



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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## Calendar Reminders:

- January 15 - Membership, Finance and Treasurer's Report sections of Local League Annual Reports were due in LWVUS office (2 copies). (Two copies were also to have been sent to LWVMN office.)
- 19/20 - Conference on Rural America: "Who Feeds The World?" - Monday, January 19, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., Highland Middle School, Crookston, MN. The "Who Feeds The World?" program will also be presented at the Northland Community College Auditorium, Thief River Falls, January 20, 1976, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 - Focus on Emerging Issues - The Child in Society - 9:00 a.m., St. Paul YWCA, 65 E. Kellogg Blvd.
- 21 - Minneapolis Briefing on Education (see Education section).
- 27 - Legislature reconvenes.
- 29 - Membership Committee meeting (see Membership section).
- February 3 - National Program Suggestions and Bylaws proposals due in LWVUS office.
- 3 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office.
- 4 - Financing State Government Committee Meeting (see FSG section).
- 7 - Parliamentary Procedure Seminar - Southwest State Campus (see FYI section).
- 10 - State Board Meeting.
- 11 - "Water for Energy" - see EQ section
- 16 - Presidents' Day - office closed.
- 17 - Focus on Emerging Issues - Health Care Delivery (same time, same place).
- 18 - Symposium - "Multinational Corporations in Latin America" (see IR section)
- 23 - Hope Washburn Award Nominations due (see Nominating Letter enclosed).
- 25 - Multinational Symposium.

## Contents:

Counterpart Communiques: Local Program, CMAL, Education, Organization of State Government, Financing State Government, Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity, Environmental Quality, International Relations, Action, Development, Citizen Information/Voters Service, VOTER, Field Service, Membership, Public Relations, Publications, Treasurers, Budget, Judiciary.

"Leaguekeeping Items" and FYI Section.

Reminder: Presidents PLEASE distribute Memo section and enclosures on Education IMMEDIATELY and other Memo sections and enclosures to appropriate portfolio chairpersons as soon as possible. We've had some feedback from some local League portfolio chairpersons that they aren't getting their materials either from the Memo itself or its enclosures.

Send copy of your local League Financing the League report to state office.

Mailed in December: Mini-Memo and enclosures to presidents only.

Included: Action Alert\*  
 Education: Additional Resources included with 1st class presidents' mailing only.  
 Field Service Request Form  
 "We Did It!" Report\*  
 Nominating Committee Letter\*  
 Declaration of Campaign Committee and Application for Employer Identification No.  
 Mailer - Women's Work and What In The World Is Wow?  
 League ACTS\* - one/member non-Metro Area Leagues)  
 Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota - M-A-Ls only.

\* on DPM



LOCAL PROGRAM 1/76  
(Jones)

Annual meeting time is fast approaching! Local Program chairmen have some responsibility for anticipating program for next year, even if you are immersed in this year's efforts. Your local bylaws provide a schedule that gives members an opportunity to know what the Board is thinking and recommending. This means you should get ideas from members, check with observers and your own committee, and review the local situation with an eye to the criteria for choosing Local Program. (See Local League Handbook, p. 23 old edition, p. 34, new edition.) Make your pitch to your Board in time for their recommendations to appear in your bulletin within the required timetable.

One noticeable trend in Local Program items has been focusing on some phase of a state or national item which already contains a stated position. This type of local study is not necessary. If your League and Board are in agreement to act, local facts and implications can be assembled and action taken without the involvement of the entire League. Just go ahead and act! There are Leagues, though, whose members have a strong interest and wish to become more thoroughly conversant with the local picture. A supplemental local consensus can be utilized if desired and a Board can be sure of strong backing in pursuing effective local action.

And remember, you don't have to have a new local item every year, or every alternate year. Judge the status of your current local items, their potential for action, the size of your membership in terms of the workload of your League, and the probable interest and enthusiasm for new items. What you say about Local Program for next year will carry much weight with both your Board and your members, so give it some thought. Think positive for Local Program is very important in gaining and keeping members and is what your community sees.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES 1/76  
(CMAL) - (Enders)

Nominating Committee. The CMAL Nominating Committee chaired by Kay Banitt (739-7441) is in the process of selecting a slate of officers to be elected at our June Convention. If you would like to make any suggestions, please call her. We are always anxious to have people get involved with metro level affairs. It need not be in a Board capacity. Any time you could give would be appreciated. The areas we deal with are housing, health, land use, parks and open space, sewers, transportation, law enforcement and metro financing. Do you know anyone who might be interested?

Questionnaires for local officials will be distributed at the March meeting. Save some time in April to do these interviews.

Our March representatives meeting will be held on the 18th at Hennepin Ave. Methodist Church (near Walker Art Center). Our program will deal with the human services activities of the Metropolitan Council. Howard A. Knutson, author of the Human Services Act, will be our speaker. Registration information will appear in the February CMAL bulletin.

The Slide Show, The Cost of Sprawl, is still available from your local library. How about using it for your annual meeting program?

Program Planning for '76-'77? CMAL will be reaching consensus in the fall (due December 1st). Be sure to set aside unit time. How about a kick-off meeting in the fall dealing with a metro topic? We would be happy to help you plan it; call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

EDUCATION 1/76  
(Atchison)

Local Leagues are revving up for consensus meetings in February. The VOTER will be mailed about the 15th of January (that's two weeks earlier than the OUTLOOK predicted!) and should be in members' homes in plenty of time for early briefing sessions.

(EDUCATION 1/76 continued)

Metro members are invited to attend Minneapolis' BRIEFING ON EDUCATION, Wednesday, January 21, 1976, 9:15 a.m., Main Library, Room 216. Minneapolis chairman, Judy McGuire, has arranged a panel of speakers: Larry Harris, Legislative Liaison, Minneapolis Public Schools; Donald Pryor, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Edina Public Schools; Representative Tom Berg, Minneapolis and Representative Salisbury Adams, Orono.

NOTICE---at least one sharp local chairman caught a misprint in the consensus questions: in question III (b) strike "If so" and add "If you favor a change." Doesn't that make better sense?

Additional statistics gathered by LWVMN committee member Jeannette Kahlenberg are included with this mailing (in the first class mail). This can be a reference for resource committees. We are also duplicating for you pages 49, 51 and 52 of Citizens League report on Fluctuating Enrollments.

O R G A N I Z A T I O N   O F   S T A T E   G O V E R N M E N T   1/76  
(Knutson)

The state office has a limited number of copies of How Citizens Can Improve The Minnesota Legislature, published by the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures, free upon request. An Agenda for Minnesota Citizens, pp. 25-30, may be of special interest to you. Many LWVMN positions are included in the CCSL reform outline.

If you have any questions about LWVMN position for no changes in the Open Meeting Law as it relates specifically to your community, please contact Ann Knutson (881-1510) or the state office.

HELP - Lobbyists-observers needed for a variety of interesting bills to be heard this session. Contact Ann Knutson or state office.

F I N A N C I N G   S T A T E   G O V E R N M E N T   1/76  
(Anderson)

Watch for the March Board Memo, which will contain all the information you'll need for conducting our Poll on Citizen Knowledge of Taxes.

As the state committee has been gathering materials and listening to resource people, we have become aware of how little we knew about state revenues -- where the money comes from and where it goes. Is this lack of knowledge common throughout the state? That's what we intend to find out.

The purpose of the poll is:

- to build LWV/public interest in the subject of taxes
- public relations for local and state LWV (the PR section of the March Memo will have suggestions for using the poll for local PR)
- collection of data to help determine the direction of publications/projects and to determine if there is a need for our project when approaching outside sources for funding.

The poll information will reach you the week of February 23rd and will be due back in the state office on March 30th. We realize this is a busy time of year in all Leagues, and we will be keeping the poll basic and fun in order for you to complete it in one month. While questions and interview samplings are still at a tentative stage, we can assure you there will be less than 10 interviews which will take less than 15 minutes each to complete. You may also wish to poll your LWV members at a unit meeting; this is optional and can be done at any time, but if you choose to fit it into March, we would welcome those results, too. Please keep the LWV poll results separate from public sample.

If you don't have a Financing State Government portfolio and chairman, you'll want to appoint someone to be in charge of the poll. Please let the state office know what person is. Thank you.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 1/76  
(DeSantis)

Commission on the Status of Women - At the last meeting of the Women's Coalition, a decision was reached not to push for a Women's Commission at the upcoming legislative session. The prevailing sentiment was that its chances of passage were dim. This move was welcomed by LWVMN, as our HR Committee was about to make a final recommendation to the Board that we oppose such a commission. Thanks to those of you who gave us your reactions on this matter. All of you agreed with our HR Committee that we should first try to strengthen the current Women's Division of the Department of Human Rights. As an alternative to the commission, a proposal will probably be made that the Legislature fund a time-limited study on the economic and employment problems of women. This is a proposal LWVMN can support.

Women's Advisory Committee of the Department of Human Rights - A preliminary investigation of this committee convinced the HR Committee that we should try to improve and strengthen the Women's Division of DHR. We are starting a search for Leaguers who would be willing to apply to serve on the Advisory Committee. There are currently several vacancies. The Committee meets eight to 10 times a year, usually, but not always, in St. Paul. Members are reimbursed for transportation costs. I would be glad to furnish more information or receive a Skills Bank-type resume from any Leaguer who might be interested. This would be forwarded by LWVMN to the Commissioner of Human Rights, who makes the appointments.

Women's Issues in General - Our HR Committee is wondering if local Leagues would like more materials in this area. Our file in the state office is bulging! Let us know if there are special facets of women's problems that interest you especially. Also, we would welcome a Leaguer or two to help us sift through this material and become a resource to the HR Committee.

NOTE: Please insert a "Job Opportunity" notice in your local League bulletin, highlighting the need for League representation on the Women's Advisory Committee of the DHR as well as the desire of our LWVMN HR Committee for help in the area of Women's Issues.

Housing - With the Board Memo mailing there is an Action Alert on housing. This was prepared by our League housing lobbyist, Pat Lucas. If your president did not give it to you, please ask to see it.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1/76  
(Poppleton)

Hoerner Waldorf Corp. has contacted the LWVMN to express its appreciation for its continued interest in recycling waste paper. The company reminds us that besides newspapers, other types of papers are readily recyclable. They include: computer tab cards, computer printout paper without carbon, general white office paper and old corrugated boxes.

They will be happy to provide current prices for collected material, helping with the scheduling of a paper drive and will provide a sales kit outlining how to conduct a successful paper drive. If interested, contact Hoerner Waldorf Corp. at: 2250 Wabash Ave., P.O. Box 3260, St. Paul, MN 55165 - tel. (612)645-0131.

On January 7, Peggy Watson and Mary Poppleton had a meeting with Henry Fiur of the firm of Hill and Knowlton, New York City. The firm handles public relations for the DuPont Chemical Co. We assumed the meeting was triggered by the fact that the Legislature was going to consider legislation banning the sale of fluorocarbon propellents in the state. Mr. Fiur explained that he was traveling the country talking to news media and citizen groups about another aspect of the fluorocarbon problem.

DuPont is concerned about the constant health threats and scares that frighten the public and exercise corporations. DuPont is trying to find a method of resolving these issues before a public outcry is involved. They say that very often a scientist, in a rush to publish, will panic people with findings produced once and never duplicated. (As in the case of cyclamates.) Mr. Fiur has asked us to meet with some scientists from DuPont on the 21st of this month.



(ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1/76 continued)

DuPont does not claim that reduction of the ozone layer and fluorocarbons might not be a related issue. What they would like is three years to study the issue.

Lake Superior - A Resource Imperiled is an international conference sponsored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to be held in Duluth on March 9, 10, 11, 1976. The conference will deal with the impacts of transporting petroleum, industrial chemicals and other toxic substances on the world's largest freshwater lake. Further information on this conference will be provided as it is available.

The Upper Midwest Council, with the LWVMN serving as an associate sponsor, is hosting a luncheon on February 11, 1976 at the Registry Hotel, Bloomington. The speaker is Jack Horton, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior for Land and Water Resources. His topic is Water for Energy - a question and answer session follows his talk. Registration is \$6.00. (If they arrive in time to be included, a flyer will be sent with the 3rd class mailing.)

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S      1/76  
(Davies)

International Women's Year did not end in December but rather marked the beginning of the International Women's Decade, 1975-1985, the Decade of Women and Development. In December, Congress passed legislation to direct the National Commission on the Observance of IWY to organize and convene a National Women's Conference during 1976. Local League presidents have received the pamphlet "Only the Beginning: A Blueprint for Equality" which summarizes the accomplishments of the Mexico City IWY Conference and suggests activities to carry out the Plan of Action. Additional copies may be ordered from UNA-USA, 345 E. 46th St., New York, NY 10017 (single copies are 25¢, 100 copies cost \$6.00).

Coming events:

Symposium of Multinational Corporations in Latin America: Private Rights and Public Responsibilities. This series of five programs, funded by the Minnesota Humanities Commission, is sponsored and conducted by the Latin American Studies Committee of the five Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities:

- Wed., Feb. 18, 8 p.m. - Dr. Mira Wilkins, economic historian, Florida International University, Miami - Macalester College, Weyerhauser Chapel.  
"      "      25, 8 p.m. - Mr. William Dyall, president, Inter-American Foundation - Augsburg College, Si Melby Gymnasium.  
"      Mar.    3, 8 p.m. - Mr. Taylor G. Belcher, former U.S. Ambassador to Peru - College of St. Thomas, O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium.  
"      "      10, 8 p.m. - Mr. Walter Kissling, president, KATIVO Chemical Industries, Costa Rica - College of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium.  
"      "      17, 8 p.m. - Dr. John Powelson, economist, University of Colorado - Hamline University, Bush Student Center Ballroom.

The sessions are open to the public without charge.

Notify your schools that the colleges are arranging for the showing of films relevant to the theme on each of the campuses during the five featured weeks. Your schools might want to arrange to see these films since some have been produced for academic classroom purposes by commercial "educational" firms.

Town Meetings on U.S. foreign policy - April 28, 1976 - The World Affairs Center and Upper Midwest Council have been asked by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor this one-day conference designed to let the State Department listen to thoughtful and reasonably representative public opinion on a number of foreign policy issues. Tentative issues include: the Future of East-West Relations, the U.S. and the Third World, American Interests and Foreign Policy, the Role of Values in Foreign Policy, and Food in U.S. Foreign Policy.

*Send the state office names, addresses and phone numbers of Leaguers vitally interested in and knowledgeable about Foreign Affairs who might want to be participants or observers, since the number is limited. Send to state office by Feb. 10.*

A C T I O N      1/76  
(Borg)

"HAPPINESS IS A SUCCESSFUL ACTION CAMPAIGN!"

PRECINCT CAUCUS time is a time for ACTION. In a recent mailing you were given suggested resolutions for presentation at your precinct caucuses. Some of these might be of more interest in your community than others, so you might not want to use all of them. However, consider making a real push to get your members out to a caucus. Once there, active participation will go a long way toward attendance at a future caucus. Providing a person with a resolution to present will make that participation easier and your member will realize how easy it is to be part of the political process. Type the resolutions on separate pieces of paper and distribute them to your members. Be sure you cover both party caucuses. Suggest that your member drum up a little support for her resolution ahead of time among her friends who will be attending the same caucus. When she succeeds in having a resolution accepted, you probably will have a political activist working in a party from that time on.

"Leave the complainers on the shore and join the changers working to do something about government."

The Senate Public Information Office has reopened, so get on their mailing list. The address is Room B-29, State Capitol, St. Paul 55155. The House Information Office continues to operate out of Room 8 in the Capitol. Be sure they have you on their list, too.

When you receive information on possible legislative issues, don't hesitate to contact the Program chairman who has the appropriate portfolio if you have comments or questions. We are interested in opinions of local Leagues, but it is more helpful if we hear from you before we take action. If you are enthusiastic about some possible legislation, let us know. At all stages of action we need to work together, but we need the broad view of LWV opinion - pro and con. Keep in mind that we work from our latest LWV consensus. At each Convention the total LWV Program is considered and adopted, so it can change from year to year.

The second year of the legislative session begins on January 27, 1976. Strive to involve your members in their state law-making, as well as in the federal deliberations. Each local League should resolve to try to have every member contact a public official at least once during the year on behalf of a League position. You could run a graph in your bulletin indicating how close you are to achieving this goal.

D E V E L O P M E N T      1/76  
(Stone)

The Grand Experiment worked! Thanks to much hard work by lots of folks, LWVMN was awarded a \$3375. grant by the Minnesota Humanities Commission for our upcoming series, "Focus on Emerging Issues." We hope this will be the first of many funded projects.

Sometime soon, LWVMN will be conducting a very "mini" finance campaign. We'll be writing to industries in non-League areas for financial contributions. We need money for operating expenses and will contact "friends of the League (for example, League members who have served on the state Board or in some other state position).

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E      1/76  
(Waldo)

Each Metropolitan Area League member has received a brochure describing our Focus on Emerging Issues. Each non-Metro Area LWV president has received nine copies. Our opinion (prejudiced, of course) is that all three will be informative and interesting programs. We encourage you to promote these meetings in your own community. These are the types of programs that Citizen Information chairpersons can plan. That helpful hint comes because we have all had to adjust to our expanded Citizen Information/Voters Service portfolio.



(CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE 1/76 continued)

February 24, 1976 is Precinct Caucus Day in Minnesota. Hope you are saying that often these days! If you need additional pamphlets, "Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota," order them now - they're going fast (only 500 left). Many of you are working in coalition with other organizations in your communities. That's great - hope to hear of more!

In the December mailing you received two updating inserts for Election Laws Digest. Your members can be reminded through the bulletin that their copies of the Digest should have this insert. (Copies available from the state office, set of 2 for 5¢.)

V O T E R      1/76  
(Amundson)

We have extra copies of the "Precinct Caucus" VOTER, the November-December 1975 issue. These are free while the supply lasts. Use them to encourage students, your finance drive contributors and the "average" citizen to attend caucuses.

The office's supply of the January-February 1975 VOTER, the Minnesota Miracle, is "all," as the Pennsylvania Dutch would say. (Translation - "all gone.") If you need quantities of 100 or so, visit your local Insty-Printer and have them run off. (Pages 1, 2, 5, 6 can be done on a four-fold and pp. 3-4 as an insert sheet.) That'll save an extra step since that's what the office would have to do! If you need less than 100, send your order to the office and we'll fill from here.

F I E L D   S E R V I C E      1/76  
(Cushing)

Included in this mailing is a new form which can be used to request a Field Service Visit. You know that service to local Leagues is a major responsibility of the state Board, and funding for it is one of the larger budget items. However, many Leagues, year after year, fail to take advantage of even their consultant, much less any other available help unless faced with some emergency (e.g. they can't find a president).

As you evaluate your Board work and your League's progress, you may see new problems or old deficiencies. Maybe we can help. We can send you state Board members and other volunteers with experience and special skills who can do your own special "workshop." Sometimes local Boards want an orientation session, with an overview of the duties and functions of each portfolio, and suggestions/tips/ideas on how to carry them out. Sometimes it is discussion training or help with priority-setting that is requested. Do you need to reorganize Board responsibilities as you switch to "vertical" programming or deal with a membership drop? Do you want to expand into new communities or become a county League? Let us work with you to make it fun instead of frustrating to be a League member! (p.s. If the form gets misplaced, a letter or call will work, too.)

Mention "frustrating" and everyone thinks of Annual Reports, right? Have you ever wondered why the forms never seem to include a question that gives you a chance to talk about the really great things you did last year? This year, as you look back over the calendar, be sure to note at least one activity you feel qualifies as a success. It could be a new format for the traditional event like the candidates' meeting, an unusual membership campaign, a fund raiser that was fun or surprisingly successful, an especially creative program presentation - anything you would like to tell the rest of us about.

We would like to compile these activity reports from all the local Leagues to distribute at the Leadership Workshops. In this mailing we enclose a report form to be returned to the state office by March 1 for this purpose.

Local League Bylaws Changes - League Bylaws on all three levels are important documents in that they contain the rules which relate to us, the LWV, as an organization. Robert's Rules says, "The contents of a society's bylaws has important bearing on the rights and duties of members within the organization - whether present or absent from the assembly - and is the degree to which the general membership is to retain control of, or by relieved

(FIELD SERVICE 1/76 - Bylaws Changes continued)

of detailed concern with the society's business." All League members should have a copy of your Bylaws so that they can be familiar with them if they wish to fully participate in the affairs of the League.

This is also the time of the year when local Leagues begin to consider whether or not the local League Bylaws need to be revised. If you intend to revise Bylaws, appoint a committee to handle the details and present proposals for your Board's consideration.

Whether or not your League is in the process of doing this, there are still a few things you ought to know about local League Bylaws.

First: State Leagues are charged with the responsibility of overseeing and checking all local League Bylaws changes and revisions to make sure they meet the recognition standards set by the LWVUS.

Second: The Recognition Standards require that the first three articles of all local League Bylaws conform to the first three articles of the national League Bylaws--which determine the name, purpose, policy and membership of the LWVUS of which we are all a part. The remaining articles of local Bylaws can vary but must achieve and guarantee the spirit of democratic procedures.

Please send your proposed Bylaws changes or revisions to the state office, allowing for ample time for review, approval, and return to you so that you may notify in the bulletin your members of the proposed changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

M E M B E R S H I P      1/76  
(Ponto)

A state Membership Committee meeting is planned for Thursday, January 29 at 10:15 a.m. in the state office. Dr. Loren Halvorson, Luther Seminary, will be discussing some new concepts on organizations and people with us from 10:30 - noon. He has authored several books on organizations, the new volunteer and new ways of working with volunteers. Interested local League members are invited to attend or to send comments, questions, constructive criticisms or suggestions to me or the state office.

(Section in box above could be announced in your bulletins if there is time.)

I believe the state Membership Committee should be a link between local League members and the state Board. One of my frustrations is not having the budget for broader representation on the state committee from various sizes of Leagues and geographical areas.

TIPS:

The increased visibility and activity of League members at precinct caucuses attracts people to League. This is a good time to be alert to potential members.

I notice an increasing number of Leagues are using paid ads.

Have you ideas on PR and Membership that you just can't quite put together? You may wish to ask help from Marge Colbert, state chairman for PR.

Potential and new members can gain a broader perspective of League from attending the Focus on Emerging Issues. Membership committees may wish to use this as part of a membership development plan.

Did the discussion on financing the League bring suggestions for different categories of members? If so, you might want to consider this as a recommended change to national Bylaws. We need to be constantly aware of our grass roots privileges and responsibilities.

Membership Tools:

Newly revised "Let's Talk League"

LEAGUE ACTS (formerly League Supports)

FACTS about the League of Women Voters of Minnesota

New Dimensions in League (ruler)

PUBLIC RELATIONS 1/76  
(Colbert)

A main PR concern for you this month should be the precinct caucuses. Emphasize the need to attend because here people can make their voices heard, as well as it is at the caucus that the process of selecting delegates to state and national conventions begin. Your Citizen Information chairman has a packet of information including some sample radio spots that you will find useful. Handle it the way you think best - I know you will do a good job.

I've been seeing some great publicity for Leagues in your local papers, and hearing about TV and radio programs you are putting together. Terrific job!!

Last month I asked you to write to me so we could get to know each other. NO ONE has written - don't you want to communicate with me?

PUBLICATIONS 1/76  
(Lewin)

Finance

LEAGUE ACTS, the snazzy green publication which contains LWVMN support positions, has been sent directly to every League member in the Metro Area (it was mailed with the Focus brochure) and is included, one/member, for Leagues not in the Metro Area. (If we shorted your League or if some member didn't receive it, let the office know and we'll correct.) Every member should have his/her copy before caucus time so they'll feel more comfortable about the resolutions they'll be introducing. LEAGUE ACTS is great for mailing to finance drive contributors, potential members, etc. Additional copies are just 3¢/copy, a real bargain.

Would your League like to make a profit easily? We know of many schools, libraries, vocational-technical schools, colleges, bookstores, village halls and individuals who don't know about but would be interested in having INDIANS IN MINNESOTA and/or CORRECTIONS: People, Prisons and Programs. Your League can buy these publications at the usual League prices and sell them at the retail prices of \$4 and \$2 respectively, making a tidy profit for your LWV. It's easy as well as good PR - and the purchasers will thank you, too.

TREASURERS 1/76

We're rapidly approaching the end of the LWVMN's fiscal year - March 31 - and we've just completed the 3/4 year analysis of local League support payments. (We don't send bills for support payments in case you wondered.) According to our records, the following Leagues have these amounts outstanding - received in LWVMN office as of January 9, 1976:

Alexandria - \$174.70	Duluth - 285.25	N. Dakota Cty. Area - 220.00
Austin - 935.00	Edina - 1062.00	Northfield - 173.00
Battle Lake - 125.00	Fairmont - 432.00	Owatonna - 550.00
Blaine - 307.96	Falcon Heights - 279.04	Rochester - 223.72
Brooklyn Center - 478.10	Fridley - 700.00	Rock County - 137.50
Brooklyn Park - 138.25	Hutchinson - 275.00	Roseville - 310.00
Cass Lake - 6.56	Mankato Area - 822.90	St. Anthony - 164.00
Chaska - 19.80	Mid-Mesabi - 259.53	St. Croix Valley - 350.00
Cloquet - 253.88	Minneapolis - 1111.08	St. Louis Park - 1000.00
Columbia Heights - 230.00	M-EP-H - 892.50	St. Paul - 849.25
Cottage Grove - 96.25	Moorhead - 180.42	Silver Bay - 200.00
Crystal-New Hope - 225.39	Mounds View - 443.10	Stevens County - 400.00
Detroit Lakes - 266.88	New Ulm - 225.00	Wayzata Area - 180.00
		Worthington - 350.00

If our records are wrong, please notify us immediately, preferably in writing and in detail. We'd appreciate receiving all outstanding payments by March 29 so we can make a deposit and close the books by March 31. Thanks.

Our thanks also to the Winona and St. Cloud Leagues for their gifts over and above their accepted fair share support.



B U D G E T 1/76  
(Wirsig, Committee Chairman)

1. Check your Bylaws to be sure your Proposed Budget appears in your local VOTER properly in advance of your Annual Meeting. A budget-building calendar should be established NOW.
2. Resources for budget-builders include:  
IN LEAGUE - p. 13, pp. 47-50, etc.  
The Art of Budget Building, LWVUS pub. #268  
Budgets and Treasurer's Reports from preceding years.
3. Be sure your Board is involved in a serious effort to project the activities each portfolio will do in the next fiscal year. Use these projections as the foundation of your budget thinking. Previous year's figures will jog your memory and assist in estimating costs--but avoid being "fenced in" by previous practices.
4. We, through our Program selection process, have designed our state and national Programs. We must provide the financial foundation for the programs we design. Budget Committee members *alone* must not bear responsibility for a budget which fails to meet Suggested Fair Share Support amounts. Involve all members by fully airing the Suggested Fair Share Support figure as well as the Proposed Budget's Support Commitment figure in discussion at Board and Annual Meetings, and in VOTER budget coverage.
5. Prediction of Suggested Fair Share Support amounts:  
Take your Suggested Fair Share Pledge figure from last year. (Not the actual amount committed, if different). Add 4%.
6. The state Board has devoted a section of every Board meeting this year to a strictly realistic analysis of all costs. Their Bare Bones requests were slashed another \$20,000 to allow for reasonable burden on local Leagues. Although the projected total of requests from local Leagues is for 20% more than actually committed for '75-'76, the pressure on those Leagues meeting their Fair Share Support figure is much less than on those who have allowed other Leagues to subsidize them in the past.

J U D I C I A R Y 1/76  
(Gross)

To bring your League up to date on "What's happening in the Judiciary Item," please see the enclosed material:

What's New - summary of current legislative proposals  
Financial Study of Minnesota Judiciary System summary  
Non-Judicial Staffing Study summary  
Back to School for Minnesota Lawyers  
Bills for Court Reform - Voss, Select Committee

If possible reprint the information in "What's New" in your local bulletins. Also use the remainder of the information to keep your League members informed.

Many thanks to the St. Cloud, Marshall, Willmar and Northfield Leagues for their help in covering some of the hearings on court reform. Your help is much appreciated.

To date we have not testified on the bills for court reform, but we would anticipate testifying this legislative session along the lines of our Judiciary position.

"L E A G U E K E E P I N G I T E M S" 1/76

The state Board considered National Program Suggestions and decided to recommend continued action on all present program. The new study recommendation is Law of the Sea; a strong minority recommended further study on Energy to reach a more definitive consensus. Remember, all National Program Recommendations are due February 3!

("LEAGUEKEEPING ITEMS" 1/76 continued)

Have you sent your LWVUS Convention registration to Mary Ann McCoy, 2312 Lake Place, Minneapolis 55405? The \$50 deposit holds a spot for your League on this fantastic bargain - \$272 covers air fare, bus transfers, five nights' housing, tips and taxes. Last word is that we're nudging 50 but we need a total of 50 to get this bargain rate. If you don't yet know the name of your League's delegate(s), register anyway; registrations are transferable.

Did your League receive Section I of the Local League Annual Report? This contains information pertinent to national Convention due in the national office January 15, 1976. You should have received three sets of yellow forms (Organization/Membership; Finance; Treasurer).

This mailing was sent 3rd class on November 25, 1975 and LWVUS has received a few letters indicating that Leagues either received no Treasurer's Report form or were sent extras of one of the other sections. Please check your mailing and if you did not yet receive these forms or if you are missing any, please contact LWVUS, Organization Department immediately.

Posters: The state office has about 500 of the "In 1776 voting was a revolutionary idea. In 1976 it still is!" posters. If you'd like more, please let us know. The West Dakota County League ordered 40 more to put in shopping centers along with the Secretary of State's brochure on precinct caucuses. St. Cloud had high hopes of getting 30,000 more posters to distribute with their newspapers, but the posters were a limited run under-written by Honeywell. Community colleges and vocational-technical schools as well as all schools, and city halls, shopping centers, libraries, community gathering places should have the posters. Order yours while the supply lasts - it's on a first come, first serve basis.

F Y I 1/76

The Minnesota State Planning Agency has prepared a slide presentation on the Regional Development Districts in Minnesota. It is called, "State-Local Partnership." It deals with the formation, purpose and activities of the districts and suggests ways for the various levels of government to cooperate through the districts to avoid the duplication of governmental services. The show is available to any local League by contacting Mr. Richard Dethmers, Regional Coordinator, Office of Local and Urban Affairs, Minnesota State Planning Agency, Capitol Square Building, St. Paul 55101.

A Parliamentary Procedure Seminar, SC 158-159/Southwest State Campus, on Saturday, February 7, 1976 - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - non-credit - cost: \$8.00. This program will develop both knowledge and confidence about running meetings smoothly and properly. Designed for all those who at one time or another are called upon to chair meetings and to provide leadership. Morning will include a general discussion of parliamentary procedures and afternoon in a mock session of proper use of procedures. Cost includes lunch on the SSU campus. Pre-register with Adult & Continuing Education, Southwest State U., Marshall, MN 56258. Program is cosponsored with the Marshall League of Women Voters, Mary J. Palmer, President.

Region 10 Leagues: Lila McClocklin, president of Owatonna League, has been appointed to the Southeastern Minnesota Citizen Action Council. This group was recently seated on the Southeastern Minnesota Regional Development Commission as one of the public interest groups. SEMCAC is involved in direct service programs for the poor and elderly on a multi-county basis, primarily with nutrition and transportation projects. It also contracts for CETA summer youth programs.

Leagues in Region 10 will be meeting with the Regional Development Commission staff in Rochester at 10:15, Monday, January 26. All members are invited. This is an opportunity to learn more about regional planning in Southeastern Minnesota and to discuss mutual concerns. Please contact your president for details.



(FYI 1/76 continued)

Did you know that every candidate for public office must file a Form 4908 and every campaign committee (other than a national, state, or local committee of a national political committee of a national political party) must file a Form 4909 in each year in which contributions are received in order for such contributions to be eligible for credit or deduction by the donor.

When to file - Forms 4908 and 4909 must be filed on or before December 31 of each year for contributions received during such calendar year. (Form 4909 and application for Employer Identification Number enclosed.)

Cassette tapes of Jane Howard's talk last June are now available by calling (612)376-5581. Ms. Howard is the author of "A Different Woman."

Included are two brochures - one explains Working Opportunities for Women; the other, Women's Work, a magazine published by Washington (DC) Opportunities for Women.

ADDENDA:

HELP!                      HELP!                      HELP!                      HELP!                      HELP!                      HELP!

Needed: Leaguers willing and able to observe and/or lobby at legislative hearings in the Judiciary area. Previous training helpful but not required. If you're concerned about our courts and equal justice, contact Peggy Gross at 5416 Queen Avenue, South, Minneapolis 55410, 926-9087(h) or 571-1000, ext. 213(b).

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Any local League having extras of the "Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota," published by the Secretary of State's office, is asked to return same to LWVMN. The Secretary of State's office is also running out; they're limiting orders to 50/order. If reprinting is done, there will be a charge for future orders. Please don't ask for more than you can really use and Please Return Any Extras you know you won't be needing. Thanks.

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# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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## Calendar Reminders:

- February 23 - Hope Washburn Award Nominations due to Janet Rosenbloom, Nominating Committee Chairman, 128 Camelsback Rd., New Ulm 56073
- 24 - Precinct Caucuses - 8 p.m.
- 25 - Pre-Habitat Conference, Radisson South Hotel, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (see flyer enclosed, President's Memo only - 1st class mail)
- 25 - Multi-National Corporations in Latin America Symposium, "The Hemispheric Challenge: Profit or Justice for Whom?", 8:00 p.m., Augsburg College, Si Melby Gymnasium
- 28 - AAUW Symposium, "The Sex Offender: Are We All Victims?" - Mankato State University Student Union, 8:30 a.m.
- March 2 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office
- 3 - Multi-National Corporations in Latin America Symposium, "The Multinational Corporation and Revolutionary Change: The Peruvian Example," 8:00 p.m., College of St. Thomas, Educational Center Auditorium
- 4 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office
- 5 - Projected Capitol Letter mailing
- 9 - State Board Meeting - 9:30, state office
- 10 - Multi-National Corporations in Latin America Symposium, "The Operation of Multinational Companies in Latin America: Problems, Advantages, and Contributions to the Host Countries," 8:00 p.m., College of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium
- 15 - Part II Local League Annual Reports due - two copies to LWVUS and two copies to LWVMN
- 16 - Focus on Emerging Issues - Role of Citizens in Shaping Public Policy - Women's Center (YWCA), 65 E. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul - 9:15 a.m.
- 17 - Multi-National Corporations in Latin America Symposium, "Societal Assets and Liabilities: the Net Balance," 8:00 p.m., Hamline University, Student Center Ballroom
- 18 - CMAL Representatives Meeting (see CMAL section)
- 27 - Education Consensus due in state office
- 30 - Financing State Government Poll results due in state office

## Looking forward:

- April 20-21 - State Council, Camp Courage
- 26-30 - "Community and schools: Cooperation or Conflict?" Symposia (see Education section)

## Contents:

Counterpart Communiques: International Relations, Corrections, Environmental Quality, Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity, Education, Election Laws, Income Tax Check-off, Organization of State Government, Financing State Government, CMAL, Local Program, Action, Field Service, Public Relations, Membership, Inter-League Communique from LWV of West Dakota County Area.

"Leaguekeeping Items" and FYI Section

Enclosures: (Presidents, please distribute to appropriate chairpersons)

1st class: Pre-Habitat Conference  
Time for Action: Water Pollution Control Act - 2nd and 8th Congressional Districts, DPMs, MALs only  
Action Alert\* - Campaign Financing

3rd class: Update: Legislative Salaries\*  
A Fiscal Review of the 1975 Legislative Session  
Opinion on Minnesota Taxes Poll  
Flyers on Council and Leadership Workshops\*  
Membership Letter and Questionnaire  
Proposal for LWVUS Study from LWV of Weston, CT  
Minnesota Local Government Training Calendar  
International Women's Day Rally - Ratify the ERA  
Fenzel Interview - 3rd Congressional District LWVs only

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S      2/76  
(Davies)

Precinct Caucuses: Be sure that League members are going to their caucuses with IR resolutions in mind. Concentrate your efforts on food or trade or the UN depending on your community and call key League members to ask them to introduce a resolution in their caucus.

Leagues in West-Central Minnesota: Moorhead State University has received a Minnesota Humanities Commission grant to conduct an institute in March on food and fuel issues and their national and international implications. Dates are tentative but the plans include workshops in regional communities (Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls) followed by plenary sessions in Moorhead with national and international speakers, March 20 and 27th. Watch local newspapers and we will notify Leagues in the affected communities.

Watch for Mary Davies' report on her participation in "The New International Economic Countdown" conference held at Wingspread, WI, February 2-4. (See March-April MN VOTER)

C O R R E C T I O N S      2/76  
(Mueller)

The Joint Committee investigating Stillwater State Prison has finished its giant seven month task. A summary of their 400-page report was given recently with 179 recommendations dealing with security and contraband at the prison. Most of the recommendations do not require legislative action, but improvement in management procedures.

The AAUW is sponsoring (LWVMN endorsed) a symposium, "The Sex Offender: Are We All Victims?". The last session remaining is in Mankato on February 28. Contact your president if you want more information as she has all the information regarding the meeting. Bills relating to this subject (SF 1254 - Knutson and HF 148 - Carlson) passed out of committees last session and are currently lodged in the Finance Committee in the Senate and the Appropriations Committee in the House. The bills direct the Commissioner of Corrections to provide for study, assessment, and treatment of the sex offender either through the Department of Corrections or by contract with outside sources.

E N V I R O N M E N T A L   Q U A L I T Y      2/76  
(Poppleton)

The LWVMN is joining with the LWVs of Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois in opposing the Army Corps of Engineer's proposal to build a new and greatly enlarged lock and dam system (#26) at Alton, Illinois. The opposition is based on the size of the sill depth which would allow construction of a 12' channel. Presently, the Corps has created severe environmental problems in maintaining the present 9' channel. If the channel is deepened at Alton to 12' there will be great pressure to deepen it all the way upstream.

The League has long opposed increased channelization because of the resultant environmental effects; in 1972 sent a resolution to the governor asking for a moratorium on projects involving increased channelization.



HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 2/76  
(DeSantis)

ERA - Some local Leagues which have been working hard to interpret the ERA have inquired if the Legislature is going to try to rescind it again this session. We could be wrong, but we think not. As our HR Committee went over the answers to the legislative questionnaires which local Leagues sent back (thanks a million; they are very helpful), we felt quite reassured. Many House members said it would never be rescinded by the current body. Senators did not indicate any enthusiasm for another vote. One Independent-Republican who voted for rescission said that he had first checked with the attorney general and was informed that rescission would probably not be considered constitutional. Feeling then that his vote could do no harm, he cast it in trade for a pro vote on the metro land use bill!

HOUSING - As I look through local bulletins, it appears that the HR item most active locally is housing. Is there any way our state committee can be helpful to you in this area? Would an update of current housing programs in operation in Minnesota be useful?

HR IN GENERAL - Feedback is always welcome. We would like to know if you would like an update in any HR/EO program area. We don't want to blitz you with paper if it isn't useful to you, but we would be glad to help you gather material in any HR area.

ALERT TO REGION 10 - Grant proposals for service projects for the elderly are being accepted by the Region 10 Development Commission. Funding for one-year grants will begin July 1st, with applications due March 15. Let interested groups in your community know. The money is available from the Federal Older Americans Act Grant Program.

EDUCATION 2/76  
(Atchison)

With February unit meetings behind us, the Education consensus awaits your reports. As you write them, be sure to include minority opinions as well as majority. In both instances be as clear and complete as you possibly can. Remember that we will be compiling reports from almost 70 Leagues--it is important the committee be able to interpret correctly.

It will be helpful to the state Education Committee if you will include with your reports an evaluation of the committee material (be anonymous, if you prefer). Not helpful - O.K. - very helpful? Did the questions stimulate discussion? Were they too long? too numerous? How could the state committee have been more helpful? We always benefit from your thoughts and suggestions.

For your Spring calendar: The Minnesota Humanities Commission will fund a future-related program, "Community and Schools: Cooperation or Conflict?" The five-part discussion series will focus on issues related to education, e.g. compulsory education, cultural lag, equalism. Sponsored by the Apollo Cluster Community Advisory Board, St. Paul, the dates are:

- April 26 - Opening Panel, Longfellow School
- April 27 - Compulsory Education, Groveland Park School
- April 28 - Cultural Lag, St. Anthony Park School
- April 29 - Equalism, Randolph Heights School
- April 30 - Summary with Mario Fantini, Macalester College

Contact: Liz Solem, Apollo Cluster Community Advisory Board, 612-647-0988.

ELECTION LAWS 2/76  
(Reeves)

Ethics Commission - Old friend Leaguer Liz Ebbott, Chairman of the Ethics Commission, reports the appointment of a new executive director, Alan Clutter. The Commission, like all new babies, requires a lot of thought, care, time, patience and support. During this infancy period, the Commission has had to work out office procedures as well as:

(ELECTIONS LAWS 2/76 continued)

writing rules, creating reporting forms (and revising same after one election's use), reviewing present law and suggesting amendments for improvement, revising the budget, etc. At a recent meeting, the LWVMN, Common Cause and the Joint Religious Legislative Committee renewed the coalition (which supported the creation of the Commission) for the purpose of observing the Commission and informing the public of its important work.

There are presently two positions open on the Commission and LWVMN has written Governor Anderson requesting that these positions be filled as soon as possible since the Commission's decisions must have agreement of four of the six members. The state Board sent the name of Fran Berdie as a candidate to fill one of the open positions.

Income Tax Check-off - LWVMN positions on Campaign Financing states, "Judicious use of public resources to finance campaigns." The State and Federal Income Tax forms provide opportunity to contribute to public financing. On the 1040 form, line 8 states:

Presidential Election	Do you wish to designate \$1 of	
Campaign Fund	your taxes to this fund	yes
	If joint return, does your spouse	
	wish to designate \$1	yes

If you check "yes," it will not increase your tax or reduce your refund.

On the M-1 Minnesota Return, lines 13-20 (almost in the middle of the page) the opportunity is given to each husband and wife to designate \$1 to the party of their choice or the General State Campaign Fund (divided among candidates for all statewide offices, state Senate and House). Again, this does not increase your tax or reduce your refund.

Tax Credit - On the Federal Income Tax form, you may claim tax credit (on line 51) or an itemized deduction on Schedule A, line 33 - BUT YOU CANNOT CLAIM BOTH - for contributions to candidates for public office. If one elects to claim the tax credit, the amount of credit is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the political contribution paid up to \$25.00 (\$50.00 for a joint return). For the Schedule A deduction or credit, read Publication 585 for the explanation of how this is accomplished.

ORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT 2/76  
(Knutson)

Legislative Salaries - An Update on Legislative Salaries is included in the Board mailing. The LWVMN Action Committee decided the update was appropriate for membership information as well as public information. LWVMN position is vague and does not cover the aspects of a special compensation commission and the issue of salary versus added living expenses (per diem) or both. More to follow--data on the trends to a full-time legislature.

Open Meeting Law - Apparently there will not be any changes in the Open Meeting Law this session. Local League action throughout the state can take some credit for keeping Minnesota government accessible to the public. You are encouraged to continue action with your public bodies when appropriate. Please call if you have any questions and let us know what action you are taking.

For your information: Inside the Senate-Questions and Answers on Legislative Procedure, a booklet prepared by the staff of the Secretary of the Senate, is available. To obtain copies, contact your Senator, preferably, or write the office of the Secretary of the Senate, Room 231, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155. There is a limit of six copies per order.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT 2/76  
(Anderson)

The information and forms needed for conducting the opinion poll on Minnesota Taxes are included with this Memo (one copy per League). Each League is receiving: an instruction/question/answer sheet, a sheet for recording responses and a list of five people to be called. Each telephone interview will take less than 15 minutes. The recording sheet is due in the state office my March 20. Thank you!



(FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT 2/76 continued)

Minnesota State Senate, A Fiscal Review of the 1975 Legislative Session. We were able to obtain a copy of this for each local League. While its primary focus is on expenditures, there are also sections on taxes which will be useful to you now if you are having a general or unit meeting this spring. Keep this copy in the president's file for future reference unless your Financing State Government chairman/committee has use for it right now. Each library and school district in the state also has a copy for reference. Additional copies may be available through your state legislator.

Several local Leagues are tying in the Financing State Government program with a study on local government financing. You may be interested in a new publication: It's Your Business: Local State Finance by L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz, 1976, 160 pages. It's available for \$5 from: National Municipal League, 47 East 68th St., New York, NY 10021.

C O U N C I L   O F   M E T R O P O L I T A N   A R E A   L E A G U E S      2/76  
(CMAL) - (Enders)

The March Representatives meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th, at 9:30 a.m. at Hennepin Ave. Methodist Church in Minneapolis. Our program will deal with the Human Services activities of the Metropolitan Council. Senator Howard Knutson, author of the Minnesota Human Services Act, will discuss the relationship of the state to the Metropolitan Council in this field. Lunch will be \$3.25 and reservations are due by March 11 to Dorothy Screeden, 5617 Bernard Place, Edina 55436.

At this meeting we will be distributing the questionnaires for your local officials. The survey is intended to discover how the local officials view the Metropolitan Council and to familiarize you with the relationship of your community to the Council. Prompt returns are essential if you are to make use of this material for the study.

The Metropolitan Planning Bill has progressed to the Senate floor after passing the House. If your legislator supported it, give him a big thank you. If he did not, find out why.

Our proposed budget is enclosed in our March CMAL bulletin. Any questions? Call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

Don't forget June 3rd is CMAL Convention. We are not making final decisions on program until after the local Leagues have done the first half on the study. Is there some area you feel we need to cover in more detail or one we missed all together? Please let us know. Call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

L O C A L   P R O G R A M      2/76  
(Jones)

Problems, power, and controversy in county boards of supervisors have brought county government to the attention of local Leagues. The recent "county options bill" has provided impetus and avenues for change. From League's point of view, county government is local government, and Leagues do not need to be structured on a county basis to study and act at the county level. But---there are procedures and complications that Leagues should be aware of to maintain credibility.

The first step is the "county study." The "Know Your County" survey guide (#180, 80¢, LWVUS) can get you started. Most Leagues do not aim for an elaborate publication, though some Leagues have managed this. You want to get enough broad information to your members to be able to identify problems and see possible alternatives in county government.

Another approach to League involvement with county government may be through application for state and national positions. Our interest in revenue-sharing was based on these previously-stated opinions. If you go this route, you may wish to study some phase of county government first to be sure your members are knowledgeable and support the Board's decision to act. A Board can assume responsibility to work in this direction without a specific study item, always remembering it is responsible to the members.

(LOCAL PROGRAM 2/76 continued)

A further, very important consideration in any county endeavor is communication with, and responsibility to, other Leagues, or League members, in that county. It is both common courtesy and necessary for your own credibility that other Leagues know what you are doing regarding the county government you share. Since groups of Leagues are not county Leagues, some Leagues have formed ad hoc committees on county government. Others have persuaded Leagues to adopt the same Local Program item. At any rate, some method of communication must be established. It could be an ex-officio member from another League on your committee, progress reports, prior review of strategy, phone calls or letters. And, if communication requirements apply to a study item and subsequent position statements, it goes double and underlined for any action contemplated. Your own statements will mean little and all Leagues diminished in effectiveness if Leagues contradict or disclaim each other's actions. The old saw about "Leagues speaking with one voice" certainly is obvious at the local level. You must keep each other informed and work out any basic differences if you would be heard and respected.

A C T I O N      2/76  
(Borg)

From the MICHIGAN VOTER - "Being Action Chairman certainly does involve more than getting members to write or call legislators, but it need not be an overwhelming job. It is an exciting one! It involves identifying and facilitating action, helping your League's board and membership to think positively about action, and helping your League to build an action identity and self-concept. Experience is by far the best teacher, and it can only be gained by taking action."

When you take action I hope you will remember to keep me informed, either directly or via your coordinator. Some of your action projects might be adaptable to other Leagues and I can pass along the ideas. It also helps us coordinate action if I am up to date on what is being done by local Leagues.

Write summaries of your action to keep on file. Think how helpful it would have been if your predecessor had left a record for you of her action experiences - maybe a brief diary of what she did each month. Now when many Boards are getting ready for new officers a few months from now, try to determine soon who will be responsible for action. If you are not continuing, involve your replacement in your activities during the remainder of your term. Share with her what you have learned, so there will be a smooth transition and action will continue without a break.

You are doing an excellent job educating the public on the ERA. I have noticed a much greater understanding when people are questioned in newspaper surveys. Judy Johnson, of the Stevens County LWV, had a very good series of articles in her local paper. I know there have been others and I would appreciate having copies sent to me. The ILLINOIS VOTER said it well...."Equal does not mean sameness. The ERA will make it necessary for laws to treat people as individuals and not as stereotypes or statistics. The ERA will not result in a unisex society or prevent people from choosing traditional lifestyles, nor will women be compelled to leave their homes. It will foster a society in which men and women will choose to emphasize the unique sexual identities they perceive as part of their personal identities. These differences will reflect free choice rather than social compulsion rooted in legal restraints based solely on sex."

The next CAPITOL LETTER will be mailed the first week in March. Watch for it for information on what has been happening at the Legislature.

F I E L D   S E R V I C E      2/76  
(Cushing)

Please note the following new consultants assigned: Detroit Lakes - Mary Waldo; Columbia Heights - Marge Colbert; Fridley - Marge Colbert.

(FIELD SERVICE 2/76 continued)

Remember to ask your consultant to visit your League. Not only can she be a source of encouragement and advice to you, but you can channel your suggestions and reactions to the state Board through her. Knowing you well helps give your consultant the broader background necessary if she is to make state-level decision knowledgeably.

Leadership Workshops - Included with this mailing is a flyer announcing the continuing education mini-courses that will replace the traditional counterpart sessions you may have been expecting. We have begun with much the same purposes: to build and encourage leadership skills, to provide an opportunity for interaction among Leagues and League leaders, and to instill attitudes of positive leadership - but we have decided to try a new format. Please take a few moments at your Board meeting to discuss the plans and send us your comments. We realize there will be changes in the Board before June 8 and 9, but believe the future Board will have interests and needs close to yours. If possible, you might talk to new nominees, but this is not necessary.

Registration forms and final class descriptions will reach you in May.

PUBLIC RELATIONS 2/76  
(Colbert)

This month start thinking about the Financing State Government telephone poll that's coming up. This would be a good item for radio spots to announce - who, what, why, when of it. Pictures of people doing the telephoning would be good for your paper. (Or, here's an idea you might want to talk about with your person in charge of handling the poll) - how about getting some place with a lot of phones, like a bank or insurance agency, etc. to let Leaguers come in after hours to do the phoning? It would be good publicity, public service, etc. for the company, not to mention making a good photo for paper or, better yet, footage for TV news. (You decide how you want to handle it.)

Letters to Minnesota legislators and caucus resolutions will emphasize our stand on ERA. Would you like to get this message around to your League and any and all other members of your community? How about a letter campaign? Do what you can, please. I've been getting letters and phone calls from many of you in reply to my request that we communicate with each other. WOW! You are super people! I'm looking forward to hearing from more of you.

MEMBERSHIP 2/76

We regret to report that Elna Ponto has resigned as Membership chairperson. She had requested that a personal letter go to each new member from the state president. A copy of the letter and a questionnaire is enclosed for you. We would like your reactions. We know that many of you already use a new member questionnaire or some kind of a talent sheet. What we desire is to find a way to know what the needs of a new member are and then try to meet those needs.

When submitting the VOTER Membership Report Form to the state office, please remember to indicate by an RE those new members who are being reinstated. We would appreciate receiving all report forms the first week in the month so that the staff has time to process the names prior to the mailing of the Minnesota VOTER.

INTERLEAGUE COMMUNIQUE  
(LWV of West Dakota County Area)

Please see attached yellow.



"LEAGUE KEEPING" ITEMS 2/76

1. On your Local League Presidents list, please make the following changes:
  - a. Anoka-Coon Rapids Area: Claudia Jagelski's address is now 920 Westwood Lane, Anoka 55303, 427-6039
  - b. Rochester has a new president: Sue Scribner (Mrs. David), 715 - 6th St., SW, Rochester 55901, 507-288-0138. Sue has served as Action Coordinator in Congressional District #1.
2. Have you wonder why some Board Memos are stapled in both corners? The office has an automatic folding machine which will fold the six-page Memos in about one-fourth or less of the time it takes to fold over 320 by hand. In order to feed properly, pages must be stapled vertically in both corners. (If your LWV would like to use the folder or see it in operation, just call 224-5445. The capacity is six sheets. Folding can be done for 11 x 17" single sheets; three fold or two fold; accordian, etc.)
3. If your community has precinct locators or maps, the office would very much appreciate receiving copies so we can help voters learn which precinct they're in and where they vote. The Ramsey county auditor very graciously sent us sets for all of Ramsey County (St. Paul and all suburbs). The office has locators for Minneapolis and the 5th Congressional District as well. However, we could use them for other areas, particularly in the Metro Area from which most of our calls originate. It's our understanding that Duluth has a similar locator and one is being developed for Rochester. We hope these Leagues are obtaining these locators and offering similar citizen information/voters service services in their areas, too. The LWVMN receives numerous calls pre-caucus and pre-election asking for assistance; we're happy to oblige if we have the necessary information available.

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For your information: Lois Stoutenberg and Ione Lass, LWV members of Moorhead, are interested in reform of Federal Estate Tax Laws. Contact them - RR #1, Barnesville, MN 56514 - if you wish to know more or join them in their efforts.



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WEST DAKOTA COUNTY AREA

January 25, 1976

The West Dakota County Area League of Women Voters would like to see the entire League financed by a series of per member payments. One PMP (per member payment) to State (LWVMN) and one PMP to National (LWVUS). This would eliminate the State Pledge to National and the Local Pledge to State. The primary source of financial support for State and National would remain with the Local Leagues. To eliminate the pledge system, a National and State Bylaw change would have to be voted at both the National and State Conventions in the appropriate year.

For many years this League has felt we were unfairly assessed. For instance, last year as our Budget committee analyzed the suggested pledge, they noticed we have four points and the grand total was \$1311.36, which seemed way out of line for our struggling young families and new suburban communities. Many of our businesses have just as much trouble getting started as a young family in a new house with an enormous mortgage payment.

However, if the present state pledge system is analyzed on a per member payment basis, the result is quite different from what we thought just looking at the totals. In 1975, most Minnesota Leagues were asked to pay at least \$12.00 or more per member. Only five Leagues were asked to pay the largest amount--\$14.16 per member. Why not just take the total membership in the State and divide it into the total budget to be supported by pledges and arrive at a flat per member payment figure? In 1975, this figure would have been \$12.86 (4,565 members divided by \$58,716.76). It is important to note that \$2.62 per member of this amount was sent by LWVMN to LWVUS in the form of the State Pledge.\*

On the National level there are approximately 140,000 League members. The total LWVUS budget supported by State Pledges and PMP was \$931,660. Therefore, if the State Pledges were eliminated the PMP would be \$6.65--a \$2.40 increase. (Of course then our State PMP should be \$10.24.)

It seems to our membership, that this is a much more reasonable system. The money comes from the Local League for National, why should it go via the State League office? We would like to have uniform financing with uniform responsibility.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Barbara Savanick  
President, LWVWDCA

\* This figure was supposed to be a pledge of \$2.55 per member, but membership counts were taken at different times by the State and National LWV. Because of a drop in membership in Minnesota, the net result was a pledge of \$2.62/member in 1975.

(See other side for figures.)



From - West Dak. Ct Area LWV  
Jan 25 '76

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 - June 1975

FAIR SHARE PLEDGE 1975-76 AS ACCEPTED AT CONVENTION '75 (PMP computations)

	As Keel per member		got in pledge	PMP asked		PMP pledged
Alexandria	12.66	\$ 591.70	13.15	12.16	\$ 500.00	9.26
Anoka-Coon Rapids Area	13.14	387.00	10.75	12.66	519.06	12.66
Arden Hills	13.66	382.48	13.66	11.86	5000.00	7.36
Austin	13.16	935.00	13.16	14.16	1785.00	14.16
Battle Lake	12.66	125.00	8.93	12.66	721.62	12.66
Bemidji	12.66	681.00	12.66	12.66	443.10	12.66
Blaine	13.16	407.96	13.16	13.65	1092.00	13.65
Bloomington	13.66	860.58	13.66	12.66	325.00	12.66
Brooklyn Center	13.66	478.10	13.66	13.66	420.00	10.66
Brooklyn Park	13.16	553.00	13.16	12.16	692.75	12.16
Buffalo	13.16	256.60	8.28	13.16	550.00	13.16
Cass Lake	12.16	279.68	12.16	13.66	450.00	7.66
Chaska	13.16	842.24	13.16	13.16	900.00	13.24
Cloquet	13.16	338.50	10.92	13.16	618.52	13.16
Columbia Heights	13.16	460.00	13.16	13.16	894.88	13.16
*Cottage Grove	8.75	385.00	8.75	12.66	275.00	7.86
Crookston	12.66	300.00	8.57	13.66	1210.50	13.76
Crystal-New Hope	13.66	901.56	13.66	13.66	656.00	13.66
*Detroit Lakes	8.75	533.75	8.75	12.66	845.38	11.96
Duluth	12.58	1141.00	7.00	13.16	700.00	10.16
East Faribault County	12.66	430.00	12.66	13.66	1000.00	9.26
Edina	14.16	2124.00	14.16	12.49	3397.00	12.49
Excelsior-Deephaven Area	14.16	1189.00	14.16	12.66	278.52	12.66
Fairmont	11.68	432.00	11.68	13.66	500.00	10.66
Falcon Heights	13.16	579.04	13.16	13.16	200.00	8.76
Freeborn County	12.66	468.42	12.66	11.66	500.00	10.66
Fridley	13.66	700.00	11.29	14.16	368.16	14.16
Golden Valley	14.16	1056.75	12.73	13.66	900.00	9.36
Granite Falls	12.67	304.00	12.67	13.16	684.32	13.16
Hibbing	12.66	474.00	12.66	13.66	1652.86	13.66
Hutchinson	13.13	275.00	13.13	12.66	367.14	12.66
Jackson-Sherburn Area	12.66	580.00	12.66	12.66	1000.00	11.49
Mahtomedi Area	13.66	450.00	10.60	13.66	300.00	6.00
Mankato Area	12.66	822.90	12.66	13.16	350.00	10.66
Marshall						
Mid-Mesabi						
Minneapolis						
Minnetonka-Eden Prairie						
Moorhead						
Mounds View						
New Brighton						
New Ulm						
Northern Dakota County Area						
Northfield						
Owatonna						
Red Wing						
Richfield						
Robbinsdale						
Rochester						
Rock County						
Roseville						
St. Anthony						
St. Cloud Area						
St. Croix Valley						
St. Louis Park						
St. Paul						
St. Peter						
Shoreview						
Silver Bay						
Stevens County						
Wayzata Area						
West Dakota County						
Westonka						
White Bear Lake						
Willmar						
Winona						
Woodbury						
Worthington						



# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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## Calendar Reminders:

- March 22 - Conference on Rural America, "The Changing World: It's a New Ball Game,"  
7:30 p.m., Highland Middle School Cafeteria, Crookston
- 24 - Conference: "Does the 21st Century Belong to Japan?" (See IR section)
- 25 - "Should the UN Be Allowed to Continue?" (See IR section)
- 27 - Education Consensus due in state office
- 30 - Financing State Government Poll due in state office
- April 5 - Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 23, 28, 29 and May 1 - Regional Meetings of Commission  
on Minnesota's Future (See FYI section)
- 9 - State Support Forms due in state office (refer to Budget materials mailed in  
February)
- 13 - State Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 20-21 - State Council (See Council materials)
- 24 - Wilderness in Crisis Conference (See EQ section)
- 26-30 - "Community and Schools: Cooperation or Conflict" Symposia (See February  
Board Memo, Education section)
- 27-28 - "Alternative Energy Sources - Technology and Applications" (See EQ and  
brochure enclosed)

## Looking ahead:

- May 2-8 - Clean Air Week (See EQ section)
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Minnesota's Public Workshop flyer on sec. #208 of the state's Water Quality Act.

\* DPM

State Board Happenings:

At its meeting on March 9, the Board accepted with regret the resignations of Elna Ponto, LWV of Freeborn County, Membership Chairman and Shirley Amundson, LWV of White Bear Lake, VOTER Editor.

Jean Reeves, LWV of Northfield, is the new Membership chairman. She will also continue as Election Laws Chairman until the end of the legislative session.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 3/76  
(Davies)

March 24, 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sheraton Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis - conference: Does the 21st Century Belong to Japan? Sponsored by World Affairs Center, University of Minnesota, Japan Society of American, Japan-American Society of Minnesota.

March 25 - The Honorable Ivor Richard, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the UN, will speak on "Should the UN be Allowed to Continue?" at 8:15 p.m., Coffman Union, University of Minnesota. His speech will be preceded by a reception at 7:30 at \$2.00 per person. Reservations for the reception must be made by March 23 through the World Affairs Center, University of Minnesota.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 3/76  
(Poppleton)

Air: Clean Air Week is May 2-8. Metro Clean Air Committee has prepared a speech which is suitable for presentation to community groups during this week. They have asked League's help. If you would like a copy of the speech to present to church groups, PTAs, etc., contact Peggy Watson, 110710 Kings Lane, Jonathan Neighborhood 2, Chaska, MN 55318, (612)448-5150.

Energy: LWV is one of the co-sponsors of a two-day conference on "Alternative Energy Sources - Technology and Applications." It will be held on April 27-28 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Bloomington. The enclosed brochure includes a registration form.

Nancy Latimer has been asked to participate in a three-day Energy Conservation Training Institute on March 17-20 in Itasca, Illinois. The Institute will present an intensive course on energy conservation issues and alternatives available in public and private policy.

Solid Waste: The Hazardous Waste Section of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is assisting in planning a hazardous waste conference to be held on May 6. The conference will seek to provide government and industry with specific information on hazardous waste disposal and recycling. Speakers will be drawn from throughout the nation and will speak on their operations and the problems they have surmounted. For further information, contact: Samule Hasson, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Division of Solid Waste, 1935 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113.

Land Use: Wilderness in Crisis - A Symposium, Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Anoka Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids. Co-sponsored by Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Anoka-Hennepin School District 11 and Anoka-Coon Rapids Area LWV. Speakers include Sigurd Olson, naturalist, author; Paul Petzoldt, founder of National Outdoor Leadership School; M.L. Heinselman, ecologist, conservationist; Chuck Dayton, Sierra Club lawyer; Jim Torrence, Supervisor of the Superior National Forest; R.A. Baxter, Regional Director of Natural Resources-Canada; Robert Herbst, DNR Commissioner. Also: Wilderness Trip Workshops and Experiential or Discussion Sessions on orienteering, edible plants, survival techniques, etc. Cost: \$6 includes wilderness lunch which you prepare and spaghetti supper. Registration with payment by April 17th. For more information, call 427-2600, ext. 266 or 300 or write Wilderness Symposium, Community Services Office, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, 11200 Mississippi Blvd., NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.



This legislative session will probably not deal with any agriculture land use bills. However, revision of the Green Acres Law and formation of agriculture districts may surface in the 1977 session of the Legislature. Summaries of problems of Agriculture Land Use and possible legislation in this area can be found in Perspectives, January 1976. This is published by the Metropolitan Council, 300 Metro Square Bldg., 7th and Robert, St. Paul 55101.

Another excellent publication is available dealing with land use, Land-State Alternatives for Planning and Management. The report was sponsored by the Council of State Governments under a grant from the Resources and Land Investigations Program of the U.S. Geological Survey. A definition of the State's Role in Land Use through a historical outline of land use planning emphasizes the broad powers the states can use under present laws. It discusses intergovernmental relationships, public involvement and several other aspects of land use planning. The publication can be obtained from the Council of State Governments, Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY 40511. Cost: \$4.00 for the 100-page booklet.

Inspiration can come from hearing what other Leagues are doing in land use. Don't keep your great or small land use happenings to yourself, share with other Leagues. Duluth League, Rosemarie Torrence, Land Use chairperson, devoted their November unit meetings to discussing The Taking Issue, Constitutional Limits of Land Use Control. Three pages of information dealing with historical legal decisions and how they set present limits of the taking issue were outlined. Discussion centered around the question, "What strategy should governmental units employ to achieve the most desirable balance between the needs for environmental protection and the rights of the individual citizen?" A result of this discussion was the formation of an on-going Land Use Committee.

If your League would like to share, please send your information to the state League office.

An especially good flyer on land use planning has been received from the national LWV. It is titled, "What's in it for me?". It would make a very good hand-out to civic and governmental groups. The price is right, too - 100/\$3.00.

Water: A hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 7 in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board Room regarding a request by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission for a variance to temporarily discharge untreated industrial and municipal wastes into the Mississippi River. The purpose of the request is to give the Waste Control Commission time to inspect the interceptor sewers to determine maintenance needs.

More on Locks and Dam 26 - Enclosed is a publication prepared jointly by the Sierra Club-Izaak Walton League titled, "The Mississippi River Threatened." LWV has joined them along with other groups to oppose Locks and Dam 36. They also have an excellent slide show which we viewed at a meeting of the River Task Force. This slide show is available for use by groups. If you are interested, call me at 890-4486.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT 3/76  
(Anderson)

Response sheets for the telephone Opinion Poll are due in the state office March 30th. You probably noticed that the answer to question #4 about the Sales Tax got rather complicated (in regard to automobiles). Well, it gets even more complicated (in regard to fur coats). According to the Department of Revenue, "Sales of articles made of fur, even though worn as clothing, are taxable when the value of the fur is more than three times the value of the next most valuable component material." Sorry about the error; as we've been told repeatedly, "you have to be careful of working in this business."

In the February Board Memo, we told you about a new publication available from the National Municipal League, It's Your Business: Local and State Finance. Although Expensive (\$5) we enthusiastically recommend it to anyone interested in the rationale/philosophy behind the total government finance picture.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 3/76  
(DeSantis)

ERA: The recent Capitol Letter carried an ERA Alert. If you are not a subscriber, ask you League president to bring you up-to-date. Following the introduction of Rep. Sherwood's bill to rescind, the state ERA Coalition met and decided that there is still more danger of passage in the Senate than in the House. They fear that Sen Chmielewski may suddenly move to amend a bill on the Senate floor by adding a resolution for ERA rescission. Therefore, they urge us to keep letters from individuals coming - especially to senators. The opposition has not let up. One senator reported his mail was running 42-1 in favor or rescission.

Sex Bias in Education: Attention is called to page 9 of the Winter 1976 National VOTER. This article on new regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is helpful to all persons concerned with sex bias in education. It is a 'must' reading for Human Resources chairpersons.

Revenue Sharing: Hats off to the Roseville League whose fact sheet, entitled "Revenue Sharing - Get Involved," made news in both the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. The League distributed this brochure widely throughout their community. They explained revenue sharing and encouraged citizen input on the use of these funds at an upcoming city council meeting. The League has received favorable feedback from community organizations who now plan to testify at the hearing. More information will be available on this local action project at the LWVMN state Council meeting in April.

ELECTION LAWS 3/76  
(Reeves)

Ethical Practices Board: The EPB is working hard to have all the rules and regulations finished, printed, and distributed for the fall campaigns. The two housekeeping bills (see Capitol Letter) are moving ahead; the Senate bill is on general orders and the House bill has passed the House. There will surely be a conference.

Two EPB matters will have public hearing on new rules in April. On the 9th, amendments to existing rules are proposed dealing with forms, reporting "in kind" contributions, who must file organization statements, etc. On April 26th, the hearing will deal with Public Financing Rules and will include: general fund accounts for distribution of public funds, dates for apportionment and distribution of funds, information to be provided to candidates explaining laws and rules for conducting campaign, reporting by candidates and committees and unused funds. Copies of these rules are available at the EPB, Room 410, State Office Building. These "hearings" are before a Hearing Examiner and any interested person can participate - either orally or in written material.

Executive Director Allan Clutter reported a "fruitful meeting" between EPB staff and the Election Division of the Secretary of State's office (where ex-LWVMN president, Mary Ann McCoy, keeps things moving). He reported that the Election Division (ED) will print the new law and will distribute a copy to each candidate and will provide the EPB a copy of each candidate's filing form. These services will save time, effort and money. Clutter also reported that the Department of Administration will microfilm all EPB reports (candidates, lobbyists, etc.) which solves a concern Board member had about the safekeeping of reports that are available to the public.

The EPB was given a list of lobbyists who had not met the February 15th deadline for filing (or removing their names - which must be done on the lobbyist's report form) - 189 in all, representing 16% of the total! These people will be sent a letter and will hopefully comply.

The next meeting of the EPB is April 9th, 1 p.m., in room 81, State Office Building.

Voting: Secretary of State Joan Growe has published notice of a hearing on April 6th to take testimony on proposed amendments to the rules for voter registration and on proposed adoption of rules for "...the examination and use of voting machines..." including computers! Copies of the proposed rules are available at Mrs. Growe's office in the State Office Building.

(ELECTION LAWS 3/76 continued)

Ballot Rotation Suit: The District Court took testimony on the constitutionality of the present ballot rotation law the third week in March. If the decision goes against the plaintiff, and there is an appeal, the League will enter a brief in support of the appeal.

C O U N C I L O F M E T R O P O L I T A N A R E A L E A G U E S 3/76  
(CMAL) - (Enders)

Representatives from CMAL and the state Board have formed a joint task force on Solid Waste-Energy. The purpose of this group is to spell out specifics for the implementation of our consensus positions and to prepare proposals for the Metropolitan Council's Solid Waste Plan. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee should contact Mertyce Mayne (645-4007). It would be helpful to have this information passed on to your bulletin editor.

CMAL Convention will be June 3 at Mizpah Congregational Church in Hopkins. Our morning business meeting will deal with election of officers and adoption of the budget. We will also be spending some time on discussing CMAL plans for '76-'77. We will be making some hard decisions on future direction, and it is essential that every League has input, and can relay the information to their members. The specific issues we will deal with will be outlined in the April bulletin. Please consult with your Board before Convention so that you can reflect your League's view.

The program for the June meeting will be determined after we have had an opportunity to evaluate the requests from the various study committees. If you need more information about the Council, let us know; call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

L O C A L P R O G R A M 3/76  
(Jones)

Adoption of Local Program items at the annual meeting, and the appearance of many new Local Program chairmen call for discussion of Local Program at that next Board meeting. Does everyone understand the intent of the members? Does the wording of the item insure that the chairman understands the scope and direction of the item, or should the full Board explore and clarify this? Is it agreed what is to have been accomplished by this time next year? And, without taking Board time, Board members can aid in suggestions for committee members, resources for information, potential community assistance, etc. in private conversations. Total Board support is especially important in Local Program.

In the meantime, the chairman needs to begin analyzing her plan for the year. Will it be study, publishing, consensus, or action to be emphasized this year? Get that committee lined up, so that together you can set your goals and your timetable to achieve these goals.

A C T I O N 3/76  
(Borg)

Local Action - What is there to do?

During the coming school board elections, local issues will appear and reappear. Are some of these issues important? Do you wish something could be done about them?

1. Check your national, state and local consensus positions and see if we haven't already studied something that relates to your local issue. Check our national Principles and see if our general statements of belief can be applied to your local concern.

2. Inform yourselves about the issue and be certain you all understand why an existing position is applicable.

3. Plan an action campaign with realistic goals and a timetable for carrying out these goals.

4. Involve your members at all stages, from the consideration of the issue, through the action, and finally the evaluation of the project.



(ACTION 3/76 continued)

5. Involve others in your community who share your views on this issue.

You have many materials with suggestions on taking action. Action projects are all around us. Start thinking what changes need to be made and you will start seeing them. You will be making worthwhile contributions to your community and you will be having fun. Try it, you'll like it.

Some timely quotes from the INDIANA VOTER: "Your efforts during political campaigns are important in building support for League positions. Support built into a party platform can pay dividends, but commitments you get from individual candidates early in their campaigns, when they are most amenable, are even more important for insuring success." "Probably most important is public support. Your ability to raise questions in your community, to supply the media with newsworthy information in support of our positions, and to reach people through speaker's bureaus and publications all help establish needed support."

An ERA ALERT went out in the March Capitol Letter. There is a new rescission bill that must be opposed. Please try to get as many people as possible to contact their legislators to oppose any rescission of our ratification of the ERA. Get all your Leaguers to contact non-Leaguers, so the legislators will finally realize that the majority of the voters believe in equality for all. The anti-ERA faction writes and calls their legislators constantly. They must hear from the rest of us, too. Until the 38th state ratifies the ERA, we must continue to speak and write in support of it at every possible opportunity.

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E   3/76  
(Waldo)

In preliminary reports from the two major parties in Minnesota, increased attendance at precinct caucuses was attained on February 24, 1976. Based on a sample of 100 precincts, the IRM party estimates that 60,100 persons attended their caucuses. That is a 75% increase over 1974 attendance and a 50% increase over 1972. The party reports new participants and younger participants in 1976.

The DFL party has not completed their survey. However, in a survey on February 24, Precinct Caucus Night, from a sample of 50 precincts (25 Metro, 25 outstate), attendance at DFL caucuses was up 15% over 1974. They estimate that 80,000 persons participated. As I receive additional statistics from the two parties, especially with regard to the participants at precinct caucuses, I will share them in the Board Memo.

Our "Focus on Emerging Issues" series has been completed. As you know, we used this format to explore the Citizen Information portion of the portfolio. The state Board will be evaluating the series in April. We would be interested in hearing your ideas and opinions regarding the series as a whole or any one of the three programs.

School board elections are May 18. Make plans now for candidates meetings. In those areas where several Leagues are part of one school district, explore ways of working cooperatively.

Looking ahead to a new League year, we need to consider what kinds of VS projects we'll undertake as well as CI projects. I would urge current CI/VS chairpersons to volunteer to serve on a committee to plan how the Minnesota League will respond to Election '76! LWVUS is providing us with several tools. At least two Leagues have plans underway to utilize them. Do we need additional tools or do we need new ideas for our VS projects?

We will again be participating with ABC News to report Minnesota election returns on November 2, 1976. The funds from this project are used to supplement the state budget. I will be the coordinator of the project in Minnesota and am looking forward to working with League members who are key precinct reporters throughout the state.

"LEAGUEKEEPING" ITEMS 3/76

According to a recent letter from IRS, those Leagues required to file Form 990 are to show a group exemption number (GEN) in Part I, item 18(b). The number we have been assigned is 2091; this is the number you are to use.

Enclosed with this Memo are the following forms: Information for State Mailings, Local League Board List, Adopted Local Program and Local League Budget Form. The staff needs the Information for State Mailings (yellow sheet) returned to the state office the day after your Annual Meeting so we can send the mailings and bills to the right people.

F Y I 3/76

The Commission on Minnesota's Future wants to know what you think about Minnesota's Future. Composed of 40 citizens appointed by the governor, the chairmen of the Regional Development Commission, the head of the State Planning Agency, and 12 legislators, the Commission on Minnesota's Future was established in 1973 to consider future growth and development alternatives for Minnesota.

In November of this year, the Commission on Minnesota's Future will submit its report and recommendations to the governor and the Legislature; and an important part of this report will be your concerns about the future of our state.

Therefore, a series of public meetings has been scheduled throughout the state to discuss with citizens the major issues that are and will affect life in Minnesota, including: housing, employment, education, health, governance, transportation, energy, environment, agriculture, population. We think you will find this meeting to be both a stimulating and worthwhile experience and hope you will be able to participate.

Tentative agenda:

- 9:30-10 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 10-10:30 Welcome from Chairman; introductions, CMF background; plans for the day
- 10:30-11:30 Minnesota trends--a graphics presentation of the major trends affecting Minnesota's future
- 11:30-12 Discussion of trend implications in groups of 6-8 persons each
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1-2:30 Continue discussion groups
- 2:30-3 Report back--reports from each discussion group in plenary session
- 3-3:30 "Which direction do you prefer?"--a survey response to trends considered by the Commission on Minnesota's Future
- 3:30-3:45 Conclusions; participants' reactions; where do we go from here?

Dates and Locations:

Region	Date	Location	Contact
1	May 1	Crookston, U of MN, Bede Hall	Helen Ranum - 218-281-1396
2	Apr.28	Bemidji, Elk's Club	Denise Vik - 218-751-3108
3	Apr.23	Eveleth, Hockey Hall of Fame	Cindy Broelsma - 218-722-5545
4	Apr.29	Fergus Falls, Holiday Inn	Cindy Bailey - 218-739-3356
5	Apr.19	Brainerd, Holiday Inn	Bob Bixby - 218-894-3233
6E	Apr.13	Litchfield, the Farmer's Daughter	Nancy Adams - 612-296-3852
6W	Apr.14	Montevideo, Top of Mall	Tom Jorgens - 612-289-1981
7E	undecided date & place		Nancy Adams - 612-296-3852
7W	Apr.15	Collegeville, St.John's U, Alumni Lounge	Otto Schmid - 612-253-7870
8	Apr. 9	Slayton, Club Royal	Mark Atchison - 507-836-8549
9	Apr. 6	Mankato, Holiday Inn	Kathie Davis - 507-387-5643
10	Apr. 7	Rochester, Educational Services Ctr.	Doris Folger - 507-289-8443

Ruth Dyer, RN, asked to have the following included in this Board Memo:

"A nurse working toward her Master's degree needs help in learning more about the experience of women around the time of menopause. Women between the ages of 45 and 54, not now married, and living in the Twin Cities area, are urged to call Ruth Dyer, 644-3430, as soon as possible to find out more. Your interest will be greatly appreciated!"



# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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(see March Board Memo, EQ Section and brochure)  
28 - MN Foreign Policy Forum (see IR)
- May 1 - Law Day (See FYI for information on "A Dialogue on the Future" and  
enclosed brochure and FYI re Midwest Working Journalists Forum)  
2-8 - Clean Air Week  
3-7 - LWV-US Convention, New York  
5 - Financing State Government Committee meeting - 9:30, State Office  
6 - Hazardous Waste Conference (see March Board Memo, EQ Section)  
7 - LWV-St. Croix Valley House Tour - see FYI  
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18 - State Board Meeting (Note Date Changed from May 11)  
23 - Crystal-New Hope LWV Night at the Old Log Theatre

## Looking Ahead:

- June 3 - CMAL Convention  
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## "Leaguekeeping" Items and FYI Section

- Enclosures: (Presidents: please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairpeople.)  
Education: New Statement of Position\*  
Education Update  
That Wonderful Amendment Brochure\*  
WOW Brochure  
Metropolitan State University Brochure\*  
Using Census Bureau Statistics on Governmental Finances  
Summary on Governmental Finances in Minnesota

\*On DPM



State Board Happenings:

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At its meeting on April 13, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Peggy Gross as a member of the Board and Judiciary Chairman.

The Board appointed Betty Shaw, LWV-Mpls., to the Board. Betty will chair the Education Study on Teacher Tenure.

M E M B E R S H I P  
(Reeves)

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As the new membership chairman, I wish I could send you a magic formula for getting new members, keeping "old" ones and guaranteeing a continuous source of leaders. But "life" and over 20 years experience in the League tell me that such a magic formula doesn't exist. There are, however, things that the state Board and I can do to help local Leagues in the area of membership: (1) serve as a communicating link between League (both in and out of Minnesota) for the exchange of membership ideas; (2) provide you with some of the tools you may need to create a "join-the-League" atmosphere in your community (PR, publications, etc.); (3) take a responsible leadership role in membership. The first and second things I/we can begin to do right away; the third will take time, planning, creativity and your help. With the hearty support of the state Board, an embryonic membership committee has started to make plans for a high-priority campaign to help local Leagues recruit and maintain members. You will be hearing much more about this beginning at "Council." For now, each membership chairman MUST have and READ "IN LEAGUE" -- if you don't have your own copy, beg, borrow, or steal one.... it's a must. Be alert to LWVUS action -- the January National Board Report on page 6 gives us an idea of what to expect from Washington. Look at the National Publication catalog for membership materials -- or ask your president if she has them tucked away in her over-flowing file!

Finally - a pep talk. It is my conviction that we must learn to really believe in what we are doing and we must develop confidence in our ability to get members, money or anything else we need to DO THE JOB! If we were not people of vision and conviction, we wouldn't be in the League!

L O C A L     P R O G R A M  
(Jones)

4/76

You who are chairing your local program item may find May a bit frustrating. State contacts and business at State Council come to the fore, and even more important and dramatic, our National convention takes the spotlight. Now, we wouldn't advise you to get "pushy," but do get into the center of things to get the best people you can for your committee. Think back to your annual meeting and unit meetings to those who expressed an interest, those who may not already have specific jobs for next year. If you can get those first phone calls made, you will be able to get your summer League work organized and proceed, with help, at your own pace.

One disadvantage in being "local" chairperson may be the feeling of working "alone," as compared to your colleagues with State and National items. They seem to receive reams of material, aids, surveys, committee guides, and all sorts of goodies like that. You do have to be resourceful, and we regret there is no way to organize local program in a similar way to help you all. But we have found that you can help each other a great deal, if you will. At State Council we had displays and opportunities for sharing, so talk to your delegates if you weren't there. More important, follow up on comparable items yourself. This year's listing can get you started, and you receive the new listing in August. You can always contact local presidents for information and referral. Share! Communicate! Talk to each other! It's much more satisfying!

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES 4/76  
(CMAL) - (Enders)

CMAL Convention will be June 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Mizpah Church, Hopkins. The cost is \$3.25, and reservations should go to Jerri Evans, 2301 Totem Trail, Minnetonka 55343, 544-1104. Our program will consist of a business meeting in the morning to adopt budget, elect officers, and give the new Board direction for the coming year. The CMAL bulletin contains some specific questions we will be discussing. Please make an effort to discuss them in your League prior to the convention.

After we have completed our business portion of the meeting, we will have a slide presentation on "Regional Development Districts in Minnesota." This show was prepared by the State Planning Agency and is intended to explain the development districts and contrast them with the Metropolitan Council.

Our after-lunch speakers will deal with "The Future of the Metropolitan Council." Senator John B. Keefe and Senator Nicholas D. Coleman will be giving us their views on the future role of the Council.

Interviews of local officials are due back May 1st.

EDUCATION 4/76  
(Atchison)

Hooray! We have a consensus. The new positions follow:

LWVMN supports categorical aid to school districts which have high salary costs per pupil unit. Such aid should not preclude careful planning and evaluation of local school district expenditures.

LWVMN supports consideration of enrollment fluctuations when determining pupil units for calculating foundation aid. In the case of declining enrollment, LWVMN supports extending beyond two years the time for reducing pupil unit counts.

Explanation:

- 60 Leagues reported with 4 stating no consensus had been reached.
- 2 Leagues reported their members almost split on question I.
- 2 Leagues combined into one report.

The consensus reports were analyzed to see if there was any distinction between "in" and "out" state. Twelve outstate Leagues were among the 40 showing consensus for salary aid. Of the 11 Leagues in the "no" column, 7 were outstate, 4 were suburban.

Whether counting numbers of members or giving each League equal weight, the consensus was clear.

The committee report in the January-February VOTER and materials furnished to Leagues with the Committee Guide showed that there was a correlation between higher living costs in urban areas and the generally higher teacher salaries in those areas. In addition, fluctuating enrollments tend to increase per pupil costs. Therefore, questions dealt with aid for teachers' salaries and the method of adjusting school aid formula for enrollment fluctuations.

The two new position statements will be incorporated into the Education program position (see enclosed statement) and may be used as support for local action on local budget and evaluation process. The latest issue of CAPITOL LETTER gives a report on the legislation requiring accountability procedures and uniform accounting systems (UFARS). Leagues may want to monitor implementation of these new requirements in their school districts.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT  
(Anderson)

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Enclosed are copies (1 per LWV) of two new publications which you may find helpful. The first, Summary of Governmental Finances in Minnesota, by Arley D. Waldo and Carole B. Yoho, March 1976, is an updated edition of the same-titled publication you received last fall. The second, Using Census Bureau Statistics on Governmental Finances, by the same authors, contains guidelines to use when comparing statistics on governmental finances definitions of some of the major categories used by the Census Bureau in reporting state and local governmental finances. If you don't have use for them right now, please file them for future reference.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 4/76  
(DeSantis)

Revenue Sharing: Several Leaguers have questioned our position on revenue sharing following a national broadcast in which LWVUS Ruth Clusen participated. Since the position did not come through clearly to everyone, we will state it here and would appreciate your passing it on if you hear any discussion of the subject. LWVUS has never studied and taken a consensus on revenue sharing, but since it so vitally touches upon many of our Human Resources positions (e.g. "equal rights for all.....to combat poverty and discrimination..... access to equal employment, housing, and quality education"), we have monitored revenue sharing under our action program. Revenue sharing is with us, and LWVUS feels it will probably be with us for years to come. Therefore, League is actively lobbying for reforms in the general revenue sharing program which our extensive monitoring projects have shown to be necessary.

Two issues of "Report from the Hill," No. 94-I-6, December 1975, and No. 94-II-1, February 1976, give detailed accounts of LWVUS action and concerns regarding general revenue sharing. We are opposed to the stand of the Ford administration which supports a simple five-year extension of the program with no major reform. This stand has had great support from city mayors and county officials. LWVUS is supporting HF 10319 (Rep. Dante Fascell, D-FL). This legislation would change the allocation formula to direct more funds into areas with high percentages of poor people. It strengthens civil rights and citizen participation procedures and provides incentives to modernize state and local governments.

Migrant Workers: Some legislation pertaining to migrant workers was considered during the recent legislative session, but for a variety of reasons LWVUS H.R. lobbyists gave these low priority. Two major bills which were considered in committee both last session and this died in the House. One related to establishing a minimum wage for sugar beet workers. Another would have required labor contracts for migrant workers. If there are local Leagues which would like the H.R. Committee to be more active in this area another time, we would like to hear from you. We would especially like to hear from Leagues which have done local studies on migrants and have a local position from which they might help us act.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 4/76  
(Poppleton)

Air lobbyist Nancy Latimer spent three days last month at an Energy Conservation Training Institute in Chicago. The 20 Minnesota participants have formed the Minnesota Energy Conservation Coalition whose purpose is to promote voluntary energy conservation throughout the state.

Directly related to this is a publication called Kilowatt Counter published by Alternative Sources of Energy Magazine. Easily readable, the booklet deals with everything from energy requirements of household appliances to a quiz designed to test your energy awareness. Sections of this publication could become the basis for a series of newspaper articles or a column in your local bulletin. The cost is \$2.00. Send to: A.S.E. Subscriptions, Route 2, Box 90A, Milaca, MN 56353.



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Human Resources

- Discrimination based on age. Passed in House in 1975 and not heard in Senate in 1976.
- Indian health and alcoholism. This was integrated into a general bill on drug and alcohol problems which passed. The Health Services Bill failed.
- Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency. Funding for this agency passed.
- Indian Education Advisory Commission funding. Nothing was done about this.
- The possibility of a separate Commission on the Status of Women. A Commission to study the economic status of women passed.

The CAPITOL LETTER, which was published last week, contains more details on legislation being followed by LWV lobbyists and the outcome of bills of LWV interest. Roll Calls are available from the LWV office on particular legislators.

Did you evaluate your Precinct Caucus efforts? How many LWV resolutions were read, and how many were adopted? Write a report now so you will be better prepared next time or will be able to leave a success story for your next action chairman. Continue to keep track of Political Party activities and try to have influence wherever possible.

Now that the Legislature has adjourned, don't turn your attention away from law-making. Congress continues to decide our future. Be sure you continue to influence these decisions. Review your Reports from the Hill and maintain contact with your congressman. Thank him for past votes. Congratulate him on his P.A.R. rating. In Minnesota it is possible to congratulate most of our congressmen and both of our senators. When you have a question on a bill, ask your congressman. If you have a particular area of interest, let him know what it is, and he will put you on a list to receive material on that subject. Most of them have their offices organized to provide that service. Encourage your members to become active participants in our democracy. That is the only way it will work.

F I E L D   S E R V I C E      4/76  
(Cushing)

NOTE TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND STATE COUNCIL:

A complete set of all materials distributed at State Council will be sent to each League that was not represented. You will be billed for cost of material plus postage (\$2.50). Council delegates paid for their copies in the registration package. It was the Budget Committee's decision that the cost of preparing informational materials should be borne by those for whom it was intended.

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E      4/76  
(Waldo)

This month's Memo to you gives me an opportunity to share some of the activities of local Leagues gleaned from bulletins and minutes of meetings.

- Crystal-New Hope was asked to register voters in apartments for New Hope.
- East Faribault County will be sponsoring a voting booth at the F.H.A. fair, showing old and new voting methods.
- Edina reports that voter registration in the high schools was very successful and received much publicity.
- Bemidji Area League has ordered "Go Register Yourself" stickers and buttons. They hope to involve the bicentennial committee in distribution.
- Fairmont is planning an open meeting on the school referendum, and the County Taxpayers' Association will co-sponsor.
- St. Peter is responding to citizens' complaints about the complications involved in school elections by talking with the school board. The League would offer to register voters.

- Brooklyn Park met with a field representative from the office of the Secretary of State to discuss the League role in registering voters and election judge training. The field representative in a conversation with me last week mentioned this meeting and the kind of cooperation she received from this League and others.

These may give you some ideas for calendar planning for Election '76.

"LEAGUE KEEPING ITEMS" 4/76

- 1.) We would like to distribute an updated Local League Presidents List at the June workshops so please return the Information for State Mailings form to the office as soon as possible.
- 2.) A reminder to get your Membership Report forms in monthly and preferably at the beginning of the month. We can't send VOTER mailings to new members we don't know about nor to new addresses we haven't gotten -nor delete members who have dropped or died. Please help us help you retain happy and satisfied members by getting the information to us on time. Thanks.

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- 1.) St. Croix Valley LWV presents a spring house tour, May 7, 1976, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in historic Stillwater, Minnesota. "Enjoy a day with us, touring traditional and contemporary homes, eat at one of our local restaurants and browsing through our antique stores and craft shops. Price for the house tour is \$3.00, which includes only the tour. You are on your own for other activities, though maps and names of eating places will be provided. Tickets will be available at the homes, but also at the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce in Stillwater, 408 E. Chestnut St. - on May 7. See you there."
- 2.) From Metropolitan State University: Do you think that your League participation is teaching you just as much as a college class? Do you wish that you had completed your college degree? Metropolitan State University has just the program for women who want to combine college with activities involving their children, volunteer groups, or jobs. Investigate the possibility of receiving college credit for past life experiences which have learning value and plan a new educational career combining a wide variety of learning activities with your volunteer and community commitments.  
Included in this mailing are Metropolitan State University folders. For more information, call Mahtomedi Area Leaguer, Isabel Dwight, who is now employed at Metropolitan State University. Her phone is 296-4465.
- 3.) If you are interested in having an Assertiveness Training Workshop in your area, please contact Mrs. Merrilie Maull, Attorney at law, 209 Helen St., N., Hudson, WI 54016. Call (715) 386-9768.
- 4.) Law Day Seminars:
  - a) Midwest Working Journalist Forum (see enclosed flyer). In addition to speaking on S-1, Sen Abourezk will also talk about Daniel Schorr and the CIA. New panels are: "Access" (how to get your story in) and "Private Lives and Public Scrutiny."
  - b) There will be "A Dialogue on the Future" featuring Orville Freeman (president, Business International Corp.) and Rep. Donald Fraser, on Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m. sharp, in the Mayo Auditorium, University of Minnesota. To obtain tickets, contact United Nations Association of Minnesota, 55 South 8th St., Minneapolis 55402. General tickets are \$2.50 each; student tickets, \$1.50 each.
- 5.) The Women's Action Alliance, a national clearinghouse for women working for change, is the publisher of Women's Agenda. Since its founding in 1971, its goal has been to help women work together across organizational, cultural, and economic boundaries to combat sexism and sex discrimination.  
WOMEN'S AGENDA, a monthly RESOURCE PUBLICATION, is a practical "HOW-TO" tabloid, featuring the voices of women who are concerned about and working for reforms -- educational, political, economic -- that will affect not only themselves, but all members of society.



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6.) Macalester Feminists present a Women's Film Festival at 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25 in Olin Auditorium, Macalester College. Films include: The Life and Death of Frida Kahlo, Folly, Womanhouse, Take Off, Never Give up, Make-Up, Susan Through Corn. Admission: \$2 general public; \$1.50 for students with ID and Senior Citizens.

7.) Does your school system have a volunteer assistance program? If so, why not call and offer your services to help students needing special assistance.

8.) From LWV of Crystal-New Hope: We are sponsoring a night at the Old Log Theatre as a means of supplementing our income. Date: Sunday, May 23, 1976 - Production: "The Pursuit of Happiness," a fresh and vigorous comedy centering around the quaint old custom of bundling. Besides being romantic, with an American Revolution background, it is a particularly witty commentary on American ideals and institutions. Come and join us and help the League. For tickets, please contact Doris Martin, 537-6832.



# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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## Calendar

May 31 - LWVMN Continuing Education Registrations due  
- Memo/DPM Subscriptions deadline  
- 1976-77 Support Committed form due

June 3 - CMAL Convention (see CMAL)  
8-9 - LWVMN Continuing Education  
15 - State Board Meeting  
22 - Corrections Committee Meeting - 10 a.m., s.o.

July 2&5 - Office closed

Looking Way Ahead: 1977 - June 30 - Financing State Government consensus due -  
see FSG  
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State Board and Council Happenings

Counterpart Communiques: CMAL, Field Service, Treasurer, Financing State Government, Corrections, International Relations.

Help Wanted

"Leaguekeeping" Items and FYI

Mailed earlier: Memo/DPM subscription forms, 1976-77 Budget as adopted, 1976-77 Support Committed; LWVMN Continuing Education information and registration forms.

Included with this mailing: Catalog\*  
Common Cause in Minnesota memo  
Financing State Government Telephone Survey Results  
Education UPDATE  
The Midwest in Perspective flyer

\* on DPM

## State Board and Council:

At the May 18 Board meeting, it was decided to:

- \* accept with regret the resignation of Rhoda Lewin; Rhoda is resigning to continue work toward her doctoral degree, and
- \* accept the disbandment of Cloquet League; they will become a unit of the Duluth League.

Council action:

Adopted a budget of \$98099;  
Approved a statewide membership campaign;  
Approved state League establishing a procedure by which local Leagues can consider and concur on the question of public library funding;  
Appointed a committee to assess the state Board Memo.

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Note on Continuing Education classes:

You may wish to note a second choice on your registration form in case a class should be filled; otherwise, substitutions may be made during the registration period.

If you are only interested in one course, and would not attend at all if that one were unavailable, write NOTIFY beside your name. If the registration is received early enough, you will be notified if your choice is not available.

T R E A S U R E R      5/76  
(Hall)

Action at National Convention raised the PMP(per member payment) to \$5.50, effective for the current fiscal year, April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977. Please adjust your budgets to accommodate this increase.

F I N A N C I N G   S T A T E   G O V E R N M E N T      5/76  
(Anderson)

Contrary to what you heard at State Council, the Financing State Government consensus will be done next spring, due in the state office June 30, 1977. Details will be included in your OUTLOOK.

Attached are the results from the statewide telephone survey. Thank you for your cooperation

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The "Youth in Trouble" conference, sponsored by the Minnesota Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD), was attended by Dottie Stone, Gerri Knutson and me. The conference stressed the correlation between learning disabilities and juvenile problems and what we can do about these. The first day, Judge Lindsay Arthur stressed the lack of knowledge the system has concerning learning disabilities. He stated that the courts need education on LD's and that these youth have the right to treatment. Programs around the nation were also discussed. Cost of programs focused on the idea that we are paying now and will continue to pay by allowing a delinquent youth with these problems to go untreated. The second day of the conference focused on LDs' as viewed and affected by four important public service disciplines. Juvenile judges urged participants to provide the public and decision makers with massive doses of education about LD's. Corrections, welfare, and education heads agreed that more cooperation among agencies was needed, and that citizens should work at the grass roots level for joint planning and coordinated programming. On the final day of the conference, information was given on funding sources. The speaker for the day, Dr. August Mauser, stated the importance of identifying LD's early so that they can be helped before they become involved in the juvenile justice system.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S      5/76  
(Davies)

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has been meeting this month in Nairobi, Kenya. UNCTAD IV brought together over three thousand delegates from 124 countries to discuss and negotiate on world trade and development problems. Since its first meeting in 1964, UNCTAD has been a forum for the developing nations' demands for changes in the world economic system. Issues debated at Nairobi include:



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\* commodity agreements: The group of 77 (which now includes 110 UN members) had proposals for an integrated commodities program including the establishment of buffer stocks and a fund to buy key commodities when prices are low and sell stocks when prices are high. The U.S. prefers to consider commodities on a case-by-case basis. Secretary of State Kissinger did call for the creation of an International Resource Bank that could finance commodity buffer stocks.

\* debt burden: Servicing of debts is becoming an increasing problem of developing nations. The more radical of the poor countries are demanding a debt moratorium. Consideration will be given to the need for a major creditor-debtor conference. The U. S. position is that debt rescheduling should be handled on a case-by-case basis.

\* transfer of technology: Secretary Kissinger recommended the formation of an American technology corps to work with local personnel on development projects.

\* ways to increase exports of manufactured products from developing countries. Secretary Kissinger recommended reducing tariff barriers.

\* aid and private investment: Secretary Kissinger's proposals stressed the need for private investment in the developing nations. The billion dollar International Resource Bank, which he proposed, would serve as a conduit between private investors and host countries.

\* future role of UNCTAD in a restructured UN: The group of experts on the structure of the UN who reported in 1975 recommended the consolidation of development activities which essentially means the phasing out of UNCTAD.

Help Wanted: Jessie Merrell will be leaving the staff July 1, 1976. The good news is that her husband will be on sabbatical from the University for the academic year 1976-77. Since they will out of the state most of the time, the LWVMN is looking for a part-time skilled typist. The salary will begin at \$3.00 per hour - three or four days a week, 5½ hours a day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please send qualifications to Georgeann Hall, League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102.

"L E A G U E K E E P I N G" I T E M S 5/76

Your cooperation is urgently needed and requested on these items:

- 1) Earlier (May 7, 1976) we sent each president a list of 1976-77 Support Committed for LWVMN as we had it. On the bottom of that pink sheet was a tear-off to return to the office if there was a blank or an \* after your League. Please get those into the office IMMEDIATELY so we'll know for sure what our support will be and can plan accordingly.
- 2) In March we sent you an Information for State Mailings form. We need that canary sheet returned NOW also, so that we can prepare a new local League Presidents List to distribute at the Continuing Education Workshops.
- 3) Again we request that when your membership forms are sent to LWVMN office, you tell us which are reinstated so we don't send them a new member letter.

--Thank you--

F Y I 5/76

We have been notified that the Christian Science Monitor will run a series entitled, "Washington Waste -where it is and how to stop it" - May 24 through May 28. If you are interested in this subject you may write or call Eva Selander, 5129 - 29th Ave., S., Minneapolis 55417 - 612-729-2130. The cost is \$1.00.

Woman Consultants, Inc. will present the Emerging Woman in Management, a three-day workshop to build confidence and management skills in women seeking upward mobility in their work situations June 14-16.

(FYI - 5/76 - continued)

Workshop agendas will include management theories, conflict resolution, decision making, appropriate use of feedback and related management functions. Learning is experiential and centers on group dynamics.

Additional information about the Emerging Woman in Management workshop is available through Woman Consultants, Inc., 869 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 - (612)224-3871.

The Minnesota Center for Social Research, Department of Conferences, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Minnesota is sponsoring a series of Action Research Workshops at Nolte Center, U of MN, during June 1976. Topics include: Beginning Program Evaluation, Understanding Nonverbal Communication, Survey Research, Introduction to Multivariate Analysis, Using Cost Benefit Analysis, and Qualitative Methods in Research and Evaluation. For further information, contact: Joe Kroll, Program Coordinator, Room 211 Nolte Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 - tel. 612-373-3685.

"A Look at the Older American and Legal Assistance" is a conference for local Bar Associations, Senior Citizens and interested community groups in Southeastern Minnesota. They are sponsored by ACTION, Minnesota State Office and Advisory Council on Aging, Southeastern Minnesota Regional Development Commission, and will be held Thursday, May 27, 1976, at Assisi Heights, Rochester, MN. For more information, contact: Advisory Council on Aging, Southeastern Minnesota Regional Development Commission, 301 Marquette Bank Bldg., Rochester, MN 55901.

The following 16mm film is available to you free of charge from area libraries:

"The City." The classic film, done in 1939 and running 43 minutes, deals with four phases of town building: the New England town, built around a central plaza; the unplanned industrial community with its by-products of pollution and human waste; the crowded metropolis; and the new decentralized community, which is planned for space and segregates work and play.

Should you wish to borrow this film to show to your group, please call the Films Desk at the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, 372-6558.

# BOARD MEMO

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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## Calendar

- June 28 - IR Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
  - HR Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., state office
  - "The American Dream! Myth or Reality?" (see FYI)
- 29 - Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- July 2 & 5 - State Office closed for holiday
  - 4 to 9 - Congressional Recess
  - 15 to 17 - Conference on Rural America, University of Minnesota, Crookston (see FYI)
- August 10 - State Board meeting

## State Board Happenings and Welcomes

Counterpart Communiques: Action, HR/EO, Organization of State Government, IR, CI/VS, Membership, Finance

## "Leaguekeeping" Items and FYI Section

## Mailed Earlier

OUTLOOK (enclosures to presidents only; Officers and Board of Directors, List of Local League Presidents, Membership List Forms, Useful Publications for Local League Board Members, Regional Workshop Request Form, Request for Field Service Visit, Support Form, Training Guide and Calendar and Evaluation Questionnaire)

## Included with this Board Memo

(Presidents only)

Flyer "The American Dream: Myth or Reality?"

PRESIDENT-TO-PRESIDENT MEMO

\*Minnesota Endorsement of the Declaration of INTERdependence

\* On DPM

## State Board Happenings:

At its meeting of June 15, 1976, the Board:

- 1) voted to pay its attorney for a copy of the transcript of the ballot rotation court case so that he can prepare the LWV's amicus curiae brief.
- 2) approved the application of Northern Scott County for provisional League status. Northern Scott County will include Shakopee and Prior Lake.

Welcomes: Provisional LWV of Northern Scott County; Betty Ford, who has become a member of the LWV of Grand Rapids, Michigan, according to the announcement of Ruth Clusen on the June 21 Spotmaster; and Judy Rosenblatt, LWV of Roseville, who will serve as off-Board VOTER editor.



ACTION 6/76  
(Borg)

Have you read your OUTLOOK? Are you organized for efficient action?

The state LWV lobbyists are preparing for the next legislative session, but their influence is dependent on what is done by the local Leagues. Lobbying is the final step in a Program item and it is any effort which influences public opinion on any issue that has a legislative aspect. It is any contact with a legislator and it goes on all the time. Lobbyists in Washington and St. Paul can provide information and well-reasoned support or opposition on legislation, but the constituents back home provide the impetus that determines the vote. Will your League be ready? Do your legislators know you? Get acquainted this summer.

Under the new interpretation of the lobbying law, you do not have to register as lobbyists. Those of you who were registered last year may terminate by informing the Ethical Practices Board that you no longer qualify as a lobbyist. Many of you did that when filing your June 15th report.

While you are relaxing and enjoying the summer, look around your community. What needs to be changed? Start making a list. As fall approaches, go over that list with League Program in mind - national, state and local, and don't forget the Principles. How many things could you tackle under existing consensus positions? Learn to think action. It's exciting!

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 6/76  
(DeSantis)

For most of us the summer months provide a time to put aside our active League work and relax a bit. But please don't forget your HR/EO portfolio during this time. Try to do some reading and reflecting. If you haven't seen LWVUS "Report from the Hill" regularly, ask your president for last year's copies and read about what was done nationally to advance HR positions. You will find that you will be proud to be a League member. Look at LWVMN's CAPITOL LETTER more closely and review what we lobbied for and against this past year. Are we reflecting the interest of your League's members? If not, our state HR Committee would like to hear from you. Review the two national committee guides, "A Recharge for HR" and "An HR Source Guide" with an eye to your League and your community. We haven't had an HR consensus for a long time, so you probably won't be preparing a topic for unit meetings, but think about slipping in new information here and there - both in unit meetings and for your League bulletins. And if you need new information in any area, let me know. I, too, hope to be spending the next two months engaged in the three R's - Reading, Reflecting and Relaxing.

ORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT 6/76  
(Knutson)

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration on May 26 approved an interim budget for meetings by the Senate standing committees. Planned meetings pertinent to the legislative and executive branch of government are:

- 2 meetings on state boards and commissions
- 8 meetings on government structure--not defined as yet
- 5 meetings on staffing
- 2 meetings on permanent rules

Committee meetings will be announced. Due to the pending election of all house and senate members, I would not expect much until after the election.

Help needed: An excellent opportunity for observing the legislative process through the specific issues that determine how the Legislature performs during its regular session. Call Ann Knutson, 881-1510 or the state office.

(Organization of State Government 6/76 continued)

Open Meeting Law-- Minneapolis STAR and TRIBUNE vs Minneapolis Housing Authority has been heard before the Minnesota Supreme Court. The question before the court is the definition of attorney/client relationships--as it relates to public bodies. Presently, attorney/client consultations are not exempt under the Open Meeting Law. A decision, expected late this summer, could set a far-reaching precedent.

Open Appointment Act-- This seemingly noncontroversial bill passed both houses with very little opposition, but was vetoed by Governor Anderson. His brief statement for the veto was that it would create serious administrative problems and delays in filling vacancies.

LWV did not actively lobby its passage, because it had little opposition and was lobbied by Common Cause. The bill will be introduced next session and should be supported by citizen groups such as LWVMN.

The bill was introduced as a result of the Citizen's League report An election-like process for appointments, 4/75. Single copies available free upon request. Call or write: Citizen's League, 84 South 6th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402 - 612-338-0791.

#### I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S      6/76

(Herb)

Enclosed with this mailing to presidents and DPM subscribers is a xeroxed copy of the Minnesota Endorsement of the Declaration of INTERdependence. The LWVMN has commended the signers of the Minnesota Endorsement for several years. Perhaps you would like to encourage your local officials to sign a similar endorsement or commendation during any UN Day programs your League will be having. Copies could also be donated to your schools, colleges or libraries for their display. Since the Endorsement refers to this as a Bicentennial Project, the printed copy could be displayed at various Bicentennial events your community and/or your League may be having. Printed copies of the Declaration and Endorsement are available from the United Nations Association office, 55 South 8th St., Minneapolis 55402.

#### C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E      6/76

(Waldo)

Even before your OUTLOOK has been received, we find that local Leagues are involved with voter registration. Crystal-New Hope registered 400 students in cooperation with the PTA. St. Anthony registered 80 high school students and wore the "Go Register Yourself" T-shirts! Northern Dakota County will register voters at a shopping center July 3. The city is providing a truck trailer for this purpose. The Leagues of Edina, Richfield and Bloomington will be registering voters at Southdale Shopping Center in July and August and perhaps September. The exact dates are not yet determined. Perhaps similar arrangements could be made with Brookdale, Ridgedale, Rosedale by local Leagues in those areas.

Minneapolis LWV is offering VOTE T-shirts for sale at \$3.50 each. These could be used for more visibility in your community. Additional information and order blanks are available from the LWV of Minneapolis, 1200 Second Ave., S., Minneapolis 55403. (Please keep in mind that the Minneapolis League office is closed for the month of July.)

Word has just been received from LWVUS that another nationwide petition drive will begin soon. The League intends to sponsor presidential debates as a follow-up to the presidential forums. In order to insure that the two major candidates will debate one another, the League plans this petition drive to bring pressure which will make it clear to the candidates that the public expects them to confront the issues face-to-face prior to November 2, 1976.

(CI/VS 6/76 continued)

According to Ruth Clusen, the schedule is as follows:

- Petition Kits: to all Leagues in July (including quantities of petition forms, a complete explanation of what the drive is about, how to do a successful petition drive, sample press releases, and hints on how best to present news on the drive to the media).
- The summer VOTER will include a story and a petition form for members to use.
- Approximately five weeks to organize your drive (though you can begin right now to find a coordinator, sound out cooperating groups, and plan your advance PR and your kickoff).
- The drive itself covers three weeks, beginning August 21 (after both conventions are over). Some will want to peak before Labor Day, some after.
- The final deadline for return of the forms is September 13, but earlier returns will help us tote up.

I am including these details in this Board Memo so that some organizing for this petition drive may be done early. Petition drives have been successful for us in reaching League goals before - we expect success this time, too.

Several field workers from the office of secretary of state have been hired for various counties in Minnesota. They will be contacting county auditors and election officials of cities, small cities with a single precinct and townships. Their emphasis will be on election judge selection and training, use of forms, voter registration, absentee balloting, and both newly enacted and proposed legislation. It might be very helpful for you to communicate with the field representative in your area. In some instances, they may want to contact you for assistance of advice. They are:

Buechner, Lois - 921 Hill Rd., Willmar 56201 - (612)235-0066 - Kandiyohi County  
Cowgill, Beth R. - 262 Grand St., Winona 55987- (507)452-1735 - Winona County  
Gartner, Judy - 220 N. Meadow Ln., Golden Valley 55422 - (612)374-1684 - Hennepin Cty.  
Hesse, Joanne - 2322 15th Ave., NW, Rochester 55901 - (507)288-2760 - Olmstead Cty.  
Kubesh, Mildred - 330 NE 5th Ave., Pine City 55063 - (612)629-2973 - Pine County  
Paulson, Eunice - 7 S. Minnesota St., Rt. 1, Crookston 56716 (218)281-3367 - Polk Cty.

M E M B E R S H I P      6/76  
(Reeves)

"The strength of our system lies in ordinary people doing extraordinary things."  
Gerry Brown

Even though some of us may blanch at the idea of being "ordinary," the fact is that in many ways we are. We are not all political scientists, experts in governmental organization, ecologists, hydrologists, social scientists, etc. and in that sense, we are ordinary citizens. BUT - we do "extraordinary" things and we find that we do become "experts" in many fields through our involvement with the League. This, to me, is the greatest appeal for prospective members and citizens who have, perhaps, in other ways, shown their commitment to better government or just a "better way" of doing things.

Another aspect of "becoming extraordinary" is the training and experience in leadership that the League provides. Anyone who has been in the League in the past few years must take note of the number of members who are: running for office, serving on boards and commissions, finding paying jobs in (and out) of government, etc. In many cases, the League gave them knowledge, confidence and skills to move on to other things. On the one hand, that creates leadership problems, but on the other hand, our former leaders are "out there" and are the best advertisements the League has. I am convinced that new members, new leaders, new supporters of all kinds are all around us - our task is to find and engage them and help them discover how extraordinary they can become.



(Membership 6/76 continued)

I think your Membership chairpersons must get and carefully read (if you haven't already) the latest National Board Report. One pages 8 and 9 are some items about membership - but more importantly, each one of you should read the entire Report and try to see how each item covered can aid and support your membership efforts. For instance, on page 6 under Natural Resources, is an announcement of a committee guide on Energy - who are the people in YOUR community interested and/or involved with Energy - can the League help them with this committee guide and thereby involved them with the League? The national and state election should bring up many ideas (with membership potential) from distribution of the new national publication "Pick a Candidate" (100 for only three dollars!) to a rip-roaring candidates meeting. Make your plans early .... like right now. This particular iron to strike will not be hot for another four years! See pages 10 and 11.

Is Land Use your community's "thing" - see page 11. If the "Environment" is your issue - has your League put to use the February Update on toxic substances? Has your League placed in the hands of your community leaders the "Updates on Community Issues"? The March issue covers "Who represents the Public in Public Sector Bargaining" - an eye-opener! The January issue discusses "Productivity: can it keep Public Costs Down, Quality Up?" Each of your council persons, county commissioners and administrators should read this. They are potential members, too, and they are capable of doing extraordinary things - with our help!

In short - membership is selling the League to ordinary people, and it is every member's job.

F I N A N C E      6/76  
(Hall)

The new publication from the LWVUS, "Dollars and Sense," has been mailed to all local League presidents and Duplicate Presidents Mailing subscribers. It is a terrific guide for organizing a finance campaign. Included with that mailing was a new brochure, "League of Women Voters Education Fund," an excellent guide for using tax deductible monies for specific approved projects

"L E A G U E K E E P I N G"    I T E M S      6/76

1.) On the president's list which you received with the OUTLOOK, please make the following changes:

- a) Battle Lake: Chris Wheeler (Joseph)  
Battle Lake 56515 - (218) 864-8128
- b) Golden Valley: Sandi Knutson (Knutson)  
2285 Regent Ave., N.  
Golden Valley 55422 - (612) 521-7495
- c) Marshall: Carol Marshall (George)  
302 E. Lyon  
Marshall 56258 - (507) 532-3848

2.) Effective June 13, address correction notices for the Minnesota VOTER and your own monthly bulletins began costing you 13¢ each - another reason it is imperative that you notify us of all address changes, adds, drops and transfers at least monthly. The Postal Rate Commission has a proposal pending before it for 25¢ for each corrected address notification! Wow - think of that financial impact.

3.) Leagues in the Metro Area: If you know of someone in your League who would like a part-time job (approximately 20 hours/week) as a clerk/typist for the LWVMN, please have him/her contact the state League office, 224-5445. The person we're looking for would need to be a skilled typist (at least 60 wpm) capable of typing Board Memos, committee guides, CAPITOL LETTER, routine correspondence, etc. Other duties include filling publication orders and billing for same. The pay begins at \$3.00/hour with periodic increases based on performance. Free parking is available. We're also on several bus lines. The LWVMN would appreciate your announcing this in your bulletins. Thanks.

F Y I 6/76

- 1.) "The American Dream: Myth or Reality?" will be held on Monday, June 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Macalester College Chapel. It's free to the public since it is funded by the Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Speakers include: Alfonso Ortiz, professor of anthropology, University of New Mexico and president of Association of Indian Affairs; Marcela T. Gaitan, teacher of La Chicana (the Mexican-American Woman), University of Minnesota, and former University of Colorado "Teacher of the Year," and a poet; A. Leon Higgenbotham, U.S. District Judge in Eastern Pennsylvania and member of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.
- 2.) KUOM will broadcast a program by three minority women on Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. and again on Friday, July 2, at 1 p.m. Panelists: Mary Lou Williams, Ruth Boights and Marcel Gaitan.
- 3.) The Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights has speakers available to present and to clarify the issues relating to employment, sexual preference, legislative goals, and other concerns. They would like to speak to and with other organizations as well as Leagues, outside of as well as within the Metropolitan Area. Since the committee's purpose is clarification and providing information, it is not necessary for groups to feel or be supportive. To secure speakers or additional information, contact: Steve Endean, Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights, Box 4226, St. Anthony Falls Station, Minneapolis 55414; phone (o) 612-332-5744 or (h) 612-339-5628.
- 4.) The Conference on Rural American will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 15 and concluding about 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Examples of speakers and topics: Assistant Secretary William H. Walker, III, USDA, "Government Speaks to Rural American"; Hiram Drache, "Farming in the Year 2000"; Robert Theobald, "The Role of Rural American in Creating America's 3rd Century"; Earl Joseph, "Life Change and Stress in Rural America"; Dr. George Donohue, "Future Organization of Rural America"; Calvin Beale, "Renewal of Population Growth in Rural and Small-Town America"; George Bagley, "Pollution: Who Is Responsible? Who Should Control?"; Harold Shane, "Educational Futures: Their Significance for Rural America"; Rev. William Ryan, "Toward a New International and Political Order"; Bruce MacLaury, "Minnesota Economy." The July 16 Buffet with Issue Speakers will focus on Energy, rural health, rural housing, taxation, myths of rural America. The round-table recommendation emanating from the Conference will be published for distribution for \$5.00. For further information and details, contact: Conference on Rural America, Box 94, Crookston 56716.
- 5.) The Minnesota Correctional Institution for Women has available tours of the institution. These tours acquaint the public with some of the residents, the physical facilities and unique programming we have to offer. We invite you to visit. You may call 445-3717 for an appointment, Monday through Friday. Tours are given every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.



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**OUTLOOK - 1976-77**

**Calendar  
and  
Counterpart Communiques**

**Contents of OUTLOOK 76-77**

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Calendar Worksheets - 10 extra copies of the calendar are being provided for each League (included with President's mailing). Additional copies are available from the state office at 3¢/set

**Counterpart Communiques**

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Suggested Organization of Board

- Membership

- Field Service 633 0602 )

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Program/Action Items

- Corrections

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**Included with President's mailing of OUTLOOK**

Officers and Board of Directors

List of Local League Presidents

Membership List Forms

Useful Publications for Local League Board Members

Regional Workshop Request Form

Request for Field Service Visit

Support Payment Form



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Leagues receive *two* copies; one copy duplicated on *both* sides for local League president's use and file copy; one copy duplicated on *one* side only--to be distributed to each local League portfolio chairperson. Extra copies of this OUTLOOK may be ordered from the state office -- 65 ¢ each plus postage and handling.

State Board meetings are *open meetings*. Dates are included on the Calendar Worksheet. Please feel free to visit any time. Naturally, if you have business to bring before the Board, we hope you will notify the president a week in advance, but important items may be added later.

Minutes of state Board meetings are available to local Leagues on request.

It is vital that membership changes - new members, transfers, drops or change of address and/or name - be reported promptly, both to LWVUS *and* LWVMN. Use the national VOTER Membership Report Form (yellow sheets) for these changes, sending the original to LWVUS and a copy to LWVMN. On the copy you send to LWVMN remember to put RE before a member's name if it's a member who dropped and is now rejoining.

Undelivered VOTERs are returned to the state office at a charge of 10¢ each. Only four change notices from the post office are allowed and then mailing privileges can be revoked if the post office chooses. New members are discouraged by delays in receiving their newsletters.

Be sure one person on your Board, either the treasurer or Membership chairman, takes responsibility for sending report forms to national and state. Enclosed is a memo about the acknowledgement requirement of the postal service and the reporting form your League will be asked to use when submitting your membership lists on October 31.

A single copy of the Board Memo is mailed to presidents *first class*, another duplicated on just one side is included with the third class mailing of additional materials. A Board Memo is included in Duplicate Presidents Mailing subscription (cost \$12.00).

Tips on Local League Filing (June 1972) may be ordered from the state office if you cannot find it in your files (cost 6¢).

Reminder: Changes in local League bylaws must be sent in for review and comment by the Field Service chairman before you propose the changes to your members.

Judiciary: We do not have a chairperson on the state Board, therefore there is no Counterpart Communique included.

World Trade Week will probably be observed the week of May 17, 1977. Tentative plans are to place an emphasis on education - to work with social science departments and involve them early. The LWVMN has been invited to participate in World Trade Week; Pat Llona, LWV-Edina and member of the IR Committee, will be involved in the planning. We are going into this with the expectation that every League will assist Pat and participate to the extent possible. Watch Board Memos for more details.

# CALENDAR WORKSHEET 1976-77

## JULY

- 1 - PMP quarterly payment due to LWVUS
- 6 - Filings for elective office open
- 20 - Filings for elective office close
- 28 - TV "People and Causes," KTCA (Ch. 2) -  
Locks and Dam 26, Alton, Illinois

## AUGUST

- 5 - CMAL Board meeting (Regency Club, IDS)
- 10 - State Board meeting
- 24 - Last day to preregister for Primary Election

## VOTER

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Quarterly/semi-annual support payment  
to LWVMN
- 2 - CMAL Board meeting
- 6 - Labor Day
- 10 - UN Rally Tea & IR meeting with  
Peggy Carlin
- 14 - Primary Election Day
- 15 - State Board meeting
- 15 - CMAL Membership meeting (consensus  
briefing)
- 25 - Jewish New Year

Workshops by request (see Field Service)  
Emphasis on voter registration

### Publications:

- LWVMN Land Use Taxation
- Determinate Sentencing & consensus questions
- Flexible Sessions Update
- Energy Bibliography from LWVUS  
(additional information fall & winter -  
consensus winter of '77-78)

UNITS:

## OCTOBER

- 1 - PMP quarterly payment due to LWVUS
- 4 - Yom Kippur
- 7 - CMAL Board meeting
- 11 - Explorer's Day
- 12 - Last day to preregister for General  
Election
- 21-22 - MEA/MFT Days
- 24 - UN Day
- 25 - Veterans Day
- 29 - UN Rally (Hotel Radisson, St. Paul)
- 31 - Membership lists due to LWVMN
- Continued emphasis on voter registration

### Publications:

- Financing State Government (FSG) Facts &  
Issues
- Updates for CORRECTIONS: People, Prisons  
and Programs

## VOTER

UNITS:

# CALENDAR WORKSHEET

## NOVEMBER

- 1 - Determinate Sentencing consensus due  
LWVMN
- 2 - Election Day
- 4 - CMAL Board meeting
- 9 - State Board meeting

25/26 - Thanksgiving

Legislative Interviews

Lobbyist Training Workshop (date to be determined)

Suggestions for nominations to state Board

Publications:

Mid- to end of Nov. UN Committee Guide & Facts & Issues from LWVUS

UNITS:

## DECEMBER

- 1 - Quarterly payment to LWVMN
- LWVMN quarterly pledge payment to LWVUS
- CMAL consensus due
- Reports of legislative interviews to state office
- 2 - CMAL Board meeting

24 - office closed

31 - office closed

No state Board meeting

State committees on bylaws, budget, Program suggestions

CAPITOL LETTER subscriptions due 1/5/77

VOTER

UNITS:

HAPPY 1977

## JANUARY

- 3 - PMP quarterly payment due LWVUS
- 4 - Legislature convenes
- 5 - CAPITOL LETTER subscriptions due
- 6 - CMAL Board meeting
- 11 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Part I Annual Reports due LWVUS/LWVMN
- 18 - Focus on Emerging Issues (FEI)
- 20 - CMAL Legislator's Lunch

Unit meetings on UN - LWVUS recommends two between Jan. and Mar.

UNITS:

## FEBRUARY

- 1 - Nominations materials for Hope Washburn  
Award mailed
- 3 - CMAL Board meeting
- 1st call to state Convention sent
- 8 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Focus (FEI)

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# CALENDAR WORKSHEET

## MARCH

- 1 - Quarterly/semi-annual support payment due LWVMN
  - LWVMN quarterly pledge payment to LWVUS
- 2 - LWVMN proposed budget mailed
  - Local LWV Program and bylaw suggestions due to LWVMN
- 3 - CMAL Board meeting
- 8 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Part II Annual Reports due LWVUS/LWVMN
  - Focus (FEI)
- 17 - CMAL Membership meeting

## APRIL

- 1 - Hope Washburn Award nominations due
  - PMP quarterly payment due LWVUS
- 2 - 1st Round Program & bylaws mailed to LWVs, slate mailed
- 3-10 - Passover
- 7 - CMAL Board meeting
- 8 - Good Friday
- 12 - State Board meeting
- 15 - (tentative) FSG TV presentation
  - UN consensus due LWVUS
  - Best Local Action Project due LWVMN

### Publications:

- FSG Facts & Issues (2)
- FSG Committee Guide & consensus questions
- Public Employee Bargaining/Tenure - Information, Committee Guide & consensus questions

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## MAY

- 5 - CMAL Board meeting
- 10 - State Board meeting
- 12 - 2nd Round Program suggestions due LWVMN
- 17 - School Board Elections
- 26 - CMAL Convention

## JUNE

- 1 - Presidents Workshop
- 2-3 - Convention (St Olaf College)
- 30 - Consensuses on FSG and Education due LWVMN

Legislature adjourns

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COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- President

Jerry Jenkins (612) 645-1452

As you read through this OUTLOOK and CALENDAR and begin to plan your local League year, I'm sure you'll agree that *it's going to be a meaty year!*

There are several things which need special consideration:

1. Gaining members (and keeping old) is a top priority and has to figure in all plans and activities.
2. It's an election year, so Citizen Information/Voters Service activities will be heavy--especially in the fall. Also, this calls for a review of your nonpartisan political policy with your entire Board.
3. We are pointing toward at least three (3) state consensus-reaching times (Corrections, Financing State Government, Education) and one (1) national (UN). Fitting in local and regional Program and Action will take some hearty souls and flexible and creative planning by local League Boards.
4. Action at all levels of government will continue to accelerate and your members will want to be part of the action, both in personal ways and by hearing what Board members have done in the name of the organization.

As the state Board took an overview of LWV 1976-77, we asked ourselves how state LWV activities might facilitate local League planning. You will note that we are not setting workshops or a special conference in the fall in order to free up time for you to pull all of your resources together for registering voters, getting new members and emphasizing your United Nations activities. We know that membership figures usually go up in presidential election years and that Citizen Information/Voters Service activities and *local visibility* on issues gain members also. State Council delegates recognized the need to push for members and voted wholehearted support for the state Board's priority. The state Board is developing tools to help you, but we know that adding members happens on the local level. We don't want anything we plan to impose on time you would spend on this important effort.

Please give special reading to all parts of this OUTLOOK and know that the members of the state Board and the office staff are hoping to serve your needs all during the year. We can do this only if we hear from you. You'll have a consultant assigned to you, you may request help on Field Service forms, and each of these Counterpart Communiques have names and phone numbers you may use to keep us working together to achieve LWV goals.

We have talked from time to time about "vertical programming" and what this means in trying to organize your Board. I asked Mary Watson to write a few words about this and this is what she had to say:

Now is the ideal time to scrutinize the make-up of your Board and the portfolios they represent. We have been stressing vertical program, based on issues rather than the level of government, and the national Convention action grouping positions under four main headings--Government, Human Resources, International Relations, and Natural Resources--helps to clarify the concept. The Government portfolio can cover state as well as national positions; Human Resources can cover the state Equality of Opportunity positions, and Natural Resources (formerly EQ) can cover both national and state positions. This will necessitate some off-Board chairpersons who will handle the various facets of the program, leaving the Board chairperson responsible for coordinating, communicating to the Board and seeing that all program materials are distributed. The advantages are many; one person can be "the expert" on one subject, sharing her information via bulletins, and unit meetings. No one is "spread too thin" being responsible for too varied a program load. The efficiency of the Board is improved, calls for action can be handled quickly, leadership is being built, and the load is shared. This is

an accepted League practice; don't continue with the labels "National" and "State" just because it's always been done that way.

Now, too, is the time to question your administrative portfolios. Could you combine some naturals, i.e. Treasurer and Finance or Treasurer and Publications? or Membership and PR. What about Bulletin and PR or Membership and Unit Organization? Each League is unique and there is no one right answer, but do take a fresh look and see if some combination of portfolios might equalize the work load.

Also, there's a page included with this mailing from Helene Borg with her Board reorganization suggestions. Look at it to see if you get some ideas of how you might do it.

Since all of us are human, we can't always anticipate everything, so please read your Board Memos each month because that's the way we communicate when changes have had to be made in the calendar. The extra things that are included with the Board Memo are not to add to your burden, but to share with you the richness of programs, opportunities and challenges that you and your members may participate in if you so desire.

Our members are interested in Action, but it is not possible to predict or calendar in the Action side of LWV. Please get set up to respond to calls for Action and watch Report from the Hill, CAPITOL LETTER, The Board Memo and the media for the build-up for action so that there will be few "surprises."

Have a good year! We hope to see you at our Focus on Emerging Issues meetings after 1977 takes its bow and we look forward to another pleasant (and busy) few days on the St. Olaf campus for state Convention.

#### SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION OF BOARD - LOCAL

Helene Borg (612) 472-2674

- \* President
- \* 1st VP - could be given one of the following portfolios in addition to assisting president
- \* 2nd VP -
- \* Secretary - could combine with Publications or Bulletin or Public Relations
- \* Treasurer - could combine with Finance or Publications
- \* Membership - include Unit Organization, could include Public Relations
- \* Bulletin - could include Public Relations or Publications
- Finance - could hold a Program portfolio as well
- Publications - could combine with Treasurer
- \* Citizen Information/Voters Service - could be one of the vice presidents
- Public Relations - could combine with Membership
- \* Action - could be one of the vice presidents, would include observer program
- \* Government - national items
  - Organization of State Government
  - Election Laws
  - Financing State Government - study (consensus June 30, 1977)
- \* Human Resources - national items
  - Equality of Opportunity
  - Cities/Urban Crisis - study
- \* Natural Resources - national items including land, air, solid waste and water
  - Environmental Quality
  - Energy - study



- \* International Relations - national items include trade and aid  
UN - study (consensus April 15, 1977)  
Corrections and Judiciary - could be handled off-Board with Action chairman responsible (consensus on determinate sentencing November 1, 1976)
- \* Education - to include any local education items  
study (consensus June 30, 1977)
- \* Local - to include CMAL representation and study - consensus December 1, 1976 -  
(again could be delegated)  
new local study (if any)

Each Program chairman would be responsible for a study, but could delegate to an off-Board member. The chairmen would keep track of all the facets of their items, but could have experts in the various subheadings working off-Board. The chairmen would be responsible for getting materials to them and communications from them to the Board.

The above Board could be handled by 15 people if the suggested groupings, or similar groupings were used. With a 12-member Board, additional portfolios would be combined.

All Local Program would be inserted in the most logical category. If there is no category suitable, it would be carried as an Action item by the Action chairman.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Membership

Jean Reeves (507) 645-6161

Delegates to the State Council, both verbally and through a budget increase, gave their support for a statewide membership campaign. I regret that some thought that meant "state" was going out to get members - which, of course, is impossible. The state League is *you*! It has no members except those the *local Leagues recruit*. What IS meant by a membership campaign is: development of materials, information, PR, etc. by a state committee which will *help* local Leagues in their recruitment of members. As the campaign committee gets going, you will hear more about the plans and will be called upon for your input in the development of a strategy for getting *and* keeping members.

But, you say, I'm the Membership chairperson for now; do I sit on my hands (or whatever) and wait until I hear about the big push? - Not on your life! There are many things that you *must* consider and get done now if your League is not to fall behind - or further behind:

- 1.) get and read *carefully* IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards - *not just* the section on Membership. "Membership" does not exist for itself - it *is* the life blood that keeps the organization alive!
- 2.) choose a committee *carefully* - need not be large, but MUST be enthusiastic, knowledgeable (about LWV in general and Program in particular).
- 3.) devise a calendar and PLAN for the year (anything that the campaign committee develops for *this* year will be a bonus).
- 4.) get the entire Board enthused (by YOUR enthusiasm and anything else you can think of) about the Membership "component" of all League portfolios. For instance, suggest that resource committees recruit people from the community who have already *demonstrated* an interest in schools for the Education Study.
- 5.) get very close to your PR chairperson - she/he makes visible to the community what LWV is doing, thinking, etc.
- 6.) get very close to your Action chairperson - get her/him involved in Membership - they know where the action is and who's in the thick of it... potential members.

- 7.) if you don't have a speakers bureau (state campaign committee will be giving more help on this), *demand* that the Board create one with the chairperson serving - or at least attending - Board meetings. If LWV speaks only to its own members, its effectiveness is immeasurably diminished! Do you know that there are many organizations, i.e. Kiwanis, Rotary, Newcomers, with program chairmen pulling out their hair finding interesting, stimulating, informative and useful programs. We can - indeed, must - serve them and in doing so, serve the League and the cause of good government!
- 8.) dig out of your president's file (or whoever) the "Report of the Findings of the League Self-Study," done in 1974...or order from LWVUS for \$1.00 (pub. #545) and really read and digest for your Board/membership...if this has been done before - try it again. It is *full* of information about ourselves and I think helpful.
- 9.) finally - look forward to helping and getting help from both state and national Boards on Membership. We're all in this together and our cause is worth all the effort - a better world!

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Field Service

Carolyn Cushing (612) 633-0602

Are you ready for *another* break with tradition? Many Leagues cheered the Continuing Education courses as a change from the usual Leadership Workshops, so we were encouraged to try a different approach for fall, too.

We are not (repeat: NOT) planning traveling workshops this year on what we see as an appropriate topic which you will be expected to attend. Before your disappointment becomes overwhelming, or you wonder what we'll do with the money that was budgeted, meet the super-flexible, fantastic, DO-IT-YOURSELF Workshop! It has been suggested before that you know your own needs better than the state Board, anyway. It has also been said many times that workshops should be more conveniently located. Here's your opportunity to plan a regional workshop on the topic/topics of *your* choice to be held in *your* community.

On a first-come/first-served basis, we will assist with locally organized workshops to whatever degree you request. You set the date and the subject matter. You can then request assistance in planning, preparation of materials to be distributed, personnel to lead discussions, resource speakers, or simply publicity in the Board Memo, etc. Be realistic about lead time and our climate, please. The only stipulation is that when state Board members are asked to travel, a minimum attendance must be guaranteed. (See green request form enclosed.)

In addition or as an alternative, Field Service visits *to individual Leagues* can also be requested. These are primarily intended for Board training/orientation or for workshop-type help with a particular problem. (See gold request form.) Your consultant is available when you simply need another point-of-view to join your Board in a problem-solving session. Field Service is happy to talk to you at anytime about League concerns, and fill in for your consultant if she is not available.

We will also be looking forward to State Convention in June and planning for Presidents Workshop. We would be delighted to receive suggestions from local League presidents for ideas/concerns to include in that presentation. And while you're writing: it has been suggested that we should provide a Presidents Workshop in connection with State Council, too, in order to help those presidents elected in off-years. Your reaction would be appreciated.

We face a busy League year; let's use all available assistance to make it a successful one!

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Action

Helene Borg (612) 472-2674

"Leagues act on current program positions and on Principles."

ACTION RECOGNITION PLANNED for 1977 LWV State Convention - we are asking each League to tell us about its best local action project using national, state or local positions. Each entry must be sent to the state League office by April 15, 1977, so get started right away. Keep in mind the following criteria as you write your report:

- Planning?
- Member involvement?
- Originality?
- Visibility?
- Work with others to achieve goal?
- Success - Did community attitudes change?
  - Was a law implemented or stopped?
  - Did you make a difference?

### Prepare by reading:

IN LEAGUE, ACTION, ACTION COMMITTEE GUIDE, OUTLOOKs and Board Memos, PROGRAM FOR ACTION (this is for every member, or at least every Board member). National will probably have new program information coming soon. Carry LEAGUE ACTS and FACTS in your purse or packet.

### Prepare by planning:

Hold an action planning session where community problems are discussed. Does something need to be changed? Go over all League positions and Principles and decide what can be done under each one. Establish at least one action priority with a written down schedule of each step to be done. Add a timetable and determine responsibilities. Plan your reacting as well as your acting. Are observers assigned to all the significant governmental groups? Are they familiar with League positions and aware of the need for rapid reporting?

### Prepare by organizing:

Are your Board portfolios organized by Program? Do these Program chairmen have specialists to turn to for the subgroups under their main topics? Have they established telephone pyramids to spread the word when action is needed? These can include nonmembers who have a known interest in a particular subject.

### Prepare by making friends:

Develop personal contacts with incumbents and candidates through those active in Party work. Introduce yourself to all local officials and their staffs. Familiarize yourself with other organizations in your community with an eye to possible coalitions in the future. Know the members in your League and try to know their interests. Meet the Action chairmen in neighboring Leagues and confer with them about possible joint action.

### Prepare by getting acquainted with the Legislature:

Order the free publications from the Senate and House Information services at the Capitol. Subscribe to the CAPITOL LETTER and urge subscriptions on your members. Give subscriptions to influential citizens and you can call upon them later to respond when action is needed. Plan a visit to the Capitol and include as much of your membership as possible. Plan to meet your legislator there or arrange a meeting with him/her in your community to review the session. Invite as many members and husbands or wives as you can accommodate. Some Leagues hold a picnic. Write or call your legislators and thank them for the times they voted with the League during the last session. Roll call votes are available from the League office. Your legislator wants to hear from you!



#### Prepare by learning:

There will be no Action workshops this fall, but the state Board is ready at all times to assist local Leagues in organizing for Action or to help make Action decisions. A Lobbyist Training Workshop will be held in November for those interested in learning more about the lobbying activities of League.

#### Act by responding:

Each League is expected to respond to an official Time for Action (T/A) or Action Alert. The response is prepared by the expert in the subject of the legislation and signed by the president. In addition to this official response in the name of the League, it is hoped that many responses will be made by your members and friends acting as individuals. Please send carbons or Action Reply Cards to the League office telling what action was taken or why not. Report on any interesting replies, too, please.

For latest developments on national League issues, call Spotmaster: 202-296-0218, from 5 p.m. on Fridays through noon on Mondays. This is *not* toll free. This information is usually available from the state League office at 612-224-5445 on Mondays. Consider telephone calls and telegrams for greatest consideration of your message. A Public Opinion Telegram can be sent for \$2.00 for the first 15 words to a public official by calling 800-325-5300. The call is toll free.

#### Act by writing:

Use your LWV bulletin for Program updates as preparation for future action, interview summaries, workshop information, observer reports, ads for the CAPITOL LETTER, and a monthly "Action box" to keep members aware of their League's action. Arrange to run a regular LWV column in your local newspaper. Keep letters to the editor submitted from various members, depending on the subject. Write both legislators and congressmen regularly. You can ask them questions, send them information or just say thank you for a vote. Let them know your interests and you will be put on their mailing lists. Be succinct, but relate your comments to local affairs.

#### Act by speaking:

Use the first five minutes of each unit meeting for Action - either to report, request or write letters or cards. Establish a speakers bureau made up of your League's experts (and they don't have to be all that expert - they'll still be far better informed than your audiences) and let other organizations and schools know they are available. Choose current League topics of public interest, run off a simply flyer and distribute. Follow up with a phone call to set dates. If distance is involved, ask for reimbursement for mileage. Keep the talks the length the group requests. In some communities radio and TV are sometimes available. Make LWV issues campaign commitments. Have questions prepared for all candidates' meetings to bring out League concerns. Use interviews to emphasize League Program. There will be Congressional interviews in the fall. Urge your members to attend and be ready to discuss the bills we are supporting. Legislative interviews will be in November and you will be expected to participate. These lawmakers listen to constituents, so be sure you are there talking.

#### Act by monitoring:

We work to get legislation passed and then it is up to us to see that the laws are being followed. With the best of intentions, many laws are ignored, or incorrectly carried out. You can assure compliance and this is an important type of League action.

#### Act by causing change:

Persist in your efforts and you will change laws, policies, administrative activity, attitudes and even candidate selection (without ever supporting or opposing anybody). Education is action, setting an example is action, and being enthusiastic can be action.

#### Act by litigating:

When all else fails, or when all else is too difficult, litigation might be the answer. Do not discount it, but go into it with your eyes open. Consider the expense, but do not overlook free services or contributions for the needed services. Look for allies. Consult with the national and state offices and some friendly attorney.

Finally, RECORD - Try to find time to write something down so your successor can go on from where you left off, profiting from your experiences and accomplishments. Let us quit re-inventing the wheel. Keep in touch with your national and state Action chairmen. (Especially me, O.K.?) We need to know what each other is doing. We can be so much more effective if we coordinate our activities. It is so important that we speak with a single voice so our message will be heard, rather than having our words compared for their different implications.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Corrections

Laurel Mueller (612) 890-2141

Welcome to all new Corrections chairpersons and thanks to all of you who agreed to work another year on a topic which has no end. Actually, this is a relatively new topic for LWV when you consider that consensus was only reached in 1975. However, because of the changes that have taken place since the publication of CORRECTIONS: People, Prisons and Programs, the Corrections Committee has decided to update the publication. Later this summer you will be receiving information on how to get the most recent facts to add to the original publication. This material will bring you up to date on many parts of the book, including ombudsman (added authority), employment, education, medical care, community corrections, Human Services Act, probation and parole and more.

The state Corrections Committee also plans to provide to you later this summer a paper on sentencing--the different meanings attached to the word--different ideas presented--what has been happening in the Legislature. This is certain to be an issue in the upcoming 1977 session, and LWV would like to be prepared. Consensus questions will come with the paper. The Corrections Committee suggests you schedule an early meeting this fall so that the consensus questions are returned to the state office by November 1. Members on the committee have been working with this topic through the past summer as well as through this past legislative session. As you know, SF 634 (McCutcheon, Brown Olhoft), after much legislative play, finally passed the House and Senate, but was vetoed by the governor. There were several other bills on the subject, and it looks like a definite issue next session.

After the extensive hearings held last summer and the report filed this year, Stillwater State Prison is a subject that will be watched closely in the 1977 legislative session. Numerous changes were suggested in the lengthy report with some implemented through bills this past session. The committee will be watching as more bills are introduced.

On the juvenile level, the status offender will no doubt be considered and new juvenile programs will be introduced. Much is being covered this interim at the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee hearings, chaired by Ken Nelson. LWV is attending these sessions. Juvenile records, security, certification laws will all be concerns of LWV next session.

On the local level, help your members be aware of what is happening by looking at your local correctional facilities. A bill (SF 551) was passed this session which gives greater power to the Commissioner of Corrections to control local facilities. Tour these facilities and see what your League can do to help improve the system. Report on these visits, not only to your members, but to newspapers in your areas. Has your community been involved in the Community Corrections Act? Let us know what is happening. The only way that we can be effective is by working together. We can only act when we have information from the local level. We need cooperation at all levels. We need members to serve on the Corrections Committee and to observe and lobby next session. Contact me at 31221 York Ave., S., Burnsville, MN 55337, 890-2141, or contact the state office.

Materials to help you: CORRECTIONS: People, Prisons and Programs  
PROGRAM FOR ACTION 1975-77

COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- NATURAL RESOURCES

Mary Poppleton (612) 890-4486

Notice the new title - Natural Resources instead of Environmental Quality.

The national Board felt that bringing air, water, solid waste, land use and energy concerns together emphasized the fact that all were interdependent. For us, this is the way we have considered the portfolio for years.

Energy - One of the study items adopted at the national Convention was a continuation of the Energy topic focusing on "sources of energy and the government's role in meeting future needs." The League will examine the costs and benefits (economic, environmental, social and international) of the ways in which energy is or can be produced, distributed and used.

The *Energy Briefs* will continue. The first is tentatively titled, "Energy Future - What will it be?" This will be a two-year study with consensus scheduled for winter '77-'78. It would be good to schedule unit meetings on Energy in the spring. By then, you will have received background material from the national League.

Land Use - We had promised you a publication on taxation and its effect on land use in April. However, it became a case of the more we read, the more there was to read. We are still trying to bring the wealth of material to manageable size. Carol McLean is now planning on a summer publication date.

Solid Waste - The Environmental Protection Agency is providing Minnesota with 75% of the money for a pilot project involving the disposal of hazardous and toxic wastes. The Pollution Control Agency is writing the regulations and the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission will handle site selection and bid letting. Public hearings on the project are bound to be as lively as the 4th of July. The main controversy seems to be whether or not to allow Minnesota to become a regional depository for hazardous and toxic wastes. Plan on having League members in attendance when hearings are held locally.

Continue your efforts to encourage community recycling and conservation.

Water - The LWVMN will be a cosponsor of the July 28 television showing of "People and Causes" on KTCA - Channel 2. The subject will be a slide/tape presentation on Locks and Dam 26 at Alton, Illinois, prepared by the Sierra Club and Isaak Walton League.

We also hope to take the show to local communities along the Mississippi River in Minnesota. Joyce Lake will be working with the Isaak Walton League to set up these community meetings. She will be contacting the appropriate local Leagues for assistance.

Air - At the state level, we will continue to oppose damaging amendments to the Clean Air Act. One of the most vital, as applied to Minnesota, is the regulations regarding "significant deterioration." Under these rules, the BWCA and Superior National Forest are classified as I, meaning very little additional pollution allowed. These regulations are the only way of keeping the area air clean and free of pollution from nearby industrial sources.



COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity

Lois DeSantis (612) 866-5171

Local League members carrying responsibility for the Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity portfolio should inform themselves of action taken at the May 1976 LWVUS Convention on Program. A new study item on crises facing urban areas was adopted. It is anticipated that the first step in the process will be a restudy and pulling together of current national HR positions. In addition, Convention delegates emphasized the importance of being aware of the inter-relationships of our various Program positions. HR chairpersons should be alert for ways positions in other areas have impact on human resources, so that the effect on people will continue to be recognized. As might be expected, the Convention also agreed to continue putting major emphasis on support for the ERA.

No direction on HR/EO program was given at the LWVMN state Council this spring. Feedback from local Leagues during 1975-76 showed that most Leagues tried to advance the cause of ERA, and it is hoped that all will continue to do so. Secondly, many were involved in supporting or monitoring local housing programs. Because of the interest demonstrated in these areas, the state HR Committee will supply updates of any significant new developments in state housing or sex discrimination programs.

HR/EO chairpersons are urged to read all current national and state HR/EO positions. These are broad, and in some cases, overlapping, but between the two, there is almost unlimited room for action. Study LWVMN PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1975-77 with your local community in mind, and in discussion with your membership, try to select at least one HR program for local action this year. Your state committee is ready to act as a clearing house if you would like ideas on what other local Leagues have done in any given area.

On the state level, the LWVMN HR Committee will continue to study and inform local Leagues of developments within the state Human Rights Department. As we have monitored meetings of this body, a number of questions have been raised in regard to their operation. It is anticipated that a state subcommittee will be formed to pursue this. If you or a member of your League would be interested in participating in this endeavor, please notify the state office.

Similarly, LWVMN will continue to monitor efforts in the Human Services area. From the state level, we will try to supply you with updates on coordination efforts of the state Office of Human Services. At the same time, it is hoped that members residing in areas served by a Human Services Board or in areas anticipating setting up such a Board, will monitor appropriate meetings and keep our state committee informed of progress. We are especially interested in observing how Human Services Boards relate to the various Regional Development Commissions.

HR lobbyists will be needed for the 1977 Legislature. Names of members who might be interested in doing this would be appreciated in the fall of this year. It is hoped that those of us who will be lobbying in this field can meet together both before and during the legislative session in order to better coordinate our efforts.

Publications which should be in the HR portfolio include: (1) PROGRAM FOR ACTION 1975-77, LWVMN; (2) National VOTER, Summer 1975; (3) "A Recharge for HR," LWVUS; (4) "An HR Source Guide," LWVUS #590. A new national Program publication should be coming out as a result of 1976 LWVUS Convention action. Please watch for it and order it. Also, to keep abreast of action, see that your League makes available to you LWVUS "Report from the Hill" and "Time for Action" subscriptions as well as LWVMN CAPITOL LETTER.

COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Education

Betty Shaw (612) 926-6093

The Education Committee's "study of tenure laws (public employment regulations) and the impact of public employee bargaining laws as they apply to schools" will begin its research this summer and will hopefully complete research by January. The publication should reach local Leagues no later than April 1st, unit study should be in May, and consensus is due to the state office by June 30th.

If you have suggestions for the committee or if you would like to be on the committee, please notify me (926-6093) or the state office (224-5445). Since both tenure and bargaining are "emotionally charged" issues, we need a committee representing all points of view.

Materials to help you:

Update on Community Issues, No. 4, March 1976, "Who Represents the Public Sector in Bargaining, LWVEF #669, 25¢

"So You Want to Know More About Public Employee Unions," LWVEF #679, 25¢

Public Employee Labor Relations Act § 179.61, available through your local school district office.

L I B R A R I E S

At the state Council, April 21, this motion was passed:

"That the state League establish a procedure by which local Leagues can consider and concur on the question of public library financing."

A state Board committee will meet in July to talk about possible procedures. There are several possibilities: a task force which would study the issue and recommend a position for concurrence by local Leagues; a thorough study by all Leagues after adopting a new item at Convention next year; a quick study by local Leagues who would then have the opportunity to concur with positions already reached by another local League, etc.

Volunteers for the committee are welcome. If your League has a position on library funding, please send the wording to the state office.

Timing is a consideration in view of our already heavy study and consensus agenda for next year. As you plan your calendars, be aware of the motion from Council. State's timetable will depend on how national plans to proceed with the three new items adopted at national Convention.

More later.....

Nancy Atchison, Chairman,  
Library Subcommittee

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Election Laws

Jean Reeves (507) 645-6161

EPB - Under our position for support of the public's right to comprehensive disclosure of contributions, etc.....we will continue to monitor the EPB (Ethical Practices Board) which constitutes the "central authority responsible for disseminating such information to the public." The main concern is for adequate funding of the EPB. The Board, in 1975, asked for an appropriation of \$168,512 for fiscal '76 and \$160,372 for '77 and these requests were included in the governor's budget, but the Legislature reduced the appropriation to \$108,308 for '76 and \$106,412 for '77. This year the EPB must (under the law) monitor registration and reporting of 500 candidates in the '76 elections, lobbyists registration and reporting of 2000 registered lobbyists and a program of personal economic disclosure of about 1500 public officials and candidates. In addition to these functions, many already in place, the EPB must design and administer a program of public financing of candidates who qualify for funds from the income tax check-off. Since participation in the check-off is tied to expenditures, the Board must audit campaign reports to assure proper allocation of public moneys to candidates.

Addition funds for 1976 were requested of the Commissioner of Finance and rejected and request for relief from the Legislative Advisory Committee netted a token appropriation of \$8,000. If additional funding requests to the Advisory Committee for \$147,784 go unmet, the EPB will be forced to curtail some or all of its programs to the detriment of full public disclosure.

The League must find ways to muster public and legislative support for adequate funding for the EPB. You may want to plan for a talk by a member of the EPB or one of the staff (call Allan Clutter - 612-296-5148) or write 410 State Office Building.

You might find it interesting to observe local campaigns in light of legislative proposals for laws pertaining to the conduct of such races. (See CAPITOL LETTERS, etc.). It seems certain that bills will be submitted to the Legislature again in 1977.

The functioning of the FEC (Federal Election Commission) and its impact on the national races should be of interest to all League members and the national LWV will keep us informed on that.

All-in-all, it appears that this will be a year of waiting and watching to see how the campaign financing - ethics in government - public financing - legislation of the past couple of years will pay off. That there will be a need for adjustment, reconsideration and evaluation is obvious. The League will need to be prepared to take part in those considerations.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Organization of State Government

Ann Knutson (612) 881-1510

Council delegates indicated a concern for operation of the Minnesota Legislature as it relates to a full-time legislature.

LWVMN does not have a position on a full-time legislature - citizen or professional. Our position, held since 1955, addresses itself to annual sessions of at least 60 days in length, with the ability for the Legislature to call itself into session.

While our support positions are still flexible and valid, League members might want to consider this as a lively issue with the intent of adoption as a new study at state Convention 1977. Our position has not been re-examined for nearly 10 years and the Legislature has undergone dramatic changes since then.



A word of caution: any decision on the part of elected officials invariably becomes exercises in incumbent protectionism that seldom measure up to idealistic or even realistic notions of reform. Legislative reform needs strong public support and action.

Background information:

Updates: Legislative Size - October 1974  
Legislative Salaries - February 1976  
Flexible Session - due September 1976

OPEN MEETINGS: Continued local League monitoring and action, along with contact with your state representatives, is a *must*. This will continue to be an active issue.

Background information:

Monitoring the Open Meeting Law - LWVMN - December 1974  
Update: Open Meeting Law - LWVMN - September 1975  
Testimony before House Governmental Operations Committee - February 3, 1976

A special thanks to those local Leagues that were asked to participate in the Department of Public Affairs (University of Minnesota) survey on the Open Meeting Law. We have been promised a summary of their findings, that we will share with all of you.

LWVUS - REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: No new study in this area was adopted at national Convention. Keep informed of congressional action through "Report from the Hill."

DC: On March 23, 1976, the U.S. House defeated a proposed constitutional amendment which would provide congressional representation for the District of Columbia. Although a defeat, this was the first time that the issue has reached the House floor and the measure failed to achieve the necessary 2/3 vote by only 45 votes. (LWV has held this position since 1923.)

A note of thanks to your congressmen who voted in favor and a note of disappointment to those who voted *no* would be appropriate.

yes - Bergland, Fraser, Nolan, Oberstar  
no - Frenzel, Hagedorn, Karth, Quie

COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Financing State Government

Karen Anderson (612) 935-2445

We're beginning the second year of the current state study of Financing State Government. The state Resource Committee has been busy researching, writing and planning for next year. We're presenting the plans to you in calendar form to aid in your planning at the local level:

- Oct. 1, 1976 - two tax publications ready for distribution. These will be Facts and Issues-type publications helpful for every member. The first is a Primer of Minnesota Taxation and the second explains specific taxes in Minnesota. Costs of these will not be known until we have more information on outside funding.
- Nov. or Dec. 1976 - you will want to have a unit or general meeting on the tax structure in Minnesota based on the publications. Some LWVs covered taxes adequately this past year. If you think your general membership is already informed, you may decide not to have this meeting; if you had poor attendance at your previous meeting or your membership has changed, you will want to have another in Nov. or Dec. There is too much material to cover to expect to deal with taxation and expenditures in one meeting.
- Mar. 7, 1977 - two publications on expenditures ready for distribution. These will also be Facts and Issues-type publications planned for every member.

- Mar. 11, 1977 - committee guide and consensus questions sent to local Leagues. This is a change in plans from what you heard at state Council. The committee was concerned with membership turnover and Convention program procedures if the consensus were scheduled for the fall.
- Apr. 1-15, 1977 - we're still hoping for a statewide TV presentation sometime during these two weeks. It would cover both taxes and expenditures. You may want to gather your members to watch this together and discuss, but that's optional.
- Apr. or May 1977 - you will want to have a unit meeting one of these months based on the two expenditure publications and to do the consensus. (Note: Education unit meeting will also have to be scheduled.)
- June 30, 1977 - consensus due in state office. (Note: Education consensus also due.)

The state Financing State Government Committee will begin meeting in September to work on the expenditure publications, consensus questions, committee guide and TV presentation. We are hoping for the addition of other committee members who have an interest or ability in any of these areas. Please contact the state office.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- International Relations

Mary Davies (218) 233-2175

Relations between developed and developing nations will come to the fore in our International Relations focus this year. Economic issues, whether at the United Nations, in trade, or development aid, will demand our attention.

#### IR in the League.....

If you're new to the IR portfolio this year, be sure you get all of the materials your predecessor or local files may have. Skim this to get an overall picture of what League has done. Check the League publications catalog and order whatever looks helpful to you. Get a jump on the year by recruiting committee members now. An inactive member might be willing to clip pertinent articles, or how about someone who's gone into retirement but may have been the guiding light in IR for years? Meet with this committee to set goals and tentative plans for the year, and give out reading assignments to get their minds in gear for fall. If there is another League nearby, even in an adjoining state, you might consider forming a joint IR committee so you'll have even more ideas, better use of resources, and will avoid duplicating program.

#### IR in the Community.....

If your League did a UN update this year, you should have a good idea where your members' understanding and interest lie. But what about the community? You might want to do a survey of foreign policy issues to give you an idea of community feelings. This is good information to pass on to your congressman and to give to the local media. You should also seek out other groups in your community who might be willing to work with you both on IR study and action. If your community has not been celebrating UN Day, this might be the year to have the mayor proclaim such a celebration with the League in charge of details. Perhaps that would be a good day to do a survey of attitudes in your community. Be ready with questions on IR when congressional candidates are being questioned. Work with your PR chairman and keep her informed of your plans so she can help educate the public on IR issues. You might want to package a program and offer it to schools or community groups. When you have put a good deal of effort into preparing a meeting, it's a shame not to share it. Perhaps there are non-League persons in your community who are interested and knowledgeable about the UN and who could help with your study and maybe they'll decide to join LWV.

The state IR Committee will be meeting September 10th with Peggy Carlin, VP Program Planning and National Organization for the United Nations Association-USA, to discuss ways of stimulating interest in the UN in Minnesota.

I need to know what kinds of help you would like on the state level. Some Leagues in Minnesota have access to much material, while others find International Relations difficult to handle. I would appreciate a short note from each IR chairman letting me know your general plans. LWVUS will have materials available mid-late November.

Dates:	Sept. 10 - UN Rally Tea	Oct. 24 - UN Day
	- LWVMN meeting with	29 - UN Rally
	Peggy Carlin, UNA-USA	Apr. 15, 1977 - LWVUS consensus

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Local Program

Barbara Jones (507) 388-3784

Planning for your League's Local Program is a unique situation for each League. All Leagues take into account state and national Program, use someone else's publications, are told of consensus dates, wait for position statements, and expect other Leaguers at some other "level" to act. Local Program is different. You will scout your own resources, set your own timetable for discussion consensus, position statements, and act on the basis of the direct opinions of your members. You are also in a position to evaluate your efforts in the results you see in your community. So, Local Program can be one of the most positive factors in your League's appeal. It can sustain members' interest, attract new members, and become the vehicle through which you are known in your community, which, in turn, affects public relations and finance.

Another unique aspect of Local Program is that each League has its individual list of items in various stages of completion and action. Each has its history of what has been done, what to continue doing, what to begin. But in spite of the fact that you are each different, there are similarities and general guidelines for all. First, be sure to get your help lined up immediately. You do need help...some kind of committee or assistant. This is a must to provide an exchange of ideas in planning, to provide moral support, to be assured of an understudy in case of emergency, and as training ground for future Board members. (To quote our fearless leader: "Start training your replacement now!") The, before summer starts slipping away, get that commiee together and plan for the coming year before your Board does its calendar planning. You will want to establish your goals for the year and your own timetable to achieve those ends. Analyze each local item for which you are responsible. What is to be done with that item this year? By when? Provide plenty of time in your schedule--it permits flexibility and helps avoid hysteria, always bad for the League image!

"Tools of the Trade" for Local Program development are those publications which help guide you through the whole process, as well as specific program booklets for your own topic. For the former, check IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards, page 35, beginning with "Managing Program" on through "Action" on page 42. Locate a copy of the national publication, "Planning Program: From Choice Through Action." (#410) Be sure your copy of the LWVMN consensus booklet is handy, too. As for specifics, you may need a survey guide (community, county, school?). Study the LWVUS catalog under titles like Environmental Quality, Land Use, or Housing in case they might be helpful. If you are working on a state or national item as it applies to your community, check with your president to track down all relevant publications, position statements and suggestions for action that may be languishing in some other portfolio. Watch those specific sections of the Board Memo for up-to-date information and ideas as well as "Local Program." The August mailing should include a listing of all local programs from Leagues throughout the state, and we would urge you to communicate with each other. You may be unique, but you can help each other when you have similar topics!



Throughout the year, there will be portions of the Board Memo which will elaborate on different phases of Local Program. We will include information on any new publications, success stories from different Leagues, suggestions on position statements, annual meetings and any other items of interest that come our way. If there are specific questions or ideas of general interest you would like discussed, let us know and we shall try to follow through. Don't forget, Local Program is "League" to many people.

#### COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES (CMAL)

Jerry Enders (612) 473-4171

STUDY COMMITTEE: We will be taking *consensus* on our elected vs. appointed study in the fall. October would be the best month to schedule this study because the September representatives meeting will be the study briefing session. The consensus deadline will be December 1st.

REPRESENTATIVES MEETINGS have been tentative scheduled for Thursday, September 16th; Thursday, January 20th - Legislators' Luncheon; Thursday, March 17th; Thursday, May 26th-Convention.

TASK FORCES. CMAL is establishing action task forces to work with the state Board to monitor activities in the Metro Area that involve our consensus positions. These task forces will provide information, suggest action, and monitor and observe. If there is anyone in your League with a particular interest in any one of these areas, please have her contact Jerry Enders, 473-4171. The committees will deal with housing, solid waste, transportation, parks, hazardous waste, social framework, mature areas, physical development, investment framework, and Metropolitan Council observers.

PROGRAM PLANNING will be going on through the year in anticipation of adoption of a new two-year study in May at Convention. Sally Patterson, 699-0469, will be in charge and you are encouraged to submit any suggestions to her.

METRO MAZE II UPDATE. We continually receive requests for League information on the Metropolitan Council and our most recent publication is dated 1971. If we receive approval of our June Convention, we plan to update this publication so that it will reflect changes in the Council that have occurred in the past five years. It should be possible to have it available by spring.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Secretary

Mary Davies (218) 233-2175

MINUTES: The secretary is responsible for minutes of Board meetings, annual meetings, and other general membership meetings where business is conducted. All minutes are a part of your League's permanent files. It is a help to your Board if you read over past minutes and can recall pertinent references.

If you are a new secretary, refer to the Model Minutes (available from the state office if not in your files). Minutes should indicate date, name of presiding officer, and, if a Board meeting, a list of those present and absent. League minutes record why, as well as what action was taken. If possible, minutes should be duplicated and mailed to Board members prior to the next meeting.

*Please put the name of the League on the minutes to avoid confusion when they arrive at the state office. It is helpful to have last names of Board members used. Also remember to list the Board members absent as well as those present.*

Make at least three copies of each meeting's minutes:

1. Mail one copy to the state office within seven days of the meeting. Please send a good copy; they are read.
2. Mail one copy to your League's consultant each month.
3. Keep one copy for your permanent file.

The secretary may offer to serve informally as parliamentarian and may help the president with correspondence. It is important to meet with the president to determine what your job entails. The secretary may also be assigned other jobs.

**REPORTS:** As your League's "recordkeeper," part of your responsibility includes adhering to bylaws deadlines, deadlines for reports to state and national, and maintaining files of copies of these reports. Even when you are not directly responsible for sending in reports, you can help guide and/or direct so that all necessary communication is handled promptly. The secretary also should see that copies of Program and Voters Service material are sent to state and national. It would be helpful for you to receive a subscription to the state Board Memo.

**BYLAWS:** It is the secretary's responsibility to keep up to date copies of local League bylaws. Any proposed changes in the bylaws should be forwarded to the state Board for comment before being submitted to your membership. Indicate the date of adoption of each revision. A copy of your bylaws should be kept in the secretary's permanent file, a copy should be sent to the state office, and a copy given to each Board member. LWVUS is recommending that bylaws be written without specific mention of dues amount so that they need not be revised with each change in dues.

The secretary's file should include:

- Local League Bylaws, Bylaws of LWVMN and LWVUS
- Local League Budget, Budget of LWVMN and LWVUS
- Simplified Parliamentary Procedure
- Sample Local League Board Meeting Minutes
- Sample Local League Annual Meeting Minutes

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Treasurer

Georgeann Hall (612) 484-9057

The LWV of Minnesota has established a fiscal priority to make pledge payments to national on the following dates: June 1st, September 1st, December 1st and March 1st. If you could adjust your schedule to coincide with the above, there will be no problem with each flow.

Remember, PMP to national is \$5.50 for fiscal year April 1, 1976-March 31, 1977.

Enclosed with the OUTLOOK is a Support Payment sheet for each local League. I have provided this sheet to help facilitate the treasurer's job. (Please note the change in wording from pledge to support.)

Check your files for the following publications:

- LWVMN Budget '76-'77

- Filing Form 990, Sales and Use Tax

- National Publications:

  - Ledger-de-Main, #248

  - Membership Report Forms

  - Member Transfer Cards, #230

  - Art of Budget Building, #268

  - Guidelines for State and Local League Use of Tax Deductible Money, #361.

A monthly written Treasurer's Report not only gives the local Board an opportunity to see the fiscal "health" of your League, but is an indicator of what your League is accomplishing in Program, CI/VS, Action in the community; on the income side, it is an indicator of membership, finance campaign, and fund raising. An example of a monthly Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Balance on hand (beginning of fiscal year)			
Checking			
Savings			
Balance on hand (month of report)			
Checking			
Savings			

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Current month</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Spent</u>
(Use your own budget form)	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Total:			

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Current month</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Spent</u>
(Use your own budget form)	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Total:			

# COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Bulletin Editor

(at this writing we do not have a Minnesota VOTER editor)

The new LWVUS publication for every Board member, IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards, offers sage advice on producing a bulletin. Look in your files, especially if you are a new editor, for publications which may help you. BULLETIN EDITOR'S GUIDE, LWV of New Jersey, 460 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042, price 35¢, is outdated but has some worthwhile how-to suggestions for bulletin editors who are new.

Ask some other local Leagues to send you their bulletins and get together with other nearby bulletin editors to talk about your job.

At your local League CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING, remind each Board member of the responsibility to meet deadlines, to generate material from her portfolio for the bulletin, and to write and deliver the material to you. Your unit meeting programs can provide a theme for each month's bulletin.

Print the name of your League's president, editor and perhaps membership chairman in a *conspicuous* place in your bulletin, together with addresses and phone numbers.

Many Leagues put their membership rosters in the bulletins and a monthly calendar. Others print a separate roster which may also include the League's OUTLOOK CALENDAR and pertinent Citizen Information (election dates, municipal officials and their meeting dates, etc.).

Please send three (3) copies of each issue to the state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102). Send three copies to LWVUS, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Your president will also receive the name and address of one national Board member who should receive all Minnesota local League bulletins. In previous years your



president has also received requests from other local Leagues or other national Board members who want copies, so please check with your president. The LWVMN consultant to your League should receive your bulletin at her home. The state office will soon send out a listing of local League consultants.

The bulletin editor plays a big part in getting and keeping members. Please work closely with your Membership chairperson and fill that all-important role of "member follow-up" and giving "tender loving care."

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Publications

Nancy Atchison (612) 941-3508

Are you one of those brand new Board members, or one with a brand new job, wondering what it's going to require of you? Local *Publications chairman* is a V.I.P. who interacts with all other portfolio chairmen on the Board, who gives invaluable service to members of her League, and who acts as a "sales rep" for the local, state and national Boards.

You'll find a job description in the Board handbook, IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Board (a must for each Board member, so make it your first sales pitch!). Other basic tools: PUBLICATIONS: A "how to" guide, LWVMN, 40¢

Useful Publications for Local League Board Members (enclosed)

Catalog for Leaders, LWVUS

Catalog for Members and Public, LWVUS

Publications Catalog, LWVMN - free (one copy enclosed)

Sample Kit of National, State and Local Publications

(a "do-it-yourself" item for use at membership and public meetings, goodwill calls at schools, libraries, etc.)

As in all aspects of League, in Publications there is no substitute for a PLAN. Whether you will be assisting with a new local publication, or managing distribution of information to members and the public, time spent in determining goals and planning with your fellow Board members will save hours of work, duplication of effort and frustration. State's "How To" guide gives step-by-step suggestions for planning and carrying out sales and promotion campaigns.

The calendar that is part of this OUTLOOK indicates target dates for state publications (national's intentions are not fully known at this writing). It is usually best to add at least a couple of weeks to those dates when making local plans. Then you will be able to accommodate to those last-minute delays which frequently occur.

Your job is one in which energy and creativity are always rewarded. I am new to this responsibility on the state Board, and am hoping to find a store of energy and creativity myself! Be sure to let us know how it goes with you and how we can help.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Development

Dottie Stone (612) 636-2354

This year, Development efforts will be concentrated in two areas - committee building and obtaining tax exempt money for League projects. We will be seeking out experienced funding and grants people, as well as a few eager, confident novices. Our state budget adopted at state Council greatly increases Minnesota's use of the Education Fund.

Projects definitely scheduled for Development activities include: pamphlets and a TV special on Financing State Government, a publication on Education - Tenure and Public Employee Bargaining Laws, and a Focus series similar to this year's "Focus on Emerging Issues."

Other projects under consideration include a Focus program outstate, a Citizen Information seminar for Vietnamese refugees, and a publication on campaign financing.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Public Relations

Marge Colbert (612)776-7374

As the PR chair for your local League, your calendar for the year to come depends on what everyone else has scheduled. Make your own calendar of the dates of meetings and study items, then backtrack two weeks and a month and write reminders to yourself to get your releases written and sent and to check if there are any last minute changes.

You could start anytime to compose roughs of releases (even now!) of events you know are coming and plug in names and dates later. Planning and getting this out of the way will give you time to promote League with editors and other media people and to tell the LWV story in your community. Public relations is more than getting into print - it's making friends and helping the public understand what LWV *adds* to the quality of life. Who, in your League, would be a good subject for a news or feature story in your paper? Would you want to produce a TV or radio program on a hot local item? How about organizing a League Day or Week, the splashier, the better and get the mayor to sign a proclamation or even join League? The only limits to this sort of thing is your own imagination.

Working with the Membership chairperson to recruit new members will need a year long plan of great PR. Please share your plans with the rest of us, too. If you have not already done so, please write to me sometime so that I can get to know you and find out what service I can be to you as I plan my statewide PR plan.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Citizen Information/Voters Service

Mary Waldo (612) 644-9228

As we look ahead to Election '76, our statewide emphasis will be on voter registration and increased voter turnout at the polls. Even though election day registration is permitted by law in Minnesota, in this General Election year the number of voters who may choose to participate and need to be registered may make long lines and delays at the polls. LWVMN will be part of the Vote '76 coalition, which is originating from the office of the Secretary of State. As a coalition member, we will be distributing copies of a new publication entitled "How to Register Voters." Prepared by the Secretary of State, this publication may be useful to our members and to other community groups. It may be used for election judge training sessions as well as training for groups who will participate in voter registration drives. We have requested five copies per League. We may be allocated 1000 copies in total for our distribution, so if you can identify more groups in your community, please let the office know how many additional copies you will need.

Your local campaign for voter registration may be scheduled at the time best for your community. Summer fairs and festivals may offer opportunities to reach potential voters. In the last session of the Legislature, a law was passed that permits corporations to urge the public to caucus, register and vote and allows the use of corporate meeting facilities if the facilities are made available to all groups. The law also requires the reporting of expenditures over \$100.00 for any public caucus, registration of vote project.

So corporations may now be more willing to cooperate with registration drives. Let them know what you are planning.

Get to know your local election officials. They may have suggestions about when and how you plan your registration drive. The officials may also want to discuss with you the problems they encounter in the election process.

Keep in mind the fact that your efforts to register voters should be balanced with helping those voters be informed about when and where to vote, what candidates are campaigning for what offices, and what issues will appear on the ballot. Local voters guides, which can be funded through your Ed Fund account, may be a useful project. Candidates meetings may offer a chance for inter-League cooperation.

Election judges are an important part of the election process. Consider contacting your county political party chairpersons. Ask them to submit names to the county auditor of party members who could serve as election judges. The appointments of election judges must be made at least 25 days before the election. Election judges should also be urged to attend the information meetings that the county auditors will be having.

You may want to publicize absentee voting procedures. Election judges are permitted to give aid to voters only within the polling place and cannot deliver ballots to the parking lot. So persons who are unable to enter the polling place must vote absentee ballot.

You should also be aware that another state law implements the Overseas Voting Rights Act for eligible voters who reside outside the United State. They may vote for president, vice president, senator and congressman. This fact should be publicized in your community so that family or friends could inform these voters living abroad.

Other publications that will be available to us prior to the fall elections are:

1. Election Procedures in Minnesota. This is a publication much like our Digest of Election Laws.
2. Election '76 Voters Guide (the title is tentative). This publication will explain the offices and the amendments on the ballot. It is intended for wide distribution similar to the pamphlet on precinct caucuses.

LWVMN will be one of the organizations to distribute these publications produced by the Secretary of State. As sample copies are made available to us, we will share them with you along with ideas for how they may be used.

More information will be made available in succeeding Board Memos.

LWVMN has contracted with ABC News to report election returns in selected key precincts throughout Minnesota. Funds from this project are included in the '76-'77 budget. More information will follow when key precincts data is available.

Our Focus on Issues: 1977 series is tentatively planned for January 18, February 15, and March 15. The topics may include land use, public employee bargaining, and functions of the Legislature, but not necessarily in that order. As the program planning develops, you will receive more information.

Resources to help you plan:

IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards

Elections '74-'76: Turning People On, Community Guide, LWVUS publication #485



CI/VS calendar for 1976-77:

July 6 - Filings open

July 20 - Filings close

August 24 - Last day to preregister for Primary Election

September 14 - Primary Election

October 12 - Last day to preregister for General Election

November 2 - General Election

Key Precinct Election Reporting for ABC News

May 17, 1977 - School District Election



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# BOARD MEMO

AUGUST 1976

Calendar

- August - Hope you all had a restful, relaxing summer and are ready for a busy fall.  
21 - Presidential Debates Petition Drive (formal) Kickoff (see pp. 19-20 LWVUS Summer '76 VOTER)
- September 7 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
8 - Joint LWVs - Ramsey County and Common Cause Candidates' Meeting (see CI/VS)  
8 - Human Resources Chairpersons THINK Meeting - 9:30 - state office - or  
9 - 7:30 - Lois DeSantis', 6508 Newton Avenue South  
9 - Financing State Government Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
10 - International Relations Chairpersons Meeting - 10:00 - state office - and United Nations Rally Tea - 1:00 p.m. - Governor's Residence, 1006 Summit Avenue, St. Paul  
11 & 12 - Carver County's Steamboat Days - drop by the LWV of Chaska's Country Store  
13 - Deadline for Presidential Debate Petitions to be to LWVUS, P.O. Box 50079, Washington, D.C. 20004  
14 - Primary Election Day  
15 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
16 - CMAL Representatives Meeting (See CMAL)  
30 - LWVs of Hennepin County Tour of Hennepin County Medical Center (see Inter League)
- October 19 - TV Special, The Puzzle Children (see Education)  
29 - U.N. Rally, St. Paul Radisson

Mailed Earlier

Vote '76 Kits to presidents for CI/VS chairpersons  
Calling all Human Resources Chairpersons to a "THINK" meeting - mailed direct to HR chairpersons  
Memo to Local League International Relations Chairpersons - mailed direct to IR chairpersons

Included with Presidents Mailing

(Please distribute to appropriate portfolio)

Corrections Committee: Sentencing Discussion Guide\*  
Memo to Local League Presidents, Boards and Members from the Nominating Committee\*  
Memo to State LWV Presidents re Future Updates of League Contact List on Desegregation  
Mpls. TRIBUNE articles: Standards needed if candidates debate and Mondale's Opportunity\*  
Minnesota 1976 Tax Guide  
The Minnesota Tax Story  
Summary of MPCA Guidelines - non-Metro Leagues only

(Continued)

Non-Profit Mailers Information (3rd class mail)  
Consultants List  
ABC Reporting - To selected local Leagues only  
Memo to Hennepin County Leagues re VOTER Registration  
Candidates Questionnaires\*  
VOTER Registration in MN: A Citizen's Right\* - 10 copies/League

\* Also being sent to DPM subscribers

State Board Happenings:

At its August 10 meeting, the state Board:

- . accepted, with regret, the resignation of Ann Knutson as a Director of the LWV-MN.
- . voted to hire an Assistant to the President for PR and Development. At state Council, the delegates adopted a budget based on receiving \$14,900 in development funds. Defining the sources of funding, writing the grants and presenting the proposals is more of a task and requires significantly more time and travel than is fair to ask of a volunteer, since efforts cannot be totally confined to the Twin Cities area. To begin with, this will be a half-time position, one which we trust will eventually pay for itself. It will also provide the necessary continuity for contacts with the press and funding sources which isn't always possible with Board members, when elections are held every 2 years.
- . adopted a policy that LWV program publications will list those researchers, writers and editors who have directly contributed to the publication.
- . accepted Outstate Hearing Procedures (see Action).

LOCAL AGENDA  
(Jones)

8/76

It's time for that old song and dance we keep delivering about the correlation between membership and interest in local program. The study of local problems and situations, the action local Leagues can undertake, and the accomplishments of Leagues in improving their communities are among League's strongest selling points. Now is the time to consult with your membership chairperson and help her see how she can use your interests to further success in her goals.

This in turn should help you as you jointly search for persons interested in that local program item you are working on. Your League calendar has been set for the year. You know how you are going to have to space your own deadlines, working backward from those dated responsibilities, and you can use more committee members to lighten your load and improve your product. Latch on to any glimmer of new member interest in any phase of local government and turn that to your League's advantage in a greater understanding of your community.

Gearing local program to the interests of your members is vital to sustaining their interest and maintaining the support your Board will eventually need for action. Use your own members and their contacts. While League has many publications to assist in study and publication, remember these are guides, and you and your Board must make decisions on where your local project is going. With all these generalities, a word of caution: Fairness and objectivity in collecting material for League studies is the trademark of League -- what members and the community expect. The corollary, of course, is that the local chairperson and that committee must not rely only on their own interests and preferences.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES  
(CMAL) - (Enders)

8/76

CONSENSUS DUE DECEMBER 1ST. The consensus on the issue of an elected vs. appointed Metropolitan Council will be taken this fall. The study guide and all the information necessary to do the study will be distributed at the September representatives meeting. It will be an excellent opportunity to encourage your members to get interested in CMAL and to have them briefed on this particular issue before unit meetings. How about a big publicity push in your bulletin?



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September Representatives' meeting will be September 16th at 9:30 a.m. at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis. Registration fee is \$3.00, which includes lunch. Babysitting will be provided if reservations are made in advance. Our speaker will be Jim Hetland speaking on the "Future of the Metropolitan Council." We will have an update on the activities of the Council in addition to the consensus briefing.

Lively Issues. During the next few months CMAL will be considering suggestions for program items for '77-'79. Sally Peterson is in charge and would be happy to hear any ideas or concerns you have. The September CMAL bulletin will have a more detailed article.

Legislators' Luncheon. To mark the beginning of the '77-'78 legislative session, we will have our traditional legislators' luncheon. It is an opportunity to become familiar with legislation that might be pending during the session and to meet with your legislator to discuss League concerns. This year we will meet at the St. Paul Hotel, with what promises to be much more pleasant surroundings than we have had in the past. We hope you will start now to encourage all your League members to attend. It will be held on January 20th from 9:30 - 2:00.

#### G O V E R N M E N T

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FINANCING STATE      Included in the President's mailing are copies of two new publications. Minnesota 1976 Tax Guide from the Department of Revenue and the Department of Economic Development contains an explanation of most of the taxes used in the state and a description of municipal and school aid formulas. The Minnesota Tax Story, Research Bulletin #05 from the Department of Economic Development, contains a reprint of a series of Minneapolis Star articles which appeared in December, 1975. It gives both sides of the business/government attitudes about taxes in Minnesota. It also has general tax information. Both of these publications will be useful as background information for your committee.

ORGANIZATION OF      "Sunshine/Sunset" -- Attention is expected this legislative session  
STATE GOVERNMENT      on a Minnesota Sunset Law. Sunset is the term used for periodic  
(Knutson)      legislative review of the executive branch of government.

The first such legislation was the Federal Advisory Act of 1972 -- providing termination of all federal advisory committees two years after creation, renewable only by order of the appointing authority or Congressional action. Additional federal laws have been written that strengthen review of agencies.

Florida and Colorado successfully enacted sunset laws in 1976, with many other states considering such legislation.

Although legislation of this nature seems to be the answer to controlling administrative bureaucracy, there are many details that must be considered before a strong law can be effective.

References: Sunset Legislation: Background and Issues, prepared by the Senate Council (MN), 6/28/76.  
Unfinished Business: State Legislators on Monitoring the Executive Branch, LWVUS, 1974, Pub. #520

Administrative Procedures Act -- Amendments to the act passed by the 1974 Legislature established certain procedures by which state agencies adopt their rules and regulations. Since rules and regulations adopted by the executive branch have the same impact as law, the public is given the opportunity to submit data or their views on the subject of concern.

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LWVMN is concerned that the procedures are not working as intended.

- 1) Is the public aware of the hearings?
- 2) Is the format clearly understood? How easy is it to find out what is expected?
- 3) Is the public given the opportunity to speak?
- 4) Is the time involved discouraging to the public?

If any LWV has participated in any hearings, either as an observer or has testified, please send your comments to the state office.

N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

8/76

Land Use - Local Leagues have expressed interest in receiving sample speeches on different subjects for presentation to community groups. We hope to have all areas of Natural Resources covered in this regard. To begin with, a sample speech on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area is now available. It was written by Herb Johnson, a member of the Edina LWV and BWCA expert. If you would like a copy of the speech, contact the state office.

A recreation systems study is being conducted on the North Shore by the Department of Natural Resources. Public meetings will be held at several locations along the shore to explain the study and collect public input. This input would take the form of identifying problems and the demands upon the system as it relates to recreation and state parks. Announcements of the meetings will be published in local newspapers along the shore.

Air - Interesting information: Minnesota is one of 43 states notified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that plans to combat air pollution may be inadequate. Data shows both sulfur dioxide and total suspended particulates violate air standards.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will report to the EPA by November 1 on problem sources and potential problems from projected growth. New plans will be required by July 1, 1977.

Water - Minnesota is currently involved in implementing its Water Pollution Control Program Plan for the prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution. The common name for this program is 208 and is required by the federal government through the EPA. Involvement will be required at both the state and regional level. Regional Development Commissions will be organizing Regional Advisory Committees in August and September. Members of environmental groups are to be included. Local Leagues who wish to have members serve on advisory committees should contact their Regional Development Commission to determine the deadline and procedure for committee selection.

Mary Watson, Joyce Lake and I met on August 13 with Keith Hall, Rep. Quie's Administrative Assistant, to discuss our opposition to Lock and Dam 26. The House will be holding two weeks of hearings on Corps of Engineers' projects beginning August 24, and he was interested in the background and specifics of our position.

Solid Waste - Mandatory Deposit Legislation (formerly Ban-the-Can) will be introduced again in the next session of the MN Legislature, and LWV will be lobbying for its passage as we have in the past. During the summer we have been active in a coalition of environmental groups, Citizens Against Throwaways (CAT), planning strategy for the '77 session.

The legislation requires a cash deposit on all beer and soft drink beverage containers. The deposit is paid at the point of purchase and refunded when the container is returned. Deposit Legislation provides an incentive for the return of beverage containers for refilling or recycling. By providing this incentive, fewer beverage containers will be discarded as litter or solid waste, and energy and materials will be conserved.

Ask your members to take snapshots of littered beer and pop cans in your area. These snapshots will add visual impact to your letters supporting Deposit Legislation.

Energy - Material on the National Energy Study has started with the arrival of Energy Papers 19 and 20. I have talked with several local Leagues who have energy meetings scheduled for the fall. Since there will not be sufficient resource material from Na-

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tional by then, I suggest a general meeting with outside speakers. These speakers could include a diversity of viewpoints, maybe a representative of the State Energy Agency, a speaker from a power company or cooperative, a person who is familiar with alternative energy sources, etc.

General Interest - The University of Minnesota's Extension Division is offering some 50 extension classes dealing with the environment. The package is called "How's Your Earth?" Subjects are varied and may be taken for credit or just your own enjoyment. For further information and a course bulletin, call 376-3000, or write: Extension Classes, 180 Westbrook Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 8/76  
(DeSantis)

COME TO A "THINK" MEETING: Your presence is urgently requested at one of two meetings for local HR Chairpersons. Come on:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 A.M. - LWVMN OFFICE  
555 Wabasha, St. Paul

or

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:45 P.M. - DESANTIS RESIDENCE  
6508 Newton Avenue South, Richfield

I hope that you or a member of your League can attend one of these. I realize that we will be lucky if any of you from outside the metro area can come, but I would be glad to put two or three of you up for the night of September 9th if that would help. Just let me know in advance, please! (Our HR Committee did not anticipate these meetings at budget-making time, so there is no money for travel or arrangements for out-state meetings at this time.)

As we met together in June, members of the state HR Committee wished that we had a better feeling of what local Leagues are doing and would like to do under the "HR Umbrella." We set some tentative priorities for 1976-77 which we would like your reaction to before moving ahead. We would like to know if what we feel is important from our state perspective is also important to you.

So, please come if you can -- or send a substitute. I shall be waiting for you with a coffee pot in one hand, a pen in the other, and an open mind.

(P.S. I hesitate to say this, because I do want you to come if you possibly can -- but if you can't, we would welcome written comments.)

Education: One of LWVMN's education positions is: "Adequate financing of special aids for children. . . . with other Learning Disabilities." The subject of children's learning disabilities is complex (and new).

Julie Andrews and Bill Bixby will host "The Puzzle Children," a Public Television special about children's learning disabilities, on Tuesday, October 19th, 8:00-9:00 p.m., EDT. The purpose of "The Puzzle Children" is to arouse viewers' curiosity in learning problems. "The Puzzle Children" was produced for PBS by WQED/Pittsburgh with a grant from the 3M Company.

The Education Committee had its first meeting July 26. We would like to do some survey research in your school districts during the fall. The questionnaires and instructions will be mailed with the September Board Memo and should be returned no later than December 1. Writing of the study will occur in January, and the publications will be ready for local Leagues in mid-March, 1977. There is no possible way to shorten the timetable. Hopefully, most Leagues will have discussion and consensus in May. In response to the Leagues who feel that it will be impossible to reach consensus on both Financing State Government and public employee bargaining by June 30, and rather than have some Leagues omit either study, the Education Committee is considering postponing the deadline until October 31, 1977. If your League would like this postponement, please notify the state office by September 13. If there are enough Leaguers who need this postponement, we will hold those consensus taken in May and report the total statewide consensus in November.



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We have a need for more committee members -- both Metro and out-state. The latter could participate by mail if necessary.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Davies)

8/76

CATCH UP: UNCTAD IV....What was ACCOMPLISHED? In the May Board Memo the major issues to be considered at the Nairobi meeting of UNCTAD IV were delineated. The developing countries made commodities the key issue of the conference. Secretary of State Kissinger's proposal for the International Resources Bank was defeated. More than 20 nations expressed willingness to contribute to a proposed common fund designed to eliminate violent price fluctuations. The final agreement envisages the setting of prices which are "remunerative and just to producers and equitable to consumers." A detailed timetable was set for negotiations on the common fund and individual products. An UNCTAD conference is to be held no later than March, 1977, to negotiate contributions to, and operation of, the proposed \$3 billion initial fund. The agreement covers a list of 19 commodities to be covered under the program. The U.S. said it would decide on its participation in the negotiating conference only after the results of the preparatory work are in. The resolution on debt burdens was vague and is not what the developing nations had hoped for. Debt problems will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Other agreements include: (1) tariff and non-tariff barriers should be lowered to help manufactured exports of developing countries; (2) a draft "code of conduct" aimed at ending restrictive business practices and increasing access of developing countries to technology should be completed by 1977 for adoption by a conference next year; (3) reform in the international patent system should give developing countries greater access to patents; (4) economic cooperation among the developing countries should be increased to make them less economically dependent on the developed countries. While developing nations gained less than they had hoped, the developed nations conceded enough to keep the North-South dialogue alive.

Reading Suggestions: For an analysis of Third World goals for a new international economic order (NIEO) and prospects for NIEO, see Geoffrey Barraclough, "The Haves and the Have Nots," New York Review of Books, May 13, 1976. For a recent analysis of issues relating to the UN, see Charles W. Maynes, "A U.N. Policy for the Next Administration," Foreign Affairs, July, 1976. Mr. Maynes advises a strategy for increasing U.S. influence in the UN. To get a feeling of how UN business is conducted, you might want to read William F. Buckley's United Nations Journal: A Delegate's Odyssey.

UNA-USA will publish in mid-September their annual survey, Issues Before the United Nations General Assembly - 31st Session, 1976-77. It will provide background on the main questions expected to come before the General Assembly this year. Issues covered will include Middle East, Southern Africa, North-South economic cooperation, disarmament, human rights, UN organization and finance. Single copies are \$3.00, postage included, and may be ordered from UNA-USA, 345 E. 46th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Make check payable to UNA-USA.

Reminder: As Local IR chairmen, you have been invited to a meeting with Peggy Carlin, UNA-USA, September 10th, 10:00 a.m., at the state office. Be sure to let the state office know whether you will attend. (Check with your president if you didn't receive the meeting notice.)

Planning for World Trade Week, 1977: When the LWVMN is asked for support on joint projects, we will be doing more than just lending our name. The Board agrees that duly assigned representatives should be a part of planning and scrutiny of organizations' program aims to be certain they are in conjunction with League policy and positions.

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Accordingly, LWVMN will participate in planning the World Trade Week of 1977. In May this year we had the opportunity to state the LWVUS policy on free trade during World Trade Week. The position was very favorably received. Comments like "If it weren't for the LWVUS, the United States wouldn't have a free trade policy," were flying around. We received encouragement from a number of people present the day our statement and comments were made. Agriculture was the theme in 1976. In 1977 education on World Trade in Minnesota schools and our state's role in world trade is going to be stressed. All IR chairmen will be notified of the roles they can play in that effort. It is the League in ACTION.

Visit: 20 Japanese students and their teacher/leader visited the state League office to learn about the League; this is the second year we have met with a Japanese student tour group. The group gave League a contribution, which we sent on to the ERA Coalition.

A C T I O N  
(Borg)

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Would you like to learn more about the Minnesota Legislature? A three-credit evening course on "The Minnesota Legislature" coordinated by Gene Mammenga will be offered on Mondays from September 27th through November 29th. Classes will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the State Capitol. Credit at both the graduate and undergraduate level can be obtained through Bemidji State University. No charge is required to audit the class sponsored by the Minnesota Government Learning Center.

The workshop will focus on the legislative process, its structure, function, staffing, relationship to the Office of the Governor, the court system, lobbying, the role of media, Minnesota's political history and the trend to a more professional legislature. Instructors will include educators, key gubernatorial staff, legislative leaders, practicing lobbyists and news reports. For more information, contact Gene Mammenga at (612) 644-7232.

Litigation: The ballot rotation law was declared constitutional; if the decision is appealed to the Supreme Court, the law firm which is donating its services to LWVMN will file a motion to be permitted to file an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the LWVMN.

Outstate Hearing Procedures: Notification of hearing from state LWV office to local League(s)

- Include observer's report form, expense voucher and information on how many hearings have already been held.
- If just observing, local League should send the state LWV office a report of the meeting.
- If testifying, include local experience rather than quoting material from the state office. Send a copy of the proposed testimony to the state LWV office at least one week before the hearing. Mark the envelope "Attention" and put the name of the appropriate program chairman who should see this material. If time does not permit communication by mail, call committee chairman by phone.

The program chairman approves the testimony, or makes any essential changes, and checks with one or more of the following: President, 1st V.P., Action Chairman.

The office types the testimony and mails copies to the League planning to testify for distribution to the committee, the press, and the local League files. One copy is kept in the office, and the program chairman and action chairman each get a copy.

After the hearing the local League sends a report on the meeting or calls the appropriate program chairman.

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The Senate Public Information Office will sponsor a booth at the state fair. Located in the EDUCATION BUILDING, the booth will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily from Thursday, August 26, to Monday, September 6. If you plan to attend the fair, you're invited to stop in.

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E  
(Waldo)

8/76

August is the signal that it's time to shift from quiet contemplation (or did you ever get to that?) to the high level of pre-election Citizen Information/Voters Service for Election '76.

Vote '76 Packet: This was sent to your League president in late July for her information and should now be in your file for planning. The packet suggests several kinds of activities all geared for increased participation in registering and voting. You will be receiving (or maybe have received) a call from the Secretary of State's office inquiring about your plans for Vote '76. As your plans develop, please let us know too so that we have an idea of the scope of our participation.

Because some of the packets weighed less than others, we're concerned that all of you got all of the kit. Contents of Vote '76 Kit: Logo; Letter from Joan Growe; Vote '76 Action Program; Resolution re votingist city; The "votingist" contest; Questions and Answers for Voters; Voter Registration; MN Launches VOTE '76; Cities, Counties, Precincts to Get in "Votingest" Spirit; MN Ranks Among Top-Voting States; MN's "Votingest" Person. If you're missing anything, let us know, and we'll xerox a copy for you.

Legislative Candidates Questionnaires: Included in this mailing is a copy of our questionnaire. It asks questions basic to League program. You may add one or two additional questions regarding your local concerns. We are attempting to be more flexible this year. Instead of assigning League's to be responsible for the questionnaire, we are asking that you contact the other local Leagues in your Legislative district to decide how the responsibility should be divided. We would appreciate receiving copies of the completed questionnaires in the state office, as well as information about how you used it -- local voters guide, newspapers, etc.

Registration Pamphlet: Ten copies of the pamphlet, "Voter Registration in Minnesota: A Citizen's Right," are included with this mailing. It was planned by the office of Secretary of State to be a help to organizations who will be participating in voter registration drives. Plan to use it with League members who will be registering voters and with other organizations interested in voter registration as well as the newspapers, radio and TV stations in your area. An additional 300 copies are available from the state office, so if you need more, order now.

ABC Election Reporting Project: It's time to recruit League members to be part of the ABC Key Precinct Reporting project. Funds from this project are part of the League budget for 1976-77 as passed by State Council delegates in April. An explanation of the reporter's duties is listed on a separate sheet. Not every League will receive an assignment, as only certain key precincts have been chosen for Minnesota's profile.

Petition Drive: August 21st is the date set for the state news conference regarding the petition drive. It is hoped that the timing is right to give your local efforts a boost. Four weeks left to reach that LWVUS goal -- Four million signatures can't be ignored.

Local League Highlights

In May:

\*Stevens County had a 30-minute radio program on candidates for school board election.

\*Blaine may be paid to register voters. They also decided to give "Pick A Candidate" to all contributors as well as provide voting signs for windows of contributors.



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\*Alexandria is to conduct two mini-courses for adult education -- one course before elections and one before opening sessions of Congress and MN Legislature.

\*Marshall had a candidates meeting televised, and the candidates covered the cost.

In June:

\*Ribhfield is joining Bloomington and Edina to register voters at Southdale Shopping Center. ("Business" was steady at the first registration period in July.)

\*Moorhead is in charge of voter registration at Moorhead State University and at the county fair. They are also investigating the possibility of a League program on elections on public radio.

\*Minneapolis is planning to register voters for two days a month for three months before election in November on the Nicollet Mall. They also plan to register voters in plant locations and community centers.

\*St. Paul held a dance in downtown parking lot to register young people.

In July:

\*Willmar is having a booth in downtown locations for the petition drive and to distribute "Pick a Candidate." The same publication will be distributed by this League at the fair. They will promote petition drive by having picture of mayor and council signing the petition in the newspaper. They are also arranging spot radio announcements on the petition drive. Looking toward fall, Willmar is setting up neighborhood visits with the candidates -- each ward in the city will have its own meeting with the candidates.

In September:

\*Common Cause and the Ramsey County Leagues will sponsor a candidates meeting for 4th Congressional District Candidates on September 8th, 7:30, St. Paul YWCA.

\*Brooklyn Center hopes to be registering voters and demonstrating voting machines at Brookdale.

Candidates Meetings: As you organize pre-primary and pre-general election candidates meetings, think community-wide publicity. Let the business community -- large and small -- know too -- or maybe offer to set up a candidates meeting with them. Remember, there is a new law which enables businesses to sponsor non-partisan activities. (See OUTLOOK.)

#### F I E L D   S E R V I C E (Cushing)

Included in this mailing is an updated list of consultants. Although we prefer not to shift consultants often, we have made a number of changes due to Board resignations and shifting responsibilities. Invite your consultant to meet with you, and make sure she receives your minutes and bulletin regularly. You will find a consultant can be an objective "Advisor to the President" or even at times be as useful as an extra board member, but you must help if she is to develop this kind of relationship.

The Field Service Chairman and the state office staff are always available as backup to your consultant, if she happens to be unavailable just when you have a question. We believe, however, that the most important reason for the state Board member to be an active consultant is what she learns from you. If the state Board is to operate effectively, we need all the feedback we can get! We must be familiar not just with our own League but with yours too. Your consultant needs to get to know you.

We have received the first "Do-it-Yourself" workshop proposal for fall. Crookston, Detroit Lakes and Moorhead are planning a workshop for September 23rd in Moorhead to include both program and organizational helps: regional planning, corrections update, a panel on Active Citizenship, voter information, planning unit meetings, and working with outlying units. It sounds like a full day! If you would be interested in attending, contact Moorhead for more information.

BULLETIN  
(Rosenblatt)

Bulletins are the best source of information for LWVUS on the varied activities of local Leagues. Therefore, it is important that each local League do the following:

- 1) a) Send three copies of each local bulletin (one for your League's permanent file, the others for internal circulation) to the national office: LWVUS, 1730 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.  
b) Big city LWVs and ILOs send one copy to Ruth C. Clusen, President, at the LWVUS address.
- 2) Send one copy to the national Board member assigned to read Minnesota bulletins (each national Board member reads materials from about 100 LWVs). Send to: Jean Anderson, 3220 Country Club Circle, Billings, Montana 59102. She's the Natural Resources (EQ) Chair on the LWVUS Board. Your reporting affords her, and thus the National Board, a vivid overall picture of what is going on in our state.
- 3) As indicated in the OUTLOOK, send three copies to the state office and one copy to your League's consultant. (See enclosed list for your League's consultant.)

LIVEN UP YOUR BULLETIN WITH PICTURES:: As you read newspapers and magazines, be on the lookout for drawings and cartoons (with simple lines) to trace for use in your bulletin. If you can draw -- great! Even stick figures will make your bulletin more interesting to look at. An excellent source of cartoon figures to trace (particularly if you are good at making small changes so as to adapt them to your needs) is the LWVUS public relations guide, TIPS ON REACHING THE PUBLIC, 1962, green cover, out of print, but still useful for your purposes -- if you can find one in your League's files.

Have any of you sent for the newsletter illustrations advertised in the latest LWVUS Catalog for Leaders (p. 21)? Let us know (a) if you have them; (b) if you find them useful.

LEAGUEKEEPING

8/76

1. The Board Memo evaluation committee met July 13 -- and you're reading the results. Let us know what you think; we try to accommodate.
2. On your state Board list, add our off-Board VOTER editor: Judy Rosenblatt, 2225 Draper Ave., St. Paul 55113, LWV of Roseville, 612-631-0022.
3. A reminder that we work in coalition with other organizations, e.g. Common Cause, JRLC, only when we share the same views on an issue.
4. Do any of you subscribe to the NATIONAL OBSERVER? Frequently there are series or articles in that paper, the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (CSM), WALL STREET JOURNAL (WSJ), etc., that have a bearing on League Programs and/or studies. We have readers for CSM and WSJ who clip and send to the office. We'd like a NATIONAL OBSERVER volunteer if one's available. Let the state office know. Thanks.
5. Postage increased again on July 18. This most recent one affects 3rd class Bulk rates for non-profit mailers. We're enclosing that sheet in case you didn't get one. Second class notification of address changes jumped to 25¢/change. Please, please, please keep those VOTER mailing lists current so we can stay within our budget. THANK YOU.
6. Speaking of getting things in -- we still do not have Board, Program and Budget forms returned from some Leagues. (You know who or which because we've sent at least one reminder.) It's a little difficult to compile local League Programs -- which we usually send out in August -- when we don't know what they are. Or to figure budgets, list presidents, bill treasurers, do counterpart listings. Our ESP doesn't function all that well. Help us help you by getting in those forms, please. Thanks again.
7. And speaking of help -- Jerry Jenkins has been appointed to the "Endangered Species/Ohio Resolution" committee of LWVUS. It was formed as a result of a resolution passed at LWVUS' National Convention in May. Their task is to propose "alternative choices to local Leagues to increase grass roots effectiveness." If you have some suggestions on how LWVMN and LWVUS can help you increase effectiveness, let us know. Maybe you could devote some Board meeting time to brainstorming ideas on increasing effectiveness. Any and every idea has merit, so send them along.

INTERLEAGUE COMMUNIQUE S

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The LWVs of Hennepin County are sponsoring a tour of the Hennepin County Medical Center, and you're all invited. Details: September 30; 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet in Main Lobby of North Block Building. Open to all Leaguers and interested people. Please publicize this and use it as a vehicle for getting prospective League members interested in our programs. Call Delores Hastings, 561-3956, to let her know how many are coming from your area so we will be sure to have enough tour guides.

If it's not too late, you might want to include this in your bulletins. Hennepin County Medical Center does have some unique, one-of-a-kind-in-Minnesota equipment, so non-Hennepin County-ites might also enjoy the tour.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

8/76

1. The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce's Future Focus: Minneapolis is sponsoring a training program for the development of community leadership. A monthly series of one day all day programs is planned, covering such topics as: Introduction to Minneapolis; Education; Health Care Delivery System; Criminal Justice System; Local and Regional Governments; state government, business and labor; growth and development. Maybe your Chamber would like to do something similar. Information would be available from Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, 15 South 5th Street, Minneapolis 55402. It's a natural tie in to what League is trying to do, so think about giving your Chamber a friendly nudge.
2. EVERYWOMAN'S GUIDE TO POLITICAL AWARENESS, written by Phyllis Butler and Dorothy Gray, is a fact-filled handbook for all women who want a positive introduction to institutional and power politics. It looks at women in relation to politics, past, present and, encouragingly, to the future. There are a number of references to the LWV. The book is an Original Quality Paperback; cost is \$3.95.
3. The College of St. Catherine's Office of Continuing Education is sponsoring an all-day Back-to-College workshop on September 21. This tuition-free workshop has proved useful for women who wish to explore the opportunities available to them in the postsecondary institutions in the Metropolitan area. Barriers to re-entry will be discussed, and information about admissions, registration and financial aid will be available. They are also offering Leadership Training, Career Counseling for Women and Training for Effectiveness. Fees are generally \$30.00. For more information or a brochure on any of these programs, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 690-6542.
4. The University of Minnesota is sponsoring radio/TV credit courses again this fall. Heredity and Human Society and From Enlightenment to Revolution: Our 18th Century Heritage will be broadcast on KTCA-TV, Channel 2, Monday evenings. The cost of the 4-credit Heredity and Human Society course is \$62. Study guide and texts are extra. Broadcast time is 9-9:30 p.m., Mondays on KTCA-TV, Channel 2, September 27-December 6. From Enlightenment to Revolution: Our 18th Century Heritage is a 5-credit humanities course. Broadcasts can be seen on KTCA-TV, Channel 2, Mondays 9:30-10 p.m., September 27-November 29. The cost of this course is \$77.50. Study guide and texts are extra.

Nonregistered viewers may purchase the study guide for either course for \$5.

A radio course, Power and the Individual, will be broadcast over Radio Station KUOM, 770 on the AM dial, Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:15-11:45 a.m., September 27-November 24. The cost of this 4-credit course is \$62 plus texts.

For registration or further information, call 376-4925, or write Television/Radio Courses, Extension Independent Study, 27 Westbrook Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

5. The Experiment in International Living asks that we pass the following information on to you: "The incoming Ambassador Program is one of many exchange programs offered by The Experiment in International Living, an organization which was founded in 1932 for the purpose of creating mutual respect and understanding among the peoples of the world. The program is especially designed for American community



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organizations wanting a personal approach to the problems of international cooperation. By special arrangement with The Experiment any civic club, church, business or professional group -- either singly or cooperatively -- can sponsor the visit of a carefully selected young person from another nation. These Ambassadors from all over the world come to the United States not to travel or study, but rather to live with families in their host communities. There they learn about life in the United States by actually living it. In return the communities are enriched by firsthand knowledge of other cultures and develop a concern for nations around the world made personal by their relationships with 'their' Ambassador."

6. The July, 1976, issue of the MTC's TRANSIT NEWS Quarterly has an article on the role of an Advisory Board. It's a good resource piece on citizen participation written by Glenn G. C. Olson. If you'd like a copy, let the office know, or write to the Metropolitan Transit Commission, 330 Metro Square, St. Paul 55101, and request that issue.

AND IN CONCLUSION -- (we hope)

"C. Craig Wright, manager of medical and health services for the Xerox Corporation, writing in the 'Newsletter for Xerox Managers' on the stress on executives caused by the amount of time they lose in meetings:

"And as the conclaves multiplied and lapped one upon another, they were delayed in starting and delayed in ending, and were postponed to be called again when those whose presence was required could be made free. For the message was clear, but the ways were hidden.

"Then from all sides came voices crying out --

'Though I labour from my coming in to my going out, I cannot attend the meetings for which I am summoned.'

'It concerned me not, yet was I called unto meeting.'

'My need for decision is great, yet am I denied, for all are in meetings.'

'Can the meeting not start by the mark on the glass?'

'To the meeting for which I made ready, no person came.'

'Is thy servant a fool, that thou summonest him to a meeting to schedule meetings?'

"And then at last the chief, hearing of these things, decreed that the axe be laid to the root of those meetings which brought forth bad fruits. And he sent forth a scroll, saying:

- I. Thou shalt not meet if the matter can be resolved by other means.
- II. Thou shalt make the purpose of each meeting known to those thou summonest.
- III. Thou shalt summon only those whose presence is needful.
- IV. Thou shalt start at the time announced.
- V. Thou shalt stop when it is meet and right so to do.
- VI. Thou shalt not run beyond.
- VII. Thou shouldst combine into one those which need not be separate.
- VIII. Prepare thy thoughts, that the minutes not be wasted.
- IX. Schedule not in haste, for the day is short in which to do that which thou hast to do.
- X. Fear not to cancel if need disappears.

"And in time the people learned and obeyed these writings, and followed them, putting to and taking away as suited their needs. For as they forsook their old ways, new hours were given unto them, and they were free to do their things, and they saw that it was good."

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# BOARD MEMO

## Calender

- September 27 - Oct. 1 and Oct 4-8: voter registration project - joint LWV,  
VOTE 76 and bank project
- Sept. 27 - Virginia, 29 - St. Cloud, 30 - Rochester, Oct. 4 - Brainerd, 7 - Bemidji -  
Public Workshops to discuss MN's Water Quality Management Plan (see flyer)
- October 6 - 2nd Presidential Debate, 8:30 p.m.  
7 - CMAL Board Meeting  
11 - Week of, vice - presidential debate  
12 - State Board Meeting  
12 - Last day to preregister for Nov. 2 election  
16 - Conference on Public Ethics (see F.Y.I.)  
22 - final Presidential debate, 8:30 p.m.  
24 - U. N. Day  
29 - U. N. Rally (see I.R., flyer)  
29,30,31 - Justice, Values and Education symposium (see F.Y.I.)  
30 - Career Planning for Women (see F.Y.I.)
- November 1 - Sentencing consensus due in state office.

## Mailed Earlier (to Presidents)

Vote '76: Letter from Joan Grove to Minnesota League of Women Voters, proclamation  
re Register at your Bank Week.

## Included with Presidents Mailing (Please distribute to appropriate chairmen)

Conservation begins at your Home flyer  
Public Workshops to discuss Minnesota's Water Quality Management Plan  
flyer (1st class)  
Deposit Legislation in Minnesota  
Your Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Needs Help, Now!  
Fact sheet prepared by the LWV of Freeborn County  
Remarks for the LWV of MN, Sept. 10, 1976 (Peggy Carlin's speech)\*  
State Program Making Guide '77 - '79  
United Nations Rally flyer\*  
P.R./Debates tips  
Information on the Matrix system  
Hennepin County board of Commissioners Summary of Meeting - Hennepin County  
Leagues only.

\*Also being sent to DPM subscribers

State Board Happenings:

At its meeting of Sept. 10, the State Board:

- . accepted, with regret, the resignation of Dottie Stone as Development chairperson and member of the Board of Directors.
- . appointed Ruth Bowyer, LWV - Cottage Grove, Pam Berkwitz, LWV - Mpls, Marlene Krona, LWV - St. Paul, and Mary Lofy, LWV - Mankota as members of the state budget committee. Three other local League persons have been asked to serve, but they have not yet responded.
- . agreed to postpone the education consensus deadline to October 31, 1977. Local Leagues may schedule meetings and consensus taking for either this spring or next fall. The deadline for receipt of your League's consensus is October 31, 1977.
- . approved the outline for the State Program Making Guide 1977 - 79 which is enclosed.

M E M B E R S H I P / P U B L I C R E L A T I O N S

(Reeves)

OK gals, we have a "once-in-a life time" opportunity in the "Presidential Debates" and lets really make the most of it! You can start right now (or last week if you are really on the ball) by reading the LWV memo of Sept. 9th from Clusen and the one from Viner of the same date. Clusen's gives you information and Viner's gives you (and your Pres., PR, Finance, Voter Service person and whomever) ideas about promoting the debates for the glory of your League. The State Board has retained a professional PR person to work from Sept. 15 to the middle of Oct. to help us promote the debates on a State wide basis. We will use all media in anyway we can afford. You must use whomever and whatever means you can to build on both the State and National PR efforts and direct those efforts toward meeting your needs i.e. membership, finance etc. Included in this memo are some suggestions, press release's and letter drafts.

As the Viner memo says, quoting a local PR chairman, "WOW!....This has got to be the original and perfect LWV project.

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S S E R V I C E

(Waldo)

News from the eye of the hurricane.....or Voters Service in October

Petition Drive: The Presidential Debates seem likely now. The on again/off again situation has kept us very much in the headlines. I want to join LWVUS president Ruth Clusen in thanking each of you for your participation in the petition drive. It is officially over but please send any forms in to the National office.

Right to Vote Display: September 27 heralds the opening of the Right to Vote display in the Northwestern Bank skyway in downtown Minneapolis complete with music and ribbon cutting. In addition to the display depicting voting in our history, the League will participate in registering voters and in demonstrating voting machines. This is a unique opportunity to enhance our image. According to the League self-study, Voters Service is one of the things we do best from our own point of view as well as that of the public. The display will be open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from Sept. 27 to October 8. We still need volunteers to staff the display. Since this project has public relations and development potential we would like as many Leagues to be involved as possible. Please call the State office or Mary Waldo to sign up.

Register at your Bank Week: Through Vote '76 and the Minnesota Bankers Association, Leagues have been invited to set up voter registration booths in bank lobbies Sept. 27 through Oct. 2. We would be interested in knowing how many of you were able to participate and what kind of experiences you had.

Guides for Election Judges: Some Leagues have been involved with election judge training in their communities. The Secretary of State has recently released three guides



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for election judges in Minnesota; one for paper ballot precincts, one for lever-type voting machine precincts and one for electronic voting systems precincts. Three copies of the appropriate guide were made available to each precinct throughout the state. They are useful in describing the varied responsibilities of the election judge as well as a manual in actual training sessions. In addition the guides may answer questions that you may have regarding the conduct of elections in your area.

New Resource From LWVUS: Pick a President (pub. no. 635) is a poster size publication which includes information to help you answer questions that every League receives in an election year. Your League will receive two copies. Additional copies may be ordered but don't delay as time is short.

ABC Precinct Reporting: If you were assigned precincts for the ABC reporting project for the general election, please send the precinct reporters names, addresses, and assigned precincts to the state office. Reporting kits must be mailed soon.

Remove an Obstacle: Friends, the LWV itself may (has?) become one of those obstacles to voting we've complained about and worked to remove! Just prior to elections, our two phone lines - and we assume those of the LWVs of Minneapolis and St. Paul - are kept busy answering the inquiry of "where do I vote?". We do our best to answer, but we often have to refer the caller to other numbers. That, unfortunately, sometimes discourages them from voting. We are again requesting - and this time we hope you'll respond out of consideration for potential voters - that Leagues in the Metro area send the office maps of their cities with street names on them and precinct boundaries and polling places marked. That way one call could be all a voter would need to make. A list of phone numbers for city halls would also help the office staff. The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues might like to get copies too, since they receive calls as well.

Steps to follow:

Copy maps out of your community's individual phone directories. Outline in yellow or some read-through marker precinct boundaries and polling places. Record city hall's (or s') phone numbers on the copy. Place in envelope addressed to LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102. Mail.

Put yourself in that new voter's shoes and help us help them to be enfranchised and be good citizens. Thanks - from both us and them.

#### LOCAL PROGRAM (Jones)

You'll observe our Sept.-Oct. Voter has possible program items for consideration at state convention. This is just a beginning, to jog league members into thinking about topics for mutual pursuit. Now is the time for you and your League to get into the discussion. Formerly, Leagues contacted each other by letter to plug for their preferences. But now, if you recall the policy regarding use of the Board Memo, you have an effective, cheaper tool. This would be one of the best possible uses - to solicit support and agreement for your pet project. You can give a short pitch, include names and addresses for further communication, and get things rolling, using the Memo as a common communique. Remember to get your copy in the state office c/o Barbara Jones, the second Tuesday of the month. (See president's copy of guidelines for use of Memo August 1975, if necessary.)

When you are casting your thoughts in the direction of state program planning, remember the ideas of "vertical programming" that tie our local interests in with state and national problems. As our national and state study items developed over the past few years, local Leagues have been most concerned with application of those positions to local situations. The reverse side of the coin is the realization of how extensively local problems are affected by state laws and regulation's. So,

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look over your positions and local program results in your community. Perhaps you have a clue for a state item with much appeal, that fills a crying need which other Leagues will latch onto eagerly.

C O U N C I L O F M E T R O P O L I T A N A R E A L E A G U E S  
(Enders)

208 Water Quality Planning Grant: The Twin Cities Metro Area has received a \$3,300 grant from the LWVEF to be used to encourage citizen participation in the 208 Water Quality Planning Program of the Metropolitan Council. We are establishing a task force to plan the expenditure of the grant and any local League member is welcome to join. The grant money also makes it possible for us to pay an executive director to act as staff for the task force. We would appreciate your publicizing this project in your local League and if you or anyone else is interested in serving either on the task force or as executive director please have her call Jerry Enders 473-4171.

Consensus on elected vs. appointed Metropolitan Council due Dec. 1st.

Legislator's Luncheon will be January 20th at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul 9:30-2:30. It will be a preview of the upcoming legislative session and an opportunity to meet with your legislator. More specific details will be coming but please start now to encourage your members to plan to attend.

C R I M I N A L J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

An interesting article in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune September 6, 1976, dealt with the State Parole Board and the new rating system for granting paroles. The system is called the Matrix and was developed by Dale Parent who was hired, with federal funds, by the Department of Corrections in 1974. The system is based upon nine factors which according to Parent's study affect parole. Each inmate upon arrival in prison is given a number representing the months he will serve. The number varies according to the serverity of the offense and the inmate's score on the nine factors which affect parole. These nine factors are:

1. One or more adjudicated petitions of delinquency
2. A prior conviction for exactly the same offense title as any offense for which the inmate is now under sentence
3. Age 19 or younger at the time of the first felony conviction
4. A total of three or more felony convictions, including convictions for the current sentence.
5. One or more commitments to a state juvenile correction institution
6. One or more prior adult commitments to state correctional institutions
7. Two or more prior probation or parole failures as an adult or juvenile
8. Current sentence includes one or more burglary convictions
9. Age at time of current admission is (or was) 26 or less

Opinion seems to vary on how effective this new system will be. Read the article, as you will find it most interesting in your consideration of sentencing.

The "Youth in Trouble" conference sponsored by the Minnesota Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD) which some of us attended last spring (May State Board Memo) will have a follow up workshop at its state conference this fall. The date is November 12 at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis. If you would like more information contact MACLD, Griggs Midway Building, 1821 University Ave. N-301, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Perspectives on Sentencing: The St. Croix Valley League invites you to attend a panel discussion on sentencing on November 8, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater State Prison Waiting Room. The panel consists of Frank Wood, Warden of Stillwater State

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Prison, Jackie Fleming, Superintendant of Shakopee, T. Williams, Ombudsman of the Department of Corrections, Judge Thoreen, District Judge, Robert Kelly, Washington County Attorney, Richard Mulcrone, chairman of the Minnesota Corrections Authority.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES (Poppleton)

Solid Waste: Citizens Against Throw Aways has compiled a mailing which has been sent to all candidates for the state legislature. It includes a cover letter, a brochure and a stamped self-addressed post card which asks, "Do you support deposit legislation like that introduced in the last legislative session?" We are sending you a copy of the brochure. You may want to ask your local candidates if they returned their post cards.

Water: Included in the Presidents first class mailing is a notice of public workshops on Minnesota's Water Quality Management Plan. We received them so late from the PCA that some of the meetings will have taken place by the time you receive this. I'm sorry about that but you still have time to apply for membership on the Regional Water Quality Management Planning Advisory Committee.

Land Use: More goodies! We are also sending each Local League a copy of an informational booklet on the Bounday Waters Canoe Area. It was compiled by the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness.

This group also produced a professionally done slide-tape presentation on the BWCA. Herb Johnson, LWV - Edina, donated a copy to the LWVMN. It fits a Carousel projector and runs approximately 20 min. It is available to LL's for mailing costs only. Call or write the State Office.

We have 3 copies of the slide presentation, "Land Use: Cost of Sprawl" in the office for use by non-metro Local Leagues. They also fit a Carousel projector and are available for mailing costs.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY (DeSantis)

Many thanks to those of you who came to one of the H.R. "Think Sessions". I hope they were helpful to those who came. I know they were a big help to me, and I appreciate the 15 Leagues who sent representatives. I wanted to find out what local Leagues are doing in H.R., see if local program interests are meshing with interests our H.R. Committee has identified at the state level, and be sure that we are working in harmony.

A rundown of activities from the Leagues present indicated that state and local interests are similar. Of action items listed by local Leagues, ERA was first, housing second, and food stamps third. Also mentioned one or more times were: human rights and affirmative action, Indian affairs, day care, health, welfare, human services, and revenue sharing.

Local Leagues didn't feel they need much help from the state office in working on local programs. However, it was recommended that I send out more, rather than less, fact sheets and relevant pamphlets. I showed some pamphlets to those present, and it was felt that each would be valuable for some local League to have. So - if I send material you can't use, just file it, please, and know that some Leagues in the state may be finding it immediately useful.

Enclosed with this Board mailing is a pamphlet from the State Housing Finance Agency, "Conservation begins at your home," and two Fact Sheets from the Freeborn County LWV concerning Home Improvement Loans. I also intended to enclose a pamphlet on the Rent



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Assistance Program currently being conducted in the Metro area. However, the Metro Council was unable to supply me with them. If you are in a Metro League and would like to see one, ask your CMAL representative. If she doesn't have it, let our office know, and we will xerox a copy for you.

More will be forthcoming from our "think" meetings. Keep watching your League publications for further word from H.R.

Education: Education committee: The interview questionnaires are not yet ready. (Shaw) They will be coming as soon as possible. I would like the names and addresses of education chairmen or interested persons. Send them either to the LWV office, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102 or me, Betty Shaw, 2649 Huntington S., Minneapolis 55416.

See State Board Happenings for information on the consensus dates.

Library Funding: Following a motion at Council asking the State Board to find a way (Atchison) for local Leagues to lobby for library funding, I was asked to pursue the matter. The committee composed of Carol Pidcock, Mpls, Ann Thomas, Westonka, Milo Shefer, Moorehead, Mabel Speer, Winona, Hazel Shimmin, Bemeditji, and I are looking into local League positions and following interim legislative activity on library funding. The committee welcomes anyone who is interested to join them and asks that Leagues, who have done a study on libraries and their funding, to let us know through the state office.

#### FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT (Anderson)

The two tax publications, Primer of Minnesota Taxes and Minnesota's Multi-Tax System, are at the printer's. We're still planning to make our Oct. 1 publication date. You'll be hearing from us about prices and ordering procedures soon.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Davies)

UN CONSENSUS: If the enthusiasm of our over-flow crowd meeting with Peggy Carlin September 10th is any indication, it should be a great year. Over 40 persons attended, representing 26 Leagues. Ms. Carlin told something of the work of UNA-USA, spoke on the relevance of the UN to the world today, and in answering questions gave helpful tips on how to proceed with our study. A copy of Ms. Carlin's formal presentation is included. LWVUS Committee Guides are beginning to arrive. Check with your president. Get your committee together and begin to plan how you want to handle this exciting topic. The more lead time you give yourselves the more chance you will have to get others in your community involved, better publicity and more stimulating meetings. Plan regular committee meetings to compare your reading, exchange ideas and share the work.

IR helps: Here are some of the ideas and suggestions shared by local IR persons present at the meeting on 9/10/76:

- . Find ways to involve men in the UN study
- . Revive the custom of having an international dinner in your community
- . Have a UN flag-raising ceremony on UN Day
- . Get your public library to set up an exhibit in conjunction with your study or UN Day
- . Write an article for your newspaper calling attention to UN Day, Oct. 24th,

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and mentioning the fact that your League will be studying the UN and anyone interested.

- Above all let everyone know the League is interested in the UN and international relations. Be sure your congressman gets word of your activities.
- (Use of Barbara Ward's Habitat speech was suggested as a way of inspiring members. This is not yet available through KUOM. I will check with Radio Canada International)

Recent polls: A recent Roper survey indicated that 77% of those polled favored UN membership for the US. However, only half the respondents rated UN performance positively in any one area.

A telephone poll of 300 randomly selected persons was made at the time of the Minnesota Foreign Policy Forum last spring. The four most important goals for United States foreign policy according to those polled were: protecting the jobs of US workers (80%), keeping world peace (79%), stopping world hunger (75%), and stopping the spread of communism (74%).

UN Rally: The United Nations Rally is coming October 29, 9:30 a.m. through luncheon, at the Radisson St. Paul (formerly the Hilton Hotel);  
(Ebbott) price \$8.50 for the entire day's program and luncheon.

Three big reasons why you should attend:

1. You care about world issues and want to hear two of the four morning presentations on
  - Population - by Dr. Dorothy Dodge, Macalester College, Political Science
  - Food - by Dr. James Houck, U of Minnesota, Agriculture and Applied Economics
  - Habitat - by Dr. Judith Martin, U of Minnesota, Urban Studies Program
  - Water - by Professor Edward Silberman, U of Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Hydraulic Lab.

You also want to receive the background papers the speakers have prepared.

2. You care about world cooperation, peace and the United Nations and know the luncheon talk by Joseph Sisco on "Perspectives on the Middle East" will be very timely. Mr. Sisco has just concluded 25 years of State Department service including being the man in Washington responsible for US's UN policies and being Dr. Kissinger's assistant on the middle east peace initiative. He's now president of American University, Washington, D.C.

3. You'd like to get this background for the LWV's study on the United Nations that will be coming this winter.

If your League is a member organization of the Rally, you can get your tickets through your representative. Others should contact Marge Sell, or the United Nations Association listed on the brochure, which is enclosed. Ticket deadline is October 21.

IMPORTANT DATES: OCTOBER 24, UN DAY

November 17 - "Independence and Interdependence-America's Response to a Changing World" Holiday Inn-Downtown, Mpls.  
Sponsored by United Nations Association. More information later.

April 15 - UN Consensus due

A C T I O N  
(Borg)

LOBBYIST TRAINING WORKSHOP: Put it on your calendar and alert your members via your bulletins. More information will follow, but Tuesday, November 18th is the date, 9:30 a.m. is the time, and the State Capitol is the place. This is a workshop for LWV lobbyists, potential LWV lobbyists, and those interested in what LWV lobbyists need to know.

E.R.A.: (note the Editorial in Report from the Hill) Now is the time to ask every candidate whether they believe women should be treated as individual citizens under the law. If we do not demand equal rights many less fortunate women will continue to suffer under discriminatory practices that only marginally affect most Leaguers. We must lead and this cause needs our leadership more than most.

Make a note of candidates' comments on this and other LWV issues. After the election send us a copy of any collected opinions that are held by the elected legislators or congressmen. Lobbyists need this information if they are to deal with them effectively.

INTERVIEWS follow the election. Questions for these will be available next month.

Review the Action section of the 1976-1977 OUTLOOK and get your action underway - both your short and long-range plans, and the procedures you will follow. Call me if you need any assistance. I have met with several Leagues as part of their action planning.

B U L L E T I N   E D I T O R S

Please remind your members that money is needed to pay for the presidential and vice-presidential debates. Checks should be made out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Mark the envelope "Debates". Let's show the nation we do care, by encouraging our members to contribute to those historic debates. A contribution of \$1.50/member - the equivalent of three packages of cigarettes - would carry the freight.

P U B L I C A T I O N S  
(Atchison)

INDIANS IN MINNESOTA: Languishing in the State office are several cartons of our popular, attractive, best-seller, INDIANS IN MINNESOTA. These are fast becoming out-dated but are still useful for interested citizens, libraries, students, social workers, or any professional who wants to know more about the history and current conditions affecting our Native Americans.

We will send copies FREE (except for shipping costs) to local Leagues who will make use of them. Now you can't ignore a bargain like that - think! Who in your community wouldn't appreciate this fine book? And if it is delivered personally with a smile from LWV, the p.r. would be great. Of course you are free to sell them if you want to do that, too. Another money-making item for the enterprising among us!

So send your orders to the office. Harriett will cheerfully fill them (while they last!) and you'll be billed only for shipping.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

Harriett Herb apologizes for not explicitly stating why we needed to know by Sept.3



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how many of you would be attending the IR meeting of Sept. 10 with Peggy Carlin, V-P of UNA-USA. LWVMN has a small room for such functions and H.H. figured she'd get larger quarters should reservations warrant. On Sept. 9, staff had received only 21 reservations; a tight, but not uncomfortable situation. Lo and behold, over 40 showed up! Four tables had to be taken down, 36 boxes of paper had to be moved, chairs had to be borrowed from other offices and still it was standing room only; and staff got dislocated from their desks, needed papers and records. H.H. was pleased that so many of you showed up. She was also irritated that you hadn't let her know, embarrassed to be caught having to move furniture and supplies at the last minute, and mad at herself for not being explicit enough. In the future, I'll try to remember to be explicit - and I pray you'll cooperate and respond to deadlines as requested.

We've learned that some (most?) of the presidents received August's parcel post mailing in rather beat up shape. That wasn't this office's fault; the new bulk handling postal service center must be in operation. Well, we're going to fight back - we've ordered envelopes which we defy the postal service to mutilate. They do cost more, but we think they're worth the expense. Hang in there a little longer, gang; relief is on the way.

On your local League presidents list, please make the following changes:

- a. Duluth: Virginia Elchholm, 4915 Dodge St., Duluth 55802, 218-525-5250
- b. Jackson: Cindy Maki, 106 Shady Lane, Jackson 56143, 507-847-2834
- c. West Dakota County: Judy Brisky, 16446 Gannon Ave. , Rosemount 55068, 432-5990
- d. Golden Valley: Barbara Winikoff, 1855 Major Ave. N, Golden Valley 55422  
588-1533

On your local League presidents list, please add Grand Rapids Area. Their papers will be filed shortly. Board action will occur next month. The President is Anne Huntley, 111 - 11th St. N.W., Grand Rapids 55744, 218-326-4192. (An unofficial welcome to the Grand Rapids Area members; the formal, official welcome will come later.)

#### F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

- (1) Town Meeting 76: The following memorandum was sent to local and state League presidents. It is reprinted here for Board Memo readers who aren't in those categories.

"We know that a number of Leagues have already been approached in their local communities by a group called Town Meeting '76 for cooperation in setting up such meetings. This is a national Bicentennial project developed by the Institute of Cultural Affairs. It is a locally sponsored one-day community forum planned to be held in 5,000 cities, villages and towns.

According to their brochure its purpose is to identify the basic issues of the local community and the underlying challenges of America's third century. The coordinators say that meetings have already been held in some 500 locations and in some cases Leagues have cooperated as local sponsors or as members of the Planning Committee. This memo is simply to tell you that we know about the project. The League experience with it so far has been variable and how you respond to involvement in this proposal if it arises in your local community is for you and your board to decide."

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- (2) Challenge/Response: The firm of Porter, Novelli and Associates, acting under a contract from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, has prepared and will distribute a series of ten issue papers called the Challenge/Response resource papers for the purpose of stimulating discussion of contemporary issues at the local level.

Topics covered include: Environment, Health, Economic Development, Learning, Leisure, Transportation, Human Values and Understanding, Citizen Involvement, Communications, and Community Development.

These papers can be a valuable resource in focusing discussions and in marshalling the means for addressing the many problems faced by our nations, cities, and towns.

To order, contact: Paul W. Gormsen, Challenge/Response Coordinator, Porter, Novelli and Associates, 1050 - 31st St. N W, Washington, D C 20007.

- (3) Setting National Priorities: the Next Ten Years: In each of the past six years, economists and foreign policy specialists associated with the Brookings Institution have written a book called Setting National Priorities, an analysis of the President's budget proposals for the next fiscal year. This year's 618 page volume looks beyond the federal budget to consider a selection of the major long-term problems facing the United States and what the government can reasonably be expected to do about them.

Coeditors Henry Owen and Charles L. Schultze say that it is time to look case by case at the things government can or cannot do well. In suggesting a way of evaluating the federal government's performance at home and the nation's commitments abroad, the book provides timely perspectives on some of the major issues the next administration will face.

There is also a videotaped program based on the book entitled "Focus on National Priorities. The book is obtainable through bookstores or directly from the Brookings Institution, \$6.95 for the paperback edition. For information on the tape write to FOCUS, Ninth Floor, 11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

- (4) Conference of Public Ethics: On October 16, 1976, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Minnesota Public Interest and Research Group will be sponsoring a one-day Conference on Public Ethics at Coffman Union, U. of Minnesota. The basic purpose of the Conference will be to stimulate a dialogue on ways of bridging a gap between politics and ethics. The Conference will explore a number of issues such as financial disclosures of elected public officials and candidates, enforcing anti-corruption rules, public reports of legislative staffs, political appointments of executive personnel, public campaign financing, Sunshine Laws, lobbyist disclosures, public official's fringe benefits, limiting elected public officials to two terms, code of ethics for public officials, and conflict of interest in regulated industries.

Marie Sellars, LWV of St. Paul, will be a participant on one of the panels.

For more information, contact The National Conference of Christian and Jews, Inc. 413 National Building, Minneapolis 55402, phone 612-336-5365.

- (5) A Major Symposium: A major symposium of "Justice, Values, and Education" will be October 29, 30, 31. Speakers will include Justice Arthur Goldberg, Ms. Barbara Watson, Dr. Harold Taylor, Dr. Robert B. McKay, Professor Walter Kaufmann, as well as distinguished alumni.

- (6) The University of Minnesota World Affairs Center report that: "As a service to teachers of social studies, the Center is collecting materials that will be useful aids in global education. For more information, contact the World Affairs Center, U of M, 373-3799.
- (7) The Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar, St. Paul will have a Political Memorabilia exhibit from Oct. 15 - December 31. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays; 2-5 p.m. on Sundays.
- (8) The Bemidji Area League has printed a second cookbook entitled Favorite Foods of the North Country. Send \$1.00 plus 20¢ postage to: Iverne Carter, Rural Route 5, Box 79C, Bemidji 56601.
- (9) Bags Make Money: The New York City League is selling canvas tote bags. The bags are made of sturdy natural canvas, with the suffrage motif, Shoulder-to-Shoulder, imprinted in black. The bags measure 13 X 15 inches, have two shoulder straps and have a strongly attached inside zipper bag, 4-3/4 x 7-1/2 inches. The bags are a great fund raising item. LWV - NYC has been selling them at \$4.00 each, but you may wish to charge more; they are offering them to local Leagues for \$2.00 each, plus shipping charges, in quantities of at least 25. A sample bag may be ordered at \$4.00 plus 1.25 shipping charges, prepaid. Order from the: League of Women Voters of the City of New York, 817 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.
- (10) Periodically, the office receives inquiries as to where gavels can be purchased, especially as mementoes for retiring presidents. Walter S. Booth & Son, 160 Baker Bldg., Minneapolis 55402 has gavels ranging in length from a 3 feet tall decorator gavel to a 3½ inch long mini-gavel. They also have half gavels suitable for framing. Contact them for prices, etc., please.
- (11) The Eight National Rural Development Leaders School will be held Nov. 14-20 in Oxford, Ohio.

The National Rural Development Leaders School is designed to help elected and appointed officials and local leaders learn how to identify and rank their area's problems and development potential, how to marshal resources, and how to design and implement programs and projects.

Professionally trained and/or experienced community development leaders are asked to assist in identifying prospective participants and in generating applications from rural development committees, district boards, and community and opinion leaders.

The 140 participants will be selected from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Applications must be received no later than October 1. Applicants will be notified of selection by October 15.

A registration fee of \$80 will be charged. There will be no additional costs to participants for meals and lodging.

For additional information, write: R.H. Abraham, Director, Agricultural Extension Service, 240 Coffey Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108 or call him at 373-1223



- (12) A one-day workshop on Career Planning for Women is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 8:30 to 4:30 at Nolte Center. The workshop for women who are entering or re-entering the employment market or changing careers is designed to help each woman recognize her marketable talents, develop a realistic career goal, learn planning and decision making skills and identify current job alternatives. Conducted by JENNY INNES and ARNOLD KANARICK, it will include self assessment techniques, personal goal setting, action plans for career development, interviews, resumes, the employment outlook, EEO legislation and information sources. The \$35 fee includes testing.



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# BOARD MEMO

O C T O B E R 1976

Calendar

- October 29 - U.N. Rally  
29, 30, 31 - Justice, Values and Education symposium at Carleton College (see September Board Memo)  
31 - Membership lists due in the state office
- November 1 - Sentencing Consensus due in the state office  
4 - CMAL Board Meeting  
8 - St. Croix LWV panel discussion on sentencing (See Criminal Justice)  
9 - State Board Meeting  
12 - MACLD State Conference (See Criminal Justice)  
15 - UNA Conference (See IR)  
16 - Lobbyist Training Workshop (see flyer)  
17 - Budget Committee meeting, 9:30, at the state office  
25, 26 - "Turkey Time" - state office closed
- December 1 - CMAL Consensus due
- January 3 - CAPITOL LETTER subscriptions due in state office

Included with Third Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio.)

Subcommittee Hearings on Juvenile Justice  
Perspective  
Minneapolis TRIBUNE editorial of October 3 \*  
Order Form for Financing State Government Facts and Issues  
Good News About Taxes\*  
Treasurer's Report as of September 30  
Membership List  
CAPITOL LETTER Subscription Form\*  
Lobby Training Workshop flyer \*  
Legislative Interview Assignment and Questionnaire \*  
Education Committee Guide \*  
Education Update

\*also being sent on DPM

D E V E L O P M E N T  
(Reeves, Hall and Herb)

10/76

After several tentative starts, the LWVMN is finally entering the "Development Age." The state Board is presently interviewing candidates for a part-time Development-PR staff person who will be in place very soon. The Board recently presented a proposal to a foundation for funding of the Financing State Government study and received half of the amount requested. We will submit the proposal to another foundation soon and are confident that the entire study will be funded. In addition, proposals for funding the education study and reprinting the correction book are on the drawing board. As we work more with development, in both program and funding terms, we will find ourselves reaching out into the community more and more. The implication for membership, finance, advancement of League program and purposes becomes obvious.

S T A T E     B O A R D     H A P P E N I N G S

10/76

At its meeting of October 12, the State Board

- . granted recognition to the Provisional League of Women Voters of the Grand Rapids Area;
- . voted to recommend Pam Berkwitz, Jeannette Kahlenberg and Barbara Stuhler as members of a state level coordinating committee for the National Women's Conference.

A U D I T O R     N E E D E D

10/76

Is there a member of your League who is an accountant or a C.P.A. who would like to earn some money by auditing the LWVMN's books and preparing its 990 Form? The books are not complicated. We estimate the audit would require three trips to the office to complete. Send resumé and fee to Georgeann Hall, LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102. (Please run this in your bulletin so we can get wide visibility for this request.)

We've always paid our auditors, but they don't know the League, so it's a constant education process and also a slower one. This year's audit isn't completed yet -- and our 990 was due August 15! Ouch!

O N   H O R N     T O O T I N G

10/76

M E M B E R S H I P - P.R.

(Reeves)

The debates, the election, candidates meetings, the Financing State Government Study (publications), the School Study, the bank voter registration -- the League is really "with it" this fall! The question is -- are we using these accomplishments to advance the cause of the League? Do our communities know what we're doing? Do they realize how important the League is to the health of the communities it serves? Do men and women want to be part of such a vital, interesting, stimulating organization? Do people dig down in their pockets to finance such important community issues? If not, why not? It is my earnest conviction that we do not "toot our own horn" well enough and we don't get full credit for all we do.

To assist local Leagues in "horn tooting," there will be a free-for-all meeting on October 26th at the Augsburg Park Library at 71st and Nicollet in Richfield. Our public relations consultant, Jim Dunlop, will be there with ideas on promotion, publicity, etc., with the emphasis on membership. We have, in preparation now, a new timely brochure for local Leagues to use this fall (in conjunction with state-wide publicity) for membership and finance. For those Leagues which already have had their membership drives and have all the members they need/want, we're sorry. For the others who want to extend their drives, this will be useful. The brochure and the help from Jim is free. Bring a car full of Leaguers with the expectation that a lot of enthusiasm will be generated along with idea exchanges and information.

The meeting will last from 10:00 to about 3:00, with coffee provided. Bring your own lunch -- there is no registration fee. The room holds about 80 to 100 people, and it would be helpful if we knew how many are coming -- would you call the state office? Or send a card? But don't let that stop you from coming! Membership chairmen have directions to Augsburg.

Helene Borg will be at the meeting -- to discuss Vertical Programming and how to do Local Action on State and National positions. Some Leagues NEED to talk about this, and here's your chance. If you are ACTING only on your local League positions, you are missing many opportunities to interest people in joining the League.....and making contributions to it.

Would you please send or bring clippings from your papers (including the Cities) of articles, pictures, ads, or anything you see about LWV. We need to have some idea of the effectiveness of our efforts. If you hear something on your radio, jot that down too. Send to LWV office or to me (Jean Reeves, Route 3, Northfield, MN 55057). Thanks.



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One final word -- let's not sit and wring our hands about money and members -- let's do something about it!

If you want to know more, call me at 507-645-6161.

LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

10/76

"Vertical program" applications to local situations is a tool and technique many Leagues are using. With one League member or committee keeping track of a program idea at all levels of government, a League can become aware of pertinent laws and regulations on national, state, and local levels and see the effect in your community. This approach to local program does not require adoption at annual meetings unless the Board wishes to be that specific. The person with a portfolio on education or land use, etc., is expected to become knowledgeable about previous national or state studies and positions re those topics. The next step is to analyze how these apply to your community and determine if your League wishes to pursue action in accordance with those positions.

This type of analysis might well call for some study and information-gathering activities. But it does not require the consensus procedure; the position is already yours by virtue of your League's part in the organization. It is wise to discuss action plans with the entire Board, but if the position fits, it is not a question of "can we?" but "shall we?" If your Board wishes to go beyond the state position, to add to it or become more specific as it applies to your community, you need to be sure of general membership approval and backing. This can be done by one or two general consensus questions (so-called "mini-consensus"), by a phone or mail questionnaire, or perhaps some ingenious method you can devise.

The important idea to remember is -- you have inherited a study and a position, and with your League's support, you can use those. This can save time and energy for local Leagues, and it does permit Leagues to act quickly. We are often criticized for being ponderous and taking forever to study and decide on anything. "Vertical programming" can help your League overcome this disadvantage.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES  
(Enders)

10/76

Consensus Due December 1st on the elected vs. appointed Metropolitan Council study.

Lively Issues. Our January bulletin will contain information on possible program items for the 1977-79 study years. Also included will be a report form to be filled out and returned by March 1st with your League's recommended items. At the January Legislators' Luncheon, we will take time to discuss possible topics and to explore some other aspects of CMAL study procedures. The article in the bulletin will give you the necessary background.

Legislators' Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 20th, at the St. Paul Hotel. The cost will be \$4.00, and registration will begin at 9:15. The program will include a rundown of legislation anticipated in the upcoming session and a discussion of possible program items for the next two years. Arv Johnson, Political Correspondent for WCCO Radio, will be our guest speaker. Your legislators will receive an invitation from CMAL via a letter sent on December 27th. They will be asked to come at 12:00 noon for lunch, and they will assume they are to pay for their own lunch. If you wish to have them as your guest, contact them and indicate that. Please contact your legislators anyway, so that they will be aware that they will be meeting with their constituents. The members of the Metropolitan Council will also receive invitations, and a follow-up call will help to encourage them to attend also.

CMAL/208. The Task Force dealing with 208 Water Quality Planning has prepared a work program and will soon begin communicating information to your League. We ask that the

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CMAL delegates be aware that the information is available and encourage its use in your League. We would still be happy to have additional members on the task force. If you are interested, call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

FYI. The Metropolitan Airports Commission has prepared a half hour slide presentation outlining their master plan for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. It is available to local Leagues by calling Raymond G. Glumack, Executive Director, MAC, 726-5774. They are anxious to get public reaction to the proposals and would like to present the program to Leagues that have a special interest or concern about the future of the airport.

E.Q. The Metropolitan Council has prepared a set of Model Ordinances for Natural Resources. They are geared specifically for the metro area but could be adapted for use in any area. We are encouraging any Leagues who have been studying this issue to support the use of these ordinances in their own communities. Copies can be obtained from the Public Information Office of the Metropolitan Council, 291-6464.

C R I M I N A L     J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

10/76

A new title, but really just putting "things" together in the logical order. Instead of having two portfolios -- Corrections and Judiciary -- we now have one -- Criminal Justice. Under this we will cover judiciary, corrections, and juveniles. We are doing this at the state level for ease in handling. The two subjects go hand in hand and many times overlap -- such as in sentencing. I imagine at the local level when you discuss courts, judges, sentencing, etc., you also discuss the end results -- parole, probation, community corrections, jails, prisons, etc. This new title will merely tie things together for all of us.

Included in this mailing is a special section on juveniles, covering the hearing from this summer. The coming legislative session will probably work on the question of the hardcore and violent juvenile. This is background material for you to read and keep.

The final report of the Select Committee on the State Judicial System has just been issued. The Committee was formed in 1974 to identify needs in the Minnesota court system and to recommend appropriate legislative and administrative action. Many of the recommendations proposed by the Committee are part of the Select Committee Bill. Passage of this bill in the coming legislative session is a major goal of the Committee.

The September bulletins with all your information on sentencing are very interesting. The variety of presentations at your meetings concerning the topic are fun to read -- all the way from speakers to real and "mock" panels. I'm looking forward to your consensus reports which are due November 1 in the state office.

Other dates to remember: November 8 - St. Croix Valley League panel discussion on sentencing at 7:00 p.m., Stillwater State Prison Waiting Room  
November 12 - Minnesota Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD), Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis (refer to September State Board Memo for details)

N A T U R A L     R E S O U R C E S  
(Foley)

10/76

NON-RETURNABLE PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES

Some Minnesota dairies have started selling milk in non-returnable plastic bottles. (Marigold Dairy in southern Minnesota has packaged milk in non-returnable plastic for 2 years.) Consumer acceptance has been so overwhelming that every major milk market in the United States, except the Twin Cities and Seattle, is dominated by the non-returnable plastic bottle. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) states that within one year virtually all milk sold in Minnesota will be in the non-refillable plastic bottle unless preventive action is taken now.

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Why does the MPCA want to prevent the use of these containers in Minnesota? Because of the harmful environmental and consumer impacts. There are 3 harmful environmental impacts:

1. They are made from a non-renewable resource. (Oil)
2. They are not biodegradable. (At least paperboard milk cartons will disintegrate in landfills, eventually returning to nature. The plastic bottles, like aluminum beer cans, do not disintegrate, remaining eternally in their original state as litter or solid waste.)
3. They can produce undesirable by-products if incinerated.

There is substantial evidence that the refillable container, whether plastic or glass, is far superior to throwaways from the criteria of environmental impact, energy use, resource conservation, and consumer savings.

How will the consumer's pocketbook be affected by this change to non-refillable plastic? Industry claims that the cost won't go up. That's questionable. The plastic derives from oil. Therefore, if the price of oil escalates, obviously the price of milk sold in plastic bottles will go up also. (Remember the Arab oil embargo of 1973?) Also the dairies will have to invest heavily in the new equipment needed to manufacture the plastic bottles. The cost to each dairy purchasing the new equipment is estimated at 1/4 million dollars, without guarantee that they will sell more milk. Eventually, the consumer will pay for this changeover of equipment.

The two largest Minnesota dairies have purchased the new equipment which will probably force the smaller dairies to do the same. Because consumer acceptance has been so overwhelming elsewhere, small dairies fear loss of sales if they don't go to the plastic. Agriculture Commissioner Jon Wefald predicts that of the 38 dairies in Minnesota, some smaller dairies will go out of business.

The MPCA has requested League support. The MPCA will be asking the 1977 Minnesota Legislature to prohibit the sale of milk in the non-refillable plastic bottle. State Representative Willard Munger of Duluth, Chairman of the House Environmental Protection Committee, has agreed to sponsor such legislation in the House. Other state agencies supporting a legislative ban are the Department of Agriculture, Consumer Services Division, the Energy Agency, and the Department of Natural Resources. Until a legislative ban is enacted, we strongly urge you not to buy milk in non-refillable plastic containers. Inform your members via local bulletins. Write letters to your newspapers protesting about this new development in milk packaging. Ewald Dairy has stated (in a page-long newspaper ad) that they will oppose the throwaway plastic container and continue to use paper cartons. Polka Dot Dairy uses refillable plastic bottles. Both dairies should be commended and patronized.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 10/76  
(DeSantis)

Women's Issues: In October the first U.S. National Women's Agenda Conference was held in Washington. As I saw references to it in the news, I wondered if Leaguers were aware of the National Agenda. This is a document which was written and re-written about a year ago by representatives of a wide variety of women's groups. The Women's Action Alliance of New York City started the ball rolling by calling together a group of women in New York to discuss common concerns. They came up with an "agenda" which was then taken to Washington, where representatives of groups there added on to it and changed it. The League of Women Voters of the U.S. was represented in the latter meetings. Finally the U.S. National Women's Agenda emerged -- agreed to by about 90 women's groups.

The Agenda covers 11 areas of concern: Fair Representation and Participation in the Political Process; Equal Education and Training; Meaningful Work and Adequate Compensation; Equal Access to Economic Power; Quality Child Care for All Children; Quality Health Care and Service; Adequate Housing; Just and Humane Treatment in the Criminal Justice System; Fair Treatment and Equal Access to Media and the Arts; Physical Safety; Respect for the Individual.



(Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity - 10/76 - continued)

Since the Agenda was adopted, a Task Force in each of the eleven areas has been at work. Some 1,000 women have been involved in these groups. This first year each Task Force was asked to have ready by this October a section of a Women's Plan of Action. The Plan was to be a description of strategies and timetables that must be employed to achieve full equality for women by 1986, the close of the U.N. Decade of Women.

Reports from the October Conference should be appearing soon. The best source for information is the publication, "Women's Agenda," published monthly by the Women's Action Alliance.

"Women's Issues" was adopted by this year's state Human Resources Committee as a third priority for 1976-77. At the September consultations with local HR Chairmen, Leaguers indicated that except for ERA, not many local Leagues have studied or acted on women's issues. The prevailing feeling seemed to be that we should work in coalition with other women's groups when their program interests (e.g. day care, housing) converged with ours. When their program differs (rape, health care), we should not feel guilty if we resist pressure from feminist organizations to join with them.

Comments or questions from members on any or all of the above would be most welcome.

F I N A N C I N G     S T A T E     G O V E R N M E N T  
(Anderson)

10/76

The tax publications are at the state office, ready for distribution! Other good news: a local Foundation has agreed to provide partial funding for the publications, so we have decided to offer them to LWV members free of charge. Enclosed is a copy of each publication and an order form. These publications are too valuable to have them sit in the LWV state office; they are also too valuable to be distributed in a haphazard fashion. We would like to have some assurance that they will be distributed to members who will read them, use them, and participate in the forthcoming consensus. A plan for providing community distribution of the publications was one of the requirements for receiving funding. We're developing plans which will require cooperation of local LWV's and a state resource team. More about this later.

Enclosed for your committee information are copies of: Minneapolis TRIBUNE editorial of October 3 and an article from the October, 1976, issue of MONEY MAGAZINE.

As you know, the state FSG Committee had hoped to sponsor a state-wide TV presentation on financing government next spring. Our timetable called for tentative funding by this October, which we don't have. Consequently, we are going to have to scratch that grand plan. However, we'd like you to make your members aware of an alternative: Dr. John Hoyt is resuming his state-wide ETV program called Perspective beginning in November. The program scheduled for December 2, 1976, will deal with "Minnesota Taxes." The scheduled panel is a good one. Enclosed is a copy of a brochure titled "Perspective," which gives a listing of all the shows, panel members of the December 2 show, and program schedule for areas throughout the state. If you are in an area not served by one of the listed stations, please let us know! We may be able to reserve a copy of the tape for your use. All others, please publicize this in your bulletin and urge your members to watch.

Finally, the state FSG committee is concerned about the recent decision by two local LWV's to not participate in the FSG consensus. We're well aware that this is a complex issue, but we're determined to provide members with the information they'll need to form a consensus. Before you allow your own Board to retreat from the issue, please consider:

- There is no such thing as a financing government "expert"; merely by reading the 4 FSG Facts and Issues, a member will know more about the subject than the vast majority of people.
- If we want to be responsible citizens and responsible LWV lobbyists, we must face reality about where the money will come from for the programs we support.
- If the LWV doesn't participate in decisions on tax policy and expenditure priorities, others who are less-informed will be making these decisions for us.
- Consensus questions are answered on the basis of our own values and previous background as well as on current information. Let's not sell ourselves short.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Davies)

10/76

Upcoming Events: UN Rally -- Friday, October 29 -- Radisson Hotel, St. Paul

United Nations Association of Minnesota is sponsoring a conference, "Independence and Interdependence -- America's Response to a Changing World," on Monday, November 15, at Holiday Inn Downtown, Minneapolis. Henry Steele Commager will be the keynote speaker. Check with UNA for further details.

Our Focus on Emerging Issues scheduled for January 18 will be on international relations. Watch for the November-December VOTER with all the details. The workshop will emphasize the economic challenge of developing nations and the United States' response.

April 15 - Consensus on UN due.

ACTION  
(Borg)

10/76

Enclosed with this mailing is the flyer for the Lobby Training Workshop. Please notice the date, Tuesday, November 16. We printed that incorrectly in last month's Board Memo. This is a workshop on League lobbying, and primarily lobbying at the Capitol. Many techniques are applicable to other governmental groups, however. If you think you might want to lobby or observe for the LWV now or in the future, or if you just want to find out more about the whole procedure, join us in November.

Shortly after you receive this mailing, the election will be over, and you will know the name of your legislator. Many of you will be as anxious as we are to learn their opinions on League issues. The questions are enclosed with this mailing and the list of Leagues assigned to do the interviewing. Please try to arrange these interviews as promptly as possible after November 2. The answers should be in the state LWV office by December 1, so we can tally the information in time for the opening of the Legislature on January 4. I know this is a rush, but that's all the time there is.

There will be some Local Action hints discussed at the October 26th meeting (see Membership) in Richfield, so Action Chairmen are welcome to attend too.

Land Use and the ERA seem to be getting the most attention for Local Action. I hope you are all deciding on a Local Action Project. Remember that we plan on an Action Recognition at Convention in June. Refer to your OUTLOOK for the criteria to be used. (See Local Program -- Jones -- in this Board Memo)

It is CAPITOL LETTER subscription time. Only \$3.25 will bring you this valuable publication for the next two years. The first issue will appear after this coming legislative session is underway. Additional issues will follow, keeping you up to date on all bills of interest to the LWV, until the final wrapup after adjournment the second year of the two-year flexible session. What a bargain! And what an ideal way to keep your members well backgrounded on LWV action. We do not plan to edit the lobbyists' comments this year, so you will read it as they see it, and you won't want to miss a single issue.

TREASURER  
(Hall)

10/76

The Minnesota LWV is entering the final six months of its fiscal year 1976-77. Some helpful tips for you can be found in "In League," and all treasurers should have a copy of "Ledger-de-Main." As Treasurer, you are making the following payments:

1. Support Payments: Payments toward the support of the state and national Leagues are sent to the state office. (The state League in turn makes a support payment to National.) You have a green sheet with a payment schedule which is divided quarterly. The green sheet is your reminder.
2. PMP - Per Member Payment: Every local League has a per member assessment of \$5.50 per member, according to your membership count as of January 1, 1976. PMP payments are sent to National.

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3. Keep state and national membership lists up to date. These lists are maintained for the purpose of mailing the Minnesota VOTER and the National VOTER. The lists are kept up to date through the use of forms available free from the national office. One copy of the form should be sent to the state office, one to the national office. We suggest you make another copy and keep it for your files.

Included with this mailing is a copy of the State Treasurer's Report through September. Our expenditures are exceeding our income. We are counting on the commitment you made at Council 1976. If for some reason you are unable to make the payments, please notify the state office.

B U D G E T  
(Wirsig)

10/76

November 17 is Annual Budget Day at LWVMN office, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Any Leaguer is welcome to attend, or mail suggestions. In addition to preliminary \$ figures for 1977-78, we will discuss how Needed Local League Support to LWVMN is divided up into the Suggested Support Figures for each local League. Do you like Fair Share System? What alternative do you suggest?

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E  
(Waldo)

10/76

Our sincere thanks go to those Leagues who helped with the Northwestern Bank project. 1,394 persons were registered, and many cards were distributed for registration by mail.

The ABC Key Precinct Reporting Project needs clarification. There are 65 key precincts throughout Minnesota. The reporters in those precincts may also be doing reporting for NES (News Election Service). There are two different and separate responsibilities. ABC contracts with the Minnesota LWV and other state Leagues for reporting national election results. (ABC also is part of the NES media pool.) For ABC we report presidential and senate races; NES requests reports for all the returns. As Minnesota Coordinator, I ask that the ABC report call be made first. The calls to ABC can usually be made quickly and should not delay the NES call.

Election Judge Training - The Secretary of State is planning a television program specifically to train Minnesota election judges. Former League state Board member Ann Andersen will star in this production as will former state president Mary Ann McCoy, now of the Elections Division, Office of Secretary of State. It is scheduled to be shown on KTCA - Channel 2 on Thursday, October 28, at 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and again on Friday, October 29, at 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Notices have been sent to county auditors and city clerks. Urge your election officials to see it. Check the educational TV schedules for viewing outside of the Channel 2 area.

Voter Registration and Conduct of Elections - We would appreciate knowing the number of persons you have registered for Election '76. We have been proud of your efforts and would like to let others know how effective the League has been in this area. We would also like to know of any problems you've encountered with voter registration and with the conduct of elections. We are planning the 1977-78 Citizen Information/Voters Service budget and need to know what your needs are and how the state League can be of help to your local League.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

10/76

1. Addition to Tips on Filing: Add Outlook to the A (for Administration) section and Action Guide to the Pm (for Program) section, please. Records of action taken, e.g. letters to your Congressman, letters to the editor, should be filed with the particular Program, or you may want to have a separate Action file following the study materials. Devise the system so it's most convenient for you.
2. We apologize for a typo on the change in presidents last month. Duluth's president is Virginia EKHOLM.



(Leaguekeeping - 10/76 - continued)

3. Found: Since September 10 we've had a tweedy beige sweater with a "reneé tener for Outlander" label and matching belt hanging on the office's coat rack. Will the real owner please claim? We also have a red, light-weight windbreaker which appeared some time during September -- I think at a committee meeting.
4. Membership list forms were mailed to local Leagues with the Outlook in June. We're enclosing another one in case the first one got lost. We use those lists to check against our Minnesota VOTER mailing list to be sure we match your numbers. We need every member's name, not just new members.

In no way does this remove the necessity of your sending us monthly those adds, drops, changes, transfer lists. We frequently get complaints about people not getting their VOTERS. When we check back, the reason is often that the local League did not send us the name. We can't send to people we don't know about.

With the cost returns for wrong addressed now being 25¢ each -- last mailing's bill was \$8.50 -- it's imperative that you get the changes in at the beginning of each month. Besides, your members don't like it when they don't get their VOTERS, especially when it's a Program one.

5. Included with this mailing is the CAPITOL LETTER subscription form. They're to be returned to the office by January 3 -- with the money. If you want or need more blanks, we'll send them to you for 1¢ each plus postage.

F. Y. I.

10/76

The University of Minnesota Extension Independent Study has a series of radio cassette credit courses. Some of those offered include: Power and the Individual, Economic and Social Securities, Parent-Child Relationships, Psychological Environment of Women, and Women in Politics. For more information write: Extension Independent Study, 27T Westbrook Hall, University of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The same division also has TV Independent Study Course. Two courses this fall are Heredity and Human Society and From Enlightenment to Revolution: Our 18th Century Heritage. Write the above address for more details.



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# BOARD MEMO

N O V E M B E R - D E C E M B E R 1976

Calendar

November 25, 26 - "Turkey Time" - state office closed

December 1 - CMAL consensus due  
7 - LWV-Minneapolis briefing on taxes (see Inter-League)  
9 - CMAL Board meeting  
24, 31 - Holiday time - state office closed  
27 - 30 - office on short hours, 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

January 1, 1977 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 3 - CAPITOL LETTER subscriptions due in state office (see flyer accompanying October Board Memo)
- 6 - CMAL Board Meeting
- 11 - State Board Meeting
- 15 - Part I Annual Reports due to LWVUS and LWVMN
- 18 - Focus on Emerging Issues (see IR)
- 20 - CMAL Legislators' Lunch (see CMAL)

Included with President's Mailing

(Please distribute to appropriate portfolio)

Council on the Economic Status of Women Letter\*  
Financing State Government: discussion questions; excerpts from "It's Your Business"; poem by Sharon Dlugosh\*  
Reprints of STAR editorial and Letter to the Editor re Open Appointments\*  
Development Committee Questionnaire  
LWV of Roseville Memo re Proposed State Study of "the amending process of the MN Constitution"\*  
Memo to Local League Boards from Harriett Herb re Nonpartisanship\*  
Membership flyer\*

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

11/76

At its meeting of November 9, the State Board

- . approved the appointment of Emily Schmitz as Director for Development and Public Relations;
- . approved the hiring of Judy Medelman as Assistant to the President for PR and Development (see August 1976 Board Memo for details);
- . appointed Connie Metcalf, LWV-Fridley, and Pat Wirtanen, LWV-West Dakota County, as members of the statewide budget committee; (See September Board Memo for other members.)
- . voted to charge admission for the Focus on Emerging Issues seminars on International Relations with Human Services Reorganization should outside funding sources not be available;
- . approved the consensus on sentencing (see Criminal Justice section of this Memo);
- . appointed Watson, Reeves, Cushing and Waldo to serve on a task force to study and report to local Leagues about Principles and Program Positions relating to special elections to fill Senatorial vacancies.

\*Also being sent on DPM

(State Board Happenings - 11/76 - continued)

TASK FORCE REPORT

The recent action taken in filling the vacant Senatorial seat has pointed out an inconsistency in Minnesota statutes which require an election for vacancies in the House of Representatives but allow a Senate vacancy to be filled by appointment. Since people in Minnesota look to the League for guidance on issues involving representative government and election procedures, it was decided to have a task force study our Principles and Program Positions to see if we have ground for action. Two statements in our Principles seem applicable: "The League of Women Voters believes in representative government.....," and "The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people....." Our task force has not come to a decision; some feel the Principles are being stretched, while others feel they justify action. Let us hear from you if you and your Board feel strongly about this issue.

At first glance, any action might seem to have strong political overtones. The Independent-Republican Party initiated a petition drive for a special election prior to Governor Anderson's announcement. Of his decision we are, however, addressing a "good government" issue which crosses party lines. Our nonpartisan image is enhanced when we support issues, regardless of which political party favors them.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

11/76

Sentencing Consensus: Thanks much for the push to get your consensus on Sentencing in on time. We will now be ready for the 1977 legislative session which will most certainly be dealing with bills on sentencing. Of the 67 Leagues in Minnesota, 47 reported in on this consensus plus the newly formed provisional League, Northern-Scott County. It was a very clear consensus with no debates for the committee on your decisions. As you read this consensus, you will note that we also included your negative and no-consensus responses. We felt this would help all of us understand our position on sentencing. The Statement of Consensus is as follows:

Statement of Support:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota supports sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety. These decisions are to be made by the judge within legislative guidelines.  
Explanation:

Consideration of the crime should include mitigating and/or aggravating circumstances. Strong support is given for use of diversion and contracts between offenders and authorities. Basing the sentence only on the seriousness of the crime or only on the needs of the offender is not considered adequate. No consensus was reached on plea bargaining, sentence length or good time.

Consideration in sentencing the offender should include factors such as the need for drug counseling, a marketable skill, academic training, psychiatric treatment.

Restitution should also be included when appropriate. Consideration should also be given to the availability of a residence and/or employment and the resolution of the causative situation.

The effect on public safety was a concern of a majority of responding units. This concern is also reflected in our statement under Corrections.

The consensus supported a presumptive sentencing model approach over all the other sentencing models. A negative response was given to indeterminate, administratively fixed and judicially fixed models. No consensus was reached on determinate or legislatively fixed models.



N A T U R A L     R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

11/76

Last month we asked you to boycott non-returnable plastic milk containers. We haven't changed our minds about that. However, the plastic industry has since run newspaper ads quoting tentative results of a study done by the Midwest Research Institution for the EPA. The statistics quoted seem to say that plastic non-returnable containers are better than paper ones. We find this hard to believe. We are in the process of obtaining a copy of this report and will send you the findings. One fact is irrefutable: plastic containers are made from oil, a non-renewable and expensive resource.

H U M A N     R E S O U R C E S  
(DeSantis)

11/76

Equal Educational Opportunity: Desegregation -

In August of this year the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights released a report entitled "Fulfilling the Letter and the Spirit of the Law: Desegregation of the Nation's Public Schools." This is pleasant reading for those of you who have become discouraged over attitudes toward busing to achieve racial balance. It is an encouraging report of the many school districts which have desegregated without fanfare.

After conducting a national survey of 1,292 school districts, 37 of these in depth, the Commission concludes that when national, state, and local leaders accept the fact that school desegregation is a constitutional imperative and pledge themselves to make it work, it does indeed work. They recommend that the federal government make a major investment of time and resources in order to deal with the many misconceptions relative to desegregation.

The state LWV office has a copy of this report on file. It should also be available at your local library.

Women's Issues -

The Minnesota Council on the Economic Status of Women, created by the last Legislature, is getting into full swing. Nina Rothchild, whom many of you know as a feminist who has been active in the area of sexism in education, has been hired as the Executive Secretary. A letter from her, explaining the Council and some of its projected activities, is included with this Memo mailing. Ask your president for it if you have not seen it.

Dolores Hastings of our LWVMN Human Resources Committee is monitoring these Council meetings for us.

Hats Off Department -

Congratulations to the New Brighton League, which has recently published its second report on student perceptions of native Americans. This one, entitled "Young People's Concepts of Native Americans," presents the results of a survey taken among suburban 9th and 12th grade students. The students were asked questions to measure their information in the two areas of Indian People and History and Indian People Today.

Congratulations too to the Human Services Committee of the Rochester League. In October they presented material at their unit meetings which examined the provision of human services (corrections, mental health, health, hospital and social services) in their community, as well as the Human Services plan developed under the Human Services Act. Following this, they received an invitation from their county commissioners to present the information on the Human Services Act to the County Board.

Equality of Opportunity for Homosexuals -

A representative of the Gay Rights Caucus recently met with three members of the state Board to solicit support for upcoming legislation regarding homosexuals. Their caucus hopes to introduce bills again this session, but at this point in time they believe they are going to change their request from that of previous sessions. Instead of asking for equal rights in all areas, they will probably seek it only in the areas of housing and employment.

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A small minority of homosexuals who persist in talking about marriage and adoption have raised questions in some persons' minds as to what constitutes "public services" and "public accommodations." Thus the caucus will probably temporarily abandon their quest for equal opportunity in these areas.

In light of the discussion and consensus at our last LWVMN state convention, we felt comfortable in assuring the Gay Rights Caucus of our support. We asked for, and will be receiving, some materials from this group. These will be passed on to local Leagues as they are received. We hope that local H.R. Chairmen will help interpret these materials so that we will gain better understanding among all League members than in 1975. If individual members still have questions, I would be happy to hear from them.

EDUCATION  
(Shaw)

11/76

The in-depth survey questionnaire sent to 18 selected local Leagues on Friday, November 12, should be returned to the state office by December 15. I will be in touch with those of you who are doing the interviews to answer any questions you might have and to give you some help.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT  
(Anderson)

11/76

Enclosed in the 3rd class mailing are several items for you:

- General discussion questions for LWV's doing December units on Taxes. These are only suggestions; you may prefer using your own discussion questions.
- Excerpts from It's Your Business: Local and State Finance, by L. Laszlo Ecker-Racz. If you don't already have a copy of this book for your FSG committee, we again urge you to order it from the National Municipal League, 47 East 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021. It costs \$4. We borrowed the excerpts from the LWV Kansas VITER; they're involved in the same sort of study as ours (as are Iowa and New Jersey).
- A poem by Sharon Dlugosh, LWV New Brighton, which you may want to use in your bulletin for encouraging member interest.

The state FSG committee is deep into research/writing for the expenditures publications. If we're not serving your immediate needs, it's because we have "tunnel vision" right now -- a necessity if the job is to be done by spring. Please call me or the state office with any questions you may have.

Also, we need input in forming consensus questions on taxes and expenditures. We'll be following the guidelines presented at the '75 convention by the consensus committee chaired by Dottie Stone. Is there anyone out there willing to help write the questions? Is there anyone who would like to participate in a mock-unit meeting to pre-test the questions? Let us know who you are! These activities will probably be taking place in January and will be open to all.

FSG PUBLICATIONS

Your requests for the Primer of Minnesota Taxes and Minnesota's Multi-Tax System have been flowing in. Many of you have been requesting more copies than you have League members. For the moment, we will be sending you only enough copies for your members. Next month, when we have cards saying that these publications are presented as a public service by the LWVMN and when we have sample speeches for you to use, we will send the balance of your order.

We also urge those of you presenting these publications to other civic groups, your city council and school board, etc., to ask for 5 minutes' time on their agendas to make the speech and present the material.

Please keep an accurate list of those persons receiving copies of these 1st two publications and be sure that they get the next two which will be out in the spring. It isn't very educational or helpful for someone to know where

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the money comes from without also knowing what that money buys.  
Some of you may feel we're being a mite fussy about these publications.  
However, we want your League to get the maximum mileage out of these publications.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Davies)

11/76

Be sure to mark your calendars for the January 18th Focus on Emerging Issues meeting devoted to International Relations. Encourage your members and other in your community to attend. Full details are in the November-December VOTER.

We do peruse your minutes and bulletins, but we don't always hear about all of the neat things you're doing. Let us hear how you're handling the IR topic...failures as well as successes! Another League can benefit from your ideas and experiences. And don't forget to contact nearby Leagues if you have a speaker they might like to hear. Here are some ideas:

- . Rochester held a very successful UN Day luncheon and workshop in conjunction with other community groups.
- . Since your committee will soon be the local "experts" on the UN and relations between developed and developing nations, why not contact local high school social studies teachers and invite yourselves to speak to their classes? Or, invite social studies teachers to your unit meetings.
- . Include a quiz in your bulletin or use it to stimulate discussions in unit meetings. Here are a few possible questions; make up more of your own:

1. In 1960 a developing country's revenue from selling 25 tons of rubber would purchase 6 tractors. Today it will purchase:  
a. 4 tractors      b. 2 tractors      c. 8 tractors
2. Immediately following WWII, the U.S. led development assistance to the poor and devastated countries of the world. Of the total government development assistance provided poorer nations today by the rich nations, the U. S. provides what percentage?  
a. 30%      b. 80%      c. 10%
3. The UN has set a goal of 0.7% of GNP as a target for aid to developing nations. In 1974 how did the U. S. compare with this goal?  
a. .25%      b. 3%      c. .02%
4. The United States consumes nearly what % of the world's annual output of raw materials?  
a. 20%      b. 80%      c. 40%
5. The per capita contribution of Americans towards official development assistance amounts to about:  
a. \$5.50      b. \$1.62      c. 25¢
6. Agricultural commodities and other primary goods comprise what per cent of the export earnings of developing nations?  
a. 20%      b. 50%      c. 80%
7. The developing nations would like to increase their share of world trade in manufactured goods from:  
a. 30 to 50%      b. 7% to 25%      c. 15% to 30%

Dates to Remember:

January 18 - Focus on Emerging Issues  
April 15 - Consensus on UN due

Answers to quiz: 1. b; 2. a; 3. a; 4. c; 5. b; 6. c; 7. b



COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES  
(Enders)

11/76

Legislators' Lunch will be held on Thursday, January 20th, at the St. Paul Hotel. Please encourage as many members as possible to attend. The invitations will be sent to legislators and Metropolitan Council members on December 27th. It would be very helpful if your League would follow up with a personal contact. Full details are in the CMAL bulletin.

Time for Action - CMAL has begun a campaign to encourage the governor to open the appointment of Metropolitan Council members to citizen input. Eight members are up for appointment in January. If your League would like to help us, a letter to the governor and a letter to the editor of your local paper would be appreciated. (Enclosed are copies of a STAR editorial and letter to the editor re Open Appointments.) A sample letter will appear in the CMAL bulletin.

CMAL/208 Task Force has initiated its campaign to identify individuals who would like to become involved and informed regarding the Water Quality Management Program at the Metropolitan Council. Your League has already received an introductory letter and bulletin article. Now we are asking you to help in arranging a public meeting in your community to introduce the 208 program. A letter giving full particulars will be sent to your League president. We realize the demands put on local Leagues, but broad public participation in this initial introductory stage is essential. We appreciate your cooperation.

Lively Issues - The form to be returned with your League's recommended study program for CMAL will appear in the January bulletin. March 1st is the deadline for its return.

LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

11/76

So your committee is gathering local information like crazy. It's not too soon to start planning how you will share all these choice insights with your fellow League members. If you are aiming at consensus and a stated position by spring, you need well-informed, interested members. And if you anticipate local action to "move" your community, you need that interest to be reflected in commitment.

How do you best convey this information? Leagues use a variety of means, and your committee should be considering how you want to present local program. Discussion in units is the most common method, but a good discussion requires thought-provoking, progressive questions, a lively discussion leader, and some prior knowledge of the subject by most participants. Can you manage that kind of a "package"? Would a panel presentation be a different approach for your units? Could you use committee members (or outsiders) for experts, plant questions, and get your members involved too? Does your subject seem appropriate for visual analysis? Would a "go-see" tour and discussion be helpful? Would your budget include a slide presentation? Would a tongue-in-cheek skit (scripts in hand, of course!) or a "role-playing" situation adequately present information and points of view, followed by discussion or comments? A single speaker can be most informative and very interesting, but if that is your choice, don't stop there. You still need to solicit reaction from your members and to get them to share impressions and opinions.

Do use your VOTER to spread the information needed by every member. Be aware of typing and editorial deadlines and cooperate with them, and your editor will be a real addition to your study. (If your information is to be published or duplicated in any way, be sure to plan for distribution to interested and appropriate community leaders and officials.)

We all know this couldn't be you, but there are depressing rumors that some League unit meetings consist of information read aloud to unit members. Don't wait so long to plan your meeting that this is your only option! It's deadly and is likely to prevent the growth and development of that League-stimulant called local program.

MEMBERSHIP  
(Reeves)

11/76

I trust that all of you who didn't come to the October 26th workshop stayed home because you have no membership problems.

The new membership brochures are now available to all Leagues free of charge (a sample is enclosed in this mailing), and all you need to do is send in your order and pay for the postage (office will bill you). Be sure to add your local League name, address and phone number (in blue flair pen?) at the bottom. These can be used as a direct mail piece (to people who went to caucuses, Newcomers, candidates, etc.) or as a "pick up" (in libraries, schools, etc.) or as a small poster. Remember to give a handful to your speakers bureau people. (You do have a speakers bureau, don't you?) And have some at each public meeting you attend (or sponsor) to pass out to interested people.

DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS  
(Schmitz)

11/76

Don't hide your League from the public. Use your local newspaper to help you get more League visibility. Better visibility in your community should make both your membership drive and finance drive easier.

To make this possible AND EASY for your League, a newspaper article will be included in each monthly mailing of the Board Memo. Most community papers are very willing to publish well-written articles if asked. Why not ask your local editor to run a monthly column? Or send it to your paper as an editorial? Remember, all you will have to do each month is see that the enclosed article gets to your paper.

These articles are written by Betty Phelan of the Westonka LWV and will be on a variety of topics -- but all of League interest.

CITIZENS INFORMATION / VOTERS SERVICE  
(Waldo)

11/76

This month's missile to you can be short, (sweet?), and to the point. Your Voters Service projects were really super. You each deserve a commendation for commitment, optimism and bravery in this election year. We appreciate all you have done -- your projects reflect our continuing concern for voters service and education.

The ABC Key Reporting project is almost completed. According to Nina McCall, our supervisor in New York, "...ABC was able to project most races first and in some cases by fantastic times." The Minnesota projections for Senate are as follows:

ABC 9:37  
NBC 9:34  
CBS 10:10

For President the Minnesota projections are:

ABC 9:45  
NBC 9:33  
CBS 10:05

On the air election eve, Howard K. Smith, ABC Commentator, expressed the thanks of ABC News to the League of Women Voters. League members, he explained, report the returns from 3,000 key precincts across the country as part of the ABC news system for projecting election winners. "League volunteers," Smith said, "report accurately and on time from 99.9 per cent of the precincts, and that's an amazing record.

And a special thank you to all of you Voters Service chairpersons who have taken the time to write us about your projects, your successes, and your ideas about how state Voters Service can help you. Your recommendations will be considered as we look ahead to Election '78! I hope to have a report or summary of activities ready for the January Board Memo. But for now, Happy Holidaze!

TREASURERS  
(Hall)

11/76

The sales tax has been paid on the Financing State Government publications, Primer of Minnesota Taxes and Minnesota's Multi-Tax System. Therefore, it is NOT necessary for you to keep a record of these, nor to pay sales or use tax for them.

Recently your LWV-MN received a memorial gift from the LWV-Jackson Area in memory of two of their members, Florence George and Eleanore Lanning.

Your LWV-MN has for many years had a Leadership Memorial Fund which has been used at the discretion of your LWV-MN Board. The moneys are generally spent to send a Board member to conferences defined to be of benefit to all League members in the State of Minnesota. The state office notifies the families of your memorial gifts.

Consider the Leadership Memorial Fund as a way to remember a League member at the time of death.

Included with the presidents' 3rd class mail are two forms which may be of particular interest to you as well as to your entire Board. One is a questionnaire from the Development Committee concerning local League utilization of the Ed Fund. We need to have all questionnaires returned so that we can serve you and your needs better. The second form lists the suggested support asked of local Leagues to support your state organization for fiscal year 1976-77, the amount committed as we have it listed, and the amount paid as of November 15, 1977.

PUBLICATIONS  
(Atchison)

11/76

We no longer have any INDIANS IN MINNESOTA books to give away -- our shelves are bare! Thanks to all of you for helping us get this information out to the public (and clearing some space for the Financing State Government publications!).

We also no longer have any Welcome to the League folders. We've investigated reprinting, but costs would now exceed 25¢ per folder, rather than the 7¢ they used to be. Unless we have overwhelming requests to the contrary, we do NOT intend to reprint those folders.

INTER - LEAGUE

11/76

"Funding the 'Good Life,' a Look at the System," is the title of the LWV-Minneapolis' general meeting/briefing on Tuesday, December 7th. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the new Minneapolis YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Mall. Speakers will be: Rep. William Kelly, Chairman of the Minnesota Tax Study Commission and Chairman of the House Tax Committee, and Arley Waldo, Economist with the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota. Anyone interested is invited to come to this meeting, but since there will be a wine and cheese social hour after the meeting, you will need to make a reservation. Call the Minneapolis League office, 333-6319.

Enclosed is a communique from the Roseville League concerning a proposed state study of "The Amending Process of the Minnesota Constitution."

LEAGUE KEEPING

11.76

Please make the following changes to your local LWV presidents' list:

(1) LWV-Duluth: Dorothy Nelson, 2730 Branch, Duluth 55812, 218-724-2082

(2) LWV-St. Cloud: Carol Meredith, RR 2, Rice 56367, same phone no. for now

On your state Board list:

Add Emily Schmitz, Box 237, Northfield 55057, 507-645-8582, Development and Public Relations portfolios

The LWV of Florida is selling a LWV scarf. It's approximately 22" square, 100% polyester. The background is white with LWVLWVLWV, in alternating red and blue, written across the scarf. Scarves may be ordered for \$6.00 each, payable to LWV Florida, from:

LWV Scarf, 1912 Bonita Way S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712



(Leaguekeeping, 11/76 - continued)

The LWV of the Oxford Area (Mississippi) has handy 2 3/4 x 3 in. gummed labels in blue on white ready for dozens of uses. Easy identification of LWV materials, instant cover design for envelopes, handbooks, folders, packets, and programs without expensive printing.

25 labels - \$1.00

100 labels - 3.50

Order from LWV, Oxford Area, Dr. Katharyn Rea, Box 251,  
University, Mississippi

F O R   Y O U R   I N F O R M A T I O N

11/76

The University of Minnesota offers two credit courses winter quarter over KTCA-TV, Channel 2: The Constitution: What it is Today (Pol 5503, 4 credits, Harold Chase) and Classical Mythology: Myths and the Modern World (Clas 5145, 4 credits, Jackson Hershbell). Each program lasts 30 minutes. Broadcasts can be seen Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. respectively January 3 - March 7, 1977.

In the course about the Constitution, Professor Chase interviews State Representative Phyllis Kahn, State Senator Robert Tennyson, Representative Donald Fraser, Governor Anderson, Judge Miles Lord; David Broder and Peter Braestrup of the Washington Post; former Presidential assistants McGeorge Bundy and James Rowe; former University President Malcolm Moos; and Professor Louis Henkin, a constitutional scholar from Columbia University, who discusses the Constitution and foreign affairs.

Registration for these courses opens December 1 -- a late fee applies after January 14. Call 376-4925 for registration information, or write Extension Independent Study, 27 Wesbrook Hall, 77 Pleasant Street Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Volunteers requested: We've had a request to ask you to ask your members (via your bulletins) if they'd like to volunteer 6 hours per week to answer phone calls coming in to the Food Stamp Hotline which was recently established. They're receiving about 250 calls per day and really do need extra staffing. Hours are 8:00 to 8:00 weekdays, 8:00 to noon Saturdays. Call Jim Gambone or Eileen McCormack at 222-0797 and leave a message.

To: All Bored Boarders and Staff  
From: The Fearless Editor  
Re: A Boarder Bits!  
Date: December 3, 1976

After a rather long hibernation, the fearless editor strikes again!

Unless phone line one is busy or she's involved in something else, the first voice you will hear on the phone is that of our newest -- but known to you all -- staff member, Betty Ann McKaig. (I'd have said "old" for "known to you all," but I do, on occasion, value my teeth!) Betty Ann comes to us with 22 years of League experience; she was the Edina League's executive secretary from 1954 to 1968, when they moved to Chicago. She worked part-time at Common Cause and helped the LWV part-time too, as most of you know. Betty Ann can type like a whiz; she also can take shorthand -- but let's try not to overly abuse that capability!

You also notice when you enter the office that we've rearranged furniture. So the first physiognomy -- go look it up -- you'll see is Betty Ann's too. I'm in a corner where the floor tilts down and away from the desk -- a new sensation.

I hope you all had a better Thanksgiving than the Waldos, who thought it was a great day for the flu -- the tummy kind.

Lucas is now driving a new Chevette -- burnt orange with 5 on the floor. Hall, you're no longer the only sporty driver!

Jerry returned to town Wednesday evening following LWVUS' "Endangered Species"'s committee meeting. LWV is busily at work on Membership, Finance and Program Management pamphlets. They also feel local LWVs like slide/tape shows for use at unit meetings. (PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE, especially ANDERSEN AND SHAW, please note.)

If any of you have materials for the MINI MEMO, scheduled for typing December 13, please get it in P.D.G. Thanks.

Local LWVs could glom on to a fund raiser if they so desire. They could get up to 10% on whatever tickets they'd sell for the VA Slims Tennis bash to be held in Minneapolis in January. LWVMN will label envelopes for preliminary information re this. The ball when then be in the local LWVs' courts.

Luther Pickering called to invite us to help plan a meeting for next spring on statewide para-transit.

Got thank you notes off to the Hotliners and Northwestern Bank volunteers; complimentary copies of FSGs off to legislators, Congressmen and 400 media people; legislators also got congrats letters and Program for Action.

Rep. Kelly stopped in the office to pick up more FSG pubs. He thinks the pubs. are great. He intends to write all legislators asking them to read and retain their copies. Good show, Karen and committee!

We're trying -- desperately -- to get cleaned up around here. Let's hope we get the time. So try to take it easy through January 3, please! Shop, party, whatever, but please don't generate scads until 1-3-77! Thanks.



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MEMO

TO: All Boarders

FROM: The Staff

SUBJECT: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DATE: December 23, 1976

*Your crazy staff says thanks for the cheezes,  
For under our trees, it surely does please us.*

*Georgeann brought them in all gaily wrapped,  
But she didn't catch us taking a nap.*

*We were busily working (!) at making your gift --  
Giving our "nest" a needed face lift.*

*We're getting ill from being so neat --  
But before entering the door "WIPE YOUR FEET!"*

*We just want to say working for you all is a pleasure --  
Health, happiness and happy holidays to friends we all treasure.*



#### DECEMBER MINI-MEMO

This Mini-Memo is sent your way,  
During the season that's s'posed to be gay,  
Just to remind you League work doesn't cease  
Even tho you're busy preparing festive feasts.

We'll keep this Memo short and light;  
Please don't put it completely outa sight.  
The info herein, except for one section,  
Can, however, wait till you finish gift selection.

This Mini-Memo goes only to you prezes,  
So please tell your Boarders what it sezzes.  
On behalf of your staff - Betty Ann, Peggy, Pat and Judy -  
Happy Holidays from Harriett - yours tru d y.

#### Calendar

December 24 and 31 - Office Closed

27- 30 - Office Hours 9:00 - 1:00 only

JANUARY 1, 1977 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

4 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office

6 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office

10, 12, 14 - Lobbyist and Observer Training Sessions - 9:30 - state office

11 - State Board Meeting

14, 15 - "Prisons & Minnesota's Future" Seminar (see flyer)

18 - Focus - U.S. Relations with the Developing Nations (see flyers)

20 - CMAL Legislators' Lunch

Included with 3rd Class Mailing (Please distribute to appropriate chairpersons):

U.S. Relations with Developing Nations - flyers - 5/LWV

Prisons and Minnesota's Future seminar flyer

FSG speech and card (See Nov-Dec '76 Board Memo, pp. 4-5)

Newspaper article prepared for your use by Betty Phelan

208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin

LWV (of Florida) Scarf flyer

#### T A S K F O R C E (Watson)

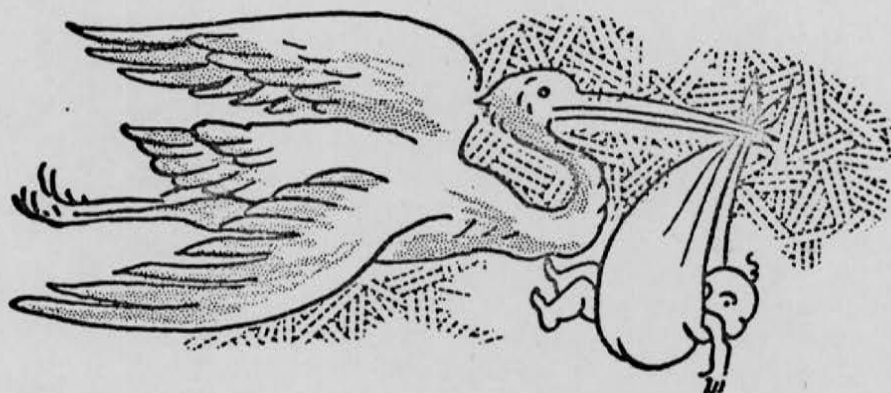
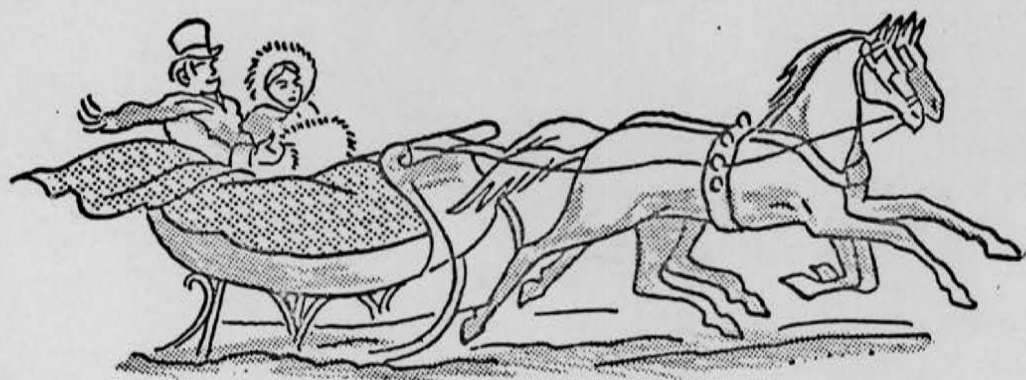
12/76

We have had replies from 8 Leagues, the majority supporting action on the basis of our principles. There exists some misunderstanding; it was never our intent to take any action on the Anderson appointment, only to guard against future Senate vacancies being filled by appointment. We appreciate your thoughtful replies and remind other Leagues that there is still time to respond.

#### N A T U R A L R E S O U R C E S (Poppleton)

12/76

The final draft report on milk containers written by Midwest Research Institute to the Environmental Protection Agency indicates that plastic non-returnables are slightly better, environmentally, than the plastic coated paperboard cartons! The conclusions of the report came as a bomb shell; my face is crimson, and I apologize to all who have started work on a ban on the non-returnable plastic containers. There are no studies at present which refute the report, so we have no recourse but to accept the report and drop our action on milk containers. We will concentrate our efforts on the beverage container deposit legislation.



(Natural Resources - 12/76 - Continued)

According to the report:

1. The type of plastic used in the containers and also to coat paperboard cartons is poly-ethelene. This is a waste product of natural gas and would be burned off into the atmosphere if not used. Therefore, it is not technically using a non-renewable resource.
2. The amount of poly-ethelene used in a plastic container and to coat a paperboard carton is not that much different.
3. The process used in the report is the same one (and conducted by the same firm) as the report on pop and beer beverage containers. It is called Resource and Environmental Profile Analysis. The process determines resource inputs (raw materials, energy and water) and environmental outputs (air, water and solid wastes). The analysis begins with raw material extraction and proceeds through material processing, container manufacturing, and container use and discard.
4. The clear winner in all areas is the returnable plastic container. The MRI report uses 50 trips for its analysis. Local dairies claim they can make 100 trips. The only concern about these containers was a health one. There were reports that contaminants would leach into the milk. The report found that this problem was solved by the dairies by the use of an "electronic sniffer." As each container is returned to the dairy, a sniffer is inserted into the neck. This machine detects traces of whatever was stored in the container previously. If the substance is potentially harmful, a hole is punched in the container, rendering it useless. The "sniffers" are sensitivity set and sealed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Kudos to Ann Thomas for her successful regional workshops. From all reports, they were well attended and well organized. Thanks to all the local Leagues who worked so hard organizing and staffing them.

W A T E R            208 Planning in the Metro Area is being administered by the Metro (Lake)            Council. CMAL has received a grant to monitor public participation in this planning process, and Metro Area Leagues have been receiving information from the CMAL 208 Task Force. Outstate Leagues will receive, with this mailing, a brochure describing the guidelines for involvement in 208 planning in the rest of the state (which is being administered by the PCA). Please let Mary Poppleton or me (Joyce Lake, 2442 Jansen, White Bear Lake, 55110, 777-3426) know if there are any Leaguers serving on Regional Water Quality Management Planning Advisory Committees. The PCA is also publishing a monthly 208 newsletter, a copy of which is also enclosed for outstate Leagues. It's available, free of charge, from Shirley Dougherty, MPCA, 1935 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113.

F O C U S   O N   H U M A N   S E R V I C E S   R E O R G A N I Z A T I O N   12/76  
(DeSantis)

The second meeting in the Focus series will be held on Tuesday, February 15, and the subject will be Human Services Reorganization. Bill Quirin, Director of the Governor's Office of Human Services, will present a brief history of the attempts to reorganize the planning and delivery of human services in Minnesota. He will also describe a plan for restructuring several state departments into two larger departments -- one for employment security and one for health and social services. In addition, a professional, a county commissioner, and a consumer are being asked to report on what has been taking place in counties which already have attempted a Human Services Board and plan. A legislator will describe where it is all at in the Legislature.

We hope that this will present every Leaguer with an opportunity to become informed on what is a complex but very important emerging issue in Minnesota.



CORRECTIONS  
(Nystuen)

12/76

The Minnesota Prisoners Union is proud to be sponsoring a program for public discussion on issues they feel are important and possibly pivotal at this time in determining penal policy -- Determinate Sentencing, the Future of Prisons, prison labor, and rights of convicted women. Enclosed is a copy of the format and participants for the event. There is no admission charge for the event, and the public is strongly encouraged to attend. The Minnesota Prisoners Union received a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission; the findings, conclusions, etc., of the program do not necessarily represent the views of the MHC or NEH.

Arlene Nystuen, member of the LWV of M-E.P.-H and State Criminal Justice Committee, has represented the LWV in the planning meeting of the seminar and requests that the information appear in your bulletins.

## LEAGUEKEEPING

12/76

REMINDER: You may use the January Board Memo to promote your suggestions for State Program. Please keep your material brief so we can accommodate everyone. Material must be in the state office by January 13.

Some time ago the LWVMN subscribed to a clipping service -- but it was prohibitively expensive, and we dropped it. We're hoping that you can help us accomplish the same thing, at no cost to any of us! If all our Minnesota Leaguers when reading their local weekly or daily papers and seeing an item about LWVMN would clip it and send it on to us, we would appreciate it. It's the only way we can tell if the myriad releases we sent to the over 300 Minnesota papers are printed. Many thanks.

A REMINDER that LWVMN would like to get copies of all important correspondence sent to LWVUS: We usually get copies of their replies to you -- it's frustrating not to know what your inquiry was.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

12/76

A Legislative Conference will be held on January 15 from 11:30-3:30 in the Classroom Office Building, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota. Gene Mammenga will give the keynote address. Workshops on Child Health and Welfare, Housing, Nutrition, Energy, Consumer Issues and Environmental Quality will follow. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Verna Mikesch, MN Home Economics Association, 1192 California Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108.

US . . . Magazine, a new quarterly, is by, for, and about those who are victims of exploitation and discrimination in the society. Their first issue centered on the judicial process and the prison system because it is there where all these oppressions are felt in their most brutal forms. Subsequent issues will continue with information about the prison system as well as focusing on racism, sexism, discrimination against the aged and young, so-called handicapped, against gay people, and so on. Some of the articles in the first issue of US . . . dealt with determinate sentencing, conditions in various prisons, the utter failure of corrections, the death penalty, juvenile "justice," and treatment for sex offenders. Subscription rates are \$2.50 per issue; \$9.00 for four issues; Institutions, \$15 for four issues. For more information or to subscribe, write: US . . . Magazine, P.O. Box 3816, Loring Station, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

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LWVMN has sent 30-second spot public service announcements asking individuals to help pay for the debates. They're asked to call their local LWV for further details. We have also sent all local papers a press release and complimentary copies of the two Financing State Government publications. So listen and watch for each, please.



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# BOARD MEMO

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Calendar

- January 15 - Part I, Annual Reports, were due to LWV-US and -MN  
(Did you get those pink slips in on time?)
- February 1 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
2 - Financing State Government Committee Meeting - 12:30 - state office (see FSG section)  
3 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
5 - Women and the Law (See FYI)  
7 - JRLC Day on the Hill (see FYI)  
8 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
15 - Focus on Emerging Issues - Human Services: Reorganization and Realities (see HR/EO and flyer)  
21 - Bylaw proposals and first round state Program suggestions due in state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102)
- March 15 - Part II, Annual Reports, due to LWV-US and -MN
- June 2 & 3 - State Convention at St. Olaf College, Northfield

Included with 3rd Class Mailing to Presidents

(Please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairperson)

Memo to local League presidents re proposed state Bylaw changes\*  
Outline History of the BWCA  
Dutch Elm Disease - the Battle with the Beetle\*  
Newspaper article on Federalist Papers prepared by Betty Phelan for your use in your local papers\*  
Education UPDATE  
UPDATE on Open Meeting Law\*  
Council for the Economic Status of Women newsletters - 1 and 2  
208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin  
Human Services: Reorganization and Realities flyer - 5/League and M-A-L's

\*Also being sent on DPM

B O U Q U E T S T O - - -

Mary Davies and Jerry Jenkins from Ruth Robbins, LWV-US Chairman of International Relations, who wrote: "The November/December 1976 Minnesota Voter is an International Chairman's delight. It is a perfect example of using the bulletin to provide information on an item and background for discussion units. Does the Minnesota LWV usually devote an entire issue of its Voter to one item or was this to help local Leagues prepare members for consensus? I congratulate you on an excellent job. You covered Trade, Aid and the UN - who could ask for more? I wish there were more like it."

Bemidji Area League and Peggy Desizlets, CI/VS chairperson, who was chosen unanimously by the Jaycees as Bemidji Woman of the Year. A contributing factor could have been her direction of a voter registration drive that resulted in the Bemidji Area League's registering 1,500 new voters!

STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

1/77

At its meeting of January 11, the State Board voted to

- approve the request of the LWV of Jackson-Sherburn to change its name to the LWV of the Jackson Area;
- give MN legislators lists of local League presidents and lobbyists (see Action section);
- delay the sending - as well as the taking - of consensus questions re Education's Teacher Tenure/Public Employee Bargaining until fall.

INTRODUCING OFFICE PERSONNEL

1/77

When you call the office, the first person you will probably talk to - or see - will be Betty Ann McKaig, our new secretary. Betty Ann was executive secretary for the LWV of Edina from 1956 to 1968, when transfers took them to Chicago and Omaha before returning to Eden Prairie.

TASK FORCE ON FILLING SENATE VACANCIES

1/77

There is still time to express your Board's opinion to using our Principles for action on Senate vacancies. Red Wing League pointed out that vertical action should be considered, which means local elections as opposed to appointments. Two bills have already been introduced requiring elections.

DEBATES - ED FUND

1/77

(Hall)

On page 8 of the September National Board Report, there is an explanation about giving to the Debates Fund. All Local Leagues in Minnesota are incorporated under the group number of the LWVMN. If you are not incorporated on your own, you may send a donation from your League. If you are planning to make a contribution or have made a contribution, show it as a membership donation on the income and expense side of your treasurer's report. When sending the money, send a letter stating where the money was raised. It cannot be money from your finance drive that was given by a union or corporation.

The easiest method is to collect personal checks and mail with a cover letter.

Don't let a small technical matter turn off your efforts to help cover the cost of the 1976 Presidential Debates!

DEVELOPMENT & PR

1/77

(Schmitz)

Again with this Board Memo there is enclosed another article for your local paper. Are you using these? They do make for good PR between local Leagues and your community.

Judy Medelman requests that you clip all news items about state League appearing in your local paper and send them to her. This is the only way we have of judging our effectiveness. This will be even more important as the legislative session moves on. Press releases will be sent by the state office to the local media when the League does something that affects your locality. The best way for you to keep abreast of all the action is to read the CAPITOL NEWS LETTER.

In the area of Development, we are seeking funding for the Financing State Government study and the Education Study. We have just received a voters service/citizen information type grant from Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, about which you will hear and learn more later. In the same vein, do you have suggestions for media oriented "canned meetings" that we can acquire for use by local Leagues?

MEMBERSHIP

1/77

(Reeves)

The long awaited national publication on Membership has arrived. If you have not seen it yet, rush over to your president's and grab her copy and REJOICE! (If your presi-



(Membership - 1/77 - continued)

dent has not rushed it into your hands already, something is amiss, and you should look into THAT!) I have read it carefully and think that IT'S ALL THERE, and our problem is how to make the very best use of it for our own League. If you're wondering WHERE to start, I have a suggestion; a plan.

- . provoke discussion by giving the "Locked Out" test (page 31 of Membership Management: getting a handle on the job; publication No. 495, LWVUS - \$1.50)
- . "move" to order a number of books for Board study, i.e., one for every 2 Board members.
- . "move" that a special Board meeting be called to discuss Membership after each Board person has studied book . . . it will TAKE TIME!
- . ask for a Board committee to be formed to follow up on a PLAN for Membership development (i.e., Bulletin editor, PR person, speakers bureau chairperson, local study chairperson - or better still, the whole Board.)

I think this is one of the best League publications I've seen - an excellent tool. To quote, "Though state and national levels (of LWV) can provide tools, ideas, training and PR, the ultimate responsibility for getting and keeping members depends on the enthusiasm, interest, plans and follow-through of each local League."

If, after reading and discussing the publication, you have questions, suggestions (for state Board, for instance), etc., will you call me? Or drop me a line? (Jean Reeves, RR3, Northfield, MN 55057, 507-645-6161)

C I T I Z E N S   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E  
(Waldo)

1/77

Reports on your fall activities for CI/VS continue to come in. The list and scope of activities offer evidence of the fact that many Leagues are able to identify the particular needs of their communities and gear projects to meet those needs . . . voter registration, voter education, monitoring election procedures. At the end of this section are some brief reports received during the last month.

This is the time to do your planning for Voters Service for school board elections. Remember that we have responsibility for identifying qualified (interested, competent?) candidates and encouraging them to file. The voter turnout in most communities is abysmally low for school board elections. The League can have a positive impact on these numbers of voters. Again, assess your communities' needs. Are voters informed about the candidates and/or issues? Do they know where to vote and what the qualifications are for voting?

The state Board has the responsibility for state-wide long range planning. We need to know what kinds of Voters Service publications or aids (training, displays, visual aids, etc.) would help you do an even better job as we look ahead to precinct caucuses and Election '78. We are getting some feedback from a few Leagues about candidates questionnaires -- have you responded?

Crystal-New Hope - Planned and coordinated a community education class in October entitled "Election Year Workshop: A City Looks at Government." Course covered local government, county government, judicial system, national government with League publications to supplement speakers for each topic.

Edina - Drove citizens to the polls all day. Manager of Mr. Steak gave all drivers a free lunch.

Fairmont - Registered 760 people in one day. Totalled 96 hours on all V.S. work.

St. Paul - Will solicit election judge complaints and complaints about election judges. Will study how training could be improved to meet the problems of implementing the new voter registration laws. Research how to improve registration at the polls. Encourage fewer but larger candidates meetings. Have a comprehensive questionnaire,

(Citizens Information/Voters Service - continued)

even charge for it, to cut down on massive amount of questionnaires that candidates must fill out.

West Dakota County - Lakeville has accepted League's offer to do election training and voter registration.

LOCAL AGENDA / PROGRAM  
(Jones)

1/77

Can you think ahead to springtime and annual meetings??? Because League values suggestions from members and Board communication to members, advance time requirements on local program are written into local by-laws. This means that local presidents and local program coordinators must begin to plan ahead. Now is the time to visit at unit meetings about "what to do next year?"; to question observers about potential issues; to review the criteria for choosing local program (Local League Handbook, p. 23, or In League: Guidelines for League Board, p. 34). Your Board needs to hear all the ideas that have surfaced to make recommendations to the membership within the time table set by your by-laws - usually two months before annual meeting.

You and your Board first need to evaluate the progress of your current local program item. Will you be in a position to put it on an "action" status by summer? Do you need more time? Is there some phase of a national item that should be applicable to your area? Some Leagues feel free to act without much further study, and others prefer to be specific and obtain additional statements of local position for more effective action.

Don't go looking for a new item if your members do not show much interest or if your League is already very busy on other fronts.

Think vertical program and action; your Board may not need a "local" chairman but assigns all the aspects of certain studies to one person. The following, Roseville's Board plan, uses this idea well:

Government -

National

Campaign Finance  
Citizen Rights  
Reapportionment

Congress  
Presidency  
Voting for D.C.

State

Financing State Government  
Judiciary

Local

Citizen Participation  
CMAL

Cities/Urban Crises

Human Resources

National

Equal access to: Housing  
Employment  
Education

ERA

Income Assistance  
Revenue Sharing

State

Education  
Corrections - Sentencing  
Equal Opportunity

Local

Housing  
Education  
Health Care  
Juvenile Justice

(Local Agenda/Program - continued)

International Relations

National

U.N.

Development

Trade

Natural Resources

National

Air

Water

Solid Waste

Land Use

Energy

State

Support National positions

Local

Capital Improvements

Park and Recreation

C O U N C I L   O F   M E T R O P O L I T A N   A R E A   L E A G U E S  
(Enders)

1/77

Consensus results are ready and will be made available at the January Legislators' Luncheon. The results were overwhelmingly for continuation of an appointed Metropolitan Council. During the upcoming legislative session, CMAL will lobby in accordance with that position.

March Delegates Meeting will be held on March 17th at the Bunker Hill Park Community Center on Highway 242 east of Anoka. The program will be in two parts. The morning session will deal with the Metropolitan Council's recent report by the Mature Areas Task Force and will be a metropolitan look at the Urban Crisis. The afternoon session will be a presentation by the MPCA on the site selection for Hazard Waste Disposal Facilities. Mary Brinda (784-0809) will be taking reservations, and more information will appear in the March CMAL bulletin and in the next state Board Memo.

Nominating and budget reports will be presented at the February 3rd CMAL Board meeting. Any comments or suggestions should be presented to the Board on or before that day.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

1/77

The LWV of West Virginia has sent us information on Senate Bill 63, which will be coming up in this session of Congress. It is a bill we will be watching.

The purpose of SB63 is to secure, for each child under the juvenile jurisdiction of the circuit court, care and guidance, preferably in his own home, that will serve his spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical welfare. The child's family ties are to be preserved and strengthened whenever possible. Recognition is made of the fundamental rights of parenthood and the state's responsibility to assist the family in providing necessary education and training. The child is removed from the custody of the parents only when the child's welfare or safety or the protection of the public cannot be adequately safeguarded without removal.

The bill includes standardized definitions of the "abused," "neglected," and "delinquent" child but does not define the "status offender."

Dispositional powers of the court are clearly defined, and the court is instructed to give precedence to the least restrictive alternative necessary to provide the child's needs. Provision is made to refer the child and parents to community agencies for needed assistance; a correctional institution is used as a last resort.

In the case of the neglected or abused child, the court has powers to dismiss the petition, refer the child and the child's parents to a community agency for needed assistance, return the child to his own home under supervision of the welfare department, order terms of supervision calculated to assist the family, or, if the parents are unable to adequately provide for the child's needs, commit the child temporarily to the custody of the welfare department, a licensed private child welfare agency, or a suitable person. Only when absolutely necessary for the welfare of the child are the resid-



(Criminal Justice - continued)

ual parental rights terminated and the child placed in permanent care and guardianship of the welfare department or a licensed child welfare agency.

Children and parents are fully protected to their right to "due process" by the mandatory appointment of separate attorneys for both child and parent, by a transcript of adjudicatory hearings, by ensurance of confidentiality of records, and by provision for expungement of records. The child, as well as the parent, is given all the procedural rights afforded adults, including the right to testify, to cross-examine witnesses, and to appeal. The child need not be a witness against himself.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 1/77  
(DeSantis)

HUMAN SERVICES SUBJECT OF FEBRUARY FOCUS SERIES -

How many of your local League members are aware of potential changes in the delivery of human services in our state? For several years our Legislature has given encouragement to counties and/or groups of counties to set up Human Services Boards and integrate the human services (e.g. welfare, health, mental health and mental retardation programs) under one umbrella agency. The FOCUS series on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, will provide Leaguers with a chance to inform themselves on developments in this area.

Please urge your members to attend and hear how the Human Services Board has worked in Region 9 in Faribault, Martin, and Watonwan Counties; what a consumer of services in Scott County thinks of their current delivery plan; what Hennepin County has on the drawing boards awaiting action by the County Board; and what major changes in state agencies are being recommended during this session of the state Legislature.

Integration of human services seems to be moving forward in Minnesota. League members should know what this means and become acquainted with both the problems and the potential. Please write an article for your local League bulletin about the meeting on February 15th. Copies of the FOCUS announcements accompany this mailing.

WOMEN'S ISSUES - EDUCATION -

From a perusal of your local League bulletins, women's issues continue to be the HR item you are focusing on the most. I hope you have received from your president a copy of a new LWVUS "Current Focus" entitled "Education: Problems in Equity." It devotes a section to sex discrimination and Title IX. Citizens monitoring is recommended as a must in seeing that this law is enforced. If any local Leagues are doing this, we would be interested in hearing from you.

LWVUS has just sent our state League a packet of good materials on women in education. One, put out by PEER (Project on Equal Education Rights of NOW) lists Resources for Ending Sex Bias in the Schools. Another, published by the Association of American Colleges, Project on the Study and Education of Women, outlines a number of national projects on women in education. Just let me or the state office know if you would like to see some of these materials.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT  
(Anderson)

1/77

The state LWV Financing State Government committee will be meeting Wednesday, February 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. at the state office to discuss the final draft of the FSG consensus questions. All local Leagues are invited to send someone to this meeting so that we may receive your input before the consensus. The committee is still planning to meet the March 1 deadline for Facts and Issues #3 and #4 and also for the committee guide and consensus questions. We have no firm funding as yet for the publications, so we cannot speculate on prices. Watch for an order form in the next Board Memo.

"Big government: Can we regain control?" is a series of Minneapolis TRIBUNE articles by staff writer Bernie Shellum which began in the Sunday, January 9, 1977, edition. This is a superb series which directly addresses our FSG program. Please make every effort to read them, and urge your members to do so too.

(Financing State Government - continued)

Last month the state PR staff sent out 317 press releases about the FSG tax publications (and copies of the pubs.) to weekly and daily newspapers throughout the state. We no longer subscribe to a clipping service, so if any of the newspapers in your area have had related articles, please send them to the state office.

We have numerous copies of FSG, FACTS AND ISSUES #1 and #2, in the state office. You do not need to get them back from your members for community distribution (members may need them in the future). As long as you have specific community groups in mind, contact the state office, and we will be glad to send you as many as you need. Use the speech (sent with the December Board Mini-Memo) when presenting the publications to your city government, school board, Jaycees, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, AAUW, etc. The FACTS AND ISSUES also make excellent "thank you's" to your League's contributors, community "movers-and-shakers." We ask only that you be discriminating in your distribution, that you try to get maximum publicity for your League and that you keep a good record of the persons getting FACTS AND ISSUES #1 and #2 so that those persons also get FACTS AND ISSUES #3 and #4.

There is an errata in FACTS AND ISSUES #2, MN's MULTI-TAX SYSTEM. The errata is corrected in subsequent copies being sent out. Would you please ask those who received the publication earlier to make the following correction on p. 3, column 2, line 4, the sentence beginning "Homeowners": "Homeowners over 65, disabled persons, and renters may claim this credit against their income taxes or receive a cash payment if the amount due exceeds their tax liability; other homeowners must claim it as a cash refund."

LIBRARIES  
(Atchison)

1/77

The possibilities for action in support of library funding were discussed at a meeting of the Action Committee in December. Nancy Atchison, state Board, Carol Pidcock, Minneapolis, and Ann Thomas, Westonka, were invited to participate. As reported in earlier Memos, this issue was brought up at State Council, and a motion passed directing the state Board to examine procedures and find a way to implement a Minneapolis position on library funding at the state Legislature.

Carol Pidcock had gathered information on position of local Leagues including Minneapolis. Ann Thomas has served on a Hennepin County advisory committee on libraries.

It was agreed by this expanded action committee that it would take considerable back-grounding for League members to be prepared for concurrence and that the amount of time and information needed would amount to almost that of a complete study and consensus.

In view of the nature of the issue and the program-making procedures of League, we concluded that a simpler concurrence process was not possible on this item. Leagues are urged to include the library issue in their discussions of state program. If there is sufficient interest, library funding study can be adopted at convention in June and then given more adequate attention.

ACTION  
(Borg)

1/77

Our action efforts have taken us in many directions the last few months including the Minnesota Foreign Policy Forum, an Ad Hoc Committee on Public Affairs in Public Television, and several lobbying courses. At all levels of League we branch out into many groups and try to spread the word on LWV program as far as possible. From your minutes and bulletins it is evident that local Leagues are being heard throughout their communities. Water quality, land use, soil and water conservation, waste disposal, day care, housing, the Human Services Act, sex bias, school district Title 9 requirements, and the ERA are some of the action items covered. Many of you have sent reports or clippings, and we would like to hear from others.

(Action - continued)

Several Leagues have expressed opinions on the national P.A.R. (Political Accountability Rating), because they assume this will be discussed at the LWVUS Council in May. Percentages were eliminated at the 1976 LWVUS Convention, and there is consideration for including them again. Let us know if you have strong opinions pro or con.

The 1977-1978 legislative session is underway, and the Action Committee has been busy getting organized on observers, lobbyists and issues. If any of your members would still like to get involved in this activity, just let us know. We can arrange to meet with them or have a lobbyist include them on her rounds. No one is committed to months of activity just because she is interested in learning something about the process. Free subscriptions to legislative information are available by calling House Information (612-296-2146), or writing Room 8, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155, and by calling Senate Information (612-296-4917), or writing Room B-29, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155. Our LWV CAPITOL LETTER costs \$3.25 for a two-year subscription and brings you the legislative scene through the eyes of your lobbyists - the unexpurgated, uncut view of those who are there.

We have been approached by many to lend LWV support to their concerns. It is important that our contacts continue to flow in both directions. We want legislators to come to us with both requests and information. To facilitate this, we are giving the lists of local League presidents and Capitol lobbyists to the legislators. Because few Leagues have offices, there is no way a local League can be contacted except through the president.

There will be legislation in this session on Open Records and on possible loopholes in the Election Laws. If you have examples of problems in either of these subjects, let us know, so we can include them in our considerations. Both have many ramifications and require careful thought.

Because of the drought the Legislature will be working within a tighter budget than has been available in recent years. Consequently, we expect fewer bills to be passed and a greater consideration of dollars required. The House Appropriations and the Senate Finance Committees might be where the action is.

Each year when the Legislature gets underway, LWV action increases, and questions arise on how we decide which bills to support or oppose. Many members are unfamiliar with the League bylaws and the program-action procedures, so this memo is a brief attempt to explain. We are including some program-action material for you to include in your local bulletin. (Additional copies are available for 1¢ each plus postage and handling.)

In the LWV by-laws under membership, eligibility is defined as "any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League."

The purpose is "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues."

The policy is "The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate."

When you join a local League, you automatically become a member of the state and national organizations. All local Leagues conform to the national and state bylaws. One of the purposes of by-laws is to define responsibilities. Therefore, one of the responsibilities of a local League is to act on issues.

According to the bylaws "members may act in the name of the LWV only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors."

"state and local Leagues and inter-League organizations may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the positions taken by the LWVUS (national by-laws) or LWVMN (state bylaws)."

Selection of LWV program at the state or national level is done at Convention every two years. All program suggestions come from local League members. New program for study



(Action - continued)

is adopted by the Convention delegates. All local Leagues may participate in the study-consensus process. The consensus (or member agreement), arrived at after study, is not a simple majority or unanimity, but a "sense of the group." The sense of all the Leagues in Minnesota determines our program position on a state program item. It is on this position that action is taken.

In addition to new programs adopted for study, all existing program positions are re-considered at each Convention. Delegates vote to retain or drop a position, or re-select the program for additional study. Any changes in bylaws are determined by the Convention following previous consideration by the local Leagues. All LWV members concur with the decisions of the Convention delegate body, and all new members concur with the decisions made at previous Conventions. In the same way, if you miss a consensus meeting, you concur with that consensus without participating in it. Much of our strength lies in the larger organization, and much of our credibility rests on presenting a united front.

Decisions to support or oppose proposed state legislation are usually simple and are made by the Program chairmen and their committees. More difficult decisions are brought to the Action Committee, and the most difficult questions are considered by the entire state Board of Directors. When there is uncertainty and time permits, member opinions are requested. Usually legislation moves too quickly, and local League communication too slowly, to permit this luxury, and it becomes imperative to trust the elected Board to represent member opinion.

All LWV members received the national program in their summer '76 National VOTER. Each member should have a copy of PROGRAM FOR ACTION 1975-1977 STATE PROGRAM with inserts for the more recent consensus positions on education and sentencing and an insert of the LWV Principles. Action at the local level may be taken using national and state positions as well as local positions, and action at all levels is possible using the LWV Principles.

FOCUS ON STATE GOVERNMENT  
(Ann Thomas)

1/77

Our four meetings held in Hibbing, Fergus Falls, Worthington and Austin during November and December were judged successful by those public officials who attended them. A tribute is certainly due to those hardworking hostess Leagues who worked so hard to make them possible.

Communication between various levels of government was cited as one of the most positive results of the meetings. A better understanding of the function of the Regional Development Commissions was certainly another. The keynote speakers contributed much to the tone of the meetings. One, a historian, and the other who called himself a futurist, made the audiences think. Discussion was excellent.

All present would have hoped to do this again -- with more people. Let's think about it.

INTER-LEAGUE ASSISTANCE  
COOPERATIVE, INC.  
(Jones)

1/77

Speaking of annual meetings (see "Local"), do any of you have any scintillating scripts of skits or other dramatic efforts that would provide humor or food for thought for other Leagues? Annual meetings can be fun, and if you have a creative spirit who'd be willing to share, please let us know. Don't think it has to be a masterpiece or be too critical of your own finished product.

We would like to start a collection of these local gems and to serve as a distribution center for "needy" Leagues. Would you let us know if you have something appropriate? We could duplicate a copy and return it to you and begin our library (manilla folder, anyway) of League classics. We then could let you know what is available in subsequent Memo's.

I N T E R - L E A G U E C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

1/77

ST. LOUIS PARK BUMPER STICKERS - Now available from the St. Louis Park LWV, easy peel-off, green and white bumper stickers. The size is 4 x 12 inches. Minimum order of 10. Cost: \$3.00 for 10 plus postage and handling. A bill will be sent with your order. ORDER NOW from: Dee Sprester, 7717 West 24th St., St. Louis Park, MN 55426.

Included with the 3rd Class Mailing to presidents is "Dutch Elm Disease - the Battle With the Beetle," prepared by the LWV-Minneapolis. The material discusses the problem, what can be done, present and proposed legislation.

ATTENTION ALL PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORTERS! The Hennepin County Leagues of Women Voters, after discussion in their October meeting, decided to ask the local Leagues in Hennepin County to "think about" libraries. We are interested in the funding and management of libraries. We realize that with the regionalization of libraries we need to look at them from a wider-than-local viewpoint. There are many good reasons to make this a State program item. Here are a few:

- . The legislators are working on better legislation for libraries;
- . We cannot respond to proposed legislation because we have no state position;
- . As individuals, most Leaguers are interested in GOOD library management.
- . Most of us don't know as much about it as we would like to.
- . There is a wealth of information available to make the task of developing the study minimal.

Our local Leagues are giving the Library item strong consideration in State program making; we hope you will give it strong consideration also.

-- The officers of HCLWV, Barbara Dols, Chairman; Dolores Hastings, Vice Chairman; Karen West, Secretary; Abbie Corson, Treasurer

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

1/77

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: A reminder that program ideas are due in the state office February 21. Hennepin County has a suggestion in this Memo (see Inter-League Communications).

You may be receiving in the mail within the next month or so a booklet "Productivity/Local Government/and You." LWV-Rochester (N.Y.) Metropolitan Area is one of eight Leagues in the country working with the National Commission of Productivity, and their president wrote for a list of local Leagues in order to share their recently completed booklet with Leagues throughout the country.

On your Local League Presidents list, change Brooklyn Park from Beverly Berg to: Marty Doyle, 4817 78th Lane North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443, (612) 561-4942.

For the fifth year, Ladies Home Journal is sponsoring a series of awards to honor outstanding women in America in ten categories. This year Ruth C. Clusen has been nominated in recognition of the League's role in developing the '76 Presidential Debates. The number of ballots each nominee receives is a major factor in the judges' decisions on who receives the awards; the deadline for casting votes is February 15, 1977. The official ballot appears in the January issue of Ladies Home Journal.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

1/77

Transcripts of the 1976 Presidential Debates are available from the national office. These are xeroxes of the New York Times text of each debate; they are offered by LWVUS for \$1.00 per copy (prepaid). Publication number, debate date and topics are as follows:

Publication #357	- September 23	- Domestic and Economic Issues
Publication #358	- October 6	- Foreign and Defense Issues
Publication #359	- October 22	- all issues
Publication #372	- October 15	Vice Presidential (all issues)

(For Your Information - Continued)

MPR AT THE LEGISLATURE - Reports of events at the Minnesota State Legislature will be heard over Minnesota Public Radio (KSJN 91.1 FM) beginning on January 3. Reports of hearings committee meetings and daily sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives will be heard as a part of "All Things Considered" between 5 and 7 each night, as well as within morning news broadcasts at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30, and during the MID-DAY news at 11:30 a.m. The network will also provide live direct coverage of debates of major significance from both the State Senate and the House of Representatives. Listeners throughout the state receive MPR programming on the following stations: KSJR 90.1 FM-Collegeville/St. Cloud; KCCM 91.1 FM-Fargo/Moorhead; KRSW 91.7 FM-Worthington/Marshall; KLSE 91.7 FM-Rochester/Winona; WSCD 92.9 FM-Duluth/Superior.

A copy of the Report of the Commission on Minnesota's Future is in the state office. It will be loaned to you upon request.

Anyone interested in Fur and Trapping Ethics can receive information by writing F.A.T.E., P.O. Box 7283, Minneapolis, MN 55407, or by calling Robert Waligora, FATE's Coordinator, at 729-0534.

On Monday, February 7, 1977, the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) is sponsoring Day on the Hill, at the St. Paul Hotel from 9:00 until 4:00 p.m. A nominal registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged. For more details, contact the JRLC Conference Manager, Ms. Blanche Stalvig, 122 West Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404, 729-1580 or 871-8026. There will be three Open Forums in the afternoon from 1:45 to 3:45 on the following issues: American Indian Legislation, Health Issues, and the Rights of Offenders.

WOMEN AND THE LAW is a forum designed to increase understanding of the legal system, issues of importance to women and alternatives available. Date: February 5, 1977; Place: YWCA Urban Center, 1130 Nicollet Mall, Mpls.; Time: 8:00 - 3:00; Fee: \$18 (does not include luncheon). For more information, contact the University of Minnesota, Continuing Education for Women, 200 Westbrook Hall, 77 Pleasant St. S.E., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 - or call 373-9743.

Both credit and non-credit classes will be available at The College of St. Catherine beginning February 21 on Assertiveness I and II, life/work planning workshops, and match and reading reviews. Staff members of St. Catherine, the University of Minnesota Extension, Metropolitan State University and St. Thomas (New College) are taking part in a one-week program, February 14-18, in the Minneapolis Dayton's store (8th floor auditorium). The program is designed to acquaint adults with the educational options open to them. Representatives from each institution will be available all during the day to answer individual questions. There will also be special lunch-hour presentations on each college's special programs and on questions and concerns of adults considering a return to school. For more information or a brochure on any of these programs, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 690-6542.

The Minnesota State Planning Agency, Office of Local and Urban Affairs, publishes A CATALOG OF SLIDE SHOWS focusing on community development. Slide shows have such titles as: Zoning Administration; Our Leisure Lives; Team Effectiveness; People Helping People; Today Is Yesterday's Tomorrow; Funding Your Community's Future. For a copy of the catalog or more information, contact: Minnesota State Planning Agency, Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, (612) 296-2289.

Women Historians of the Midwest have three films available for sale or rent: Women in Education in Minnesota; Women in the Family in Minnesota; and Minnesota Women in the Arts. For details write: WHOM, P.O. Box 80021, Como Station, St. Paul, MN 55108.



(For Your Information - Continued)

Northwestern Bell publishes a Program Planning Aid with ideas for talks, films, tours, booklets, etc. Contact your nearest Northwestern Bell office for the Aid.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has published Summer Jobs, Opportunities in the Federal Government, announcement No. 414. If you'd like a copy, contact U.S. Civil Service Commission, 196 Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.



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Calendar

- February 21 - Bylaw proposals and first round state Program suggestions due in state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102)
- March
- 1 - Final 1976-77 fiscal year p.m.p.'s and support payments due to LWV-US and -MN respectively (see Leaguekeeping)
  - 3 - CMAL Board Meeting
  - 5 - "Stop the Attacks on Women's Rights" rally (see HR and flyer)
  - 8 - State Board Meeting
  - 15 - Focus on Emerging Issues (See Focus)
    - Part II of Annual Reports due to LWV-US and -MN
  - 17 - CMAL Membership Meeting (See CMAL)
- April
- 15 - UN Consensus due to LWV-US
    - Action Recognition entry due to LWV-MN office
- June
- 1 - Presidents' Workshop (see Service to Local Leagues)
  - 2, 3 - LWV-MN State Convention, St. Olaf College, Northfield

Included with 3rd Class Mailing to Presidents  
(Please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairperson)

208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin

Beverage Container Fact Sheet\*

Ten Minutes for Peace

UN Study, Report on January 18, Focus on Emerging Issues meeting, by  
Judy Rosenblatt\*

Case Studies from the January 18, 1977, Focus on Emerging Issues (Debt - Peru, For Example; Access to Markets: Dominican Republic; Transfer of Wealth: Tanzania; Law of the Sea - The Manganese Nodules)

Newspaper article prepared for your use by Betty Phelan re Unemployment\*

Memo to Local LWV Presidents and/or HR chairpersons re petition from MN

Citizens' Review Commission on the FBI\*

Council on the Economic Status of Women Newsletter #3

Discrimination

"Stop the Attacks on Women's Rights" Rally flyer

Memo to all Local League Presidents re Evaluations and Suggestions for  
Presidents' Workshop

Annual Meetings

Report of Congressional Interview with Senator Wendell R. Anderson

Testimony Submitted to the Subcommittee on Elections by Jerry Jenkins on  
January 27, 1977

Memo to State Department Division of the Senate Finance Subcommittee re  
LAMP on February 8, 1977

\*Also being sent on DPM

To be mailed later to presidents only: 1977-78 Proposed Budget, Support  
Requested and Support Committed Response Form

The action taken by placing our name on an ad opposing Milepost 7 resulted in a public denunciation by affected Leagues. This action necessarily calls for a reminder of national and state bylaws: "Article XI, Section 6, . . . . Local Leagues and inter-League organizations may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota."

There are times when an issue we support affects contributions to local Leagues. This is unfortunate, but if we are to be an active, viable state League, we must act on state issues we deem important.

#### B O U Q U E T S   T O . . . . .

Judy Rosenblatt, Minnesota VOTER editor, LWV-Roseville, who has been selected as one of only 25 League leaders from across the United States who will "participate in an innovative program designed to stimulate citizen interest and involvement in United Nations issues. The project involves leadership training (first session will be at the UN facilities in New York March 15-17), community attitude sampling, dialogue with top executive and legislative branch policy-makers, and the development of follow-up activities in local communities." Judy has headed the UN study for the Roseville League. Her excellent report of the January 18 Focus on Emerging Issues, the Developing Nations: the Economic Challenge, underscores one of the reasons Judy was chosen.

Virginia Bodine, President of LWV-Edina, who became only the 2nd woman to receive the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Edina Jaycees in their approximate 20-year history. Virginia was cited for all the work she has done for her community: president of the Garden Club, founder of the Edina Recycling Commission, member of the government study commission, 1976 winner of one of the "Outstanding Women in Edina" award from the Rotary Club, etc.

And to Pam Berkwitz, President of the LWV of Minneapolis, who was recognized as WCCO radio's Good Neighbor at 7:55 a.m. on February 16th, the mid-point of LWV Week in Minneapolis, as declared by Mayor Stenvig.

#### S T A T E   B O A R D   H A P P E N I N G S

At its meeting of February 8th, the Board:

- . voted to ask each local League for the same \$ amount in Fair-Share support as was suggested for the 1976-77 budget. For example, if your LWV's suggested or requested support was \$888 for 1976-77, it is \$888 for 1977-78 too. The intent is to give those local Leagues not meeting the suggested amount an opportunity to "catch up." As you will note when you receive the proposed 77-78 budget (on or about March 1), the Board has decided to dip into reserves to balance the proposed budget. "The cupboard is bare," so to speak.
- . discussed the state Board's responses to LWV-US' Annual Reports, Part II.
- . discussed and reaffirmed its decision on the "Project Environment Foundation" ad which appeared in the Minneapolis TRIBUNE of Sunday, February 6, 1977, page 15A. (See Natural Resources)

#### T A S K   F O R C E   O N   F I L L I N G   S E N A T E   V A C A N C I E S   2/77 (Watson)

Responses to taking action on the basis of our Principles indicate that a large majority approve. Accordingly, we will support legislation requiring Senate vacancies to be filled by elections.



LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

2/77

As each local Board analyzes its recommendations for the annual meeting, pay particular attention to the precision of the language used. All items should be worded so that the intent is clearly understood within and outside the League. Your members need to know specifically what the Board is recommending to avoid confusion and lack of support. The public understanding of your proposed studies and position statements will contribute toward an accurate picture of your goals in the community. For example:\*

THIS

Support of equal housing opportunities in Hometown.

NOT THIS

Support of our consensus on housing.

Wording should be concise and direct. Wording should be general enough to allow flexibility as the study proceeds or action possibilities arise, but specific enough to be clear and meaningful.

THIS

Study of school reorganization in Hometown.

NOT THIS

A study of the Hometown school facilities to determine the adequacy of space in relation to numbers of students at different age levels, with consideration of change to the middle school concept. (Too detailed!)

Study of Hometown city-manager government and alternative forms.

Study of local government. (Too general, vague.)

A study of the financial needs of Hometown and possible means to secure adequate revenues.

Making Hometown city government more effective.

Support of Hometown recycling solid waste and participating in regional management of solid waste.

Solid waste. (No position indicated.)

ACTION is the implicit purpose of all League study. We do not need to say "...with action as indicated." Nor do we need to use both "study and evaluation" in one item!

But we must say what it is the members want. They may want a broad study:

A study of public schools in Hometown.

Or, they may want to approach only one area of an issue:

A study of the financing of public schools in Hometown.

If there are a number of issues related to the schools, such as counseling, extra-curricular activities, girls' athletics, and the lunch program, listing them all may be cumbersome and might preclude the opportunity to study other services not recognized at the beginning of the study. Thus:

An evaluation of the special services in Hometown schools.

But NOT THIS:

We will not actually study the schools but will observe them for further study. (Not really a program item.)

SCOPE

No matter how clearly and concisely the items are worded, it is important that scope also be developed at the beginning for each. Scope is an explanation in more detail of the limits of the study, possible areas for exploration, and sometimes the priority of a particular aspect. Scope is not voted upon at the annual meeting and is not a list of planned activities or meetings.

\*Acknowledgement to LWV of Illinois

C O U N C I L   O F   M E T R O P O L I T A N   A R E A   L E A G U E S   2/77  
(Enders)

208 Report

The League of Women Voters Education Fund has extended our 208 grant to allow us until the 30th of May to spend our money. This means that you may continue to schedule the Metropolitan Council's slide show until that time and still qualify for assistance from our grant. We hope to be able to send money to each League that sponsors the show regardless of whether or not you have any expenses. This will be a donation to your League for the time and effort required to arrange the program. The amount we will be sending will depend on the financial picture when we are in the final accounting of our grant.

The Metropolitan Council has begun mailing the 208 newsletter. If you have not received it, call the Council and have your name added to the list.

Our Conference, "Everybody into the Water," is scheduled for February 26th. Reservations may be submitted any time before February 22nd to Billie Franey, 429-2883.

Following the Conference, we will be preparing a report which will be available to local Leagues. In it, we plan to summarize the conference activities as well as give some indications of how individuals can participate in the 208 process.

We will also be preparing a TV show scheduled for March 30th on Channel 2, People and Causes. It too will be an introduction to 208 and an opportunity for individuals to indicate an interest in becoming involved.

We are also sponsoring ads in the SUNDAY TRIBUNE TV MAGAZINE and the TV GUIDE for the week that the show will run. The ads will not only advertise the show but provide information to persons who might like to become involved in the 208 program.

March Representatives Meeting will be held on March 17th at Bunker Hill Park Community Center, Highway 242 east of Anoka. Mary Brinda, 784-0809, will be taking reservations. The morning program will be an introduction to Cities/Urban Crisis, with a presentation on the Fully Developed Areas Task Force Report of the Metropolitan Council. In the afternoon we will have a report by the MPCA on the program to select a site for Hazardous Waste Disposal in the metropolitan area.

Program recommendations should be submitted to Sally Patterson before March 1st. The recommended program and proposed budget will be explained and discussed at the March meeting in preparation for the May 26th Convetnion.

Metro Maze III is a publication on the Metropolitan Council which CMAL is preparing. If you would be interested in helping to update the 1971 version, please call Florence Bogle, 938-3758.

TIME FOR ACTION: We need indications from "the folks back home" that there is support for an appointed Metropolitan Council. Contact your legislators today!!!!!!

N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

2/77

The action taken sponsoring an ad for funds for litigation opposing Milepost 7 raised protests from Leagues in the mining areas. Unfortunately, they were not notified prior to the publication of the ad, and we regret any hardship it has caused. However, the action taken was legitimate, based on League positions on water, air quality and land use.

Beverage Containers

Included in this mailing is a Beverage Container Fact Sheet prepared by Sally Foley. While hearings on bills have not been scheduled yet, the opposition lobbyists are already busy at the Capitol. Now is the time for letters to your legislators. Use the fact sheet to make pertinent points. Legislators respond to constituents. Our efforts are much more effective with your letters to back us up.

### Energy Meetings

Need a good idea for an Energy Meeting? Try the "CITIZENS WORKSHOPS ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT."

Citizens' Workshops are educational programs that give citizens an opportunity to learn more about energy and environmental needs and problems. Participants get a chance to try their hand at solving some of the energy-environment problems facing the nation today by using an Energy-Environment Simulator.

The Energy-Environment Simulator is a specially designed analog computer that simulates real-world conditions. Energy resources, energy demands, and environmental effects are programmed into the electronic device. As the clock speeds time by at the rate of a century a minute, participants must make decisions about the allocation of energy resources. They do this by turning dials on remote panels in response to the changing situation. The simulator constantly translates these commands into new conditions. The sequence continues until all the fossil fuels are exhausted - and the game ends.

The workshops have three parts: (1) a slide orientation dealing with the basic facts related to energy problems; (2) a decision-making game played by participants using the Energy-Environment Simulator to observe the effects of a wide range of decisions involving energy use and environmental protection; and (3) a feedback session where questions raised by the program are discussed. Each workshop may last from 1 to 3 hours, depending upon the type of program and the amount of time it takes for the discussion.

Abbreviated programs can be arranged. Where time is limited, as in some service clubs that meet during the noon hour, the program may simply consist of a brief discussion and a demonstration of the Energy-Environment Simulator. Any organization may plan a workshop, which will be scheduled when equipment and personnel are available. The ideal number is 25-30 participants, which gives each person a chance to work with the Energy-Environment Simulator. More participants can be accommodated, however, and the program has been conducted for as many as 200. There is no cost for participating in workshops, but occasionally a sponsoring organization may be asked to pay the Workshop leader's transportation and expenses.

Citizens' Workshops are operated for the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) by selected educational and research institutions. The activities of these institutions are coordinated by the Northwest College and University Association for Science, a private non-profit educational and research organization. Workshops are important to ERDA because ERDA wants to improve public understanding of the problems involved in energy decision. This program, with other ERDA public information programs, provides a broad perspective on energy problems and possible solutions, as well as their effects on the environment.

For further information, or to schedule a Citizens' Workshop presentation, contact

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HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 2/77  
(DeSantis)

### Assistance for Rural Communities

Recently the LWV-MN office received some materials from a new organization, the National Rural Center (NRC). The NRC was organized last March as an independent, non-profit organization to provide information which can help rural people and their communities achieve full potential. One of their services is an Information Clearing-



house which is set up to help search out sources of funding, technical assistance, and consultation for rural communities.

The NRC material was sent to us by Betty Vinson, a former LWV-US staff member in the Legislative Action Division, who now heads the NRC's Information Clearinghouse. Betty wrote, "I know that many Leagues in rural communities work with other non-governmental organizations to try to gain federal and private assistance for community human resource and economic development programs. If any of your local Leagues would like more information about the NRC, ask them to contact me, and we will put them on our mailing list." The address is: National Rural Center, 1220 18th Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036.

#### GAY RIGHTS

Accompanying this Board Memo is a brochure entitled "Discrimination." We are sending one for your League at the request of the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights. (Excerpts may be printed in your bulletins.) For our information, they also presented LWV-MN with copies of two other pamphlets. One, called "A Look at Teachers," might be helpful if you have members who have misgivings about homosexuals working as teachers. The other, entitled "An Idea Whose Time Has Come," tries to puncture some of the political myths surrounding gay rights as an issue. In the latter piece, it is stated that Mid-Continent Surveys conducted a survey of Minnesotans in 1973, and at that time found that statewide there were 71% of the population who supported non-discrimination for gays, 15% who opposed, and 14% who had no opinion. Copies of these last two pamphlets could be secured by writing the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights, Box 4226, St. Anthony Falls Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

#### RALLY

Enclosed with this Memo is a flyer about the "Stop the Attacks on Women's Rights" Rally being held on March 5th. Since the League has positions on affirmative action, day care and ERA, we are participating in distributing information about the rally, and Jerry Jenkins will speak on the ERA. Admittedly the League has no position on abortion, nor should our participation be construed as such. We frequently work in coalitions with other groups, supporting those parts of their programs that we can and remaining neutral on the others. Money received at the rally will be sent to those states where the ERA has not been ratified.

#### FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT (Anderson)

2/11

Facts and Issues #3 and #4, consensus questions and committee guide will be ready March 1. They will be mailed to local Leagues as a part of the regular Board mailing on March 21. If you want to have them before that time, you must call the state office to order them (and be billed for postage for the extra mailing).

We are still investigating funding possibilities through the League's Education Fund. If we do not secure outside funding, the cost for each set of FACTS AND ISSUES 3 and 4 will be 30¢ plus postage and handling. Should we be able to secure partial funding, the price will be reduced appropriately. Total funding would, of course, make these free with only the postage and handling costs for you to pay.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Davies)

2/11

#### Dates to Remember:

- April 15 - UN consensus due
- May 1 - Law Day - UNA sponsors Russell Peterson, President of New Directions
- May 26-27- Canadian-American Dialogue III sponsored by World Affairs Center and Upper Midwest Council, in Moorhead
- May 23-27- World Trade Week, Thunderbird Motel

International Relations - Continued - 2/77)

It sounds like your unit meetings are lively and you are using your bulletins to good advantage. I've heard several reports of neighboring Leagues sharing resource committees or materials. I hope you're thinking of ways you can share your knowledge of international relations with your community. We are often a lone voice...but we have the knowledge and need to speak out. Jot down the names of members in your units who show special interest in this topic. Then let them know about the meetings being held in May (listed above) and get them to put the dates on their calendars. More information will follow; but plan to get a group together for one of these meetings and make a day of it.

Enclosed with this mailing are copies of the case studies used in discussion groups at the January 18th Focus meeting and a report of that workshop by Judy Rosenblatt, Roseville.

Also included is a pamphlet, "Ten Minutes for Peace," published by the Institute for World Order. You may find it useful to use with schools or with community groups. Information on ordering additional free copies is contained in the pamphlet.

A C T I O N  
(Borg)

2/77

Are you remembering the Action Recognition planned for the 1977 LWV State Convention? Each local League should send its entry to the state League office by April 15th. Any local League action, whether using national, state, or local positions, is eligible.

Let us know about your planning, member involvement and degree of success. But keep in mind, success is relative. Did you make a difference? Maybe you changed community attitudes? Was a law implemented or stopped? We will consider originality and visibility too. Maybe your League was the catalyst that brought about a coalition of other organizations?

Don't belittle what you are doing. You are all doing more than you realize. It is impressive to observe, from bulletins and minutes, how much action takes place in Minnesota each month - all initiated by the League of Women Voters. We will be waiting for the details on your action projects.

We have helped other organizations learn how to lobby this winter, even though their bills will not be promoted by the LWV. You might have members who, as individuals, will be interested in these bills.

The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services (G.O.V.S.) was established by executive order to promote the effective use of volunteers in the delivery of human services throughout the state. They are now requesting funding to establish an office enacted by the Legislature.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) is another organization requesting funding from the state. With federal and local funds, adult community service has been provided. Meaningful retirement roles through community volunteer service have been created, and needed volunteer help to non-profit agencies and organizations has been provided.

Both of these groups turned out in large numbers to learn how to lobby their respective bills. With all this increased interest in lobbying, the Capitol should be really jumping as this session progresses. Come and visit and join in the fun.

F O C U S   O N   E M E R G I N G   I S S U E S

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The March 15 Focus on Emerging Issues is "Public Employee Bargaining and the Citizen: Rights, Roles and Responsibilities." It will be held at the Minneapolis YWCA from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. We'll offer the option of box or bag lunch.

The program will begin with a keynote address by Hyman Berman on "Public Employee

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Bargaining: An Historical Perspective." The morning panel, "Emerging Issues in Public Employee Bargaining," will be composed of: Richard Hall, U. of M. Professor of Sociology; Vi Kanatz, Attorney, Bureau of Mediation Services; Mario Bagnanno, U. of M. Professor and Director, Industrial Relations Center, and Dr. Berman. After lunch there will be a panel discussion, "The Current Situation: Public Employee Bargaining in Minnesota," with Charles Swanson, Mediation Board, State of Minnesota; Rosalie Butler, Councilwoman, City of St. Paul; Thomas Ticen, County Commissioner, Hennepin County; Paul Goldberg, Director, Council 6, State, County and Municipal Workers, AFL-CIO.

We do not yet know whether there will be a registration fee for this Focus; we are awaiting word from the Minnesota Humanities Commission about that. There will, however, be a charge for lunch. As soon as we know about the registration fee, we'll let you know too.

S E R V I C E   T O   L O C A L   L W V s  
(Cushing)

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As we begin planning for the Presidents' Workshop, we come seeking help from the experts - YOU! You are closest to the job, whether you are at the beginning or the concluding end of your term, and you know best what kind of advice, encouragement, and training are needed. Will you help? If you can take the time needed to jot down your evaluation and recommendations, it will be much appreciated! We are including with this mailing a form for your convenience. If the questions don't fit what you want to say, feel free to use a blank sheet. We want to make the Presidents' Workshop a really valuable experience - your help can make the difference!

Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of ANNUAL MEETINGS. Many Leagues like the annual meeting to be a fun, social event as well as a business meeting, but whatever your format, the "business" meeting remains the same as do the preliminaries. We hope this will help you have a well-organized, enjoyable meeting - free of last-minute surprises and traumas.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

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Every-little-savings-counts Department: For the time being, just send TWO copies of your local bulletins to the state office. For now that's all we need.

We hate to nag you, friends, but not all of you have responded to our request for sales tax numbers. We're frustrated - besides, we don't like the prospect of "penalty of perjury" when we sign the sales tax forms. Will the following Leagues please send in their tax numbers NOW:

Cass Lake	Rochester
Grand Rapids	Rock County
Northern Scott County	St. Anthony

And our thanks to all of you who have sent the numbers in.

Another nag: Since the VOTER was mailed out on February 7 until today, February 16, we have had to pay out \$5.50 for postage for VOTERS returned, stamped "addresses unknown," or with the new addresses pasted on them. We've asked before, and we ask again, that you send us address changes, adds, drops and transfers MONTHLY, at the beginning of EVERY MONTH.

The 1976-77 fiscal year ends for the LWV-US and -MN on March 31. All p.m.p.'s to national and all support committed payments to LWV-MN OUGHT TO BE PAID by March 15 so both LWV-US and -MN can close their books and have them ready for their auditors on March 31. Thank you.

On your Local League Presidents List, please make the following change for Hutchinson: Jean Hassinger, 546 2nd Avenue Southwest, Hutchinson 55350, 612-897-5882, replace Noreen Oesterlein, who is off to Wales.



F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

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The Governor's Appointments Commission Board has announced that applications for 18 appointment positions are now being taken. The Commission is charged particularly with encouraging women, minorities and rural citizens to apply. Applications for the following appointments will be accepted until Tuesday, March 8, 1977:

Minnesota State Housing Finance Agency - 2 members (from Development Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6)

State Designer Selection Board - 3 members (one of whom must be nominated by the Minnesota Society of Architects)

Board of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects - 4 members (one of whom must be a registered architect who has practiced at least 10 years, and one of whom must be a registered highway engineer, and two public members)

State Board of Arts - 4 members, knowledgeable in the arts

State Zoological Board - 3 members

Most boards meet once a month, and compensation for service is \$35 per diem.

Applications for the following two positions will be accepted until February 28, 1977:

Public Service Commission - 1 member, full time, 40-60 hour week, mostly in St. Paul.

Administrative skills, abilities necessary. Knowledge of economics, engineering, rates and regulations desirable, not absolutely necessary.

Department of Commerce - Commissioner of Insurance. Full-time administrator. Background in insurance (public and private), knowledge of revenue, finances, state government helpful but not necessarily required.

For further information, applicants should contact Gloria Griffin, Commission Board Chairperson, at 612-296-6897, Tuesday - Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The U. of M. has a new national award-winning film called "Reaching Out." The point of Reaching Out is that university work doesn't all happen under the fluorescent lights of the classroom. It can also happen within penitentiary walls. It can happen during calisthenics on the floor of a gymnasium, at a day care center, or at the control panel of University Hospitals' X-ray scanner machine. It can be as direct as the help the Sea Grant Advisory Service offers Lake Superior fishermen or as indirect as the benefits derived from the oral archives gathered by the West Central Minnesota Center for Historical Research on the University's Morris campus. Reaching Out is not a long film. It runs only about 20 minutes. Reaching Out tries to acquaint Minnesotans with where University work occurs and with the ways University work affects, touches, and serves the people of the state and the rest of the world. For information about Reaching Out, write or call your nearest University Relations office: University Relations, S-68 Morrill Hall, U. of M.-Twin Cities, Minneapolis 55455, (612) 373-2126; Campus Relations, 305 Administration Building, U. of M.-Duluth, Duluth 55812, (218) 726-7110, 726-7111; University Relations, Behmler Hall, U. of M.-Morris, Morris 56267, (612) 589-4322; University Relations, Selvig Hall, U. of M. Technical College-Crookston, Crookston 56716, (218) 281-6510, ext. 250; University Relations, U. of M. Technical College-Waseca, Waseca 56093, (507) 835-1000.

The Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Basketball Tournament will be held at the University of Minnesota March 23-26, 1977, and they want it to be a spectacular success athletically and financially. Special emphasis is being placed on a total sell-out of William's Arena for the finals on Saturday afternoon, March 26th - it would mean a real boost for the Patty Berg Development Fund. The purpose of the Patty Berg Development Fund is to provide monies for athletic grants to outstanding female athletes. For more information or flyers about the tournament, contact Shirley M. Price, 155 Windsor Lane, New Brighton, MN 55112, 631-2841. You might want to put this in your bulletins so your members can learn about the tournament too.

To: Board Memo and DPM Recipients  
From: Mary Waldo, Focus on Emerging Issues Chairperson  
Judy Medelman, Assistant to the President for PR and Development  
Re: March 15 Focus  
Date: February 18, 1977

WE DID IT! We received word today that the Minnesota Humanities Commission approved our grant proposal for the March 15 Focus on Emerging Issues, Public Employee Bargaining: An Historical Perspective. Therefore, there will be no registration fee; however, there will be a fee for those ordering lunch.



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# BOARD MEMO

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Calendar

- April 4 - Presidents' Workshop Planning Session - 10:00 a.m., State Office (See Service to Local Leagues)  
8 - Office Closed  
12 - State Board Meeting  
14 - Government Day sponsored by Hennepin County LWVs (see Interleague)  
15 - UN Consensus due to LWVUS (1730 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036)  
20, 21 - Symposium on Southern Africa (see IR)  
25 - 2nd Round State Program Suggestions due in LWVMN office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102)  
27 - "Juvenile Prostitution" Meeting (see Inter League)
- May 10 - Support Committed Form due in LWVMN Office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102)  
- Selling Anything at Convention? information due in LWVMN Office  
26 - CMAL Convention (See CMAL)
- June 1 - Presidents' Workshop, St. Olaf College, Northfield  
2 & 3 - State Convention, St. Olaf College, Northfield

Mailed Earlier

(To Presidents Only)

Budget Building Countdown to Convention '77

Financing State Government Committee Guide

Included with 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairpeople)

Commentary: Criminal Justice\* (reprint from Ripon Society)

The Sentences\* (reprint from March 6th St. Paul Sunday PIONEER PRESS)

Newspaper article\* (on recycling) prepared for your use by Betty Phelan, LWV-Westonka

208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin

Report on February 15, 1977, Focus on Emerging Issues Program: Human Services:

Reorganization and Realities\* by Judy Rosenblatt

Council for the Economic Status of Women Newsletter

Minnesota Women's Meeting flyer and Volunteer Form

Education UPDATE

Financing State Government FACTS and ISSUES #3 and #4 - to Presidents and M-A-Ls only

New Directions pamphlet

Metropolitan State University announcement of "The Right to Privacy-Public Bureaucracy and Constitutional Constraints" conducted by G. Theodore Mitau

Proposed 1977-79 Slate of Officers and Elected Board of Directors of the LWVMN\*

State Program Making Round Two\*

State Bylaws Proposals\*

Selling Anything at Convention? form\*

Planning Local Finance Drive\*

\*Also being sent to DPM subscribers



### BOUQUETS TO

- LWVs of Anoka, Austin, Bemidji, Bloomington, Grand Rapids, Granite Falls, Minneapolis, Richfield, Rochester, Rock County, St. Cloud, St. Paul, St. Peter, West Dakota County, Winona - for their interviewing of school personnel for the LWVMN's Education Committee. Fifteen persons - school board members, superintendents, administrators and teachers - were interviewed in each of 19 districts. Several Leagues did more than one district, and several interviewed in districts other than their League's area, since the districts were not too far distant from that League. We couldn't have done it without your assistance. You have made a large contribution to our forthcoming publication; we very much THANK YOU!
- Lois Kundel, former LWV-Duluth president, who was recently appointed by Governor Perpich to the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth.
- To the state Financing State Government for their excellent FACTS AND ISSUES series and the Committee Guide. A job VERY WELL DONE. (Our thanks also to your staff who typed, xeroxed, collated, stapled, stuffed and mailed the Committee Guide in one day! Good show, friends.)

### STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its meeting of March 8th, the state Board:

- voted to appoint an off-Board member to chair and coordinate the Cities/Urban Crisis study;
- reviewed LWVMN Bylaws and will recommend changes of both a clerical and substantive nature; (see State Bylaws proposals enclosed)
- voted to recommend that no new Program be adopted for 1977-79 but that update material, with no consensus required, be provided on MN's energy needs and alternative energy sources.

### LOCAL PROGRAM (Jones)

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Preparation for annual meetings involves thinking ahead to next year's needs and projects, but it is also a time for review. Before that annual get-together, take a few minutes for an evaluation of your efforts on local program over the past year. Remember those goals and plans of last spring and summer? Did they work the way you thought they would? Many of you compose a summary of your work for membership perusal in your VOTER or for the annual meeting. This gives you an opportunity to analyze and evaluate your plan, its execution, and the results as they have affected your League and your community. There is a good chance you will feel a real sense of accomplishment as you go over your projects for the year and review some of the obstacles overcome and the accomplishments to your credit.

While you are going over your year's plan, jot down any notes of interest that might help your public relations chairman, your finance campaign, and your president. Of course, reminders and suggestions for another year to yourself or your successor are very important. This type of review may also spur you to follow up on any loose ends, get any short-term help you need, and finish your year with your "house in order" or even "go out in a blaze of glory." A feeling of satisfaction for a job well done is one of the rewards of League service, you know!

### COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES (Enders)

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Convention will be held on May 26th at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mounds View. Registration - 9:15 a.m. Reservations should be sent to Alice Bechman, 2334 Hillview Road, St. Paul, MN 55112 - 784-2114. \$2.50 covers the cost of lunch and morning coffee. The entire day will be devoted to a Birthday Party for CMAL. Budget, nominating, and proposed program reports will appear in the April CMAL bulletin, which is also your Convention program. Read it carefully and consult with your Board on any issues you wish to raise at Convention.

(Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues - Continued - 3/77)

208 - There is still time to sponsor the Metropolitan Council's slide show on the 208 Water Quality Management Program. We will send a donation to your League even if you co-sponsor with other Leagues. We must know you have scheduled the show before May 20. You may actually hold the meeting after that date. We only need an indication that you will be having a program. Using the forms that were sent to your president will make the bookkeeping very much easier for us. Any questions, call Jerry Enders, 473-4171.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

3/77

The Legislature is moving but certainly not at a rapid pace in the field of Criminal Justice. The determinate sentencing bill (S.F. 65 - McCutcheon - H.F. 386 - Faricy) is basically the same as last year with an additional part on murder for hire and extended terms. In the Senate this bill has passed out of Health, Welfare and Corrections to the Judiciary Committee. In the House it has not been heard as yet. The article which is enclosed (The Sentences) appeared in the St. Paul Sunday PRIONEER PRESS (March 6, 1977) shows the difference in the present Minnesota law and the McCutcheon determinate sentencing bill. I thought you would find the comparison to be valuable.

The Department of Corrections has presented drawings and models for a new maximum security prison to house 500 inmates. It is estimated that the new facility would cost \$20 million and be completed in 1980 if funds were appropriated this session. We will be watching development on this - Governor Perpich has indicated his support for the new prison.

N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

3/77

We have just received a copy of The Unfinished Agenda - The Citizens Guide to Environmental Issues. It reports on a task force sponsored by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

It includes chapters on Energy, Air and Water Pollution, Land Use, Hazardous Wastes, etc. The final chapters deal with decision making and public values. Good book.

It is available from: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 666 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019, Dept. JM - the cost is \$3.95. If you enclose a check, the publishers will pay the mailing costs.

Energy - Last April the LWVMN was one of the co-sponsors of a conference titled "Alternative Energy Sources in Minnesota." The conference summary is available from: The Minnesota Energy Agency, 740 American Center Building, 160 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55101.

As a result of the conference, the Energy Agency formed eight subcommittees, one for each alternative energy source applicable to Minnesota. The Minnesota Legislature provided \$200,000 for research into alternative Energy Sources. Results of the work of the subcommittees and the research grant will be presented at a follow-up conference this fall.

Air - Metro Clean Air Committee has two new programs concerning air pollution available free to community groups. A speaker is also available. "C.O. Has to Go" is directed at the Twin Cities. It is a slide-tape presentation discussing alternative forms of transportation as a way to cut auto emissions and carbon monoxide.

"Air Pollution - The Facts" is a movie featuring 12 national experts discussing the health effects from air pollution in language understandable by the layman. If interested, contact: Metro Clean Air Committee, 1829 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 3/77  
(DeSantis)

Migrant Workers: While migrant worker concerns have continued to be an interest of some local Leagues, the state HR Committee has given this a low priority in recent years. This year a Migrant Concerns Coalition has been formed under the leadership of the Legal Assistance of Ramsey County. LWVMN has had a representative participating in this coalition since last fall, and we have decided that this is a legislative session when we should be giving some attention to migrant workers. We are currently supporting a bill introduced in the House which would give a minimum wage to sugar beet workers. Even more important is the subject of collective bargaining rights for migrant workers. We are researching our national and state positions to be sure we are interpreting member consensus correctly, as our first reaction is that we should be able to support this. I would appreciate hearing from local Leagues that have an interest in this subject and would welcome all comments.

Minnesota's Meeting for the International Women's Year: Plans are underway for a state meeting as an aftermath of International Women's Year. Unfortunately the dates coincide with our LWVMN state convention, but members who will not be attending our convention may want to know about this meeting. It will be held in St. Cloud on June 3, 4, and 5. Over 100 workshops, major speakers, and exhibits are being planned. (See flyers enclosed.)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Davies)

3/77

Dates to Remember: April 15 - UN Consensus due

May 4 - Law-Day Program - Russell Peterson, President of New Directions, Grand Ballroom, Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota (see pamphlets enclosed)

May 23, 27 - World Trade Week, Thunderbird Motel

May 26-27 - Canadian-American Dialogue III, Moorhead

Barbara Stuhler, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Extension, can be heard on KUOM-AM (770 on radio dial) at noon on Fridays. The program is "Commentary" and is a discussion of current public issues, mostly international.

The African Studies Council of the University of Minnesota is sponsoring a Symposium on Southern Africa April 20 and 21 on the University Campus. Specific speakers will be announced later but will include a keynote address on U.S. policy in Southern Africa, a forum on Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Namibia, and a debate on U.S. corporate involvement in Southern Africa.

Recent Government Publications: U.S. Participation in International Organizations (Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, February, 1977, \$1.65). This is the report of Senator Ribicoff's Senate Government Operations Committee that says there's a lot of dead weight in some international organizations the U.S. supports.

Hearings on the Right to Food Resolution (Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, 1976, single copies free).

The World Food Situation and Prospects to 1985 (Economic Research Service, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, Report #98, 1975, free).

ACTION  
(Borg)

3/77

Have you looked at your congressmen and legislators lately? What committees do they serve on? What kind of people are they? The WASHINGTON POST quoted former Representative Charles Mosher as saying, "One of the interesting lines that could be drawn in order to divide the congressmen into sheep and goats is the members who are seekers of new knowledge, new information, better advice, who recognize a desperate need for better understanding of the decisions we're making, and those who come into Congress burdened



(Interleague Communication - Continued - 3/77)

LWVUS does suggest that our positions on campaign financing and ethics be applied at the local level so if some of you want information on how to do that, you could contact Rivel for Golden Valley's methods.

The Roseville LWV is interested in obtaining information from other Leagues around the state with regard to their dues categories.

1. Do you have separate dues amounts for senior citizens, students, new members?
2. Do you have a different dues amount for duplicate memberships in a household? (i.e., husband/wife, parent/child, etc.)
3. Please indicate whether duplicate memberships receive state and national mailings.
4. Please indicate amount of dues in each category.

Send information to Sally Simundson, 2407 Irene Street, Roseville, MN 55113.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

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The Governor's Appointments Commission is taking applications through March 31 for 19 appointment positions. Positions available include: State Board of Health (3 members); Board of Barber Examiners (2 members); Board of Chiropractic Examiners (2 members); State Board of Optometry (2 members); Board of Podiatry (1 member); Board of Accountancy (1 member); Board of Boxing (2 members); Teaching Board (5 members); Higher Education Facilities Authority (1 member). Most boards meet once a month, usually in St. Paul, and compensation is \$35 per day plus mileage. Application forms are available at all public libraries.

For the second year, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University is sponsoring a series of public service awards. The awards program this year has been broadened to include any individual, including volunteers, who has made a significant contribution to public service (with the exception of elected officials). With the many contributions that members of the various Leagues have made to their communities, states and nation, we think this will offer you a perfect opportunity to come up with some excellent nominations for awards. Along with the honor of being named a recipient of this award, there is a sizeable amount of cash given as well. For more information, contact the state office.

Upcoming programs of the MN Public Policy Report PERSPECTIVE TV programs include: March 24, SPECIAL REPORT, An informal interview with Governor and Mrs. Rudy Perpich on the current "State of the State"; March 31, ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN, A discussion by three members of the Governor's Council on The Economic Status of Women, Linda Berglin, Phyllis Kahn, Sandra Melberg; April 7, METROPOLITAN TRANSIT ISSUES, A discussion of the proposed St. Paul "People Mover" and other issues of metropolitan transit; April 14, PUBLIC SCHOOL REORGANIZATION, A discussion of current legislative proposals for the reorganization of Public School Districts in Minnesota, by Jerald C. Anderson, author of reorganization legislation, Edward Bolstad, Minnesota Federation of Teachers and Ralph Lieber, Superintendent, Edina Public Schools; April 21, ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCY, A discussion of some of the issues, problems, and programs in the areas of alcohol and drug dependency; April 28, CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, A discussion of current issues, legislative and other, of the Minnesota criminal justice system; May 5, SOLAR AND NUCLEAR ENERGY FUTURES, A discussion of the future prospects for solar and nuclear energy developments, including the current status of coal-fired electrical generation; May 12, 1977 MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK, A review of the prospects for the 1977 Agricultural sector of Minnesota's economy; May 19, THE U.S. AND WORLD AGRICULTURE, A discussion of the prospects for foreign development assistance through American Land Grant Universities as a result of the Humphrey-Findley Title XII legislation.

THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INSTITUTE 1978, a two-day training workshop in the methods and techniques of organizing for a successful political campaign, will be presented in Minneapolis at the Radisson South on two separate dates, April 4-5 and May 13-14. The Political Campaign Institute 1978 is a tough two-day "nuts and bolts" training workshop.

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by habitual ways of looking at things, often doctrinaire, often narrow, parochial viewpoints, who don't change much, who use their staffs largely to reinforce prejudices they brought with them . . . . Perhaps we are confused by the facts. Perhaps we are so much more aware of the complexities of the world that it makes us indecisive--much more so than we were a few years back when we flew by the seat of the pants." Those of you who have been asked to interview your congressman will have an opportunity to judge first hand which category he falls into. Please arrange that interview right away, if you haven't already done so, and let us know when and where it will be held.

Your local League president received a copy of PRODUCTIVITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND YOU from the Rochester (N.Y.) Metropolitan Area League recently. Ask to see it and see if it doesn't stimulate you to some local action. To quote the League of Women Voters of Michigan, ---slay the three-eyed (I'd) Dragon, that is, slay ignorance with information, indifference with inspiration, and inertia with involvement. They spent a two-day workshop on it, but give it a little thought, and you'll be doing in that dragon in your own community without any help from outside.

S E R V I C E   T O   L O C A L   L E A G U E S  
(Cushing)

3/77

Looking toward Presidents' Workshop:

Many thanks to all you busy presidents who took time to return the blue suggestion sheets. Your comments exceeded all expectations --- really helpful! We have scheduled our planning meeting for April 4, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m., in the state office. You will be most welcome if you are able to attend.

There will be a special mailing in April which will include registration material for state convention, information about the Presidents' Workshop, and plans for some new Service to Local Leagues' efforts now in the works. Meanwhile, please note the "Selling Anything at Convention?" form enclosed with this mailing. We're sending that now so you can do some advance planning. The form should be returned to the state office (555 Washba, St. Paul, MN 55102) by May 10 so we can make all the necessary arrangements.

I N T E R L E A G U E   C O M M U N I C A T I O N

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Hennepin County Leagues of Women Voters will sponsor their annual Government Day on April 14, 1977, at the Southdale Library, registration and coffee 9:00 a.m. until 9:30, with program starting at 9:30 and continuing until 12:30.

The program this year will be "County Government Today and In the Future." Speakers will be:

Senator H. (Skip) Humphrey, Chairman of the Senate Hennepin County Delegation;  
Representative John Arlandson, Chairman of the House Hennepin County Delegation;  
John Derus, Chairman of the Hennepin County Commissioners;  
Loren Law, Mayor of Richfield;  
Pamela Berkwitz, Moderator, President, LWV of Minneapolis.

Everyone is invited, including those from other counties. Please promote this with your local officials and schools.

The LWV-Minneapolis is sponsoring a meeting on "Juvenile Prostitution," on Wednesday, April 27, from 12:00 - 1:30 at the YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Mall. A box lunch is available by calling the LWV-Minneapolis, 333-6319, Monday-Thursday, from 9:00 to 3:00.

Rivel Greenberg, LWV-Golden Valley, is serving on an advisory committee to draft guidelines for local campaign ethics. Golden Valley already has ordinances pertaining to disclosure and conflict of interest. The committee is looking to establish additional "guidelines" for candidates. Rivel is interested in talking to other Leagues who have been involved in this area of concern and League members who have been involved in campaigns as candidates or volunteers. Contact Rivel at 4925 Dawnview Terrace, Golden Valley, MN 55422, 588-0390, if you can help her.

(For Your Information - Continued - 3/77)

Its purpose is to teach winning campaign organization. The major emphasis is on scheduling, media adaptation, fund raising, headquarters and field operations. For more information, contact The Political Campaign Institute, 2490 Beacon Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55113, (612) 636-1544.

A TV credit course on the Geography of the Twin Cities to be offered by the University of Minnesota, March 28 - May 30, from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. on KTCA-TV, Channel 2, Dr. Fred Lukermann, Professor of Geography, will discuss the historical development of the Twin Cities, explore our cities in the context of urban development elsewhere and discuss the formation of distinctive neighborhood areas.

A Conference on Income Maintenance: Proposals for Reform is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3, at the Holiday Inn in St. Paul. The Conference is being sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Urban Leagues and the Central Region of the National Urban League. The Conference is designed for all persons interested in a more equitable system of income maintenance. Income Maintenance Proposals of several national organizations, such as the National Urban League, the American Public Welfare Association, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and others, will be examined and discussed. Registration fee is \$5.00, which includes tuition, luncheons, coffee breaks and materials. For further information, contact William Hoffman, Professor and Director, or Shirley Zimmerman, Assistant Director, Continuing Education in Social Work, Nolte Center for Continuing Education, 315 Pillsbury Drive Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55455, (612) 373-5831.

EQC ESTABLISHES INFORMATION CENTER TO OUTLINE GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS: The Environmental Quality Council has established the "Environmental Management Information Center" which is designed to help the public cope with the numerous government requirements for the use of the state's air, land, water or other natural resources. The Center will provide information on state environmental permits and regulatory programs, procedures for processing each type of proposal, evaluation criteria used by regulatory agencies, a directory of contact people in regulatory agencies, copies of laws and agency regulations governing each permit or program, and copies of application forms. The Center is located in the EQC offices in the State Planning Agency in the Capitol Square Building in St. Paul. It will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and persons seeking information may call 296-9034 (collect if out of the calling area) or write the Center.

#### FINAL CALL TO CONVENTION

This is the final call for all local Leagues in Minnesota to send delegates to the Forty-sixth State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to be held at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, June 2 and 3, 1977. The purpose of the state Convention is to consider and authorize for action a Program for the next two years, to elect officers and directors and to adopt a budget.





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A P R I L 1977

Calendar

- April 25 - Second Round Program Making form due in state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102)
- May 3 - Action Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
4 - Law Day (See IR)  
5 - Presidents' Information Sheet due in state office  
7 - Focus on Emerging Issues: Is There a Role for the Citizen in Teacher Collective Bargaining? (See Focus)  
10 - State Board meeting - 9:30, state office  
- Support Committed form due in state office  
17 - School Board Election Day  
20 - Advance Registration 46th State Convention form due in state office  
25 & 26 - World Trade Week (see IR and flyer)  
26 - CMAL Convention  
26 & 27 - Canadian-American Dialogue III (see IR)  
31 - Board Memo and DPM subscription form due in state office
- June 1 - Presidents' Workshop - 1:00 p.m. - St. Olaf College, Northfield  
2 & 3 - State Convention - St. Olaf  
2 & 3 - Conference on Income Maintenance (see flyer)  
2 - 5 - Minnesota Women's Meeting (see enclosures in last month's Board Memo)  
30 - Financing State Government consensus due in state office

Mailed Earlier

(To Presidents Only)

Memo to local Leagues re May 7 Focus on Emerging Issues  
46th State Convention materials: Information for Delegates and Visitors;  
Advance Registration; Total Number of Delegates; Credential Forms;  
Order of Business  
Memo to local League Presidents re Preview of Presidents' Workshop - 1977,  
Presidents' Information sheet

Included with 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairpeople)

208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin  
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FACTS AND ISSUES: Education, Collective Bargaining and Tenure, Minnesota's  
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Committee Guide for LWVs presenting state Education topic in the spring  
Education Update  
MN World Trade week Program outline  
Report on March 15, 1977, Focus on Emerging Issues\*  
Newspaper article (on citizen action) prepared for your use by Betty Phelan,  
LWV-Westonka\*  
Board Memo and DPM subscription forms \*

\*Also being sent on DPM

B O U Q U E T S   T O

- . LWV-Owatonna whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of Leagues who did interviewing of school personnel for the LWVMN's Education Committee (see last month's Board Memo). No matter how many times we check and recheck, we will occasionally goof. Our apologies to Owatonna - and our thanks for calling it to our attention.
- . Fran Berdie, LWV-Falcon Heights, who has been elected to the (national) Board of Governors of Common Cause.

S T A T E   B O A R D   H A P P E N I N G S

At its meeting of April 12, 1977, your state Board

- . voted to name Jeannette Kahlenberg, LWV-White Bear Lake, and Dolores Hastings, LWV-Brooklyn Center, as the official LWVMN representatives to the MN Women's Meeting to be held June 2 and 3 in St. Cloud;
- . acknowledged several corrections needed to be made to the Proposed Bylaws Amendments (sent to local Leagues with the March Board Memo) and agreed that the corrections be included with this Board Memo;
- . adopted proposed rules for the 46th State Convention which will be included in the Convention Workbook.

B Y L A W S   A M E N D M E N T S   C O R R E C T I O N S  
(Jones)

4/77

Unfortunately several errors were made in the Proposed Bylaws Amendments which were sent to you last month. A complete corrected copy of Proposed Bylaws Amendments will be included in the forthcoming Convention Workbook. Meanwhile, please make the following changes in your present copies:

1. Article VII, Sec. 4: The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Minnesota shall be entitled to two (one) delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these (that) additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than.....
2. Article XI, Sec. 3.b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed Program which shall be submitted to the local League Boards at least (two months) *six months* prior to the Convention. (This entire reference was omitted from the copy sent.)
3. Article XIV, Sec. 1.b) as reworded in the copy sent should read: All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of LWVMN shall be sent to the presidents of local Leagues (two months) *six weeks* prior to the opening date of Convention.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

4/77

The proposal for a new prison at Stillwater cleared its first committee Monday (April 11th), when it was passed out of the Subcommittee/Division of Health, Welfare and Corrections in the House. The measure must now clear the appropriations committees of both houses. Because it is a bonding measure, it must receive three-fifths vote approval on the floor in both houses to pass. The Senate has not started hearings yet because the law requires that bonding measures begin in the House. By the way, this hearing was on Channel 2 at 8:00 a.m. that morning. Watch the listings; there may be more on this subject in the future.

Sentencing is still a major topic. The McCutcheon bill (S.F. 65) is now in the Finance Committee in the Senate. In the House the Criminal Laws and Procedures Subcommittee

(Criminal Justice - Continued - 4/77)

(Chr. John Arlandson) is hearing all bills on the subject introduced thus far in the House and holding general hearings on Sentencing. This week approximately six hours were devoted to Sentencing in subcommittee, which shows they are really working on the issue. It is too bad that joint hearings were not held during the interim so that session time could be used for other pressing issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES  
(Poppleton)

4/11

Para-Transit Conference - Enclosed you will find brochures explaining the Para-Transit Conference being held in Minneapolis on May 18 - 20. Luther Pickrel has asked for help in finding recorders for the conference sessions. Any LWV member who is willing to take notes for the conference summary will attend at no cost. Please contact me immediately if you have members who will attend all or some of the sessions.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area - There are two bills pending in Congress which will decide the fate of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Rep. Oberstar's bill would allow logging and use of recreational vehicles in portions of the Wilderness Area. Rep. Fraser's bill would prohibit such activities and give the Boundary Waters Canoe Area the status of all other areas covered by the 1964 Wilderness Act.

We have studied both bills closely and have had a committee member at all meetings concerned with the Boundary Waters.

We have decided to support Rep. Fraser's bill for these reasons:

1. There is no other area like it in the contiguous 48 states;
2. It is the only wilderness area not given full protection by the 1964 Wilderness Act; at that time logging practices were not so disruptive to an area, and the enormous increase in outdoor recreation was not foreseen;
3. Research shows that sufficient timber exists outside the BWCA to supply wood and jobs for northeastern Minnesota with adequate opportunities for expansion as demand warrants it;
4. The Fraser bill would bring the U.S. portion of the BWCA into conformity with the Canadian portion.
5. In rejecting the "snowmobile suit," the judge ruled that the exempting language in the 1964 Wilderness Act was "so conflicting as to be meaningless."

The basis for support of this bill comes from State and National Land Use positions:

National - recognizes that land is a finite resource and ownership implies stewardship;

State - recognize fragile or historic land, renewable resource lands, and natural hazard lands as critical areas and subject them to at least minimal control.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Davies)

4/11

Dates to Remember:

- May 4 - Law Day - Russell Peterson, President of New Directions, "Citizen Action and World Order," 6 - 9:30 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota. Sponsored by U.N.A. of MN.
- May 25 & 26 - World Trade Week will be held at the Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington. A Program Outline is included. You'll note that there are several excellent speakers and many countries represented. MN is indeed a world trader.
- May 26 & 27 - Canadian-American Dialogue III, Moorhead. This was held in Minneapolis the first year, Winnipeg last year, and brings together leaders from both countries to discuss mutual concerns. This is a real opportunity for Leagues in the 7th District; they will receive additional information.



F O C U S   O N   E M E R G I N G   I S S U E S  
(Waldo)

4/77

"Is There a Role for the Citizen in Teacher Collective Bargaining?" Focus on Emerging Issues will be held on May 7 from 9:00 to 3:00 at the St. Paul Vocational Technical Institute, Marshall Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard.

Dr. Charles Cheng, assistant professor, Department of Education, UCLA, will be the keynote speaker. The tentative title of his speech is "Teacher Collective Bargaining: Promises and Pitfalls." He intends to provide a national overview and address the issue of community participation in the bargaining process. Dr. Cheng is the author of Altering Collective Bargaining: Citizen Participation in Educational Decision Making. An Article, "Community Representation in Teacher Collective Bargaining: Problems and Prospects," based on that book, appeared in the May, 1976, HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.

Following Dr. Cheng's speech, there will be a reactor panel comprised of a citizen, representatives of the MEA, MFT, MN School Boards Association, and the Bureau of Mediation Services.

After lunch two legislators will discuss pending legislation in the area of teacher collective bargaining.

Registration is \$2.00 for LWV members; \$2.50 for non-Leaguers. Box lunches are available for \$2.25, or you can brown bag it. Reservations must be in the state office by May 3.

P U B L I C A T I O N S  
(Atchison)

4/77

FACTS AND ISSUES: EDUCATION, Collective Bargaining and Tenure, Minnesota's Laws," is hot off the press. An informative description of the mechanics of collective bargaining and tenure, it should be invaluable for members and non-members alike. At 20¢ per copy to LWV members, it is a publication you can afford to give to all interested community groups - or sell it to them, at a profit, if you'd like.

It is the first of three Facts and Issues in a series. The second will provide data collected from 19 school districts describing the effect of labor laws on education; the third will describe alternatives to present laws and some of the pro and con arguments. (The Development Committee is seeking funding for issues 2 and 3.) These will be printed and available to Leagues in August.

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

4/77

We pray that all of your dues notices have the following statement on them:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge the \$1.00 and \$2.00 of my annual dues are voluntarily intended for subscription to the Minnesota VOTER and the National VOTER respectively.

We also hope you're keeping all those statements on file. *The postal inspector paid a surprise visit to our office on April 13 to audit our membership lists for the VOTER.* He was willing to accept the membership lists we ask you to send us each October 31 - the ones where we ask you to check whether the member's dues have been paid and the member acknowledgement re VOTERs is on file. If they do a full-blown audit later, we'll have to ask you to produce those acknowledgements as soon as possible. So for both our sakes - plus the sake of the budget (we could lose our 2nd class mailing privileges, which would increase the budget by \$3366!) - be sure that statement is on your dues notice and keep that on file.

We've received a comment about your receiving the Council for the Economic Status of Women Newsletter "after the fact." The Council asked us to mail them to you only for your information. Both the Council and LWV realize the newsletters reach you too

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late for some notices of public hearings that the Council may be holding. We regret that. However, after considering all the alternatives available to both groups, we agreed that the method we're using is probably the best if not the most satisfactory.

F O R   Y O U R   I N F O R M A T I O N

4/77

We recently received a letter from the state's Commission on Cable Communications. The following are excerpts from that letter:

"Cable communications offers the opportunity in many communities to communicate locally via television; there are now 101 cabled municipalities in the state serving approximately 450 thousand viewers. Each cable system is required to provide a local public access channel as it comes under state or federal jurisdiction.

"The programming possibilities range from spot promotional announcements or display messages on automated services, to on-going programs telecast on a regular basis. It is possible for League of Women Voter groups to video tape a program on a local issue to educate local residents.

"Spots, five minute issue oriented mini-series or regular half-hour or hour length programming can be produced. Production at cable programmer facilities in Minnesota is much less expensive (example: \$25.00 per hour at the Fairmont Vocational Center color facilities) than at broadcast production centers in the metro area or outstate."

If your League would like further information, contact the state office for a copy of the full letter of Anne T. Davis, Cable Communications Specialist, at MN Cable Communications Board, 3050 Metro Office Park, Bloomington, MN 55420, (612) 854-1703.

Macalester College will hold a sampler for persons considering a return to college Thursday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Macalester Alumni House, 1685 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul.

The workshop, which is free of charge, will explore the resources available to assist the returning student: financial aid, career planning, academic advising and learning resources.

Persons over 24 years old who have not attended college for five years and who are interested in pursuing a degree on a full or part time basis are eligible to apply for the Adult Scholars Program at Macalester and are invited to attend this half-day sampler.



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# action

LWVMN ACTION THROUGH APRIL 15, 1977

Since last month's Board Memo, the following action has been taken:

In Human Resources Area:

Testimony was presented to:

Senate Judiciary Committee in support of SF 497, which would prohibit discrimination in education and employment on basis of affectional preference.

House Sub-Committee on Government Structures of the Government Operations Committee on HF 3, supporting the creation of a new Department of Economic Security.

Senate Employment Committee in support of SF 202, companion bill to HF 3 (above).

House Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations Committee in support of increasing the Department of Welfare budget to allow for a cost of living increase for income maintenance programs.

Senate Finance Subcommittee of the House, Welfare, and Corrections Committee in support of increasing the Department of Welfare budget (see above).

Housing Subcommittee of Commerce and Economic Development in support of HF 774 - a bill allowing tenants to repair certain defects and subtract the cost from rent.

In Education Area:

Senate Education Committee in support of items LWVMN would like included in SF 481, the Omnibus Education Bill;

House School Aids Division of the Education Committee in support of items LWVMN would like included in HF 550, the Omnibus Education Bill.

House Education Committee in support of HF 484, which would appropriate money for programs for children with high potential.

House Education Committee in support of HF 345, a bill providing for bilingual education programs.

In Election Laws/Campaign Financing Area:

Testimony in favor of HF 843, which requires training of election judges and officials.

Testimony in opposition to HF 404, which would weaken the State Ethics Commission.

Following HF 350, which would set a uniform election day in November for all elections.

Testimony supporting legislation requiring elections for Senate vacancies.





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# BOARD MEMO

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Calendar

- May 25 & 26 - World Trade Week (see flyer)  
26 - CMAL Convention (see CMAL)  
26 - Minnesota Department of Corrections Quarterly Workshop (see Criminal Justice)  
26 & 27 - Canadian-American Dialogue, Comstock Memorial Student Union, Moorhead State University, Moorhead  
27 - Criminal Justice Committee Meeting (see Criminal Justice)  
30 - Holiday - Office Closed
- June 1 - Presidents' Workshop - St. Olaf College, Northfield  
2 & 3 - State Convention - St. Olaf College, Northfield  
2 & 3 - Conference on Income Maintenance (see flyer, April Board Memo)  
2 - 5 - Minnesota Women's Meeting (see enclosures in March Memo and special mailing to presidents on May 6.)  
6 - Evaluation form re newspaper articles and Focus reports due in state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102)  
8 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
9 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
30 - Financing State Government consensus due in state office
- July 1 - Local League Board List, Local Program, and Budget forms due in state office

Included with 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairpeople.)

208 Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin

Council on the Economic Status of Women Newsletter

Education Update

15th Annual Minnesota World Trade Conference Program and Registration Information

Notes from briefing sessions on UN at meeting in New York from Judy

Rosenblatt to local League Presidents, IR Chairpeople\*

Report on May 7, 1977, Focus on Emerging Issues Meeting, "Is There A Role

For the Citizen in Teacher Collective Bargaining?" by Judy Rosenblatt\*

Newspaper article prepared for your use by Betty Phelan re Bill of Rights\*

Evaluation form re newspaper articles and Focus reports (return to state office by June 6, 1977)\*

\*Also being sent on DPM

To be mailed later

Convention Workbooks - BRING TO CONVENTION with you - one per delegate (Leagues not attending will be billed for the costs of the workbooks plus postage and handling.)

Who's Who at Presidents' Workshop (Leagues not attending will be billed for the cost plus postage and handling.)

P R E S I D E N T S'   W O R K S H O P  
(Cushing)

5/77

Reminders to all attending Presidents' Workshop:

Registration for Presidents' Workshop opens at 10:00 a.m. Lunch on June 1 is included in the package. Come as early as you can so you have time to get settled before lunch and the beginning of the Workshop at 1:00 p.m.

Be sure you know the membership of your League. We will be using these numbers. It is also very important that you bring with you the materials requested: two copies of your budget, your bulletin, your Board minutes.

There will be a brief meeting of metro presidents and anyone else who is interested to discuss CMAL concerns, probably during part of the supper hour. There will be an announcement at the Workshop.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Mueller)

5/77

On May 26 the Minnesota Department of Corrections Quarterly Workshop will be held at the Prom Center in St. Paul. They will be talking about the 1977 Legislative Session, prison overcrowding in the U.S., the serious juvenile offender, as well as other interesting topics. The workshop lasts most of the day. If you want more information, contact the Department of Corrections or me.

The LWVMN Criminal Justice Committee will be meeting May 27th, 9:30 a.m., state office. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, do come! This may be the end of this legislative session, but there is much work to do in preparation for the next session. No doubt, hearings on pertinent issues in corrections will be held during the interim, and now is the time for us to begin organizing.

The following was inadvertently omitted from the last CAPITOL LETTER:

*LWVMN Position: Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety.*

HF 1020 (Arnold Kempe), the only sentencing bill to survive the subcommittee, Criminal Laws and Procedures, passed out of the House Criminal Justice Committee to the Appropriations Committee. It creates a system of judicial guidelines based on sentencing patterns across the state. These guidelines are set by the Supreme Court to assist the trial court; there are minimum terms set. This bill applies only to felony cases and does not eliminate the parole board as the McCutcheon Bill (SF 65) does. The McCutcheon Bill (See May 29 CAPITOL LETTER for details on this bill) has now moved out of the Senate Finance Committee. If both bills pass their appropriate Houses, a Conference Committee will no doubt be formed to debate the final outcome.

N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

5/77

The FRASER BILL (H.R. 2820) - giving full wilderness status to the BWCA - which we support, is in the House Interior Committee's subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs. To move the Fraser Bill onto the House floor for passage, massive bi-partisan support is needed. Your letters are essential to achieve this. You can help most by:

1. Writing your U.S. Representative; Tell him that the BWCA is a priceless wilderness resource of national significance and that its preservation is of vital concern to citizens in your District. Ask him to support and co-sponsor the Fraser Bill (H.R. 2820).
2. Send a copy or separate letter to Chairman Phillip Burton, Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs, Interior Committee, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Ask that your letter be made part of the hearing record on the Fraser Bill (H.R. 2820).

(Natural Resources - 5/77 - continued)

3. Send a copy or separate letter to Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Administration Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.
4. Send a letter to Senators Humphrey and Anderson.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 5/77  
DeSantis)

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S MEETING - During the first week in May each local League president was sent a mailing about the Minnesota Women's Meeting to be held in St. Cloud on June 2, 3, 4, and 5. A great many exciting workshops are being planned as well as a plenary session at which Minnesota delegates to a national women's conference in November will be elected. Please help your president promote this among your members. It is unfortunate that the dates overlap with our own LWVMN convention, but we are hoping that many Leaguers will be able to attend.

WOMEN'S ISSUES: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE - In recent years many women's organizations have asked that volunteer experience be given more weight when applying for jobs and in seeking credit towards higher education. The Governor's Offices of Volunteer Services (G.O.V.S.) has just issued two reports on special projects they have undertaken in this area.

One, a project on academic credit for volunteers experience, reports the following:

1. At the University of Minnesota there are several colleges and departments that recognize the volunteer experience of students when considering qualifications toward admission, credit, or degrees; however, there is no uniform policy.
2. In the State University system there is also a limited recognition of prior volunteer experience.
3. Private colleges generally do not recognize volunteer experience.
4. Most community colleges do count volunteer experience towards credits and degree programs.

The second, a project on employment credit for volunteer experience, found: 1. The United States Civil Service Commission recognizes volunteer experience on its application form and in its hiring practices. 2. Both the Minnesota Civil Service and Merit System request information related to volunteer experience on their employment application forms and have developed policies equating volunteer experience to paid experience. 3. In a sampling of Minnesota cities and counties, it was found that Minneapolis and Hennepin County consider volunteer work in their hiring policies and practices but that most other city and county governments in the state do not. 4. A random sampling of 180 businesses in Minnesota indicated that very few businesses request information on volunteer experience. Many expressed an interest in learning more about the relationship of such experience to paid employment and were positive in their attitudes.

Any Leagues which would like either the full or summary reports of these projects may obtain them from G.O.V.S., St. Paul, MN 55155.

NATIONAL HR PRIORITIES - If you are up to date on your reading of national communications, you can stop reading here, for you know LWVUS HR priorities for 1977. However, if you are a new HR chairman who has just received her portfolio, you might like to know that National's major action priority for the coming year is employment/income assistance and welfare reform. Keep this in the back of your mind as you do your reading and start educating your members in this area. LWVUS' second HR priority is housing - both seeing that Community Development Block Grants are renewed and working towards the creation of more and better low and moderate income housing.



FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT  
(Anderson)

5/77

FSG Consensus deadline is June 30, 1977.

A slide-tape presentation on governmental finances will be ready for preview at the LWV state Convention. This will be financed with development funds raised for the FSG study and specifically earmarked for community education. We think you'll find it an excellent resource for use in the community and schools. The presentation will supplement material contained in the four FSG Facts and Issues; it is based upon Arley Waldo's "traveling show," which many of you have heard in the past two years. Plan to preview this at Convention and to think about ways it could best be used in your community.

EDUCATION  
(Shaw)

5/77

If your League did a late spring unit meeting on this topic, please make sure the discussion feedback is sent to Betty Shaw (2649 Huntington, St. Louis Park, MN 55416) as quickly as possible so that it may be incorporated in the preparation of materials this summer.

LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

5/77

Attention all local program chairmen and presidents: Wanted, recent local League studies and information to share with other Leagues. State Convention gives us an opportunity to display local League publications. There will be a table of recent local program products, and we need yours too! If we do not have one copy for our file, please bring one.

Though the emphasis will be on our work as a state League, there will be occasions for discussing local program. If you have particular interests or problems, be primed to get help and moral support. We will have our large chart showing topics by Leagues, so you can find kindred souls and compare notes.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES  
(Enders)

5/77

CMAL CONVENTION - May 26th, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mounds View, \$2.50, reservations to Alice Beckman, 2334 Hillview Road, St. Paul, MN 55112. 784-2114. Your CMAL bulletin is your Convention program.

The Environmental Protection Agency has sent a letter to each League in the metro area explaining the procedure they will use to select the site for the hazardous waste disposal facility. If you did not receive one, it may have gone to a past president. It will be important that you are aware of the process if your community is selected as a possible site.

CMAL at State Convention - Following the Presidents' Workshop on Wednesday, there will be an opportunity for representatives from metro Leagues to meet with the new CMAL Chairman, Harriette Burkhalter, and to discuss any concerns you might have about CMAL. Please plan to save some time to meet with her.

208 - We have exhausted the funds available under our original LWVEF grant. Each League that sponsored the slide show will be sent a check as soon as our financial report is final. It will still be possible for Leagues to have the slide show in the fall, but we cannot guarantee any grant money. We are waiting to hear if there will be additional money coming, but as of now, there is not.

3-4171 - Enders

Region 10 Leagues

The Leagues of Women Voters of Region 10 were again selected to be represented on the Southeastern Minnesota Regional Development Commission. Elna Ponto was reappointed as a public interest member. She serves on the Bylaws Committee and the Advisory Council on Aging. Mabel Spears, Leaguer from Winona, serves on the 208 Water Quality Advisory Council. Roberta Anderson, Leaguer and Councilwoman from Winona, represents the City of Owatonna on the Commission and serves on the Transportation Advisory Council. Lila McClocklin, Leaguer from Owatonna, serves on the Citizen Action Council. Many League members have participated in workshops and seminars sponsored by the S.E.M.R.D.C.

If League members are interested in appointments to advisory councils to the R.D.C., they should contact their county representative who serves on the Executive Board of the Commission.

If League members or others are interested in receiving the newsletter, "Developments," they only need to ask to be on the mailing list. This is a good way to learn and keep up on what is happening.

Staff and Commission members are available for speaking engagements throughout the Region.

Review and adoption of the budget will be the main concern of the Commission between now and August. The present budget is based on a 1/17 mill rate. Legislation allows up to 1/6 mill. League members may wish to review the budget or attend budget hearings.

- Elna Ponto

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

5/11

Many of you are new presidents who are wondering what to do with this "mountain" of mail. Except for the \* items listed under the "Included with the 3rd Class Mailing" section, you will be the only person in your League receiving these materials. Those materials having an \* following them are also sent to those Leaguers for whom you have ordered a Duplicate Presidents' Mailing (DPM) from the LWVMN (which is different from the DPM ordered from LWVUS). Leaguers for whom you have ordered a Board Memo only will receive only this memo; they will not receive any additional materials.

With the 3rd class mailing, you will also receive another copy of this Memo but xeroxed on one side of the page only. If you have not ordered Board Memos for your Board members, you may cut the one-sided copy apart to distribute to the appropriate portfolio chairpersons.

Please return the LWVMN form, the one stating "please return immediately following your Annual Meeting," which asks for the president's and treasurer's mailing addresses, to the state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102) **IMMEDIATELY**. It's the only way we know to whom to send the mail, and we do want to have all labels correct by May 31. (We aren't overly endowed with ESP, so we do need your cooperation.)

The other forms, the ones attached to the Annual Meetings materials sent to retiring (or retired) local League presidents in March, should be in the state office by July 1 so we can begin the needed processing.

If you can't find those forms re Local League Board List, Adopted Local League Program, and Budget, drop us a line, and we'll send you an extra copy to use. (Include the name of the president and treasurer and their addresses with that note if you haven't already done so, please!)

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Included with the 3rd class mailing is an Evaluation Form re the newspaper articles sent you monthly and the Focus on Emerging Issues reports. We need your input, insights and direction to help us with our planning for next year. Please return the form by June 6 so the state Board can have your suggestions to review when they meet on June 8. We need your constructive criticisms as well as your plaudits if we are to respond to your needs and desires. Thanks.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

5/77

The College of St. Catherine is again offering its non-credit summer program for women as well as a full summer schedule of credit courses. This year there are two sessions: June 1 through June 30 and July 6 through August 3.

The non-credit offerings during the first summer session include Assertiveness Training I; Supervisory Leadership Skills, a workshop geared for supervisors or leaders in volunteer associations or in management; a Life/Work Planning Workshop for women who want to re-enter the world of work or education; and a Math Refresher Course. During the second summer session both Assertiveness Training I and Advanced Assertiveness Training will be offered. Child care is available for both credit and non-credit students.

Please call the St. Catherine's Office of Continuing Education, 690-6542, for further information and a bulletin of all their credit and non-credit offerings for the Summer of 1977.

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OUTLOOK - 1977-78

Calendar  
and  
Counterpart Communiques



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Leagues receive *two* copies of this OUTLOOK; one copy duplicated on *both* sides for local League presidents' use and file copy; one copy duplicated on *one* side only - to be distributed to each local League portfolio chairperson. Extra copies of this OUTLOOK may be ordered from the state office - 75¢ each plus postage and handling.

State Board meetings are *open meetings*. Dates are included on the Calendar Worksheet. Please feel free to visit any time. If you have business to bring before the Board, please notify the president a week in advance; emergency items may be added later.

Minutes of state Board meetings are available to local Leagues on request.

It is vital that membership changes - new members, transfers, drops or changes of address and/or name - be reported promptly, both to LWVUS and LWVMN. Use the national VOTER Membership Report Form (yellow sheets) for these changes, sending the original to LWVUS and a copy to LWVMN.

Undelivered VOTERS are returned to the state office at a charge of 25¢ each. Only four change notices from the post office are allowed, and then mailing privileges can be revoked if the post office chooses. New members are discouraged by delays in receiving their newsletters.

Be sure one person on your Board, either the treasurer or Membership chairman, takes responsibility for sending the membership report forms to national and state. The treasurer's section contains a notice of the acknowledgement requirement of the postal service which we will ask you to check as having on the reporting form your League will be asked to use when submitting your membership lists on October 31.

A single copy of the Board Memo is mailed to presidents *first class* by the 2nd Friday following the state Board meeting. Another, duplicated on just one side, is included with the third class mailing of additional materials, which is usually mailed the 2nd Monday following the state Board meeting. Leagues desiring to receive the 3rd class mailing sooner may request it be sent 1st class - you will be billed quarterly for the additional postage. A Board Memo is included in Duplicate Presidents Mailing subscription (cost \$12.00).

Tips on Local League Filing (1976) may be ordered from the state office if you cannot find it in your files (cost 6¢).

Changes in local League bylaws must be sent in for review and comment by the Service to local Leagues chairperson before you propose the changes to your members.

State office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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Betty Ann McKaig, secretary

Part time: Judy Medelman, Assistant to the President for PR and Development

Pat Lucas, assistant executive director and Program/Action secretary

Peggy Thompson, Service to Local Leagues secretary

We do not have copies of national publications for sale in the state office. They are to be ordered directly from the national office.

The address for the LWVUS is: 1730 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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As you know, the LWV-MN uses a xerox 2400 for all duplicating. We will do copying for your League at our cost. Leagues in the Metro area are asked to call the office, make an appointment to use the copies, and do the copying themselves. Non-Metro Area Leagues may mail their materials to the office. Type the copy, as you want it reproduced, on plain white paper. Tell us if you want it run on one or both sides of the paper and the color. (We have green, blue, pink, canary, buff and goldenrod in addition to white.) The copies will duplicate on your letterhead too, but only a 20# paper stock. The size can be 8 1/2 x 11 or 8 1/2 x 14. (We can offer you only green and white colors in 8 1/2 x 14.) Cost is 35¢ for the first 10 sides and 1¢ for every additional copy (\$1.25 for 100 copies). If you mail to us for duplicating, we'll need to charge for postage and handling. Also allow at least 10 days to accommodate our schedule and the post office.

## CALENDAR

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### May-June VOTER

- 8 - State Board meeting
- 9 - CMAL Board meeting
- 17 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 20 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- 30 - Financing State Government consensus forms due in state office

### Local League Visits:

- June 15 Owatonna  
Rochester
- 16 Winona  
Red Wing
- 20 New Ulm  
St. Peter/Mankato
- 21 Fairmont/Jackson  
Worthington
- 22 Rock County
- 27 Hutchinson  
Willmar
- 28 Granite Falls  
Marshall

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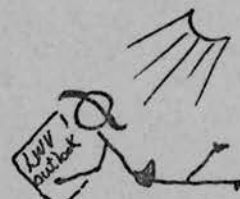
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- 1 - Quarterly support payment to LWVMN  
PMP quarterly payment to LWVUS
- 4 - Holiday, office closed
- 7 - CMAL Board meeting

Energy consensus questions due from LWVUS

July-August VOTER



- 4 - CMAL Board meeting
- 9 - State Board meeting
- 19 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 22 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing

FACTS AND ISSUES: Education, Collective Bargaining and Tenure (2) and Committee Guide, including Consensus Questions

Local League Visits:

- August 1 Duluth
- 2 Mid-Mesabi  
Hibbing
- 3 Grand Rapids  
Cass Lake
- 4 Bemidji
- 10 St. Cloud/Buffalo-Monticello
- 15 Alexandria  
Battle Lake
- 16 Moorhead  
Crookston
- 17 Detroit Lakes  
Morris
- 25 Northfield  
Freeborn County/East Faribault
- 26 Austin

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- 1 - Quarterly/Semi-annual Support Payment to LWVMN  
CMAL Board meeting
- 5 - Holiday, office closed
- 13 - State Board meeting  
Jewish New Year
- 15 - CMAL Representatives meeting
- 16 - Financing State Government Consensus announced
- 22 - Yom Kippur
- 23 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 26 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- ? - Groundwater Conference with Wisconsin

Election Laws enacted during the 1977 legislative session

September-October VOTER



Workshops  
16-17 Metro  
19 Moorhead  
21 New Ulm  
27 Grand Rapids

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- ? - Groundwater Conference with Wisconsin
- 1 - PMP Quarterly Payment due to LWVUS
- 6 - CMAL Board meeting
- 10 - Explorers' Day
- 11 - State Board meeting

- Workshops on Energy, Education and Action
  - 17 - Moorhead
  - 19 - New Ulm
  - 27 - Grand Rapids
  - 28 - and/or 29 - Metro area



- 20 & 21 - MEA/MFT days
- 21 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 24 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- Update on legislative compensation

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- 3 - CMAL Board meeting
- 8 - Election Day
  - State Board meeting
- 11 - Veterans' Day
- 15 - Lobbyist Training Workshop
- 18 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 21 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- 24, 25 - Holiday, office closed
- Precinct Caucus Committee Guide

#### November-December VOTER

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- 1 - Quarterly Support Payment due to LWVMN
  - CMAL Board Meeting
- 23 - Education Consensus forms due in state office
- 23, 26 & 30 - Holidays, office closed

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Interviews



- 1 - Happy 1978
- 2 - Holiday, office closed
- 3 - PMP Quarterly Payment due LWVUS
- 5 - CMAL Board meeting
- 10 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Part I Local League Annual Reports due to LWVUS/LWVMN
- 17 - Legislature Reconvenes
- 18 - Focus on Emerging Issues
- 19 - CMAL Representatives Meeting
- 20 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 23 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing

? - Energy consensus forms due LWVUS

#### January-February VOTER



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- 2 - CMAL Board meeting
- 3 - National Program and Bylaws suggestions in to LWVUS
- 14 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Focus on Emerging Issues
- 20 - Holiday, office closed
- 24 - Hope Washburn Award Nominations due to LWVMN
- 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 27 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- 28 - Uniform Precinct Caucus Day

1978-79 Proposed Budget mailed

- 2 - CMAL Board meeting
- 14 - State Board meeting
- 15 - Focus on Emerging Issues
- Part II Local League Annual Reports due to LWVUS/LWVMN
- 16 - CMAL Representatives Meeting
- 23 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 24 - Holiday, office closed
- 26 - Easter
- 27 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing

March-April VOTER

- 1 - PMP Quarterly Payment due LWVUS
- 6 - CMAL Board meeting
- 18 & 19 - State Council meeting
- 20 - State Board meeting
- 22-29 - Passover
- 28 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- May 1 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing

- 1-5 - National Convention, Cincinnati (?)
- 4 - CMAL Board meeting
- 9 - State Board meeting
- 16 - School Board elections
- 19 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 22 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing
- 25 - CMAL Convention
- 29 - Holiday, office closed

May-June VOTER

- 1 - CMAL Board meeting
- 13 - State Board meeting
- 23 - 1st Class Board Memo mailing
- 26 - 3rd Class Board Memo mailing



Outlook





## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- President

Helene Borg (612) 472-2674

Politics is something in which everyone participates whether they realize it or not. Being in the LWV you have the opportunity to educate people and make needed changes by working through an effective organization. As president of your local League, you are a leader of leaders. Don't worry about having too few people to do the job. The United States of America was founded by a small group of leaders undeterred by the vastness of their task. A leader identifies a goal, seeks the means to reach it and enlists others to aid in the task.

This year in the LWV we have to finish up our education consensus and reach a consensus on energy. However, no consensus is planned for Cities/Urban Crisis and probably not for any other study. What an opportunity! 1) You and your Board can decide what

you need to study to keep current on LWV program. 2) You can look at your community and select an action campaign that will really make a difference. (Providing this service will also mean more members, dollars, and credibility for your League.) 3) You can make democracy work in your city/cities by education. People will vote when they know and care, and they will inform their official representatives of their opinions. This is the year to use some initiative while you are not burdened with a consensus a month.

Various "helps" have been scheduled to aid you, but if you need different assistance, please ask. The state office and the state Board are available throughout the year to be of service.

You as President will want to read this entire OUTLOOK, and ideally your Board should be familiar with all of it. (Additional copies cost 75¢ a piece.) At a minimum, be sure each Board member receives a counterpart section. Encourage contacting the authors if there are questions, or check with your consultant or the office. As the year proceeds, the monthly Board Memo will provide additional information for each portfolio, and other materials that might interest your members. We will keep you informed of our FOCUS meetings and other available conferences that might interest Leaguers.

As you begin your year, look at your procedures. Nothing has to be done the "way we've always done it." Flexibility is the key. Don't let your structures be a burden to you. You are not working for the LWV, and there is nothing honorable about working your way through dozens of jobs that are no longer valid or applicable to what we are really trying to accomplish. We do not have a book of rules. We do agree to promote political responsibility, act on selected governmental issues in accord with an LWV consensus, and not support or oppose political parties or candidates. Beyond that, the Bylaws demand very little. You can combine Board portfolios in ways that fit your League for this League year. Some can be chaired by off-Board people. You do not have to have a unit-organization chairman, for example, if your League is small and you don't need one. Different Leagues need to use their members and Boards in different ways.

What are you trying to accomplish? Is this your most important role?

Who is available to do the job - in or out of League?

How are you spending your time? Does time spent contribute toward reaching your goals?

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Think of other questions that will help you focus your attention and organize your thinking. Spend some Board time examining activities and evaluating past efforts.

Above all, realize what a magnificent opportunity you have to contribute to the betterment of the world and consequently yourself. In the LWV we have the knowledge, tools and credibility to really make a difference. And we know how to enjoy doing it.

I know this coming year will be rewarding for you and that you will have lots of fun during your term as president.

Enjoy, enjoy!



#### STATE BOARD ORGANIZATION

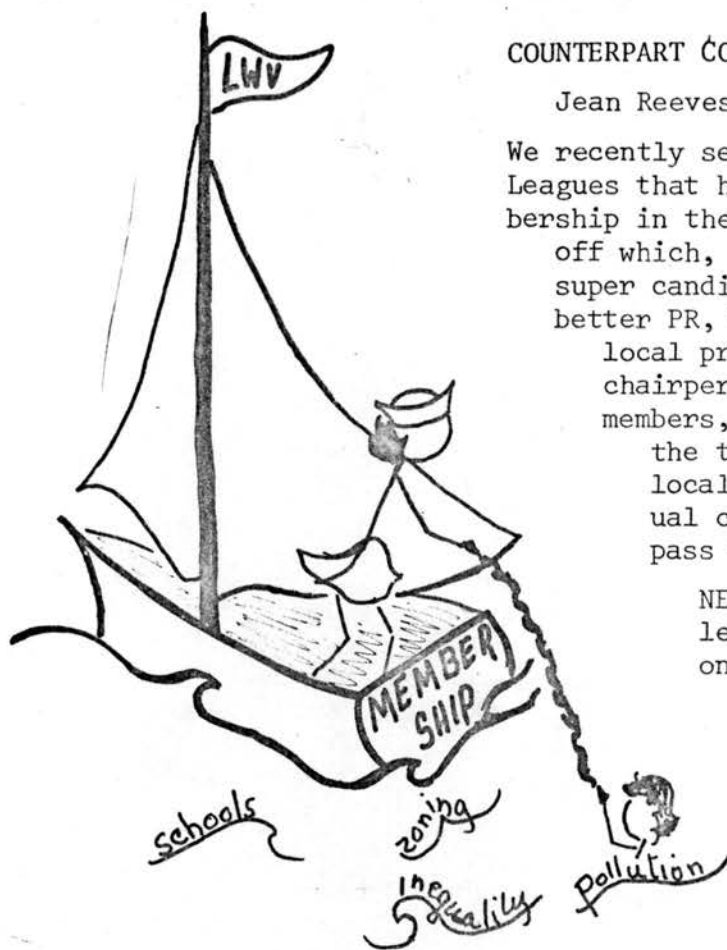
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Publications -  
Action - Coordinator of Action on all League Program, National, State and Local - Pam Berkwitz  
Criminal Justice - includes Corrections, Judiciary, and Juvenile Justice - Betty Phelan  
Natural Resources - includes Air, Water, Energy, Land Use, and Solid Waste - Mary Poppleton and Sally Foley  
Human Resources - includes Equality of Opportunity, Anti-discrimination, Income Assistance, Indians, etc. - Lois DeSantis and Maggie Brown  
Education - Betty Shaw  
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Local Program - Barbara Jones

The VOTER editor is off-Board - Judy Rosenblatt

Consider arranging your Board so you have counterparts in similar roles. This structure corresponds to the national organization. Remember vertical organization, so you are not retaining obsolete portfolios, such as National Program chair or State Program chair.

Read IN LEAGUE. It's all there.



## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE -- Membership

Jean Reeves (507) 645-6161

We recently sent a mini-questionnaire to 13 local Leagues that have had substantial increases in membership in the past year. They were asked to check off which, if any, of the following pertained: super candidates meeting, active speakers bureau, better PR, PR on Presidential debates, active local program, local action, great membership chairperson, recruitment of men, kept all "old" members, or pure luck. For those responding, the two most important factors were: active local program and local action, but individual comments were interesting, and so I will pass them on.

NEW ULM: Much more visibility on local level - President has spoken and written on a variety of issues, especially ERA - attracted members interested in women's issues.....good monthly unit programs...  
...active voter registration.....three candidates meetings.

FREEBORN COUNTY: Two candidates meetings, one of which was broadcast on radio.....President interviewed on TV before second debate.....good public energy forum.....Housing (lo-

cal action) was the big achievement.....small coffees - get-togethers to talk about LWV.....luncheon meetings with outside speakers and open to the public with a strict schedule, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., and very well attended.

NEW BRIGHTON: Two membership chairpersons (one, recruitment, and one TLC of Members) .....good units.....small meetings with new members.....avoided pressure on new members to immediate activity.....

ST. CROIX VALLEY: Pure luck sent a former Minneapolis member who formed a new unit..... had an exciting local education study that brought in new members.....Presidential debates helped.

ROBBINSDALE: Many individual members were active in local campaigns making LWV more visible.....many members in local government, i.e., 2 on City Council, one on Planning Commission, one on Housing and Development Authority, one on Parks and Recreation Commission, and the mayor's wife is a member!

RED WING: We have always concentrated on strong local program and action.....this year's emphasis, sex bias in the school and Land Use - both had tremendous committee support and total League interest.....dedicated membership committee which emphasized all year follow up.

ST. PAUL: Visibility major factor identified.....local program and action.....newsworthy .....better PR all around.....Presidential debates helped.....but PR pays off only if there is an active, visible, relevant local League.....effective with old members..... nurtures the new.....excellent candidates meeting.....more requests for speakers on voting than were able to fill.....

St. Paul President Marlene Krona ended her letter saying, "We feel the overall image of LWV has changed significantly over the past few years - from "the little old lady in tennis shoes" to a citizen activist who is knowledgeable and works effectively in the political system."



Using these ideas gleaned from successful League and the new Membership book, each Board (and I stress BOARD - the Membership Chairman can't do it alone) can be successful in recruiting and keeping the members needed to carry out the personal and collective goals of the League and its members.

COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Service to Local Leagues/  
Field Service

Carolyn Cushing (612) 633-0602



One area of consensus reached as the state Board reviewed and evaluated our role in relation to local Leagues was a general dislike of the term "Field Service." The feeling was that the name is uninformative and even misleading. We finally settled on Service to Local Leagues as being more descriptive, so you can expect to see more of it. (You can also expect to see Field Service used now and then -- habits are hard to change.)

In any case, you can expect more service, whatever we call it! WE ARE SCHEDULING VISITS TO EVERY LEAGUE THIS YEAR, beginning in June, which we hope will be an improvement on the "hit or miss" consultant approach. A number of other states have found this arrangement very helpful. We will be asking for your evaluation after we have given it a try.

The general purpose of the visit will be Board training, including League orientation and specific helps for each portfolio. Training teams of state Board members and other experienced League members will be adapted to the needs you express. You will choose your agenda from a number of possibilities. LL Presidents are receiving more detailed information and will be able to ask questions about it at the Presidents' Workshop and informally at Convention.

Since we hope to cover organization-type needs with the Service visits, fall workshops will be devoted to program. "Regional" workshops will give you easier access to resource people. Tentative plans include combining an Energy update, an Education briefing, and an Action emphasis. Your suggestions are welcomed. We have set the following dates and locations:

Moorhead	October 17
New Ulm	October 19
Grand Rapids	October 27
Metro	October 28-29

Looking to the end of the year, following Council and National Convention, we will be putting together another "mini-course" workshop. There will be something for both new and veteran Board members and all interested League members. More on this later.

You are encouraged, as always, to contact either your counterpart or your consultant for information and advice during the year, but feel free to call me anytime as well. (If there is any problem with communication, a word to the office will expedite answers.)

We are looking forward to another busy year, helping the machinery of League to run smoothly.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Action

Pam Berkwitz (612) 920-3364



Action is a vital part of League. After each study we take action to achieve our local, state and national positions. You have the important, exciting and fun job of helping League be more effective with action.

The first thing you should do is familiarize yourself with all of our League positions. In addition to your local positions, a new publication, IMPACT ON ISSUES, 1976-78, details national positions, and an upcoming new edition of PROGRAM FOR ACTION will list all state positions. Also read IN LEAGUE (LWVUS) on action.

Then organize your League for action. The responsibilities of your program people should include that portfolio at all levels of League, e.g., vertical programming means Human Resources includes local, state, and

national HR positions. The Program people should be on your action committee with the president and the P.R. and observer corps people.

Help your members take action. Try to have an action person in each unit to give a five-minute action report each meeting to request action, to report recent activity, or to give action hints.

In addition to official League letters from the president in response to Times for Action, it is very important that members respond as individuals. Constituent pressure is very effective. Set up a telephone pyramid or another mechanism for alerting members between unit meetings. Sometimes it is easier for members to respond if a complicated Times for Action is given to them on paper. Give all members early in the year the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all of their public officials - local, state and national.

Tell your members and your community about your action. Educate others to develop support for League positions. Include an Action Box in your bulletin with recent local, state and national action if possible.

Order CAPITOL LETTER and REPORT FROM THE HILL for yourself and other Board members to keep track of what is happening in St. Paul and Washington. If you can't order enough for everyone, please share information with the whole Board. REPORT FROM THE HILL is easily torn apart for the individual program people. Urge other members to sign up too.

After you organize for action, what can you expect next year? LWVMN will hold workshops in the fall which will include lots of how-to material on taking action at the local level. Please attend and bring others. There will be a lobbyist training session on November 15th for those interested in learning how to lobby. Next year is the second year of the legislative session.

We will ask you to interview your legislators in the late fall to keep the League lobbyists informed and to help your League stay in touch. After the Legislature convenes, you will receive Times for Action from our lobbyists. Please respond promptly and tell me about your action on the action reply cards (available from the state office).

The national League needs your help too. There will be no formal interviews, but stay in touch with your Congressman and Senators. Please respond to those Times for Action too. Your program people should stay on top of the information and requests for action in REPORT FROM THE HILL. Also, the LWVUS Spotmaster Service will again be taped and available from the state office.

At the local level, plan together with your Board how you can be more effective in your community. Get on the agenda mailing lists of your City Council, School Board, Park Board, etc. Ask your observers to tell you promptly of current and future activity in the community. Be sure to attend those fall workshops for more help on local action. Decide what changes are needed in your community and plan an action campaign. Record what you do and submit it to the state office for the 1978 action recognition selection.

We have made great strides toward more effective action in the last four years under the able direction of Helene Borg. I share her commitment to action and hope to assist in any way possible you and your League to be more effective, respected, and successful in your communities. I will be in contact with you often through the Board Memos, etc., but please feel free to call or write me anytime about anything.

Right now you should begin to arrange your committee, get your green LWV button out, start thinking action, AND BEGIN TO ENJOY YOUR YEAR AS ACTION CHAIR.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Criminal Justice

Betty Phelan (612) 472-4678

The criminal justice portfolio is interest, so to both new and this committee, congratulations to schedule at least one meeting acquaint or reacquaint your

At the state level the criminal during this year, to update mation you have concerning criminal justice are responsible

1. Corrections (including the Community Corrections Act)
2. Judiciary
3. Juvenile Justice System

To update yourselves on what has been done in the past, obtain copies (should be in your files) of:

1. Consensus on determinate sentencing and related materials (1976-77)
2. CORRECTIONS: PEOPLE, PRISONS AND PROGRAMS (LWVMN - out of print)
3. MINNESOTA JUDICIARY: STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES (LWVMN - out of print)
4. Any local studies done on juveniles
5. PROGRAM FOR ACTION (LWVMN - available from state LWV office)

Although some information is outdated, basic structures are still the same. A few phone calls to a local judge or other official in the criminal justice system can fill in the blanks. You may wish to invite that person to speak at your meeting after background material has been given your members.



an area with high member continuing chairpeople of on your good fortune. Try during the League year to members with the topic.

justice committee is planning, the publications and infor- the three areas you as chair of for:



Choose one area of criminal justice in which to concentrate at a time. Use your imagination in presenting the materials. The subject area lends itself well to skits, dialogues, slide shows, etc. You will receive information at the state Convention on where to obtain some very good films and games. LWVMN has purchased three games concerning corrections that you will be able to "check out" of the state office. We will have them at Convention so you can see them. After your concentration on subject matter, follow up with an observation program at a local court house or a go-see trip to a local jail or community corrections facility. A phone call will give you an idea of where and when courts are in session, or how to set up a tour for your members.

Finally, write up any new material you have come across in your updating that you think would be useful to the state criminal justice committee. Or better yet, volunteer to work on the update with us.

You may also wish to observe a committee in the criminal justice area next year when the Legislature convenes. We would appreciate your involvement.

Be prepared to act by writing or calling your legislator when criminal justice measures come before the Minnesota House and Senate. Be informed of LWV positions in this area. The state committee will keep you informed of legislation action.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Natural Resources

Mary Poppleton (612) 890-4486

Sally Foley (612) 421-3033

Again we remind you that Natural Resources includes Air, Energy, Land Use, Solid Waste and Water.

We now have co-chairs for this portfolio. Sally Foley will be responsible for Air, Solid Waste and Water. Mary Poppleton is responsible for Energy and Land Use.

##### AIR

Efforts to introduce a mandatory auto emission inspection bill in this session of the Legislature failed. In last year's OUTLOOK we talked about opposing damaging amendments to the National Clean Air Act. It is disheartening to note that we are still engaged in the same battle.

The three main areas of LWV concern are nonattainment, auto emission standards and significant deterioration. Background on these issues and "what you can do" information is available in the Natural Resources section of the April REPORT FROM THE HILL. Every local League president gets this, so ask her for your section.

##### SOLID WASTE

Minnesota and 43 other states are being studied by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) for storage of nuclear waste. Minnesota has been identified as a state of interest because of the location of igneous and metamorphic



rocks in the Precambrian shield of the Lake Superior region. What they are looking for is land not subject to earthquakes. Surveys of mines in this area suggest that they may have some potential for the storage of nuclear waste.

Sally Foley will be attending hearings on this issue and will keep you up to date on what's happening.

Keep up your efforts to encourage community recycling and use of returnable beverage containers and milk bottles.

#### ENERGY

You will receive your consensus questions in July, with consensus due in the national office in January, 1978. The national publication, ENERGY DILEMMAS, has already been sent to you. ENERGY OPTIONS will be in the mail soon.

We will try to get enough copies of the Minnesota Energy Agencies publication, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES FOR MINNESOTA, for every local League. My hope is to have them at state Convention.

The Minnesota Energy Agency will sponsor a conference on feasible Alternative Energy Sources for Minnesota in the fall. We will let you know as soon as there are dates and location.

President Carter presented his Energy message to Congress on April 20. Its main theme was energy conservation. The April REPORT FROM THE HILL provides background on key elements of the message and presents the points on which LWV has a position.

The Minnesota Omnibus Energy Bill continues to move through the Legislature. Provisions of this legislation will be sent to you when it passes.

#### WATER

Congress is now (still) considering amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Background and action on this issue are also included in the same REPORT FROM THE HILL.

The National LWV Ed Fund received monies to allow state Leagues to hold an Environmental Conference or conduct an Environmental Project. Minnesota's share of the grant was \$300. Because of the continuing drought situation, we have decided to pool our resources with the Wisconsin LWV and hold a conference on Groundwater Supply. Tentative plans call for an early fall conference to be held in a town on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. Helene Borg, Joyce Lake and Mary Poppleton will be traveling to Eau Claire in June for the first planning meeting.

#### LAND USE

Two years ago Land Use Planning was an issue whose time had come. Debate raged over private vs. public rights. Most citizens, however, realized that wise use of land was in their best interest. Then the Energy Crisis was upon us, and Land Use was forgotten. Federal and state legislative efforts halted as elected officials tried to solve our energy dilemma.

However, Land Use planning is still of prime importance. And it is one issue where local Leagues can be very effective on the local level. Your best tools are a good working knowledge of our national and state Land Use positions and regular attendance at Planning Commission meetings. It is at the Planning Commission level where the important work is done. By the time it gets to the City Council, it is too late. If you have questions regarding local Land Use issues, feel free to contact Mary Poppleton directly or through the state office.

Remember to continue updating your members on all our N.R. topics so they will be prepared when action is needed.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Human Resources

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This year we are dividing the responsibilities for the Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity portfolio between Lois DeSantis, who has had the position alone previously, and Maggie Brown. Hopefully this will enable us to cover all parts of this position more fully.

As might be expected, the fight for ERA is still continuing. Remember that it is still important for your local members to continue vocalizing or writing their support of this issue. We still have legislators in Minnesota who stand behind their belief to rescind the ratification in our own state. Fortunately it appears at this time that this effort will not be successful this year. It is imperative, however, to educate new members on this item as well.

Also, state-wide this last legislative year we have watched and/or lobbied on bills concerned with welfare, displaced homemakers, battered women, discrimination on sex (maternity benefits, age, and affectional preference).

See the CAPITOL LETTER for details on these bills. Naturally next year the Legislature will be watched for any action on bills that did not make it to completion this year. As usual we would indeed appreciate having more observers or lobbyists for the 1978 session.

Nationally the urban crisis study will be forthcoming and within the metro area is enforced by the CMAL proposal to use the same as their study topic. Outstate, remember that many of the crisis identified as "urban" are present in some manner in some of the smallest towns or cities. We will attempt to help in any way possible on this study through our state office as well. A recommendation has been made for the new state Board to consider making this study chairperson an off-Board member.

We urge all HR chairpersons to continue to seek areas of action within their own regions. By reading all current national and state HR positions, you may see ways in which your local community could be affected by some action on your part. Read all available material on your portfolio to better understand the enjoinder of state and national positions within this subject. Make a firm attempt to either receive or read the REPORT FROM THE HILL and Time For Action letters as well as the LWVMN CAPITOL LETTER.

Suggested publications for HR portfolios are: 1) PROGRAM FOR ACTION, LWVMN (after the 1977 Convention); (2) IMPACT ON ISSUES 1976-78, LWVUS; (3) A RECHARGE FOR HR, LWVUS; (4) AN HR SOURCE GUIDE.

For both old and new HR chairpersons, the breakdown of the HR umbrella is as follows:

### I. Equality of Opportunity - LWVMN

#### A. No discrimination on basis of:

1. Sex
2. Race
3. Religion
4. Welfare status
5. Handicap





- 6. Affectional Preference
- 7. Age
- 8. Criminal Record
- B. Support of Human Rights Department
- C. Indians
  - 1. Support of Indian Affairs Board
  - 2. Support of special Indian programs
- D. Migrant Workers
- E. Human Services
- II. Human Resources - LWVUS
  - A. Unemployment-manpower training
  - B. Minimum Wage
  - C. Welfare
  - D. Social Services
  - E. Day Care
  - F. Housing
  - G. Food Stamps and Food Programs
  - H. ERA
  - I. Education - Equality of Opportunity

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Education

Education - Betty Shaw (612) 926-6093



Local Leagues should plan for a major state program and consensus on Tenure and Public Employee Bargaining in Education. We highly recommend two meetings on this lengthy and controversial topic. You may expect a total of 3 Facts and Issues:

One has already been published - April, 1977  
The other two will be ready by August 1 along with consensus questions and a discussion guide.

Consensus questions should be returned to the state office by December 23.

We are expecting amendments to PELRA and possibly to the seniority dismissal clauses of the continuing contract law in the next legislative session. Therefore, our new consensus in this area will be very timely. Whatever the results of consensus: fighting to retain PELRA and tenure laws as they are; or working to make changes in these laws - we will need knowledgeable people ready to lobby next session.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Government

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Government is a new program area at the state level. It's an attempt to consolidate many related program areas and to reflect vertical programming, i.e., to deal with issues in an interrelated way rather than as single-purpose issues.

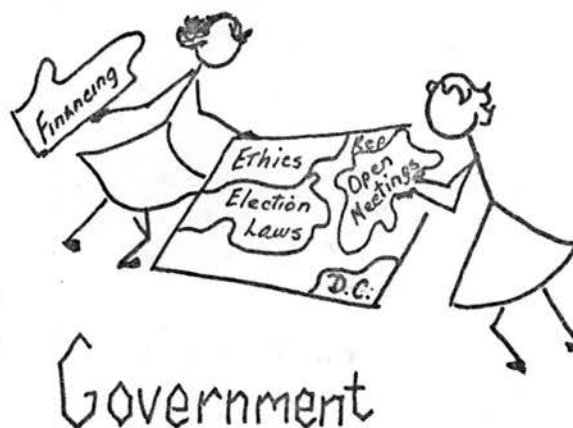
The following outline shows the programs now included in government. It corresponds to the LWVUS Government category and includes related state program. Local League presidents may need to distribute the OUTLOOK or future Board Memo materials on Government to several different Board members, but we hope that each will receive the entire Government section because of the interrelatedness of the issues.

### I. Citizen Rights

- A. Election Laws
- B. Campaign Practices and Financing
- C. Open Meetings and Open Records
- D. Apportionment

### II. Organization of Government

- A. Organization of State Government
  - 1. Minnesota Legislature
  - 2. Minnesota Executive Branch
  - 3. Minnesota Constitutional Amending Process
- B. Financing State Government
- C. U. S. Congress
- D. The Presidency
- E. D. C. Self Government and Voting Representation



Basic background materials for all Government program areas are:

1. PROGRAM FOR ACTION 1975-77 STATE PROGRAM, LWVMN (to be updated fall, 1977)
2. IMPACT ON ISSUES 1976-78, A LEADER'S GUIDE TO NATIONAL PROGRAM, LWVUS 1977
3. CAPITOL LETTER, issued periodically by LWVMN
4. REPORT FROM THE HILL, issued periodically by LWVUS
5. Board Memo, issued 10 times/year by LWVMN
6. National Board Report, issued periodically by LWVUS
7. YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LWVEF, 1977, pub. #273

Additional background materials, current concerns, and local implications for some of the program areas are mentioned below. While informational Updates are possible in many areas, we will wait for the state Convention to indicate direction in specific areas.

#### ELECTION LAWS

You will want to keep aware of proposed legislation, both state and national, on election laws this year. At the state level, bills on uniform election procedures and training of election officials have been proposed this session and will continue to be issues of concern (see CAPITOL LETTER, April 26, 1977). At the national level, LWV is supporting a bill calling for voter registration at the polls on election day (see Memorandum, LWVUS, March 31, 1977, REPORT FROM THE HILL, March, 1977, and April, 1977, and Testimony Before the House Administration Committee by Ruth Clusen, April 6, 1977). Watch for information and action suggestions on this.

#### CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND FINANCING

This is another area of frequent and continuing legislation. LWVMN is continuing to consider legislation which would affect the Ethical Practices Board of campaign expenditure laws (see CAPITOL LETTER, April 26, 1977). LWVUS will consider support for any sound bills that address the problems of the 1976 campaign finance procedures or that seek to extend public financing to congressional elections, both for primaries and for general elections. The LWVEF plans a CURRENT FOCUS on campaign finance, a guide for Leaguers and other citizens on what the present Federal Election Campaign Act says, how it worked during the 1976 election, and the pros and cons on proposed changes. (See REPORT FROM THE HILL, March, 1977, and April, 1977).

#### OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS

A must for those of you continuing to monitor and take action on the Minnesota Open Meeting Law is the LWVMN January 15, 1977, Update on the Open Meeting Law. LWVMN can watch for efforts to amend or repeal the law, but local Leagues can apply pressure to see that the law is being enforced.

The "dilemma of open records" as reported in the April 26, 1977, CAPITOL LETTER, will continue into next year. The issue of the public's right to know versus protection of individual liberties has been followed carefully by LWVMN lobbyist Ruth Ann Michnay.

The LWVEF will soon publish an update on recent federal legislation providing for increased openness and/or accountability: The Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976; the Freedom of Information Act as amended in 1974; and the National Emergencies Act of 1976.

Additional background materials in the area of Citizens Rights are:

1. THE FEDERALIST PAPERS REEXAMINED, PAST AS PROLOGUE: PRESENT PERSPECTIVES, LWVEF pub. #622
2. THE FEDERALIST PAPERS REEXAMINED: THE BILL OF RIGHTS THEN AND NOW: PERSPECTIVES ON INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, LWVEF pub. #377.

#### ORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Our state position on "realistic compensation for legislators" was arrived at almost 10 years ago. In view of recent legislation, we see a need for an Update on legislative compensation. We hope to have the Update ready for you by October, 1977. It will include: present compensation received by Minnesota Senators and Representatives; projected 1979 compensation reflecting the Salary Bill passed this April; and pros and cons of the salary/per diem and part-time/full-time issues.

Additional Updates may be possible in any of the three parts of this program area, depending on interest expressed or direction given at state Convention.

#### FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

Local League consensus is due in the state office June 30, 1977. Results of the consensus will be reported by September.

A slide-tape presentation on governmental finances will be ready for viewing at the state Convention and for subsequent use by Leagues in the community and schools. The presentation will supplement material contained in the four FSG Facts and Issues and will be an excellent method of informing the public about governmental finances.

Background materials: Financing State Government Facts and Issues:

1. Primer of Minnesota Taxes, October, 1976
2. Minnesota's Multi-Tax System, October, 1976
3. Funding a "Quality Life," March, 1977
4. Governmental Expenditures in Minnesota, March, 1977

The FSG study was a general overview of state financing; therefore, it has presented an endless number of possibilities for future informational Updates. Again, we await local LWV direction.



## U.S. CONGRESS

Current background materials: CURRENT FOCUS, CONGRESS AND THE BUDGET: FROM CHAOS TO CONTROL, LWVEF pub. #368, and YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LWVEF, 1977, pub. #273. Already in the works from LWVEF is a CURRENT FOCUS on congressional reform. It will cover the many procedural changes made in both Houses during the 94th and 95th Congresses which have made Congress more open and more accountable. It will also cover the major reorganization of the Senate committee system which occurred in February, 1977, and the adoption by the House and Senate ethics regulations.

## The Presidency

LWV support for direct election of the President is currently shown by support for S.J. Res. 1, Senator Birch Bayh's proposed amendment to the Constitution, which would abolish the Electoral College and establish direct popular election of the president and vice president. If it passes both Houses of Congress, it will go to the state legislatures to be ratified by at least 3/4 of them. We need to watch developments closely in order to gear up for lobbying for ratification. For background on direct election of the president, see REPORT FROM THE HILL, March, 1977, Addendum, and April, 1977.

Additional background on the presidency: YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LWVEF, 1977 pub. #273.

## D.C. REPRESENTATION

Constitutional amendments calling for full voting representation in Congress for the District of Columbia have been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. If the amendment passes Congress, we will be participating in the lobbying for ratification. For background, see REPORT FROM THE HILL, April, 1977.

As you can see, Government includes a wide range of issues. Although having two persons cover the portfolio is an advantage, we are hoping to attract a large committee to help with research, observing, monitoring and lobbying. If you have an interest (experience not necessary) in any of the program areas, please contact the state office or either of us.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - International Relations

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The new LWV position on the UN should be adopted by the national Board by the end of June. IR activities this year will be primarily action, but you will need to keep your members updated on all aspects of our IR position. You may want to schedule a unit meeting on trade or development. More and more attention is being focused on organizations which take up world needs where the UN lets off, and your membership should be aware of these and their function.

It will make your job easier if you can identify others in your League with a special interest in IR who will help with action. Keep your Congressmen aware of the League's interest in international relations.



INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS

Be sure to keep abreast of Congressional developments through LWV's REPORT FROM THE HILL. League action in Congress is focusing on supporting funding for the World Bank's International Development Association.

Metro area Leagues might like to take out memberships in the World Affairs Council and its study group. Meetings with speakers on international topics are held the first Thursdays of the month at 9:45 a.m. on the 3rd floor of the Minneapolis Public Library. The study group meets the third Thursday in private homes. Local League dues are \$5.00 for five delegates; individual dues are \$3.00 per person.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Local Program

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"Local program" is a term subject to wide interpretation these days. Each League heads off in its own direction - perhaps a new study; maybe an "update"; some Leagues in a "holding" position; others planning to use state and national action as it applies to local situations. Some of you have specific chairpersons, others use a type of "coordinator," and some Leagues use vertical programming so that one person keeps track of an issue on the national, state, and local levels. It is in local program development that Leagues can show the most creativity, attract members whose interests are focused on local issues, and show the community how the League of Women Voters studies and acts. Planning for your local program is the top priority for your committee. Remember, you do need moral support and advice, so contact enough members to do the job. Your plan will need to include a careful analysis of what you specifically expect to do, the methods to use, and the timetable that will guide your progress.

There are specific League publications which can help almost any type of proposed local program. Consult IN LEAGUE, Guidelines for League Boards, pp. 34-42, on Program/Action, for familiarity with the League process.

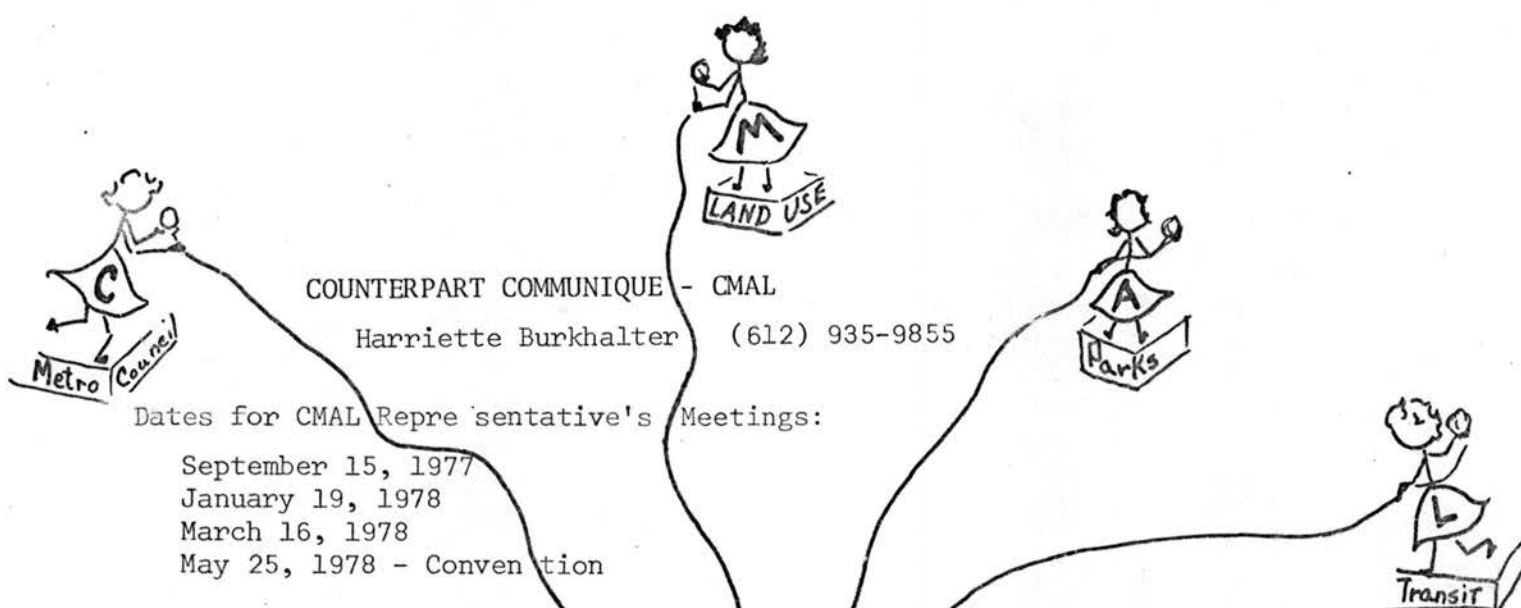
National publication #410, PLANNING PROGRAM: FROM CHOICE THROUGH ACTION," should be part of your portfolio. If you are doing a specific survey - com-

munity, schools, county - there are pamphlet guides. Consult the national publications catalog for references on how to publish and specific topics like libraries, parks, and a wide variety of subjects which are the result of national studies. Look over the state catalogue too, of course. You will receive a list of local program topics in August or September. You should feel free to contact other Leagues for suggestions and information. Leagues can help each other a great deal by sharing experiences.



As the Board Memo arrives each month, there will be a portion devoted to comments on some phase of local program. Not all will apply to each League, but we will try to include items of general interest. Be sure your president gives this portion to you, and also be aware of other program sections of the Memo that may apply to local program. If there are questions about local program or some topic within this subject that could be included in the Memo, please let us know.

Good luck on your League's local projects for the coming year. This is the crux of League to many of your members and your community.



Working on the Urban Crisis this coming year promises to be interesting, exciting, and a unique opportunity for CMAL. LWVUS is looking at all ILO's to spearhead this program item. Local Leagues are looking to CMAL for direction and guidance. If CMAL are interested and willing, we can get together and begin work on this item. Check with your H.R. and Natural Resources program people; they have background knowledge and material; and take note of the suggested background reading in URBAN BRIEF #1 from LWVEF; and join our study committee.

The CMAL Representatives' meetings will have programs relating to Urban issues. All League members are invited and encouraged to attend. Please consider setting aside some unit time in early spring for member discussion of the Urban Crisis prior to National Convention.

Task Forces will continue to monitor and evaluate from a metropolitan prospective several program areas: Land Use, Parks, Solid Waste and Energy, Toxic and Hazardous Waste, Transportation, and Housing. Please let me know which of your members have interests in these areas, and we'll call on them for help.

CMAL Board will meet the First Thursday of the month at the state office. Anyone concerned about CMAL is invited to attend.



## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Secretary

Ellen Dunn (612) 388-6667



### MINUTES

The secretary is responsible for minutes of Board meetings, annual meetings, and other general membership meetings where business is conducted. All minutes are a part of your League's permanent file.

If you are a new secretary, refer to the Model Minutes form (available from state office if not in your files). Minutes should include date, name of presiding officer, if a Board meeting, a list of those present and those absent. It is helpful to have last names of Board members used. Keep your notes of each meeting in a notebook reserved for this purpose. You may wish to consider provisions for tape-recording at times. Remember, League minutes record why as well as what action was taken.

It may be helpful to duplicate minutes and mail to the president or all Board members soon after the meeting. It is a help to your Board if you read over past minutes and can recall pertinent references.

Mail one copy of each meeting's minutes to:

1. The state office, within seven days of the meeting.  
Please send a good copy; they are read.
2. Your League's consultant  
Keep one copy for your permanent file.

### REPORTS

As your League's "recordkeeper," part of your responsibility includes adhering to deadlines for reports to state and national. The secretary should also see that copies of Program and Voters Service material are sent to state and national.

### BYLAWS

It is the secretary's responsibility to keep up-to-date copies of local League Bylaws. Check pp. 12 and 13 of IN LEAGUE - Guidelines for League Boards. A copy of your Bylaws should be kept in the secretary's permanent file, a copy sent to the state office and a copy given to each of the Board members.

### BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

As a member of the Board, you take part in the total Board responsibility of your local League. The secretary may also serve informally as parliamentarian, assist the president with correspondence, or be assigned other jobs. It is helpful to receive a copy of the state Board Memo.

### IMPORTANT

Every piece of paper sent from your local League to the state or national office should have the name of your League on it.

The secretary's file should include:

- Local League Bylaws and budget
- Sample Local League Board Meeting Minutes
- Sample Local League Annual Meeting Minutes
- Current Bylaws and budget of LWVMN
- Current Bylaws and budget of LWVUS
- Simplified Parliamentary Procedure

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Treasurer

Georgeann Hall (612) 484-9057



The LWV of Minnesota has established a fiscal priority to make pledge payments to national on the following dates: June 1st, September 1st, December 1st and March 1st. If you could adjust your schedule to coincide with the above, there will be no problem with cash flow.

Remember, PMP to national is \$5.50 per member, based on your January 1, 1977, membership, for fiscal year April 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978.

Enclosed with the OUTLOOK is a Support Payment sheet for each local League. I have provided this sheet to help facilitate the treasurer's job. (Please note the change in wording from pledge to support.)

Check your files for the following publications:

LWVMN Budget '77-'78

Filing Form 990, Sales and Use Tax

National Publications:

Ledger-de-Main, #248

Membership Report Forms

Member Transfer Cards, #230

Art of Budget Building, #268

Guidelines for State and Local League Use of Tax

Deductible Money, #361

All dues notices and/or forms must have the following statement:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that \$1.00 and \$2.00 of my annual dues are voluntarily intended for subscription to the Minnesota VOTER and the National VOTER respectively."

Please keep all statements on file. The purpose for the record keeping is to maintain our 2nd class mailing privileges.

### Vouchers:

Encourage members to turn in a voucher, even if they do not want to be reimbursed, for gas, baby sitting, meals, etc. If the majority of members cooperate, the local League will get a clear picture of the cost of running a local League. Non-cash contributions are as important to League operation as hard cash.

## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Bulletin Editor

Judy Rosenblatt (612) 631-0022

Congratulations! You have a difficult but indispensable and rewarding job ahead of you. You're the one who will keep communications flowing:

--among your members;

--from your local Board to the rest of your membership and back;

-- from state and national Leagues to your members (when you have the space).

As bulletin editor you'll have "a finger in every pie"; that is, you'll be the best informed member of your League!



Be sure to read IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards - the last two pages - for some general guidelines on producing your bulletin. Look in your files for other publications that may help you. You should have the LWVMN Style Guide (October, 1973) on order from the state office. It gives League rules of capitalization, also spelling and punctuation tips. Use a good dictionary or other guide for anything not covered there. If you are close enough, you might visit the LWVMN office and look at samples of other Leagues' bulletins to get ideas.

A marvelous, detailed guide that would be particularly useful for the inexperienced editor is A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO NEWSLETTER EDITING AND DESIGN, instructions for printing by mimeograph or offset, a 52-page paperback by LaRae H. Wales, available for \$2.50 from Iowa State University Press; South State Avenue; Ames, Iowa 50010.

You may also still be able to get HOW TO CREATE A BETTER BULLETIN, an excellent 15-page guide published in May, 1973, by the LWV of Connecticut, 60 Connolly Parkway, Hamden, CT 06514 (\$1.00).

Arrange with other Leagues near you to exchange bulletins. You'll pick up items to reprint and new ideas for format, illustrations, etc. If you use an article from another bulletin, give credit for it. In fact, it's a good idea to always list sources when you reprint or excerpt something. Just put a brief reference in parentheses at the bottom of the article: (from 5/77 State Board Memo); (5/77 Report from the Hill, LWVUS); (reprinted from the 5/77 Roseville VOTER); or whatever.

Try to have a regular deadline and publishing date so writers for your bulletin will remember from month to month when their copy is due and readers will look for the bulletin at the same time each month. At your local Board's calendar planning session, remind Board members of their responsibility to meet deadlines, generate material from their portfolios for the bulletin, and "always think one month ahead" (as you have to). Progress reports are important, to help members keep up with what's happening on a particular Program item or local project, so encourage chairpeople to "bring members along" monthly.

Try to list the names of members who have helped with a particular project - everyone likes to see her/his name in print and feels more appreciated when given recognition. This is one way you aid your Membership chair in giving members "tender loving care." Your League will benefit if you work closely with the Membership chair on member follow-up and recruitment.

A monthly calendar of League and community events is a useful feature for your bulletin. Such regular features should have regular spots, so members will know where to turn to see unit meeting dates, your president's column, etc.

Speaking of calendars, plan your own calendar for the year of essentials for each month's issue. By looking through your file of old newsletters, you should be able to list for each month that month's necessary items, such as election or candidate meeting information, annual meeting notice, etc.



Some Leagues put their membership rosters in their bulletins. Others print a separate roster, which may also include the League's tentative calendar for the year and pertinent Citizen Information (election dates, local government meeting dates and times, names of state legislators and how to reach them, etc.)

Please send two copies of each issue to the LWVMN office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102). Send three copies to LWVUS, 1730 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Your president will also receive the name and address of one national Board member who should receive all Minnesota local League bulletins. Your president may also have received requests from other local Leagues or national Board members who want copies, so check with her/him about who else is on the mailing list. The LWVMN consultant to your League should receive your bulletin at her home. The state office will send out a listing of local League consultants soon. You might also consider sending your bulletin to local government officials, newspaper editors, community education people or others in your League's jurisdiction who would be interested in knowing about the local projects you are engaged in or the action you are taking.

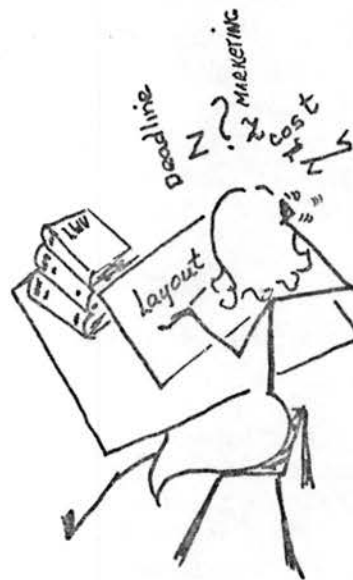
I am available if you have questions or problems. Call me at home or write to me care of the LWVMN office. I'll be glad to see what I can do to help.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Publications

You, the Publications Chairman, can provide a focus for your League's public image -- which is invaluable to the health and growth of both the League and community awareness of it. Publications are perhaps our single best indicator of what the League of Women Voters is and does, for members and non-members alike.

It is important that you visualize your job as a two-fold one. You will be responsible for organizing a distribution system within your League to get publications to your members. You should also plan and implement a distribution program in the community at large.

Local Leagues have different traditions and practices regarding distribution among members. You may have a subscription plan, with members paying a set amount for publications selected by your committee in cooperation with the program and organization people on your Board. Or you may have inherited a system where each member orders publications separately, after some kind of information is received from Board members. In either case, you will want to have access to a duplicate mailing from both National and State to have information on the progress of publications and then receive the actual piece immediately after it is printed. You will then be in a good position to anticipate what is coming, plan an advertising campaign or a public relations effort, and plan accordingly.



Publications

As with every other facet of League activity, I cannot over-stress the importance of planning ahead; of making a time-line for your own action, based on the plans of your program and organization calendars. That means reminding your Board to order extra publications for sale, or for giving, when that seems indicated. You will want to be in close communication with the organization chairman, the membership chairman, the public relations chairman, the finance and/or development chairman. These interrelated portfolios have much to gain from working together, planning together and then reaping the rewards of careful attention to the possibilities inherent in League publications.

There is an opportunity, often overlooked, to make money for your League from the sale of League publications - at community events, candidates meetings, and other League gatherings. Many Leagues regularly provide a little extra for their budget from the sale of publications. National, and in some instances State, give bulk discounts to members, which provides a margin when you sell at the unit rate, and there is no price marked on the publication itself, allowing you to make a more substantial markup. Everyone agrees that these publications are invariably worth far more than we charge, because the research has been conducted by volunteers, and the printing costs are minimal. The profit is available to local Leagues.

In the case of material published by the LWV Education Fund, it is possible to get tax-deductible donations for purchasing and distributing publications. This is also possible in some special instances when the publication is for information only, not program promotion. If the publication does not carry the name of the Education Fund, it is wise to check with the state office about the permissibility of using tax deductible money for their purchase.

This can be a most rewarding responsibility for you to perform. It is fun to experience the positive results of getting those wonderful League materials out for everyone to see and read!

Prepared by Nancy Atchison, retiring State Board Publications Chairperson

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Development

Emily Schmitz (507) 645-8582

Most Ed Fund monies, on national, state and local levels, come from businesses and corporations. Generally, these companies have given their dollars to fund specific projects such as voters' guides, "know your government" brochures, studies and school surveys. Raising money for unrestricted purposes - as simply an Ed Fund donation - usually results in more work for less money.

The first step for local Leagues wishing to add to their Ed Fund accounts is to identify the projects they think are fundable. Next, identify the companies which might be possible contributors. Decide whether you want to seek all your funding from one place or make a proposal for multiple sponsorship. Identify the best people in the organization to contact and have the most logical League member contact them - preferably someone with "clout."



Corporations, however, are not the only source of dollars. Chambers of Commerce, school boards and city councils sometimes will fund projects. Foundations can also be a source of support. A number of foundations only consider proposals from specific geographical areas. Among these are: The Anderson Foundation/Bayport area; Hormel Foundation/Mower County; Blandin Foundation/Itasca County; Ordean Foundation/Duluth. In addition, corporate foundations such as Green Giant, Pillsbury and Dayton-Hudson give preferred consideration to grant proposals from areas where they maintain plants or outlets.

The state office has information on most Minnesota foundations, including the types of grants they will consider, proposal guidelines and contact people. Interested Leagues are welcome to call us for the information. We also have on file copies of sample proposals which we'd be happy to send you.

If you do plan on submitting a proposal to a major corporation or foundation, please let us know. This would avoid duplication of local League effort and increase the chances of a favorable response to the proposal.

Fundraising on the state level will continue to focus on grants for specific projects - particularly the education study, seed money for a speakers' bureau and public forums. A major task for the coming year will be the development of a case study, based on our long-range planning. This will be shared with local Leagues and can be used by all of us to help in raising money for our project.

#### COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Public Relations

Emily Schmitz (507) 645-8582

P.R. is one of those jobs that broad area. More simply, it is community. It's wearing your to groups, distributing your to-person contact is always of P.R.

Reaching the broader community media - and this means developing is to have "measured" exposure - name and activities in the public the media with releases. The scatter-gun approach and involves

Opportunities for media coverage Leagues have regular radio time community issues. Newspapers announcing meetings, fund drives, stands on issues, etc. The smaller papers welcome news in a more personal format - what community members will be going to the state Convention, for instance.

Television stations are usually hard to crack unless you have video tapes or an idea that would make good visual coverage, but if you have an "in," by all means use it. Radio stations are easier, as the FCC requires they devote a portion of commercial time to Public Service Announcements, and all you need is a short scripted release. PSAs can cover everything from a "get out the vote" spot to membership drives.

The state office has samples of releases and PSAs that we'd be glad to send you. We also have an extensive media list with a breakdown of radio, TV and daily and weekly papers in each county. Just give us a call, or write and tell us what you want.



encompasses a rather visibility in the com-League button, speaking publications. Person-the most effective form

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## COUNTERPART COMMUNIQUE - Citizen Information/Voters Service

Mary Waldo (612) 644-9228

This OUTLOOK begins our planning and coordination of League activities for 1977-78. This portion of the OUTLOOK deals specifically with Citizen Information/Voters Service - the first of many communications through the monthly Board Memo, committee guides, special notices, etc. It is expected that our communication will be two-way. We want to hear from you.

### Preparation:

Before you plan your Citizen Information/Voters Service activities, read IN LEAGUE - Guideline for League Boards.

That gives definitions and explanations of the many-faceted job called Citizen Information/Voters Service (see pp. 30 to 33).

### Organization:

Recruit and organize a committee. That committee can plan and generate more ideas/enthusiasm and share the responsibilities of the portfolio.

As you calendar plan for the year, here are some suggestions to keep in mind:

Summer and early fall in many communities are the seasons for celebrations and fairs. These are a good opportunity to reach citizens with voter information and to provide a place for citizens to meet and talk with their elected officials.

There may be organizations with whom you want to cooperate during the year. Your committee members and Board members can identify these organizations. These may include schools, businesses, public interest or service organizations.

Get to know your public officials - especially those responsible for the administration of elections. They may share our concern with election judge selection and training, voter registration and election procedures.

### Activities:

If your community has elections this fall or next spring, candidates meetings are one part of voters service. A variety of formats have been used by local Leagues - decide what structure of meeting would suit the needs of citizens in your community. You may want to experiment to increase voter education and participation.

Consider monitoring your local elections to see that the process conforms to current state laws. A brief description of election laws enacted during the 1977 legislative session will be mailed to you in September.

Uniform Precinct Caucus Day in Minnesota is February 28, 1978. The promotion of wide participation at precinct caucuses should be on your agenda. As state plans are made, you will receive information and materials. A committee guide is planned for mailing in November. Your plans for precinct caucus promo may begin by getting February 28th on the calendar in your communities.

- Contact schools and city officials
- Contact community organizations
- Send "letters to the editor" stressing the importance of citizen participation.

Consider how your League could improve voter participation in school board elections. A voters guide might highlight some of the current issues as well as providing information about candidates.

In contrast to Voters Service, Citizen Information is a part of the portfolio that has no specific calendar deadline. In this non-election year (no state or national elections), emphasis will be placed on citizen education. Our Focus on Emerging Issues meetings are planned for the first three months of 1978. Place these dates on your League calendar now!

Focus Meeting Series - 1978

January 18 (topics to  
February 15 be  
March 15 announced)

LWVUS is planning an update (renovation!) of the Voters Service Handbook to be available in the fall.

CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE PLANNING CALENDAR

Summer: Committee recruitment and planning  
Calendar planning

Fall: Voters Service for election  
NOVEMBER 8, 1978 - ELECTION DAY  
Precinct Caucus Promotion

Winter: UNIFORM PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 1978  
FOCUS MEETINGS, January, February, March (3rd Wednesday)

Spring: Voters Service for School Board Elections  
MAY 16, 1978 - SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS



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# BOARD MEMO

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## Calendar

- June 21 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
30 - Financing State Government Consensus Forms due in state office (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102)
- July 1 - Quarterly Support Payment to LWVMN and PMP Quarterly Payment to LWVUS  
4 - Holiday, office closed  
7-8 - Hearings on BWCA (see NR)  
30 - Japanese Students visit the state office at 9:30
- Aug. 2 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
4 - CMAL Board Meeting  
9 - State Board Meeting

### Proposed Local League Visits:

- 1 - Duluth  
2 - Mid-Mesabi  
Hibbing  
3 - Grand Rapids  
Cass Lake  
4 - Bemidji  
10 - St. Cloud/Buffalo-Monticello  
15 - Alexandria  
Battle Lake  
16 - Moorhead  
Crookston  
17 - Detroit Lakes  
Stevens County

## Enclosures

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate chairpersons)

### OUTLOOK 1977-78\*

LWVMN Officers and Board of Directors\*

Local League Presidents\*

Consultant Assignments\*

LWVMN 1977-78 Budget as adopted\*

Local League 1977-78 Support as actually committed or estimated\*

Memo to Local League Treasurers (copy to local League Presidents) from Georgeann Hall  
re Support Committed and Payment Forms

208 Bulletin - MN Pollution Control Agency

Gray is Beautiful

ERA Ratification Fund Report by Helene Borg\*

Report to the American People on the Financing of Congressional Election Campaigns  
from Common Cause\*

Use Publications for Local League Board Members\*

\*Also being sent to D.P.M. subscribers



Addenda and Changes in OUTLOOK Calendar:

The November State Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, because several of your Board members are election judges too.

December 1 is the deadline for receipt of legislative interviews. Have you considered a brunch or other semi-informal meeting setting for your interviewing?

January 3 is deadline for NEW Capitol Letter subscriptions for the 2nd year of this legislative session. If you are already a subscriber, do NOT resubscribe. This is STRICTLY FOR NEW subscribers. Cost for this 2nd year is \$1.75.

C O N V E N T I O N   W R A P   U P  
(Borg)

6/77

Program adopted at the LWVMN Convention, June 3rd, included all our present positions with no changes in wording. A Study of Funding of Libraries in Minnesota was not recommended by the state Board, but it was adopted by the delegates.

Action Recognition - The LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie-Hopkins and the LWV of Freeborn County (Albert Lea) were recognized for their action campaigns during this past year. "We Know How to Act" buttons were presented to all League members who worked on these campaigns.

S E R V I C E   T O   L O C A L   L E A G U E S  
(Cushing)

6/77

CONSULT YOUR CONSULTANT

What is a consultant, anyway? Your consultant is your liaison with the state Board, your special representative. She wants to get to know you and your League so she can present your point of view for consideration. Help her by seeking her out at League meetings and maybe even asking her to come and see you sometime. She has League experience to share with you and expertise from which you can benefit. She is familiar with at least one other local League, and she usually knows what is happening at the state level. If you have questions or concerns you would like brought to the state Board, or if you just need to discuss something with a friendly League member, call your consultant. If you are unable to reach her, contact the office, or call on me. (I really am ready to "serve local Leagues" and will be glad to talk to you anytime at 612-633-0602.)

Your copy of the consultants' list is included with this mailing. If you have a new consultant, you can expect a letter or phone call. Be sure that your secretary has her name and address - consultants need to receive your minutes and bulletin every month.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Phelan)

6/77

Most of you will be planning your calendars this summer. Consider adding a film or a criminal justice game to update your members. Games are available from the state LWV office for a \$10 deposit, which will be returned to you minus our postage and handling costs. Call or write now and reserve one or more:

"Jury Game"

"Kids in Crisis"

"Rehabilitation Game"

Publications available are:

"Public Opinion Concerning Community Based Corrections: A Survey"

"Street Law" - a course in the Law of Corrections

"Crime and Criminals - Opposing Viewpoints"

A complete list of films and other materials will be available later this summer.

(Criminal Justice - 6/77 - Continued)

A film, "United States Supreme Court," is available for a \$10 fee from the American Bar Association: c/o Mrs. Betty Kaleon, Young Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Also "A Day of Justice," a 27-minute black and white 16 MM film on legal aid for the poor, at no rental cost, may be obtained by writing to Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc., 2323 New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. Send them your name, address, and date you would like to show the film. Allow 10 days for delivery of the film -- remember, this is free.

N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

6/77

We have just learned that the U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Natural Parks and Insular Affairs will be hearing testimony on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area on July 7 in St. Paul and on July 8 in Ely. The LWVMN will testify on behalf of the Fraser Bill at the July 7 hearing. We have written Duluth, Grand Rapids, Hibbing and Mid-Mesabi, encouraging them to testify at the July 8 hearing. If any other local League or Leaguer would also like to testify on behalf of the Fraser Bill, please notify Rep. Phillip Burton, 1522 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 -- and send us a copy of that request. We will help you with testimony, background information, whatever, should you want or need it.

H U M A N   R E S O U R C E S  
(DeSantis)

6/77

Minnesota Women's Meeting

Those of you who have been following the Minnesota Women's Meeting which met in St. Cloud June 2, 3, 4 and 5 will know by now that a floor battle did not develop over the ERA. While a resolution to rescind ERA was made in one of the workshops, it did not reach the floor at a plenary session. A pro-ERA resolution was adopted, and the slate of delegates proposed by the Nominating Committee prior to the meeting was unanimously adopted.

The final session was attended by about 2000 women, and only about 250 walked out in protest to the resolutions which received final passage.

Summer Reading

While I know you will not want to be charging full speed ahead on H.R. matters over the summer months, you may want to do a bit of reading. LWVUS will be putting a high priority on both welfare and housing for the coming year, and they have recently issued an excellent publication in each of these areas. A Current Focus entitled "To Promote the General Welfare: Unfinished Agenda" has been written to bring members up to date on current income assistance programs. A second Current Focus is "Growth and Housing: Connections and Consequences." The memorandum from Dot Ridings, LWVUS H.R. Chairman, which accompanies the latter focus, outlines ways in which local Leagues have addressed themselves to housing programs.

Both of these pamphlets would be good summer reading. Our state H.R. Committee will try to supplement both of these during the year with materials on the state picture.

You might also want to go back and leaf through the LWVUS "Reports from the Hill" and the LWVMN "Capitol Letter" issues to see what we acted upon last year. These will provide ideas of how your League can latch on to H.R. action in the future.

ERA FUND DRIVE UPDATE

At LWVMN State Convention, delegates voted almost unanimously to raise \$40,000 for a LWV-US ERA ratification drive. (See enclosed report by Helene Borg.)

Since the close of Convention at which quite a few Leagues and individual members pledged their amounts, 11 local Leagues have called the office with their pledges for the ratification of the ERA.

(Human Resources - 6/77 - Continued)

During the Sunday session at the Minnesota's Women Meetings in St. Cloud, Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair, announced the League's ERA Ratification Report and asked for donations outside the hall. Thank you to the Leaguers from Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Roseville, White Bear Lake, Brooklyn Center, and Golden Valley, who collected \$755 for the ERA.

New Ulm's president, in two days of phoning, already has pledges of \$437 from present and former Leaguers. New Ulm is in the center of an anti-ERA, ultra-conservative area.

We are now awaiting for the June 15th decision of the national Board. If you have ERA fund raising ideas or huge success stories, send them to the office. We'll run an exchange in forthcoming Board Memos.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S  
(Llona)

6/77

I recently attended two days of Minnesota World Trade Week and am faced with condensing a potential 12 typewritten pages of notes into a half page. My general impressions will have to suffice. As you know, the League position on World Trade is pro-liberal trade practices.

The U.S. is faced with a gigantic trade and balance of payments deficit this year. Oil is the biggest factor. We will have to work like mad to boost our exports. There is an anti-business-abroad climate mostly because Labor feels we are exporting jobs. There is competition for capital for social programs in the U.S. which means less money for research and development and boosting of technology, especially in agriculture, which accounts for a great bulk of our exports. The cost of technology is making it difficult for the private sector to do much more than improve products rather than develop new ones. Markets for U.S. products are everywhere, but this potential by U.S. businessmen has barely been tapped. An example was given of the Middle East where there is a large number of Japanese and German businessmen and not many Americans even though the Arab world is extremely interested in American know-how. Inflation remains a world-wide problem. Each country is trying to fight its own battle, and borrowing from institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund has placed certain restrictions on individual countries' economic, fiscal, and monetary policies to try to alleviate inflation. Recessional recovery varies from country to country. Traders have to keep a weather eye on political situations which might lead to devaluation of foreign currencies on a floating currency front. U.S. trade with Latin America actually decreased last year. Brazil has had to pull back imports, but Venezuela has taken up some of the slack as far as the U.S. is concerned.

Latin America has 11% of world population and only 5% GNP. Central America and Columbia, in spite of setbacks like earthquakes, etc., do enjoy a surplus in foreign currency reserve. Southern Europe appears to be the loser in shift of income distribution and because of high fuel cost, the situation will remain for years to come. In Japan the stock market has made a 13% gain as opposed to an average 5% loss in other industrialized countries. The U.K. hopes to service a heavy external debt when oil revenues come in. Labor there is voting more Conservative. There is a high corporate tax there and productivity problems. Authorities in Canada instituted stringent fiscal and monetary policies in 1974-75, and the outlook is for 10% unemployment to gradually go down to 6%. There will be a balance of trade improvement there. Mr. Carter's representative says the U.S. is committed to expansion of world trade. One out of six jobs in the U.S. are producing for exports. The statement was made that unrestricted trade keeps prices at reasonable levels. Multilateral trade talks go on via GATT in Geneva with the hope of removing impediments to trade which are numerous, and ideas abound on how to give some advantage to the world's poorest countries through commodity arrangements, technology transfer, and common fund and food reserves.



COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES 6/77  
(Burkhalter)

Study of the interrelationships within the Metro Area with respect to social needs and conditions with emphasis on integration of existing League positions, is the new Program adopted at the CMAL Convention in May and will be chaired by Allison Fuhr, Edina, 920-1566. Call her and join us in working -- on national, local, CMAL topic.

LEAGUE KEEPING

6/77

After a great deal of detective work, we managed to get the local League presidents list done so it could be included with this Board Memo/OUTLOOK mailing. Our thanks to the 48 local Leagues who sent in the Information for State Mailings forms immediately after your Annual Meeting. If there are any errors, let us know, and we will correct them in this section of the next Board Memo.

Also included with this Board Memo/OUTLOOK mailing is a listing of local League support actually committed or estimated. If there is an asterisk after your League's amount or an attachment to the Support Committed and Payment forms, please let us know the exact, correct amount so we can get our forms in order. Thanks.

(If your local League picked up the green Support Committed and Payment form at state Convention, your treasurer will have received only the Memo to Local League Treasurers from Georgeann Hall re those forms. The memo enclosed with the 3rd class is for your information -- and assistance -- only.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

6/77

Continuing Education and Extension (CEE) at your University of Minnesota has produced a new 10-minute slide/tape show designed to inform adults in Minnesota about, and to stimulate them to sample the many and varied educational options available at their University. The presentation emphasizes lifelong learning through CEE, including courses and classes for credit or no credit, taken for enrichment, job advancement, obtaining a degree or recertification, and services available to organizations like yours and to individuals.

A representative from CEE accompanies the presentation to answer questions from viewers about continuing their education; a booklet describing programs, assistance, and fees is distributed at the close of each showing.

To book the slide/tape show for a future meeting call: CEE Communication Services, 373-3913, or write: Continuing Education and Extension, Room 120C Shops Building, 319 - 15th Avenue Southeast, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The American Friends Service Committee will sponsor a People Camp August 21-27, at Camp Mishawaka on Lake Pokegama (near Grand Rapids, MN). Topics which will be discussed are: WOMEN IN THE THIRD WORLD: UNITED STATES FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY, Resource Person, Charlotte Meacham. Charlotte Meacham was co-director of the AFSC South East Asia Program and is now working on land and water issues in relation to native American and Chicago groups. During People Camp, Charlotte will focus on world problems from the perspective of women in Third World countries and in Third World communities of the U.S. Discussions might include considerations of land and water problems; food production; western technology and values being imposed on the Third World; women's traditional role in the market place; and women being overlooked in training programs, education programs, credit, etc.

CONGRESS AND NATIVE AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY, Resource Person, Diane Payment. Diane Payne is the former Indian Affairs lobbyist for the Friends Committee on National Legislation. She currently teaches at Scattergood School in West Branch, Iowa. Diane will discuss current legislation affecting native American people around the country and the threat of the growing reactionary lobby which is being organized to counter native sovereignty.

SPECIAL OPEN SESSIONS - Possible topics might include: simple living, food and energy, the Middle East, criminal justice, capital punishment, Southern Africa, starting your

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own cooperative, militarism in the public schools, and how to deal with conflicts non-violently.

For more information, contact American Friends Service Committee, North Central Region, Minnesota Area Office, 1925 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403, (612) 870-1501.



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# BOARD MEMO

AUGUST 1977

Calendar

- August 29 - Energy Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- September 1 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 6 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
CMAL Study Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 8, 9, 10 & 11 - Energy Savers Show (see Natural Resources)
- 9 - UN Rally Board Tea (see IR)
- 13 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 15 - CMAL Membership Meeting (see CMAL bulletin for details)  
Energy Committee Meeting - 12:30 - state office
- 16 - Financing State Government Position announced
- 16, 17, 19,  
21, 27 - Energy, Education and Action Workshops (see flyer)
- 20 - Deadline for Focus on Emerging Issues or State Government suggestions  
(see Focus)
- 29 - Global Citizenship Conference (see IR)
- October 11 - Public Finance Symposium (see Government and news release enclosed)
- 11 & 12 - Update on Alternative Energy Sources (see NR and flyer enclosed)
- 13 - Hennepin County Leagues Meeting on Family Abuse (see Interleague)
- 25 - League Goes to the Guthrie (see Interleague)
- 28 - U.N. Rally (see flyer)

Enclosures - 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate chairpersons)

- Energy, Education and Action Workshop flyer\*
- Update on Alternative Energy Sources flyer
- 208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin
- Council on the Economic Status of Women Newsletters
- Cities/Urban Crisis - Minnesota I\*
- Reprints from NATIONAL OBSERVER,\* week ending April 23, "What If Your Child Is Gay?"
- Report on Minnesota Women's Meeting\*
- Financing State Government Summary of Budget Game Returns
- Minnesota Public Disclosure Law Series from the Ethical Practices Board
- History of the Arab Boycott\*
- UN Rally flyer
- Public Library Financing Questionnaire\*
- Local League Programs 1977-78\*
- Guidelines for Use of the Board Memo by Local Leagues\*
- Municipal Elections in Minnesota: 1977\*
- Memorandum from: Joan Anderson Growe; Subject: Laws of Significance to Election  
Officials Enacted During the 1977 Session of the Minnesota Legislature\*
- LWV-US Memorandum to State League Presidents from Veta Winick re American Institute  
for Public Service Awards\*
- Memo to Local Education Chairpersons from Betty Shaw re Recommended Research  
Before the Unit Briefing on Tenure and Public Employee Bargaining in Education
- \*Also being sent to DPM subscribers



STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

8/77

At its meeting of August 9, your State Board

- . accepted with regret the resignation of Sally Foley as Co-chair, with Mary Poppleton, of the Natural Resources portfolio. If you, or someone in your League, would like to volunteer for this position, send the information to Laurel Mueller, Nominating Committee Chair, 13221 York Avenue South, Burnsville 55378. The primary responsibility is overseeing LWV positions, lobbyists and observers in the areas of water, air, solid waste. Mary will oversee energy and land use.
- . acknowledged the appointments of Katharine Muff, 723 Douglas, Eveleth 55734, (218) 741-8621, LWV of Mid-Mesabi, as off-Board chair of the Library study, and Carol Way, Route 5, Box 54A, Mankato 56001, (507) 625-1738, as off-Board chair for marketing of publications.
- . approved the consensus questions for the Tenure and Public Employee Bargaining in Education study which, with the Committee Guide and FACTS & ISSUES: Education 2 and 3 -- computer willing -- will be distributed at the Energy, Education and Action Workshops in September.
- . directed that a Directory of local League portfolio chairs be mailed to local Leagues with the September mailing. If your local League has not sent in a local League Board list, please do so immediately so we can help you coordinate and cooperate with each other more easily.

P R E S I D E N T  
(Borg)

8/77

Please don't be overwhelmed by this mailing. Different Leagues have different needs, so we provide a variety of opportunities. You can pass these on to appropriate people or delegate when you think them important to your League, but do not try to cover all the bases yourself.

Leagues have been having successful fundraisers for the ERA. Mankato served champagne and hors d'oeuvres in a member's home and received voluntary contributions of about \$900. Joan Grove, Secretary of State, and I spoke briefly, but it was mainly a social occasion. Extra benefits were several new members and good public relations.

FOCUS ON  EMERGING ISSUES ???  
STATE GOVERNMENT ???  
(Waldo)

8/77

Our Focus meetings are scheduled for Wednesday (note change from last year) January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th. The state Board has discussed possible topics but reached no consensus. Our current dilemma revolves around two differing points of view. Should our focus programs expand on current League program, or should the programs explore new areas of concern. We need local League input -- please send your League's suggestion(s) immediately. September 20 is the deadline!

U R G E N T

8/77

MINNESOTA JUDICIARY: Structures and Procedures booklets are desperately needed by a committee reviewing it for republication. We were able to scrounge up four copies -- and the committee needs a baker's dozen at least. If you have any copies -- including lending your personal copy (put your name and address on it, and it will be returned) -- PLEASE send same to LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102. "My mother thanks you, my father thanks you, I thank you" -- and the committee will love you!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
(Phelan)

8/77

Note in your calendar planning two local workshops that are taking place this fall, both dealing with aspects of criminal justice. Both are in the metro area but could serve as models for your area.

CMAL is planning a workshop on "Crime," relating it to our national Urban Crisis topic. Hennepin County Leagues are also planning a workshop on Family Abuse. Please note those sections of the Board Memo for details.

This is a chance to point up the interrelationships of League program. Plan to come to one or both of these meetings or to set up one in your area.

Also, try to schedule a film or other visual aid for your unit meetings as described in "Law 77" sent to you with the last Memo.

ENERGY  
(Carol MacLean)

8/77

There are many energy learning opportunities available to League members that would enrich their understanding of this multifaceted problem. Two should be publicized in your local League newsletters:

The Energy Savers Show will be September 8, 9, and 10, from noon until 9:00 p.m., and September 11, noon until 6:00 p.m., at the Minneapolis Auditorium. The show is being sponsored by a number of groups including the Minnesota Energy Agency, NSP, and Minnegasco. Over 200 exhibitors, including HUD and ERDA, will be demonstrating energy-saving products. Educational exhibits and movies on energy conservation and home energy-saving techniques will be featured. There will be an admission fee of one dollar. The Energy Agency is recruiting volunteers to staff booths and help at the show. They have a real need for volunteers and will grant free admission in payment for services. If you or any of your members can give some time, call Tom Schube at the Minnesota Energy Agency, 296-5123.

October 11 and 12 a conference, Update on Alternative Energy Sources, is being held at the Radisson South in Bloomington. A pamphlet outlining what promises to be an exciting program is included in the presidents' mailing.

The LWVMN Energy Committee is looking forward to talking ENERGY with you at the regional workshops in September. Remember to circle that date on your calendar!

The Energy Committee is finding the Energy-Environment Source Book a valuable resource in preparing for consensus. In case you missed it the first time: Energy-Environment Source Book, National Science Teachers Association, 1742 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 - Price \$4.00.

ENERGY WORKSHOPS  
(Kathy Gilder)

8/77

The topic of the afternoon session of the September Energy Workshops is "How Your Community Can Begin Energy Action." Dixie Diehl from the Minnesota Energy Agency will be the featured speaker. The topics of her presentation will likely interest public officials, landlords, Jaycees, environmental groups, and other groups in your community. We encourage you to invite them to the afternoon session. A proto-type letter which you might want to use appears below.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Getting our communities into the "energy action" will be the focus of the afternoon session of the Workshop on Energy conducted by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. We cordially invite you to attend.

Dixie Diehl, from the Minnesota Energy Agency, will be the featured speaker. As a community leader, the topics of her presentation may be of particular interest to you:

(Energy Workshops - 8/77 - continued)

- . the Minnesota Energy Agency (MEA) -- its present programs and future plans;
- . the energy supply situation -- past, present, future;
- . why communities are being called to action on energy;
- . how individuals and groups can start "action on energy" in their communities with the help of the MEA.

The Workshop on Energy will be held September \_\_\_\_\_, 1977, at (address) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 8/77  
(DeSantis)

WELFARE REFORM - President Carter's Welfare Reform proposals have just been made public. I hope that HR chairmen will keep abreast of these recommendations and various reactions to them. LWVUS has put welfare reform as one of its top priorities this year. Watch your "Reports from the Hill" for LWVUS action in this area. Also, just published is a new Current Focus entitled "To Promote the General Welfare," which is must reading for HR Chairpersons. Not only is it "must reading," but we hope that your League will be able to plan unit discussion on welfare programs and reform proposals during the coming year. It has been a number of years since we adopted our national position on welfare, and many of our members are new since then.

To aid in a welfare update, LWVUS will be publishing a fact sheet about state welfare programs and appropriations this fall. We hope to have this in your hands by November first.

EQUALITY FOR WOMEN - Unfortunately we occasionally hear of individual Leaguers who are wondering if we really need ERA. The July/August issue of the newsletter of the Council on the Economic Status of Women ought to convince anyone of the need for equality of the sexes. It focuses on special problems of elderly women and presents a sad picture of the economic differences between men and women age 65 and above. If your League does not get copies of the Council newsletter, just write to them at Room 440 SW, State Office Building, St. Paul 55155, and ask to be put on their mailing list.

SCHOOL BUSING - Occasionally it is good to remind our members of our various League positions. One of our national support positions favors busing as one of the ways to achieve educational quality. Recently LWVUS sent a news release (dated June 18, 1977), which quotes Ruth Clusen, LWVUS president, opposing a Senate anti-busing bill. You might like to ask your president for a copy of this news release and use portions of it in your local League bulletin.

HOUSING, URBAN CRISIS, I.R. - Produced by Radio Canada International -- WCAL (770 am) Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., remainder of series of 6 lectures and 7 documentaries drawn from the UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat). Series ends in September -- started in July. Lecturers describe urban problems such as overpopulation, air and water pollution, energy shortage, and poor architectural aesthetics. Others argue that cities are the most stimulating places to live. The LWVUS owns the series of 7 records.

CITIES / URBAN CRISIS  
(Enders)

8/77

We are introducing a new section of the Board Memo called Cities/Urban Crisis. As you can see from the accompanying publication, "An Introduction," the state League has made plans for assisting local Leagues with this national study. We would appreciate your cooperation in seeing that the material gets to the appropriate person.



EDUCATION  
(Shaw)

8/77

The computer can be a wonderful tool and also a large obstacle. The information gathered from the in-depth surveys of selected school districts was fed into the computer in mid-July and hopefully will come out of the computer this week (August 15) in usable form. The information serves as a basis for FACTS AND ISSUES 2 and is referred to in FACTS AND ISSUES 3. As much writing as can be done has been done pending the computer's printout. We hope to have the printed publications available for distribution at the September workshops.

We realize that this is an inconvenience to those Leagues which have scheduled September meetings. The first publication, FACTS AND ISSUES: Education, Collective Bargaining and Tenure, Minnesota's Laws, is available now and is excellent background information needed by all members in order to reach consensus. Use that publication as the focus of your September meeting and plan the consensus taking for a later month. The consensus questions are enclosed so you know the scope of the study.

The results of your consensus aren't due in the LWVMN office until December 23.

Some things just can't be helped. Our apologies for any inconveniences and our request for your forgiveness and flexibility.

GOVERNMENT  
(Anderson/Buffington)

8/77

GOVERNMENT - Anderson

Put on your priority reading list the new LWVEF publication #146, Growth: An Invitation to the Debate. This publication "reviews past growth-related policies, particularly those of our federal government, sketches some major issues in the growth/no-growth debate, and offers some perceptions about how U.S. decisions about growth affect this nation and the world." It's fascinating!

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT - Anderson

The Financing State Government state committee is in the process of writing the new consensus. We found strong agreement in many areas, with most answers being consistent regardless of League size or location. Responses were received from 58 local Leagues (out of a total of 69), which is the largest number of local Leagues to have participated in a state consensus. The FSG committee (which is self-destructing in September after 25 months) thanks you all. Included in this Board Memo is a Summary of Budget Game Returns which is for your information only. The expenditure game was not a part of the official consensus, and the results will not be used in the consensus, but we thought you may be interested in the results.

LWVMN will be one of the co-sponsors of a Public Finance Symposium to be presented by the Minnesota Taxpayers Association on Tuesday, October 11. The symposium will address issues involving government indebtedness and public pensions. The two main speakers will be Edward Hamilton, former Budget Director and Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, City of New York; and Joseph Metz, Executive Director of the New York State Permanent Commission on Public Employee Pension and Retirement Systems. Brochures and registration forms will be sent with the September Board Memo.

LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION - Anderson

The publication date for an Update on Legislative Compensation has been moved to December. Since fall unit schedules are full, it seemed appropriate to use the extra research time.

ELECTION LAWS - Buffington

Refer to Voter Service/Citizen Information section regarding Laws of Significance to Election Officials. One copy of these changes is being sent to each League with the president's mailing. Mary Waldo and I will be co-chairing the Election Judge Survey Project. In the very near future we will be contacting those of you who volunteered to serve on this committee.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Llona)

8/77

Please consider yourself an integral part of the international relations study committee even though it is impossible for you to meet with the core group. I would like to hear from each of you as to your special interest in I.R. If you have special interest in any of the following and concentrate on this aspect more than another, please indicate: trade, development, United Nations, international monetary affairs, etc. The I.R. committee will probably concentrate heavily on the background information on arms control. The U.N. General Assembly will be taking this up next spring.

Technology Transfer - pamphlet put out by the United States Chamber of Commerce is available at \$5.00 if World Trade is your particular interest. A review will be forthcoming.

"Global Citizenship" is the theme of an all-day conference to be held on Thursday, September 29, at the Minneapolis A.A.U.W. Clubhouse, 2115 Stevens. Speakers include: Bill Gardner, assistant Dean of Education at the U. of M.; Korynne Horbal, member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. on the Human Rights Commission, Bill Nunn, social science professor at St. Cloud State University. The \$6.50 fee covers lunch and coffee breaks. Come yourself and bring a social studies teacher so his/her interest in global affairs and citizenship, its problems in trade, energy and environment, can be heightened.

October 28 is United Nations Rally Day. The U.N. Rally Board Tea, at which the program will be publicly announced and at which you can obtain Rally tickets, is being held on September 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the WCCO Townhouse. Featured at the Tea will be Professor Irene KhinKhin Jensen, whose topic will relate to her recent sabbatical, "Voices of Modern Asian Women."

A new organization called "New Directions" has been formed with global issues in mind. Former Delaware Governor Russell Peterson is its president. A contributing factor to its formation was the difficulty former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger faced in gathering backup and direction from a viable internationally-minded constituency in the U.S. President Carter, who has placed control of the arms race as a top priority, will surely benefit by the strength of such a group. National LWVUS President Ruth Clusen is a Vice Chairperson. Those wishing to learn more can write: New Directions, 2021 L Street, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Refer to the HR section for information on the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat) broadcasts and recordings.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCING  
(Muff)

8/77

Enclosed with the president's mailing of the Board Memo is a questionnaire on public library financing. The questionnaire responses will give the committee ideas and direction for their study. Take a few minutes at your next Board meeting to complete Part II of the questionnaire. Additional copies will be available at the September workshops. Mail the completed copies to Katharine Muff, 723 Douglas, Eveleth, MN 55734.

Available from the Metro Council, Public Information Office, is a 17 x 22" map showing libraries in the metro area. The map contains practical information about the use of the libraries. Single copies are free; additional copies may be obtained at 25¢ each. Telephone 291-6464.

COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES  
(Burkhalter)

8/77

By now I hope you know CMAL is in action. Local League presidents and/or CMAL representatives should have been contacted by phone to inform you that CMAL will testify on our position in support of retention of an appointed Metropolitan Council and our suggestions for changes in the appointment process. The Task Force of Metropolitan Affairs of the Senate Government Operations Committee has scheduled hearings on an elected council starting August 17 in Forest Lake. Other hearings will be:

Tuesday, August 23  
Nokomis Community Center  
2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.  
Minneapolis - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24  
Penn Jr. High School  
84th and Penn - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30  
Council Chambers  
Fridley City Hall  
6431 University N.E. - 7:30 p.m.

We plan to make a statement at the first hearing. Thank you for helping CMAL cover these hearings. I would like your reactions to testimony. If Senator Sikorski, Benedict, Knoll, Renneke, or Schaaf (members of the task force) represents your district, contact him and reiterate our position. Lobbying is best done by the folks back home. See you at the September meeting. The CMAL bulletin will have details.

LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

8/77

If you were in charge of local programs last year and got the message about the relationship of local program to membership, you can skip this bit! Otherwise, remember that most of your members and potential members are interested primarily in your community. They want to know more about how it works, how different governmental units affect them, and how they can help change things for the better.

Your Annual Meeting determined what local items you would concentrate on. Now it is up to you and your committee to let the rest of the League and the community know of your interest and your progress. Try to have specific information on your local plan for the year to discuss with the Board and especially your membership chairperson. She can discuss these projects with potential and new members, perhaps even bringing you new committee members.

Don't forget you are eventually going to promote action on that local item. You will want to do something. Be sure your members and potential members are aware of this. Leagues with an action image are able to attract support in these times of citizen participation and awareness. To quote our membership chairperson, "Over the past year those Leagues with a strong local program and action are those who have had an increase in membership."

As you progress along your time line, don't forget you have colleagues around the state who can help you. Do feel free to contact other Leagues. Enclosed with this mailing is the list of all local program topics adopted at annual meetings this spring. You can contact the local presidents or local program chairperson directly by mail or phone. Another way to communicate is through the Board Memo. This method will reach all Leagues. We have revised the general guidelines for using the Memo and are enclosing them with this mailing. And, lastly, if you have a specific problem that some state Board member could help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We expect you to "pick our brains" -- that's part of the job!

ACTION  
(Berkwitz)

8/77

I hope all of you are really gearing up for an "active" year. You are the one who should constantly remind everyone to look for opportunities for action. League's three purposes are community service, study and action. We study issues in League to prepare ourselves for action!

The upcoming LWVMN workshops in September will include a session for you, your League president and program people from 10:00 to 12:30 on how to take effective



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action at the local level. Included will be a discussion on how and when to act at the local level using local, state and national positions and League principles. You are encouraged to attend the Energy session after lunch to hear about community action on energy. Please do try to attend one of the five workshops.

Legislative interviews will be coming up this fall. The kits are being prepared now and will be given to you at the fall action workshops.

Also, if you want to know what's happening at the interim mini-sessions at the Legislature and want to be up to date once the regular session starts in January, write directly to the House Information Office, Room 8, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155, and ask to be put on the mailing list for interim committee notices and the Weekly Wrap-up during the 1978 session. For the Senate, write the Senate Public Information Office, Room B29, State Capitol, and ask again for the interim notices and Briefly - The Minnesota Senate in Review in 1978.

C I T I Z E N I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S S E R V I C E  
(Waldo)

8/77

If your summer has been a bit(?) hectic, re-read the Outlook to get a notion of CI/VS in '77-'78. You will note that many of our projects begin with your innovative ideas to serve your communities. Please consider volunteering for the state CI/VS Committee. The opinions of local League members are invaluable as we try to provide materials and occasionally aid and comfort. We'll schedule 3 or 4 meetings this year. Call the state office to let us know that you and/or a member of your League are interested.

Included with this mailing are the significant changes in Minnesota election laws during the 1977 session of the Legislature. You may want to include some of these changes in an article for your League bulletin, particularly if you have municipal elections scheduled this fall.

The Election Judge Survey project as directed by the 1977 state Convention will be co-chaired by Erica Buffington (Election Laws/Government) and Mary Waldo (CI/VS). Those of you who volunteered at Convention to serve on the project will be notified soon for the first meeting.

The Secretary of State has issued a caucus alert to daily and weekly newspapers throughout Minnesota reminding county boards, city councils, township boards, school boards and state colleges to observe the Minnesota law which prohibits their scheduling of activities after 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 1978, Precinct Caucus Day in Minnesota.

T R E A S U R E R S / P U B L I C A T I O N S  
(Hall)

8/77

LWVMN was successful in raising \$1500.00 toward the printing of Financing State Government FACTS and ISSUES 3 & 4, Funding a Quality Life and Governmental Expenditures in Minnesota. First National Bank Company Affiliates and Control Data were the prime contributors. Their donations plus that received earlier from the Community Affairs Council of H. B. Fuller now make it possible for LWVMN to give these publications away at no charge. Since many Leagues had already paid for the publications, you are now receiving a credit toward the purchase of future publications.

<u>League</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Anoka	\$12.90	New Ulm	\$12.00
Austin	.90	Northern Dakota Cty.	20.40
Bemidji	9.00	Northern Scott Cty.	6.00
Bloomington	75.00	Northfield	13.00
Brooklyn Park	12.00	Owatonna	9.00
Chaska	12.00	Red Wing	21.00

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<u>League</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Columbia Heights	\$ .90	Richfield	\$21.00
Cottage Grove	.60	Robbinsdale	19.50
Crystal	18.00	Rochester	32.70
Duluth	45.00	Rock County	6.00
Edina	54.00	Roseville	22.50
Falcon Heights	10.50	St. Anthony	2.40
Freeborn	12.00	St. Cloud	15.00
Fridley	13.50	St. Louis Park	25.50
Golden Valley	28.50	St. Paul	21.00
Grand Rapids	9.00	St. Peter	10.50
Granite Falls	9.30	Shoreview	21.00
Hibbing	18.00	Stevens County	13.50
Mahtomedi	13.50	Wayzata	.30
Mankato	22.50	Western Dakota County	36.00
Mid-Mesabi	15.00	Westonka	15.30
Minneapolis	323.40	White Bear Lake	54.30
M.-E.P.-H.	31.50	Willmar	12.00
Moorhead	21.00	Winona	15.00
New Brighton	24.00	Woodbury	48.00

The following Leagues do not need to pay that portion of their outstanding accounts which are attributable to FSG F&I 3 and 4:

Buffalo	\$1.50
Crookston	5.20
Detroit Lakes	9.90

Some ideas on how to use the above credits:

1. Pay for postage for enough copies to present to your high school government classes, your community colleges, your city council, your school board, your contributors, your libraries, etc.
2. When you use the excellent slide/tape show done to accompany this series, order enough copies, using your credit to pay for the postage, for the audience to have one set each. Why not ask your Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, AAUW, etc., for time at one of their meetings -- like 40 minutes -- to play the slides/tape and present the publications. (Don't be bashful -- none of your audience will know that there are 32 different taxes in Minnesota nor that there are three kinds of state appropriation bills. That's what you already know -- and they'll learn if we share that information with them -- from reading these excellent publications.)

# B U D G E T (Bergeson)

8/77

The State Budget Committee will begin gathering requests and recommendations for the 1978-79 budget next month. If your Board has any recommendations for additions or deletions in the next budget, please forward them to the office or directly to Carol Bergeson, 15 Pheasant Lane, St. Paul, MN 55110.

The October 11 Board meeting will be devoted to discussing state Board budget requests, and the budget committee will meet November 15 to draw up a proposed budget. Both are open meetings, and your input is invited.

I N T E R L E A G U E

8/77

ATTENTION ALL LEAGUES INVOLVED IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT!

Hennepin County LWV is anticipating that the Courts and Justice system are where most of the action will be this year. So we are trying to get a firmer handle on it. Many of our local Leagues have done police studies. Some of them have done studies on special sections of the justice system. Minneapolis is doing a study this year on "Family Abuse," and we are tying into this focus with a panel discussing the problem from various views -- courts, medical, social agencies, police. This will be at 9:30 a.m., October 13, at the underground level of the Hennepin County Government Center. Join us!

We would also be interested in anything you've done in relation to this problem.

Barb Dols

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LEAGUE GOES TO THE GUTHRIE  
October 25, 1977 - 8:00 p.m.

Noel Coward's  
DESIGN FOR LIVING  
Directed by Michael Langham

....and following the performance - a discussion led by Guthrie Scholar Dr. Thomas Caldwell, with a member of the acting company.

Enclosed in this mailing are some order forms.

For further information:

Write League of Women Voters of Minneapolis  
1200 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

or

Phone Ann Wasserman - 612-925-4358  
Karen Davidman - 612-925-3724

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

8/77

1. Why, in this day when we're leading the way for ERA, do we still ask for husband's names? We might be enlightened, but the phone company isn't -- yet. Try calling information sometime, especially long distance, and ask for Jane Somebody at such-and-such address. First thing they'll want to know is husband's name if Jane isn't listed alphabetically at that address. There are only 3 Herb families in the Minneapolis area, but if you didn't know Harriett's address -- luckily all 3 are different -- where would you be? With only 3 choices and the address, it's easy. But what do you do with the Andersons, Smiths, Olsons, etc.? When the phone company goes to double listings statewide, we'll gladly drop the request.
2. Presidents, do you wonder why you get two VOTERs? Unless we've goofed, one has a MN P code; the other, your League's code. One copy is for your personal use; the other, for the files -- either yours or the program chair's file.
3. Treasurers: You should have in your files two long numbers -- one for state sales and use tax and one, your federal employer identification number, for your federal 990 form (used only if you need to file a 990 but to keep on file otherwise). Don't give either up -- we need those numbers to keep our guard covered! We don't charge you sales tax -- that's your responsibility to pay -- but you have to have that number on file in case you or LWVMN is ever audited. And annually we have to inform IRS-Philadelphia of all Employer I.D. numbers. Those numbers are used for two different purposes. Both should be in your files. Questions? Call Herb or Hall at 224-5445.



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4. List additions or changes:

A. Presidents List: Bloomington: Karen Hillger - 21's  
Granite Falls: Norma Kennedy's phone: 612-564-4326  
Hutchinson: Jean Hassinger's phone: 612-897-5882  
Jackson Area: Mary Kuntz, 610 West St., Jackson 56143  
Minneapolis: Sally Sawyer's phone: 612-336-6095  
Rock County: Mildred Paulson, Box 170, Steen 56173 -  
507-855-2328

B. Consultant's List:

St. Peter: Janet Rosenbloom, 128 Camelsback Road,  
New Ulm 56073 - 507-354-8595

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

8/77

1. AAUW has a 3/4" cassette video tape, "Cracker Barrel Politics - How to Run for Public Office." The program, geared toward women, runs approximately 40 minutes. It does take a TV for showing, but your school may have one you could use for showing. Gerry Burns, of the Minneapolis AAUW, can tell you more about it, or ask your AAUW counterpart for more details.
2. Minnesota's Future, an audio-visual presentation based on the report of the Commission on Minnesota's Future, is now available for use in classrooms, for public meetings, for civic organizations, or church groups. The 20-minute package is available in slide/tape form (Kodak carousel, any tape recorder). You can order through your local library, which will in turn secure the materials from its regional library.

AUG 18 1977



League of Women Voters of the United States 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036 Tel. (202) 296-1770

# memorandum

TO: State League Presidents  
FROM: Ruth C. Clusen, President  
RE: Women's Equality Day, August 26th

On August 26th, the League of Women Voters will join more than 60 other organizations in a processional down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House in a re-enactment of the 1913 suffrage march which was led by the late Alice Paul. The march has been organized to underline the critical status of the ERA and the strong support there is for passage of the amendment. All those participating in the march will be dressed in white. The march will culminate with a rally at Lafayette Park.

We have joined other organizations in sending a letter to President Carter requesting that he meet with some organization leaders the day of the march to discuss the critical status of the ERA. We are awaiting a reply.

If any of you are planning to be in Washington, D.C. that day you are more than welcome to join us in the processional. If not, you'll want to be sure to watch the evening news on the 26th for a review of the event, and to let League members know about this effort. Should you have any questions regarding the march, please feel free to contact the PR office.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
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# BOARD MEMO

S E P T E M B E R 1 9 7 7

Calendar

- September 27 - Energy, Education, Action Workshop in Grand Rapids  
LOCATION CHANGE: Zion Lutheran Church, 5th Street and 3rd Avenue, Highway 38. (Come into town from either direction on Highway 2 - the main street through town. Turn north on Highway 38 (3rd Avenue N.W.) - church is on 5th Street and 3rd Avenue Northwest.)
- 28 - Criminal Justice (Corrections section) Committee meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 29 - Global Citizenship Conference (see August Board Memo, IR)  
- Tour of Minneapolis HRA projects, 9:00 - 2:30 - sponsored by CMAL; contact Harriette Burkhalter (935-9855) for details.
- October 3 - CMAL Cities/Urban Crisis Study Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 4 - Action Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 6 - CMAL Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 6 - 8- "The American Family Today and Tomorrow" Symposium, Carleton College (see invitation, president's mailing enclosure and FYI)
- 11 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 - state office  
- Public Finance Symposium (see flyer, president's mailing enclosure)
- 11, 12- Update on Alternative Energy Sources Conference (flyer sent with August Board Memo)
- 12 - Election Judge Survey Committee - 1:00 p.m. - state office
- 13 - Hennepin County Leagues Meeting (see August Board Memo, Interleague)
- 14 - Office Management Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 16 - Project Environment Auction (see FYI)
- 18 - VOTER Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office
- 25 - League Goes to the Guthrie (see August Board Memo, Interleague)
- 28 - U.N. Rally (see IR and August Board Memo enclosure)
- 31 - Membership Lists due to LWVMN (see Leaguekeeping)

Looking Ahead

- November 15 - Lobbyist Training Workshop (see flyer, president's mailing enclosure)  
- LWVMN Budget Committee Meeting - 9:30 - state office

Enclosures - 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate chairpersons)

Issues in Criminal Justice #1 - The "Hard Core" Juvenile\*  
208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin  
Food Stamp Facts  
Cities/Urban Crisis - Minnesota, II and III\*  
Education Update  
Financing State Government Position Statement\*  
Public Finance Symposium flyer

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Recent Happenings in International Relations\*  
Action: Legislative Interview Committee Guide\*  
Lobbyist Training Workshop flyer\*  
Local League Directory\*  
Membership List form  
Symposium '77 invitation

\* Also being sent to DPM subscribers

B O U Q U E T S    T O :

9/77

- . LWV of Northfield for being one of four local Leagues in the U.S. chosen to receive an ERDA Energy Conservation Technology Education Program grant (\$7120). Other Leagues so honored: Tucson, AZ; Wake County, NC; West Hartford, CT.
- . LWV of Duluth for receiving a \$1000 Coastal Zone Management grant. They are having a tour of the Duluth Harbor on September 25 at 3:30 if you'd care to enjoy a nice fall drive.
- . Irene Hoff's (LWV-Crookston) son, Duane, who won 4H Reserve Champion Honors with his Columbia Ewe at the MN State Fair.
- . All those Leagues and Leaguers who responded to our request to lend the Criminal Justice Committee copies of MN JUDICIARY. WE GOT THE NEEDED BAKER'S DOZEN. THANK YOU.
- . Mary Poppleton, LWVMN Natural Resources chairperson, who testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks and Insular Affairs in Washington in support of the Fraser Bill on the BWCA. She said the League is held in high regard. Mary testified right after the Administration (Cutler, Department of Agriculture) and Gov. Perpich and before all the other Fraser proponents.
- . The local Leagues who have so far (9-16-77) raised \$12473.03 toward Minnesota's \$40000 pledge for ERA ratification. \$5000 was sent to LWVUS on behalf of Minnesota's local Leagues and Leaguers on September 12. (If any local Leagues have sent money to LWVUS directly rather than via your state office, please let us know so we can keep track of how much LWVs in Minnesota have raised. We'd be delighted to exceed the \$40000 pledge.)

S T A T E    B O A R D    H A P P E N I N G S

9/77

At its meeting of September 13, your state Board:

- . appointed Jo Knudson, LWV-Granite Falls; Linda Moriarity, LWV-New Ulm; Sally Patterson, LWV-St. Paul; Gretchen Tomlinson, LWV-White Bear Lake; and a representative from the LWV-Duluth (Mary Evans, president, later agreed to serve in this capacity) to your LWVMN Budget Committee.
- . approved the Financing State Government Position statement.

P R E S I D E N T  
(Borg)

9/77

How are you coming on your ERA Fund Drive? Leagues are being surprised by the ease with which they can raise money for this cause. Holding social events to raise money seems to work especially well when the amount contributed is voluntary or suggested in graduated amounts. Alexandria labeled their \$5 contribution a caring believer, \$10 - a sharing believer, \$25 - a generous believer, \$50 - a stupendous believer, and \$100 - a most bountiful believer.

Leagues are coming up with catchy titles for these events: "Eat for Equality" - a dinner or cookout; "Sip for Civil Rights" or "Guzzle for Good Government" - cocktail parties; "Get Wet for Womankind" - a pool party; "Deal Out Discrimination" - a bridge party. Have you thought of a neat one? Share it with us.



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If you are looking for speakers, don't forget the men. They support the ERA too and very effectively. Many teachers are especially enthusiastic.

" P U B L I C   C O M M I S S I O N S   A N D   C O M M I T T E E S  
(Reeves - Waldo)

9/77

The League takes the initiative in recommending people to serve on appointed public commissions and committees. Board members are often asked to be members of such committees, either as individuals or as representatives of the League. It is appropriate and important to do so; serving on boards or commissions is consistent with League commitment to active participation in government. Such service also enables League leaders to further League program goals. Even if the League member represents the League, the board is not bound to support the commission's recommendations. If these differ from or cover more points than are in League positions, the board can clarify the League position and what it does and does not endorse in the commission's report. If the commission's conclusions are unacceptable to the League, this can also be noted, with the reasons." Quoted from IN LEAGUE...Guidelines for League Boards, p. 11.

We urge you to consider setting a policy for appointments to boards and commissions. Such a policy will have implications both for local boards and commissions as well as regional and state. Local Leagues experience a wide range of citizen interest - some Leagues are bombarded with interested persons; others must take an active recruiting role. Your League may not have had to make decisions in this area, but as the appointments process becomes more open, a policy may be needed:

The St. Paul LWV has appointed a Board committee to consider the ramifications of their current Board policy regarding endorsements and recommendations. In addition to the general suggestions quoted from IN LEAGUE, we ask that you consider the advisability of the following:

- . Identifying "qualified" persons;
- . Resolution of conflicts that may arise when several League members are seeking the same position and/or the League's recommendation;
- . Endorsing non-League members.

Since the Women's Skills Bank is no longer in existence due to the legislation which created the Commission on the Economic Status of Women, your state Board has been concerned with the whole appointments process and how we can aid local Leagues. The current mechanism for learning about vacancies on state boards and commissions is that the Governor's Appointments Commission sends notices to public libraries throughout the state. Also available at the libraries are general resume blanks. Interested persons are urged to submit their own resumes, particularly for specific openings on specific boards or commissions.

W O R K S H O P S  
(Borg)

9/77

At this writing our traveling roadshow (the Fall Workshops on Energy-Education-Action) is underway. Now while this experience is fresh, please let us know what other assistance we can give you. One League has requested development information. Do you want this? Use of the Education Fund? How to write a budget? What? To plan wisely, we must know what you need and want.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Phelan)

9/77

Here is a summary of some of the criminal justice legislation passed in the 1977 legislative session. Keep it on file to use in your unit meeting planning.

SF 1077 - A crime control planning board consisting of 18 members superseding the Governor's Commission on Crime Prevention and Control was created. The bill

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required a statewide comprehensive plan for law enforcement and criminal justice administration. Their plans will be approved by the appropriate legislative committee prior to adoption, thus providing a stronger link with the Legislature. It also created regional crime control advisory councils and requires preparation of regional plans.

- SF 124 - This bill defines and sets up four pilot programs for battered women (two metro, 1 rural, 1 urban-non-metro), providing emergency shelter services, support services, and awards grants to public or private non-profit agencies to develop and implement educational programs to promote public and professional awareness of the problems of battered women. The bill also requires collection of data and evaluation of the program.
- SF 514 - This bill sets up two victim crisis centers and lists the services to be provided as direct crisis intervention on behalf of victims of crimes. It also requires complete evaluation of the centers within three years.
- HF 728 - The Omnibus Corrections Bill abolishes the "youthful offender" category, since by law the age of majority is 18. It provides that a juvenile certified as an adult and convicted can have his records set aside upon final discharge if his adjustment has been satisfactory. These records can only be opened in case of a criminal proceeding. It also authorizes the Commissioner to charge inmates the cost of their keep, giving him power to establish rules governing disbursement of inmate earnings for dependent support.

APPROPRIATIONS: \$98,520,000 was appropriated for the DOC for FY 1978-79, a 34% increase over the previous biennial. \$20.8 million was appropriated to design, construct and equip a new high security facility for adult felons near the present state prison at Stillwater.

HUMAN RESOURCES / EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY 9/77  
(DeSantis - Brown)

To begin with, some of you may not be cognizant of how the HR/EO portfolio has been divided between Lois DeSantis and Maggie Brown. Division is as follows:

Brown: Equality of Opportunity (sex, race, religion, Welfare status, handicapped, affectional preference, age, criminal record); Indians; Migrant Workers; ERA

DeSantis: Human Rights Department; Human Resources (unemployment); Wage; Welfare; Day Care; Social Services; Housing; Food Stamps

The Department of Human Rights has announced that it will hold a series of 32 "mini hearings" throughout the state this fall in an effort to gain an understanding of public concerns and interests prior to drafting new substantive rules and regulations.

The public meetings will be held at eight locations in the state, with four meetings scheduled for each site. Topics to be addressed, in this respective order, are: Housing, Public Services and Education; Employment; and Public Accommodations and Credit.

Thief River Falls	City Auditorium Building	August 30, September 27, October 25, November 22
St. Paul	State Office Building	September 1, September 29, October 27, November 23
Marshall	Southwest State University	September 6, October 4, November 1, November 29
Rochester	Salvation Army Building	September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1
Duluth	City Council Chambers	September 13, October 11, November 8, December 6

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Brainerd	Crow Wing County Social Services Building	September 15, October 13, November 10, December 8
Bemidji	State University	September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13
Fergus Falls	Senior High School	September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15

If any Leaguers have attended one of these meetings, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please write Lois DeSantis care of the state office.

Food Stamps: This summer the Food Stamp/Outreach Program of the Department of Public Welfare worked up a new Food Stamp Facts Sheet. We are enclosing one copy for each League with this month's president's mailing. This outlines the current program. Watch reports from LWVUS, especially "Reports from the Hill," on forthcoming changes in the food stamp plan.

Keep your eyes open for a new guide being published by LWVUS by the end of 1977 putting the accent on managing the multifaceted HR portfolio.

Cities/Urban Crisis - Last month you received our First Cities/Urban Crisis paper along with an offer by Jerry Enders of individual help with this study. Enclosed are two more papers, which complete this series. These are written for a city of any size, so it is up to you to apply them to your community.

G O V E R N M E N T  
(Anderson)

9/77

Financing State Government - Enclosed in this mailing is a copy of the new FSG position statement. As you see, we reached consensus on many issues. Responses were very consistent statewide, regardless of the size or location of the League. The position was approved by the state Board September 13th and will appear in the new Program for Action.

For those of you familiar with the statistical papers we received periodically during the FSG study from Arley Waldo, there is now an updated version of Summary of Governmental Finances in Minnesota, Staff Paper P77-17, August 1977. If you'd like a copy, contact: Arley D. Waldo, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55101 - or call him at 376-3800.

Enclosed is a brochure on the Public Finance Symposium, co-sponsored by the LWVMN, as described in last month's Board Memo.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   R E L A T I O N S  
(Llona)

9/77

How does the song go? ... "Take a plane, hop a bus, ride a train" ... and come to the U.N. Rally on October 28 at Holiday Inn Central, Minneapolis. Tickets are obtainable at the U.N. office if you're out of town. That's 55 South 8th Street, Room 200, Minneapolis 55402. \$8.50 for the day. Call: 612-333-2824.

The Rally is in its 32nd year. Founded upon the desire to see the United Nations organization succeed, it has grown in scope and dimension parallel to the U.N. itself. It has brought perspective on world problems to the Midwest with a succession of world-renown speakers. The UNA of Minnesota and the Rally Board are co-sponsors.

This year: Three workshops, repeated once, and a luncheon address.

Workshops:

"Unity in Diversity" -- Professor W. Hartley Clark, Carleton College  
(Professor Clark explores the struggle for national identity. He is an authority on the UN. He stimulates interest in his students by taking 20 students abroad each year to study international institutions in Geneva, Switzerland.)



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"Today's Evolving International Monetary System" -- Margaret L. Greene, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York. (A young vice president of the foreign department, who has among her duties dealings with the world central banks on behalf of the U.S. Treasury.)

"Human Rights: The Contribution of Non-Governmental Organizations" -- Professor David Weissbrodt is on the Board of Amnesty International, one of the non-governmental organizations at the U.N. A.I. is dedicated to freeing of non-violence-motivated political prisoners throughout the world. Dr. Charles McLaughlin, Professor Emeritus and former head of the political science department, University of Minnesota, will moderate.

Luncheon address:

"The United Nations Should Try Harder and So Should We" -- by Harlan Cleveland, Director of International Program, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. Also former Ambassador to NATO, and former president of the University of Hawaii. Author of recent book, "Third Try at a New World Order." Mr. Cleveland was recently chairman of the substantive issues committee which met at the biennial meeting of the UNA in April, 1977, in New York. His articles appear in the New York Times, Saturday Review, and many other periodicals.

LOCAL PROGRAM  
(Jones)

9/77

Do you know what's going on in your town? Your county? Your school district? Does your League understand long-range projects, short-range plans, budget choices to be made? Does your League have interested observers at governmental meetings to help keep Leaguers informed?

Local observers are an old League custom, somewhere between program and action. They serve both individual members and the organization by imparting specific information, serving as a League presence, and providing suggestions for potential program items or desirable action. Their opinions are valuable when selecting program and in monitoring for reaction to local positions. League observers come as evidence that your League is interested, in that part of government.

If you are starting an observer program, check your leader's catalog for specific publication aids. (We'd recommend Kansas' "Observe the Observer," 3127 Huntoon, Topeka, KA 66604). Also, Edina has an excellent observer organization that would help you. In these days of sparse woman power, your Board needs to choose carefully which councils and Boards should have regular visits, which occasional visits, and which can be omitted. Media coverage may help you decide and may give you ideas of what to tell your own members.

We hear nowadays of League observers' opinions being solicited at meetings or using observers only when League positions are concerned. If this is the situation in your community, use care in both cases. If your observer is called on to speak, be sure she states whether she speaks as an individual or an authorized League member. If you go to meetings only when League positions may be challenged or implemented, use other contacts to assure governmental bodies of your broader interests, of your concern for good government. Your League image is involved, and that is important to you all.

When representing LWV, wear your big green button for greater visibility.

ACTION  
(Berkwitz)

9/77

Don't forget to schedule your interviews with your legislators soon. Most of the interview forms and questions were picked up at the recent Action Workshops. If not, they are included with this mailing. If you were not assigned an interview, a neighboring League is doing it and is supposed to invite you to attend. You will get a

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copy of their responses to our questions.

This year we will be giving out an Action Recognition Award at State Council. It is worthwhile to evaluate our action efforts and share our ideas for action. Entries should be sent to the state office by March 15, 1978. They will be judged on planning, member involvement, originality, visibility, working with others to achieve the goal, and the degree of success. Did community attitudes change? Was a law implemented or stopped? Did your League make a difference? We should be proud of our accomplishments, and this is one way of doing that! Keep this award in mind as you are taking action this year.

The office is again taping LWVUS' Spotmaster service on either Friday afternoon or Monday morning. For the latest in what's happening on the D.C. front as pertains to LWV, call your state office (612-224-5445).

#### MEMBERSHIP (Reeves)

9/77

If you are a new membership chairperson, have you a copy of the National publication, "Membership Management: Getting a Handle on the Job" (\$1.80)? The state office has a few copies and will send one to you - pronto - with your check. The state office also has a limited number of free brochures, "Discussion, Debate, Decision and Action." Again, call or drop a note, and they can be sent out to you. (You'll only be charged for the postage - \$1.00 for 200; \$1.07 for 300; \$1.25 for 500.)

For both new and old chairpersons, are you involving your entire Board in year-round planning for membership? Every aspect of League has a membership component..... Membership is action..... Membership is local program..... Membership is observing..... Membership is good meetings..... Membership is PR..... Membership is a speakers bureau..... Membership is Energy..... Membership is a Candidates Meeting..... Membership is publications..... in other words, it is a total Board responsibility, and it requires planning and organization.

#### CITIZEN INFORMATION / VOTERS SERVICE (Waldo)

9/77

Fall activities for Voters Service vary a lot between Leagues. Some of you are planning precinct caucus promotion while others are dealing with voters service for a local election. As you make choices about how to best inform your communities prior to local elections (candidates meetings, voters guide, get-out-the-vote campaign, speeches before groups to explain ballot issues, etc., etc., etc.), consider that this may be the excellent opportunity to provide a visible, non-controversial service to the community. The results could mean more members, more money, and increased positive public relations.

Keep communicating your successes and your disappointments with us - your experience could be valuable advice for another League!

#### LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE

9/77

Looking for an excellent "gift" to give your contributors? The Financing State Government FACTS AND ISSUES series is a perfect item. And the price is right - free except for postage and handling charge. It's a good selling point too - where else could a citizen get about \$10,000 worth (that's the volunteer research hours multiplied by the minimum wage) of research information on Minnesota's financing for a modest contribution to your League.

BULLETIN

9/77

Last year's bulletin editors (Metro Area) recently received a packet of materials from Metropolitan State University. If you have room in your bulletin (and it's not past the meeting date), M.S.U. would appreciate your letting your members know about the "Let's Get Acquainted" meetings. Thanks.

INTERLEAGUE

9/77

Party favors, hostess gifts, easy-to-mail Christmas presents, prizes, your own daily use -- the 1978 LWV Calendars are ready for you. If your League has already ordered, your calendars are ready for pick-up at the LWV of Minneapolis office, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call ahead (333-6319), and your calendars can be waiting at the door for you. Mail orders are being sent also.

This year no price has been printed on the calendars, so you may want to charge more than \$1 per calendar for fundraising.

Additional orders for this useful item can be placed by calling or writing LWV of Minneapolis, 1200 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis 55403.

Charlotte Herman, Calendar Chairman

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Attention Voter Service Chairmen! Looking for a rewarding, "visible" project for your community for the next major election? The success story for a Rides-to-the-Polls program has been compiled by the North Shore League (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) in an easy-to-read, 30-page publication that tells all! You'll find 7 chapters that gets down to specifics: analyzing your community, insurance, publicity, nitty gritty of the program, special situations and critique/follow-up. The program is also applicable to any service organization you (or your friends) may belong to -- and makes a terrific gift for your League (or other volunteer friends) in other parts of the country. Copies are available for 65¢ (plus 35¢ postage and handling) - \$1.00 total - addressed to: North Shore League of Women Voters, 3508 North Summit Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211.

LEAGUEKEEPING

9/77

Please make the following changes to your local LWV Presidents' List:

- 1) Detroit Lakes: Sharon Santwire's phone number is now (218) 847-8574.
- 2) Stevens County: President is Ruth Roquitte, 406 West 7th Street, Morris 56267, (612) 589-3749.

Included with this mailing is the form we want you to use when sending in your Membership List by October 31. We need this form to check our VOTER mailing list - we do it "wholesale" annually and keep it current when you send us the MONTHLY add, drop, transfer and change of address forms. We also need this form to prove to the postal inspectors that your League has on file the membership acknowledgement forms. We know it's extra work in some instances, but we don't want to get in the bind the AMA did last spring. (They're appealing a \$2 million additional postage bill because of lack of acknowledgement.) We DO NOT want the acknowledgement forms here; we only want you to check that YOU HAVE THEM, should that need arise.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

9/77

A pilot project in Business Internships for women has been set up through the Women's Awareness Project at CHART, a non-Profit, Minneapolis-based organization. The internships are designed to provide access to business employment for women seeking to re-enter the work force after a period of unemployment during which they have developed skills through extensive volunteer activities. The internships will involve support activities at the mid-management level. A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite. For more information, write or call CHART, 1920 South 1st Street, Suite D-101, Minneapolis, MN 55454, 338-2299.



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Programs in the 13-episode THE ADAMS CHRONICLES series are available on 16mm film and 3/4" video cassette format at minimum cost to service clubs, professional associations, unions, libraries, museums, hospitals, individuals, etc., upon request. THE ADAMS CHRONICLES dramatizes 150 years of the nation's history through events in the public and private lives of America's Adams family. Based on the actual Adams papers -- some 300,000 pages of letters, diaries and documents held in trust by the Massachusetts Historical Society and published by Harvard University Press -- the series follows the family from the American Revolution to the turn of the Twentieth Century. THE ADAMS CHRONICLES materials may be obtained on a first-come, first-serve basis through the auspices of: Indiana University, Audiovisual Center, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

The University of Minnesota, through its Continuing Education, presents MINNEAPOLIS IN TRANSITION with Gladys Brooks as Instructor. The last thirty-five years have seen Minneapolis transformed from a small midwest city to a thriving metropolis. It proudly boasts of the IDS Center as the tallest building between Chicago and the West Coast. What happened to make the city rank at the top in quality of life? This course will seek to review past history with a look at the present and future developments in a time when cities are in crisis everywhere.

Day/Dates: Wednesday, October 12-November 2; Time: 10:00 - 12:00; Place: MacPhail Center, 1128 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis; Fee: \$20 (4 sessions)

Prompt registration for MINNEAPOLIS IN TRANSITION is suggested. Make checks payable to the University of Minnesota and mail to Continuing Education for Women, 200 Westbrook Hall, 77 Pleasant Street Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55455. For further information call 373-9743.

Project Environment will be sponsoring an auction October 16 featuring sporting goods, trail gear, wildlife art, crafts, homemade goods and services, even professional outfitting services. The items are being donated by area camping and sporting goods stores, outfitters, individuals with something to sell, and volunteers with used equipment good enough for a second owner. The auction will be held at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Powderhorn Community Center at 34th Street and 14th Avenue South in Minneapolis. All proceeds will go to further work in environmentalist projects in Minnesota.

Carleton College is sponsoring a symposium, "THE AMERICAN FAMILY TODAY AND TOMORROW, October 6-8. Topics for the three-day forum range from "Husbands and Wives: Changing Roles in Marriage" and "Building on Family Strengths" to "Coming Apart: Divorce and its Aftermath" and "Helping the Family in Distress." Columnist Ellen Goodman, American civilization specialist John Demos of Brandeis University, research director for the Urban League Robert Hill, and Harvard Professor of Human Development Jerome Kagan are among the speakers. Anyone who is interested in more information should contact your local League president who has received an invitation with the president's mailing or the Office of College Relations, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057, or call 507-645-4431 and ask for extension 508. There is no cost for attending the workshops and presentations. There is, however, a nominal charge for meals.



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# BOARD MEMO

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## Calendar

- October 25 - League Goes to the Guthrie (see August Board Memo, InterLeague)  
- National Science Board forum (see FYI)
- 26 - Local LWV Support of the LWVMN Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m.  
state office (555 Wabasha)  
- ERA - Now or Never (see InterLeague)  
- A.B. Dick Co. workshop for Bulletin Editors (see InterLeague)
- 27 - Criminal Justice Committee meeting - 11:30 state office
- 28 - U.N. Rally (see IR)
- 31 - Membership Lists due in LWVMN office (see September Board Memo, Leaguekeeping)
- 31, Nov. 1 & 2 - "Corrections: Back to the Basics" Conference (see Criminal Justice)
- November 1 - Action Committee meeting - 9:30 state office
- 3 - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30 state office
- 5 - "People, Jobs and the Environment" Conference (see HR, C/UC section and flyer enclosed in presidents 3rd class mailing enclosure)
- 7 - CMAL Study Committee meeting - 9:30 state office
- 9 - State Board Meeting - 9:30 state office
- 10 - CMAL Housing Tour in St. Paul (see CMAL)  
- "Gray Is Beautiful" Coalition meeting (see Action)
- 15 - Lobbyists Training Workshop - 9:15 Room 123, State Capitol (see September Board Memo flyer)  
- Budget Committee meeting - 9:30 state office (see Budget)
- 21-22 - Minnesota's Public Waters--Engineering Concerns

## Looking Ahead

- December 1 - Legislative Interview Report Forms due in LWVMN office  
- "The USA and the USSR: Danger or Accord" Conference (see IR)
- 23 - Education, Collective Bargaining and Tenure consensus due in LWVMN office

## Mailed Earlier

- 1 copy each of FACTS and ISSUES: EDUCATION 2 and 3, Collective Bargaining and Tenure, 2 copies of final form of consensus questions, and order form.  
(Mailed 5 p.m. on Friday, October 7)

## Enclosures - 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate chairpersons)

Guidelines for (state) study Programs\*

Issues in Criminal Justice #2, Assistance for Victims\*

Sexual Assault: A Statewide Problem and Services Throughout Minnesota

UPDATE: Public Welfare in Minnesota\*

Council for the Economic Status of Women newsletter

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People, Jobs and the Environment conference flyer  
Education Update  
Foreign Exchange Definitions\*  
The Panama Canal Treaty - 1977\*  
Treasurer's Report - LWVMN - April 1 through September 30\*  
LWVMN Bylaws as adopted at State Convention, June 2, 1977\*  
CMAL UC Study, Housing Questions - Metro Leagues only  
A Plan of Service, 1977-1983, Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) - Metro Leagues only  
ERA Thanks (and Update)\*  
FACTS and ISSUES: EDUCATION #2 and #3, Collective Bargaining and Tenure - DPM subscribers and M-A-L's only  
\* Also being sent to DPM subscribers

B O U Q U E T S    T O:

10/77

- Katherine Muff, LWV-Mid-Mesabi, and Ann Thomas, LWV-Westonka, on their appointment to the Governor's Special Committee to study ways to improve Library Services in Minnesota. The committee will also make recommendations for the White House Conference on Libraries, expected to meet in 1979 in D.C.
- LWVs of Bloomington, New Brighton, Moorhead, New Ulm and Grand Rapids which hosted the Energy, Education and Action Workshops in September. The attendance of 500+ at the workshops took us all by surprise but these local Leagues kept their "cool" even with only a day's notice of the number to expect at each. THANK you; you were great. Thanks too to all who attended.

S T A T E    B O A R D    H A P P E N I N G S

10/77

At its meeting of October 11, your state Board:

- approved as the Focus '78 topics for January, February and March respectively: Exploitation of Children, the Trade Protectionist Movement and Costs of Health.
- reviewed 1978-79 plans which will be used by the Budget Committee when developing your LWVMN budget (see Budget).
- received a status report re local League visits and learned of the possible formation of two new Leagues - one in Houston County and one in Wilkin County. By the end of September, the teams had traveled 4798 miles! and not all LWVs have been visited. (See Service to local Leagues)
- reviewed the progress of the "local LWV support for the LWVMN" committee which has been formed to review how your LWVMN should be funded. Committee members are: Lois DeSantis, chairperson; Ellen Dunn, Red Wing; Pam Berkwitz, Minneapolis; Mary Etta Coursolle, Mahtomedi; Pat Wirtanen, West Dakota County; Carol Bergeson, White Bear Lake; Helene Borg and Georgeann Hall, ex officio; Harriett Herb, staff resource. Currently under consideration are: state PMP, current formula and revisions thereto, combinations of PMP and formulae, flat dollar amount plus either PMP or formula. If you have any suggestions you think should be developed for committee and eventual local League consideration, please send the suggestions to the committee quickly.



E R A  
(Borg)

10/77

Please send in the money you collect as soon as possible. We must have 50% or more of our pledge in the national office by January 15. The total \$40,000 is due by May 1978. We must know how much to expect from local Leagues long before then, so we can plan state efforts accordingly.

P R E S I D E N T  
(Borg)

10/77

Consider a LWV phone number. Check with your telephone company and find out if you can afford a listing and a League number. This number can probably move to another house at a future date. It might be the answer to not having local League "offices" per se and it would provide your League extra visibility.

N E E D E D / W A N T E D

10/77

Needed: Speakers on the ERA. "What will the ERA really mean"? People keep (Kahlenberg) asking and they often ask the League. We need more willing and effective speakers to respond to these requests from small civic and church groups all over the state. At the Lobbyist Workshop November 15, we'll offer a brief training session for those Leaguers who are:

- a) committed to the ERA
- b) willing to bone up on the facts
- c) not afraid of public speaking
- d) available to respond occasionally to requests for speakers in their general area

The opposition is very vocal. We need to reach the public with the facts. Here's another positive way to use your League training, talent and enthusiasm on behalf of equality under the law for all our citizens.

Wanted: Ginny Froebel, Family Relocation Services Division of Fazendin Realtors requests "Community Surveys of areas of the Minneapolis Metropolitan Area. Need information on taxes, schools, recreation, general statistics, phone numbers of services and flavor of each community. Our organization works with the corporate transferees and the prospective transferees, so we are interested in both the facts and flavor (selling) characteristics of the different communities." They will pay for same so if you want to respond to this request, send an invoice along with your Know Your Town.

We receive many similar requests. We do NOT send the president's list to any, but we do agree to inform you so that if you wish to respond, you may.

L O C A L P R O G R A M  
(Jones)

10/77

Are you "publishing" this year? Every year several local Leagues work on city, county, or school surveys, and others are organizing other types of information to present in printed form. You will want this project to be a credit to your League - to serve as an educational piece for your members and your community, to be used in public relations, to distribute to contributors, and to indicate to the general public what interests your members, and what they can produce.

Though you have had a committee gathering information, try to find someone outside that group to serve as editor. The chairperson and committee members usually are too close to the subject material to question its clarity and perspective. So, find

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someone who can help with continuity, clarity, and emphasis and then let her go to it. From the "editing" step, you will probably find it helpful to have other readers to verify reliability and readability. Leagues usually try to find experts for the former, and novices for the latter. It also helps to have the president, or a former president, read with an eye to its presentation as a League effort.

All of this, of course, takes time, and more time. The more other people are involved, even before the printing, the more lead time you must allow. This usually means the person in charge must work consistently at checking on the committee, the editor, the readers, and the printers to keep within the deadlines set for all these steps. It will be worth the effort if you get the best out of each of these colleagues.

Financing your local publication should be a Board decision and project. Your budget may call for the initial payment with sales to recoup your expenses. Other methods include sponsorship or partial subsidy by banks, school districts, chambers of commerce, city council or county boards, or interested businessmen. These publications are educational pieces of a tax-exempt nature and may provide a service someone in your community will underwrite. Your Board may have additional suggestions. If you wish more information on experiences with this kind of funding, we will be glad to put you in touch with other Leagues. It is never too early to start looking for your financial support and the better your plans, the better your prospects for success.

(We're enclosing, with the 3rd class mailing to presidents, a copy of Guidelines for State Study Programs which includes a timeline for printing a publication. These guidelines are applicable at the local level also.)

C O U N C I L   O F   M E T R O P O L I T A N   A R E A   L E A G U E S (CMAL) 10/77  
(Burkhalter)

HELP! HELP! CMAL needs observers for Metro Council meetings and at the state Legislature. Please return the "pink sheets" in your CMAL packet. If you as CMAL representative cannot help, perhaps someone in your League could. Plan to come to the Lobbyist Training session on November 15th (other Leaguers will be coming and you can ride along), and we'll set up additional training sessions to deal with Metropolitan observing and lobbying.

Now, if you are not your League's Urban Crisis study chairperson, call her/him and share the following with her/him. If you are the Urban Crisis chairperson, read on alone, but don't panic. The CMAL/UC study committee has laid out a "game plan" for handling the Urban Crisis study. We know you are planning for spring units and the committee wants to provide material for you to use in preparing your committee members, resource people, and League members to take part in meaningful meetings discussing the Urban Crisis. Included in this mailing is a set of questions relating to housing. You don't have to answer all of these and reply within 30 days. We realize Leagues are in different states of knowledge and ignorance when it comes to housing in your community. Perhaps, your League has just completed a local housing study and these questions can be answered by contacting the chairperson of that study. By all means do it that way; don't start all over again. If your League has not studied housing, check with your local Action person. A lot has been done under the LWVUS housing position. Talk to your HR person also, and if you can't find an "expert" within your League, then this question sheet can serve as fuel for your committee's use. Looking for the answers to these questions may raise more questions and you may find you're on the way to a future Local Program item. Your answers to

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these questions will provide the background for your members to take part in your unit discussions. Next month we plan to send you questions in the areas of Crime and Transportation. In the January Board Memo will come questions in the area of Education and hopefully a discussion outline for handling all this material in one unit meeting. Timing is difficult; we plan to have this material to you by late January, and you need time to deal with it, so we suggest March or April units. Check your League's calendar and see if any rearranging needs to be done to meet this proposed time frame. The LWVUS publications on Urban Crisis are scheduled to come out this winter. Those publications, the Urban Crisis Papers I, II, and III, by J. Enders, the information gained at CMAL meetings, and your answers to these groups of questions will provide the background you need to deal with our CMAL study, the interrelationships within the Metropolitan area with respect to social needs and conditions.

This plan is best described by borrowing a metaphor from the sports world. We have put the ball in play. It's up to you to take it (the questions) and run. Keep in mind there are three more "balls" coming. Don't wait to handle them all at once; there's bound to be a fumble. Call me (935-9855) or Alison Fuhr, Study Committee chairperson (920-1566), if you have any questions.

Our tour of Minneapolis HRA projects was very interesting. We have arranged a similar tour in St. Paul -- St. Paul Housing Tour - Thursday, November 10th. Meet at Martin Luther King Center, 270 Kent St. (south off 94 at Dale and one block east) at 9:00 A.M. Bring a bag lunch - coffee and dessert available, and \$2.00 for bus fee. Tour will finish at 2:30 P.M. Make reservation by calling St. Paul LWV Office (222-3178) by November 3rd. The first 49 who reserve will be able to take part in the tour. Please put this announcement in your local Bulletin if time permits.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Phelan)

10/77

The Minnesota Corrections Association is sponsoring a conference titled "Corrections: Back to the Basics, October 31, November 1 and 2 at the St. Paul Radisson. Keynote speaker on October 31 at 7:30 p.m. will be Ramsey Clark, former US Attorney General. Workshops on November 1 and 2 will cover the Juvenile Justice System, Community Corrections, Victims of Crime to name just a few. You may choose to attend any part or all of this interesting conference. Call or write Carole Smith, 784 Kenwood Lane, St. Paul 55117, 772-1820.

Have you scheduled a game for your Criminal Justice meeting yet? Call the LWVMN office today to reserve one of these three:

"The Rehabilitation Game" - It will acquaint your members with the major sentencing alternatives that judges use for adult offenders. It also confronts the player with the many obstacles the offender faces who wants to rehabilitate himself. As many as six can play and it takes 20 to 30 minutes per game.

For a larger group (from 25 to 41) try "Kids in Crisis," a simulation of juvenile and adult court sentencing procedures involving five young people in crises drawn from real cases. It can be played in small groups of six to nine players. Role playing involves judge, defendant, parents, probation officers, etc. Cases involve children abused by parents, juvenile prostitution, drugs, drunk driving, violation of parole and shoplifting.

"The Jury Game" involves role playing in the jury selection process and examines an important aspect of a fair trial - the rights of an accused person to be judged by an impartial jury. Participants will explore the nature of prejudice and come face to face with the crucial question of whether it is possible for any person to be unbiased and unprejudiced. The game also includes provisions for mock trial presentations. Playing time is 2 to 3 hours and can be played with up to 35 people.



N A T U R A L   R E S O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

10/77

Enclosed you will find a flyer describing a conference entitled People, Jobs and the Environment. As you can see, LWVMN is a co-sponsor. I attended the planning meetings for this conference and believe it will be a very interesting and informative day. Mark November 5th on your calendar.

Pick up a copy of the October 10, 1977 Sports Illustrated magazine the next time you go shopping. It contains a very good article on the BWCA. The author attended the Washington hearings and also met with Rep. Burton and people who testified.

American Motors Conservation Awards Program: The American Motors Corporation is accepting nominations of individuals and nonprofit organizations that have made outstanding efforts in conserving our natural resources for its 1978 Conservation Awards Program. AMC plans to recognize individuals whose achievements are not widely known through awards to 10 professional conservationists employed by nonprofit organizations and 10 nonprofessionals whose conservation efforts are voluntary. Awards will also be given to national and local nonprofit organizations with outstanding conservation work. The awards consist of \$500 and an engraved bronze plaque.

If you would like to nominate an individual or a League, apply by November 30 to: American Motors Conservation Awards Committee, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield, Michigan 48034. Endorsements and supporting documents may be included with the nominations.

Energy Grant News: The Energy Research and Development Administration has reprinted (MacLean) The Politics of Energy, which appeared in the 1977 Summer National VOTER. The state Energy Committee received 1000 copies of these reprints. We would like local Energy committees to use these publications for energy education in their communities. There are many ways they could be used: in schools; in libraries; at public meetings; for finance drives; to name just a few ideas. Please contact the state League office as to the number of publications you can use and for what purpose.

H U M A N   R E S O U R C E S / E Q U A L I T Y   O F   O P P O R T U N I T Y   10/77  
(Brown and DeSantis)

There seems to be some question(s) arising from the division or "HR umbrella" that we discussed both last month and in the OUTLOOK FOR WORK from last May. We listed "Human Resources - LWVUS" with a sub-title of "B" Minimum Wage. LWVUS does not have a position on minimum wage. We have lobbied for non-discrimination legislation that included the provision that minimum wage should be paid. We have never studied the exact question of "what" or "how much" is a minimum wage; only that minimum wage should be non-discriminatory.

Another concern listed was migrant workers legislation. We do not have a position on this as such. Our lobbyists have worked on improved housing for migrants while not on collective bargaining rights, because we do have a housing position.

We strongly urge anyone with a question with regard to this to first check the PROGRAM FOR ACTION and the "Impact on Issues" to verify the position(s) reached. If you should have further questions, please don't hesitate to write or call either Lois or Maggie.

WELFARE - In the August Board Memo we promised you an update on the welfare picture in Minnesota and urged you to promote unit discussions on welfare sometime during this program year. With this mailing of the Board Memo there is enclosed the promised update.

(Human Resources/Equality of Opportunity - 10/77 - continued)

This fact sheet on Welfare in Minnesota is to be used in conjunction with the recent LWVUS publication "To Promote the General Welfare." You will need both publications to get a complete picture of the current programs, some of the issues involved in welfare reform, and some of the solutions being proposed. If your local League program is too full to get welfare included for unit discussion, try to pass some of the information on through your Bulletin and make the publications available to members who would like to pursue the subject on their own.

The last paragraph in the Update refers to the Minnesota Coalition on Welfare Reform, of which LWVMN is a part. This group plans to analyze the Carter reform proposals in light of what they will mean for Minnesota. Watch this column for future announcements of their findings.

The Department of Human Rights will begin the third round of mini-hearings on October 25th. (See last month's Human Resources section for topics being covered.) These mini-hearings will all begin at 7 p.m. and will be held as follows:

October 25th - Thief River Falls, City Auditorium Basement Meeting Room

October 27th - St. Paul, State Office Building Auditorium

November 1st - Marshall, Southwest State University, LC217

November 3rd - Rochester, Salvation Army Building

November 8th - Duluth, City Council Chambers, City Hall

November 10th - Brainerd, Crow Wing County Social Services Building

November 15th - Bemidji, Bemidji State University, Bangsberg Building, Room 250

November 17th - Fergus Falls, Fergus Falls Senior High School Lecture Hall

The last of the hearings will cover the topics of public accommodations and credit and will begin on November 22nd.

Cities/Urban Crisis - The returns of the questionnaire distributed in the September Board Memo have been slow. Most Leagues have chosen to do the topic in March or April. We are assuming that this item is still "on the back burner." For that reason, we will wait until after January 1st to schedule any specific activities. We encourage you to utilize the material that is already available from state, national and CMAL to work out within your own League your particular interest or emphasis.

Leagues in the Twin Cities Area should be sure that CMAL and Cities/Urban Crisis are being coordinated. Some C/UC information will be appearing in the CMAL section of the state Board Memo.

#### G O V E R N M E N T

10/77

##### Election Laws (Buffington)

On October 6th, Mary Waldo, Helene Borg, Pam Berkwitz, Joan Nemark (St. Paul), Mary Duddleston (Falcon Heights), Dee Spresser (St. Louis Park) and I met with Secretary of State Joan Grove and members of her staff to discuss the League survey of election judges. Her office had prepared a packet of materials for us, among which was a two-page list of suggestions as to survey content and methods of random sampling. This material was reviewed by members of the Election Judge Survey Committee at their first meeting on the 12th. We always have room for more committee members - the more input the better! Contact the state office if you're interested.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Llona)

10/77

The World Affairs Center will sponsor a major one-day conference on the U.S. and the Soviet Union on Thursday, December 1 at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis. It will be held in cooperation with the American Committee on East-West Accord and the Committee on the Present Danger. These are the two rival national organizations with opposing positions on American-Russian relations. The conference will be called "The U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.: Danger or Accord?" The luncheon speaker will be a State Department officer who will state the official U.S. position on relations with the U.S.S.R. More information will be provided.

The Women's United Nations Rally is taking reservations for the annual United Nations Rally scheduled for Friday, October 28 at the Holiday Inn, downtown in Minneapolis. Cost for the luncheon is \$8.50 and tickets can be purchased from UN Rally Ticket Chairwoman, Sid Moss, 5705 Westbrook Road, Minneapolis, MN 55422 (Phone: 544-1875) or from the UN Association of Minnesota, 55 South 8th Street, Rm. 200, Minneapolis, MN 55402 (Phone: 333-2824).

Irene Khin Khin Jensen's speech "Voices of Modern Asian Women", given at the UN Tea September 9, will be broadcast on October 25 at 1 o'clock over KUOM.

Radio station WCAL announces several programs of interest. Pauline Frederick, former UN correspondent for NBC News, now National Public Radio's international affairs analyst, can be heard each Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. on WCAL-FM (89.3 MHz)... Latin American Review includes news and analysis from the Latin American press on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on WCAL-FM... Week at the United Nations, a summary of major UN action during the week is broadcast each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on WCAL-AM (770kHz) ..For a complete listing of WCAL's programming, write to WCAL, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN 55057.

Note: In a recent Board Memo - the organization "New Directions" was mentioned. LWVUS President Ruth Clusen is no longer a member of that board. She resigned because of a possible conflict between New Directions energy stands and League's current review of energy issues.

IR Chairpeople: Please read the IR section of Report from the Hill and respond to the suggestions for action under the caption, WHAT YOU CAN DO. While the president is deciding what to do about the ILO and revision of the adjustment assistance portions of the 1974 Trade Act, he can be receiving letters expressing League positions.

Note: The League supports the conference committee report on the HF 7797 which went to the floor of the House October 18. Both Senate and House will be voting on it. National wants a "flood" of letters so that the restrictive amendments will not be reconsidered. Getting Carter to pledge on instructing International Banks to vote against loans to those countries listed in the last Report from the Hill is the best that could be obtained.

New Help for Developing Countries - The Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC) which is a group of North (Industrial)-South(Developing) Countries met in June 1977 and decided to deal with Southern demands by agreeing in principle to the establishment of a Common Fund to deal with commodities. They also agreed to a \$1 billion Special Action Program to assist the poorer countries in the form of grants. Watch for the negotiations on the Common Fund which are scheduled to resume in November 1977 under UNCTAD auspices (UN Conference on Trade and Development).



A C T I O N  
(Berkwitz)

10/77

Thanks to all of you who attended the Action Workshops around the state. I hope you gained some information and enthusiasm for your important job as Action chair. At the workshops, I sold a number of copies of IMPACT, the LWVUS book on Program and Action. If you do not yet have a copy of this important Action tool, there are still some available in the state office for \$1 a copy. I highly recommend that you get one.

Please urge interested Leaguers to attend the Lobbyist Training Workshop on Tuesday, November 15, from 9:15 to 12:15 in Room 123 in the Capitol. Our effectiveness at the Legislature depends on our lobbyists and observers there. We welcome anyone who thinks lobbying sounds interesting and fun (IT IS!). Also at this workshop at 11:30 a.m. Jeannette Kahlenberg, state ERA Chair, will lead one group for people who want to speak in public on the ERA.

Last spring each League received a gray envelope of material on a "Gray is Beautiful" campaign to promote the use of recycled paper to consumers, grocery stores and manufacturers. Several groups including the AAUW, Council of Jewish Women, Junior League, National Supermarkets and so far the Minneapolis LWV are now forming a coalition to work on this campaign. I hope that there might be other Leagues in the Metro Area who would want to get involved. If so, try to send a representative (perhaps you or your Natural Resources person) to the next coalition meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Minneapolis LWV office, 1200 Second Ave., S., Minneapolis, 333-6319.

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E   10/77  
(Waldo)

The Election Judge Survey Committee has met to begin the process of planning survey content and procedures. Prior to the first committee meeting several representatives from local Leagues and the state Board met with the Secretary of State and members of her staff to discuss their concerns and some of the information they would like to receive as a result of our survey. (See Election Laws section for additional information.)

As we reported last month, the Secretary of State has been conducting meetings around the state with county auditors and local election officials. The League presence at some of these meetings has been noted - thank you for responding and adding yet another meeting to the calendar. We would be interested in your impressions of these meetings both as to organization and content.

Please report on your Voters Service projects for municipal elections this fall. In our trips around the state this summer and fall it is obvious that we are simply not aware of many of your CI/VS efforts.

Looking ahead - precinct caucus committee guide coming next month to assist you in helping your community participate!

FLASH - Focus '78 topics (EXCITING - PROVOCATIVE)

January 18 - "Exploitation of Children"

February 15 - "Trade Protectionist Movement"

March 15 - "Costs of Health"

More information will be coming but save these dates and post them in your League bulletins.

S E R V I C E   T O   L O C A L   L E A G U E S  
(Cushing)

10/77

Duluth has expressed an interest in having selected League publications available on cassette for use by members with impaired vision. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ALL LEAGUES WHO WOULD USE SUCH A SERVICE. If the need is very limited, it would probably best be met by a local volunteer. However, should we find by your response that the state office could efficiently serve as a clearing house for a number of Leagues throughout the state, we would investigate the mechanics. Please indicate how many members you can identify that would use this resource.

VISITS TO LOCAL LEAGUES: We have now visited over 3/4 of the Leagues. Were you included? If not, would you please decide on a convenient date, and let us hear from you! We would like to meet with your Board (and others if you wish) even if you don't feel you need any "orientation." If everything is going well for your League, you probably have a lot to teach us - we always need good ideas. If you have identified a specific need, or would like to talk to a particular Board member, let us know - we will do our best.

Change in Consultant assignments:

Erica Buffington - Mounds View

Carolyn Cushing - New Brighton

B U D G E T  
(Bergeson)

10/77

The LWVMN Board has submitted its priorities and goals to the Budget Committee chairman for incorporation into the FY 1978-79 budget. The Budget Committee deliberations of these requests will take place in the state LWV office on Tuesday, November 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you'd care to join the committee that day, bring a bag lunch--it will be an all-day meeting.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

10/77

You have now received all three of the FACTS and ISSUES: EDUCATION, Collective Bargaining and Tenure publications. Cost to Leagues for the series is 70¢ - 20¢ for Minnesota's Laws, 30¢ for FACTS and ISSUES 2, 20¢ for FACTS and ISSUES 3 - plus postage and handling.

We are "advertising" them to the general public for \$1.00 for the series, 25-50-25, plus 50¢ postage and handling charge; a total of \$1.50.

We will be sending complimentary copies to all state legislators; state presidents of the MEA, MFT, MSBA, PTSA; chairman of the State Board of Education; school districts which participated in the survey. We will also be sending information about the publications and ordering procedures to those same groups.

You should contact your local "educational establishment" and service groups. The information is excellent, needed by all, pertinent and thought provoking. Excellent PR too. And don't forget your contributors - what better selling point than our estimate of over \$14,000 worth of donated research time figured at the minimum wage rate.

P U B L I C   R E L A T I O N S

10/77

The Financing State Government series has been sent to the presidents of all the First Bank System Minnesota Affiliates, and we have already received several requests for additional copies for their board members. We hope that local Leagues will find this helpful in their public relations and finance drive efforts.

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News releases on your Financing State Government position were sent to selected media by October 13th giving Karen Anderson, LWVMN FSG chair, as contact person. As a result Karen has already been interviewed by two radio stations, KSJN and WWTC, presenting your collective opinion to the general public.

And if any of you were up at 6:30 a.m. on October 11, did you see your state president, Helene Borg, on Channel 9? Helene plugged the LWV and the ERA.

Moorhead LWV got excellent media coverage of the workshop held in their area. We understand that prospective Leaguers in Wilkin County also saw the TV coverage of the workshop, rally and talk show. We also understand that the Public Radio station in that area broadcast some on the energy session.

Information on IWY Press Conferences: During the week of October 24-26 in major cities around the country the Women's Conference Network, an ad hoc group of non-governmental organizations (which includes the LWV), will be sponsoring press conferences designed to focus attention on the IWY Houston Conference planned for November 18-21. The news conferences are designed to give information to the public and the media on the Houston IWY Conference including events, issues and participants. Since the League is a sponsor there is the possibility that you may receive press calls following the sessions with questions on IWY.

TREASURERS  
(Hall)

10/77

Enclosed with the 3rd class mailing of this Board Memo is the LWVMN Treasurer's Report for the first six months of this fiscal year. We are pleased to note that with half of the fiscal year complete, we have received 39% of our projected local League support. That's one of the better percentages in recent years. Thank you.

That doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels because, as you will also note, we've expended more than we've received. However, we do appreciate your getting your quarterly and semi-annual payments in so well for this first half of our fiscal year.

INTERLEAGUE

10/77

The Education committees of the Crystal-New Hope and Golden Valley Leagues of Women Voters have cooperated in making a video-tape on tenure and collective bargaining. Four individuals in the educational establishment of District 281 --- the school board chairperson, the assistant to the superintendent, the president of the Robbinsdale Teachers Federation and the executive secretary of the Robbinsdale Teachers Federation --- participated in a panel discussion which was moderated by a League member. The questions were developed jointly by the Education committees of the two Leagues involved. Panelists were asked to comment on such issues as: their objectives in the bargaining process; how they arrived at positions for bargaining; changes in PELRA they would like to see made; broadening the scope of negotiations; the public's role; whether tenure continues to benefit the educational system and any changes they would like to see made in the existing tenure law; "Seniority Dismissal" procedures; the present system of "bumping"; and the procedure for evaluation of teachers and the parents' place in assessing the competence of teachers. A tape cassette has been made from the audio portion of the video tape. It runs about 40 minutes and can be borrowed by other Leagues by calling Mary Adair (701) 374-9168.



(InterLeague - 10/77 - continued)

The A.B. Dick Company (201 E. 78th Street, Bloomington - south frontage road of 494) will hold a FREE morning workshop for LWV Bulletin editors in the Metro area on Wednesday, October 26 at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to editors, typists, office staffs, mimeograph operators, and anyone interested in any part of mimeographed or off-set news letters. No reservations are needed for the meeting. Comments on what Leagues are interested in learning should be directed to Marion Hall (823-5408) before the meeting.

"The ERA - Now or Never" is being sponsored by the LWV-Minneapolis on Wednesday, October 26 from noon until 1 p.m. at the Minneapolis YWCA, Room 113. Jeannette Kahlenberg, LWVMN coordinator for the ERA, will be the speaker. Child care is available by calling 332-0501. Box lunches will be available if you call the Minneapolis LWV office 333-6319 by the 25th. The meeting is free and open to the public. Come one, come all.

The LWV-Minneapolis is recommending a study of the social security as a national Program item. Call them (333-6319) or write (1200 - 2nd Ave., S. 55403) if you want more information or care to join their efforts so your wording would be similar.

#### L E A G U E K E E P I N G

10/77

1.) Would you believe that the 3rd class mailing of the September Memo and enclosures left our building at 1 p.m. on September 27th? I hope by now you have received same. According to the post office here, they try to have 3rd class mail out (within the Twin Cities) within four days. But they've been "all choked up" and "3rd class bulk is the last thing touched." We hope this month's service is better.

2.) Local LWV Presidents:

St. Louis Park - change Barbara Aslakson's address to 2615 Xylon Ave., S.  
Granite Falls - change Norma Kennedy's address to 225 - 7th Ave. and  
phone number to 564-3257

Consultant Assignments:

Mounds View - Erica Buffington (3845 Lynn Ave. S., St. Louis Park 55416,  
612-929-8168)

New Brighton - Carolyn Cushing (3031 Simpson, St. Paul 55113, 612-633-0602)

#### F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

10/77

On October 25 the Upper Midwest Council will host a regional forum sponsored by the National Science Board (NSB) to seek the ideas and views of the public on future needs in scientific research. The Minneapolis forum, the fourth in a series of six nationwide, will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Leamington Hotel and is open free-of-charge to the general public. The four issues selected by the planning group as warranting the attention and open discussion by the public include food, water, land-use, and information systems for decision-making. The primary objective of the forum is to secure the guidance of the public in helping to define the future role of science in solving several major problems facing the Upper Midwest within these four issue areas. The entire day of the forum will be spent in small workshop sessions; registrants will pick one policy issue topic from the four for the workshop sessions. For more information on the NSB Regional Forum, contact NSB Regional Forum, Upper Midwest Council, Federal Reserve Bank building, Minneapolis, MN 55480

"MINNESOTA'S PUBLIC WATERS - ENGINEERING CONCERNS" conference will be held on November 21-22, 1977 at the Registry Hotel, Bloomington. The Monday, November 21 program, which runs from 1 p.m. through 9 p.m., will focus on Basic State and Federal

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Policies which affect Minnesota Public Waters and Effects of Extremes on Minnesota's Water Supply. The Tuesday, November 22 morning concurrent sessions will highlight Analysis and Design in Water Resources; Tuesday afternoon's session, Federal and State Lake Restoration Programs. For additional information, contact Tom Richards, Program Director, Department of Conferences, University of Minnesota, 131 Nolte Center, Minneapolis 55455.

The Long Lake Conservation Center (LLCC), Palisade, MN, runs a series of Weekend Adventures in the Out-of-Doors. LLCC offers these adult education programs to help "people learn how to protect and preserve their world." Currently scheduled programs include: For Women Only, Nov. 4-6; Pre-Christmas Crafts for Aitkinites, Dec. 9-10; Snomo I and II, Jan. 20-22 and 27-29; and Pre-Season Fishing Weekend, Apr. 14-16. For information and registration write Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisade, MN 56469, or call 218-768-4653.

TWIN CITIES WOMAN is a monthly newspaper/magazine published by Sprague Publications, Inc. They are now circulating all over the state and in the fringe areas of North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Sprague also publishes MINNESOTA WOMAN'S YEARBOOK, 1978, a "who's who" and "what's what." The yearbook lists Minnesota women in various fields/professions and contains a listing of services/agencies/clubs. MINNESOTA WOMAN'S YEARBOOK will be available statewide at newsstands and bookstores (\$3.95) or orders of more than 10 copies may be purchased through Sprague Publication at special low prices. For further details write Sprague Publications, Inc. Suite B10, 430 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis 55403.

Psyche, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded by a group of women psychologists, offers educational programs to organizations and individuals. Programs are individually designed to meet the needs of the organization and range in length from a one-hour presentation to longer workshops, to several day seminars, to on-site credit courses. They have designed and used: Exploring Career Options; Communication Skills; Skills Training; Sex Role Issues. For more information contact Psyche, Inc., P.O. Box 14332, Minneapolis 55414.

Last April, at the State Convention of the Texas Leagues, in Fort Worth, SATIRE Associates staged "Chauvinist, Beware!", a show that had been seen by enthusiastic audiences in the Dallas area on several previous occasions. To quote from Pat Greenwald's letter: "Sexism, like racism and nihilism, is a serious subject, indeed. But most of us recognize that in every solemn social initiative, there is a portion of irrepressible amusement. It is to that awareness that "Chauvinist, Beware!" is dedicated. Most Leagues need new prospects for fund-raising. We all need to boost ERA! And more important, perhaps, the pleasure and gratification from a League-wide undertaking like this can make a lasting contribution to organizational pride and solidarity." For only \$24.50 you get the "prime ingredient for a successful theater venture--a proven script, easily adapted to local tastes and talents. The investment is insignificant; the potential is almost unlimited. It takes only the foresight and leadership found in every League to launch a highlight event to be remembered for years to come." For the script or more information contact: Satire Associates, Attn: R. F. Greenwald, 10271 Better Dr., Dallas, Texas 75229.



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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To: Jean Reeves  
From: H.H.  
Re: Board Memo  
Date: October 5, 1977

(Copies: Borg, Hall, Cushing)

Using fiscal year 1976-77 Board Memos as a base, I found the following: 6 sides, 3 sheets (when copied on both sides); 6 sides, 3 sheets; 8 sides, 4 sheets; 10 sides, 5 sheets; 12 sides, 6 sheets; 9 sides, 5 sheets; 9 sides, 5 sheets; 12 sides, 6 sheets; 12 sides, 6 sheets; 6 sides, 3 sheets; and 26 sides, 13 sheets, for the OUTLOOK. It takes an average of 30 minutes to type and proof each page (116 sides would take 58 hours over the year; at \$3.50/hour that's \$203 for that portion). The xerox does 40 copies/minute. When we were sending Memos to every local League Board member, we ran off about 1120. It'd take the xerox machine about 28 minutes to do that many. You don't have to stand there while it's going - when it's running right, that is. It takes about two minutes to "feed" the xerox, so a 6-sided Memo ties up the machine for about 3 hours. Collating 1120 copies probably takes 100 minutes or 1 hour and 40 minutes for a 5-sheet Memo. At \$3.50/hour, that's about \$5.85/issue or \$64.35/year. Stapling and counting Memos into piles of 10 probably takes a minute/stack or a minimum of 112 minutes or 1 hour and 52 minutes. For simplicity's sake, let's say 2 hours/issue @ \$3.50/hour or \$7.00; that's \$77 on an annual basis. Since every League gets a different number of Memos, it takes 2 people a minimum of a half day to stuff the envelopes. At current salaries (Betty Ann's and mine), that's \$9.06/hour x 4 hours or \$36.24/issue or \$398.64/year. Each envelope has to be weighed, stamped, metered separately, about a 3-hour job for 2. At the \$9.06/hour that's \$27.18/issue or \$298.98/year. All the above is based on no interruptions, e.g. phone calls or dropins, and no other (pressing) work to do.

Copier costs for 1120 copies would be \$6.13/side x 10 sides (rough average) or \$61.30/issue or \$674.30/year EXCLUSIVE of toner and fuser oil. Those two supplies could bring the total to about \$700/year.

Paper would be about 5600 sheets for a 5-sheet Memo or 11.2 reams. At \$216/ream that's \$24.19/issue or \$266.09/year.

Envelopes are about 8¢ each for the big, cloth-like white ones. Assuming you would send these parcel post, that's \$5.52/issue or \$60.72/year, about the same as now.

Postage - I hate like hell to guess! Again, assuming the Memos would go parcel post and figuring 90¢/envelope for 60 LWVs and 97¢ for 9 LWVs, that'd be \$62.73/issue or \$690.03/year. When the local LWV president got the package, she'd have to decide how to get them to her Board members - either mail, de-



liver or wait until the next Board meeting.

Total - \$2557.84 MINIMUM for 69 Leagues or \$37.07/League/year for additional Memos and Outlooks only.

When I figured this out for the "support for the LWVMN" committee, the mailing to the presidents only, costs an estimated \$60/League/year.

Several cautions:

- 1) The number of sides and sheets are based on 1976-77 Memos, current salaries and costs (postage alone goes up 23% in 1978!), and an average of 10 sides - 5 sheets per issue rather than the actual for each and every one.
- 2) 1120 Local League Boarders receiving the Memo, out of a total membership of 4320, is about one-fourth of the membership.
- 3) The above assumes mailing all Memos parcel post to the president for her distribution. When we were doing this four years ago, we had lots of complaints that since the mail took at least a week to get to the president and since she took anywhere from another day to as much as three weeks to distribute to her Board members, the news was so stale that nobody read the Memos. Were we to go to mailing 1st class to all Board members, the costs would have to be increased for folding, stuffing envelopes, labels (typing, copying, affixing, changing addresses), postage (24¢/envelope on average - \$268.80/issue or \$2956.80/year).

You decide your pleasure and priorities. We (staff) will do it.

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orders

Alexandria	
Anoka-Coon Rapids Area	11
Arden Hills	
Austin	2
Battle Lake	
Bemidji Area	14
Blaine	10
Bloomington	12
Brooklyn Center	1
Brooklyn Park	
Buffalo-Monticello Area	6
Cass Lake	
Chaska	1
Columbia Heights	11
Cottage Grove	
Crookston	1
Crystal-New Hope	14
Detroit Lakes	
Duluth	5
East Faribault County	
Edina	21
Excelsior-Deephaven Area	7
Fairmont	
Falcon Heights	
Freeborn County	5
Fridley	
Golden Valley	
Grand Rapids Area	1
Granite Falls	
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Mutchinson	
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Mahtomedi Area	11
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Mid-Mesabi	
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Excelsior-Deephaven Area	7
Fairmont	
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Freeborn County	5
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Mahtomedi Area	11
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Marshall	
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Minneapolis	5



SUMMARY OF BOARD MEMO COMMITTEE MEETING - October 24, 1977 - Reeves, Rosenblatt, Dunn,  
Herb

Major problems: (1) Local League Board members can't know what's going on - see only small portion of LWV; (2) third-class mailing held up in post offices too long - stuff is "old hat" by the time Board members see it - often after Board meeting.

Committee will look at figures (Herb will work up) to send Memo by UPS, Parcel Post, 3rd Class, etc. - mail to individual Board members.

Board Memo must get to each LL Board member.

Committee wants Board Memo financed to state budget as basic Board tool.

We must evaluate Memo - readability, interest, information, organization, relation to VOTER, etc. Committee of LL Board members.

If Finance so determines, may need to limit pages - suggest a Memo editor (now done by President/Borg and staff).

Concern about inserts - who gets, etc. We'll look into this.

Interesting idea - the Memo in the hands of all local Board members would go to 1/4 of our membership!

We'll have recommendations for state Board consideration at November Board meeting - figures to look at.

32 - 2 copies  
14 - 10 or more  
13 - 3 to 10

To: Board Memo Committee  
From: Herb  
Re: Costs of October Board Memo  
Date: October 21, 1977

Typing/Proofing - 1/2 hr/pg. - 13 pgs - 6 1/2 hrs. x \$3.80/hr. = \$24.70

It takes 3 minutes to affix 33 labels.

It took 1 hour to fold 367 copies of all 7 sheets, or about 8.9 minutes for 367 sheets.

It takes about 1/2 min. to type each address on to the matrix form.

It took B.A. 20 seconds to stuff 7 sheets into an envelope.

It took 1/2 hour to meter the 353 first-class envelopes.

Postage was 24¢ for each Memo.

Board Lists missing from:

- Battle Lake
- Bloomington - no addresses
- Brooklyn Center
- Chaska
- Columbia Heights
- Fridley
- Grand Rapids
- Granite Falls - no addresses
- Hutchinson - no addresses
- Mahtomedi
- Rochester
- Silver Bay

There are 783 local LWV Board members on the lists in the office; that does not include any - even presidents - from the 9 missing Leagues nor CMAL.

Questions: What does one do about off-Board portfolio chairs, nominating committee and budget chairs which are not included in the above count?  
What does one do about CMAL?

Labels are cheaper than VOTER cards for addressing purposes. If we used those, we'd need an electronic eye put on the Scriptomaster to "read" the cards. Also there are frequent changes - addresses as well as people. Typing a new label and affixing that to the matrix takes one minute of time and 1¢ in supplies vs. 5¢ for the card and about 2 minutes of time.



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# BOARD MEMO

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Calendar

- November 21 - Energy Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
- "Minnesota's Public Waters - Engineering Concerns" (see October Board Memo, FYI)  
24 - Holiday, office closed  
30 - Criminal Justice Committee meeting - 11:30 a.m. - state office
- December 1 - Legislative Interview Report Forms due to LWVMN (555 Wabasha, St. Paul 55102)  
- Quarterly support payment due to LWVMN  
- CMAL Board meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
- "The USA and the USSR: Danger or Accord" Conference (see IR)  
5 - Energy Symposium, LWV-Edina (see NR)  
6 - "Welfare, Workfare or What," LWV-M.E.P.-H (see HR)  
9 - Publications Catalog Ads due in state office (see publications)  
12 - CMAL Study Committee  
15 - Evaluation sheet for service visits due to LWVMN  
20 - Comments on discrimination due to state office  
22 - Education Collective Bargaining and Tenure Consensus due to LWVMN  
23-26-30 - Holidays, office closed  
(27-29 - office hours - 9:00 - 1:00 only)
- January 1 - Happy 1978  
2 - Holiday, office closed  
- Capitol Letter subscriptions due to LWVMN - NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLY  
- Quarterly P.M.P. due to LWVUS  
- Action Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
5 - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
10 - State Board meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office  
15 - Section I of Local League Annual Reports due - 2 copies to LWVUS and 2 to LWVMN. (If you didn't get those from LWVUS in October, write LWVUS, 1730 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and ask for same. Local LWV presidents should receive Part II of the report forms this month.)  
17 - Legislature reconvenes  
18 - Focus on Emerging Issues  
19 - CMAL Representatives meeting  
20-21 - "Power and Politics in Health Care" (see FYI)  
31 - Energy Consensus due to LWVUS  
- National Bylaws suggestions due to LWVUS  
- National Program recommendations due to LWVUS



Enclosures - 3rd Class Mailing

(Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs)

LWVUS Convention Air Reservation form  
Issues in Criminal Justice #3 - Community Corrections Update\*  
208: Water Quality Management Planning Bulletin  
National Wildlife Index, 1977  
Woman's Information Line  
Council for the Economic Status of Women newsletter  
Federal Grants-In-Aid in Minnesota  
Education UPDATE  
So You're Going to Write Your Legislator\*  
Precinct Caucus Resolutions\*  
Evaluation Sheet for Service Visits  
Capitol Letter subscription form - NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY  
The League of Women Voters of Minnesota - What is it?\*  
Citizen Information/Voters Service Committee Guide, 1978 Precinct Caucus Promotion  
Governor's Office of Volunteer Services newsletter (see page 3)  
Consensus: Flexibility in Reaching Member Agreement  
Welfare Funding Cut-off for Abortions  
To: LWVUS Board and Budget Committee from LWV of Cedar Rapids-Marion, Iowa  
ERA Thanks\*

\*Also being sent to DPM subscribers

L O S T - U R G E N T

On the day, September 16, that the League held its workshops at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, they had a table of lost and found articles in the hall of the church. On this table was a book entitled "1984" by George Orwell. When a student came in to claim it, it was missing. He is very upset because he had borrowed it, and it is a first edition which he cannot replace. They have asked for its return in the church paper without success. Did someone from your League pick it up? The young man would appreciate its return. If you have the book, please mail it to the church.

B O U Q U E T S T O

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- . The LWV of Minnetonka-Eden Prairie-Hopkins (M-EP-H) for their VOTERS GUIDE prepared for their recent city election. The LWV of M-EP-H solicited special funding for the project which not only paid for the GUIDE's printing but also enabled them to purchase the GUIDE's delivery to every residence in the city.
- . The LWV of Duluth for having over 170 people on their boat tour (September 26) which is part of their Coastal Zone Management grant project.
- . To all local Leaguers who won (re)election to various councils, commissions and boards in the recently held elections.

S T A T E B O A R D H A P P E N I N G S

11/77

At its meeting of November 9, your state Board:

. Welcomed two new League groups. We are recommending that LWVUS grant recognition to the provisional LWV of Wilkin County! We have an enthusiastic group organized now in the Breckenridge area. Mary Davies, this year's Hope Washburn Award winner, will be their advisor.

In addition, we have a group in Houston County (most southeastern corner of the state, Caledonia area) which will operate as a "state unit" until they reach a membership level which will allow them to move into regular provisional status. This is an attempt at flexibility (one of our key words) as a result of your suggestions that we allow for smaller groups in areas where it is difficult to organize a "regu-

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lar" League.

. with regret, voted to recommend to LWVUS that the League at Silver Bay be disbanded, as they request.

. authorized contracting for a group flight to LWVUS Convention in Cincinnati. Arrangements are being made to fly nonstop via Eastern on Sunday, April 30, leaving Minneapolis at 7:30 p.m., and return p.m. of May 5 (leave Cincinnati 6:07, arrive Minneapolis 6:45). The hotel convention rates are lower than the regular or group rates available at the headquarters hotels, so no hotel will be included in this package. If you are interested in the group air fair - \$120 per person, an approximate 20% saving over current air fare - please return the enclosed form to LWVUS as soon as possible, since we have blocked only 50 seats. We only need numbers now; names aren't due until March.

. voted an

#### Experimental Board Memo Mailing.

Several years ago, in an attempt to cut expenses, Council delegates voted to discontinue mailing copies of the State Board Memo for the presidents to distribute to every local League Board member. Instead, the president received two copies, one of which was printed on one side only so it could be cut up into sections and distributed to appropriate portfolios. Many Leagues decided at once that this was not only inefficient but counter-productive to the whole concept of Total Board Responsibility. Board members no longer had any idea of what was happening in other program areas. Often the time lag increased, and information they did get was outdated. When the option was made available, many League chose to budget for individual 1st-class subscriptions. We now have 29 Leagues which pay for at least 3 additional Memos.

However, during our visits with local Boards, we found that those Board members who do not receive Board Memos feel uninformed. All too often, LL Board members were not even familiar with the Memo. Since a great deal of time and expense goes into this publication, and we rely on it as the most important communication between state and local Leagues, we became quite concerned.

A committee was appointed to consider possible changes. In their report to the November state Board meeting, they strongly recommended that action be taken to provide the entire Board Memo to local League Board members. They emphasized that the Memo is a basic Board tool and should not depend upon subscriptions. Its distribution should be a part of our service to local Leagues. Local League Board members need to see the whole picture of League program in order to develop the sense of League as a larger organization of which their efforts are a part. We were convinced.

After discussing various possibilities, the Board voted to send the Memo to every local League Board member for a three-month only trial period beginning in January. Copies will be mailed first class to Board members who do not now receive one. Costs will be absorbed by the Service to Local Leagues budget. In this way, all Leagues will be able to evaluate for themselves and for Council delegates, budget committee and state Board the importance of the Memo when budget discussion for next year occurs at state Council.

Yes, we did consider at some length the possible reaction of those Leagues who are already spending their own money for subscriptions. We are hoping they will understand. The cost of determining the amount of credit due each local League for each of the three issues in the trial and of notifying those Leagues of same would be more than the credit due in most instances. We are cutting it mighty close (and depending on lots of non-cash contributions for remaining service to local Leagues) as it is. But the Board thought it was necessary and important. We hope you do too.

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. is proposing a national Bylaw change that would establish a new category of membership.

Changing times require constant adaptation: the LWV has had the strength and flexibility to evolve and continues as a viable organization after 57 years. Now another change is needed. It is too difficult to join the League of Women Voters. The present method was established at a time when membership was available only to women, and most of these women spent their adult lives in a single neighborhood. There were few similar organizations, and a local League unit could individually welcome a newcomer or be ready when a long-time resident had some free time.

There is still a place for this personal approach, and it is valued as part of the grass roots orientation. In addition to this, a new membership category is needed. It should be possible to join the LWVUS and automatically become a member in your state of residence. Dues could be set at a high enough figure to cover state and national expenses for these inactive, non-voting members. Defining them as contributing members, or some equivalent label, could keep them differentiated from the members-at-large. This new contributing category would allow large numbers of people to be informed of League program and to have an identification with the many activities. Many would soon want to participate more actively and could do so by joining a local unit. This assures local Leagues of an increase in potential members and could relieve them of the burden of subsidizing inactive members.

For the larger organization it would mean a broader based membership, increased potential for financing and education, and public relations opportunities on a national level. It would not jeopardize existing units or interfere with present procedures. It would augment present operations and, over a period of time, strengthen the entire organization.

Under the present restrictive membership options, the League has not grown during a time when population, educational levels and leisure time have all soared. The LWV is important, and it should be made available to more people. A democratic organization can not exist for long as an exclusive, elite enclave.

If you have questions or comments, please call the LWV state office.

P R E S I D E N T  
(Borg)

11/77

Don't forget that your national Program and Bylaw suggestions are due in the national office by the end of January. It is the responsibility of each League Board to participate in this process which gives us our grass roots orientation. It is not too early to start thinking about your annual reports too. Have your Board members go over these national reporting forms now so that they will have them in mind as the year progresses. These are due the end of March. Please call or write the state office if you have questions of what is expected.

L O C A L   P R O G R A M  
(Jones)

11/77

Are you approaching consensus - that is to say, local consensus? Does your League explore possible areas of agreement, what your members define as problems and potential solutions for your community? Or do you avoid that specific, analytical task and leave your League in the "study club" category? Many local Leagues seem reluctant to take that consensus step which will enable them to state local League opinions. You need to seek consensus to learn if there is sufficient member opinion to state a broad position that can provide a basis for action in your community. Perhaps that common ground is not present, but that is the exception in League experience. Usually you have studied and discussed your way to vague conclusions, but to make your League's nebulous thoughts definite and official, you need to specifically ask your members.



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So, we are reminding you, don't be afraid of consensus and all that comes after. There are many aids to assist you in drafting questions that will give you results to permit action for a reasonable length of time. We especially recommend "All About Consensus," a state study sent your way in May, 1975, (office-duplicated, gold border at the top), and an article Barbara Flannigan wrote for the Sept.-Oct. 1973 Minnesota VOTER. Find them! These should be in the president's file and/or that of the local program chairperson. You will find examples of good questions, pitfalls to avoid, hints on the mechanics of the whole process, and tips on how to interpret your results. Consult In League (Guidelines for League Boards), p. 37, for comments on other means of obtaining accord.

You will find a sense of accomplishment in pulling together your League's thoughts and opinions. The results will give your League a sense of direction and purpose, a logical follow-up to all the effort you have put into that local study item. Then you are ready to pull all those good ideas to work for you.

For a snappy example of consensus and action, you'll enjoy this letter to the editor of the Anoka LINK:

"Congratulations to the afternoon unit members for their recent demonstration of League procedure for reaching consensus (study, discussion, consensus). The study item for discussion was "Should we continue serving coffee and cookies at our meetings?" During the lively and expensive discussion, the list of reasons for NOT serving goodies emerged strong and convincing: cavities, calories, cost, cholesterol and coronaries (not to mention acid indigestion, terminal acne and gout). In the face of such compelling arguments, reaching consensus was not easy. However, the vote for coffee and cookies was overwhelming. Now that we have consensus, it's time for action! Please pass the brownies." Sincerely, Sally Foley

C O U N C I L O F M E T R O P O L I T A N A R E A L E A G U E S (CMAL) 11/77  
(Burkhalter)

Urban Crisis Study Committee - Enclosed with the 3rd class mailing (to Metro Area LWVs only) this month are three sets of questions to be used in the same fashion as those you received last month. These questions are in the areas of Crime and Transportation and Education. Keep in mind these are to be used as guides in gathering the background information you will need for your unit meetings. We are planning 4 workshop sessions at the January 19 delegates meeting to assist you and your committee in handling this study item.

January Delegates Meeting - The meeting will be held Thursday, January 19th, at the Commodore Hotel in St. Paul. Plan now, to attend and alert other members of your League to come along (i.e. people interested and working on Housing, Crime, Transportation and Education). Governor Perpich will be our morning speaker. The December CMAL bulletin will have details.

Legislative Action - The Metro Affairs Sub-committee of the Senate Governmental Operations Committee is working on a bill for an elected Metropolitan Council. Keep in mind our position in support of maintaining an appointed Council. Our lobbying efforts must begin in earnest with the opening of the session in January.

Observers at Met Council - We need Leaguers, interested and concerned about metropolitan issues, to observe Met Council meetings. CMAL should monitor actions of the Council as closely as local Leagues monitor their city government. If you have an interest in metropolitan issues (or know someone who does), call me (935-9855). Monitoring can be done by being present at the meetings or by getting your name on the mailing list and following from your living room. We are planning a Metro Council Observer Training Day (early February) to answer all questions like, where do I

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park? where are the meetings? who can answer which questions? and the like. Please consider giving some of your time to CMAL. We need it!

Thanks - to the St. Paul League and Ginny Malim for planning a very interesting and informative Housing Tour. We had a good look at our core cities; we'd like to plan to see some of the suburban areas. Any suggestions, call Alison Fuhr, 920-1566.

C R I M I N A L   J U S T I C E  
(Phelan)

11/77

Have you noted the following developments in the news lately?

U.S. Senate action on S 1437 has occurred. It is a bill which revises the criminal code. The Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill which would be aimed at eliminating sentencing disparities, providing more fixed sentences which would be determined by a Sentencing Commission. The sentencing guidelines would not be reviewable unless Congress decided to reconsider the whole system. Judges would be expected to hand down sentences within the guidelines. Parole eligibility would be eliminated unless set by the sentencing judge. Watch your newspapers for further developments.

Congress has also passed a bill which provides aid to victims of crime, covering victims' medicam costs, loss of wages and other expenses. It authorizes \$25 million in 1978, \$30 million in '79 and \$35 million in '80. Funds will go to states, such as Minnesota, with qualified crime victim compensation programs.

N A T U R A L   R E S R O U R C E S  
(Poppleton)

11/77

Included in this mailing is a copy of the National Wildlife Index 1977. The publication shows where we are in quality of life, where we are going, and what future needs are. Excerpts from this Index could be used as Bulletin articles - maybe a monthly column talking about each category.

On December 5th the Edina LWV Energy Committee will present an Energy Symposium at the Southdale-Hennepin Library. The program will be presented twice - at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The speakers will be Dixie Diehl and Bill Davis, Minnesota Energy Agency, and Michael Murphy, Upper Midwest Council. Coffee, goodies and free publications are available. The Library is located on York Avenue South just east of Southdale Center.

The LWVMN is one of the co-sponsors of a water conference being presented by the Science Museum of Minnesota. It is titled "Water: Our Delicate Life Membrane" and will be held December 8, 9, 10. Brochures are being mailed to every LWVMN member.

I want to extend thanks on behalf of the Energy Committee for the wonderful attendance at the September workshops. We enjoyed meeting all of you and thank you for the kind words on the evaluation sheets.

Energy Grant News (Marge Post) - Energy Chairperson Carol MacLean moved to Washington, D.C., on November 4. Farewell and thanks from Minnesota Leaguers who profited from her extensive energy efforts.

Marge Post will manage the state LWV Energy Education grant in Carol's place. The first phase of the Minnesota project included the five fall energy workshops. Second phase money to total \$3650 will arrive mid-November. It is designated for energy outreach education in cooperation with the Minnesota Energy Agency: for training Leaguers as community energy resource persons and for the purchase of "The Sunbeam Solution" and "Bottom of the Oil Barrel," two films shown at the fall workshops.

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At this time 41 Leaguers representing 28 Leagues have expressed interest in the expense paid training (travel/meals) sessions led by the Minnesota Energy Agency personnel and currently planned for January or February.

We anticipate more interest from those who may not have had the chance to sign up at the fall workshops. Send their names, address and League names to Marge Post at the state office by December 15th.

HUMAN RESOURCES  
(Brown and DeSantis)

11/77

Food Stamps - The Food Stamp Outreach Program of the State Department of Public Welfare recently reported the results of a survey which tested public attitudes towards food stamps. The survey was taken at the State Fair. It uncovered misinformation about the food stamp program as well as gross stereotypes about its users. For example, there were many comments about client abuse, when actually fraud plays a role in less than 1% of all food stamp cases.

In response, the DPW staff has compiled the following figures:

- 77% of food stamp users are unemployed.
- A majority use the program less than one year.
- 80% of food stamp household are below the poverty level.
- 65% of food stamp households are headed by women.
- 17% of food stamp households are headed by, or contain, a senior citizen.
- 0.2% of food stamp users are on strike.
- 54% of food stamp users do not receive other public assistance benefits.
- 42% of food stamp household also receive AFDC.

Update on "Welfare Update" - Claudia Jagelski, a member of the Anoka-Coon Rapids LWV and an employee of the Anoka County Welfare Department, has kindly sent in some corrections and comments on the Welfare Update sent with last month's Board Memo. Claudia pointed out that the appendices from the Citizens League all pre-dated some welfare changes that went into effect on July 1, 1977. She has provided us with the current figures. She also takes exception to some of the statements made by the Citizens League and counteracts these with statements from her own experiences as a public welfare worker. Those Leagues who plan to study welfare during the coming program year should contact the state office for Claudia's supplement to the Welfare Update.

Informative Meeting on Welfare - The Minnetonka-Eden Prairie-Hopkins LWV is sponsoring a meeting on "Welfare, Workfare, or What," to be held at the Minnetonka City Hall Council Chambers on December 6th at 7:30 p.m. The panel of speakers includes: John Brandl, a University of Minnesota professor, who will present President Carter's welfare reform program; Katie McWatt, who will give the Urban League's reactions; Betty Olbekson, who will respond from a recipient's viewpoint; and Barbara Stromer, staff member of the Department of Public Welfare, who will explain how the President's proposal will affect Minnesota. This would be a valuable meeting for all local League HR chairmen.

Necklaces - The state office has ordered a quantity of ERA necklaces from national. The cost is \$3.50, to be sold for \$5.00, netting \$1.50 for the ERA fund. Individuals or local Leagues may order directly from the state office, and the appropriate local League will be credited with \$1.50 towards ERA.

See enclosure on Discrimination - Welfare Funding Cut-off.



(Human Resources - 11/77 - continued)

Cities/Urban Crisis (Enders) - The responses to our questionnaire have shown an interest in information on federal funding in Minnesota. To help meet that need, we have scheduled a briefing for all Leagues in the state on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 9:30 - 12:00 at the Metropolitan Council, 300 Metro Square Building, St. Paul. You will be briefed on the flow of federal money throughout the State of Minnesota and into the Twin Cities area in particular. We will also provide you with some suggestions on how to identify federal money in your own community.

In the Board Memos prior to the briefing, you will receive factual, statistical information which will give you background on the amounts of federal dollars and the scope of federal programs. The briefing will help you to interpret that information to determine impacts. The first of these publications, Federal Grands and Aids in Minnesota is included in this mailing.

The October Board Memo included an Update: Public Welfare in Minnesota, which outlined welfare assistance programs. Since a substantial amount of federal money coming into the state goes for these programs, it would be helpful to become familiar with them as you identify the impact of federal monies.

· E D U C A T I O N  
(Shaw)

11/77

Consensus on Collective Bargaining and Tenure is due December 22nd in the state office. Beginning in January, 1978, the education committee will be looking at monitoring the implementation of legislation for which we have lobbied. Specifically included will be Title IX (sex bias), special education, PER (planning, evaluating and reporting), etc. We are looking for new members, especially from local Leagues who have done local studies or action in these or other areas. Goals for this spring include (1) writing articles for a state Program VOTER; (2) setting up some "how to" guidelines for monitoring implementation which can be used by local Leagues.

G O V E R N M E N T  
Election Laws  
(Buffington)

11/77

The Election Survey Committee has had two meetings so far, and a third was held on Wednesday, November 16th, at 12:00 in the state office.

Survey questions for election judges and for election officials have been drafted and are in the re-write stage. Some of the areas covered in the survey include: basic information about the municipality, training of judges, election day registration and follow-up, and suggestions from the judges for improvements in the election procedures. Ideally, the VS/CI chair and the Government chair will join forces on this project. Setting up a meeting in early 1978 (January or February) with the person responsible for the elections in your community should not be difficult. As for the election judges, not all judges in your community need to respond to the survey unless you decide to do this. At any rate, the judges survey is to be completed after the November, 1978, general election.

Further information on the survey will be sent along with the actual survey, and information will also appear in this section of the Board Memo, as well as in the FS/CI section. Be sure to check both sections of the Board Memo.

Upcoming Government Pubs From National  
(Buffington)

The LWVUS government portfolio has been busy in the publications area. The next UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT will cover proposed federal sunset legislation. Two CURRENT FOCUSES are also planned, one on federal campaign finance legislation as it worked in the 1976 election, the other on recent congressional reforms. Be sure to obtain the copies of these publications from your president.

(Government - 11/77 - continued)

Update on Legislative Compensation  
(Anderson)

The Update on Legislative Compensation will be ready, as promised, by December 12th. There is, however, no Board Memo mailing in December, so you will have to make special arrangements to pick up or be mailed copies if you need them before the January mailing.

Since the Update is a fairly straightforward piece and there are no consensus questions to be done, there will be no committee guide prepared by LWVMN.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Llona)

11/77

In the planning for World Trade Week, May 23, 24, 25, 1978, in Minneapolis, is one day for projecting facets of World Trade to the general public. This would be a "cost of luncheon, only" registration, probably. The Planning Board needs ideas on reaching those interested who aren't already involved in trade or subsidized by an employer in attending the whole program. Suggestions immediately to Pat Llona, 612-920-0426, or write: 5936 Grove Street, Edina, MN 55436.

For a League-sponsored public program, you might inform the community on the Panama Canal Treaties. Use the recent handout in Board Memo, and check article by Marjorie Shannard in the St. Paul PIONEER PRESS, November 13. Marjorie served on the Board for the Panama Canal Company and also lived in Panama for a while. She has all the background for her article directly from the Department of State as well as copies of the Treaties and Consultative Committee Agreements that go along with the treaties. Sister Karen Kennelly of St. Catherine's College also was taped giving a talk to the World Affairs Council on November 3. Excerpts from the tape can be made available. Notify the League office if you need help.

Coming up:

- "The U.S. and U.S.S.R., Danger or Accord" Conference will be held on Thursday, December 1, 1977, at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, 315 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. Speaking "For the American Committee on East-West Accord" is Bernard Feld, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; "For the Committee on the Present Danger" is Scott Thompson, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. The luncheon speech, "U.S. Policy Toward the U.S.S.R." is by Mark Garrison, Director, Office of Soviet Union Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The fee for the conference is \$20, which includes luncheon and coffee. Application for registration should be received by November 28, 1977. For further information, contact Joe Kroll, University of Minnesota, 211 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis 55455, 612-373-3685.
- Focus on Emerging Issues...Trade Protectionism, February 15, 1978. - details in next Board Memo.

Film Available:

"The Alpha or Omega: The Beginning or the End." 15-minute movie aimed at teenage audiences but good for all. Comes with a teacher's guide for class discussions. John Denver sings "Last night I had the strangest dream - the world had all agreed to put an end to war." Appearing also are Thor Heyerdahl of Kon Tiki fame, Norman Cousins, editor, SATURDAY REVIEW magazine, and Barbara Peterson, Miss U.S.A. of 1976. Promotion for World Citizenship. Available by writing U.N.A. of Minnesota, 1026 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis 55402, or calling Lynne Elling (612-831-3121), address: 7600 Parklawn, Minneapolis 55435. Rental is \$15.00. Purchase is possible for communities to have; cost - \$150.00 to service organizations. Show the film for prospective members along with membership party.

UNICEF cards - available at new address for U.N.A. of Minnesota (see above, underlined.)

(International Relations - 11/77 - continued)

Note: William W. Scranton, Chairman of the U.N.A. of the U.S., reminds us that this organization has 30,000 members and would like to double that. By becoming a member, you will be automatically backing a Policy Studies Program which brings together independent panels of experts in specific fields to apply their knowledge and creative thinking to perplexing international problems. The results are a series of National Policy Panel Reports which have influence on U.S. policy. You also receive the newspaper, THE INTERDEPENDENT, which is one of the most informative on world affairs circulated today.

Write: U.N.A.-U.S., 300 E. 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017, or the local address, p. 9. Dues are \$20.00, but there are special dues for retirees and students.

Two free publications (as noted in the FYI column of the November, 1977, INTERDEPENDENT): WORLD ARMAMENTS - THE NUCLEAR THREAT (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sveavagen 166, S-11346, Stockholm, Sweden, 1977, single copy free): This study summarizes conclusions contained in recent SIPRI publications prepared for those interested in the UN special session on disarmament in May/June, 1978; and WORLD BANK ANNUAL REPORT 1977 and ADDRESS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WORLD BANK by Robert S. McNamara (World Bank, 1818 H Street N.W., Washington 20433, free): useful "state of the world" reports, backed by the inevitable statistics and charts.

House Defeats Cargo Preference Bill - After two test votes in which it seemed passage was likely, on October 19 the U.S. House defeated 257-165 the Energy Transportation Security Act of 1977, commonly known as the cargo preference bill. The bill provided that upon enactment 4.5% of imported oil had to be carried on U.S. flag ships. The percentage would have risen each year, so that by 1982, 9.5% would have had to be carried on U.S. tankers. About 3% is currently being transported by U.S. ships.

Proponents of the bill, including the Administration and organized labor, argued that the law would stimulate the economy and secure jobs for U.S. seamen and shipbuilders. They also argued that it would help guarantee energy supplies and protect U.S. coastal waters from pollution because of higher safety standards U.S. ships must meet. Opponents of the bill, including the League, Common Cause and other environmental and consumer groups, argued that the bill was a protectionist measure violating U.S. treaties of Friendship, Navigation and Commerce with 30 nations, and that it invited retaliatory actions by other nations. Because U.S. flagships are about 300-400% more expensive to operate than are foreign flagships, the price of oil would rise, opponents said -- and these costs would be passed on to consumers.

A General Accounting Office report states that costs could rise to \$610 million annually under this legislation, more than five times the amount figured by the Administration. Furthermore, the GAO concluded that the bill would have resulted in a drop in GNP and a rise in unemployment. In 1974 Congress had passed legislation stipulating that 30% of the U.S. imported oil had to be transported on U.S. flagships. The matter was dropped when former President Ford vetoed that bill.

Congress raised the issue again this session, encouraged by President Carter's campaign statements that he would support legislation to stimulate expansion of the U.S. Merchant Marine. There was speculation that President Carter's support for the bill was in return for campaign contributions from the maritime industry.

(Taken from the 11/77 Roseville VOTER, Judy Rosenblatt)



A C T I O N  
(Berkwitz)

11/77

The Legislature will reconvene on January 17th. Please be sure that your members are prepared to react to the Times for Action from our lobbyists. You might want to reprint the sheet in the third class mailing on "So You're Going to Write Your Legislator!" (or order from state office at 2¢ each, plus postage and handling) and your legislators' addresses and phone numbers in your local bulletin before the session starts or soon after. A member will be much more likely to answer a Times for Action if she is prepared.

At the national Convention in May, there will be a discussion on the Political Accountability Ratings (PAR). As you may remember, the 1976 Convention delegates deleted the use of percentage ratings on the members of Congress. The national Board decided not to do a PAR last year because they felt that PAR would not be effective without the percentages. In May the national Board will present a motion to reinstate PAR with the percentages included.

Each Board should discuss the Political Accountability Ratings before May so that you can respond during the discussion.

Our PAR was based on a limited number of votes, and consideration was given to members absent from those votes. Some members of Congress seem concerned with how they are rated by LWV and may think about that as they are lobbied by LWVUS.

Some people were afraid that others might misuse our ratings. Leagues with members of Congress who rarely agree with the LWV apparently fearfully await each PAR.

As Action chair, I feel strongly that PAR can be a very effective action tool for influencing members of Congress on our League positions. Please talk about whether LWVUS should reestablish PAR at the May Convention. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss it further.

Urge people who did not get Capitol Letter last year to sign up now for the final year of the biennium. People who received Capitol Letter last year should not resubscribe. They paid last year for the two-year period. Try to explain this clearly so that people don't sign up when they are already subscribers.

The "Gay is Beautiful" Coalition (see October Board Memo) would still welcome other Leagues to join them in their efforts to promote the use of recycled paper. Edina League is considering whether to join right now. Any League in Minnesota could take on this project within their community and perhaps get other groups in town to help.

The Coalition groups are first going to educate their own members about why the use of recycled paper is worthwhile, who uses it, etc., before going out into the general public. If your League is interested and you cannot find the gray envelope of information sent with June's OUTLOOK mailing, contact the state office for another packet. This may be a good Action project for your League and community.

S E R V I C E   T O   L O C A L   L E A G U E S  
(Cushing)

11/77

Evaluation of Visits to Local Leagues: We have begun to evaluate the team visits with local League Boards, but we need input from you as we plan for the future. You will find an evaluation form with this mailing (gold sheet). You will notice that the evaluation sheet provides lots of room for comments in addition to specific responses, but feel free to add whatever you wish. This information is very important as we plan ahead. Please help! We have come up with a number of ideas, but we can't proceed without your ideas too.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

11/77

Capitol Letter subscriptions for NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY are now being taken. People who subscribed to and received the Capitol Letter last year will automatically receive the coming issues. (See also ACTION section and enclosed flyer.)

Would you like to have your local publications appear in the forthcoming LWVMN Catalog? LWVUS' Catalog for Leaders has a Classified Ad section in the back, and the suggestion has been made that the LWVMN Catalog have a similar section.

Please send information on publications of a substantive nature - they need not be on LWV Program - to the state office by December 9. Information needed: Title of publication; a brief description, including date when written, of the publication; cost - prepaid or will they be billed?; person to whom orders are to be sent. Space is limited, so please be brief and concise. If you meet the December 9 deadline, we may be able to have a new catalog to you with the January mailing.

Bumper stickers - white with green letters, "League of Women Voters - Study Consensus Action" - 30¢ each. Now available through LWVMN office.

P U B L I C R E L A T I O N S

11/77

FREE TO LOCAL LEAGUES - Included in this Board mailing is a promotional piece on the League. It's intended to serve as a capsule summary of the organization and can successfully be used for finance drives, membership recruitment and general informational handouts. We are offering them to you free-of-charge as a service to local Leagues. We ask only that you pay the postage. If you would like copies for use by your League, contact the state office.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services gave us some press in their latest newsletter (September-October, 1977). See page 3 for "They Make Their Voices Heard." Some local League P.R. Chairs have adapted it for use in their community newspapers.

If your paper has not been printing the releases sent by LWVMN (recent examples: Financing State Government position, U.N. survey report) and you feel the paper might print them if they came from your local League, please notify the state office. Several Leagues have any LWVMN releases sent directly to their president, who in turn gives them to the paper. This is fairly successful with some, but with others it doesn't seem to matter. Let us know what will work for you.

B U L L E T I N E D I T O R S  
(Rosenblatt)

11/77

Thanks to Marian Hall, bulletin editor for the Minneapolis LWV, for arranging to invite metro area LWV editors to attend a learning session at the A.B. Dick office (201 East 78th Street, Bloomington) on October 26th. Salesmen for that office machine and supplies company demonstrated the use and upkeep of their mimeoscope, mimeograph (including use of colored inks) and electronic stencil maker to a large group of interested LWV editors and mimeographers.

Here are some tips gleaned from my wanderings among the demonstrations. (Some apply only to A.B. Dick equipment. If you have a Gestetner, Heyer, Print-o-matic, etc., check with them on the proper maintenance and use of your equipment.) If you attended and have something to add (or even if you didn't but have a trick or two you've learned), please jot it down and send it to me for sharing in future Memos.

For the typist-illustrator:

1. A set of designs to trace for illustrations is available for about \$4 from A.B. Dick (catalog No. 7411). (Gestetner has a similar set.) Not all designs are suitable for LWV, but there are many included, and quite a few are useable, some with slight alterations.

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2. An electronic stencil maker burns a stencil from paper copy. It can make fine lines, shading and dark areas impossible to cut by hand with a stylus. A.B. Dick charges \$3.50 to make such a stencil, from which up to 7000 copies can be run. (Gestetner offers a similar service for those of you housing a Gestetner.) This would be particularly good for letterheads, bulletin or publication covers or reproduction of a picture. Before buying from A.B. Dick, you might check out other organizations or schools in your area to see if any of them have this machine and would let you use it. (Stencils are not always interchangeable - an A.B. Dick stencil doesn't fit a Gestetner - so use what's appropriate for your particular machine.)
3. If you use a stencil with plastic film over it, you don't have to clean your typewriter keys before making the stencil; the plastic cleans them. You do have to peel back the plastic to make corrections, however.
4. To decrease set-off (of ink on next sheet run), use a plastic backing sheet when you type your stencils, or increase the speed of your mimeo machine.
5. When you first begin using mimeo equipment, "waste" a test stencil. Try out different backings:
  - a) A plastic sheet behind the stencil makes the finest line, causes the least set-off, and works well on heavy weight or hard finish paper or cards.
  - b) A waxed cushion backing produces a medium line.
  - c) Boldest lines are produced by no backing.

Also check out use of correction fluid. Try different styli and lettering guides. Run off your test stencil at different speeds to see the effect on copies.

For the mimeographer:

1. Fan mimeograph paper before starting your run. This takes the static out and separates the sheets.
2. Use your mimeo machine often. If you don't, the ink may separate. If the machine is used a little each week (in moderate temperature and humidity), you can go several months before changing the pad. (Not all machines have pads, so 2, 5 and 6 will not be applicable).
3. When a sheet is off center and ink gets on the mimeo machine, stop and wipe it off underneath, or your next sheets will be ruined. "Wash and dries" work well for this.
4. If dried ink is plugging a hole in your stencil, use spirit fluid on a cotton ball or folded paper towel to soften it.
5. If you're not getting a good ink flow, try agitating the pad. Unhitch the end and move the pad up, down and sideways before re-attaching it.
6. When you've finished using the mimeo machine for the day, run 4 - 5 copies with the protective cover over the pad to iron out bubbles in the pad.

See Nos. 4 and 5 in section above for more tips.

A.B. Dick sells, for \$8.40, a set of 5 booklets called "The Memeograph Series," which contains a programmed course of instruction covering stencil typing; mimeo operation; tracing, shading, lettering, etc., using an illuminated drawing board; design and layout of art work and copy. We are buying a set to have available at the state office. You may borrow, reproduce parts needed or look over the set to see if you'd like to get this for your own use.

We are looking into the possibility of getting together a group order for mimeograph (or other reproduction) supplies. Savings would be around 20% of what an individual



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League pays. If your League is interested in participating (supplies would have to be picked up from the state office or the Minneapolis LWV office), let us know:

1. Would you get supplies for the remainder of this League year?
2. Are you interested for next year?

Write the state office by January 3.

C I T I Z E N   I N F O R M A T I O N / V O T E R S   S E R V I C E  
(Waldo)

11/77

Here it is - the Precinct Caucus Committee Guide. It is planned for your use as you organize for precinct caucus promotion. Differences exist among the political parties according to party rules which go beyond the state statutes. You may want to identify these minor differences if you are planning a mock caucus demonstration. (Local party officials are usually cooperative in a League-sponsored meeting.)

To help with the promotion of precinct caucus attendance for League members, we are including 2 or 3 articles in the upcoming issue of the Minnesota VOTER. Some Leagues spend some time at unit meetings discussing precinct caucus procedures and answering questions for members who have not attended precinct caucuses.

To help you with your local community campaign to increase participation in precinct caucuses, we will be distributing brochures prepared by the Secretary of State. They should be distributed to you by early January.

I N T E R L E A G U E

11/77

The LWV of Minneapolis is not recommending Social Security as a national study item. Our apologies for the error. However, Red Wing, Northfield, St. Paul and West Dakota County have made inquiries about it. -- Sally Sawyer, President, LWV-Minneapolis

L E A G U E K E E P I N G

11/77

- (1) We note that many of you excerpt or reprint articles from LWVUS, LWVMN, other Leagues and/or non-League sources in your local League bulletins. Remember to give credit where credit belongs (i.e. don't confuse LWVMN for LWVUS), and if you have any question about the accuracy or reliability of the information, especially from non-League sources, check it out before you reprint. You could save yourself some embarrassment.
- (2) Please remember to send the LWVMN two copies of materials you prepare. We need, read and use not only local surveys but also membership brochures, citizen information/voters service information, etc. - everything.
- (3) This month we've had to pay out \$10.50 for returns of undeliverable Minnesota VOTERS, which means we are not getting the corrections from local Leagues every month.

And we do not yet have all of your membership lists in the office. We NEED them - we do not get copies of your printouts from LWVUS; we do not like to mail to people who are no longer members; we do not like not to send the VOTERS to people who are now members. Please help us help you. Send those membership lists in today.

- (4) Any local LWV contemplating a name change or change in basis of organization? LWVUS requests that requests for change in name and/or basis of organization be sent to them as early as possible because of the LWVUS Convention crunch. Since same have to be approved by LWVMN before they are approved by LWVUS, please get your proposals to us by February 1 so they can "go through the mill" in time for your Annual Meeting too.

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- (5) Some of you are still sending Jerry Jenkins copies of your bulletins, minutes, etc. Jerry loves us all dearly - but she would like to reduce the stacks of mail she gets. So cull your mailing lists too. Are you sending to the right consultants? National Board member(s)?
- (6) On your local LWV presidents list, please make the following change - Gay Tempas, President of LWV of West Dakota County, is moving to England for a year. Loretta Venables is moving into the presidency. Loretta's information: 2300 West Manor Drive, Burnsville 55337, (612) 890-3143.

And we blew it. In the Interleague Section in the October Board Memo (page 11) last line - Mary Adair's area code is (612) not (701). (701 is North Dakota!)

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

11/77

The Minnesota League for Nursing is having a conference on "Power and Politics in Health Care" - January 20 and 21, 1978 - Airport Sheraton on Highway #494. Speakers will include Congressmen Bill Frenzel and Don Fraser, state legislators; Metro Council representatives; and even a LWV participant. There is a lot of legislation, both proposed and in effect, which is concerned with Health Care. As individuals, we need to be informed about these. For more information, contact: MLN, P.O. Box 35, Rosemount, MN 55068 - (612) 423-2958.

Harriet Westin is presenting the 1977-78 WORLD TRAVEL ADVENTURE SERIES, colorful motion pictures narrated in person by the professional filmmakers who produced them. Programs are held at the St. Louis Park Senior High School, 6425 West 33rd Street, or The Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 South Snelling Avenue. All programs begin at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available at: All Dayton's Ticket Offices and the International Institute. For additional information, call the International Institute, (612) 647-0191.

Found on greeting card:

"AMAZING! Industry has just discovered something that will do the work of 100 MEN!" . . .  
"50 WOMEN!" Thanks, Hallmark!  
That's really caring enough to send the very best.

-- GOP Feminist Caucus Newsletter

MINI - MEMO

December, 1977

This mini-Memo is sent your way  
'Cause a few things we have to say  
Between now and January twenty  
When you'll be mailed papers a-plenty.

As we hang ornaments descended from the Druids  
And also imbibe a lot of fluids  
To welcome in the Georgian New Year  
Herb's annual raunchy poem doth appear.

Whether Chanukah or Christmas you celebrate,  
Please take a moment to deliberate  
About who might need the enclosed news,  
Since only you, presidents, are getting the clues.

To all of you we send our greetings  
And hopes that you have no League meetings  
To detract from these festive seasons.  
May your wishes come true - and all be pleasin'.

Calendar

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| December | 20       | - Comments on discrimination due to state office                                  |
|          | 22       | - Education Collective Bargining and Tenure Consensus due to LWVMN                |
|          | 23-26-30 | - Holidays, office closed<br>(27-29 - office hours - 9:00 - 1:00 only)            |
| January  | 1        | - Happy 1978  |
|          | 2        | - Holiday, office closed  |
|          |          | - <u>Capitol Letter</u> subscriptions due to LWVMN - NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLY       |
|          |          | - Quarterly P.M.P. due to LWVUS   |
|          |          | - Action Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office                             |
|          | 10       | - State Board meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office                                  |
|          | 12       | - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30 a.m. - state office (changed)                         |
|          | 15       | - Section I of Local League Annual Reports due - 2 copies to LWVUS and 2 to LWVMN |
|          | 17       | - Legislature reconvenes  |
|          | 18       | - Focus on Emerging Issues  |
|          | 19       | - CMAL Representatives meeting  |
|          | 20-21    | - "Power and Politics in Health Care"   |
|          | 31       | - Energy Consensus due to LWVUS   |
|          |          | - National Bylaws suggestions due to LWVUS  |
|          |          | - National Program recommendations due to LWVUS                                   |



### BOUQUETS TO

The LWV of the Anoka-Coon Rapids Area which raised \$1200 for the ERA at a brunch held on a recent Saturday. The new 10th District Court Judge, Esther Tomljanovich, spoke on the court system, and Janet Boland, ex-president of the LWV-Blaine, gave a rousing pep talk on the ERA. In addition to brunch, they had a boutique of Christmas items and plants.

### WASHBURN AWARD

The LWVMN Nominating Committee will be sending you detailed information about the Hope Washburn Award in the January Board Memo mailing. An article will also appear in the January-February VOTER. Laurel Mueller, Nominating Committee Chair, asks that you start thinking now about whom you will nominate.

### NECKLACES

We regret that we are temporarily out of the ERA necklaces mentioned in the H.R. section of the last Board Memo. Fifty more are on order. We regret any inconvenience we may have caused you.

### I W Y

Thanks to one of the delegates (and to a copier), the LWVMN has all the resolutions as adopted by delegates to the National Women's Conference held in Houston, TX, November 18-21, 1977. Cost is 75¢/copy plus postage and handling.

### GOVERNMENT (Anderson)

12/77

Legislative Compensation Updates are completed. Call the state office if you need a copy(ies) before the January Board Memo mailing.

For those interested in S.F. 1507 (McCutcheon Tax Bill), there's a good review in PERSPECTIVES, Minnesota State Senate regular publication, Fall, 1977, Vol. 3, No. 3. If you don't subscribe, call the state office for a copy of the article.

### COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN AREA LEAGUES (Burkhalter)

12/77

Anyone interested in lobbying or observing Metropolitan issues at the Capitol, please come to one of the Lobbyists Training Sessions January 11 or 13. CMAL will be following 2 issues: Chemical Waste Landfill Site Selection and elected/appointed. Others may come up, and we need help!

### ENERGY EDUCATION PROJECT (Post)

12/77

The films, "Bottom of the Oil Barrel" and "The Sunbeam Solution" have arrived. They will be shown at the Energy Education workshops (Anoka, January 28th, and Owatonna, February 4th) and will immediately go into the Minnesota Library Film Circuit. Out-state Leaguers should begin planning viewing audiences (Jr. High and up schools, community groups, etc.) and possible showing dates. The films will circulate out of local public libraries. After July 1st they will be listed in the Film Circuit Catalog, and competition for them will greatly increase.

Metro Area Leaguers can borrow "The Sunbeam Solution" at no cost from Minnegasco's Film Library, 372-4657. We hope to have a complete set available for the metro area through private industry soon. Both films can be borrowed now for a fee (\$7 each) from the University of Minnesota Audio Visual Library Service, 373-3810.