5. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff will hold its Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at Gorton Community Center. The original date was changed due to a scheduling conflict with a meeting scheduled by the LF Caucus.



JOIN THE FUN!
CALL 295-6927

A pot-luck supper will precede the meeting. Each member is asked to bring a main dish, salad, dessert, or \$5.00 to help cover cost of paper goods. A member of the telephone tree will be contacting you. Please let them know what you will be bringing.

You will find each of the items which will be presented for adoption in this issue of *League Lines*. Please review the information. There will be a presentation, discussion and adoption of the items.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you have not already done so, please call 295-6927 immediately to RSVP. See you there!

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Highlights of the March Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Albrecht, president. Other members present were Hamilton, James, Magnuson, Schirr, Sievert, and Walsh.

The February minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was approved. Comments were asked on the proposed 1992-93 budget. It was decided to plan for 100 members for next year. Membership has been as high as 175 and is currently 80 members.

Membership

Phyllis Albrecht and Alice Sievert made many phone calls and membership now numbers at 80. A concentrated effort was planned to contact all members who have not renewed their membership. This will consist of phone calls by board members and a follow-up with a letter. A 1992-93 Membership Directory will be printed and distributed at the New Membership Coffees planned for fall. It will include the prospective program dates.

Programs

Discussion included the March 25th General Meeting, "Our Parents, Ourselves, The Elderly At Risk". (This program would be videotaped for cable television), and the April 22nd meeting, "The State of Our Communities", a discussion by local appointed officials.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper was scheduled in May in the Community Room at Gorton Community Center. All members will be asked to contribute a dish or \$5.00.

At this point, non-board members joined the meeting to plan which studies would be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting for the 92-93 year. A complete list will be in the program for the Annual Meeting. Phyllis Albrecht will put the topics in proper LWV language. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Highlights of the April Board Meeting

LWV-LC

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Albrecht, president. Other board members present at the meeting were Hamilton, James, Magda, Magnuson, Schimmel, and Sievert.

The March minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Payment of state dues was paid with the education fund money. It was decided that the Pre-school Booklet would not be updated this year.

Membership

Karen Schimmel will call or write those whose dues have not been paid. A current listing will be included in the May issue of League Lines. Dues notices will be mailed early for the 92-93 year.

Lynn James reported that Bill Barron had spoken at the last county meeting about a tax cap. He stressed the need to institute user fees to fund services, such as health care. Alice Pierce resigned as treasurer. Action priorities were solid waste, transportation, and criminal justice. The Interim Council Meeting is set for May 27.

Annual Meeting

It was brought up that the date the meeting was scheduled would possibly be in conflict with the Lake Forest Caucus' Round Table Discussion which has been scheduled for the same night. Other dates for the league Annual Meeting are being explored.

LWV-LF/LB

1992-1993 Proposed Study Item

A Study of the Unification of School Districts 67 and 65.

Scope will include: study of the educational and financial advantages/disadvantages and the legal implications of unifying Lake Forest's and Lake Bluff's elementary school districts.

1992-1993 Proposed Action Item

Early Intervention for Children at Risk: Promote public understanding of the need to invest in programs to help families in crisis. This important State-level action focus item is recommended for intensive local emphasis in 1992-93.

Scope will include completion of a survey of local resources for children at risk as well as efforts to increase community awareness of the children who are at risk.

1992-1993 Proposed Slate of Directors

Co-Presidents:

1992 - 1993	Jill Lauer *
1992 - 1993	Phyllis Albroch

Vice Presidents:

1991 - 1993	Sue Walsh
1992 - 1994	Virginia Magda *

Secretary:

1991 - 1993	Laurel Schirr
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Treasurer:

1992 - 1993	Alice Sievert *
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Directors:

1993 - 1994	To Be Announced
1992 - 1993	To Be Announced

Nominating Committee:

1992 - 1993	Alice Pierce
	Ann Grant
	To Be Announced

1992-1993 Proposed Budget

for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1993

INCOME

	\$3,950	(90 mbrs)
Fundraiser	\$2000	
Bulletin Ads	\$1000	
Contributions	\$400	
Interest Income	\$200	
Bridge Marathon (Net)	\$200	
Total Income	\$7,750	

EXPENDITURES

PMP-LWV US	\$1,800	(18 x 100)
PMP-LWV Illinois	\$1650	(16.50x100)
PMP-LWV Lake Co.	\$250	(2.50 x 100)
League Lines Printing/Postage	\$1,550	(6 issues)
Programs/Study Groups	\$500	
Membership	\$400	
Storage Rental-Gorton	\$300	
State Convention	\$250	
General Supplies/Copies	\$200	
Seminars	\$200	
Publicity	\$200	
Voter Service	\$100	
Insurance	\$100	
Admin-President	\$100	
Admin-Secretary	\$100	
Action Lobbying	\$100	

Total Expenditures



LWV-LF/LB

1992-1993

Proposed Local Program

Lake Bluff

Lake Bluff Comprehensive Plan

Support of an effective Comprehensive Plan which encompasses potential and existing land use in Lake Bluff and surrounding unincorporated areas, as well as capital improvements, including the infrastructure of the village.

Conservation

Support of measures to preserve the natural resources of Lake Bluff:

- Protection and preservation of the Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff;
- Preservation of ravines and other open areas;
- Preservation, through restricted use, of the flood plain lands along the Skokie River;
- Establishment of walk ways and bicycle paths;

Land Use

Monitor the disposition of village owned properties west of the West Terrace. This land is in its natural state, and some of it is in the flood plain.

Coordinated Nominating Systems

Support of the coordination of procedures of the Lake Bluff School Caucus, the Lake Bluff Park Caucus, and the Lake Bluff Village Progressive Party which would improve their efficiency without impairing their independence.

Specifically, the League favors coordination with respect to area maps, the timing of area meetings and the preparation and release of certain public notices and publicity. The League recommends that the nominating bodies explore together the possibilities of improving procedures and determining other areas of cooperation.

Knollwood Annexation

Support of the annexation of Knollwood by Lake Bluff. The annexation of Knollwood would bring about better control of zoning in Knollwood; and, since Lake Bluff and Knollwood share the same parks and schools and are compatible neighbors, annexation would not change the character of either community.

Lake Forest

Preschool Programs and Services

Support of improved child care and recreational facilities in Lake Forest. Given the resurgence of births in the community, the League supports regular monitoring of births to provide community agencies and institutions with information necessary to plan effectively for our community's preschool population.

Lake Forest Caucus

Support of the formal adoption of operating procedures which more fully inform the residents of the workings of the caucus, of the desired qualifications of candidates which it is seeking, and of the qualifications of those selected for candidacy. Support of procedures for the annual meeting which allow for informed selection of candidates and the opportunity to select each candidate individually by secret ballot. Support of procedures which enable direct voter participation in the selection of COC members.

Recreation

Support of the development of additional programs and facilities, such as Deerpath Community Park, for non-athletic and unstructured activities. Additional use should be made of existing facilities, such as schools, for such activities. A public annual report should be made designating the use of tax dollars.

Solid Waste

Support of federal and state policies to reduce the quantities of waste, to reclaim useful materials, and to safely restore the residue to the environment. Municipalities should combine their efforts to solve waste problems regionally. Recycling and reuse should be given priority. The federal government should continue or increase its financial aid for research and development in this area.

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Does The Forest Preserve District Have A Chance?

Alice Sievert
Fort Sheridan Committee Chair

The legal requirement that contaminated areas of Fort Sheridan be cleaned up before it can be sold to non-federal agencies, may be the reason why the Forest Preserve district's purchase offer and the Fort Sheridan Commission's recommendations are being ignored by the Department of Defense.

Instead, the Department of Defense wants to defer cleanup by keeping most of the site in Federal hands. Although no section of the Fort can be transferred to other federal agencies until HUD has decided if it is needed for the homeless. The Department of Defense wants to transfer 142 acres of existing housing, plus 40 acres of land (for potential housing construction) to the Navy and retain over 100 acres for the Army Reserves. These areas contain a number of waste sites, including an entire waste-filled ravine which ends on the lakefront, so that its contents may wash into the lake if erosion takes its toll. It now appears that the Army has completed its check for hazardous waste, but the Illinois EPA has not approved it because of differences of opinion about the testing done.

The Department of Defense has not announced what would happen to areas occupied by the Navy or the Reserves if they should again become surplus.

Recently, 120 acres along Sheridan Road, including most of the present golf course, were reportedly assigned to the Veteran's Administration for a cemetery. Therefore, it would be impossible for the Forest Preserve District to utilize golf course income for developing a nature preserve on the remaining 60 acre section of lakefront and the separate 60 acre parade ground for which the Department of Defense apparently still wants an addition \$5-\$10 million! It is unlikely that any other conservation agency could come up with that kind of money, especially since cemetery construction activities could be detrimental to the stability and ecology of the ravines and bluffs. Our concern is that the Department of Defense will then be free to sell off this lakefront land to real estate interests.

No occupant has yet been found for the Historic District. However, the Lake County Board is seeking to attract one of the proposed Defense Finance and Accounting Centers to occupy the site. The Institute for Illinois is also interested in placing an environmental research center there, but no funding has yet been obtained.

What can the League do now? We will continue to fight for open space at Fort Sheridan. The League will lobby the Governor and our congressional delegation to:

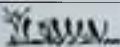
- 1) Put their full support behind the Forest Preserve District's purchase offer;
- 2) insist on prompt and complete cleanup of the site;
- 3) request transfer of the site to a local public agency from which the Navy, the Army Reserves and any future occupant of the Historic District could lease their sections;
- 4) provide full public access to the ravines, beach and lakefront; and
- 5) continue funding for the Fort Sheridan Commission's office, which is responsible for finding occupants for the Historic District.

Lake Co. R.E.A.C.H. Needs Volunteers To Assist With Recycling Training Program

R.E.A.C.H. of Lake County is an ongoing opportunity for volunteers who want to make a positive difference in respect to our environmental problems.

R.E.A.C.H., *Reduction/Recycling Education and Action for County Health*, promotes the Model Community program of the central states education Center in Champaign, Illinois. Volunteers are trained to assist businesses, schools, churches, banks, shops, garages, etc., in developing sound environmental practices in regards to waste reduction, lessening use of toxic substances, using products made of recycled materials, and recycling.

This is a positive educational program of no cost to the participants. The certified model is affirmed publicly for its success in meeting the standards. In the first year of model community in Lake County, over 30 models have been certified with more in progress. In District 2, we have four certified with 4 others beginning. The League has been very much involved in other districts and we invite you to participate in District 2 as well. Please contact Nancy Glowacki if interested. Her number is 234-9327.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

*You are cordially Invited to Attend the
League of Women Voters of Lake County
Interim Council Meeting*

*Wednesday, May 27, 1992
10:00 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.*

*at the home of Kelly McShane
150 Thornapple Lane
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945-2194*

Directions: From Waukegan Road and Route 22 to the first light at Telegraph Road. Go south on Telegraph to the first street on the right which is Hilltop. Take Hilltop to the first street on the left which is Thomapple. Take Thomapple to the sign which says, "private drive", at which point you go right into the driveway.

Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee
10:30 a.m. Roll Call of Leagues
Call to Order
Minutes of the last Interim Council (waive approval)
Treasurer's Report — Alice Pierce
Budget for 1992-93 — Lorraine Briggs
Nominating Committee Report — Mary English
Treasurer, 1 year term Lauren Gash (LWV Highland Park)
Directors, 2 year terms Jean Baenziger (LWV of Deerfield Area)
Wanda Barlow (LWV of Deerfield Area)
Char Kreuz (LWV LF/LB Area)
Board Appointments — Beryl Flom
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn
11:15 a.m. LWVLC Board Reports
11:45 a.m. Networking - What's happening in local Leagues? How can LWVLC help?
12:00 p.m. Luncheon

LWV-LC Board News

The Lake County League Board has chosen its 1992-1993 Action Priorities as: Solid Waste, Transportation and Criminal Justice.

Board Member Lauren Gash, has been selected by the Democratic party to run for State Representative in District 60 against Charles Cardella. In keeping with the League's nonpartisan political policy, she has resigned from the Board.

Compost Testimony Given

LWV-LC gave testimony last month on the renewal of the permit for the compost site in Lakewood Forest Preserve. Our statements concluded that although there is no immediate harm, pesticides and their products as well as other chemicals are building up at the site. This will probably affect the ecology of the site and the safety of the compost in the future.

The testimony was based on our Forest Preserve and composting positions plus the literature research of two Northwestern graduate students of Environmental Engineering. For more information, call Beryl Flom at 945-1937.

Recycling Flyer Published

The Beyond Recycling flyer enclosed was created by the LWV-LC's Reduction and Recycling Committee. It gives the consumer facts and suggestions about reducing waste. It also encourages contacting your representatives about these issues. For more copies, please contact Beryl Flom, 945-1937.

Ft. Sheridan Update

LWV-LC is still actively lobbying Governor Edgar, our congressional delegation and Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to accept the Fort Sheridan Commission's recommendation that the Forest Preserve District be allowed to buy the northern section to preserve as open space. Please see "Does The Forest Preserve District Have A Chance?" by Alice Sievert, Ft. Sheridan Study Chair for a complete update.



1992 Legislative Priorities

This agenda is intended to be flexible to respond to public, League and legislative support and interest and will depend on available League volunteer and lobbyist time, legislative expertise and financial resources. These priorities also reflect input from local Leagues.

Top Priority

State Fiscal Policies

The League is concerned about the state's inability to pay its bills as well as the disproportionate tax burden that poor families pay. Still unresolved are two critical areas: how to achieve equitable and adequate education funding and how to achieve adequate funding for human services.

- Begin discussion of a constitutional amendment for a graduated income tax.
- Support initiatives to make the Illinois income tax more progressive.
- Support school funding reform to reduce financial disparities between districts.
- Maintain current funding levels in League priority areas such as education, services to children, the environment, mental health and public aid.

Second Level Priorities

Children and Families — Support for:

- Coordinated and adequate state services (DCFS, Juvenile Court, etc.)
- Early intervention programs for children at risk
- Family and medical leave.

Environment — Support for:

- Drafted household hazardous waste legislation
- Wetlands protection and measures to reduce solid waste and pesticide use.

Health Care — Support for:

- Improved access to health care.
- Measures to implement the new national League position in Illinois.

Reproductive Choice

- Opposition to restrictions on a woman's right to choose.

Third Level Priorities

The League will also work on selected legislation on social policies, mental health, gun control, elections and sexual harassment.

School Funding Lawsuit Update

The wheels of justice grind slowly. On February 28th, Cook County Circuit Court Judge O'Brien heard oral arguments on the State's motion to dismiss the school funding lawsuit. On March 26th, he held a conference in chambers with the counsel for the plaintiffs (the school districts challenging the constitutionality of the school funding system) and the defendants (basically, the state). The judge indicated that he would reconsider the plaintiff's request to amend their complaint because, in the event of an appeal, he did not want the Appellate Court to reverse his decision merely on technical grounds.

The plaintiffs were to present an amended complaint within one week for review by the Attorney General. If the Attorney General does not object to the amendments, the judge will presumably allow them; if there are no objections, the judge will hear and rule on them. In any event, a decision on the merits as to the motion to dismiss should be forthcoming shortly. — But whatever the judge rules, we are a very long way from a final decision.

Gun Control Law A Success

As of January 1992, a background check is required for all firearm purchasers in Illinois. Gun dealers call a hotline for updated information about the would-be purchaser. Thus far, about 100 people each month have been denied a new gun purchase because of events that have taken place since their Firearm Owner's Identification Cards were issued (for example, arrest for alcohol or drug abuse, or robbery, and so on). In addition, about 20 people each month have been found to have warrants out for their arrest.

Early Intervention For Children At Risk

Jean LeBlond and Judy Rossmiller

In less than a generation, the small children of America will be adults. Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund, said "In twenty years, children born today will either be working for us, living with us, or shooting at us." Consider the following statistics about today's pre-schoolers:

- 1 in 4 is poor
- 1 in 4 is raised by a single parent
- 1 in 5 is at risk of becoming a teen parent
- 1 in 6 has no health insurance
- 1 in 7 is at risk of dropping out of school.



Neglected children become tomorrow's troubled adolescents and society's problems. Research tells us that the first 3-5 years are the most crucial in a child's development. Early intervention is about preventing negative outcomes, about intervening early, when the most benefit can be obtained.

We all pay dearly for violent crime, school failure, and teenage childbearing. It is expensive to support prisons and unproductive citizens. It is a disgrace to live in fear of violence and crime on the streets. Early intervention is a bargain compared with the price of child abuse, drug addiction, school dropout, teen pregnancy, welfare payments and prison. We must pay now or pay later.

The cost of caring for our children may seem high now, but failure to do so will cost much more. Most important to some of us is the cost of preserving human potential. There are many cost effective, successful programs and policies that work in preventing negative outcomes for human lives, but we are not doing what it takes to fulfill these needs for children. To meet these needs will require leadership and financial support from federal, state and local government, as well as businesses and individuals. We will all benefit from this investment.

If you would like to help with this study on the local level, please call Phyllis Albrecht, 234-7057 for more information.

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ACTION ALERT

There are many issues that the League is currently lobbying for. We as members must continue the pressure on our elected officials. Please, call or write a letter today. If you need additional information on League Action items, please call Lynn James at 295-5731.

- **Campaign Reform:** Call the White House (202/456-1111), and tell President Bush that voluntary spending limits and public financing of congressional campaigns are necessary and cost effective investments in the future of our democracy. Remind Bush that he is a beneficiary of public financing, and urge him to sign S3 into law. Tell him American voters want to take back our system of elections.

- **Choice/Gag Rule:** Write or call your representative and urge her or him to cosponsor and support passage of HR 25 and S 25, the Freedom of Choice Act. Continue to urge your representative to oppose parental notification language and support overturning the gag rule.

- **Health Reform:** Work to build grassroots support for fundamental health care reform that meets the requirements of the League position. Urge your members of Congress to support legislation to provide universal access to a basic level of quality care and to control costs in the health care industry. Tell the President that we do not support his proposals because they don't provide for universal coverage and tough cost controls.

- **Hazardous Waste:** Call or write your representative and urge her or him to support HB 3029: Amending Local Hazardous Waste Collection Program. This program will encourage the proper use and disposal of hazardous materials and promote the use of less-toxic alternatives.





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The League is a non-partisan political organization. We work for, through, and with the American citizen. We don't support or oppose candidates or political parties in any way. We work for sound, reasonable solutions to today's most pressing policy challenges. And, because we represent America's voice, the League is heard above party politics.

The League is a dynamic force for change right here in our own community as well as in Lake County and all of Illinois. Citizen involvement in government is an American tradition. It has always made a difference—for the better. Citizen action created our nation and has kept it strong for more than 200 years. It shaped the country we live in today and is shaping the future right now.

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LWV Things To Remember

- ✓ 1. LWV's Annual Mtg.
Wednesday, May 20th, 6:30 p.m.
Gorton Community Room
- ✓ 2. RSVP For Annual Meeting (295-6827)
- ✓ 3. Bring A Dish for Annual Mtg.
(main, salad, dessert or \$5.00)
- ✓ 4. LWV-IL Interim Council Mtg.
Wednesday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.
Home of Kelly McShane
50 Thornapple Lane, Barrington
(See page 6 for directions)
- ✓ 5. Read This Newsletter...It has lots of
important information inside!



League Lines

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Mark Your Calendars

Health Care Consensus to be Taken January 9

The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League of Women Voters will join other area leagues in a Health Care Forum and Consensus January 9, 9:00 a.m., at Karger Community Center, 1850 Green Bay Road (1/2 block north of Central), Highland Park. Consensus questions are on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of *League Lines*. Please bring the questions with you on the 9th.

AGENDA

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| 9:00 | Registration and coffee |
| 9:15 | Introduction
Karen Cronin, moderator |
| 9:25 | Health Care Systems in Other Countries
Sam Bernstein, FSA, Hewitt's |
| 9:50 | Health Economics
David Dranove, Associate Professor of Management,
Strategy, and Health Services Management at Kellogg
School, Northwestern |
| 10:10 | U.S. Health System Reform
Pierre deVise, Urbanologist |
| 10:30 | Audience questions |
| 11:20 | Consensus |

Materials to be distributed include: LWVUS position, Phase I, summary of proposed reforms, comparisons of international health care systems, and summary of various state plans.

For more information about Health Care Reform, see the September/October issue of *The National Voter*.



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

IN MEMORIAM

Member Anne Mayer Shannon passed away on October 18, 1992. A memorial service was held at St. James Lutheran Church on October 24.

Anne was a tireless crusader against toxic substances in our environment. She served on our board, heading up studies on pesticides, and was personally responsible for bringing about required warning signs on lawns that have been sprayed with chemicals.

Anne will be missed by our league as well as the many other organizations she served which are concerned with bringing about a healthier environment.

Anne's husband, Mike, passed away a month before her death. She is survived by her daughter, Katherine, her son, David, her father, and her three sisters.

Anne, we'll miss you very much.

Please note!

If you have not returned your membership payment for the 1992-93 League year, please send it to LF/LB LWV, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 or drop it in the League mailbox at the Gorton Community Center. The membership directory will soon be published and we want to include all current members.

Dues: regular, \$40; sustaining, \$60; Patron, \$100; Senior, \$35.

Program Reviews

September

On September 30, members and guests were given insight into tactics used by politicians to carry out "smear" campaigns. Examples of negative campaigning in the recent election were shared by Bruce Felknor. Mr. Felknor also provided interesting historical perspective on this topic. Mr. Felknor, an editor for *Encyclopedia Britannica* and author of the recently published book, *Political Mischief* gave a highly thought-provoking presentation and shared insight on candidate evaluations based on their publicity practices.

October

The October meeting on "Children at Risk" was presented by Jean LeBlond, long time advocate for children at risk and chairperson for the State of Illinois LWV Early Intervention for Children at Risk Committee.

Children at risk are defined as those who are likely to suffer severe problems later in life if the cycle of disadvantage and dependence in which they are a part is not broken. Risk factors include: poverty, a chemically addicted parent, divorce, and child abuse.

According to Ms. LeBlond, the first priority is to make high quality, well-coordinated and appropriate services available very early in a child's life.

November

A view of health care in the 21st century was given to the League November 18 by Joan Sayre, manager of the Hospital Products Division of Abbott Laboratories.

According to Ms. Sayre, the medical scene is rapidly changing due in part to the aging of the population, accelerated use of high technology, and pressures for cost-cutting.

At present, the number of hospital beds in use is declining, yielding to out-patient care, preventative medicine, and in-home care. These changes are made possible by the introduction of medical technology which allows less invasive medical procedures. Also contributing are the development of new drugs, sophisticated prenatal care, timely intervention for older patients, genetic engineering, and the use of microscopic implants to administer medication.

December

Our holiday luncheon meeting on December 9 honored Ginnie Frederick, who this year celebrates her fiftieth year of membership in our League. Ginnie becomes the fourth Honorary Member of our League, joining the ranks of Eleanor Beidler, Jan Ullman, and Esther Velde.

Ginnie entertained us all with remembrances of the early days of our League as well as many anecdotes from her life in public office.

School District Unification Study Needs Your Help

By Linda Williams

Our League Study on Unification of School Districts 65 and 67 is well underway. We have a small group of energetic, involved ladies who have met twice already. We are undertaking a very large task and really need people who want to learn more about their school district and can give a little bit of time interviewing or gathering information in the following areas:

- Population Trends
- Student Services
- Communication Between Districts
- Interscholastic Activities
- Curriculum
- Strategic Plan Process
- Tax Rates
- Teacher Pay Scales
- Costs Per Student
- Special Ed Students
- Legal Implications and Ramifications

Our next scheduled meeting as a total study group is January 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Gorton Community Center in the Friends Room. To find out how you can become involved in this important study, call Linda Williams, Lorraine Bach, Christie Gescheider, or Alice Pierce.

LF/LB LWV Board Meeting Highlights

The following excerpts were taken from the Minutes of the Oct. and Nov. meetings. For a copy of the minutes, contact Laurel Schirr, Secretary.

October 7, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by co-president, Phyllis Albrecht. Also present were board members Lorraine Bach, Bonnie Cross, Lynn James, Laurel Schirr, Alice Sievert, and Linda Williams. Beryl Flom, Lake County LWV President was also present.

The September minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. Treasurer, Alice Sievert, voiced concern regarding the current financial position of the League. Presently, \$39 of the \$40 dues go to state, county, and national leagues. However, the LF/LBLWV spends approximately \$100 per member. Reserve funds have been used this year and last year. Many suggestions to decrease expenses and increase revenue were discussed. It was decided that this situation would be monitored closely. Beryl Flom offered a contribution from the Lake County LWV to be applied toward the rent at Gorton since Gorton is often used by the LCLWV. Her offer was met with enthusiasm.

Membership. Phyllis commented Bonnie on the new member coffees. So far, at least 6 or 7 new members have joined from the 20 who attended the coffees. Follow-up procedures and the welcome letter to new members were discussed. Phyllis stressed ongoing recruitment and Beryl suggested we try to interest college students.

Program. It was decided that this league's consensus on national health care would be reached by those attending the January inter-league program on that topic.

Regionals. It was decided that this league would not send anyone to regionals this year.

Lake County Update. Beryl reminded everyone that it is this league's turn to host the bi-annual Lake County LWV convention. It was decided that Gorton would be the site used for this meeting in May. Approximately 50 people can be expected. It was also decided to join the county in purchasing liability insurance at a cost of \$56.

Other topics for discussion (but no action taken) included: Voters Services, Annual Fundraiser, School Board Consolidation Study, League Lines, Publicity, Ft. Sheridan Update, and Cable Update.

November 4, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by co-president Phyllis Albrecht. Also present were board members Joan Barrus, Tami Boardman, Lynn James, Jill Lauer, Ginny Magda, Laurel Schirr, Sue Walsh, and Linda Williams.

The October minutes were corrected and approved.

Voters Service. Ginny Magda shared the details of the preceding day's elections and the recent candidate forum. She suggested that a combination of written and prepared questions be used next time. She felt candidates were not given enough time to respond. The telephone directory lists Gorton's number for the LF/LBLWV and after some discussion it was decided to remove this listing. Ginny has offered to act as liaison to District 67 for a student government day for the junior high school. A discussion followed as to what should be included in this program.

Lake County Update. May 5 has been set for the bi-annual LWVLC meeting that LF/LBLWV will host.

Other topics discussed included the School Board Consolidation Study, League Lines, Action, and Publicity.

Health Care: Phase 2 Consensus Questions

Question 1

A number of different financing models for the U.S. health care system have been discussed. Please identify which of the following approaches your League considers acceptable or unacceptable for financing the health care system. (Your League may choose "acceptable" or "not acceptable" for more than one option.)

a) An employer-based system, coupled with a new state or federal program for the uninsured financed by general revenues and a payroll tax from employers that elect not to provide health benefits.

- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Not Acceptable
- ☐ No Consensus

b) A national insurance plan, financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums.

- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Not Acceptable
- ☐ No Consensus

c) Private market-based reform fostering competition in the private sector by changing economic incentives to heighten consumer cost consciousness. Changes to economic incentives could include tax credits for the purchase of private insurance and limiting or eliminating the current exclusion of employer-provided health care benefits from taxable income.

- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Not Acceptable
- ☐ No Consensus

d) Which of the above approaches does your League *prefer*? (Choose only one.)

- ☐ a
- ☐ b
- ☐ c
- ☐ No Consensus

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Question II

How should the financing of the U.S. health care system be administered? Please identify which of the following options your League considers acceptable or unacceptable. (Your League may choose "acceptable" or "not acceptable" for more than one option.)

e) By the federal government only.

- ☐ Acceptable
☐ Not Acceptable
☐ No Consensus

f) By state governments only.

- ☐ Acceptable
☐ Not Acceptable
☐ No Consensus

g) By a combination of federal, state and/or regional government agencies.

- ☐ Acceptable
☐ Not Acceptable
☐ No Consensus

h) By private organizations and businesses only.

- ☐ Acceptable
☐ Not Acceptable
☐ No Consensus

i) By a combination of the private and public sectors.

- ☐ Acceptable
☐ Not Acceptable
☐ No Consensus

j) Which of the above administrative options does your League *prefer*? (Choose only one.)

- ☐ e
☐ f
☐ g
☐ h
☐ i
☐ No Consensus

Question III

k) Provided health care reforms contain cost control strategies, would your League support increased taxes, if necessary, to finance a minimum basic level of care for all U.S. residents?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ No Consensus

Question IV

l) Under any system of reform, should consumers/patients be permitted to purchase services or insurance coverage beyond the minimum basic level?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ No Consensus

Observers Needed for Local Board Meetings

Observers serve an important function for the League in the gathering of information from local meeting discussions and actions. Observers provide information to League members for discussion and, at times, action. Studies may be sparked from local board actions.

Local boards needing observers include: Board of Education, Lake Bluff Village Board, Lake Forest City Council, and Library Board

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Jill Lauer or Phyllis Albrecht.



News from the League of Women Voters of Lake County

Moderator Training Offered to League Members

Moderators for candidate forums and other meetings are often in high demand.

The LCLWV has scheduled a Moderator Training by Mariynn Scholl for Thurs., Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sallie Hamm.

Sallie lives at 1055 Oak Spring Road, Libertyville, (west of St. Mary's road—2nd left after the tracks heading north, 3rd right south of Rt. 137 heading south).

KUDOS Column

Thanks go to:

Voter Service Chair, Ginny Magda, for the well-run, beautifully organized forum between candidates for State Senator, David Barkhausen and Michael Simkin held at Gorton October 15.



Bonnie Cross, Membership chair, for organizing two membership coffees this fall. Thanks to Bonnie, we have several new league members.



LWV Bridge Marathon organizer, Jill Lauer. This has proven to be a highly successful (and fun) fundraiser.



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Barbie Doesn't Like Math?

Gender bias in education is the topic of the general mtg to be held jointly with the AAUW on February 17.

According to an AAUW report on bias in education, "girls get less attention, face biased tests and textbooks, and are steered away from math and science courses that would make them more competitive in today's high-tech world."

Come to February's meeting to hear more about this important issue.

**League of Women Voters
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Gorton Community Center
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Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Dates to Remember

- January 9** Health Care Consensus, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Karger Community Center, 1850 Green Bay Road,
Highland Park, IL. **Please bring consensus questions
included in this issue of *League Lines*.**
- January 20** LF/LBLWV Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Gorton Green Room
- January 28** Moderator Training sponsored by LCLWV, 7:30 p.m. at the
home of Sallie Hamun, 1055 Oak Spring Road, Libertyville.
- February 17** Joint General meeting with AAUW, 7:00-10:00 p.m.,
Gorton Center South Basement. **Topic: Bias in Education.**
- March 10** LF/LBLWV Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gorton Green Rm
- March 17** General Meeting with municipal administrators of
Lake Bluff & Lake Forest, 9:15 a.m., Gorton Ctr Green Rm.

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The League Continues Efforts To Preserve Fort Sheridan

Alice Sievert, Fort Sheridan Study Chair

The Fort Sheridan Commission disbanded in November 1992, citing frustration that all of its recommendations had been ignored by the Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD is now negotiating with a developer to trade much of the Fort's north acreage and the Historic District for a small parcel of land near the Pentagon for a future Army museum.

With the hope that the election results had alerted Washington to the electorate's unhappiness at having its needs ignored, we sent a letter and a 17-page packet of background information to President Clinton. Copies of these, accompanied by cover letters, went to all members of the Illinois Congressional delegation, Vice-President

See "Fort Sheridan" on page 5



The following is a summary of Judy Berliant's briefing on North Chicago School District #187 from the LWV of Lake County.

North Chicago School District #187: The Current State of Affairs

There are about 900 school districts in Illinois and more than 100 of them are on the State's Financial Watch list. Sixteen are being supervised by the state and must produce a balanced budget for the 1993-94 school year. Individual school districts can decide to dissolve if they feel they cannot provide adequate services to their students. If that happens, the surrounding districts must absorb the students (North Chicago has about

4,000 students). North Chicago would present a plan to the Regional Superintendent of Schools who would decide how to draw the lines. The seven school districts that could legally absorb these students are Waukegan, Lake Bluff Elementary, Lake Forest High School, Oak Grove Elementary in Green Oaks, Libertyville High School, Woodland Elementary in Gurnee, and Warren High School in Gurnee.

See "North Chicago" on page 3



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Great Decisions Update Meeting Rescheduled for February 19

The topic "U.S. in a New World—Goals and Priorities," chapter 1 in the 1993 Briefing Book, will be discussed at the next Great Decisions meeting scheduled for February 19, 1:00 p.m. at 485 Oakwood Ave., A3, Lake Forest (**Betty Buker's** home).

The March 19 meeting (1:00 p.m.) will be held at **Mary Liz Carney's** home at 465 N. Holland in Lake

Forest. The topic for this meeting is "United Nations—What Role in the New World?"

The April 16 meeting will be held at **Betty Buker's** home.

Great Decisions plans to meet once a month through September to discuss all eight topics in the briefing book. Call **Betty Buker** at 234-4509 with any questions.



Lake County League Benefit Play In March

The **Kirk Players** under the direction of **John W. Lynn** present "Slaughterhouse"—a mystery thriller by **Norman Robbins**. The play is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6 at 8:00 p.m. at the **Mundelein High School Theatre**, 1350 W. Hawley (at the

corner of Midlothian). Parking is available on both sides of the school.

All proceeds benefit the League of Women Voters of Lake County. For further information, contact **Ilene Abrahams** at 945-2964 or **John W. Lynn** at 566-6594.



LWV Libertyville-Mundelein Hosts Program on Future of Transportation

The 1993 State of the Community Dinner topic is "Transportation: Where Do We Go From Here?" with guest speakers:

Mary Gade, Illinois Environmental Protection Association

Willard Helander, Transportation Management Association of Central Lake County

William Krueger, Abbott Labs

Andy Plummer, Chicago Area Transportation Study

The dinner is Thursday, March 11, at the **Meadows 21 Restaurant**, 1760 North Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville. Cocktails are at 6:00 (cash bar) and dinner begins at 6:30. Presentations will follow dinner.

For further information, please call **Pam Kerpec** at 680-5160 or **Sallie Hamm** at 362-6993.

North Chicago

(from page 1)

The primary causes of North Chicago's financial woes are:

1. Low assessed valuation. Great Lakes Naval Training Center pays no property tax and about 2,000 students are from the station.
2. Insufficient Federal impact aid for Great Lakes Naval Base children.
3. Failure of the state to make a promised payment because the district consolidated two years ago. In addition, the state did not pay any school district one of its 1992 payments. The state is funding only a percentage of their categorical aid, so all schools are underpaid for special education and busing.

Legislation has been introduced by both Barkhausen and Frederick. Sen. Barkhausen's bill would create a special category in the state school aid formula just for District #187 and could produce \$3 million. Rep. Frederick's bill would require the Illinois State Board of Education to loan money to North Chicago and other military-teaching schools when their payments from the Federal government are late (source: *Chicago Tribune*, 1/30/93).

John Maitland and **Art Berman**, the co-chairs of the Illinois School Funding Task Force, are going to introduce a package of bills which would increase the foundation level from \$2,500 to \$4,000, increase the weighting for disadvantaged children, and alter the property taxes.

School District Consolidation Study Members Plan Presentation For April General Meeting

The School District Consolidation Study Group plan to present their findings at the April general meetings (both morning and evening programs). Each member of the committee will make a ten-minute presentation on the following topics:

- Enrollment
- Staffing
- Expenditures
- Curriculum
- Transportation
- Enrichment (co-curricular and after-school activities)
- Special Education
- Presently Shared Resources
- Media Services

This study is very critical at this time because of the situation which has developed in North Chicago regarding School District #187 financial difficulties.

If you have any information you could share with the committee on any of the above areas, please call **Linda Williams** (234-2107) or **Lorraine Bach** (295-3210). We would like this report to be as thorough as possible.



Join A National Brainstorming Effort

The Crossroads Project, a grassroots effort to help determine the future of the League of Women Voters, needs your help. Through the use of the enclosed questionnaire, League members across the country will assess the challenges facing the League today and look for new ways to address those challenges. The goal of the project at this point is not to reach consensus but rather to spark some creative approaches and promising directions.

Please take a few moments to fill out and return the questionnaire. If you would like more information about the Crossroads project, contact **Jill Lauer** at 234-1720 or **Phyllis Albrecht** at 234-7062.

LF/LB LWV Board Meeting Highlights

The following are excerpts of the Minutes of the December 1992 and January 1993 Board meetings. For a copy of the minutes, contact Laurel Schirr, Secretary (295-1303).

December 9, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by co-president, Jill Lauer. Also present were Board members, Phyllis Albrecht, Lorraine Bach, Joan Barrus, Tami Boardman, Lynn James, Alice Pierce, Laurel Schirr, and Alice Sievert.

The November minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. Alice reminded members to submit requests for reimbursement promptly. She also suggested that printing costs could be reduced by using envelopes and paper that could be multifunctional.

Program. Topics discussed were Joan Sayre's talk on National Health Care in the year 2001, Ginnie Fredericks' presentation at the annual luncheon, the inter-league Health Care program and the bi-annual county convention.

Fundraiser. Joan Barrus said the "non-event" letter will have virtually no associated expenses. She reminded Board members that *League Lines* ads were \$100 and encouraged all to participate in selling ads.

Action. Lynn James reported that topics of interest at the state and county levels were Equity in School Funding and Children at Risk.

Lake County Update. Lynn James reported that the LWVLC Board discussed the widening of Route 22 and gambling in Barrington.

Ft. Sheridan Update. Alice Sievert reported that Barkhausen wants to continue the Ft. Sheridan commission with the new administration. A trade of land with Equitable Insurance has been in the news.

January 20, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by co-president, Jill Lauer. Also present were Board members Lorraine Bach, Bonnie Cross, Lynn James, Ginnie Magda, Laurel Schirr, and Alice Sievert.

The December minutes were corrected and approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. A donation to the education/action group for early childhood intervention: Kids First Network was suggested.

Membership. Bonnie Cross reported that there are 82 paid members to date. The target date for the directory is February 1, 1993.

Program. February 17 is the joint program with AAUW on gender bias in education. March 17 is the coffee with local city officials.

School Board Consolidation

Study. Barbara Garrity and Judy Grisamore have joined the study. Lorraine reported disturbing financial developments in the North Chicago District #187 which could completely change the conclusions of the consolidation study. The state-promised funds for consolidation of District #187 were \$700,000 short. The impact aid from the Federal government for Great Lakes Naval Base children is insufficient—there is little or no industry to add to the tax base and some mis-management of funds has been suggested as reasons for financial woes. A similar situation in Highwood schools resulted in a merge with the Highland Park school district. The Regional Board of School Trustees might like to see North Chicago merged also with a more fiscally sound district. Lake Forest/Lake Bluff would seem one of the likely three candidates. The next meeting of this group is February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Gorton.

Action. It was decided that several Board members should meet with Ginny Fredericks to determine her position on the situation with North Chicago School District #187.

Lake County Update. Lynn James announced that the Kirk Players will be performing March 5 and 6 to raise funds for the county league. The bi-annual county convention will be at Gorton on May 5 and is expected to have 40 attendees.

New Business. The student government day will be held in April.



Dear League Member,

The League of Women Voters has embarked on a grassroots project to identify possible changes in program and procedures that could enhance the League's effectiveness.

This Crossroads Project is being guided by an eleven-member steering committee representing all three levels of League. We hope every member will help determine the future of our organization by completing the survey below.

Many local Leagues will be holding a Crossroads discussion meeting this winter, and you may turn in your completed survey at that time. You may also send it to your League president. Or you may mail it directly to the Crossroads Steering Committee, c/o Elaine Blodgett, President, LWV of Missouri, 6665 Delmar, Room 304, St. Louis, MO 63130. We will begin compiling survey results on April 15, 1993. **THANK YOU** for participating in this important project!

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- I. Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion of, and experience with, the League.
[1 = agree strongly; 2 = agree somewhat; 3 = disagree slightly; 4 = disagree strongly]

A) Satisfaction

- 1 2 3 4 I'm pleased with what I have been able to accomplish through the League.
- 1 2 3 4 I have gained valuable new skills through my League work.
- 1 2 3 4 The League has not taken advantage of the time and talents I have to offer.
- 1 2 3 4 The League makes it easy to participate at a level that fits my schedule.
- 1 2 3 4 League meetings/activities are often not of interest to me.
- 1 2 3 4 I'm satisfied with my level of participation in League activities.

B) Membership Issues

- 1 2 3 4 It was easy for me to find and join the League.
- 1 2 3 4 The program offered by my League is appealing to potential members.
- 1 2 3 4 The League should do what is necessary to attract new members of all kinds.
- 1 2 3 4 The League should develop additional types of membership options.
- 1 2 3 4 We should emphasize the role of the League as a training ground for women.
- 1 2 3 4 The League would attract more members if it were more action-oriented.

C) League Program

- 1 2 3 4 A strong national program is essential to my League's credibility.
- 1 2 3 4 The League should work on fewer program issues at a time.
- 1 2 3 4 The League can be more effective on local issues than on state/national issues.
- 1 2 3 4 The League should emphasize its unique role as a local citizens organization.
- 1 2 3 4 The League should take strong stands even though that may be controversial.
- 1 2 3 4 I would like to see greater use of new methods of developing League positions.
- 1 2 3 4 Being effective is more important than doing things "the League way."
- 1 2 3 4 The League should do more to involve non-members in promoting its mission.

- II. Using a scale from 1 to 4, indicate how well the following statements reflect your opinion of the League at each level. (There should be a number in each box in the grid below.)
(1 = agree strongly; 2 = agree somewhat; 3 = disagree slightly; 4 = disagree strongly)

	local	state	national
1. I'm pleased with the quality of League material on program issues.			
2. My League work enables me to have an impact on public policy.			
3. The League should put more emphasis on promoting good gov't.			
4. The League should put more emphasis on educating the public.			
5. The League should put more emphasis on action.			
6. I am very interested in governmental issues.			
7. I am well informed about the League's program priorities.			
8. I often contact my elected officials about League program issues.			
9. The League offers interesting opportunities to become involved.			
10. I trust each level of League to do what is best for the organization.			
11. The League provides good training opportunities for its members.			
12. I believe the League makes an important difference.			

III. More people would join the League if:

IV. Please tell us a little bit about yourself.

- Age ☐ 18-34 years ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65+
- Years in League ☐ under two ☐ 3-7 ☐ 8-12 ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18+
- Ethnicity ☐ white ☐ African Am. ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ other
- Gender ☐ female ☐ male
- Paid employment ☐ no, not now ☐ yes, part time ☐ yes, full time
- League activity ☐ inactive ☐ under 5 hrs/mo ☐ 5-15 hrs/mo ☐ 16+ hrs/mo
- Board member ☐ yes, currently ☐ no, but I was ☐ no, but I hope to ☐ no
- Size of League ☐ under 50 ☐ 50-99 ☐ 100-250 ☐ 250+
- Type of League ☐ urban ☐ suburban ☐ rural

(Name of League)

(State)

Fort Sheridan

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Gore, appropriate Cabinet Secretaries, our County Board, local mayors, Governor Edgar and our representatives in Springfield.

This massive pre-Christmas mailing was only possible because of the assistance **Beryl Flom** and I received from **Phyllis Albrecht**, **Peggy Hafner**, **Sue Hood**, **Alice Pierce** and **Laurel Schirr**, among others. Our thanks to all who helped us at such a busy time of year!

In January, **Beryl Flom** testified at a hearing held by the Corps of Engineers on the potential environmental impact of various reuse plans for Fort Sheridan, and we will be sending them our written comments. At

Senator Simon's Town Meeting, we provided written information.

Together with the Advocates for the Public Interest in Fort Sheridan, the League is now exploring several additional approaches to preserving open space at Fort Sheridan.

Those interested in receiving a copy of the letter sent to President Clinton or in the Fort Sheridan issue in general are encouraged to contact **Alice Sievert** at 234-4133.



DUES ARE DUE. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO:

- Treasurer
- LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff
- 400 E. Illinois Road
- Lake Forest, IL 60045

Barat College Holds Womens' Issues Conference

Barat College is celebrating women at a conference on March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. **Dawn Clark Netsch**, the Illinois Comptroller, will be the keynote speaker. There will be workshops on:

- Stress reduction
- Financial planning
- Multi-cultural issues in education
- Breast health
- Superwoman of the 90s
- Job stress
- Women in art history

Admission is \$20 which includes lunch. Call 234-3000 to register.

Registrars Will Be Needed In March

Ginnie Magda will be calling current Registrars to fill time slots for voter registration at Lake Forest City Hall the first three Saturdays in March for the April primary election.

Registrars provide a critical service to the community and becoming a Registrar is a very simple procedure. Any League member interested in becoming a Registrar can call Ginnie Magda at 295-6892.



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FUNDRAISING REMINDERS

Fundraising Non- Event Invitations Soon To Come

Look for your non-event fundraising event invitations in the mail the next few weeks!

League Lines Ads Are A Great Way To Contribute

Please call Joan Barrus at 234-5597 if you know of someone who would like to place an ad in *League Lines*. It's a great way for community members to support League activities.

Dates to Remember

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| February 19 | Great Decisions: "U.S. in a New World—Goals and Priorities" 1:00 p.m., 485 Oakwood Avenue, A3, Lake Forest |
| February 23 | "Womens' Health in Jeopardy—Reproductive Health and Breast Cancer" sponsored by LWV Deerfield, 7:00 p.m., Deerfield Village Hall, 839 Waukegan |
| March 5 & 6 | The Kirk Players present "Slaughterhouse" by Norman Robbins at the Mundelein High School Theatre, 1350 W. Hawley |
| March 6 | Barat College Celebrating Women Conf., 9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Barat College, Lake Forest |
| March 10 | LWV LF/LB Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gorton Green Rm. All members welcome. |
| March 17 | Meet your village administrators over coffee at the LWV LF/LB General Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Gorton Ctr Green Rm |
| March 19 | Great Decisions: "United Nations—What Role in the New World?" 1:00 p.m., 465 N. Holland, Lake Forest |
| April 21 | LWV LF/LB General Meeting, School Board Consolidation Study Presentation, 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Gorton Center Green Rm |
| May 5 | LWV Lake County Bi-Annual Convention, 9:30 a.m. with presentations followed by luncheon. Gorton Center Community Room. All League members are invited to attend. |
| May 19 | LWV LF/LB Annual Meeting & Potluck, Gorton Ctr Community Rm |



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Lake Forest/Lake Bluff LWV sponsors county convention Wednesday, May 5, 1993

This year, the convention will be held in Lake Forest at Gorton Community Center in the Community Room. Cost for attending is \$15 (for registration and lunch; \$5 for registration only).

You may register beginning 9:30 a.m. At 10:00, the meeting will begin with a review of the budget, program bylaws and elections. At 11:00, Eleanor Revelle will give a report on the Crossroads Project and what it means for Lake County. Lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Send your registration to Mary Kaiser, Treasurer, 1403 Woodland Drive, Deerfield, IL 60015 (945-3267) by April 25.



Volunteers are needed to help with a study of affordable housing in Lake County.

If you're interested, please call Linda Bartmes, 234-7069.

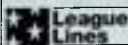


School District Consolidation Study presentation April 21

The committee will present their findings at the April general meetings (9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.) at the Gorton Community Center.

Topics include: enrollment; staffing; expenditures; curriculum; transportation; enrichment programs; special education; shared resources; and media services.

Please plan to attend. Many hours have been volunteered for this important study.



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City Managers speak to league about past accomplishments and future initiatives

by Sue Hood

On Wednesday, March 17, Leaguers gathered at Gorton to hear the managers of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest talk on current issues facing the two communities.

Lake Bluff

Ken Long, interim manager of Lake Bluff, discussed recent changes in the village. A new manager, Kent Street, has been appointed, as well as a new treasurer and two attorneys. A new president will be chosen between candidates Vera Schreiber and Fred Wacker, Jr. at the April 20 election.

Past accomplishments mentioned were a state-of-the-art building to house fire and police departments, the re-vamping of the central business district, the completion of the Lake County Water Agency and general improvement in flood control for the village.

Challenges that lie ahead for the new manager include helping the village board to clarify its goals and to work well together, the completion of a new village plan, improved communication between citizens and the board, and taking a close look at the town's fiscal integrity and financial controls.

Lake Forest

Robert Kiely, manager of Lake Forest, mentioned the coming election on April 20 for mayor

(Rhett Butler, running unopposed) and four aldermen, three of which will be contested. There will also be referendums on a leash law and term limits.

Lake Forest has embarked on an extensive program to maintain its infrastructure. Recent accomplishments include a new train station near Everett and Waukegan roads and a new fire station for the same area.

Three city parking lots will be renovated this summer. New construction will occur at the Deep Path Inn, Jewel Food Store and the former Lakeside Foods site. Also, storm sewers and water mains will be renovated in certain areas over the next several years.

Mr. Kiely sees a need for Lake Forest and Lake Bluff to look at problems regionally, and to increase their planning with other communities. Route 41 will be expanded and Lake Forest should try to be in on the planning process. The city is also concerned about the future of Great Lakes Naval Training Center and the North Chicago school system. There will be an important informational meeting about Fort Sheridan April 14, 7:30 p.m. at Gorton Community Center.

It was a pleasure to hear two such informed gentlemen speaking on matters of concern to all of us.



Legislative Seminar 1993: Springfield, Illinois

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 21

- 12:30-1:30 **Registration** and chance to buy League Publications and Products (so bring your checkbook or credit card)
- 1:30-3:15 **Workshop** (for all attending):
State revenue & taxes: other states, the problems and some solutions
- Terese McGuire, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois, Chicago
- 3:15-3:30 **Break**
- 3:30-5:00 **Workshops** (choose one)
☆ Effective lobbying: process & politics
- Eileen Wyatt, League Lobbyist
☆ Health care update: current issues on the state and federal level
- June Wesbury, State League Board member
☆ Effective local action campaign: the nuts & bolts
- Jean LeBlond, State League Board member
☆ Pesticides in schools: implementing integrated pest management in your school
- Lynn Padovani, Lobbyist for the Illinois Environmental Council
- 5:00-6:30 **Break/cocktails & reception**
Leagues are encouraged to invite their legislators to stop by for cocktails

- 6:30-7:30 **Dinner**
- 7:30-8:15 **A day in the life of a lobbyist, insider's tips**
Pam Sutherland, Lobbyist, Illinois Planned Parenthood
- 8:30-10:00 **Caucuses**
Meet with other leagues to discuss LWVIL Convention issues
- 8:30-10:30 **State Board hospitality suite—all invited**

Thursday, April 22

- 7:30-8:30 **Registration for new arrivals**
- 7:30-8:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:30 **Briefing and insider lobbying tips**
- Eileen Wyatt, new LWVIL Lobbyist
- 9:30-3:00 **Day at the Capitol**
Break into small groups and visit and lobby legislators
Optional:
☆ Invite your legislator to lunch
☆ Tour Capitol Building (20 minutes)
- 12:00-2:00 **Debriefing**
Meet in the Capitol building to report on lobbying

LF/LB LWV Board Meeting Highlights

The following are excerpts of the Minutes of the February 1993 Board meeting. For a copy of the minutes, contact Laurel Schirr, Secretary (295-1303).

February 10, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by co-president, Phyllis Albrecht. Also present were Board members, Lorraine Bach, Tami Boardman, Lynn James, Alice Pierce, Laurel Schirr, and Alice Sievert.

The Jan. minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved. Alice reported that the financial situation is within the budget, providing the fundraiser nets the income budgeted.

County. Lynn James reported that the emphasis for next year will be children at risk, school funding, and allocation of state resources for mental health, criminal justice, and natural resources.

Annual Meeting. A nomination committee of Ann Grant and Alice Pierce was suggested. Barbara Garrity will also be asked. Phyllis Albrecht and Jill Lauer were suggested for a by-law committee. Alice Sievert, Joan Barrus and Gayle How were suggested for a budget committee. It was agreed that the School District Consolidation Study be the main focus of the LF/LB LWV for next year.

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Kids First Fair needs your help

The LWV of Lake County is co-sponsoring the Kids First Fair with the Lake County Health Department. The fair, to benefit children-at-risk, will be held during the second and third weeks of August.

The Fair is targeted for families at or below the poverty level. We are planning to serve 1,350 children ages 0-14 years.

Children will be given inoculations, physical exams and pre-schoolers can have hearing, speech, and vision screenings.

Parents will be asked to pay \$5 per inoculation, but if they are unable to afford \$5, the Health Department will waive payment.

In addition, school age children will be given school supplies and pre-schoolers will be given an age-appropriate item for home.

Child care and entertainment will be provided while children are waiting for services. Parents will be screened and referred to agencies who will be represented at the Fair.

Other possible services include dental cleaning and sealing, a reading book give-away, and voter registration. Other ideas include a clothing give-away and donated haircuts and shoes.

All this is going to take a lot of work and preparation. The Health Department is going to take all of the screenings and health care. A league steering committee has determined the need for following committees:

- ☆ Site selection, set-up, and layout of the building
- ☆ Transportation to the site
- ☆ Volunteers for the day/ refreshments for participants
- ☆ School supply and book donations
- ☆ Fundraising for school supplies, etc. (with the Health Department)
- ☆ Children's agency contacts (with the Health Department)

- ☆ Child care and entertainment/education programs
- ☆ Publicity (Health department will do photocopying and mailings)
- ☆ Voter registration

If you are interested in helping with the Kids First Fair, please contact Jill Lauer (234-1720) or Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062).

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Lake Forest

Mary Beattie
(Orville C.)

Ginni Magda
(no "e" in Ginni)

If you have corrections
to the directory, please
contact Bonnie Cross at
234-5090.

Dates to Remember

- April 21 LWV LF/LB General Meeting, School Board Consolidation
Study Presentation, 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Gorton Center Green Rm
- April 21-22 Legislative Seminar 1993, Springfield, Illinois
- May 5 LWV Lake County Bi-Annual Convention, 9:30 a.m. with presenta-
tions followed by luncheon. Gorton Center Community Room. All
League members are invited to attend.
- May 19 LWV LF/LB Annual Meeting & Potluck, Gorton Ctr Community Rm

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September Membership Drive: Luncheon and Coffee Planned

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Increasing membership is a priority with LWV at national, state and local levels. Our Lake Forest-Lake Bluff chapter will address this issue with two events planned for prospective and current members.

SEPT. 15 LUNCHEON 11:30 AM
Home of Barbara Garrity
573 E. Crest Court, L.F.

SEPT. 22 EVENING COFFEE 7:30 PM
Home of Lynn James
94 Warrington Dr., L.B.

Each member's role is to consider friends and neighbors who might be interested in joining the league, and GET NAMES TO JUDY GRISAMORE 234-3510, so they can be sent invitations. It is also suggested that current members personally escort prospective members and help with the hosting at both events. Each member's contribution to increasing membership is urgently needed in order for the League to offer a wide range of programs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All items for the September Newsletter should be in the mail to Peg Hafner, 244 East Woodland Rd., Lake Bluff, IL 60044, by September 20th. Thank You!!

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COUNTY LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

At the May Lake County Convention a task force was approved to review the structure, funding, and delivery of services by the Lake County Health Department.

The scope, as approved, was to learn what areas of services are the mandates of the Lake County Health Department, how these mandates are met and funded, and to explore the strengths and weaknesses. It intends to recommend to the LWV-LC Board how it can pursue our existing national, state and county positions more effectively and to recommend what other areas might potentially be considered for study. The purpose of this task force is to use the information gathered to educate Lake County leagues.

Since the convention, we have spoken to Dale Galassi, Director of the Health Department, who welcomes the opportunity to assist us in our mission.

We are looking for Lake County League members who would be interested in exploring these areas.

The Public Health Department in Lake County covers a broader spectrum of involvement than most of us envision and which impacts on our quality of life. Initially we will focus on interviewing within the health department and reviewing material that they might suggest or provide. The task force will then determine the direction they need to pursue. As part of our scope we will be sharing our information with the leagues in the county through the use of bulletins.

The number of meetings and the interview schedule will be set by the task force who will develop their own time lines to make for the flexibility needed for the participation of the greatest number. I hope you will join us. Call Claire Weiner, 945-6068, to volunteer.

Shirley Williams

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Two candidate forums will be sponsored by the LWV-LF/LB for the contested school board election for Lake Forest Elementary Dist No. 67.

Saturday Sept. 25 10:00 AM
Upstairs room of Sunset Foods

Thursday, Oct. 21 7:30 PM
Gorton Center, Friends Room

Call Ginni Magda 295-6892 for further information, or to volunteer to assist at Candidate Forums.



FORT SHERIDAN UPDATE & ACTION PLAN

At the August 18, 1993 public meeting of the newly established Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee (The Joint Committee), the Equitable Real Estate Co., and its local developer, John Buck Co, presented their development goals for Fort Sheridan. Their draft proposal incorporated goals agreed to in principle by the Joint Committee, which consists of delegates from the 3 adjoining communities and the County - such as approximate municipal boundaries, a public golf course and club house, and some public access to the lake front and ravines.

However, several very serious concerns remain, which we will bring up at public hearings to be held at the Moraine Hotel on Thursday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 28th, at 10:30 a.m.:-

1. The Army still wants payment of full market value from the Forest Preserve District for the north open space that is planned for a public golf course/(park?), even though the Dept. of Interior recommended transfer at 100% public benefit discount.

2. The special legislation for the land swap with Equitable, which the Army wants to attach to the Defense Authorization Bill in fall 1993, in order to by-pass Base Closure Law process, contains no provisions for protecting the Historic District.

3. The Equitable wants 575 - 600 housing units, with 105 new and 40 existing single-family homes planned for Lake Forest and 430 multi- and 30 single-family in Highland Park and Highwood. This would cause the following problems:-

a. 105 new \$ 500,000 (large?) single family homes plus garages, drive-ways, etc. for existing officer homes, would be wedged along or between wooded sections in the Historic District and south of the present air strip, leaving room for a golf course but apparently not much else. Lot sizes, set backs from ravines and bluffs, and bulk of homes have not been specified.

b. The developer committed only to preserving the Tower block and barracks along the parade ground for 80 - 100 housing units, which leaves the rest of the Historic District without safeguards against demolition and inbuilding.

It puts an inequitable tax burden on Highland Park-Highwood schools, which would lack the higher tax revenues from single family homes, and would have to subsidize the education of children from Navy housing. They would also need to construct an additional school, but there is no provision to set aside land for the school and for any playing fields. The communities are striving to reach a compromise on revenue sharing.

d. The height of some apartment buildings and condos could be up to six stories.

e. Traffic

Please attend the public hearings (see above), and the following meetings of the Joint Committee or City Councils (check times & dates):-

Thurs, Sept. 2, 7:00 p.m. Highland Park City Hall, Joint Planning Committee. Confirmation of any plan revisions.

The first readings of the recommended land use and boundary plans will be at City Council meetings on Tues, Sept. 7, (Lake Forest, Highwood), Mon. Sept. 13 (Highland Park) and Tues. Sept. 14 (Lake County Board).

The approval or rejection of the recommended land use and boundary plans will be at City Council meetings on Thurs, Sept. 16, (Lake Forest), Tues. Sept. 21 (Highwood) and Mon. Sept. 27 (Highland Park).

Please also write or phone Senators Simon and Moseley-Brown and Congressman Porter to oppose any special legislation which does not include cost-free transfer of the north open land areas to the Lake County Forest Preserve District and protection of the Historic District according to Department of Interior guidelines:-

Senator Carol Moseley-Braun
230 S. Dearborn Str. Rm 3996
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-5420

Senator Paul Simon
230 S. Dearborn Str. Rm 3892
Chicago, IL 60604
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Congressman John E. Porter
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ACTION • REPORT

A letter was sent to Marilyn Brill, program planning chairman for LWV-US board to urge that Early Intervention For Children at Risk be listed as an issue for emphasis on the program planning form sent in the fall to local leagues by the LWV-US. If Early Intervention is not listed as an item it will be more difficult to win a national board recommendation and the subsequent approval by the delegates at the LWV-US convention in 1994.

The Illinois state LWV at their state convention voted to make Early Intervention a Priority Action Focus.

Lynn James

FOREST PRESERVE REFERENDUM

Volunteers are needed by the Lake County Forest Preserve District to assist with the Nov. 2nd referendum. Help is needed in the following areas:

Finance/Fundraising
Telephone/Data base
Brochures/Direct mail
Publicity/Advertising
Speaker's Bureau and Letter writing

To volunteer:

Phone (708) 367-6640

Fax (708) 367-6649

Address: Lake County Forest Preserves

2000 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048

KIDS FIRST FAIR

The Kids First Fair, sponsored by the county LWV and the Lake County Health Department, was a total success, according to Beryl Flom, former county board president.

Altogether, 1,221 children were serviced and 1,870 people attended the event which was run by 250 volunteers. Another interesting statistic is that 27,800 school supply items were distributed!

There actually proved to be almost an excess of success, as there was not time for all children to receive services from the Health Department. These were given rain checks to receive their shots and other services at the Health Department office.

GREAT DECISIONS

WHAT IS IT? Great Decisions is a group sponsored jointly by AAUW and League of Women Voters to discuss current international situations, with a view to achieving informed opinions on controversial foreign policy issues of our time. Following a format and topics researched by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions uses the current FPA briefing book as the study guide. Cynthia Morehead, AAUW president and also member of the International Club, invites knowledgeable members of that club to add insights to the topic under discussion.

Beginning in September, Great Decisions will meet the third Friday of the month at one o'clock. Guests are welcome.

WHEN? September 17, (Friday) at 1:00 PM

WHERE? Betty Buker's , 485 Oakwood Ave. Apt. A3, Lake Forest

TOPIC? Trade and the Global Economy; Projecting U.S. Interests.

QUERIES? Betty Buker, 234-4509, or Colleen Regan, 234-4796

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Diane Lloyd
500 College Road
Lake Forest

Roycealae Wood
107 Park Lane
Lake Bluff

Ann Hollis
500 Thorn Valley Lane
Lake Bluff

Candidates Forum

School District 67
Board of Education

Thursday, October 21

7:30 p.m.

Gorton Center, Friends Room

Urge friends and neighbors to join you to hear the school board candidates speak on the issues at our League sponsored forum!

Watch the September 25
School Board Candidates
Forum on LFTV-Channel 19

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m..

Fridays at 6 p.m.

Sat & Sun at 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

during the month of

October

Memo to all Members:

Membership Renewal Time!

Send dues to: WV of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
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Lake Forest, IL 60045

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT BOND REFERENDUM

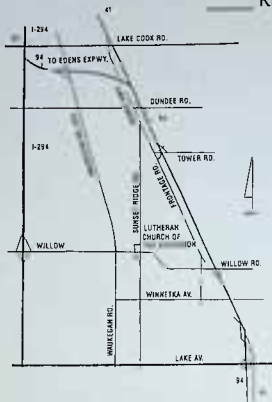
The upcoming Lake County Forest Preserve District bond referendum will be discussed at the Libertyville-Mundelein area League of Women Voters meeting to be held at the Cook Memorial Library in Libertyville at 7:30 pm on October 5. The meeting will feature Colin McRae of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, who will discuss why the referendum is necessary and how the money will be used.

The public is invited to the meeting. For information, call 362-6993 or 680-8250.

COUNTY BOARD COMMENDS KIDS FIRST FAIR

The Lake County Board congratulated the Lake County League of Women Voters for the success of the Kids First Fair which was held on August 11. In the Resolution of Congratulation the County Board also mentioned the monetary and supply contributions totaling more than \$18,000, and coming from 21 organizations located throughout Lake County and the entire Chicagoland area. The County Board also noted that such "community-based service delivery can indeed be a cost effective investment in our citizens."

REGIONALS 1993



WHERE--LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

460 Sunset Ridge Road
(Southwest corner of Willow & Sunset Ridge)
Northfield, IL 60093
708/446-8335

SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30	Registration: Coffee, Networking and Publication sales
9:30-10:30	General Session: <i>Tax Reform</i>
10:30-12:00	Workshops
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:00	Citizens Jury Q and A
1:00-2:00	Speaker on the <i>Healthy Families America Program</i>

\$17 for lunch and workshops.

\$12 without lunch.

To register: Call LWV State Office
312-939-5935

WORKSHOPS

• Tax Reform - How to do a Community Education Project

After the general session outlines the tremendous need for a new fiscal plan in the state, learn how to get that message out in your community and to your elected officials. This workshop will focus on how to work in coalition with other groups, offer training for speakers, and take effective local action.

• Redesigning Your League for the 21st Century

The Crossroads Project has discovered that changing lifestyles and expectations of members demand that the League change as well. Explore new approaches to local program that you can implement right now to energize your members and spark fresh solutions to community problems.

• Win / Win ... Conflict Resolution

In conflict recently with...a public official?...a family member? Learn the basic principles of cooperation and peaceful conflict resolution aimed at a win/win solution. This workshop will provide the four steps of getting to "yes" with simulations and personal experiences.

• Membership Retention and Diversity

A key to membership growth is holding on to the members you already have, and this workshop will offer some strategies that work. In addition, the benefits of membership diversity for your local League and the League as a whole will be addressed. Bring your innovative ideas and successes to share.

LUNCH and SPEAKER

A speaker from the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse will be joining us after lunch to discuss Healthy Families America. This is a pilot program that is being used in Illinois which focuses on intensive parenting education and support services through in-home visits.

COST and REGISTRATION

\$15.00 per person for lunch and workshops. \$10.00 without lunch. (Registrations should be postmarked 10 days in advance of the meeting, otherwise a late fee of an additional \$2.00 will be charged.) Contact your local League president or the state office at 312-939-5935 to register.



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LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1993

10:00-10:30 Breakfast and conversation with legislators
10:30-12:00 Program

Libertyville Township Meeting Room
359 Merrill Court, Libertyville
(West of Rt. 21 off of Winchester Rd.)

The following legislators have been invited to a continental breakfast and question/answer session:

William Peterson	Grace Mary Stern
David Barkhausen	Adeline Geo-Karis
Verna Clayton	Al Salvi
Lauren Beth Gash	Virginia Fiester Frederick
Andrea Moore	Robert Churchill

The opening questions will be:

1. Do you support a state graduated income tax? Why or why not?
2. Besides fiscal policy and educational funding, what is the most serious problem facing the State of Illinois?

After each attending legislator has had an opportunity to answer these questions, further questions will be taken from the floor. At the end of the questions, each legislator will have time for a closing remark.

All members of the sponsoring clubs plus friends and the general public are most cordially invited to attend. \$1 donations to cover costs will be accepted.



FORT SHERIDAN UPDATE

The fate of a compromise plan for the reuse of Fort Sheridan now rests with the Secretary of Defense and Congress. The legislation was introduced by Senators Simon and Warner as an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill, was challenged by Senators Nunn and Glenn of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and now awaits the outcome of a review by Secretary of Defense Aspin.

The amendment principally authorizes a land trade between the Equitable and the Army, with Equitable required to pay to the Army the amount by which the appraised value of the Fort Sheridan land exceeds that of the Equitable's Virginia land. It also requires the essentially cost free transfer of 250+ acres to the Forest Preserve District. Unfortunately, it lacks sufficient protection for the Historic District, would permit the Army to require additional payments or services from the Forest Preserve District, and emphasizes the Equitable's Conceptual Land Usage Plan which the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee did not fully support, but adopted only with many caveats.

The League, the Advocates for the Public Interest in Fort Sheridan, the Open Lands Project and the Sierra Club have been lobbying our legislators and the Department of Defense to modify the wording of the legislation so as to protect the Historic District from inbuilding and dismantling, and to give the surrounding communities, rather than the developer, the final say on changes in Historic District structures. These changes could not be made in time to meet the deadline for introducing the amendment, but we have some assurance that this modification will be introduced if the legislation gets to a House-Senate conference committee.

The League also lobbied Senator Simon and the Secretary of Defense for modification of the conceptual land use plan developed by Equitable, so as to prevent the proposed construction of new housing along the north side of Hutchinson Ravine, on part of the Parade Ground, and between lake-front officers' homes. We also asked that no further services or payments be required from the Forest Preserve District.

Even if the proposed legislation stalls, the three communities and the county have succeeded in forging an agreement on the future ownership and reuse of Fort Sheridan -- something which had eluded them for a decade. Their representatives on the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee agreed on land use, annexation boundaries, and on keeping the entire Fort in the Highland Park - Highwood school districts where it had been for over 100 years. Although some homes on the Fort would have a Lake Forest address, students and school revenues from real estate taxes, would go to Districts 112 and 113. This would offset the estimated \$2 million annual shortfall caused by inadequate federal impact aid for students living on the military sections. Next year's per student impact aid is estimated at \$200, compared to elementary and high school costs of \$9,200 and \$11,500!

My thanks to Shirley Williams, Phyllis Albrecht, Sue Walsh, Barbara Garrity, Pam Eggert, and Beryl Flom for covering meetings, and helping with letters, phone calls, FAXes and mailings.

If anyone is interested in contacting their legislator or the Department of Defense in future, we now have a complete list of personnel responsible for Fort Sheridan matters, complete with their direct phone and FAX numbers. Just call Shirley Williams (945-8049), or Alice Sievert (234-4133).

Alice Sievert

Symposium October 20: *The Risks Today's Children Face*

On October 20, 1993 from 2:30 to 5:30 there will be a symposium sponsored by the Lake County ABC Council, which is the advisory board to the Lake County Health Department for mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities services.

Alfred Baumeister will give a talk on the many risks today's children face and the role these risks play in producing adverse outcomes in infants' and children's physical, intellectual and social well being.

The purpose of this symposium, reception and dinner is to educate policy makers and interested people regarding the needs of these children.

Jean LeBlond of the LWV will be a guest panelist.

The symposium will be at the College of Lake County on Route 45. 2:30-5:50 p.m. Cost: \$5.00

Reception/cash bar: 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Dinner and Speech at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 at the Country Squire Restaurant, Rt. 45/120, Grayslake.

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Upcoming Program ..

LEAGUE TO HOST SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS IN DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL ARTICULATION PROCESS

Last year the Lake Bluff/Lake Forest League of Women Voters initiated a study comparing various educational aspects of the three local school districts. We covered budgets, curricula, gifted and learning disabled education, transportation costs, teacher/student ratios and articulation procedures. As a result of reviewing the educational and budgetary principles of three districts, we decided to extend the study and focus on the articulation (meshing) process and how it relates to all students entering Lake Forest High School.

Our intent is to provide material that will outline the articulation transition between the elementary districts and the high school. The opportunity to proceed with this project seems well-timed since articulation is currently being addressed by many school leaders.

The League will be hosting an informal discussion of articulation on:

Wednesday, November 10th
9:30 a.m.
in the Green Room at
Gorton Community Center.

Dr. Robert Kessler (District 115 superintendent), Dr. Arthur Jones (District 67 superintendent), and Dr. Mark Van Clay (District 65 superintendent) will attend along with representatives from Lake Forest Country Day School and St. Mary's. The purpose is to discuss what has been done in past years, where we may be headed, what areas may need attention, and what the benefits to students will ultimately be. We are excited about the prospects of this study and hope you share our enthusiasm. With your input and direction we believe we can make a positive contribution to education in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest.

League members, their guests, and other interested parties are invited to attend. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. with informal discussion following at 10:00 a.m.

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Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with updating the LWCV Preschool Directory, which includes day care and special services information.

If you can help, please contact:

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State Tax Reform - It's Time to Act

Support the State of Illinois' people, state and people. The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff believes there must be other approaches to solving Illinois' fiscal problems.

Illinois' revenue system is outdated and structurally flawed: it is unable to grow in line with the economy. In fact, since 1979 growth in the state's general revenue funds has generally failed even to keep up with inflation. No matter what level of services and funding lawmakers agree to one year our current tax system ensures that without a tax increase we won't be able to fund the same level the next year.

Since 1984, the state legislature has enacted a series of stop-gap measures to help meet expenses, yet Illinois began FY 94 owing \$1.7 billion; its pension systems are underfunded by nearly \$13 billion; its credit rating has dropped, resulting in higher borrowing costs; and it is under costly court orders to provide services. At the local level, property owners are reeling from escalating pressure on the property tax. League action efforts on a multitude of state issues - education, health care, child welfare, environment - have been stymied by inadequate state funds. It is time for comprehensive tax reform.

Be part of our League's efforts to reform the state tax system. Join our tax reform action committee. The committee's initial task will be to educate ourselves and our community about what's wrong with Illinois' tax system. Early advocacy efforts will focus on the enactment of a constitutional amendment for a graduated income tax as the first step towards meaningful tax reform.

If you are interested, call: Lorraine Bach (295-3210) or Diane Lloyd (615-9182).

Jail Tours Planned for Nov. & Dec.

Opportunities to tour the county jail and the juvenile center will be offered to League members as follows:

Hulse Juvenile Center: Nov. 18 - 9:30 a.m.

Juvenile Judge Margaret Mullen will be present

County Jail: Dec. 2nd - 9:00 a.m.

If you plan to attend, please sign up with Linda Bartmes (234-7069)

LF/LB LWV Membership Changes

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Nov. 2 Vote YES on Forest Preserve District Referendum!

By now all registered voters should have received a flyer about the November 2nd Referendum. Passage of the referendum would assure the preservation of some of Lake County's remaining open space, and provide funding for the development of trails and public use facilities.

The 5% tax cap imposed by the Illinois legislature has severely curtailed the Forest Preserve District's ability to invest in land and improvements needed to keep Lake County a desirable place to live. The District must therefore seek alternate ways of financing the preservation of our environment.

Approval of the referendum would permit the issuing of up to \$30 million in bonds, at a time when interest rates are at all time lows. The tax impact would therefore also be low. For example, the average annual costs for a home with a market value of \$200,000 would be \$8.70 . . . That's the price of a movie ticket and a box of popcorn!

The Lake Forest - Lake Bluff area would benefit from passage of the referendum because it would provide

funding for the development of trails and other facilities at the new Middlefork Savanna preserve in Lake Forest. Additionally, if the Department of Defense accepts the recommendation of the Department of Interior that 250 acres of Fort Sheridan be donated to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the referendum proceeds could be used to develop hiking trails and a nature center at the Fort. Thereafter, income from the Fort's existing golf course would cover operating costs, and pay for maintenance and restoration of ravines, bluffs and the lake shore.

The League of Women Voters of Lake County supports the Referendum, because we believe that the rapid development of Lake County makes it essential that the Forest Preserve District acquire additional property for conservation and preservation. Funding should also be available for restoration, flood control, passive recreative and education projects.

We urge you to get out and vote "YES" on November 2nd!



Proposed Improvements . . .

- 1- Complete the 33-mile Des Plaines River Trail from the Illinois-Wisconsin line to southern border of Lake Co.
- 2- Create trails & other public access facilities at Cuba Marsh & Grant Woods.
- 3- Create trails, parking & other facilities at Middlefork Savanna in Lake Forest (considered the highest quality black soil savanna in the nation).
- 4- Restore prairies, savannas, wetlands & wildlife habitats at several Forest Preserve locations.
- 5- Create trails, boating & other recreation facilities around a 160-acre lake at the new Libertyville site.
- 6- Restore & improve the boat marina, campground, picnic areas & fishing spots at Fox River Recreation Area.
- 7- Create trails & other public use facilities along Lake Michigan at Fort Sheridan.
- 8- Renovate picnic ground, lakes & trails at Lakewood.
- 9- Create a cultural education center at Greenbelt.
- 10- Expand Lake Co. Museum to make its historical treasures more accessible.

Street Smarts . . .



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Fort Sheridan Update . . .

The land swap between the Army and Equitable Co. has been killed or sidelined (?) by the Department of Defense, because it avoided steps 3 through 5 in the disposal process for closed bases: Step 3 - Offer site to agencies serving the homeless, Step 4 - offer to state and local governments, # Step 5 - Public Auction.

However, we are left with some hope that the priorities of local communities would be considered. Undersecretary of Defense Deutsch wrote to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn that current base closure procedures would still allow our Forest Preserve District to obtain 250 acres at a public benefit discount -- though he did not specify if this would be a 100% discount and if it would apply to use of part of the site as a golf course. Secretary Deutsch also supported protective covenants for the Historic District, but made no commitment that he would ensure that such covenants be in place before disposal of the site.

Matters are further complicated by the number of agencies involved in the disposal of Fort Sheridan, so that local communities have found

it almost impossible to determine whom to contact and who has the ultimate responsibility for decisions.

As a result, the Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois, the League, and other organizations will seek to have a Transition Coordinator appointed who could guide our communities through the maze. Such ombudsmen for local communities have already been appointed for bases tagged in the more recent round of closures.

In the mean time, we will continue to encourage our senators to work toward local preferences for reuse of the Fort.

We also have to work toward passage of the Forest Preserve District Referendum of November 2, since part of the funds would be used toward up front costs for Fort Sheridan. Moreover, passage of the bond issue would help to emphasize to the Army that we are willing to pay for development of that site.

Kids First . . .

A network and a newsletter devoted to raising issues relating to children as a priority with the LWV nationally and allowing members the opportunity to share what is being done in League on behalf of children has been formed in Lake County for about a year. One early result of this network has been the decision by the national board to include Early Intervention for Children at Risk as an issue for Emphasis option on the national program planning form for the 1994-96 biennium. Participation in the network is easy!

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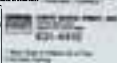
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- November 2** Forest Preserve District Referendum
- November 3** LF-LB LWV Board Meeting 7:00 PM, Gorton
- November 10** General Meeting: School Articulation Process Discussion
9:30 AM, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest
- November 15** Street Smarts: How to Avoid Being A Victim/ 7:30 PM, Deerfield High School
- November 18** Tour of Hulse Juvenile Center 9:30 AM
- December 2** Tour of County Jail 9:00 AM
- December 8** Holiday Luncheon 11:30 AM, Lake Bluff Golf Course Clubhouse
LF-LB LWV Board Meeting (to precede luncheon)
- January 22 or 29** Fund-raiser
- February 9** Joint meeting with AAUW

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LAST CALL FOR COUNTY JAIL TOUR!!

Dec. 2nd - 9:00 a.m.
To attend, please sign up
with Linda Bartmes
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Welcome to Our New Member!

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SUSAN CALDER TO SPEAK

Susan Calder, president of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, will be the guest of honor and speaker at our

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Tax Reform Issue Emerging

The Revenue Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives is holding a series of public hearings on the proposed constitutional amendment of a graduated income tax. The first of these hearings is scheduled in Chicago, on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 10:00 AM in the State of Illinois Building. Members interested in riding to the hearing can call Diane Lloyd (615-9182).

These hearings offer an opportunity to focus legislative and public attention on the severity of Illinois' fiscal problems and the need for meaningful reforms to address the underlying structural deficiencies in our tax system.

The Tax Reform Committee of Libertyville/Mundelein, Deerfield, Highland Park and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff met on this issue in November to continue planning the public meeting to be held in March. This group projected a budget which the four leagues will share. Our treasurer, Alice Sievert, has accepted the responsibility to keep the fiscal account for this event.

----- Lorraine Bach and Diane Lloyd

From the President . . .

Dear Members,

As I write this letter Thanksgiving is approaching, and I realize that many "thanks" are in order to our members for our Fall activities.

To **Judy Grisamore** for planning two successful membership coffees in September, and to **Barb Garrity** and **Lynn James** for hosting the coffees in their homes.

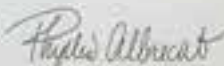
To **Ginni Magda**, who, as Voter Service Chair, did her usual efficient job of planning Candidate Forums in September and October for the District 67 School Board election. After having completed all the planning and organization for our two very challenging but successful October forums, Ginni chose to resign from this Board position in order to be able to actively participate in the support of candidates for this election. Her contributions to our Board will be missed, and we're counting on her to be serving our League in some other capacity in the near future. Thanks also to those members who assisted with the Forums: **Ruth Anne Sorsen**, **Ann Grant**, **Lynn James**, **Sue Hood**, **Ann Hamlin** and **Lorraine Bach**. And also, to **Sally Zeit**, of the Waukegan League, who is our League's "Communicator" with the State Board, for serving so ably as the moderator of both Forums. Those of you who attended or viewed the Forums on Cable TV know how well our League met its mission of nonpartisan voter education through these Forums. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

To **Susan Garrett** and **Linda Williams** for bringing back to our program this Fall the important topic of Curriculum Articulation and other collaborative efforts between our two elementary school districts and our high school district. Our November meeting on this topic was extremely well attended and provided us with an encouraging report regarding our districts' progress in this area.

To **Peg Hafner** for having so ably taken over the editorship of our *League Lines* Newsletter, and to new member, **Ann Hollis**, for stepping in, just when things looked bleak, and taking over the computer-based aspects of publishing the Newsletter. (Doesn't it look great!)

To **Alice Sievert**, last but not least, who has loyally, diligently, and almost single-handedly pursued the local and county Leagues' efforts on behalf of the preservation of Fort Sheridan for public benefit--and for the countless ways in which she is always "there" on behalf of every League program and project.

To all of you for your abiding support and interest in the League. Happy Thanksgiving, and looking forward to seeing you at our December luncheon.




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Recently the Army, (via its Headquarters at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, which now is responsible for the vacant and mothballed Fort Sheridan Property), decided to "enhance the lines of communications with local communities". In early November, they sent two Public Affairs/Community Relations representatives from the U.S. Army Environmental Center in Washington to interview area residents and public officials who had been active in planning for the future use of Fort Sheridan. The purpose of these interviews was to determine "the best means of disseminating information about the Fort Sheridan environmental activities" and to begin to establish two-way communication between the Army and the public.

Shirley Williams, Beryl Flom and Alice Sievert from the LWVLC met with these two representatives. In addition to responding to their questions about the

best methods and locations of presenting environmental clean-up information to the public, we learned that copies of reports on environmental assessment and on clean-up proposals will be placed in a few public libraries at least one month prior to public hearing(s) that will be scheduled on these subjects in our area.

Beryl was subsequently contacted by one of the interviewers with answers to some of our questions. He gave the names and phone numbers of the recently appointed Transition Coordinator for Ft. Sheridan and of Fort McCoy personnel with responsibility for environmental matters. He also reassured us that the vacant Historic District buildings were being heated.

From other sources Beryl learned that the Army still has not completed its listing of the various Historic Landmark Building and its assessment of their state of preservation and importance, even though the base disposal process now appears to be at the stage where agencies for the homeless may submit proposals for use of some of the buildings.

We will continue to urge our representatives to insist that protective covenants be in place before any part of the Historic District is transferred to any new owner, and will urge the three communities and the County to provide stronger local control on development at the Fort by reaching agreement on zoning for the Fort, including the land requested by the Forest Preserve District. Now that passage of the Forest Preserve District Referendum has given local communities a stronger hand in negotiations, a repeat request for a public benefit discount for transfer of 250 acres to the Forest Preserve District should be submitted promptly, and should include a map and exact description of the land requested.

Alice Sievert

Affordable Housing Program . . .

On December 1st a speaker from the Lake County Housing Authority will talk and show a video about affordable housing in Lake County.

The presentation will be held at the home of Shirley Williams, 1349 Woodland Drive, Deerfield, IL (945-8049). Arlene Demb, chairman of the County League's Affordable Housing Committee will chair the meeting.

Anyone interested in affordable housing should plan to attend this meeting.



Member Interest Form

Whatever your interests, expertise, or the amount of time you can contribute, there are important jobs to be done, which can be adapted to fit in with your schedule. Please let us know what your interests are by completing this form. PLEASE DETACH AND SEND THIS FORM TO: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, 400 E. ILLINOIS RD., LAKE FOREST, IL 60045.

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- ☐ **OBSERVER CORPS.** Monitor meetings of local governmental bodies as a representative of the League, either as a "regular" or "alternate", and report on any significant developments via our Newsletter.
- ☐ **LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE.** Keep current on local, state and national legislation by reading material sent to our League and other publications, or get the League's message to our representatives.

I want to participate in the following study or action groups:

- ☐ **UPDATE PRESCHOOL BOOKLET** information on child care, classes, and facilities in our communities. Expand it to provide similar information for special needs children.
- ☐ **NATIONAL HEALTH CARE.** Review features of the Clinton and alternate plans.
- ☐ **KIDS FIRST FAIR.** Help out with planning and implementing this event, which serves low income children.
- ☐ **FORT SHERIDAN.** ☐ **SOLID WASTE.**
- ☐ **CRIMINAL JUSTICE.** ☐ **JUVENILE JUSTICE**
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- ☐ **COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE.**
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- ☐ **SCHOOL ARTICULATION.**

☐ I only have "odds and ends" of time. Call me when needed and I'll let you know if I can help.

☐ I suggest the following topic for League Study

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ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL JUDY GRISAMORE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, 234-3510.

School Articulation Discussed

On Wednesday, November 10th, the LWV LF/LB hosted a discussion between interested citizens and the leaders of our K-12 school community - specifically, Dr. Robert Kessler (District 115), Dr. Arthur Jones (District 67), Dr. Mark Van Clay (District 65), Jim Marks (Lake Forest County Day School), Joan Bransfield (St. Mary's School), and Sister Calude Demoustier (Woodlands Academy). The discussion began with introductory remarks from each participant about what articulation has meant to them in its beginning stages. Everyone reported a very positive reaction and for a variety of reasons. Articulation has opened lines of communication and has provided others support in specific instances. The bottom line is that all agree that this collaboration is necessary because it is, and will be, good for the students of our communities.

To date several things are set in place:

1. A commitment of time and creative energy to plan regular meeting dates and a planned agenda among the present school leaders.
2. A public statement of intent and purpose of articulation has been composed.
3. There is an articulated K-12 curriculum that is similar and complementary.
4. A unified calendar, including holidays and Institute Days has been adopted.
5. There is work that has begun towards providing a

common focus of training and development of staff. Specifically, an Institute day in March will include teachers and personnel from all schools represented on this panel. This day could be the catalyst for a Fall Institute Day with more teacher sharing and collaboration.

6. At present, certain groups of teachers and personnel from Districts 65, 67, and 115 meet regularly. A few mentioned were music teachers, special education teachers, those involved with the gifted and talented programs, and the business managers.

Audience questions centered around how and when can we expect this articulation process to touch the lives of teachers more directly in the area of curriculum and how will it benefit the students. The ensuing discussion revealed efforts in the area of Language Arts where District 65, 67, and 115 have shared grade level objectives.

This process is not quick, sometimes may not look efficient, but our leadership is committed to getting answers to questions in a thoughtful and patient approach that may involve 2-3 years. It also seems that our present school leadership is willing to talk, listen and share their ideas and future developments in this collaborative process.

-----Linda Williams and Susan Garrett

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PRE-SCHOOL

DIRECTORY UPDATE



Susan Phillips has taken on the job of updating our pre-school directory. The plan is to update information on existing pre-school and day care facilities, as well as to add information about services for pre-school children with special needs.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with this important service. Contact Susan at 234-8798.

August 3rd
Save this date!

Last year's most successful **KIDS FIRST FAIR** will be repeated this year on Aug. 3rd, with improved planning. Many hands will be needed. Committees are already at work including members of our league who are helping to secure school supplies.

Hostile Hallways. . .

A study of harassment and gender related issues in the schools, will be the topic of the **February 9th** joint meeting of the League of Women Voters and AAUW.

Dr. Marcelline Barron, chair of the AAUW state task force on Initiatives of Educational Equity, will be the speaker. Jacqueline Berkshire of the Guidance Department of Lake Forest High School will also be present for comment.

The meeting will be at the home of Cindy Morehead, 14 Forest Hill Road, Lake Bluff, Wednesday, Feb. 9th at 7:30 PM. (To reach Forest Hill Road, take the Bath and Tennis Club entrance off Green Bay Road in Lake Bluff. Forest Hill is the first street south.)

Winter Respite. . .

On **February 12th** we will take a break from our intense activities for a fun **COCKTAIL BUFFET** at Pru Beidler's home.

You will receive a personal invitation for this annual fund-raising event.



Your Voice. . .

On **February 16th** at 7:30 PM a joint board/membership meeting will be held at Gorton Center to discuss programs for the coming year.

Now is the time for you to make your voice heard. Both local and national program will be part of the discussion.

Tax Reform-An Issue Whose Time Has Come!

The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League is cosponsoring two programs on tax reform. Take your pick, bring a friend and join us for an informative presentation.

These forums will be held on **February 3rd** and **March 19th** (see inside page 5 for details of the forums).



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BREATH OF SPRING

Presented by Kirk players

March 4th and 5th

Mundelein High School -

Hawley Street

Tickets:

\$5.00 / \$3.00 for seniors

A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

FOR THE LEAGUE

From the President . . .

Dear Members,

February is going to be a busy month for our League! We have a program on Tax Reform to attend in Waukegan on February 1, our joint meeting with the AAL on February 5, and we hope that many members will attend the program planning session on February 10. Program planning involves considering possible items for next year to be proposed for adoption at our annual meeting as well as determining which items for the national program our League will support. Member input is important in this process.

We also will have a chance to break out of the winter doldrums and enjoy a social gathering at the Beidlers on February 12. The cocktail buffet planned will help support the League's program, and we're hoping for a good turnout of not only members, but friends whom they invite as well.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you this month!

Tax Reform - Be Informed . . .

On Thursday, February 3, our League and the Waukegan League are cosponsoring a forum featuring Patrick Patt, Superintendent of Oak Grove School District 68 and Janet Swarts from the League of Women Voters of Illinois Tax Reform Committee. The forum will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County in Waukegan.

On Saturday, March 29, we will join the Highland Park, Deerfield and Libertyville/Mundelein leagues from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Karger Recreation Center, 1850 Green Bay Road in Highland Park. Featured speakers will be State Senator Mary Grace Stern and Sybil Yastrow, former Lake County Regional Superintendent of Schools.

For further information on either forum, contact Lorraine Bach 295-3210 or Diane Lloyd, 615-9182

✓ March 19 on Your Calendar

Democrat Stern and Republican Yastrow to Speak to Leagues on Graduated Income Tax

We are co-sponsoring with other area leagues a presentation on the graduated income tax by State Senator Grace Mary Stern and former Lake County Regional Superintendent of Schools Sybil Yastrow. The presentation will be held on March 19, 1994, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Karger Recreation Center, 1850 Green Bay Road in Highland Park.

League members and the public are all invited to hear Stern and Yastrow discuss the state's fiscal crisis and their views on a graduated state income tax. Stern and Yastrow will also answer questions from the audience. Resolutions that would bring a graduated income tax to Illinois have been introduced in the Illinois legislature. If these resolutions pass, a constitutional amendment giving Illinois a graduated income tax will be on the November 1994 general election ballot.

There is no charge for the presentation or the continental breakfast which will be served. For more information call Diane Lloyd at 615-9182.

PROGRESS ILLINOIS

A state-wide coalition working for progressive tax reform in Illinois.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ILLINOIS' TAX SYSTEM?

The Illinois revenue system is outdated and structurally flawed.

Illinois is in deep fiscal trouble.

- Recent state budgets have been balanced by putting off paying bills. Illinois began this fiscal year owing more than \$1 billion.
- The state's credit rating has been downgraded twice since 1991. As a result, more state dollars go to pay interest and less are available for services.
- Illinois' 5 pension funds are underfunded by nearly \$13 billion. Without funding changes, they will begin to go bankrupt by 2008. This could force a major tax increase just for monthly payments to retired teachers and state employees.
- Chronic underfunding of education, children and family services, and mental health has resulted in court orders and pending lawsuits that could force Illinois to spend billions more.
- Current underfunding of such services as education, preventive health care and job training is increasing the present and future costs of welfare, law enforcement and medical care.

Illinois revenue does not keep pace with the economy.

- Since 1979, Illinois revenues have failed to keep up with the costs of providing existing state services and have failed even to keep up with inflation.
- Because Illinois' tax revenues do not grow in line with the economy, nearly annual "emergency" revenue increases have been needed, and we continue to struggle to maintain services.

Illinois taxes hit the poor the hardest.

- According to a 1991 study, the poorest Illinois citizens (family of 4, \$14,700 income) pay 16.5% of their income in state and local taxes. But the richest Illinois residents (family of 4, \$960,000 income) pay only 6% of their income in state and local taxes.
- In fact, Illinois places a greater tax burden on the poor than 46 other states, making its tax system one of the most regressive in the nation.
- The regressivity of our tax system comes from our sales and property taxes, because lower income taxpayers pay a greater share of their income for housing and tangible goods.

Fairness affects revenue growth.

- During the 1980s the only substantial income growth in Illinois was for the wealthiest 20% of families.
- A tax system that falls heavily on families whose incomes are shrinking or flat and lightly on families whose incomes are growing all but guarantees that state revenues cannot keep up with the economy.

A graduated income tax is the solution.

- Currently, our income tax rate is the same for everyone. A household earning \$10,000 a year is taxed at the same 3% rate as a household earning \$250,000.
- A graduated income tax can build needed fairness and growth into our tax system, compensating for our regressive sales and property taxes. It could also reduce current overreliance on the property tax.
- The Illinois Constitution requires a flat rate income tax. A constitutional amendment mandating a graduated income tax has been introduced in the state legislature. To get on the November 1994 ballot, the General Assembly must approve it by early May.
- To join us in working for a graduated income tax, or for more information, call or write Progress Illinois, c/o LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 939-5935.

Fort Sheridan Update . .

After the Senate rejected the Army - Equitable Life Insurance Co. land swap and the redevelopment proposal for Fort Sheridan, the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee (consisting of officials from the 3 border communities and the Forest Preserve District) held a public meeting on 11/23/93, where:

- the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee passed a resolution supporting the Forest Preserve District's 1991 plan, which would preserve 289 acres of the Fort for public use as a park, to include the current golf course and parade ground, the beaches, bluffs and ravines. They also voted to continue their joint efforts to plan for redevelopment of the Historic District according to local preferences, with preservation of important structures and with limits on density.

- the frustrations of local officials at the conflicting signals issued by the various federal bureaucracies with jurisdiction over Fort Sheridan were clearly evident. The communities decided to track down the key decision maker (if any!!) for the disposal of Fort Sheridan, and to ask for a meeting.

- a proposed amendment to the Base Closure Law, which had been introduced by Senator Pryor, was also discussed. (This amendment has now become law, as part of the Defense Authorization Act. The Act permits the military to convey property to communities or the state at less than fair market value, in order to enhance the economic development of their area. Apparently, transfer would be made to a redevelopment authority set up by local and/or state government. Unfortunately the act does not facilitate such public benefit transfers for open space or historic preservation purposes.)

- the LWV, the Illinois Landmark Preservation Council, and others urged the Committee to (a) again request transfer of the 289 acres to the Forest Preserve District at the 100% public benefit discount recommended on 6/11/93 by the Department of Interior, and (b) insist that restrictive covenants be in place before the transfer of any part of the Historic District from the Army to any new owner. Such covenants are the only effective means of protecting the integrity of the Historic District Buildings and landscape in perpetuity, regardless of future ownership. However, restrictive covenants would reduce the Army's profits from the sale of the site.

- representatives from organizations for the homeless and from the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission stated that they were looking into using some of the Fort's buildings, but that the high costs of maintaining, adapting and operating Landmark buildings would have to be taken into account.

(Note: The Army's report on the condition and significance of existing and potential Landmark buildings at Fort Sheridan is now available at the reference desk of the Lake Forest Public Library and at the Highwood and Highland Park Libraries. It is entitled "Literature Review, Architectural Evaluation, and Phase I Archeological Reconnaissance of Selected Portions of Fort Sheridan, Illinois" [Final Report dated September 1993], by Ms. Mira Metzinger et al. It includes photographs and detailed descriptions of each building, and will serve as a basis for joint decisions by the Army and by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on what buildings are to be protected by historic preservation covenants.

On 12/15/93 the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee met in closed session with Army representatives. Apparently they discussed zoning, boundaries, land costs, and the implications of setting up a community redevelopment authority. The next public meeting of the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee may be on February 3, 1994; please obtain the date, time and location from the offices of Mr. Klely (Lake Forest City Hall, 234-2600) or Mr. Limardi (Highland Park City Hall, 926-1000).

There are now concerns that the Army will oppose the transfer of land to the Lake County Forest Preserve District at the 100% public benefit discount to which it had previously agreed. Therefore, please telephone the mayor and City Council members to urge them to contact the Department of Interior to ask for renewed support for cost-free transfer of the 289 acres to the Forest Preserve District.

For further information please phone Alice Sievert, 234-4133 or Shirley Williams, 945-8049.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a group sponsored jointly by AAUW and League of Women Voters to discuss current international situations, with a view to achieving informed opinions on controversial foreign policy issues of our time.

Following a format and topics research by the Foreign Policy Associations, Great Decisions uses the FPA briefing book as a study guide.

Cynthia Morehead, AAUW President and also member of the International Club, invites appropriate members of that club to add insights to the topic under discussion.

Beginning in February, Great Decisions will meet the second Friday of the month at 1:00 PM.

When:

- Friday, February 11, 1994 at 1:00 PM.

Where:

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

Topic:

- Conflict in former Yugoslavia - Quest for Solutions

Queries:

- Betty Buker (234-4509) or Colleen Regan (234-4796)

1994 Topics

Conflict in former Yugoslavia:
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South Africa:
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Whose Problem?

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- February 9** "Hostile Hallways" - Joint meeting with AAUW, 14 Forest Hill Rd., Lake Bluff, 7:30 PM
- February 12** Cocktail Buffet, Home of Pru Beidler, 5:00 PM
- March 4-5** BREATH OF SPRING presented by Kirk players, Mundelein High School
- March 19** Tax Reform Forum, Karger Recreation Center, Highland Park, 9:30 AM
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Check List for March. . .

- ✓ **MARCH 1** HEAR debate by candidates for alderman and addresses by candidates for other offices (see p. 2)
- ✓ **MARCH 4 or 5** APPLAUD at BREATH OF SPRING Benefit Performance at Mundelein High School (see p. 5)
- ✓ **MARCH 8** TOUR Hulse Detention Center - LUNCH at Basil's with Judge Margaret Mullen and administrator Louise Loud (see p. 2)
- ✓ **MARCH 15** VOTE - Referendum for expanding Hulse Detention Center (see p. 3)
- ✓ **MARCH 19** GET THE FACTS on Tax Reform (see p. 2)

Many, Many Thanks. . .

Our Fundraiser cleared \$914.00! Combined with \$114 realized from the Christmas luncheon, the League has gained over \$1000.00 this season. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who contributed funds, food, and help to make our fundraiser a great success! We have listed them on our "Honor Roll" together with members who made donations earlier. Our special thanks go to Prue and Frank Beidler, who not only made their lovely home (and kitchen!) available for the event, but also made a financial contribution.

Phyllis Albrecht also deserves a special medal. She made all the arrangements, coordinated food donations, secured a bartender, collected and delivered food donations, and helped with the cleanup. It makes you wonder how much more she could accomplish if she didn't also have a full time job!

Our "Honor Roll" includes: Phyllis Albrecht, Lorraine Bach, Mary Beattie, Eleanor Beidler, Prudence Beidler, Mary Liz Carney, Pamela Eggert, Virginia Fiester Frederick, Susan Garrett, Barbara Garmy, Judith Grisamore, Ann Grant, Peggy Halner, Suzanne Henderson, Ann Hollis, Lynn James, Mary Barb Johnson, Liese Kant, Susan Kessler, Eleanor Knight, Jill Lauer, Diane Lloyd, Joann Meigs, Beatrice Mueller, Alice Pierce, Colleen Regan, Florence Rome, Melanie Rummel, Alice Sievert, Ruth Anne Sorsen, Janet Ullman, Roycealee J. Wood, Sue Walsh.

Non-members who donated were: Dr. and Mrs. Mark Van Clay, Mary Lou Troyer, Sally R. Spoehr, and Shirley Williams (president of county league).

-- Alice Sievert



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Welcome to Our New Members!

Pauline Mohr
2000 N. Knollwood Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Lynn Rojahn
1220 Wild Rose Lane
Lake Forest, IL 60045-2932

Candidate Forum Scheduled . . .

The League will hold a Candidates Forum on Tuesday March 1 at 7:30 PM at the Gorton Community Center, Room 1861.

The four candidates for the contested aldermanic seats in Wards 2 and 4 will debate from 7:30 - 8:30. After this portion of the forum, candidates for Lake County Sheriff and State Representative, 59th District will have an opportunity to address the audience.



Democrat Stern & Republican Yastrow to Speak on Taxes

Democratic state senator Grace Mary Stern and former Lake County Superintendent of Schools Republican Sybil Yastrow will discuss 'Illinois' Financial Merry-Go-Round and How to Get Off' on March 19, 1994, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Karger Recreation Center, 1850 Green Bay Road in Highland Park. With plain talk and cartoons they'll explain the politics of the state's out-of-date tax system and give their views on proposals for a graduated income tax.

Resolutions that would bring a graduated income tax to Illinois have been introduced in the Illinois legislature. If these resolutions pass, a constitutional amendment allowing Illinois a graduated income tax will be on the November, 1994, general election ballot.

There is no charge for the presentation. Continental breakfast will be provided. The presentation is being co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, and Libertyville.

-- Diane Lloyd

Tax Cap Referendum to Allow Expansion of Juvenile Detention System

The Tax Cap Referendum set for March 15 is for the purpose of securing funds to expand the juvenile detention system (See Fact sheet on page 3 for details). The purpose is not only to expand the space, but also to increase the quality of programs offered. It is unfortunate that the Tax Cap Proposition appears on the ballot without mentioning the Hulse Detention Center. This is because the law does not allow the ballot to announce what the tax cap is to be raised for.

If you are unsure about the need for this expansion, it would be efficacious for you to attend a TOUR OF THE HULSE DETENTION CENTER AT 9:30 AM ON MARCH 14TH. FOLLOWING THE TOUR WE WILL HAVE LUNCH AT BAKERS WITH JUDGE MARGARET MULLEN AND ADMINISTRATOR LOUISE LOUD. This will be an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the Lake County juvenile justice system.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH
LINDA BARTMES, 234-7069,
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE TOUR

LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN FACT SHEET

PROBLEM

The existing facilities and programs for juvenile offenders are inadequate for current and future needs. Current funding levels under the tax cap are not sufficient to resolve these multifaceted problems. The severity of juvenile crime in Lake County has increased significantly.

OBJECTIVE

To reduce the severity and caseload of juvenile crime, and provide adequate incarceration and vigorous sentencing alternatives for juvenile offenders.

SOLUTION

Seek voter approval to increase the current tax cap to fund new construction and remodel existing facilities for juvenile courts, detention and office operations and to hire appropriate staff to manage new facilities and innovative juvenile correctional programs in accordance with state standards.

FROM

- 18 Bed Secure Detention Facility
- 1 Juvenile Courtroom
- Limited Existing Office Space
- Minimal Educational and Program Space
- No Day Treatment Program
- No Programs with Military Component
- Minimal Probation Services

TO

- 36 bed Secure Detention Facility
- 2 Juvenile Courtrooms
- Expanded Office Space for Court Personnel
- Additional Classroom Space and Program Areas
- Establish VECTOR Day Treatment Program (capacity 12)
- Implement SMART Program for 22 juveniles (Structured Military and Residential Treatment)
- Expanded Home Detention and Intensive Probation Services

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(all costs approximate)

- 10 Year, \$6.4 million Construction Debt —▶ Cost Savings vs. 20 yr. Financing is \$2.3 million
- Raise in Tax Cap will add \$3.3 million —▶ \$2.4 million in annual Staff and Program Costs, as well as Facility Debt Service of \$820,000 per year
- Tax Cap Increase from 2.7% to 8.7% —▶ Increase ONLY in County's Portion of Property Tax Bill
- Tax Collected for County Purposes would —▶ County Now Receives 8¢ of the Average Tax Dollar Increase Only a 1/2¢ on Average Would Receive 8 1/2¢ Given Referendum Approval (1993 Levy Year)
- Impact of Tax Cap Increase on the Owner —▶ \$1.00 Per Month of a \$150,000 home

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Fort Sheridan Update

1. A Public Meeting on Re-use of Fort Sheridan will be held by the Fort Sheridan Planning Committee on Thursday, February 17, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Club, 111 Highland Ave., Highland. The agenda may include a presentation of the Fort Sheridan Historic District, a tour of the Fort Sheridan, the county, and possibly other organizations. Such an authority, permitted by recent legislation, should provide greater local control.
2. Advocates for the Homeless will receive a tour of the Fort on Wednesday, February 23, from 9 - 11 a.m., followed by a workshop on application procedures from 1 - 3 p.m. This event may also interest advocates of non-subsidized but affordable housing. Shirley Williams, President of the Lake County League, will be attending. For information and reservations please call Nadine Smith, Army Corps of Engineers, (502) 625-7374.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP. New legislation has authorized piecemeal clean-up of the Fort, so that clean areas can be transferred to new owners. Representatives of the US and Illinois EPAs and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission are part of the clean-up team. The BRAC representative is Alan Balliett, Environmental Management Division, 2160 South 'J' Street, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5162, Tel. (608) 388-2160. Mr. Balliett told us that a public meeting, consisting of presentations from the Clean-up Team and requests for questions and recommendations from the public is being planned for the near future. There also will be application forms available for a place on the Citizens Restoration Advisory Board (proposed membership of 15 - 20), which the clean-up team wants to set up. Mr. Balliett will alert us to the meeting date.

THE FATE OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency will soon commence negotiations with the Army on the fate of the Historic District. Obviously, the Army would gain financially by not putting in place protective covenants for the buildings and landscape of this historic landmark, since such covenants tend to decrease the financial gain from its sale.

The Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI) would therefore welcome extensive public support for the preservation of the Fort Sheridan Historic District, since that would strengthen the bargaining position of the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which are the agencies that will be negotiating with the Army about the buildings and landscape to be saved. LPCI is encouraging individuals and organizations to send letters, FAXes or make phone calls in support of preservation to the parties listed below, and to request becoming an "Interested Party". This request should put one on the mailing list for meeting announcements and information about the process. If you have time for only one letter, please send it to Ms. Anne Haaker (the first address on the list) and ask that copies be forwarded to the other two parties.

The Leagues of Women Voters of Lake County and of LF - LB have written to all three parties, summarizing our position on Fort Sheridan and asking to participate as an "Interested Party" in negotiations for the preservation of the Fort Sheridan Historic District.

Your communications should stress support of a) the preservation of the Fort Sheridan Historic District in its entirety, with no destruction of historic buildings and no inbuilding, b) maintenance and rehabilitation of the historic buildings according to the U.S. Department of the Interior Standards and c) having the more historically significant buildings open to public view. Please also emphasize that protective covenants should be in place before transfer of any part of the Historic District from the Army to a new owner since, without such covenants, there is no assurance that the historic buildings and the integrity of their setting can be preserved under new ownership. You may also want to state support for public benefit transfer to the Lake County Forest Preserve District of the 289 acres of open space areas, ravines, bluffs, lake shore and parade ground which they had requested.

Ms. Anne Haaker
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capital
Springfield, IL 62701.
(Tel. 217-785-4512; FAX 217-524-7525)

Ms. Charlene Dwin Vaughan
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Washington, D.C. 20004
(Tel. 202-606-8503; FAX 202-606-8672)

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Chief, Base Realignment and Closure Division
Headquarters Forces Command
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(Tel. 404-752-4695; FAX 404-752-4610)

From the Lake County LWV

Call for Nominations

Alice Pierce, chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Lake County LWV asks you to send suggestions for Directors on the LCLWV Board. Three persons are needed for terms of two years, and one person is needed for a term of one year. Alice's address is 1760 Farm Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Senior Affordable Housing



The City of Lake Forest will sponsor a public hearing on senior affordable housing at Gorton Center on March 17th at 7:30 PM.



Alderwoman Abby Fassnacht chairs the ad hoc committee. For information telephone 295-3828 or 295-3844.

You are encouraged
to attend
"Breath of Spring"
presented by the Kirk Players
on March 4-5
at the Mundelein High School

These performances are a fundraiser for Lake County LWV. The play is a comedy about a ring of older citizens who play Robin Hood with furs and is reported to be very funny. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE from Lynn James - 295-5731. (\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and students, and \$2.00 for children)


-- Shirley Williams
president of Lake County LWV

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ANNUAL MEETING POTLUCK DINNER

MAY 11, 1994

6:30 PM

GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER

ELECT OFFICERS - ADOPT PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Please RSVP to Phyllis Albrecht -- 234-7062

(Leave message on answering machine as to whether you will bring a main dish, salad, dessert, or contribute to beverage and paper goods.)

PLEASE ATTEND - WE NEED A QUORUM!!

KIDS FIRST FAIR - AUG. 3, 1994 HELP!

Volunteers are needed for one or more of the three shifts:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Call Lee Ann Stinchcomb, 662-4247, to volunteer.

Doctors and dentists are crucial to the success of the fair. Please take the enclosed letters to your doctor and dentist to encourage them to volunteer for this event.

Children's books are needed.

Please bring them to the Annual Meeting.



Thank You

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From the President . . .

Dear Members,

As this League year comes to an end and a new one begins at our Annual Meeting in May, it is a good time to reflect on the state of our League. Our board this year was somewhat small, but extraordinarily loyal and dependable, and I thank each and every board member as well as those who served in off-board positions for their important contributions. We added new members this year and should continue to seek to increase our membership base in the coming year.

Our Nominating committee has done a wonderful job of developing a strong slate for the coming year! It seems that many of you heeded my request in last month's President's Letter to respond affirmatively if asked by the Nominating committee to serve! Diane is an extraordinarily experienced and enthusiastic Leaguer. Our League could not be more fortunate than to have her as our new president. The coming year indeed promises to be a very good one for our League!

Report of the Nominating Committee . . .

Submitted by Ann Grant, chairman; Barbara Garrity, member.

President: Diane Lloyd

Vice President: Phyllis Albrecht (Voters Service)

Directors: Paula Du Bourdieu (Program)

Sus Walsh (Fundraiser)

Susan Kessler (National/State Programs)

Nominating Committee Chairman: Alice Pierce

Nominating Committee Members: Barbara Garrity and Ann Grant

Proposed New Local Study Item . . .

Study of the current policies and practices of leaf disposal in the City of Lake Forest and the Village of Lake Bluff and the impact of these practices on the community.

Scope: Through consultation with the administrative staff in both communities, percentages of residents using municipal yard waste removal services, and percentages of residents who burn leaves in the Fall of 1994 will be determined. Problems at either the administrative or community level for both methods will be explored and, if appropriate, solutions identified.

Existing Local Positions . . .

No changes are proposed in continuing support positions. Copies of existing local positions will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 7/1/94 - 6/30/95

	1993-1994 (Fiscal yr. est.)	7/94-6/95 Budget
INCOME		
Basic Dues 93-94: (10@35, 70@40)	\$3150.00	
Basic Dues 94-95: (10@40, 70@45)		\$3,550.00
Dues, additional: Sustaining, Patron	\$290.00	\$300.00
Bridge Marathon (net)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Interest	\$158.00	\$140.00
Donations	\$530.00	\$550.00
Events/Xmas lunch (net)	\$162.03	\$120.00
Preschool Booklet (net)	\$3.00	\$0.00
Bulletin Ads	\$200.00	\$1,500.00
Fundraiser	\$945.00	\$1,800.00
Total Income	\$6,138.03	\$8,660.00
EXPENDITURES		
PMP- National ##	\$1,687.00	\$1,520.00
PMP - State##	\$1,398.50	\$1,320.00
PMP - County/LO##	\$164.00	\$190.00
Member Coffee, Dues, Booklet	\$426.48	\$435.00
Postcards, Posters, Bulletins (9)	\$1,153.16	\$1,300.00
Program/Study Groups	\$48.00	\$500.00
Publicity	\$48.00	\$50.00
Copying/Supplies/Stationery	\$240.00	\$150.00 *
Secretary	\$29.00	\$100.00
Treasurer	\$68.00	\$60.00
President(s)	\$75.00	\$100.00
Community Room rental	\$145.00	\$145.00
Gorton storage rental	\$300.00	\$300.00
Action/Lobbying	\$20.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$66.00	\$70.00
Voter Service/Government Award	\$128.45	\$130.00
National Convention '94/Regionals	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00 #
IL Convention '95/Regionals	\$0.00	\$450.00
Publications	\$10.00	\$50.00
Contingency	\$0.00	\$740.00
Fundraiser	\$187.82	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$8,194.41	\$8,660.00
Balance: Gain or (Loss)	(\$2056.38)	\$0.00

* Stationery replenished 1993-94

Set aside for next year's convention

PMP= Per Member Payment. PMPs are based on member count of prior fiscal year.

Fort Sheridan Update - April 1994 . . .

Environmental clean-up responsibility for Fort Sheridan has been shifted to a new triumvirate, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) team, which consists of representatives of the U.S. and Illinois EPAs and the Department of the Army.

This BRAC team met in March with local groups interested in Fort Sheridan's fate. Local leagues were represented by Shirley Williams, LWVLC president, and by Diane Lloyd from the LWV of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff. The BRAC team seeks nomination for appointees to a Federally mandated 10-12 member Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The members of this board are to be drawn from among nominees submitted by local public interest groups, governmental bodies, etc.. Selection criteria to be used by the BRAC team for determining the composition of the RAB, will be released at a **May 4, 1994 public meeting of the BRAC team** (the time and location of this meeting will be announced in late April).

The RAB is intended to provide public input early in the clean-up, planning and implementation process. The RAB will look at Army goals and objectives for clean-up, prioritize clean-up, and get information out to the public.

There are still many unanswered questions about contamination at Fort Sheridan. The Illinois EPA had insisted that the Army's past evaluations were inadequate. The Army is seeking to remedy this, and their revised findings should be released by June 1994. Our greatest concern is the long and deep Wells Ravine landfill within the Army Reserve and the Navy housing area which runs up to the lake front and through which storm sewers run to the lake. Leachate is draining from this site. The Army's proposed remedies, such as capping, patching, and regrading, are likely to be stop-gap, given the erosion rate of the lake front bluffs. Excavation may have to be considered but it may be prohibitively expensive. Another concern is the limited depth of clean-up proposed for areas within and adjacent to the present golf course where buried unexploded ordnance has been found.

The Forest Preserve District continues negotiations with the Army for a lease of the Fort's golf course for public use, with the hope of later obtaining the 289 acre ravine, bluff and golf course section. We will urge the Department of Interior to continue to press their recommendation that this land be given to the Forest Preserve District at a 100% public benefit discount.

The Fort Sheridan Planning Committee (i.e. the three communities and the County) reluctantly agreed in March to fund 25% and to seek 75% matching Federal funding to hire a staff person who would deal specifically with Fort Sheridan issues. One more redevelopment plan is to be drawn up which may include a.) support of a Forest Preserve District park, b.) analysis of the suitability of the Historic District buildings for various uses and c.) should reflect the needs of local communities. The plan would have to be flexible, because transfer of some buildings to homeless providers may be decided on as late as September 6, 1994. The plan may also include redevelopment proposals for sections of the Fort that may be abandoned by the military, if downsizing continues. The next public meeting of this committee is April 26, 1994 at 7:30 pm at Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St Johns Avenue. Please verify time and location with City Manager, David Limardi (708-926-1000).

Oak Terrace School Needs

It has come to our attention from the nurse at the Oak Terrace School in Highwood that about 40 children at the school are without health insurance and are in need of care. One child needs surgery. The League of Women Voters does not have funds for this purpose, but if any individual would like to make a donation to address this need, donations may be made to:

The Oak Terrace School Health Fund

Attn: Mr. Ourth, Principal
240 Prairie Avenue
Highwood, IL 60040

We'll Need to Raise Our Dues . . .

Our basic dues of \$40 (\$35 for Seniors), have not been raised for three years. During this time, our National, State, and County LWV per member payment (PMP) has increased to \$37.50 per member. That leaves us \$2.50 per member from regular dues, but we lose \$2.50 per Senior Member. Therefore our dues contributed only \$150 to our operating funds for the current fiscal year.

We will recommend at the Annual Meeting that dues be raised as follows:

Basic Dues:	Regular	\$45.00	
	Senior	\$40.00	
Special Categories:	Sustaining	\$60.00+	(basic \$45 dues plus a donation of \$15 or more)
	Patron	\$100.00+	(basic \$45 dues plus a donation of \$55 or more)

The donations can be included in the same check as the dues. However, if tax deductibility is desired, a separate check made out to the LWVIL Education Fund must be mailed to our local league treasurer. Donations which are received by the time our membership book is printed in December are used to determine the categories "Sustaining" and "Patron".

We are very grateful for the contributions that our Sustaining and Patron members make.

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Dates to Remember . . .

May 11 ANNUAL MEETING - POTLUCK DINNER, 6:30 PM at GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER

August 3 KIDS FIRST FAIR

**LAKE
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HOSPITAL**



The Hospice Program at Lake Forest Hospital is planning a new volunteer training program beginning the middle of May and ending the middle of July. Those interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer, or for more information, should contact the Hospice office at 708/234-5600, ext. 6446.

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Bring a prospective member to

The Fall Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, September 14

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Diane Lloyd's, 500 College Rd., Lake Forest

Our guest speaker, State Representative Virginia Fiester Frederick, will bring us up-to-date on Illinois issues and the year ahead

A salad luncheon will be provided by the board

Please host a prospective member

RSVP to Diane, 615-9182 or Judy Grisamore, 234-3510

Join us to welcome Ginny home from Springfield

and say goodbye to Barbara Garrity
who is moving to Houston

In Memoriam

The League regrets to announce the death of two of its members:

Norma Lee Boone Goldberg, M.D.
Memorials may be made to the
Lake County Lung Association.
For information: 708/256-5700

Nancy E. Melick

Memorials are suggested to
Carleton College,

Northfield, MN 55057, or
Circle Five Charity for AIDS Children,
c/o Park Ridge Community Church,
100 S. Courtland Ave.,
Park Ridge, 60068

Voter Registration at Deerpath Art Fair

The League will once again offer voter registration at the Fall Festival of Art which is sponsored by the DeerPath Art League on Sunday, Sept. 4th, and Monday, Sept. 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

League members who are currently registrars should call Ginni Magda at 295-6892 to schedule a 2-hour period to man (or woman!) our table which will be set up at the corner of Market Square in front of Forest Bootery.

Also, any League member who is interested in becoming a voter registrar or an election judge for the upcoming election can call Ginni for details. Remember, voting is our right and our responsibility and the League's registrars can help people exercise those rights by getting involved.

- Ginni Magda



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President's Message

As you can see by the calendar, the League is off and running. This is a year of celebration and an exciting time to reflect on the League's past and celebrate its future. On February 19, the League celebrates its 75th anniversary and its future. On February 19, the League celebrates the 19th Amendment. Our League will in August celebrate at the beginning of the 19th Amendment. Our League will be marking this anniversary year with a full schedule of monthly programs on you for the prospective members. Although it is not necessary to call ahead, it would be helpful if we knew approximately how many to anticipate, so please leave a message on my machine (615-9182) or Judy's (234-3510) if you know you will be coming or bringing a guest. We are delighted to have state representative Virginia Fiester Frederick as our guest speaker. Virginia will bring us up-to-date on Illinois issues. We can all welcome Virginia back home and say goodbye at the same time to another favorite daughter, Barbara Garrity, who will be moving to Houston this fall.

Please bring prospective members to the fall social luncheon at my home on September 14. A social luncheon will be provided by the Board. We depend on you for the prospective members. Although it is not necessary to call ahead, it would be helpful if we knew approximately how many to anticipate, so please leave a message on my machine (615-9182) or Judy's (234-3510) if you know you will be coming or bringing a guest. We are delighted to have state representative Virginia Fiester Frederick as our guest speaker. Virginia will bring us up-to-date on Illinois issues. We can all welcome Virginia back home and say goodbye at the same time to another favorite daughter, Barbara Garrity, who will be moving to Houston this fall.

Watch the media this fall for attention to the League's Illinois Voter Project (described in this issue) which is coordinated by the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund and the University of Illinois at Chicago with major funding by the Joyce Foundation. We hope to introduce more educated voters into the fall gubernatorial campaign to try to influence the way media, public opinion and politics connect during an election. Charles Madigan of the Chicago Tribune described the process as an attempt to inject substance into a process that seems to thrive on the superficiality of sound bites and paid advertising.

Finally, thanks to intrepid leaguers Lorraine Bach, Peg Hafner, Lynn James, and Eleanor Knight who spent a not-very-lazy July morning stuffing 250 backpacks for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders for the Kids 1st Fair. Special thanks to Lynn for coordinating our League's collecting efforts and to all of you who contributed in so many ways.



Dues renewal letters are in the mail. Save your hard-working board follow-up time and postage. Send your dues in as soon as possible.

Regionals 1994 Sept. 20th

Join us at the Regionals! Carpool with the board to the state League Regional workshop in Palatine on September 20 (schedule & program on next page). We will send our League's reservations in on September 12 but feel free to come at the last minute (\$2.00 late registration fee). Call Diane if you want to ride with us, 615-9182.

Let's Carpool!



REGIONALS 1994

Each fall Regionals provide the opportunity for League members to become informed and updated on current priorities (such as tax reform and early intervention) as well as on traditional League activities such as voter registration and membership development. Your regional conference provides usable information, a place to talk with other League members, and a jump start to our fall activities. Regionals are the perfect opportunity to gain a better understanding of program issues, utilize expert resources and share ideas and information. Hope you can attend this year!

HOST LEAGUES and DATES

Springfield	Saturday, September 10th
Lombard/Villa Park	Saturday, September 17th
Palatine	Tuesday, September 20th

SCHEDULE

9:00	Registration
9:30	Workshops
11:00	Early Lunch
11:35	General Session: Citizen Democracy on the Move—Success Stories with Momentum
12:30	Work Session: Forging Strategies (A Hands-On Approach)
1:30	Reconvene/Wrap-up
2:00	Adjourn

*Schedule for Springfield will be 30 minutes later (Registration 9:30; Adjourn 2:30)

WORKSHOPS

• **Tax Reform: Walking the Tightrope in an Election Year** •

Learn how to manage the challenges and opportunities involved in conducting an action campaign in an election year...to advocate while staying nonpartisan when candidates support or oppose our positions...to provide the information voters need to evaluate the candidates' positions. Network with tax activists from other Leagues and learn how they have made tax reform a local issue.

• **Is Illinois Going To Be Playing Jeopardy?** •

The category is legislation...the answers are: It had a bumpy five-year ride through Congress. It requires 46 states to change laws or constitutions. It is the basis for a lawsuit in Indiana. It has not been adopted in Illinois yet. The question is: What is the National Voter Registration Act? Come to the NVRA Workshop to discuss these answers and questions and the LWVIL action plan to seek its adoption in the fall.

• **The Virtual League** •

Looking for a faster, more efficient method of communication? More timely access to information of interest to you and your League? This workshop will explore the basics of electronic communication, from bulletin boards to E-mail to choosing an on-line service.

• **Building Future Leaders for Your League** •

This workshop will use brainstorming sessions and structured plans for orienting members, assessing strengths and weaknesses, involving membership in League activities, building a viable committee system and guiding members into leadership positions. Board members and nominating committee members are strongly encouraged to attend.

• **Citizen Democracy on the Move: Uniting Communities Through Successful Action Models** •

From "take back our neighborhood" meetings to national conferences on renewing America, citizens in hundreds of towns are forging partnerships with local government, business, service organizations, and other citizens to shape our common future. It's not a fad. It's a movement. And the League can continue to be a driving force. The general session and work session are designed to expand your skills and problem solving strategies for drawing many parts of your community together as working partners on issues that matter for League and all.

COST and REGISTRATION

The cost of this 4 1/2 hours of condensed learning, sharing, fun and lunch is \$15.00 per person. Registrations should be postmarked seven days in advance of the meeting in order to avoid the \$2.00 per registrant late fee. Contact your local League president or the state office at 312-939-5935 to register.

A CONTINUING PROGRAM

Great Decisions is a group, sponsored jointly by AAUW and LWV of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, to discuss current international situations, with a view to developing informed opinions on controversial foreign policy issues of our time. Following a format and topics researched by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), Great Decisions uses the FPA current briefing book as a study guide.

The Great Decisions year begins in February when the current FPA book is available and meets at 1:00 p.m. the second Friday of each month through October, to discuss the eight topics covered in the briefing book.

Welcome to
Our Newest Members!

Mrs. Cameron Brown
1400 N. Green Bay Road, Lake Forest
and
Marianne Pilml
467 Rockland Avenue, Lake Bluff



At the Kids First Fair, held August 3rd under the sponsorship (and hard work!) of the League and the Lake County Health Department, 1500 children were given physical and dental examinations, 1250 received medical care, and all received school supplies. Congratulations to us!



"GREAT DECISIONS"

What: Great Decisions

Topic: Islam and Politics

When: September 9 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Questions? Betty Buker 234-4509 or
Colleen Regan 234-4796

LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION - PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 41st National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States was held in Washington DC from June 10-15. This was my second convention and every bit as exhausting and inspiring as the first.

The detailed report of convention actions is included in this issue of League Lines. In addition to the formal business of the convention, we heard speeches from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno, and the President of the National Council of La Raza, Raul Yzaguirre.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund presented leadership awards to Barbara Jordan, University of Texas professor and former member of Congress (in recognition of outstanding national

leadership that fosters great citizen participation in the democratic process); Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President of the American Red Cross (for raising society's sights and elevating its standards through public and nonprofit service emphasizing the rights of women, the disabled and the consumer); the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour (for increasing awareness of important public policy issues and encouraging citizen participation in the democratic process); and League leader Willie Campbell (for promoting women's rights, addressing global hunger and shaping better communities worldwide, especially through the Overseas Education Fund International). We heard from each of the honorees.

We voted against several efforts to change the league name and against program items on deficit reduction, immigration and population impacts on a sustainable future. We attended workshops, training sessions and caucuses and lobbied on the Hill.

We were treated throughout the convention to vignettes from the League's past, anniversary celebration ideas and plans for the future. Perhaps the best news for leaguers in Illinois is that Convention '96 will be held in Chicago, June 11-15, 1996, and we will all have a chance to participate.

1994 LWVUS CONVENTION REPORT

PROGRAM

Current Positions

All LWVUS positions were readopted in each of the four program areas: Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy.

The League's position on **gun control** was amended by adding the following:

The League acknowledges that the U.S. Supreme Court and the lower federal courts have ruled consistently that the Second Amendment confers a right to keep and bear arms only in connection with service in a well regulated militia--known today as the National Guard.

The following position on **Violence Prevention** was added to the Social Policy area through delegate concurrence:

The LWVUS supports violence prevention programs in all communities and action to support:
**public and private development and coordination of programs that emphasize the primary prevention of violence.*

**the active role of governmental and social institutions in preventing violent behavior.*

**the allocation of public monies in governmental programs to prevent violence.*

The following position on **Early Intervention for Children at Risk** was added to the Social Policy area through delegate concurrence:

The LWVUS believes that early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well being, encourage the full development and ensure the safety of all children. These include:

**Child abuse/neglect prevention*

**Teen pregnancy prevention*

**Quality health care, including nutrition and prenatal care*

**Early childhood education*

**Developmental services emphasizing children 0-3*

**Family support services*

**Violence prevention*

Issues for Emphasis

Delegates adopted the three recommended issues for emphasis for 1994-96:

Health Care

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Crisis in the Community (title amended from Crisis in the Cities)

and added a fourth issue:

Opening Government to Citizens

1994 LWVUS CONVENTION REPORT (con't)**CROSSROADS**

Crossroads motion passed as follows:

Move that delegates request the boards at every level of the organization to work to implement the recommendations in the Crossroads report and request progress reports at Council '95 and Convention '96 on implementation to date and further steps to be taken.

CROSSROADS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The primary focus of activity for most local Leagues should be their work on issues of concern to their community.*
- 2. To ensure that adequate resources are available to promote the work of the League at the community level, state and national Leagues should focus their advocacy efforts on significantly fewer issues.*
- 3. The program planning process at all levels should emphasize the range of methods available to Leagues in their work to influence public policy.*
- 4. To the greatest extent possible, Leagues should make use of standardized concurrence processes.*
- 5. The organization should establish a comprehensive computer network linking all Leagues.*
- 6. A plan should be developed to move the national League to a three-year cycle.*
- 7. Leagues should be encouraged to develop and test new membership categories and innovative procedures for forming new Leagues.*

BUDGET

The budget as presented, with a PMP of \$19.00 for the next two years, was adopted.

BYLAWS

The following three bylaw amendments were adopted:

- 1) allowing chochairs, rather than a single chair, of the nominating committee*
- 2) requiring per member payment obligations to be met for voting entitlement at Council*
- 3) altering the paid life membership program*

LOCAL LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for local Leagues were amended as follows:

- 1. The League must have bylaws, the first three articles of which must be consistent with those of the LWVUS. The remaining articles must provide for democratic procedure.*
- 2. The League must establish and maintain a nonpartisan policy.*
- 3. The League must hold an annual business meeting(s) of the membership.*
- 4. The League must hold regular board meetings.*
- 5. The League must (contribute to the financial support of the League as a whole) meet its financial obligations to the state and national levels of the League.*
- 6. The League must have a plan for membership growth and retention that encourages a membership as diverse as the community.*
- 7. Any advocacy policy pursued by the League must be consistent with League principles, positions and policies.*

ILLINOIS VOTER PROJECT

Research on registration and voting behavior suggests that motivational factors contribute in large part to low voter turnout. One significant factor is whether people think candidates are addressing policy issues that concern them as well as proposing solutions that make sense to them.

The LWVIL Education Fund, in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago, has initiated a demonstration project to develop strategies to (1) define critical issues in the gubernatorial campaign, (2) expand media coverage of these issues, and (3) evaluate the impact of greater

issue information on the campaigns, candidates, and voters.

The Illinois Voter Project began with a statewide opinion poll shortly before the March primary to determine the issues of greatest concern to the electorate. The top three issues identified were crime, education, and taxes.

The project is now conducting a series of focus groups with Chicago voters and non-voters to clarify the three issues and to explore participants' views as to possible solutions. The results will be presented to the media and the gubernatorial candidates.

In September, the project will convene two demographically balanced Citizen Agenda Panels who will examine expert witnesses about the three key issues. They will then determine how they believe these problem areas could best be resolved. Selected panel members will also be invited to discuss these issues with the leading gubernatorial candidates in a televised town hall meeting in October.

ILLINOIS VOTER PROJECT

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AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

OBSERVERS / READERS NEEDED

Observers and readers are needed for Lake Bluff and Lake Forest boards, commissions and committees. If you are interested in helping keep us informed by attending any of the following meetings (or reading the minutes regularly), call Diane, 615-9182.

Lake Forest

City Council
Plan Commission
Building Review Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Television Advisory Committee
Library Board
Board of Education, Dist. 67

1st Monday & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall
2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall
4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall
2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall
2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Library
1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Deer Path Elem. School

High School Board, Dist. 115 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. at High School Library

Lake Bluff

Village Board
Planning Commission
Architect Review Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Library Board
Board of Education, Dist. 65

2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m., Village Hall
As needed, Community Room, Pub. Safety Bldg.
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2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Library
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lake Bluff Middle School

Bridge Players, Please Note!

More players are needed for the League bridge group, which meets the 4th Monday of each month. Anyone interested, please contact Marge Olincy, 234-0624.



ARE YOU ON INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY ?



Since we are at the beginning of our involvement with the information superhighway, please help us develop a list of users in our Leagues by completing the information below and send it to the League of Women Voters of Illinois:

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NEW LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS . . .

Our League has received copies of the following new publications. Borrow any or all by calling Diane, 615-9182.

Guide to Getting Good Media Coverage. LWVUS, 1994. A step-by-step guide with key information for getting media coverage of League issues, campaigns, projects and other activities.



A Home of Their Own: Developing Housing in Your Community for Persons with Mental Illness, by Claire Stetter. LWVILEF, 1994. a manual designed to assist in expanding housing options in the community for people with special needs.

The League of Women Voters in Perspective, 1920-1995, by Nancy Neuman. LWVUS, 1994. An inside look at the history of the League of Women Voters written by a former national League president.

HELP US CELEBRATE THE 75th! . . .

We want to make this year special in as many ways as possible with your help. If you have an idea for us to pursue or want to help plan our spring celebration, research our history, develop a program for the schools, dress up (as a suffragist?) for the 4th of July parade or on Lake Forest Day, prepare our historical files as a depository collection. . . call Diane, 615-9182 or Sue Walsh, 234-5401. We welcome your ideas even if you have no time. Conversely, you should call even if you have no ideas but are willing to spend a few minutes having a good time.



Fort Sheridan Update - August 1994

Fort Sheridan is being Fort, Barbara Gandy, Howard Gandy, Pauline Mohr and Beryl Flom who attended the public hearing upon which the report is based.

Environmental Clean-up. Recent legislation required the Army to ask local public interest and governmental groups to nominate potential appointees to a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The RAB is to provide early (1) public input on the testing and remediation plans for potentially hazardous waste at closed military bases, and to keep the public informed. The League nominated Beryl Flom to the RAB in May, but by mid-August the Army had not yet announced its selections from the list of nominees.

In May, the BRAC team [i.e. the Army, the Illinois EPA (IEPA) and the U.S. EPA] reported some elevated pollutant levels in soil and water samples from some Fort landfill sites. They provided no specifics (e.g. what chemicals were tested for, which were elevated, how, where and when the samples were collected), so that it is unclear whether the BRAC team's unconcern about elevated levels of some pollutant types was justified. The 2 year impasse between the Army and the IEPA about the Army's "unacceptable" testing methods continues, except that they agreed to collection and analysis of more soil, water and leachate samples and to negotiate specific sampling procedures for each site.

The Corps of Engineers is evaluating ways of containing the lake front landfill and of collecting and disposing of the leachate. Budgeted clean-up costs for the entire base are \$16.8 million (\$ 10 million earmarked), with the balance to be committed by 9/95, when the final report is due. Clean-up is to include the Army and Navy held areas, and must be complete by 6/98. The extent of clean-up for each parcel is to be based on its proposed future use. By May 1994, 30 underground storage tanks and surrounding soil had been removed, asbestos remediated in 23 buildings, and the golf course had been surveyed for unexploded ordnance and (presumably) cleared, since it is now open to the public.

Open space. The golf course is temporarily under lease to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, but we will still have to convince the Army to transfer it to them permanently, via a 100% public benefit discount. The Joint Planning Committee (JPC), i.e. the 3 communities and the County are also pushing for this. Such a transfer must also be approved by all parties responsible for historic preservation (see below), since the parade ground is both part of the golf course and part of the Historic District.

The Joint Planning Committee (JPC) hired JJR, a consortium of architectural, historic preservation, engineering and marketing firms, to draw up a reuse plan, to be completed by the Army's 9/30/94 deadline. JJR was selected from among 9 applicants and has extensive past experience with reuse planning for the fort. Kathy King, a former Evanston city planner, was hired as administrator. The Office of Economic Adjustment will fund 75% of the anticipated total cost of \$ 275,000, with local communities and the County providing the other 25% (with 10% having to be in cash and 15% in cash or in kind). The JPC wants to be the Redevelopment Authority for the Fort, and is exploring the legal implications.

The Historic District. At a poorly advertised public hearing in June, the three legally required "principal signatories" to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (i.e. the Army, the National Council on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Agency) accepted comments on a draft MOA governing historic preservation at the Fort. In part, this document spelled out what historic preservation measures and marketing steps would be taken, and set the procedures for implementing and/or modifying these measures. Unanimous objections were raised by the League, the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI), the Lake Forest Foundation for Historic Preservation, the Advocates for the Public Interest in Fort Sheridan and the Illinois Open Lands Project, among others, to the ease with which the document would permit all preservation measures to be scuttled if the Army did not get its price, to the lack of local representation among those drawing up and enforcing the protective measures, etc. On August 10, with the participation of LPCI and the JPC's administrator, Kathy King, the document was revised to permit coverage of additional buildings, to include the LPCI and the JPC as "concurring party signatories", to strengthen protective measures, and to deemphasize price as a reason for scuttling preservation covenants. The revised draft will be made public on 8/31/94 with comments accepted till 9/7/94, followed by eventual review/approval by the 5 signatories, which now include the JPC.

Homeless Providers from 5 organizations applied for about 22 buildings by the deadline, and decisions by HHS are pending. The brief period for State and Local Applications started 7/5/94.

Dates to Remember . .**September**

- 4-5 Voter registration, Deerpath Art Fair
- 7 Lake County LWV meeting
- 14 Fall Membership Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 League Lines deadline for October issue
- 17 Regionals, Lombard/Villa Park, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 20 Regionals, Palatine, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 22 Voter registration, Cuneo
- 24-30 National Voter Registration Drive begins
- 29 First day to apply for absentee ballot

**October**

- 5 Lake County LWV meeting
- 11 Last day to register to vote
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 League Lines deadline for November issue
- 17 State Representative Debate, 7:30 p.m., Gorton (tentative)

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October Program Recycling in Lake County

Mark Loughmiller, Recycling Coordinator
Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

Thursday, October 6
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Gorton Community Center Auditorium

Brown Bag Lunch - Topic: Leaf Disposal

Join us on Thursday, October 25 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Center for an informal discussion/review of leaf disposal policies and practices in Lake Forest and in Lake Bluff.

As a local study item this year, our League is tracking the percentages of residents who utilize municipal leaf removal services versus leaf burning, as well as determining what problems are encountered as a result of these practices. For further information, call Phyllis Albrecht, 234-7062.

State Representatives Candidates Forum

Our League is sponsoring a one-hour Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Center.

Candidates for State Representative, Thomas Lachner and Christopher Wakefield, will respond to questions submitted by the audience as well as giving opening and closing statements.

This Forum will be taped by Lake Forest Cable for later telecast on Cable Channel 19. Please plan to attend and participate! Also, if you are willing to serve as a question screener, timer or usher, please contact Phyllis Albrecht, 234-7062.





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President's Message . .

It was good news. The Lake Forest City Council has decided to begin cablecasting city council and financial committee meetings on Monday, October 3. The cable cast will be live on US Cable Channel #19 and a taped replay will air on Thursdays when council is not in session. This is a commendable decision and one not always easily undertaken. At the League's aldermanic forum last spring, several candidates expressed concerns. During the State of the City presentation, the mayor expressed his concerns. And when city manager Bob Kiely was asked about the possibility at our April meeting, he felt such a move might be two years coming. Watch if you can, but let the mayor or your aldermen know how important you feel this step is whether you watch or not. Improved access to government and increased opportunity for citizens to become better informed are basic to the League's mission.

There is so much on the League schedule we couldn't fit it all on the front page, so browse quickly and mark your calendars. With the recent performance of some third class mailings, take note of our Thursday, November 3 program on Teens at Risk in this area. Our speakers will be Dorothy Chantler, Lake Forest High School Counselor, Youth Officer Fahey or Hughes of the Lake Forest Police Department and a representative of Lake Forest Hospital. The panel discussion will be held at Gorton Community Center in the Friends' Room from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We were so pleased to have Virginia Fiester Frederick as our speaker at the fall luncheon. We will miss her gracious, professional and intelligent presence on the floor of the House, but delight to welcome her back to our community. Many thanks to the board members for the delicious salads and desserts and generous donations of time and supplies that made everything run so smoothly. Special thanks to Judy Grisamore, membership chair, for all her planning, and to Judy and Susan Kessler who came early to set up, continued working through the entire lunch and stayed (with Lynn James) to wash dishes. Special thanks to all who invited guests. We welcomed more than twenty friends and prospective members.

Legislative Issues Breakfast . .

The North Shore Section of the National Conference of Jewish Women welcomes leaguers to their annual legislative issues breakfast with state senators, representatives and challenger candidates. Twelve of 14 legislators have accepted. Districts invited extend from Lake Bluff south through far-north Chicago and Skokie.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, October 3 at the Glencoe Community Center at 9:15 a.m. for breakfast and chat and 9:30 a.m. start time. Cost is \$3.00 for advance reservations and \$5.00 at the door. RSVP to NCJW 1107 Central, Wilmette by Wednesday, Sept. 28 for advance reservations.

THE LEAGUE WALKS with Open Lands . .

Put on your hiking shoes, bring family and friends, and join us on two Saturdays in October for a walk-and-talk at two remarkable open space properties in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Enjoy the beauty of local savannas, wetlands and prairies while learning about current issues and future hopes of these two acclaimed organizations. Meet promptly, drizzle or shine. If the weather is truly miserable, we will reschedule, perhaps later the same day, the following Sunday or the next weekend. Call 615-9182 for rain date.



WHEN:	Saturday, October 8 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Saturday, October 22 8:00-9:00 a.m.
WHERE:	Stevenson Savanna	Wetlands
PARK:	West end of Laurel Ave. off Green Bay Rd., LF	Wimbledon Ct., off Bath & Tennis Club Road, LB
GUIDE:	Julia Plumb, Director of Education Lake Forest Open Lands	Carolyn Goetz, President Lake Bluff Open Lands

Suggested contribution of \$2.00 per person to benefit the organizations.

Nonpartisanship and the League . . .

At the September 14 meeting, the board adopted a new nonpartisan policy for our league. If you have any questions about our policy or wish to have a copy, contact Phyllis Albrecht. The League is nonpartisan and political, a precious anomaly. We never support candidates or political parties but we are active on issues which we have studied and on which our members have come to consensus. We are nonpartisan so that:

- Its position on an issue can be readily accepted as unbiased and independent;
- it will not be obligated to any political party or faction;
- it can seek solutions in the public interest on the basis of fresh inquiry and objective study;
- its voters service work will have wide public acceptance and trust;
- League membership will appeal to individuals of varying political views.

12th Annual

Handgun Violence . . .

The annual walk will begin this year at 10:00 a.m. from Daley Plaza. Leaguers can meet together on the northeast corner of the Plaza (Dearborn and Randolph). For further information, contact Barb Lippat, Highland Park League president and the state league's specialist on handgun control.

Lake Michigan Interleague Group Annual Convention . .

The Annual Convention of the Lake Michigan Interleague Group will be held October 14-15 in Kenosha. All League members and others interested in the health of Lake Michigan are welcome to attend.

Tours of the Chiwaukee Prairie and the Pheasant Run Recycling and Disposal Facility are on the agenda, along with the annual business meeting which includes approval of position papers.

Meeting reservation forms are available in the League mailbox in the Gorton office. Payment for the entire program is \$40; for one day \$25. Reservations must be in by October 7. For further information, call Deanna Byrnes, 414-551-0201.



LWVIL Update . .

League of Women Voters of Illinois (LWVIL) has joined the Illinois Campaign to Ban Assault Weapons, a statewide coalition which local leagues may join individually.

The constitutionality of the referendum on term limits, opposed by both the US and IL Leagues, is being challenged by the Chicago Bar Association. Information on term limits as well as two other constitutional amendments can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

A ruling from the Appellate Court on the suit filed by a group against the state seeking a judgment that Illinois' system of funding for public education is unconstitutional is not expected before the end of the year. It is likely that the case will eventually be brought before the Illinois Supreme Court.

Volunteer Help Wanted:

For a committee to review the Illinois positions on criminal and juvenile justice and prepare a statement in time for the 1995 convention.

For the Automatic Recount committee which is documenting the great number of elections in Illinois which were decided by very small margins.



LWVUS Update . .

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) will cosponsor two conferences:

For a Safe Community: Citizens' Conference to Stop Gun Violence, November 11-13, 1994 in Washington, DC

Protecting Ground Water: Promoting Understanding, Accepting Responsibility and Taking Action, December 12-13, 1994 in Washington, DC.

The LWVUS will play a visible role at the September 1994 United Nations Fourth World Conference On Women in Beijing.

China. The League will focus on: inequality in access to education, health and related services; and inequality between men and women in the sharing of power and decision making at all levels.

The LWVUS has agreed to sign on as "amicus" in the Supreme Court Term Limits case, "U. S. Term Limits v. Thornton", if an appropriate "amicus" brief is available. The League also will contribute up to \$5,000 to help defray costs of litigation.

LWVUS updates Leagues on UN plans and activities, including the 50th anniversary of the world body in October, 1995.

ILLINOIS VOTER PROJECT . .

In September, the project convened two panels representing the diversity of the Chicago area. The panels interviewed education, crime, and public policy experts about the leading campaign issues and developed a set of policy recommendations. ChicagoLand TV is expected to televise the panel activities and produce a documentary on the citizen decision-making process.

In October, members of the panel and focus groups will come together to question both gubernatorial candidates in a town hall meeting. WLS-TV Channel 7 is expected to televise the event.

Update reports from the Illinois Voter Project are available via Internet on Chicago OnLine. Watch the media for publicity and coverage of the town meeting.



ILLINOIS VOTER PROJECT

JOINT PROJECT OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS EDUCATION FUND
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Constitutional Amendments on the General Election Ballot

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has decided not to take a position on either of the two proposed constitutional amendments on the 1994 general election ballot.

The "Confrontation Clause Amendment" would change Article I, Section 8 of the Illinois Constitution concerning the rights of the accused in a criminal prosecution by replacing language giving the accused the right "to meet the witnesses face to face" with language giving the accused the right "to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her."

The "Effective Date of Legislation Amendment" changes the deadline by which the state budget must be approved in order to be immediately effective. That date is now June 30. After June 30, bills approved must have a three-fifths majority in each

chamber to become effective immediately. The amendment changes the deadline from June 30 to May 31.

As you know, there has been much discussion in recent months about term limits and about riverboat gambling. Neither of these issues will be on the general election ballot, but they will return. The League of Women Voters opposes term limits at both the federal and state levels and the Illinois League also opposes riverboat gambling as a solution to the state's financial crisis.

Several copies of the excellent background papers prepared for each of these issues are available in the League mailbox at Gorton. Please help yourself (and make a photocopy when only one copy is left).



The numbers are in! The second annual fair served 1500 children from 606 families, which represented a 24% increase over last year. More than 100 donors gave \$52,000 in kind and cash. There were 450 medical volunteers including 35 doctors. Thanks to all who participated.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Ann Carpenter
Abigail Faasnacht
Arlene Loepp
Barbara Schmid
Patty Whiten



NEW LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS . . .

Our League has received a copy of the following new publication. Borrow by calling Diane, 615-9182.



Getting into Issues. A citizen's guide to the 1994 elections, with background information on six policy areas: crime, welfare reform, foreign policy, the environment, campaign finance and health care reform. Includes questions candidates and voters should consider. League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1994.

CELEBRATE THE 75th! . . .



"The League of Women Voters makes its call to the brave, the intelligent, the forward-looking. No others will be interested."

Carrie Chapman Catt

In order to recognize this extraordinary woman (mother of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and founder of the League of Women Voters) a nonprofit corporation called the "National 19th Amendment Society" has been formed to obtain funds to restore her home near Charles City, Iowa.

It is the hope of the society to open the home for public viewing by the Diamond Jubilee of Ratification in 1995. The project also contemplates a Center for the Study of Women's Issues and an occasional old-fashioned Chautauqua (Ms. Catt frequently lectured on the Chautauqua circuit) featuring entertainments and some of her speeches.

If you wish to contribute to this project, make your check payable to the National 19th Amendment Society and send it to: National 19th Amendment Society, PO Box 19, Charles City, IA 50616-0019.



Are you ready for the League's upcoming 75th Anniversary? Each month we'll help you review your knowledge of League history so by the 1995 LWV Convention in Chicago you'll be at the head of your class!

Are these statements true or false?

1. The Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men and women are created equal . . ."
2. The suffragists adopted white as their campaign color.
3. Carrie Chapman Catt was the first woman to cast a vote for President of the United States.

Answers are on page 71

Fort Sheridan Update September 1994 . .

The meetings upon which this report is based were covered by Beryl Flom, Diane Lloyd, and Shirley Williams; Sue Henderson monitored press coverage.

Environmental Clean-up. The appointees to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) have not yet been selected from among the persons who were nominated; apparently additional nominees are being sought in an attempt to include members of minority groups. In October, unexploded ordnance located within or near the lakefront bluffs will be detonated with precautions to minimize blast damage, but there still is concern that damage could result to the ecologically sensitive bluffs.

Open space. The proposed VA cemetery for Illinois will be located at Joliet Arsenal and not at Fort Sheridan. The Lake County Forest Preserve District, with support from the JPC, and the Department of Interior has applied for 289 acres of the Fort, but the Army has made no decisions yet.

The Historic District. Several scenarios for redevelopment of the Historic District were prepared by JJR, the consultant to the Joint Planning Committee (JPC). The draft plan which most closely reflected the League's position, retained the existing open space and preserved the historic buildings for residential use without further construction on the site. Three other scenarios showed escalating intensities of inbuilding, principally along the ravines, on the northern part of the parade ground, and near the Nicholson housing area.

The scenario favored by the League, would preserve the open space, and rehabilitate the historic buildings to preserve the historic aspects, while providing 390 residential units with modern amenities. Restoration costs would be an estimated \$ 22 million. Given these costs, the selling price would have to be lower than that of other lakefront areas, and would range from approximately \$ 3.3 to \$13.1 million, depending on whether all units could be sold within 5 or within 10 years. Problems with selling the property include inadequate space for parking areas.

The U.S. Department of Education has recommended, and the Army has approved transfer of the gymnasium to Lake Forest College and transfer of Building 1 to the Skokie Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra (Midwest Young Artists).

The Draft Programmatic Agreement of (9/94) between the three partners, i.e. the Army, the National Council on Historic Preservation and the Illinois Historic Preservation Office, which was drawn up at their 8/10/94 meeting, went further toward preserving the Historic Landmark District than the previous draft, but it still had several shortcomings. These included the lack of "cast iron" protection for the Historic District, its landscape and its buildings, in that the Army could still find ways of avoiding the imposition of preservation covenants. The League wrote to all three partners and some members of the JPC, identifying our areas of concern.

Upcoming meetings of the JPC are scheduled for Thurs. September 22, 7:30 PM at Lake Forest City Hall, and Wed. September 28, 7:30 PM at Highland Park City Hall. For further information please contact Kathline King, Executive Administrator, 615-4282.

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- 3 FALSE. Susan B Anthony, assuming she was a citizen under the 14th amendment, registered and voted in 1872. She was prosecuted and fined \$100, which she never paid.
- 2 FALSE. Yellow was the color adopted by the suffragists. The color was selected since the flower chosen to symbolize the movement was the jonquil or daffodil (although other yellow flowers would do). The flowers of the "ants" was the red rose
1. FALSE. The words "and women" were left out by the Founding Fathers; they were added in the preamble to the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848.
- Answers for Questions on page 6.

Dates to Remember . .

- September 29** 1st day to apply for absentee ballot
- October TBA** Illinois Voter Project Town Meeting with Gubernatorial Candidates
NCJW Legislative Issues Breakfast, Glencoe Community Center, 9:15 a.m.
3 Lake Forest City Council goes live on US Cable Channel #19, 6:30 p.m.
5 Lake County LWV meeting, 9:15 a.m.
6 OCTOBER PROGRAM: The Status of Recycling in Lake Co., Gorton Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.
8 THE LEAGUE WALKS with Lake Forest Open Lands, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
8 12th Annual Walk Against Handgun Violence, Daley Plaza, Chicago, 10:00 a.m.
11 Last day to register voters
12 Board Meeting, Gorton Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
14 LWV/AAUW Great Decisions, Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Ave., LF, 1:00 p.m.
14-15 Lake Michigan Interleague Group Annual Meeting, Kenosha
15 League Lines deadline for November issue
17 1st day for in-person absentee voting
19 STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE FORUM, Gorton Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
20 Lake Forest Quarterly Town Meeting
22 THE LEAGUE WALKS with Lake Bluff Open Lands, the Wetlands, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
24 League Bridge, Gorton
25 BROWN BAG LUNCH: Leaf Burning, Gorton Friends' Room, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- November** 3 NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Teens at Risk, 9:30 a.m.
8 Election Day
9 Board Meeting, Gorton Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
14 Moderator Training and Refresher Course, Libertyville, 7:30 p.m.
18 BROWN BAG LUNCH: Gun Control, Gorton Friends' Room, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

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Welcome to our New and Returning Members!!

Jayne Gretz
Margaret Hart
Richard Kern
Mary Ann Kiehl
Margie Olinicy
Mary Jane Wolter

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Celebrating the 75th!

Thursday, December 8, 1994

11:30 a.m.

Lake Bluff Golf Course Clubhouse

Speaker: Eleanor Revelle,
Former President,

League of Women Voters of Illinois &
Director, League of League of Women Voters
of the United States

\$10.00 - Luncheon price

Vegetable Soup
Spinach Chicken Salad
Assorted Rolls & Muffins
Fresh Fruit Platter
Assorted Desserts

Please RSVP by Monday, December 5th

to Diane Lloyd, 615-9182.

Punch & Hors d'oeuvres at 11:30.

Eleanor will speak promptly at 11:45.

Luncheon will be served at 12:15.

Brown Bag Lunch Nov. 29th Topic: Gun Control

GUN CONTROL will be discussed at our Brown Bag Lunch on November 29th. Barb Lipoi, state league specialist on gun control and current president of the Highland Park League, will be the speaker. Learn about the status of gun control in Illinois and how neighboring communities have been active on this issue. Bring your own lunch and drink. The meeting will be held in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.



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President's Message

Now that we are coming unglued - from the editorial pages, that is, we can look back with some pride on our own participation in the election. Our thanks to Phyllis Albrecht, who arranged the excellent candidate forum for state representative in the 59th district. Thanks to good candidates, good planning, good questions, and a superb job by moderator Sally Zeit, we didn't have to deal with sound bites locally. Thanks also to Ginny Magda and all our deputy registrars who worked to register voters throughout Lake County this summer and fall. Ask Ginny and Susan Kessler about registration at Lake Forest High School when you need a lift. Better yet, become a registrar yourself and help register first time high school voters in the spring.

We regret that we did not videotape the excellent presentation on Teens at Risk in November. This outstanding and very informative program was arranged by Linda Bartmes, who also serves as criminal justice chairman of the Lake County League of Women Voters. Thanks, Linda.

We are also now better informed about leaf burning in our area. Thanks again to Phyllis for arranging this brown bag lunch. Join us for our second brown bag lunch and another informative discussion on gun control on November 29. The District 67 Association of Parents and Teachers asked the League to look into gun control this fall and this is our local first step.

Finally, the League spoke at the Lake Bluff Village Board meeting on Oct. 24 in favor of the Lake Bluff Open Lands proposal for the Skokie River Preserve and Trail just west of the West Terrace area (south of Route 176 and west of Green Bay Road). The Village Board was divided on this issue and President Fred Wacker cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of this plan. We based our testimony on our local position.

Roycealee Wood Honored

League member Roycealee Wood, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Lake County Schools, was named the 1994-95 Partners in Progress recognition recipient. Partners in Progress is a community-school-business partnership which raises funds for the North Chicago schools.

Roycealee, who joined the North Chicago school system in 1964, has been a teacher, college counselor and scholarship director, director of guidance and curriculum, director of personnel and public relations and director of academic affairs.

She has served local, county, state and national organizations. Among them are the Lake County Council of Navy League, National Director of the Navy League, Lake County Urban League Board of Directors, North Chicago Chamber of Commerce and the North Chicago Rotary Club.

Community involvement has also included membership with the First Mid-west Bank of North Chicago Advisory Board, the Illinois Prairie Girl Scout Council Advisory Board, YMCA Advisory Board for School Age Programs, the Allendale Association Board of Directors, Bradley Youth & Family Counseling Board and Partners in Progress. Good work, Roycealee!

Update on League Issues . .

Affordable Housing



At the last LWV Lake County board meeting, the board extended and clarified the League's land use position by incorporating related league positions at the state and county level. The new wording of the second paragraph of the LWVLC Position on Land Use is: "The League believes that Lake County should plan for adequate supplies of low and moderate income housing. The League urges building affordable housing throughout the county with every community providing a percentage under some kind of fair share plan. Intergovernmental cooperation is necessary." (The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff continues to follow the issue of affordable senior housing in Lake Forest.)

Term Limits

The Supreme Court has scheduled oral arguments in *U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton* and *State of Arkansas v. Bobby E. Hill*, for November 29. The former Arkansas League president and current national board member, Bobbie Hill, was the lead plaintiff in the term limits case when the Arkansas term limits law was successfully challenged and overturned in court last year. The LWVUS and the LWVEF, as well as the LWV of Washington State (which successfully challenged state term limits on federal legislators) have submitted an amicus brief in opposition to the Arkansas law. (From the October 1994 LWVUS Post-Board Summary)

Yorkhouse Road Extension

From the minutes of the October 5 meeting of the Lake County League of Women Voters: "Yorkhouse Road proposed extension and widening: It was agreed that the League would give no testimony as far as this controversy is concerned. While there is an argument environmentally against destruction or damage of the wetlands, Jean Baenziger pointed out the Lake County has built no new roads in 30 years and that this road is badly needed. Our transportation study verified the county's east-west traffic difficulties, and the need for improvements to the few that are available, as well as new roads where needed. Yorkhouse Road would be a needed direct link to the Waukegan Regional Airport from I-94 as pointed out in the Lake County Framework Plan concerning transportation, and as included in the City of Waukegan in its Comprehensive Plan. The traffic is here and Lake County is far behind."

Help the Illinois League Make a Difference

You may have received a letter from the LWVIL which states that "The League must retol to meet new challenges. Technological change has been rapid, more women work outside the home and the public is increasingly skeptical about our government and officials. Our tactics may change, but the League's mission is as relevant today as it was in 1920. We will continue to promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to impact public policy through advocacy and education . . . With your help, the League can continue to serve as a springboard for a new generation of women and men to become the informed and active citizens that Illinois needs." In case you set this aside, you can use this form to send your support and help the League of Women Voters of Illinois continue to make a difference for the next 75 years.

Count me in this:

- ☐ Presidents Circle \$150 or more _____
☐ Sustainers Club \$75 or more \$ _____
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Method of payment:

- ☐ Check (payable to either LWVIL or LWVILEF)
☐ VISA or ☐ MasterCard: Card# _____

Signature _____

- ☐ I am enclosing my company's Matching Gift form.

Contributors of \$75 and above will receive
 "The League of Women Voters: In Perspective
 1920 - 1995," by former LWVUS President
 Nancy M. Neuman, as a special thank you.

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CELEBRATE THE 75th! . . .



This is your mid-term exam for your League history awareness.
This is an open book exam (if you need a little help, look on page 71!)
Are these statements true or false?

1. The Battle Hymn of the Republic was the song of the women's suffrage movement.
2. Carrie Chapman Catt's home state of Iowa was the final state to ratify the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote.
3. In 1920, a newspaper used these words to describe the LWV:
"From being a fighting machine to get one law over the top, it was reorganized from the ground up as an educative machine to get many laws over the top."

Be part of it! Thanks to co-chairmen Cindy Morehead and Judy Grisamore, we will be ready to move after the holidays. If you have an idea for celebrating the 75th in a meaningful way, or a few hours to volunteer for a small project, let them know about it.

Kids First Health Fair Forming Connection Committees

In an effort to get the Lake County communities more involved in the Kids First Health Fair, we are wanting more schools, churches, clubs, organizations, and businesses to donate to the needs of the Fair. The Steering Committee figures lots of our League members have connections whom they could contact and encourage to participate.

Specifically, we need certain school supplies, used children's books, and monetary donations. COULD YOU HELP? Please call one of your Leagues co-chairmen, Lynn James (295-5731) or Eleanor Knight (295-2542) and get more specific instructions. They need to be sure there is not a duplication of contacts. Although we do not need these supplies until the middle of June, it is our experience that collections take a considerable amount of time. There are still a few job slots to be filled for planning the Fair. In particular, we need:



- ☐ REFRESHMENT COORDINATOR: This person would arrange for refreshments for volunteers serving at the Fair on August 2nd. The job would involve contacting past contributors who have donated food, arranging for pick-up, and set-up on August 2nd. The assignment would take limited time in the summer, plus the day of the fair. Call Lynn James or Diane Lloyd.
- ☐ FUNDRAISERS: Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising which will involve mainly phone calls starting after the winter holiday. In fact, anyone who could help us with a variety of phoning, please call Claire Weiner (945-6088).

1995 DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

How can you help the effort this year?

LEAGUE INFLUENCES SWALCO'S UPDATED PLAN

The 1994-99 updated plan of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) includes several items from the testimony developed by a LWV of Lake County committee last spring. Specifically, the League comments accomplished the following broad changes plus some wording adjustments:

- 1) integration of the draft update and comments for a final document (5 years ago they kept the two separate)
- 2) requiring haulers in Lake County to offer curbside pick-up for residents in 1-4 housing unit buildings, not just requiring municipalities (which excludes thousands of people who live in unincorporated areas). This concept needs an ordinance from the Lake County Board.
- 3) the formation of a Legislative Committee which will follow and initiate legislation important to Lake County.
- 4) including larger buildings for mandate recycling - SWALCO added the requirement for newly constructed large buildings to leave space for recycling collection. This concept needs an ordinance from the Lake County Board.
- 5) targeting construction and demolition debris recycling and reduction

In addition, we concurred with several of their changes such as downplaying waste-to-energy (incineration), supporting volume-based fees, emphasizing reduction as well as the manufacture of goods from recycled materials, emphasizing reduction and recycling at the commercial level, and requiring that curbside recycling be offered since some member communities have not voluntarily added it to their city services. --Beryl Flom, 11/94

REPORT ON SOLID WASTE IN LAKE COUNTY 10/94

Beryl Flom and Di Kieckhefer, LWVLC

By state law, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has to update its plan every five years; they completed this process in the summer of 1994. The update de-emphasizes the use of incineration and emphasizes reduction, recycling and composting, and landfilling, in that order. It also recommends that Lake County require haulers to offer curbside recycling pick-ups. Waukegan is the largest incorporated area that does not now have a community-wide curbside recycling program.

Meanwhile, SWALCO continues to promote reduction and recycling. Staff is currently planning the first of several "Environomics" seminars, to be held in Deerfield in January, which will provide businesses the opportunity to learn about the benefits and technical aspects of setting up recycling and waste reduction programs. According to figures in the Lake County Solid Waste Plan, the commercial sector generates more than 50% of our garbage.

At this time, Lake County's waste is deposited in the following landfills: Countryside near Grayslake, Waste Management's Mallard Lake in DuPage Co., and Pheasant Run operated by Waste Management in Bristol, Wisconsin. Browning Ferris Industries' (BFI) landfill in Zion has been closed for about a year due to lack of permitted space.

The Countryside Landfill, formally known as ARF, is located on Rt. 83 between Peterson Rd. and Rt. 137, near Grayslake and Round Lake Park. It was purchased a few years ago by USA Waste Services, Inc. which applied for an expansion of the landfill both laterally and vertically. A hearing board composed of seven Lake County Board members listened to many days of testimony and public input; they approved the lateral expansions but recommended that conditions be applied to the vertical expansion. The LWVLC did not testify. Due to the unregulated nature of landfilling before the time of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), it is feared that materials considered hazardous by today's standards were deposited at ARF prior to 1980, endangering the local ground water supply. USA Waste says that they will install gas and leachate collection pipes in the current landfill to remove accumulated leachate for treatment. Monitoring wells will make possible

detection of ground water pollution. USA Waste proposes to put similar leachage collection systems under the north and south lateral expansions before turning to the upward additions planned for the top of the old site. The Lake County Board, concurring with the hearing board, approved the lateral expansions, but decreed that when these have been completed, the vertical expansion over the old site be re-evaluated. This could be more than ten years in the future. The application to expand Countryside Landfill must now be reviewed and approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before work can begin.

Round Lake Park is concerned about the number of trucks that will carry garbage along their roads on the way to Countryside. They have worked out an agreement with USA Waste, rerouting some trucks to alleviate noise and road damage.

Meanwhile, agreements between USA Waste and several local entities who will share both the costs and the burdens of the expanding landfill have been reached. USA Waste will pay*:

to Lake County	-- \$25 million
to Round Lake Park	-- \$1.26 million
to Grayslake	-- \$25 million
to Prairie Crossing development	-- \$4.2 - 6.3 million
to Arbor Vista subdivision	-- \$1.25 million

BFI plans to submit their application to the city of Zion on November 4th to expand their landfill by 75 acres east of the existing landfill. The application will go through the same type of S.B. 172 hearing process as did Countryside. The City of Zion has already annexed the land that BFI wishes to use for this lateral expansion. Meanwhile, SWALCO is working on the contract with BFI, similar to one already agreed to with USA Waste. Under this proposed contract, BFI would guarantee SWALCO the use of 8,500,000 cubic yards of disposal capacity over twenty years or 425,000 cubic yards a year; an environmental liability coverage of \$6 million; and the lowest tipping fee charged any customer by the landfill.

SWALCO is now reviewing bids to build an Intermediary Processing Facility (IPF) on land in an industrial park in Libertyville (Rt. 137 and Rt. 45 near the water tanks). They have carefully selected bidders who meet high standards both financially and environmentally. A review committee of SWALCO Board members plus the SWALCO staff are considering bids for both public and private ownership options. An IPF receives recyclables, sorts them, and bales them for shipment to companies who use them in manufacturing new merchandise. By combining all of Lake County's recyclables, the agency can command a better price, making recycling more profitable.

SWALCO had selected a site for a permanent household hazardous waste facility, to be operated jointly with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), but was turned down by the subject village which feared environmental problems. SWALCO felt these concerns were unfounded and is now working on a public relations brochure which would explain the program and process to County residents before another site is selected. Household hazardous waste could be dropped off at such a site one or two days a week and would be picked up by the IEPA once a month. No long-term storage or spillage would occur. The building would be a temporary unit with traffic consisting mainly of cars.

In December, SWALCO will join with a number of state agencies in sponsoring an agricultural clean sweep day when farmers may drop off unwanted pesticides.

Finally, Wisconsin has passed a law banning the disposal of out-of-state waste from states whose recycling standards do not meet those of Wisconsin and/or which are deemed to have been deficient in landfill capacity over the past several years. According to the formula developed by Wisconsin, Illinois did not have sufficient capacity during one of those years. Since the SWALCO Board feels that this law violates U.S. interstate commerce law, it has become party to a suit against Wisconsin in this matter, filing an amicus brief for clarification of the new Wisconsin law. Thus it may be that SWALCO's garbage will no longer be allowed in the Pheasant Run Landfill after January 1, 1995.

*Pioneer Press, 9/29/94

CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP - Jan. 14**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DUPAGE COUNTY****CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP****SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14****8:30 A.M. UNTIL NOON****Continental Breakfast****Anderson Commons - North Party Room - Wheaton College Campus****On Chase Street north of College Avenue - Parking in area****League Members: \$20 per person, \$25 after December 30****Others: \$25 per person, \$30 after December 30**

- Become more effective in your organization, in your workplace and in your personal relationships
- Become better able to understand your current approaches to conflict resolution, identify additional options, know when one is likely to work better than others and apply the chosen method more successfully.
- Help your organization become more productive and more harmonious.

Sandra and Randall Locke are the workshop leaders. They each have over eighteen years of experience in a wide variety of settings, including professional, civic and volunteer organizations, implementing the principles of conflict management and coaching others in the application of such knowledge and skills. For further information, call DuPage League at 858-5725 or Rosemary Martin at 355-5581.

Yes, I would like to attend. Enclosed is a check for \$ 20 payable to the Dupage County League of Women Voters. Check one:

- ☒ My interest in conflict resolution is general.
I especially hope to learn about _____

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Organization LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

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3 TRUE The paper went to say: "The proof of a good workman (sic) is the way he leaves his job for another take up. . . Mrs. Call had a great organization. . . She changed it to meet new conditions."

2 FALSE Tennessee earned that distinction when the governor yielded to appeals to call a special session of the legislature. A young state legislator cast the deciding vote after being admonished to do so by his mother Tennessee rallied on August 18, 1920; notice was received by the Secretary of State in Washington, DC at 4:00 a.m. August 26, 1920

1 TRUE The hymn, written by suffragist Julia Ward Howe, was unofficially adopted as the song of the suffrage movement. On the day of ratification, the hymn rang out throughout the land.

(Answers for Questions on page 4)

Dates to Remember . . .

- November** 29 BROWN BAG LUNCH: Gun Control, Gorton Green Room, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- December** 8 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Eleanor Reveille, speaker; Lake Bluff Golf Course Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
8 Board Meeting, Lake Bluff Golf Course Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.
No *League Lines* published in December
- January** 14 Conflict Resolution Workshop, Wheaton College, 8:30 a.m. to noon
15 *League Lines* deadline
22 "Community Response to Firearm Violence": Phil Andrew, Executive Director of Illinois Citizens for Handgun Control, presented at First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
- February** 11 League Birthday Party - Save the Date!



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