

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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BOARD MEMO

JULY MINI-MAILING

Calendar

July 26 - Mini Board Memo mailing to local League Presidents - LWVMN Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg.

August 9 - Firearms Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg. - LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 11:30-3 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

15 - Board Memo mailed to LLs from LWVMN office

17 - President's Mailing to LL Presidents

September 4 - Labor Day, LWVMN office closed

5 - LWVMN Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg. 12 - Planned Giving Seminar, 9:30-2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

15 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Duluth Special Session of Legislature?

October 2-6 - Phonathon (tentative)

6 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Rochester

11 - LWVMN Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg.
LWVMN,-EF Board Meetings, 11:30-3 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

16-20 - Electoral Jury project, St. Paul (tentative dates)

17 - Board Memo mailed to LL Presidents

19 - President's Mailing- CMAL Quarterly Meeting

20 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Alexandria

26 - 70th Anniversary of LWVMN Fall Focus on Firearms

27 - U.N. Rally, Holiday Inn Metrodome

November 3 - Mental Health Monitoring Workshop, Metro area

STATE BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its July 18th meeting your LWVMN Board decided to:

.appoint Sue Moeser, LWW-Duluth, to the State Board as co-chair of the Firearms Study;

.cosponsor the Metro Take Back the Night March and Rally;

.change the October 26th Fall Focus topic from Sentencing and the Death Penalty to the Sale, Use and Possession of Firearms in MN;

.commend Jean Tews, former Development/PR staff for her service to LWVMN;

.commend Barb Hiles for her Marketplace at State Convention.

WELCOME TO

-Carol Bradley, LWV-ABC, off-Board co-chair of the Firearms Study with Sue Moeser;

-Carolyn Lyngdal, LWV-MEPH, off-Board co-chair of the Financing Education Study.

BOUQUETS TO

.Virginia Sweeny, 3rd Vice President/Membership, who has been appointed to the Committee on Environmentally Acceptable Packaging;
.Peggy Thompson, LWVMN Staff, for another flawless Convention.

PRESIDENT (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Welcome to a new year in League. Whether you are a new or a continuing president, or board member, I hope that you will find the Board Memo a timely and useful tool. This issue is a mini-Board Memo and President's Mailing all in one. Let us know what you think and what you want in these mailings. I look forward to working with all of you.

Webster Decision: In the absence of your president, Kay Erickson, 1st Vice President; Jane McWilliams, 2nd Vice President for Action, and Sally Sawyer, Executive Director, did a superb job planning the strategy for a statement to the press with the LWVMN reaction to whatever decision the Supreme Court would make on July 3rd regarding Roe vs. Wade.

With guidance from LWVUS, Jane McWilliams appeared with a coalition of pro-choice organizations at a press conference in Loring Park to give the LWVMN statement expressing disappointment with the Supreme Court's decision (see the enclosed statement).

In view of the possibility of bills being introduced in the special session of the Legislature to restrict the availability of abortions in Minnesota, the Action Committee will meet on July 28th to come up with a strategic plan to recommend to the Board at its August meeting. We will keep you informed.

FIREARMS (Moeser - 218-724-6120) (Bradley - 612/421-1663)

The first firearms study committee meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 9th in the state office. All those interested in participating in this exciting study are welcome to attend. Please call either of us or the office if you'd like to be a part of it.

FINANCING EDUCATION STUDY (Lyngdal - 612-937-2596)

All those interested in joining this study committee, please call the office.

PLANNED GIVING (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is the recipient of a Planned Giving Session, presented by Ellen Estes, planned giving consultant for the LWVUS. The session will be held on September 12th from 9:30 to 12:30 with lunch to follow.

We encourage you, as a local League president, to contact us with the names of your members who should be invited to such an event. A successful planned giving program will probably be of greatest immediate benefit to local Leagues, since most members' primary allegiance is to their local League.

More specific information and invitations will be available soon. Please call me with any questions, comments or suggestions.

DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

<u>Fundraising Survey</u>: Need some fundraising ideas for your local League calendar? In this mailing you will find the results of the survey of local League fundraising ideas we did last year. As you can see, local Leagues have lots of ideas for raising money. If you have questions about any of these projects, please call the local League president because we don't have all the details on the forms that were sent out. If you have questions or want to talk about projects please call.

Phonathon:

- Do your members like short assignments that are fun, satisfying and benefit the League?
- Would your League like to earn good money from just a few hours of your members' time?
- Are you looking for a fundraising project that needs no preparation time and no experience?

See the August Board Memo for details on how you can do all of these by taking part in the first LWVMN Phonathon coming in October. Or contact Phonathon project director Mary Santi at 612/426-5151.

C M A L (Fuller - 612/429-3916)

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues suggests Greater Minnesota Leagues might wish to concur with the consensus which was reached through the study on Housing/Health Care for the Elderly. Background information, 85% of which is relevant to all Minnesota, and a study outline are available.

"CMAL supports local planning for the housing and service needs for the elderly and disabled in the community, and the preparation of a local 'Blueprint for Action'.

CMAL supports the provision of a single telephone number at the local level for information and referral for senior housing and services available in that area. Detail: CMAL supports the city as the most appropriate provider of this service.

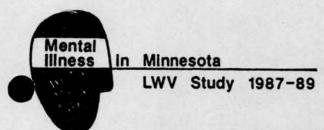
CMAL supports local ordinances which allow for the provision of housing and services necessary to meet the needs of the aging.

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CMAL supports the provision of additional health, home care and housing support services as they become necessary. CMAL supports flexibility in the provision of these services. Providers can be in the private sector (profit or non-profit), the county, city, school district, community center, the informal network, or any combination of these."

Dates of Quarterly Meetings are: Thursdays, October 19, January 18, March 15 and May 17. The meeting in October will be on water and in January on the new CMAL study - "School Integration/Desegregation: a study to focus on proposals for integrating the metropolitan area schools."

Editorial Comment: This information is being sent to all local Leagues in Minnesota. Any local League may decide whether or not to concur with another League position. In order for a statewide position, action must be initiated at State Convention. LWVMN forwards this information without comment.



MENTAL HEALTH MONITORING PROJECT

The League Mental Health Committee invites you to share in the challenge of creating more effective services for persons with mental illness in your community. Since Minnesota's mental health system is county administered, implementation depends on local action. Only by assessing services on the local level can we see if the basic needs of persons with mental illness in the community are being met. We urge each local league to adopt one monitoring project for the next year and maintain the momentum begun with our mental health study.

To find out more about monitoring plan to attend--or send a group from your League--to one of the four upcoming training workshops scheduled for

Duluth Friday September 15 Rochester Friday October 6 Alexandria Friday October 20 Metro Area Friday November 3

The cost is low--only \$5--and includes the new Monitoring Workbook (ordinarily priced at \$15 per copy) and a copy of the 1988 report Serving Minnesota's Mentally Ill: An Introduction. Each LWVMN member will soon receive a brochure in the mail.

The workshops are titled "Building Stronger County Services for Persons with Mental Illness: A "How To" Monitoring Workshop.

Particular stress throughout the workbook and the workshops will be on cooperation with service providers and other community groups. A number of other organizations have agreed to co-sponsor the workshops and to encourage their members to engage in monitoring.

These monitoring workshops are the final portion of the first phase of our mental health study project funded by a substantial contribution by the McKnight Foundation and other funders.

Phase Two

The mental health study project is now entering an exciting new phase with a grant from the McKnight Foundation for \$30,000 over a two year period for implementation of monitoring of mental health services. This grant, the largest single one ever received by the LWV Minnesota Education Fund, will enable the League Monitoring Project to focus heavily on three areas in Minnesota. A part-time project director will be hired and Leagues in three areas will be chosen to implement an enhanced monitoring project.

Phase Two will also help all LWV monitoring projects. Plans include a newsletter reporting on findings and creative ideas and substantial office time to be devoted to the project.

EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY Wanted: Mental Health Monitoring Project Director

(This is a condensed version of the longer job description which will soon be available from the LWVMN office)

The director will work approximately 1/4 to 1/3 time, though time commitment will vary considerably from month to month.

The budget provides for a total of \$12,000 in salary and expenses over a two-year period.

The director will be based in the LWVMN office in St. Paul.

The Project Director will work with local Leagues to establish local monitoring projects, helping to form a coalition of concerned citizens, facilitating monitoring efforts and coordination communications among participating communities.

The director should have

- -- good organizational skills;
- -- good communication skills, both oral and written;
- --initiative in meeting new situations and challenges;
- --ability to work with wide variety of people;
- --willingness to receive direction from the LWVMN Mental Health Committee;
- --willingness to learn about programs for persons with mental illness.
- --willingness to travel often to the two target areas in greater Minnesota.

If interested, please contact Sally Sawyer at the LWVMN for more information (612) 224-5445.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL LWVS

LWVMN will soon issue a Request for Proposals to local Leagues to become one of the three focus areas for the monitoring project. Two areas will be in Greater Minnesota and one in the metro area. An effort will be made to choose varied areas.

Each area chosen will be granted funds for the project; in addition each area will receive assistance from the project director.

One of the criteria for selection will willingess and ability on the part of local LWVs to cooperate with other organizations in a monitoring project.

To:

Local League Presidents

From:

Kay Erickson, Development Chair

Subject: Fundraising Survey

Date:

June, 1989

Many thanks to the local Leagues that participated in the Fundraising Survey. As you can see, there are many creative ways to raise money to support your local League. Please share the survey results with your board as you plan your fundraising activities for next year. Remember, fundraising is the responsibility of the whole board, not just the finance drive committee. Any project you undertake should be approved and supported by your entire board.

If you would like more information about the activities listed below, please call the the local League directly. However, if you have questions about fundraising in general or how to use the Education Fund, please call me at (612) 934-2991 or Jean Tews at (612) 224-5445.

League	Project	Net	Time of Year
Arden Hills/Shorevi	ewChristmas auction	\$450	December
	Finance drive		
	letter to local		
	businesses	\$180	February
	Precinct reporting	\$250	Oct./Nov.
	Election projects	\$100	November
Detroit Lakes	Art in the Park		
	concession booth	\$816	Jul y
	Finance drive		
	letter	\$135	Dec./Jan.
Edina	Jerry's grocery		
	store tapes	-	All year
	Finance drive		October
	Market research		On
			occasion
	Calendars		Sept-Dec.

Jackson Area	Rummage/bake		
	sale	\$200	April
	Sweet Adeline		
	Singers		Sept.
Minneapolis	Theater benefit		
	Election returns	\$10,579	Aug./Nov.
	Election services		
	(train judges, moni		
	tor polls for city)	\$4,423	Sept.+Nov.
	Calendars	\$3,086	Fall
	Housetour	\$1,785	May
	Merchandise sales	\$1,230	All year
	Finance drive (incl		
	Ed. Fund)	\$9,442	Spring
Northfield	Silent auction/		
	dessert	\$590	December
	Finance drive		
	letter	\$1,000	January
St. Louis Park	Fund drive	\$575	May
	Fund drive	\$780	October
	Garage/book sale	\$365	June
St. Paul	Direct mail	Gross-	April 1-
	letter	\$9,200	March 31
	Theater party	\$500	December
	Cocktail party/		
	auction	\$1,100	April
Shakopee	Silent auction	\$1,731	September
	Canterbury Downs		
	(assistance with		
	promotions)	\$240	July/Aug.
	Sidewalk sale		
	concessions	\$50	February
	Finance drive	-	February

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Used book sale \$319 Fall

Finance drive

letter to businesses\$185 Fall

Finance drive

letter to members \$410 January

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A Ringing Tribute to the United States Constitution



All Americans



September 17, 4 p.m. E.D.T.



In Every Community



To Honor the 202nd Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution

Bells Across America -- A Ringing Tribute

September 17, 1989, is the 202nd anniversary of one of the most significant events in history, the signing of the United States Constitution. On this date in 1787, 39 men signed their names to a document which established the world's first government of the people, by the people and

for the people.

Today, the U.S. Constitution is the world's oldest written instrument of national government. It is the cornerstone of the American republic, a symbol of our national ideals of freedom, justice and equal opportunity. To commemorate the historic moment when the Constitution was signed; the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution is inviting every American and every institution from religious and educational to social, service and professional to join in *Bells Across America*, a Ringing Tribute to the Constitution.

- The ringing tribute will start at 4 p.m. E.D.T., the time of the signing of the Constitution. Individuals and groups across the nation will simultaneously ring bells for up to 202 seconds.
- The tribute can be made with bells, chimes and carillons to echo the sentiments of a grateful nation.
- During the ceremony Americans can reflect upon the blessings of liberty and the ideals of justice and equal opportunity made possible by the Constitution.

Notify the Commission of your participation in *Bells Across America*. To recognize your group's participation, the Commission will send you a certificate suitable for framing. Write to:

Bells Across America Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution 808 17th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006



Statement re U.S. Supreme Court
Decision on Webster v. Reproductive
Health Services presented by
Jane McWilliams, Legislative Coordinator, League of Women Voters of
Minnesota

July 3, 1989

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. Therefore, we have grave concerns about the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Webster case. It appears to us that it will result in public policies which deny the right of privacy.

Although we have not had the opportunity to read and study the decision, we believe the effect will be inequality and lack of justice. By upholding the provisions in Webster, the Court encourages state legislatures, including our own, to restrict the use of public facilities, for abortions, to prevent public employees from performing them, and restricts abortion counseling. The result nationally will be a patchwork of public policy. In some states constitutional rights may be fully protected, while in others efforts will be undertaken to undermine those very same rights.

The League of Women Voters of the United States filed an Amicus in support of the appellees. In Minnesota, we have worked with other groups to head off efforts like the St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center's reconsideration of its policy on elective abortion. In anticipation that this issue will be before our state legislature, our board will review the Webster decision, consult with other organizations, and plan for the inevitable activities in our state political arena. As a statewide membership

organization, we are able to mobilize our own members and others when we have concerns about public policy. In handing down the decision today, the Supreme Court leaves organizations like the League of Women Voters of Minnesota with the responsibility of guiding and shaping public policy on this very important issue.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT LWVMN!

Wanted: 3/4 time Development/PR Staff person

Responsible for researching potential funders for both unrestricted grants and special projects and for developing PR opportunities for LWVMN.

Qualifications include:

- good communications skills, verbal and written;
 ability to work with volunteers and small staff;
- . initiative and perseverance;
- . willingness to learn and grow in the job.

Development experience is desirable but not necessary; we will train you. League experience is desirable but not required.

We are looking for aptitude and attitude!

Salary will range from \$15,600 to \$17,500 depending on experience and qualifications.

Please submit letter of application and resume to Sally Sawyer, Executive Director, LWVMN at 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.

For more information and full job description, call Sally Sawyer at 224-5445.

REGISTRATION FORM ☐ I wish to register for the conference (\$125) and reserve a copy of the full proceedings (\$33). PLASTICS: From Problem Waste To Potential Resource Total fee: \$158 Name: I wish to register for the conference only. Total fee: \$125 Organization: I would like to order the proceedings only. Position: Total fee: \$33 I enclose a check for _ payable to the Plastics Address: Recycling Conference. City: _ State: Zip: MAIL TO: Plastics Recycling Conference Telephone: (P. O. Box 334, Wayzata, MN 55391

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 14

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

The registration fee is \$125 for the two-day conference. (\$135 at the Door.) It includes two lunches, all coffee breaks and the registration packet. NO PURCHASE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

A full conference proceedings will be available in the fall for \$33 which includes postage and handling. Reserve your copy now.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refunds will only be made for cancellations received by August 14. CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 14 WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO A REFUND.

On-site check-in: Wednesday, August 16, 7-9:30 PM and Thursday, August 17, 6:30-9:00 AM.

Plastics Recycling Conference P. O. Box 334 Wayzata, Minnesota 55391



A CONFERENCE:

To highlight new technology and expanding markets for recycled plastics.

To present case studies in local and state recycling programs and initiatives, and

To explore the role of plastics recycling in Minnesota's waste management plans.

Dated Material: Please Expedite

PLASTICS:

From Problem Waste to Potential Resource

Sponsored By:

Office of Waste Management League of Minnesota Cities Association of Minnesota Counties Minnesota Association of Townships Recycling Association of Minnesota

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Metropolitan Council.

AUGUST 17 - 18, 1989

Radisson Hotel Saint Paul Saint Paul, Minnesota

PURPOSE:

PLASTICS: From Problem Waste To Potential Resource is a conference to highlight the new technology in plastics recycling and to analyze the expanding markets for recycled plastics. The growth of a plastics recycling industry could offer an important tool in Minnesota's current waste management efforts.

The program will also feature case studies in local and state recycling programs and discuss current bans on non degradable packaging. It will offer a forum for greater dialogue among the industries which manufacture and recycle plastics, the industries which use plastics and the policymakers, planners and public interest groups which must address the disposal of plastics.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

City Planners County Planners Waste Management Officers Recycling Coordinators Manufacturing Industries Food and Retail Industries

Recycling Industries State and Federal Agency Representatives Legislators Public Interest Groups

Pollution Control Specialists Mayors City Council Members Educators Extension Agents

For More Information: Plastics Recycling Conference P.O. Box 334 Wayzata, Minnesota 55391 (612) 471-9729

Conference Planning and Management By Christine Olsenius & Associates **Environmental Consultants** Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

CONFERENCE AGENDA

*	Thursday, August 17		Friday, August 18
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome Dottie Rietow, Member	8:00 - 8:30	Impact of Plastics on Incineration Louis Chamberlain, Supervisor
	Metropolitan Council Introduction		Waste Incineration Unit Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
	Michael Robertson, Director Office of Waste Management	8:30 - 9:00	Impact of Plastics on Municipal Waste Composting
9:00 - 9:45	"A Strategic Vision For Plastics Recycling" Wayne Pearson, Executive Director Plastics Recycling Foundation, Inc.	0.00 11.00	Nancy Schumacher, Consultant RIS - RCC
9:45 - 10:15	"Implementing Plastics Recycling: How Do We Make It Happen" Jery Huntley, Director of Recycling Council for Solid Waste Solutions	9:00 - 11:00	The Role of Degradable Plastics Thomas Halback, Professor Water Quality and Waste Management University of Minnesota Extension Services
10:15 - 10:30	Break	10:00 -10:15	Break
10:30 - 10:50	"Minnesota and Plastics: A State of the State" Timothy Nolan		John Rustom Environmental Defense Fund Ralph Groschen, Member
	Office of Planning and Review Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Former Market Development Specialist Office of Management Grants and		Minnesota Advisory Task Force on Degradable Plastics Industry Representative — To Be Announced
	Assistance	11:00 - 12:00	Challenges For The Retail Industry
10:50 - 11:10	"All Plastics Are Not Created Equal" Jerry Powell, Editor		Francis Fitzgerald, President Retail Merchants Association
11:10 - 11:30	Plastics Recycling Update "Plastics Recycling: The Problems and the		Joel Hoiland, President Minnesota Grocers Association
	Potential" Luke Schmidt, President NAPCOR	7	Larry Sawyer, Director Government Relations General Mills, Inc.
11:30 - 11:45	Questions and Answers	12:00 - 1:15	Luncheon Speaker:
11:45 - 1:00	Luncheon Speaker: "Are We Asking the Right Questions?"		A Minnesota Legislative Update Speaker To Be Announced
	Jean Wirka Environmental Action Foundation	1:30 - 3:15	Panel on New Policy Initiatives Council Member Steve Cramer
1:15 - 2:30	The Problems of Collection and Sorting Moderator: Dave Locey		Minneapolis City Council Council Member Robert Long
	Recycle Minnesota Resources Brian Spielman, Project Engineer		Saint Paul City Council Dante Ionata, Assistant Director of
	CRS, Inc. Lorimer Bjorklund		Planning (Invited) Rhode Island Solid Waste Management
*	Plastics Manufacturing Consultant		Corporation
	Norman Craig, Solid Waste Officer Fillmore County	2:45 - 3:00	Break Nora Smith, Senior Planner
2:30 - 2:45 2:45 - 4:15	Break Plastics Processing and End Markets		City of Seattle Solid Waste Utility
2.43 - 4.13	For Minnesota Moderator: Tim Nolan		Federal Initiatives Speaker To Be Announced
	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	3:15 - 4:15	New Directions For Policy Initiatives Moderator: Kim Austrian, Director
	Ryan McKendrick, Director Waste Mangement — DuPont Venture		Legislative Commission on Waste Management
	Waste Management, Inc. Mark Whelan, Project Manager Amoco Foam Products		Panel Representatives from: Metropolitan Council League of Minnesota Cities
	Harry Blair, President Phoenix Recycling Corporation Gregg Sutherland, Vice President		Association of Minnesota Counties Minnesota Association of Townships Office of Waste Management Minnesota Grocers Association
4:15 - 5:30	U.S. Recycling Industries Breakout Sessions For		League of Women Voters
4:15 - 5:30	Breakout Sessions For: Collection and Sorting	410 400	Audience Discussion
1	Markets for Plastics	4:15 - 4:30	Conference Summary
3	The second secon	4:30	Conference Adjourns

HOTEL / TRANSPORTATION:

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel Saint Paul. Reserve hotel accomodations by contacting them at 11 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. (612) 292-1900 or (800) 228-9822. Rates are \$75 / night single.

The hotel is located 20 minutes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. G&R Transportation and St. Paul Suburban Limo Services can provide surface transportation for \$5.50 per person.

BOARD MEMO

MAY-JUNE, 1989

May 16 - Mini Mailing (to local League Presidents & DPM subscribers)

18 - CMAL Annual Meeting

- Mental Health Study Committee, 9-2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

19-22 - Convention Workbooks mailed to Convention delegates

23 - Capitol Letter mailed to LLs and subscribers

29 - Memorial Day, LWVMN office closed

30-31 - Final preparations for LWVMN Convention

June 1 - 1st Quarter PMP due to LWVMN

1,2,3 - LWVMN Convention at St. Cloud State University

6 - Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., MN Women's Bldg.

10-13 - LWVUS Council, Washington, D.C.

ENCLOSURES

-Information for State Mailings form*/McKinnell

-Local League Board list form*/McKinnell

-Board Memo/DPM subscription form*/McKinnell

-Capitol Letter subscription form*/McWilliams

-Memo to new and continuing LL Presidents re biographical info.*/McKinnell

-"Can We Help You?" form*/McKinnell

-Phonathon Job Description*/Erickson

-Check list for treasurers*/McDonald

BOUQUETS TO

.A GIGANTIC BOUQUET TO JOAN HIGINBOTHAM FROM LWVMN BOARD AND STAFF FOR FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CAMARADERIE;

.Jane McWilliams and her lobby corps for their hard work during the session; .Kay Erickson for her great organizational skills used to bring off a wonderful dedication celebration for the League's space in the MN Women's Building while also chairing the very enjoyable League fundraiser;

.Judy Duffy for being chosen to participate in the LWVUS NATO trip to Europe; .Mary Lou Hill and Ginny Levy for planning and leading the LWVMN tour to

Eastern Europe, April 28th through May 14;

.All retiring board members for their years of excellent service to the League: Candy Takkunen, LWV-Eastern Carver County; Prudy Cameron, LWV-Duluth; Nancy Crippen, LWV-Northern Dakota County; Judy Duffy, LWV-Mahtomedi; Anne Francis, LWV-Edina; Betty Haats, LWV-Willmar; Margit Johnson, LWV-Northfield; Polly Keppel, LWV-Minneapolis; Bobbi Megard, LWV-St. Paul; Diane O'Connor, LWW-Eastern Carver County; Linda Peck, LWV-St. Cloud; Mary Santi, LWV-White Bear Lake/North Oaks!

BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its May meeting, your state Board acted to:

*Cosponsor with the Jefferson Center an Electoral Jury Project to be conducted in the fall of 1989 and to provide consultative services to the project on a "fee for service" basis;

*to recommend to LWVUS that the Leagues of Stevens County and Mid-Mesabi be disbanded;

*to accept the members at large of Stevens County as the Stevens County State Unit and the members at large of the Mid-Mesabi League as the Mid-Mesabi State Unit;

*to recommend that LWVUS approve LWV-Shakopee's application to change the organizational basis of their local League to the LWV of Scott County.

PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

As my term comes to a close, I would like to thank all local Leagues for their support during my time as League President. It has been a most enjoyable four years, due in great part to the contacts I have had with so many of you. I look forward to seeing all of you at St. Cloud June 1-3, for the LWWMN Convention. Good speakers, helpful workshops and lots of Leaguers mean a great event.

FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612-646-3690)

<u>Board Orientations</u>: Now is the time to schedule a Board Orientation, and/or calendar planning session with a state Board member. LWVMN Board members are also available to facilitate discussions, give speeches and moderate meetings. Look for the form in the May President's mailing.

<u>Convention</u>: Do plan to send your full delegation <u>and</u> visitors. The Thursday evening local League President's dinner is <u>free</u> and will be highlighted by Rep. Ann Wynia's leadership address. The Friday night banquet is <u>open to all</u> (including non-LWV members) to hear Dr. Reatha Clark King and see the Hope Washburn Award winner.

Outlook 1989-90: will be available for all of your Board members at Convention.

Field Service Changes: I have truly enjoyed the past two years of meeting and working with you. You will have a new Member Services team after Convention: Virginia Sweeny, Membership; Peggy Leppik, Field Service; Dee Bowman, N.W. Rep.; Phyllis Brostrom, S.W. Rep.; Rosemary Guttormsson, N.E. Rep.; and Marcia Brown, S.E. Rep.

On behalf of your Field Service team I thank you for the highs and lows we've shared and wish you the best.

A C T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

The LWVMN Action Committee will meet on June 6th to evaluate the legislative session and the role of LWVMN. I urge any of you who will be at Convention to contact me to give me your League's impressions. For example, how valuable was the Capitol Letter? Too long? Short? Too frequent? Not frequent enough?

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What kind of response was your League able to give Action Alerts? Was there enough information in them for you to respond confidently?

If you won't be at Convention, I'd welcome your written critique!

EDUCATION (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

After the legislature is adjourned, we will prepare a summary of the Omnibus Education Aids bill which we hope will be useful. We will highlight areas where your League may want to monitor your school district's implementation.

The State Board of Education's rule requiring school districts to plan for multicultural and gender fair curriculum has been adopted. The Department of Education is beginning to design ways to assist schools to implement the rule. Watch for information in a future Board Memo about how League members can monitor local activities.

AGRICULTURE (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Plan on coming to the Convention in June and plan on coming to the Sustainable Agriculture workshop offered on Friday afternoon, June 2nd. It promises to be an informative event.

Also, be sure to see the LWWMN OUTLOOK section on agriculture with suggested resources for local program. OUTLOOK will be available to League presidents at Convention.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

This is my last communication to you as chair of International Relations program for LwVMN. At least I am going out in style as I embark on my second NATO tour May 6-13 to Brussels, Bonn and Berlin. I expect to learn a great deal at this critical stage in NATO and West German politics. I hope to fill you in on the details upon my return. Auf Wiedersehn!

Note: The May 8-9 Conference we were to cosponsor with the Minnesota International Center and the Washington based Citizens Network has been postponed until at least the fall.

CITIZEN INFORMATION (O'Connor - 612/448-5706)

I received information from 20 Leagues around the state expressing your preferences for Focus topics. There was a great deal of interest expressed for sentencing guidelines and the state Board has approved that as a topic for the Fall Focus. Planning will begin soon for a Focus date sometime in October. If you have a particular interest or expertise in this area and would be willing to work on the Focus, we'd like to hear from you.

DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

<u>Fundraiser</u>: Many thanks to all of you who helped make the Fundraiser another successful event. From those who donated items, to those who helped, to those who attended - your assistance was much appreciated.

Special thanks to a terrific committee: Anne Borgen, Golden Valley; Joann Buie, Edina; Kathy Crask, Bloomington; Marylyn Deneen, St. Paul; Anne Francis, Edina; Karen Halpern, Bloomington; Mary Hartwig, Bloomington; Cathy Hegg, Alexandria; Mary Hepokoski, Golden Valley; Barb Hiles, St. Croix Valley; Connie Hondl, Edina; Lynn Johnson, South Tonka; Ginny Levy, Golden Valley; Sue O'Neill, Bloomington; Sue Reynolds, White Bear Lake/North Oaks; Betty Sailer, Edina; Flora Shinkle, St. Cloud; Judy Smith, Edina; Ardis Wexler, Edina; and Nora Wise-Halladay, Bloomington.

Many thanks to all those local Leagues and members who solicited and donated items ranging from dinners and boat trips to Polish paper cuts and pickles. The wide variety of items always makes the Fundraiser Silent Auction interesting, fun and profitable.

We couldn't put on an event like the Fundraiser without many other people who aren't on the committee but helped in a variety of ways. This year that group included: Tom Wexler, Cap Hiles, Gene Sailer, Roman Hondl, Carolyn Presby, Ellen Levy, Peggy Leppik, Polly Keppel, Beverly McKinnell, Mary Santi, Jean Tews, Lynn Westphal, Pattiann Nordgren, Andy Otness, Sally Sawyer, Esther Kumma and Rose Krauser.

<u>Dedication</u>: The Dedication on April 18th was a very special occasion. We celebrated League's new office space in the Minnesota Women's Building, honored past League leaders, presented the Clara Ueland Wall and the Leadership Wall and recognized the major contributors to the Capitol Campaign.

Barbara Stuhler who chaired the project gave a wonderful talk full of anecdotes about about many of the people in the room, the many accomplishments of Clara Ueland and Irene Janski and the Clara Ueland Wall and Leadership Wall.

Harriette Burkhalter, First Vice President of LWVUS, brought greetings and congratulations from Nancy Neuman and the national League. Secretary of State Joan Growe reflected on how League membership has affected her life, including some stories on early lobbying attempts at the Legislature.

Perhaps most fun was meeting so many people who shaped the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. So often we forget those who have gone before us. Having the pictures of Clara Ueland, LWVMN Presidents, MN members of the LWVUS Board of Directors and Hope Washburn recipients on the walls in the state office is a constant reminder of the many women who did so much for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and the rich heritage we all share.

<u>Phonathon</u>: We will be extending this Fall's Annual Appeal by adding a Phonathon component. We hope this will provide a ready made fundraiser for local Leagues as well as increasing member participation in the Annual Appeal. We are looking for a Project Director who will earn a stipend of \$2,000. We need someone who can organize, attend to details, is enthusiastic about League, and can work with people. The Project Director job description is included in the President's mailing. Please call me with any suggestions you may have.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EDUCATION FUND, FINANCE DRIVE AND MAKING MONEY FOR YOUR LEAGUE? Then come to Convention and attend the Education Fund Workshops. It's perfect for Presidents, Treasurers, Finance Drive Chairs, and Study Chairs. You'll learn how to use the Education Fund to increase contributions. How to solicit Education Fund money. And how to spend it once you have it. Education Fund workshops will be held on Friday, June 2nd from 1:40-2:45 p.m. and again from 3-4:15 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR STATE MAILINGS

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BOARD MEMO

TO: Local League Presidents and Board Members

FROM: Peggy Leppik, 1989-91 Field Service Chair

RE: Board Memo and DPM subscriptions for 1989-90

DATE: May 15, 1989

It's time to order your League's subcritions for Board Memos and DPMs. As local League President, you do not need to order the Board Memo for yourself; however, each local League will receive only two copies of the Board Memo. One is for the use of the President and one will be included in the President's 3rd class mailing and is to be separated and distributed to other Board members. This is a very important League resource. Please consider entering a subscription for each Board member. As President, you will also receive a 3rd class President's Mailing automatically. Order a DPM subscription for Co-Presidents.

Please list all subscriptions for Board Memo and Duplicate President's Mailing on the spaces below and return the form to the LWVMN office, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 no later than June 15, 1989.

Board Memo subscriptions cost \$5 year for six issues mailed 1st class directly to the subscriber's home. The Duplicate President's Mailing, consisting of Board Memo, selected enclosures and one complimentary copy of each new LWVMN publication, costs \$15/year for six issues mailed 3rd class directly to the subsciber.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Capitol Letter

Vol. ? No. 1

June, 1989

President: Beverly McKinnell

Legislative Coordinator: Jane McWillaims

The CAPITOL LETTER will be published nine times during the interim and the 1989 Legislative Session. It will keep you informed on League supported issues and their progress at the State Capitol.

ACTION TO TAKE

Fill out this form and send it with your check for \$6 to LWVMN, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 by <u>September 1, 1989</u>.

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/ZIP
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Note: LL Presidents receive a CAPITOL LETTER. Co-presidents must subscibe.

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Peggy Leppik & Beverly McKinnell

RE: State Board/Local Leagues

Date: May 1989

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Some of the ways state board members can help you and your board organize for the new League year:

Board Orientation:

review League policies and procedures discuss board responsibilities - general & specific discuss your League's plans & needs for the coming year

Setting Goals and Priorities:

review of your League's strengths and weaknesses build on your success correct problems change League direction, tradition if necessary

Planning for the League year:

evaluate woman power and workload
identify activities with most member support
explore possible cooperative activities with other Leagues or
organizations
develop plan for financing League activities
establish a calendar/schedule of local, state and national League
activities

Board Development with Neighboring Leagues topics to be determined by the local Leagues exchange of ideas on successes, problems, etc. mutual assistance plans

Speakers on specific topics of interest

The League of Women Voter of	would like a state		
board member to come for			
on (date), at (time)			
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No preference on state board member			
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Return to Peggy Leppik, LWVMN, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

PHONATHON PROJECT DIRECTOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

LWWMNEF is seeking a project director for the Phonathon segment of the Annual Appeal. The project director will be responsible for: 1) Coordinating the Phonathon with the Annual Appeal mailing; 2) Organizing the Phonathon including planning, staffing, operation, and evaluation. A \$2,000 stipend will be offered.

As in the past, a letter will be sent to members, donors and friends of League soliciting contributions to the Education Fund. The letter will be sent two weeks prior to the Phonathon. During the Phonathon we will call those who have not responded to the letter.

The Annual Appeal Phonathon planning will begin April 1. The first letter will be mailed in September. The Phonathon will be conducted in October and the project concluded January 31.

The project director will be responsible for:

- -- Working with the Development Committee to organize the Annual Appeal/Phonathon,
- -- Locating the sites,
- -- Recruiting and scheduling volunteers (callers and clerical help)
- -- Training volunteers (preparing the script, preparing donor information and pledge forms, refreshments, "how to" information, caller kits),
- -- Planning the follow up (sending pledge reminders, statistics, call backs, thank you's),
- -- Preparing the final report and evaluation.

The project director needs the skills to plan, organize, and carry out a major project; the ability to motivate, recruit and work with volunteers; the capability to improvise and adapt; and a sense of humor.

Materials from the successful Illinois and Massachusetts Phonathons, and other guides for Phonathons are available. If you are interested, please call Kay Erickson at 612/934-2991 or the LWWNNEF office at 612/224-5445.

CHECK LIST FOR TREASURERS

- 1. Books should be audited as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year. For most Leagues, the current fiscal year is from April 1st to March 31st. The audit should be done by a professional auditor, a former treasurer, a League member who may have experience in auditing, or by a committee appointed by the local board. The auditor's report should be dated and signed by the auditor. Some Leagues require that an audit be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- 2. After the Annual Meeting, send to the LWVMN office:

The name of the treasurer even if it is the same	as previous	year
Your League's adopted budget for the next fiscal month's memo for pointers)	year. (See	last
A detailed year end treasurer's report - the one	that you pr	esent

- 3. If your League's gross receipts exceed \$25,000, you must file a 990 form with the IRS by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the close of your fiscal year.
- 4. If you are ending your term as treasurer, be sure that your successor has all the necessary tools to do the job. The LWVUS publication, Ledger-de-Main, is a must. Include memos from the LWVUS and LWVMN treasurers. Your League's ledger, cash receipt books and cash disbursement books should be kept indefinitely and handed from treasurer to treasurer. Bills and vouchers should be kept seven years by IRS standards. If the new treasurer has not been a board member, board minutes from the past two or three years would be helpful. The treasurer files should include past treasurer's reports as well as copies of forms and correspondence related to your League's finances.

(Thanks to League of Women Voters of Illinois)

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice St	reet, St.	Paul, MN	55103
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ADOPTED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1989-90

(Include a statement of your position on each item where appropriate)

BOARD MEMO

MARCH, 1989

(Events as we have them on the calendar in the office.)

- March 21 Board Memo mailed 1st class from the LWVMN office to LL Presidents and subscribers
 - 23 Partnership Committee MWB, 7:30 a.m., LL Conference Room
 - Presidents Mailing from state office to LL Presidents and DPM subscribers
 - 24 Good Friday, LWVMN Office closed
 - 26 Easter Sunday
 - 30 = Electoral Jury Meeting, 1:30 p.m., LWVMN Office
 - End of LWVMN, LWVMNEF fiscal years 1988-89 PMPs due, expense vouchers due
 - Action Award Application deadline
- April 1 Deadline for Fundraiser reservations
 - LL Survey of County Commissioners due
 - 3 Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 22B, State Capitol
 - 6 Management Committee, MWB, 8:30 a.m., LWV office
 - 7 Humphrey Institute Mental Health Workshop, Minneapolis
 - 8 Fundraiser "Summer Nights," Hotel Sofitel, 6 p.m.-Midnight
 - 11 Development Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LWVMN office
 - Management Committee, MWB, 8:30 a.m., LWV office
 - Humphrey Institute Mental Health Workshop, Bemidji
 - Capitol Letter #6
 - 15 Voter Service, Hope Washburn Award Applications due
 - 18 Dedication of Clara Ueland exhibit, Leadership Wall, 11-2, LWVMNEF Office and MN Women's Building
 - 20 Passover

C. STORY

- 21 Mental Health Committee Meeting, Anoka RTC, 1 p.m. Humphrey Institute Mental Health Workshop, Morris
- 22 Membership Questionnaire Deadline
- 25 Executive Committee for 1989-91 LWVMN Board meets, 10 a.m., LWVMN office
- 28 Humphrey Institute Mental Health Workshop, Minneapolis
- 28 May 14 Eastern Europe Tour
- May 2 Action Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 22B, State Capitol
 - 9 IWVMN, -EF Board Meeting with 1987-89 and 1989-91 Board members
 - 10 Convention Registration due
 - 15 PR Award Applications due
 - 16 Board Memo Mini mailing
 - 18 CMAL Annual Meeting
 - 22 Delegate Workshop/packets mailed from LWVMN office

June 1,2,3 - IWMN Convention, St. Cloud State University

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to LL Presidents & Duplicate President Mailing (DPM) subscribers; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs; *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

- *Convention Registration and Information Packet*/McKinnell
- *Proposed Program for 1989-91*/McKinnell
- *Proposed Bylaw Amendments*/Francis
- *Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for LWWNN Board*/Lucas
- *"Child Care Emerges as Fringe Benefit," Mpls Star Tribune, 2/89*/Keppel
- *Membership Brochure Questionnaire/Takkunen
- *Annual Appeal/phonathon for LWWNEF/Erickson
- *Order sheet for Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level*/Johnson

BOUQUETS TO

- * Margit Johnson, Mental Health Committee Chair, and Barbara Flanigan, writer and editor of Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level Workbook;
- * Kay Erickson, LWVMN Development Chair, for writing and overseeing publication of the LWVMNEF Annual Report for 1987-88.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its March 14th meeting your state Board voted to:

- .recommend a proposed LWVMN program for 1989-91 and a new study on education, with emphasis on finance and equality of opportunity;
- .approved Beverly McKinnell and Kay Erickson as Delegates to LWVUS Council in June;
- .decided to write a letter to LWVUS Nominating Committee in support of Harriette Burkhalter for President of LWVUS and to urge Minnesota LLs to do the same;
- .discussed MN Business Partnership's campaign to put a cap on spending and decided to ask LLs to contact legislators during the recess about LWV's legislative priorities and concerns about the Partnership's budget proposals; .discussed the change in LWVUS priorities to "Advocacy for the Voter".

FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

<u>Convention '89</u>: Registration forms and pertinent materials on Convention will be in your President's mailing this month. June 1,2,3 at St. Cloud State University should be set aside now. Plan to pick your delegates and enlist your visitors at your April Board meeting in oder to have everyone registered by the <u>May 10, 1989</u> deadline.

Local League Presidents Dinner: In keeping with our Convention theme, "Leadership for the '90s," we are pleased to invite local League Presidents to hear House Majority Leader, Representative Ann Wynia speak at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 1989 at the Sunwood Inn. This special event at Convention will be provided free of charge to Presidents. All Leaguers are welcome to attend at their own expense.

Harriette Burkhalter to be nominated for President of LWVUS by LWVMN Board: At its March 14, 1989 meeting the LWVMN Board voted unanimously to nominate Harriette Burkhalter, LWV-MEPH and LWVUS 1st Vice President, for LWVUS President on the 1990 slate. Our letter of nomination will go to the Nominating Committee in April.

We call this to your attention because we know that many local Leagues may want to second this nomination. According to the LWVUS Nominating Committee memo of February 16, 1989, a nominations form will go out in April, 1989. The deadline for submitting nominations is October 1, 1989. Please send your letter to the Nominating Committee within that time frame.

Tips from an Experienced President: Betty Rogers, IWV-Bemidji President for the past two years, had these words of wisdom that I'd like to pass on to you: Enthusiasm is the most important quality of a local League President. An enthusiastic president and a good representative working Board will spell success if you also plan good programs to appeal to your members and the public. Good programs lead to good press coverage of IWV. All of this adds up to a super two League years and a retiring president with a high degree of personal satisfaction at a job well done.

Proposed Program for 1989-91: Enclosed in the President's Mailing is the Proposed LWVMN Program for 1989-91, including a recommended new study item. Please note that also listed are study items not recommended by the LWVMN Board but submitted by local Leagues by the March 14, 1989 LWVMN Board Meeting; any of these nonrecommended items may be moved for consideration by delegates to the LWVMN Convention during the adoption of Program.

MEMBERSHIP (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Taking Stock: I am thrilled to report that if there was a Dow-Jones report for the League of Women Voters for 1988-89 it would be "Gainers lead losers by 10. Membership increases nudge the 100 market." With 88% of the local Leagues reporting we have experienced a net growth of nearly 100 members. My congratulations and thanks for all your hard work. Those of you who have put our membership and marketing strategies to use seem to be experiencing real results.

<u>Membership Chair Transition</u>: In the next few months many of you may be retiring as Membership Chair and passing those duties on to someone else. (I will be doing the same thing.) Let me suggest some steps to make that transition easier:

1. Write down a chronology of your activities for this year. (Even if you have a formal job description this will be a key to what really happens in your portfolio.)

 Arrange to sit down one-to-one and talk over the responsibilities. (If you have been to a workshop outlining our membership strategies and handbook, pass those on as well.)

3. Be available for questions as the year unfolds.

4. Encourage the new membership chair to attend the LWVMN Convention, June 1, 2 & 3rd in St. Cloud.

<u>Membership Brochure</u>: Two years ago we unveiled a new membership brochure at Convention. Last fall LWVUS provided you with another new brochure. I need to know which, if any, of these has met your needs and what you would like for the future. Would you please ask your president for the questionnaire in the Presidents mailing and return it to me by April 22nd?

DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

<u>Fundraiser</u>: Excitement is starting to build for this year's fundraiser. More and more items are being dropped off at the state office. Thank you for all your help in publicizing the event to your members.

To "whet your appetite," here are some of the items that will be on the live auction: a flag from Dave Durenberger, a hot air balloon ride, an editorial cartoon, a week at Grace Harkness' Black Hills cabin, a Toro power hoe, a dinner cruise for four on Mary Anderson's houseboat, one of Bill Frenzel's famous doodles, a wonderful getaway in Alexandria including a night at a Bed & Breakfast, dinner, theater tickets and a "violinogram," a lithograph and a week at Peggy Lucas' Big Sky retreat.

Now is the time to line up people from your League to come to the party. We have tables for ten and have usually been able to accommodate your requests for seating. To fill that table try calling those who you think will enjoy a good party, ask women in your League who work outside the home to solicit tables from their businesses, talk to your neighbors (it's not just for Leaguers).

We can still use auction items - it's never too late to donate something. Just let us know if you will be bringing it with you when you come on the 8th.

Invitations have been mailed so if you don't receive yours very soon please call me and I'll get some to you. Join us for a great evening!

<u>Phonathon</u>: Look for information on this ready-made fundraiser in the President's mailing.

<u>Dedication</u>: Plans for the dedication of our office space and Leadership walls are well underway. We will be inviting a group that will include major contributors to the Capital Campaign, LWWMN Presidents, national Board members, Hope Washburn recipients, Advisory Baord members and the LWV Board to a luncheon on April 18th. The display honoring Clara Ueland has been installed and we are in the process of framing pictures of past League leaders for other walls in the office.

<u>Local League Projects</u>: Just a reminder that the LWVMNEF Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Please keep this in mind when you are sending in project requests so they are sent well in advance of your project date. Thank you!

A C T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Beginning last fall with the legislative interviews, and now with frequent Action Alerts, we're all linked together as a legislative network. Thank you for what you're doing to make this happen. In this era of paid lobbyists and "special interest" groups, LWVMN volunteer lobbyists are at work shaping public policy. Your members are just as important in this circle of persuaders as are the LWV women who haunt the legislative halls. It is extremely important for legislators to hear from their own constituents, and that is why you as Action Chair are a key link in the success of the LWVMN efforts. Thank you!

<u>Congressional Interviews</u>: We will reprint and circulate the results of our congressional interviews as soon as they are complete so that your members can see them. Watch for these.

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<u>Action Award Reminder</u>: Entries are due March 31st. If you have questions or have lost the materials sent in January to your President, call the office (612/224-5445) immediately.

EDUCATION (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

<u>Elections</u>: Most school districts in the state are having elections in May. Now is the time for LWV to assure citizen participation. Help develop issues with reports in your newsletter from your observers. Schedule a candidate forum to assure an informed electorate! Relevant schedule: Last date to file is March 21st, election is May 17th.

MCOSEE Dinner: The Minnesota Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equity in Education (MCOSEE) will have its annual meeting on April 19, 1989 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the St. Paul College Club (AAUW) in St. Paul, Commissioner of the Department of Human Rights, Stephen Cooper, will speak. Advance registration is required from MCOSEE, 1021 West Broadway, Minneapolis, 55411. Cost is \$16 per person. This includes the gift for the award to be given to the recipient of the MCOSEE Annual Award for promoting sex equity in education. LWVMN is a member of MCOSEE. All LWV members are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Recommended study: At the March Board Meeting, after considering the response from local Leagues, the Board recommended the adoption of a study of the financing of education and equality of opportunity. If adopted, this would be a new, two-year study - a reconsideration of our current education positions on equal opportunity and financing of education. This topic received a clear mandate from members, and if approved at Convention, will require the involvement of many willing and interested League members. Put the Convention dates on your calendar (June 1,2,3) and plan to participate in the consideration of and voting on this study!

SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

I am enclosing some distressing statistics from the MN Coalition for Battered Women.

Domestic abuse in families in Minnesota is a critical problem:

- 15 battered women were murdered in Minnesota in 1988.
- Research estimates 25% 37% of women experience battering; an estimated 382,000 566,000 women in Minnesota.
- According to police reports an estimated 63,000 assaults occur annually.
- About 4,500 women and 4,650 children are sheltered annually and 18,500 women and 4,570 children receive advocacy and support.

Many areas of the state lack resources for victims:

- About 5,200 requests for shelter are denied annually because of lack of shelter space.
- Over 70% of shelter requests are denied annually in the metro area.
- 61 of 87 counties have no state-funded battered women's advocacy programs located within the county.
- Women and children in rural regions of the state must call long distance and travel up to 100 miles to reach safety.
- Women of color, old women, lesbians and disabled women do not have access to linguistically and culturally appropriate services; only one program exists for Asian families; only three of eleven Indian reservations have advocacy services; most programs are not accessible to the disabled.

You may want to include this information in your Voter.

ABC: (S. 5) The Act for Better Child Care Services was introduced in the U.S. Senate on 1/15/89. There are 57 cosponsors, notably Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), James Sasser (D-TN), Chairman of the Budget Committee, George Mitchell (D-ME), Senate Majority Leader, and Alan Cranston (D-CA), Democratic Whip. The bill that was introduced is the same Dodd/Hatch compromise that went to the Senate floor last year with one additional change. Under S.5, grandparents, aunts and uncles who are at least 18 years of age may receive ABC funding without meeting national standards but they must meet any state standards which apply to relative care. The increased visability of, and priority given to, child care in Congress means that this year will be more complex than last. However, we believe that we can win a bill that is good for children if we stand firmly behind ABC and the principles on which it is based. (See the National Voter, Feb., 1989, page 3 for additional information.) We will probably be calling on local Leagues to take action later in the spring so it would be helpful to have some background in your local Voter. See Child Care article in President's mailing.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

<u>UN Rally</u> this year is on Friday, October 27, 1989 at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in Minneapolis.

NATO Tour: Any thoughts or questions you would like addressed while I am in Brussels in May, please contact me.

Also, be aware that talks have just begun in Vienna discussing the reduction of troops and conventional weapons in Europe. So far the U.S. and NATO position(s) is (are) unclear and the discussions so far are focusing on the Soviet Union's proposals for substantial reductions. This conference promises to achieve reductions since all European nations are involved in the discussions for the first time.

AGRICULTURE (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

LWVUS has announced plans for a three-year project on food and agriculture policy. Each League president should have received the February 21st memo. Pass-through grants will be made available eventually. Watch for more information.

Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture at LWVMN Convention to focus on recent developments within Minnesota and federally.

MARKETING (Francis - 612/925-4510)

"SOUND BITES" REGARDING VISIBILITY

Developing and Maintaining a Positive Image

A. Know your key constituents.

Develop relationships with them.

Be visible in the arenas in which you are important.

B. Know your significant points of difference.

Look for opportunities to assert how you are distinguished in the marketplace.

Protect your edge.

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C. Develop and identify and be consistent with it. Make sure your identity is always associated with those things that support your image.

D. Learn to use the media well.

E. The leadership of the organization should be visible in the community. Encourage members to get involved in the community.

F. Listen for change in the marketplace that signals it may be time to change your image.

G. Don't forget the members of your organization - they constitute a large part of your image and carry it with them.

Notes from NSFRE Philanthropy Day, 1988.

VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Don't forget to apply for the Voter Service Award! Deadline is April 15th.



LEADERSHIP FOR THE '90s

52nd STATE CONVENTION
June 1,2,3, 1989
St. Cloud State University

CHANGE ...

-in leadership

-in types of opportunities and how LWVMN takes advantage of them

-to the '90's

-in Convention

.change in format

.change to faster paced sessions

And the change begins the very first day. All we want you to do on Thursday, June 1st, is relax and enjoy. No mind-bending workshops, no problem solving - just mellow out. St. Cloud has planned a most pleasant late afternoon and evening for us. (See enclosed letter of invitation - you will note we continue to gravitate to the Mississippi.)

Scheduled events begin late enough in the day that most people will lose little, if any, time away from work that day. During the dinner hour, presidents will dine at the Sunwood Inn and hear Rep. Ann Wynia, majority leader of the MN House of Representatives. There is no charge for presidents. Others may attend at their own expense if space is available, or they can choose from a variety of good restaurants in downtown St. Cloud. (Suggestions will be included in your Workbook.) After a leisurely stroll through the unique Munsinger Gardens, you can return to the campus and 'Rap with the Reps'.

The first session of Convention will run from 9:00 Friday morning till noon followed by PR and Action Awards at lunch. Then in the afternoon the first round of workshops will start - an array of workshops designed to interest everyone. There will be a basic how-to and sharing workshops for presidents, membership chairs, etc., as well as workshops that incorporate personal growth and development skills.

After the banquet on Friday evening, we will be privileged to have Reatha Clark King speak to us. Dr. King is the past president of Metro State University and is currently executive director of the General Mills Foundation. We are extremely fortunate that Dr. King has agreed to be with us. The banquet is open to everyone. Have a carload of members come. Have them come and stay overnight and through Saturday.

Workshops continue Saturday morning - some repeats, some new. The day will conclude with the second session of the Convention.

- Take advantage of the opportunity to learn and develop your leadership skills.
- Participate in the decision-making process of the Convention.
- Take advantage of this special opportunity to meet one of the state's foremost woman executives "Twin Cities Outstanding Citizen of the Year".
- Enjoy the hospitality of the St. Cloud Area League.
- Take advantage of the delightful evening they have planned for you.

BE A PART OF IT!

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES AND VISITORS
52nd STATE CONVENTION
St. Cloud State University
June 1, 2, 3, 1989

FINAL This is the final call for all local Leagues in Minnesota to send delegates to the Fifty-Second State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to be held at St. Cloud University, St. Cloud, MN, June 1, 2, 3, 1989. 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. Directions for registration are detailed on this sheet and on the attached registration blank.

CREDENTIALS Enclosed are the credential forms for the delegates from your League to the 52nd State Convention. If you plan to have two people sharing one delegate seat, please list both their names.

Delegates: Iocal Leagues are entitled to the number of delegates provided for in Section 4 of Article VIII of the state bylaws. Admittance to the Convention floor is by badge only. Delegate credentials and badges are transferable. This is to aid local Leagues in keeping a full delegation throughout the Convention. When we speak of "each, a, the" delegate, we refer to one delegate seat. As stated above, if that seat is to be shared, indicate so on the credentials form.

Visitors & Visitors and observers may attend all Convention activities.

The visitors and observers do not have a voice or vote during the Convention but do have the valuable opportunity of seeing the League in action. Visitor and observer badges are transferable.

ADVANCE Credential forms for each delegate and a check covering the REGISTRATION cost for each person attending should be returned with the completed registration blank, including workshop selections, to the state office by May 10th. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send the information requested on the registration blank for only the person who will arrive there first. That person will receive the Workbook. The same is true for visitors if they are sharing a package. Visitors attending individual events may be registered individually. Early return of this information to the state office will facilitate the advance preparation of badges and other Convention materials and the mailing of Workbooks. For those who find it impossible to register in advance, there will be a Delayed Registration desk next to the Advance Registration desk.

DELEGATE
TRANSFER
When two people share a delegate seat, the person who will arrive first is the one registered. She/he will receive the Workbook and should check in at advanced registration to receive the badge. It is the responsibility of the two sharing the seat to make the transfer. The second person has to receive the badge and Workbook. She can either use that badge or turn it in at the registration desk for one of her own.

DELECATE
There is no provision for "alternate" at Convention. The

CHANGE
most satisfactory way to handle any last minute change, in
the event a delegate is unable to attend, is to request the
change through the state office up until May 26. After that date, changes may
be made at the Advance Registration desk at the university. The person
replacing the delegate must bring a letter signed by the president or secretary
of the League declaring accredited delegate status.

CONVENTION The first session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. on

HIGHLIGHTS Friday, June 2nd with Joan Higinbotham giving the State of
the League address. Following dinner that evening, the Hope
Washburn Award for 1989 will be presented; and Reatha Clark King, former
president of Metropolitan State University and currently executive director of
the General Mills Foundation, will speak.

THE Workbook material will include proposals for Program, bylaw WORKBOOK amendments, slate of nominees for officers and directors, state budget expenditures and income, and a review of parliamentary procedures. Each delegate will have a copy for pre-Convention study. BRING THE WORKBOOK WITH YOU TO CONVENTION.

In the case of a shared delegate seat, the Workbook will go to the person who will arrive first (the one whose name appears on the registration form). Additional Workbooks, \$6.50 each, may be ordered.

SUGGESTIONS You may wish to bring hangers, an alarm clock, soap, etc., FOR COMFORT even a desk lamp, as the rooms will provide nothing but linens. Rooms will be assigned as delegates arrive. Clothing will be informal. Air conditioning can be unpredictable, as can weather in June, and the "layered look" is usually most practical.

CAUCUSES Meeting rooms will be available to delegates interested in discussing Program items or other matters of concern after the scheduled events every evening. All plans for meetings will be announced at the Convention. Arrangements should be made ahead of time. Contact the Convention chair, Beverly McKinnell, through the state office.

MISCELIANEOUS Meetings start and end on time. As a courtesy, smoking is not permitted during Convention sessions. During sessions, admission to the floor is only at times designated by the chair The registration fee for all delegates and visitors will be refunded only if we are notified by May 24 that they cannot attend. See registration blank for complete information on costs.

PREPARING
YOURSELF AS
A DELEGATE
The prepared for your role as a delegate from your League.

If registration is completed in advance, you will have the advantage of receiving your Workbook ahead of time so that you can become familiar with its content and therefore participate in discussion with more understanding.

Delegates should have all Convention materials that come from the state office and <u>all publications on present state Program</u>. It is important that delegates are fully aware of member thinking about Program choices and all other matters to come before the Convention. Although delegates go uninstructed and cast their votes after careful consideration of Convention discussion, they start from and continue to bear in mind the thinking of the members whom they represent.

League presidents should brief delegates on the powers and authority of the Convention, on the duties and responsibilities of delegates - to be fully informed, listen and discuss. Briefing on parliamentary practices should be part of this preparation. Experienced delegates can describe the atmosphere and procedures of Convention and can give practical advice as well. Plan to get acquainted with members from as many other Leagues as you can.

LWVMN Convention '89 Agenda June 1, 2, 3, 1989 St. Cloud State University

Thursday, June 1	
3:30 p.m.	Registration
5:00-7:00	St. Cloud LWV Reception, wine and hors d'œurves at St. Cloud Civic Center Dinner at restaurant of your choice
6:30-8:00	Local League Presidents' dinner with speaker Sunwood Inn 4th Avenue So. & Hwy 23 (Division) adjacent to the Civic Center Speaker: Ann Wynia, Majority Leader MN House of Representatives
7:30-9:00	River Walk to Munsinger Gardens Reception continues - coffee, cookies, lemonade
9:30-10:30	Rap with Reps
Friday, June 2	
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:00	Registration
9:00 9:15 9:30 9:45 10:00 10:15 10:20 10:35 10:50	First Session Organization of Convention Roll Call Treasurer's Report President's Report - State of the League Bylaws Committee Report and Action Nomination and Election of Officers Break Presentation of Proposed Budget Presentation of Proposed Program
11:50	Consideration of Non-Recommended Program Announcements

Lunch, mixer, PR, Action Awards

<u>Presidents - New and Continuing</u>
"How to be Positive and Enthusiastic - and Realistic"
Exchange ideas, concerns, experiences. Strategies for getting it all together and keeping it there.

Agriculture

Announcements

Workshops:

12:00-1:15

1:30-2:45

"Sustainable Agriculture - Not Just a Trendy Phrase"
A discussion of what sustainable agriculture is and recent
policy recommendations for state and federal government.

Parliamentary Procedure

"Will the Meeting Come to Order - and Continue in Order"

Learn from an expert the how to's of Robert's Rules. Be able
to take charge at meetings. From caucuses to conventions,
they're more fun when you know Robert's Rules. Conducted by
Muriel Miller, whose reputation for this precedes her.

Education Fund

"How to Make it Work for You"

Presidents, finance and local study chairs, treasurers - learn how to use the Ed Fund to increase contributions, how to solicit Ed Fund money (including finance drives), and how to spend it once you have it.

<u>Leadership Development - Personal Styles</u>
"How and Where You Fit in the Leadership Picture"

A presentation of different types of styles used in leading groups and of various personal styles of leadership. This workshop is for those who did not attend LWVMN Leadership Development workshops in the fall of 1988.

Leadership Development

"Is Your Message Being Received as You Sent It?"
Learn alternatives to verbal communications and effective ways to express yourself. Be a better listener. This workshop is for those who did not attend LWVMN Leadership Development workshops in the fall of 1988.

2:45-3:00

Break

3:00-4:15

Workshops:

<u>Leadership Development - Beginning Conflict Resolution</u>
"What Methods Do You Use to Manage Conflict?"

Explore creative ways to resolve conflicts. This workshop is for those who did not attend LWVMN Leadership Development workshops in the fall of 1988.

Leadership Development - Advance Conflict Resolution
"Still Other Methods for Managing Conflict"
More conflict situations and group activities to give you the tools and the confidence to deal constructively with difficult problems. This workshop is for those who attended the fall of 1988 LWWMN Leadership Development Workshops.

Agriculture Repeat

Parliamentary Procedure Repeat

Education Fund Repeat

5:00-6:00 6:00 Reception Banquet

Speaker: Reatha Clark King,

Executive Director, General Mills Foundation

6:45

Hope Washburn Award

8:15

Budget Committee

Caucuses

10:15

Party for Everyone

Saturday, June 3

7:30-8:30

8:30 9:00-10:15 Breakfast Registration Workshops:

Local Program

"Putting New Life into the Local Study"

Three local Leagues telling their own stories about how a study, school referendum campaign and family life education project provided new vitality, visibility and fun for their members. Share ideas and bring back lots of suggestions for putting new life into local Program.

Mental Health

"Building a Coalition to Monitor"

Monitoring mental health programs in your county and building a coalition to do it could include: an update on state legislation following '89 session; introduction of monitoring workbook; exploring local action possibilities; sharing information on fall workshops.

Voter Service

"What Happens in a Non-election Year?"

Learn about a variety of opportunities open to all of us.

Explore new ideas, new methods. Share your experiences.

<u>Leadership Development - Personal Styles</u> Repeat

<u>Leadership Development - Communications</u> Repeat

How to Access the Media

"Getting in the Public Eye and Staying There"
General principles useful to small and large communities.
Designed for those with little or no PR experience. Emphasis on how to organize a media campaign; learn about the media and how to work with them.

10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-11:45

Workshops:

<u>Leadership Development - Beginning Conflict Resolution</u>
Repeat

<u>Leadership Development - Advance Conflict Resolution</u>
Repeat

Bulletin

"How to Create a Bulletin People Want to Read While Giving Them the Information You Want Them to Have" We will be using the past year's local bulletins as examples. For new and experienced bulletin editors. Membership

"For Membership Chairs Only"

Membership Chairs only or their close personal friends are invited to attend what will be primarily a training for membership chairs in our membership handbook and our marketing and membership plan.

Mental Health

Repeat

How to Access the Media

Repeat

Second Session

1:15	Debate and Action on Program
2:45	Break
3:00	Continuation of Program Adoption
3:30	Action on Budget
4:00	Action Report - McWilliams
4:15	Direction to the Board
4:30	Adjournment

52ND STATE CONVENTION

June 1, 2, 3, 1989

St. Cloud State University

St. Cloud

Total number of delegates (including presidents) per League for the 1989 Convention:

"Each local League shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: each local League shall be entitled to two delegates in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than 25 voting members shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year."

Members-at-Large:

"Members-at-Large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota."

--Bylaws, LWVMN

Note: Official membership count used taken from Annual Membership Count form except in the case of Leagues not submitting reports by late February; those counts were taken from printouts or card files in the state office.

52nd State Convention

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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DELEGATES

Alexandria	4	43
Anoka/Blaine/Coon Rapids	4	43
Arden Hills/Shoreview	3	33
Austin	3	34
Bemidji Area	4	41
Bloomington	4	39
Brooklyn Center	3	9
Brooklyn Park/Osseo/Maple Grove	3	16
Buffalo/Monticello Area	3	5
Cannon Falls	3	18
Cass Lake/Walker Area	3	23
Crystal/New Hope		31
Detroit Lakes		V. C.
Duluth		96
Eastern Carver County	5	79
Edina	7	132
Freeborn County		35
Fridley	3	22
Golden Valley	4	56
Grand Rapids Area		15
Hibbing	3	17
Hutchinson	3	10
Jackson Area	3	15
Mahtomedi Area	4	42
Mankato Area	3	34
Marshall		21
Mid-Mesabi	3	14
Minneapolis	17	377
MEPH	4	52
Moorhead Area	3	23
New Brighton	3	29
New Ulm	3	32
Northern Dakota County Area	4	40
Northfield		53
Owatonna	3	32

Red Wing	4	42
Richfield	4	41
Robbinsdale		22
Rochester	6	105
Rock County		
Roseville	5	75
St. Anthony	3	12
St. Cloud Area	4	62
St. Croix Valley	3	37
St. Louis Park	3	37
St. Paul	8	154
St. Peter		
Shakopee	3	36
South Tonka	4	38
Stevens County	3	10
Wayzata/Plymouth Area	3	29
Westonka	3	21
White Bear Lake/North Oaks	4	60
Wilkin County	3	11
Willmar	4	39
Winona	3	27
Woodbury/Cottage Grove	3	35
Worthington	3	20
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CONVENTION WORKSHOP SELECTION

(Please return to LWVMN by May 10, 1989)

Indicate the <u>number</u> of people intending to attend each workshop. Each person should choose one in each time slot. Because of space and type of workshops they are, we ask that those signing up for Leadership Development workshops make that a firm commitment.

Friday 6/2 1:30-2:45	Presidents _	Leadership Development:	
	Parliamentary Procedure	Personal Styles	
	Agriculture _	Communications	
	Ed Fund		
Friday 6/2 3:00-4:15	Agriculture _	Leadership Development:	
	Parliamentary Procedure	Beginning Conflict	
	Ed Fund	Advanced Conflict	-
Saturday 6/3	Voter Service _	Leadership Development:	
9:00-10:15	Mental Health _	Personal Styles	
	Media	Communications	
	Local Program		
Saturday 6/3	Bulletin _	Leadership Development:	
10:30-11:45	Membership	Beginning Conflict	
	Mental Health	Advanced Conflict	
	Media	Advanced conflict	1

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

June 1, 2, 3, 1989 - St. Cloud State University

FROM: League	of Women Voters of _		
Total \$	enclosed for	(no.)	delegates,visitors
REGISTRATION INFORMATION	Complete Package:	\$84.00	6/1 p.m6/3 p.m registration, 3 meals 6/2, 2 meals 6/3, room for 2 nights.
	Partial Package:	\$72.50	6/2 a.m6/3 p.m registration, 2 meals 6/2, 2 meals 6/3, room for 1 night.
	Saturday Special:	\$20.00	6/3 a.m6/3 p.m registration (does not include workbook), 1 meal.
		\$38.50	6/2 p.m6/3 p.m includes the above plus banquet, breakfast, room for 1 night.
	Special Event:	\$5.00	6/1 p.m River Ramble

Individual Events

Convention Registration Fee - includes workshops, Convention Workbook - \$43.00

Workshops Only Registration Fee (1 day only) - \$15.00

Lunches - \$5.25 each

Dinner 6/2 - \$7.25

Presidents Dinner 6/1 - no charge for presidents - \$12.50 for others (on a space available basis)

Additional Workbooks - \$6.50. Workbooks are included in all Convention registrations except the Saturday Special.

REMEMBER:

- Cost of your room, double occupancy, is included in package prices. Those desiring a single room, add \$8.00 per night and check appropriate column.
- The River Ramble is a special event and not included in the package. It is an additional charge, and payment should be included with your reservation.
- Presidents Dinner for other than presidents also is not included in the packages, and payment should be included with your registration. In the event there is no extra space, refunds will be made.

REGISTRATION BLANK

RETURN TO STATE OFFICE BY MAY 10TH, 1989

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. List president, other delegates and visitors names (first names, please) and address and check appropriate columns. When paying for packages, check just that column and the columns for the Special Events you will attend, not the individual registrations and meals.
- 2. If a delegate seat is to be shared, send name and address of delegate who will arrive first. That person will receive the Workbook. Additional Workbooks may be ordered.
- 3. Register and pay for your number of allotted delegates and any visitors. If there are to be delegate transfers, they arrange for all exchanges keys, Workbooks, badges. New badges may be obtained by turning in the original at the registration desk.
- 4. Enclose check/checks payable to LWVMN covering packages, and/or individual events, extra lodging and River Ramble.
- 5. Enclose credential slip for each delegate.
- 6. Remember to enclose the workshop selection sheet. This helps us gauge attendance at the individual workshops. You can always change, except in the case of the Leadership Development Workshops. We ask that you make that a commitment.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

Proposed LWVMN Program for 1989-91

52st State Convention June 1,2,3, 1989 St. Cloud State University

CHOOSING PROGRAM

HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE STATE CONVENTION OF BECOMING A DYNAMIC DELEGATE*

Some of you feel strongly about a particular item and hope that others share or will come to share your views. There are effective ways in which you, as an individual member, can win friends for your cause and influence people to vote on your side.

Remember that a non-recommended item must have been submitted to the Board at least three months before Convention and requires a simple majority vote to be considered on the first day of Convention and a three-fifths vote to be selected on the second day of Convention.

League Conventions are marked by intelligent discussion, organization, timing, public relations, fair play and good humor. To start at the beginning:

1. Before going to Convention

- a. Check to see how many other local Leagues suggested the same item you are interested in. Some of them may want to help with organization.
- b. Check to see what other items were suggested which might be related to yours in some way.
- c. Brainstorm ways to appeal to Convention delegates for support for the item you wish to have considered and enlist their aid in working for it.
- d. Set up a caucus the Friday evening of Convention. (Contact the state office so a room will be reserved for you.)
- e. Work up your arguments for your item and why you prefer it at this time. Think of ways in which other suggested items could be tied into yours.
- f. Duplicate your information, and either mail it to each local league or be prepared to distribute it to all members as they arrive at the convention hall.
- g. Study up on your Parliamentary Procedure, especially making and amending motions, etc.

2. Final Plans

- a. Get out the vote encourage all the local Leagues favoring your item to send their delegates and to go to your caucus.
- b. Be ready with a symbol related to your item to pin on others who agree with you.

- c. Have a spokesperson selected someone with enthusiasm, who projects well, and who is knowledgeable of your item - to present your item. Two seconding speeches are allowed.
- d. Have people selected to ask particular questions for clarification. Read the Convention Rules in the workbook carefully for procedures and time limits.
- e. In order to make certain all arguments are covered, make certain you have a number of people who are well informed on your item who will be ready to speak to your item. Selected speakers should sit close to the microphones and line up early.

*Many thanks to the LWVs of St. Paul and Houston

CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A STATE PROGRAM FOR 1989-91

For the selection of League Program, two criteria should be met: (See IN LEAGUE: Guidelines for League Boards, p. 35)

1. Is governmental action needed?

2. Does the proposal fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters?

Additional questions to consider are:

How much member interest has been expressed for the issue?

Is this the crucial time for the issue?

Is it a current topic of discussion in the community? Could community interest be developed?

Do the political realities permit effective action? Are local/state officials aware of the issue?

Is the issue one on which League members will spend time and effort?

Will the League's involvement make an impact? Will the League be able to draw on allies?

Will League involvement increase the League's political influence and credibility?

What are the prospects for funding anticipated educational activities and/or action campaign?

Program Adoption

League members receive the program recommended by state Board, including the proposed new study if there is one. Information on non-recommended items is also included.

The wording of a proposed issue may be amended at the annual meeting or convention, provided the intent is not changed nor the scope enlarged. Only program issues submitted by the deadline may be considered. Since League program consists of issues specifically adopted by vote at the annual meeting or convention, issues previously on the program must be readopted in the same or amended form in order to continue to be part of the program.

PROPOSED PROGRAM 1989-91 Taken from Program for Action 1985-87

The LWVMN Board recommends retaining all current program as follows:

1. Criminal Justice

- a. <u>Judiciary</u>: Support of a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all. (p. 4)
- b. <u>Corrections</u>: Support of a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society. Support of sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within legislative guidelines. (p. 5)

2. Human Resources/Social Policy

- a. Equality of opportunity: Support of policies to insure equality of opportunity in employment, real property, public accommodations, education and other public services for all persons. Support of administrative enforcement of antidiscrimination laws. Support of state responsibility for and responsiveness to Indian citizens. (p. 7) Support of improved procedures for dealing with family violence.
- b. Protecting Minnesota's Children: Support of adequate staffing and resources for child protection services, access to comprehensive prenatal and child health care, coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care, (adopted 10/86 & 6/87) prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy. (4/88)
- c. Mental Illness in Minnesota: (new position) Support of comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents with priority given to persons with acute and/or serious and persistent mental illness. Support of Minnesota public policy and funding to sustain an array of community based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy to provide clients with appropriate and adequate services. (1/89)

3. Education

- a. Equal Opportunity: Support of increased state responsibility in creating equal public education opportunities for all Minnesota children through measures to correct racial imbalance and insure adequate financing of public schools. (p. 11)
- b. Financing of Education: All Minnesota children should have equal access to a good public education. A student's access to a good education should not depend on the wealth of his or her school district nor upon the willingness of local voters to tax themselves. State funding for education should be at a level that makes programs of comparable substance and quality available to all. (p. 11)
- c. <u>Collective Bargaining and Tenure</u>: Support of improvements in the collective bargaining and tenure laws of the state as they apply to K-12 teachers only. (p. 11)

d. <u>Library Funding</u>: Support for increased and restructured funding for public libraries. (p. 12)

4. Natural Resources

- a. <u>Solid Waste</u>: Support of measures to reduce generation of solid waste. (p. 16)
- b. <u>Land Use</u>: Support of an overall land use plan with maximum cooperation and implementation at the regional and local level, with state help in developing and exercising land use management, with opportunity for maximum local decision making, and with regional planning and regulation for matters of more than local concern. (p. 16)
- c. <u>Water Resources</u>: Support of a state role in the preservation and management of Minnesota's water resources through protection, allocation, conservation, pricing and interbasin transfer policies protective of Minnesota's current and future needs. (p. 15)

5. Government

- a. <u>Election Laws</u>: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting and school district elections. (p. 20)
- b. <u>Campaign Practices</u>: Support of improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices. (p. 21)
- c. Organization of Government: Support of improved structure and procedures for the Minnesota Legislature and Executive Branch; support of an improved process for amending the Minnesota Constitution; support apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies. (p. 23)
- d. <u>Initiative</u>, <u>Referendum</u> and <u>Recall</u>: Support of the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; opposition to most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes; opposition to recall by voters of members of the <u>Legislature</u> and state constitutional officers; support of strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum or recall. (p. 24)
- e. Financing State Government: Support of a flexible Minnesota multi-tax system with emphasis on maintaining state services through a combination of spending cuts and increased taxation when state funds are short and decreased taxation when there is a budget surplus. Support of using the Minnesota individual income tax as the elastic tax, making rates more progressive when increasing state revenue and lowering rates for all income levels when decreasing state revenue. Support of state relief for property taxes. Support of property tax reform. Support for setting priorities in allocating state funds. Support of local services (county and/or city). Support of more efficient state administrative and legislative expenditures. (p. 25)
- f. <u>Gun Control</u>: Opposition to an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that gives individuals the unrestricted right to bear arms. (Adopted 4/88)

RECOMMENDED NEW STUDY

The LWVMN Board recommends a new study as follows:

A study of the financing of education in Minnesota with emphasis on equality of opportunity.

Scope: This study would cover preschool through grade 12 and would include a consideration of the role of the state and how we can assure equity.

(Bloomington, Golden Valley, Rochester, St. Louis Park, South Tonka IWVs recommended a new study of financing education with a minority in Bloomington and Richfield for it. Fourteen Leagues checked an update in financing education. Bloomington, Edina and St. Louis Park and a minority in Richfield recommended studying equal opportunity. Nine Leagues checked an update on equal opportunity. Edina and Northfield recommended studying quality of education, with Edina, Golden Valley and MEPH including open enrollment. Roseville IWV recommended dropping the position on financing education and a new study of financing education and equal opportunity and equity in education.)

Suggested Scope by Edina IWV: A new study to focus on quality education for Minnesota's children and include 1) the role of the state in education, 2) how to improve Minnesota's competitive position and level, 3) how to provide equal opportunity for all children for quality education, 4) early childhood education 5) metro vs. non-metro issues, 6) impact on local control of education, 7) enrollment options, and 8) how to fund proposed improvements.

Suggested Scope by South Tonka IWV (from lively issues): Some issues we might consider in a careful review of school finance are: What happened to the Minnesota Miracle? Does it assure equity? What role do categorical aids have in providing a "thorough and equitable public school system" as mandated by our constitution? What is the present role of the state in financing private education? Should some public school services be financed by other than public sources? Are there other public sources for education than the ones in current law? What is happening in other states? Is our current position still workable? Does it need refinement? Expansion? Substantial revision? How helpful is it to local Leagues desiring to take action in their local districts?

NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

The following study items were recommended by some members in one or more local Leagues. Exact wording of some study items can be obtained from the report forms and will be available at Convention.

A "Study" is an examination or re-examination of an issue usually leading to consensus. An "update" is information on issues on which the IWV already has a position; does not lead to a new position. In some instances, requests for an update would lead to a new position.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Corrections: 13 LWVs checked an update in this area, some mentioned sentencing guidelines.

SOCIAL POLICY

Housing: 4 Leagues recommended a study of Housing needs and affordability: Rochester, Bloomington, Alexandria and St. Cloud. Minority support in Richfield, St. Paul and Austin was reported, and Detroit Lakes, Worthington and Golden Valley had minorities interested in homeless, underhoused or poorly housed.

Refugees: New Brighton, Rochester and Bloomington recommended studies of refugees, and Richfield had a minority in favor.

GOVERNMENT

Gun Control: 2 Leagues recommended a study of gun control, Duluth and St. Louis Park, and Alexandria felt that the concurrence should be tried again. Moorhead Area requested clarification.

Ethics: ABC recommended a study of ethics in government; Golden Valley and Fridley had strong interest in campaign practices and ethics in elections, and Bloomington had a minority interested. 7 LWVs checked an update in this area. 10 checked an update in financing state government. Detroit Lakes mentioned limiting the length of political campaigns.

Studies recommended by one League:

Business Climate - St. Paul; Edina had minority support

Economic Conversion in Minnesota - Detroit Lakes

Minnesota's children and adolescent pregnancy, orphanages and out-of-home placement - Bloomington

Protect children against drug abuse/prostitution, mental cause and corrective practices - Austin

Sexual Violence against Women, laws and education impacting families - Woodbury/Cottage Grove

Medical Costs - Detroit Lakes

Effect of Welfare Reform on low income women and children - Detroit Lakes State park and recreation system with emphasis on maximum benefit and year round usage - Moorhead Area

Hazardous Waste - Willmar

Higher Education grants and aids - Willmar

Lobbying by political subdivisions of the state - Arden Hills/Shoreview

Proposed Wording Changes

GOVERNMENT

The words "state government" is too limiting (St. Cloud)

SOCIAL POLICY

Change children to students in education items (St. Cloud)
The word "refugee" is too restrictive and does not include foreigners (St. Cloud)

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

State Bylaws Committee: Anne Francis, LWV-Edina

Mary Santi, LWV-White Bear Lake/North Oaks

Judy Duffy, LWV-Mahtomedi Area

The following proposals are submitted for your consideration. They were discussed and voted on at the state Board meeting of March 14, 1989.

brackets [] mean delete
underlining ____ means new wording

Recommended Bylaw Change

The following change was submitted by the LWVMN Nominating Committee, P. Lucas, Chair. This change is recommended by the LWVMN Board.

ARTICLE IV, Section 1.

b) The officers of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall constitute the executive committee. In addition, the president may appoint up to two members of the board to serve on the executive committee.

Rationale: A restructuring of the board with combined posts (Article IV, Section 1 a) would require appointments to fill the executive committee.

Non-recommended Bylaw Change

The following change was discussed by the Bylaws Committee, submitted to the LWVMN Board without recommendation and is not recommended at this time.

ARTICLE VII, Section 1.

Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall commence on the first of [April each year] <u>July each year</u>.

Rationale: A change of fiscal year date has been suggested to streamline the planning structure of our most active months.

1. Budget is already in effect before convention because of current fiscal year dates.

 Proceeds from some fundraising activities (annual gala most notably) confuse bookkeeping and budget process if they are not held before April 1st and that has proved difficult some years.

3. A July 1 - June 30 fiscal year would coincide with LWVUS' fiscal year.

We are currently progressing nicely with our accumulation of reserves and at the present pace we will have reserves equal to three months operating expenses in two years (\$27,000). At that time we should be able to reasonably explore a fiscal year change which will involve a 15 month budget. To change now would mean using reserves to cover the extra quarter.

It has been suggested that we begin planning for this change now so that by 1991 we have made necessary plans as well as accumulated money. Also, National has recently changed their fiscal dates and another advantage of our waiting is to learn from their mistakes.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR LWVMN

OFFICERS

President: Beverly McKinnell, LWW-St. Paul

lst Vice President Kay Erickson, LWV-MEPH

2nd Vice President Jane McWilliams, LWV-Northfield

3rd Vice President Virginia Sweeny, LWV-Edina

Secretary/Treasurer Corrine McDonald, LWW-Shakopee

DIRECTORS

Elected

Dee Bowman, LWV-Detroit lakes

Anne Borgen, LWV-Golden Valley

Phyllis Brostrom, LWV-Marshall

Marcia Brown, LWV-Rochester

Marcia Garton, LWV-Minneapolis

Rosemary Guttormsson, LWV-Duluth

Peggy Leppik, LWV-Golden Valley

Budget Committee Chair: Bobbi Megard, LWV-St. Paul

Nominating Committee Chair: Polly Keppel, LWV-Minneapolis

Nominating Committee for 1988-89: Peggy Lucas, Chair, Minneapolis; Bobbi Megard, LWVMN Board, St. Paul; Polly Keppel, LWVMN Board, Minneapolis; Nadeen Mutsch, Woodbury/Cottage Grove; Cathy Hegg, Alexandria.

Child care emerges as fringe benefit

By Art Pine Los Angeles Times

workers for the money they spend, child care "may turn out to be the problems in the nation's education most important employee benefit we system and what, if anything, busi-

meeting in Hot Springs last month to

A child-care assistance bill that was considered by Congress this session was pronounced dead by its sponsors Eriday ofter they failed to cut off



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MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Did you use the "If You Don't Have Time to Chat Over the Back Fence" membership brochure?yesno
2. What is your subjective opinion of the brochure?
goodfairpoor
3. Would you like to see any of it changed?yesno If yes, choose as many as you like.
costcolor
textother, please specify
4. Did you use the "Be a Part of It" membership brochure from IWVUS?
yesno .
5. What is your subjective opinion of the brochure?
goodfairpoor
6. Would you like to see any of it changed?yesno If yes, choose as many as you like.
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7. Would your local League purchase both of these?yesno
8. If you were buying one, which would it be?
"Over the Fence" "Be a Part of It"
9. As a membership chair, is there anything else which you need?
yesno
If yes, please specify
League name:
Please return to: Candy Takkunen 1291 Bluff Creek Drive, Chaska, MN 55318
by April 22, 1989.



March 23, 1989

PRESIDENT
Joan Higinbotham

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Geri Joseph, Director Internat'l Program Devel. Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs University of Minnesota

W. Eugene Mayberry, M.D. Chairman Board of Governors Mayo Clinic

Ed Orenstein

Alan C. Page

Ruth Reister

Nina Rothchild Commissioner of Employee Relations State of Minnesota

Arend J. Sandbulte President Minnesota Power Dear Local League President,

The Annual Appeal this year will include a phonathon. This project will be modeled after highly successful phonathons in Illinois and Massachusetts, whose pledges this year exceeded \$80,000.

As in the past, an annual appeal letter asking for general support of the League will be sent to members, non-member contributors and friends of the League. A few weeks after the letter is sent, we will begin calling from several metropolitan and at least one Greater Minnesota site.

Volunteers from local Leagues will make the calls. A local League that sends up to three callers will receive 10% of the amount pledged its callers; Leagues sending four or more callers will receive 15%.

A project director will be hired to be responsible for coordinating the phonathon with the annual appeal and for organizing the phonathon, including planning, staffing, operation and evaluation. The project director job description is included in this mailing.

The phonathon will provide local Leagues a ready-made fundraiser and an opportunity to share more substantially in the proceeds of the annual appeal. By concentrating our efforts on one major project we can cut down on the number of appeals that are sent to our members. It will provide an opportunity to hear our members' comments and concerns, something a letter can never do.

I hope I can count on your participation in the project. If you have any questions or ideas please call. We are in the initial planning stages and would appreciate any suggestions you may have. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kay Erickson

Development Chair

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PHONATHON PROJECT DIRECTOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

LWWNNEF is seeking a project director for the Phonathon segment of the Annual Appeal. The project director will be responsible for: 1) Coordinating the Phonathon with the Annual Appeal mailing; 2) Organizing the Phonathon including planning, staffing, operation, and evaluation. A \$2,000 stipend will be offered.

As in the past, a letter will be sent to members, donors and friends of League soliciting contributions to the Education Fund. The letter will be sent two weeks prior to the Phonathon. During the Phonathon we will call those who have not responded to the letter.

The Annual Appeal Phonathon planning will begin April 1. The first letter will be mailed in September. The Phonathon will be conducted in October and the project concluded January 31.

The project director will be responsible for:

- -- Working with the Development Committee to organize the Annual Appeal/Phonathon,
- -- Locating the sites,
- -- Recruiting and scheduling volunteers (callers and clerical help)
- -- Training volunteers (preparing the script, preparing donor information and pledge forms, refreshments, "how to" information, caller kits),
- -- Planning the follow up (sending pledge reminders, statistics, call backs, thank you's),
- -- Preparing the final report and evaluation.

The project director needs the skills to plan, organize, and carry out a major project; the ability to motivate, recruit and work with volunteers; the capability to improvise and adapt; and a sense of humor.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

TO: Local Leagues

FROM: Mary Santi

DATE: March 22, 1989

My camera and I will be at Convention and available to take pictures of your delegation. Check the Convention agenda in the packet and select a time that will be convenient for you. Fill out the form and return to the state office no later than May 15, 1989.

Remember the local papers love pictures!

LWV of		would	like	to sched	ule a
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SCRAPBOOKS - If your League has one, bring it along to Convention to be put on display.

WARES * * * * DISPLAYS * * * * WARES * * * * DISPLAYS

Have something to display? Convention. There will be advance how much you need.	Have something to sell? Bring it/them to plenty of space for you but we have to know in
Fill out the form and return 1989.	m to the state office no later than May 15,
LWV of	will need
one 8' table	one-half 8' table
for display space	wares sales at Convention.

RIVER RAMBLE AND RECEPTION



The St. Cloud Area League of Women Voters invites everyone attending Convention to join us for a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception at the St. Cloud Civic Center, Minnesota's newest convention place, from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. On the patio overlooking the Mississippi River, you can begin your convention activities by getting acquainted, listening to piano music, planning your strategies and finding companions for your evening meal.

The Civic Center is just a short walk from St. Cloud State University and is in the downtown area where you have a choice of restaurants for dinner. After dinner, a walk along the river leads to beautiful Musinger Gardens with 36,000 blooming plants. Here, refreshing beverages will be served between 8 and 9 p.m. A short walk across University Bridge takes you back to the campus. The cost is \$5 and should be included with your convention registration.

It should be noted that the circle route described here can be driven, as well as walked, and parking is available. Contingency plans will insure that this reception takes place regardless of the weather. Maps and more information will be provided at the convention to those who have preregistered for this event.



March 23, 1989

Sincerely,

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Dear Member-at-Large,

According to the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, Article 8, Sec. 4, b, members-at-large of the LWVMN shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members. A January 1st membership figure is used to establish the number of delegates for each local League. The same is true of MALs. As of January 1st there were 52 state members-at-large, thus entitling you to two delegates to the state Convention. (See Convention packet in this mailing.)

If you are interested in being a delegate, fill out the attached form and return it to the state office by April 25th. If there are more than two candidates, we will arrange the distribution of a ballot to all members at large.

We hope some of you will be able to join us at Convention, if not as a full time delegate, then as a visitor for any portion you wish to attend.

Citizen monitoring of the state's mental health system supplements and enhances official government monitoring. It can:

find and publicize areas of strength
 call attention to deficits in services
 document gaps in services

Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level: A Workbook offers a step-by-step approach to monitoring Minnesota's mental health system. The convenient format allows room to file annual checklists. 168 pages, loose-leaf format.

Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level: A Workbook is the second publication in a two year study of the mental health system in Minnesota undertaken by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund. A 45 page report, Serving Minnesota's Mentally III: An Introduction, was published in April, 1988. It can be ordered for \$4 (plus \$1.50 postage and handling) from LWVMNEF, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.

Who needs

Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level: A Workbook?

*County Commissioners

*County Mental Health Advisory Boards

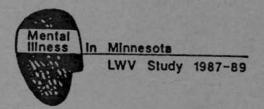
*Consumer Advocates

*Client Families

*Mental Health Professionals

Order from League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund
550 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103 612-224-5445
\$10 each for LWV members, \$15 each for non-members, \$10 each for 5 or more
Postage and handling \$2.25 each

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund 550 Rice Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55103



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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINNESOTA

550 RICE STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55103 PHONE (612) 224-5445

BOARD MEMO

FEBRUARY, 1989

(Eyents as we have them on the calendar in the office.)

February 20 - Clara Ueland Exhibit installed in office 140.50

- CMAL study mailed from state office

21 - BOARD MEMO mailed to LL Presidents and subscribers

22 - Electoral Jury Project meeting, 9:30 a.m.

23 - President's Mailing from state office to LL Presidents and DPM subscribers

24 - Mental Health Monitoring Guide to printer

- 26 Women Come to the Capitol: dinner at St. Paul College Club; "Women in Danger: The Prevention of Sexual Violence Against 77 LT- 11 2.5 Women," 7-9 p.m.
- 27 Women Come to the Capitol, 8 a.m., LWW members meet over box lunches at noon at Christ Lutheran Church

- Capitol Letter #4 mailed from state office

28 - Fundraiser invitation mailing, LWVMN office

- LWVMN News Conference re State of the States Report, 2 p.m., State Office Bldg.

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1 - 4th Quarter PMP Deadline

- Program Recommendations due from LLs

3 - Development Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., LWVMN office

6 - Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 22B, State Capitol

7 - Minnesota VOTER mailed

- 9 MN Women's Bldg. Management Committee, 8:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 14 LWVMN, -EF Board Meetings, 9 a.m. 2 p.m., MN Women's Bldg.

16 - CMAL Quarterly Meeting

21 - BOARD MEMO mailed

- 23 President's Mailing (includes convention registration, proposed program, bylaws, nominations)
- 31 End of LWVMN and LWVMNEF fiscal year 1988-89

April 8 - LWWMNEF Fundraiser, Hotel Sofitel, Bloomington

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to LL presidents; *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers. Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs.)

- -Hope Washburn Nomination Letter and form*/Lucas
- -Proposed Budgets for 1989-90, 1990-91 for LWVMN and LWVMNEF*/Buie
- -PR Award Application form*/Santi
- -LeagueLines/Santi

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- -Voter Service Report form/Leppik
- -Focus Meeting Ideas*/0'Connor
- -Local League Finance Drive*/Erickson
- -Schedule of Humphrey Institute Mental Health Training Workshops*/Johnson
- -County Commissioners Mental Health Awareness Survey #2*/Johnson

BOUQUETS TO

*Diane O'Connor and Jane McWilliams for planning an exciting, informative Focus on Ethics in Government;

*IWV-Rochester for their contribution of \$75 to LWVMN - it was greatly appreciated.

STATE BOARD ACTS

At its February meeting, your state Board acted to:

- .approve the concept of the Electoral Jury (to be considered for approval as an education fund project at the March meeting);
- .approve the LWVMN Budget for 1989-91;
- .approve the request of IWV-Mpls to send a letter and lobby on funding for desegregation in Minneapolis using an IWVMN position to send a letter and lobby on funding to reduce class size in Mpls, using a Mpls position;
- .approve Peggy Lucas as the delegate and Joan Higinbotham as the alternate to the MN Women's Consortium;
- .join the MN Peace and Justice Coalition;
- .approve joining the Mental Health Legislative Coalition;
- .join the Alliance for Commitment to Education;
- .approve the agenda for the 1989 LWVMN Convention;
- .approve Peggy Leppik and Peg Schweitzer as LWVMN lobbyists.

PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

It's still not too late! Women Come to the Capitol (formerly Day on the Hill) begins with registration on Monday, February 27th at 8 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church (University and Park). Pack a car with Leaguers and join with hundreds of women from throughout MN - hear about the hot issues, be part of a march to the Capitol and visit your legislator.

We've shifted from the fall focus on Voter Service to Action now that the legislature is in session. To keep informed, read the <u>Capitol Letter</u> which includes information on specific bills League lobbyists are following as well as background on our program areas.

We hope your League is also prepared to respond to Action Alerts, which are coming to you as bills reach critical points in the legislative process. Our statewide network is the envy of many advocacy organizations and we truly appreciate your immediate responses to Action Alerts. Legislators from Duluth to Worthington and Winona to Moorhead know when the League is interested in an issue.

Annual meeting time is almost upon local Leagues. This is a good time to invite new people to get acquainted with the League - a well-planned meeting with lively discussion of program and an interesting speaker is a great introdution to the League. State board members have also expressed an interest in getting to know local Leaguers better. If you would like to have a state Board member at your meeting, contact the office and we'll try to fill your request.

LWVMN BOARD MEMO - February, 1989 (page 3)

FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

LWVMN Program Planning Deadline: March 1, 1989

<u>Convention '89</u>: Plan to send your full complement of delegates to St. Cloud State University, June 1-2-3, 1989. We plan to begin with a fun filled Thursday evening. St. Cloud LWV reception with food and entertainment and a dinner to thank and spotlight local League presidents. Business will be conducted Friday and Saturday so set aside Thursday evening through Saturday on your calendars.

NEWS FIASH
Convention Banquet Speaker, Friday, June 2, 1989
Reatha Clark King
President and Executive Director
General Mills Foundation

Also plan to send some new League members to partake of the Leadership Development and other workshops that are guaranteed to enhance their personal growth and your local League's pool of talent. Registration forms and details will be mailed in March.

MARKETING (Francis - 612/925-4510)

MARKETING "SOUND BITES": Developing a Strategic Visibility Plan

A. Define and prioritize (assign a relative value) key constituencies. Define "exchange" between the constituent group and the organization.

B. Develop key messages for each constituent group.

C. Establish specific objectives for each constituent group (both long and short term).

D. Define issues that must be resolved to reach objectives.

E. Develop specific communications strategies (consider the best and most cost effective vehicles and don't overlook non-traditional vehicles).

F. Build in measurement and evaluation.

G. Continually monitor and update.

Managing the Media and the Messages in a Crisis

- A. Develop and publish a media policy for the organization. Review it annually.
- B. Designate organization spokespersons in advance.

C. Prepare to respond to the worst.

- D. When caught "off guard," take some time to develop your response.
- E. Formulate key messages that speak to the general public's knowledge or understanding of the situation keep it simple.
- F. Keep in mind that the media and the public know much less than you do about most situations.
- G. Don't duck the tough issues.
- H. Nothing is "off the record".
- I. When you're speaking for the organization, you do not have a personal opinion know the organizational response and stick to it. Don't try to respond to questions you don't have the answers to.

J. Training is encouraged.

From NSFRE Philanthropy Day, 1988

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Santi - 612/426-5151)

<u>PR Award</u>: Application forms for the sixth statewide Public Relations Award is included in the President's mailing. The award will be given to the local League doing the best job on public relations during the past year. Deadline is May 15th.

Scrapbook Display at Convention: Some past entries in the PR Award competition have come in the form of local League scrapbooks, which have then been put on display at Convention. This year at Convention we will provide tables for a display of your local League scrapbooks. I recognize the effort it will take to prepare a scrapbook, but think of the great summary of your activities you will then have for your files, and a great way to show off to other Leagues what you have done. It's also a great way of sharing good ideas among local Leagues.

BULLETIN (Santi - 612/426-5151)

The March 1989 issue of League Lines is included in the president's mailing. Reproduce and include in your local League bulletins.

VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

Please fill out and return the Voter Service report in the President's Mailing. I have radically shortened it to benefit all of us. It is helpful to know what local Leagues are doing so we can share new ideas and experiences. I also want to know how I can best help you. Thank you for your cooperation.

The LWVUS Board recently made voter service (Advocacy for the Voter) a top priority following last fall's debate debacle and upon the advice of consultants. Voter Service has always been important, but now it will be in the spotlight. We should hear more about all this as time progresses. See the most recent Post Board summary from LWVUS.

Some interesting things are happening at the Capitol affecting voter service. Two bills in particular are worth watching: the Handicapped Access Bill, requiring precinct caucuses and party conventions to be accessible to the handicapped and communicatively impaired, and a debate funding bill which would require participation in debates or other forums by candidates accepting public financing and providing funds for the debates. Watch the <u>Capitol Letter</u> for more.

The IWMN Board voted to approve the concept of an electoral jury, to be produced in conjunction with the Jefferson Center. This is a unique method of informing voters about candidates and issues. Scientifically selected panels of citizens would listen to issue discussions presented by candidates (or their advocates) and then evaluate them. You may remember similar Jefferson Center forums on water issues and school based health clinics. We see this as an exciting voter service project which can provide another method for citizens to become informed and involved.

CITIZEN INFORMATION (O'Connor - 612/448-5706)

The Citizens in Action Focus once again proved to be a successful tool to educate citizens in dealing effectively with their government and elected officials. Deborah Nankivell, Director of Common Cause, delivered a wonderful keynote address on "Ethics: A Tool to Build Community". The words used by attendees to describe the speech were "hopeful," and "inspirational". If you were unable to attend the Focus you are still able to benefit from it. The videotape of the keynote and reactor panel is available through the state office. Also on that tape is a segment on "Ethics of Activist and Political Interest Groups" done by Carolyn Hendrixson, former Legislative Coordinator for LWVMN and Randy Nelson, Director of Contextual Studies at Luther Northwestern Seminary. Their workshop was an excellent example of the complexities of working in the legislature in an ethical manner.

This videotape would be excellent to promote discussion on ethics at a unit meeting. If your calendar is already filled for this year remember it when you are doing your planning for next year.

Do you have any ideas out there for Focus topics for next year? We are beginning to plan for next year and would be interested in your input. There will be a list of ideas brought up by state Board members in the President's mailing. We'd like you to add your own and prioritize them and send the list back to me or to the state office.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

Good news! I have been invited to participate in a NATO tour in May. This invitation came through LWVUS and Nancy Neuman. The tour will take us to Brussels, NATO Headquarters, to Bonn and Berlin. The discussions will center on conventional force reductions and burden sharing of NATO costs. If any of you have some thoughts and/or questions for me to take along, please contact me.

At the February LWWNN Board Meeting, the Board voted to join the Minnesota Peace and Justice Coalition. This coalition has about 100 member organizations active in a variety of issues surrounding peace and justice.

Opening at the Tweed Museum of Art at the University of Minnesota-Duluth is an exhibition." Amber Waves of Grain," a 34,000 piece ceramic replica of the U.S. Nuclear Arsenal. The exhibition runs February 14th to April 2nd and is a graphic representation of the numbers of nuclear weapons in our arsenal. The exhibition is on a world tour and this is the only exhibition site in this region.

MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

The mental health study monitoring workbook is going to press! It will first be used in March in a series of Humphrey Institute workshops for which we have helped write the curriculum. If you have members interested in those workshops, exploring county leadership as it impacts mental health policy and program, send names and addresses to the LWVMN office and we will see that they are included in the guest lists for the ten workshops held between March and June, 1989. (See President's Mailing for list of locations and dates.)

We will put the workbooks to even more intensive use next fall, when we will conduct four of our own regional training sessions, teaching LWV members and other interested citizens how to assess and monitor actual programs and services in their county. More on those later.

Right now, to help keep the local fires burning, we are including in the president's mailing a county commissioner's awareness survey #2. You may remember that this time last year someone in your League interviewed a county commissioner about mental health issues in your county. We're asking you to follow up that effort with a second survey to 1) keep in touch with your commissioner and 2) help us assess the effectiveness of our educational effort toward county commissioners. Instructions are included. The deadline for responses is April 1, 1989. Thank you for your grassroots assistance! Future meetings of the Mental Health Committee will focus on education and outreach. Possible topics include: information on Rule 36 facilities, the Children's Mental Health Initiative and a field trip to a Regional Treatment Center. Local Leagues will be informed and invited to participate.

DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

<u>Planned Giving Seminar</u>: We have just been notified by Kenni Friedman of IWVEF Membership and Development Committee that we have won the IWVEF Estate Planning Seminar contest. Last year the national Board offered to underwrite the cost of an Estate Planning Seminar for a state League. The Pennsylvania League won the first seminar. This year we resubmitted our application and won!

Ellen Estes, who is the national League's planned giving consultant, has a broad background in estate planning, and will discuss what people should know about Estate Planning in simple, straightforward, non-technical terms. Her seminar will cover wills, taxes, trusts, saving money by including a charity in estate plans, and will and trust options.

Kirsten Fuchs in the national office informed me that the seminar needs to be held in this fiscal year - by June 30th. Planned Giving is the next step in our assuring our long range financial future. It's something we have wanted to begin for several years. The seminar is a wonderful opportunity to serve our members and friends and make them aware of the many attractive ways they can support the League, now and into the future.

Eastern Europe Tour: We have 13 reservations and some maybe's, so the trip is a "go". There are still places available, however, so if you know someone who is interested in an incredible travel experience have them call Mary Iou Hill, 374-4218. The tour will leave April 29th and return May 14th. Cost per person is \$3,145 including a \$200 contribution to LWVMNEF. They will visit Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Budapest and Prague.

Fundraiser: Now is the time to:

- Start lining up people to fill a table for ten. If you cannot attend maybe you could make sure the invitation is printed in your bulletin and indicate that you will be the contact person. You could also make calls to ask people to attend.
- Solicit items for the auction: pottery, pickles, paintings, candy, condos, cheesecakes, tickets, t-shirts, tours, jewelry, jellies, jets (maybe not the whole jet tickets would be nice). Anything and everything is welcome and needed to make this a successful event.
- Ask the women in your League who work outside the home to solicit tables from their businesses.
- Organize a group of neighbors to come.

The big band sound of "The Execs" (whom we have renamed "summer nights") will entertain us during the evening. The menu will be Cream of Mushroom Soup, Salad Chez Collette, Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce, Potatoes Parisienne, Zucchini and Tomatoes, Chocolate Mousse. Cost will be \$30 pr person. So join us at the Sofitel in Bloomington; it's always a fun evening! Invitations will be mailed to each member on February 28th.

<u>Fundraising Survey</u>: Many thanks to those of you who have turned in your fundraising survey. If you haven't, please complete the form you received last month and return it to the office. (If you didn't get it, please call.) We are hoping to compile the information and share your fundraising ideas with other local Leagues who might be looking for ways to raise money.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE - to plan a finance drive or an activity to put your League "in the black" this fiscal year. You could plan a theater night, progressive dinner, wine and cheese party, spaghetti supper, bridge night, recycling project, bake sale, garage sale, calendar sale, coupon book sale, ad sales in your bulletin, t-shirt sale, raffle, fashion show, luncheon, house tour, used book sale, refreshment sales at a community festival, or whatever your members think would be fun.

A finance drive letter is probably the most common way local Leagues supplement their dues. The finance drive can be extended to businesses in your community, not just members. See the Presdient's mailing for more details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Copier Service in LWVMN office: Beginning April 1, 1989, LWVMN's copier rates will change to a straight 5¢ per copy. Current rates are 7¢ per copy for the first ten copies; 5¢ per copy for 11-25 copies; and 2¢ per copy for copies 26 and over. The current pricing structure reflects costs of copy equipment LWVMN no longer has. The new rate reflects the cost of operating our present equipment.

What To Do with This Mailing

- . Hope Washburn Nomination Info Circulate at Board meeting. Pass to bulletin editor and reprint information. Nominations due to Peggy Lucas by April 15, 1989.
- . Proposed Budgets for LWVMN and LWVMNEF Read, discuss with Convention delegates and keep to bring to Convention June 1, 2, 3.
- . PR Award Info Discuss at Board meeting. Assign one member to complete form and return to Mary Santi, LWVMN office, by May 15, 1989.
- . LeagueLines Pass to your bulletin editor, Reprint in your local Bulletin.
- . Voter Service Report Form Pass to your local League Voter Service chair and complete and return to office by April 15, 1989.
- . Focus Meeting Ideas Discuss at Board or unit meetings. Complete and return to Diane O'Connor or LWVMN office.
- . <u>Local League Finance Drive</u> Pass to Finance chair and <u>use</u>. Great ideas for increasing your fund-raising success.
- . Schedule of Humphrey Institute Mental Health Training Workshops Pass to Mental Health chair. Publicize in bulletin to encourage those interested to participate.
- . County Commissioners Mental Health Awareness Survey #2 Pass to Mental Health chair to arrange interview and and return to LWVMN by April 1, 1989.
- Letter about Fundraiser Pass at Board meeting. Encourage fundraiser participation!



TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Peggy Lucas, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: February 21, 1989

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1989 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

Members of your League are invited to submit nominations for the 1989 Hope Washburn Award for outstanding service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

The award was established in 1956 to honor the service Hope Washburn gave to the St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. It is presented each year at Convention or Council to a Leaguer who has performed outstanding service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. In other words, the nominee could be someone who has been active on the local level or the state or national levels.

Any League member may nominate another member (except those serving on the current state Nominating Committee) who has been active at any level of League. The nominee does not need to be a member of the nominator's League. A member can be renominated by resubmitting her/his name with an update of League activities in the subsequent year or years. In keeping with the policy adopted in 1974, nominating material will be kept for a period of four years (upon request, the material will be returned to the submitter within that time). The task of selecting one outstanding person from all the outstanding nominees is very difficult. Sometimes the choice between the top two candidates is agonizing and the committee strongly recommends that the nominators consider resubmitting names so that these outstanding individuals can be given another consideration.

The Nominating Committee selects two finalists from the list of nominees; then each of the five committee members sends her vote directly to last year's recipient. Only she will know who is to receive the Award before the presentation at Convention in June.

The attached form is for your convenience. It is meant to give you an idea of the information the Nominating Committee believes is essential. If you prefer, you may use your own format. You may nominate more than one person. The deadline for nominations is April 5, 1989. Please send them to Peggy Lucas, Nominating Committee Chair, 4427 Lake Harriet Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55409.

Please read this call for nominations to your Board and publish it in your bulletin to make sure that all members are aware of this important recognition for League service.

Nominating Committee members are: Peggy Lucas, Chair; Nadeen Mutsch, LWV-Woodbury/Cottage Grove; Cathy Hegg, LWV-Alexandria; Polly Keppel, LWV-Minneapolis; and Bobbi Megard, LWV-St. Paul.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1989 HOPE WASHBURN AWARD

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Address:

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To facilitate the public relations efforts involved in announcing Hope Washburn nominees and the eventual winner, it is extremely important for the following information to accompany each nomination:

- .A picture of the nominee
- .A listing of community papers (weekly, daily, employee and/or professional newsletter, radio, TV, etc.)
- .Information on family and/or other anecdotal information. Include information on how long the nominee has lived in the community.

List nominee's League activities and positions held. Plese give approximate dates.

List other community activities:

Please give reasons why this person is nominated.

Your name:

League:

Please return by April 5, 1989 to: Peggy Lucas, LWVMN Nominating Committee Chair 4427 East Lake Harriet Blvd. Minneapolis, MN 55409



LWVMN, LWVMNEF BUDGETS FOR 1989-90, 1990-91

TO: Local League Presidents &

Delegates to 1989 LWVMN Convention

FROM: Joann Buie, LWVMN Budget Chair

DATE: February 21, 1989

STOP! Before you start to read this, make yourself a cup of hot tea, put yourself in a comfortable chair in a cozy warm spot in your house; NOW, take a deep breath and tell yourself that a budget can be interesting, fun to read and can make sense!

Have you wrapped your hand around that warm cup? Okay, let's go - I'll help you.

First, let's remind ourselves of the relationship between the LWVMN Budget and the LWVMN Education Fund Budget. It has taken all of us a long time to get this clearly in our minds.

*The LWVMN Budget is adopted by the <u>delegates</u> at the State Convention. The LWVMN Ed Fund Budget is adopted by <u>LWVMNEF Board of Directors</u> each year.

*The LWVMN Ed Fund OWNS our portion of the Minnesota Women's Building and RENTS space to LWVMN. The Ed Fund pays 60% of the costs; LWVMN pays 40% (#90003).

*The Ed Fund hires NO STAFF, but contracts and pays for services and the expertise of the LWVMN staff (#3001, 3010, 3020, 3030).

*The Ed Fund pays 1/3 of the MN VOTER costs (#07010).

*It is much easier to raise Ed Fund monies than LWVMN monies and, we have learned it is easy to <u>use</u> Ed Fund monies. Those tax deductible dollars pay for Citizen Information and Voter Service programs, our education programs and publications, plus a significant portion of the total operating costs of LWVMN (60% in 1989-90 and 63% in 1990-91). Please refer to #90001 through #90015 in MN Budget and to the total Ed Fund Budget.

Second, I'd like to point out some areas of the MN Budget for you to particularly note. A little background -- your state Board out of <u>deep</u> concern for our slowly declining membership has decided to concentrate on: increasing membership, increasing contacts with local Leagues, and establishing Leagues in new areas. This budget reflects the Board's priorities. How?

*NO PMP RAISE! Please remember this is a two-year budget; your PMP will be based on the January 1989 figures you have sent us. You will not be charged for new members you gain!

*#4010 Membership Incentive - refers to a deduction of dollars equal to the number of members in your LL <u>if</u> your League has a membership campaign that uses these dollars. For instance, a League with 40 members could have \$40 to use for an event, a newspaper ad, a paid speaker, etc. Be creative and begin to plan now.

*#5042 shows \$2,000 for a state membership campaign.

*#s 5021 & 5031 show increases for working with local Leagues.

*Voter printing costs under #7021 show increased costs because we will no longer have the donated typeset and keylining services of our present Voter Editor.

*Salaries and Wages under #900001 are increased. Our staff is long term, committed and excellent. We are asking full time employees to go to a 40 hour work week instead of 35. The budget reflects this increase in time plus well deserved salary increases.

The LWVMN Ed Fund Budget is sent along with the MN Budget to complete the picture of the operations of our state program. Remember, you do not vote on this budget at Convention but your thoughts, questions, suggestions will certainly be welcome.

Now, while you are getting up to warm your tea maybe you could start wondering whether or not it would be prudent for your LL to also budget your Ed Fund monies. Maybe we could include something on this in the budget meeting at state Convention. If you would like that let me or the state office know your wishes.

Now, some numbers to take particular notice of in the Ed Fund Budget are:

- *#0495 We are eliminating the administration fee charged to LLs (more dollars for your budget).
- *#0500 The Annual Appeal this year will be a Phonathon. LLs will share in the earnings; refer to #5008.
- *#1010 New Study monies raised (by the staff Development Director and Study committee members).
- *#1105 Mental Health Monitoring Guide monies raised to assess and monitor mental health programs around the state.
- *#1610 Debates our large Voter Service project for the second year.
- *#1675 Electoral Juries. IWVMN has been asked by the Jefferson

 Center to do a special voter service program. The Center

 would fund most or all of the program.

Only tea leaves left in the bottom of your cup? Please don't read them - fantasy is not involved in the conception of our budget.

QUESTIONS? Call me at home - 612/941-7979.

LWVMN BUDGE	ı	ACTUAL MAR 31, 1988	1987-88 BUDGET	ACTUAL OCT. 31, 1988	1988-89 BUDGET	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 BUDGET
INCOME	MEMBER & PUBLIC SUPPORT						
0400 0402	MEMBERSHIPS -LL PMP MEMBERSHIPS-MAL	44,667.40 1,457.00	46,350 3,000	34,477.29 790.00	46,350 3,800	46,600 2,650	50,130 3,000
0403	MEMBERSHIPS -CMAL ASSESSMENT	275.00	275	300.00	300	300	300
0404	HOPE WASHBURN CONTRIBUTIONS	505.50	0.00	150.00	0.00	1,000	800
0410	CASH FROM MEMBERS & LL'S	2,942.81	1,500	480.00	1,500	775	775
0411	CASH FROM NON MEMBERS	1,300.12	10,700	956.00	14,000	500	500
0420	NON CASH FROM MEMBERS PROVISIONAL/STATE UNITS	2,156.59	3,000	1,086.56	3,100	3,000	3,000
0425 0450	INTEREST INCOME	360.60	375	261.90	575	750	750
	TOTAL MEMB & PUB SUPPORT	53,695.02	65,200	38,501.75	69,625	55,725	59,455
	PROGRAM SERVICES						
	DIRECT SERVICE TO - LL				4.500		
0501	REGIONAL WORKSHOP	4 440 00	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,000	1,000
0502 0503	DPM/BOARD MEMO SUBSCRIPTIONS MEMBERSHIP BROCH SALES	1,110.00 788.14	1,050	810.00	1,100	900	900
0507	HOPE WASHBURN INTEREST	174.30	150	91.93	175	200	200
0307							
	TOTAL DIR SER - LL	2,072.44	2,900	901.93	2,775	2,100	2,100
0600	PUBLICATIONS	304.24	2,000	150.80	1,000	250	250
0700	VOTER SUBSCRIPTIONS	27.17	75	35.00	75	50	75
0710	LWVMNEF CONTRIBUTION: 1/3	1,042.42	400	818.02	400	1,200	1,200
	TOTAL VOTER	1,069.59	475	853.02	475	1,250	1,275
0801	DEL STATE CONV 87/COUNCIL 88	10,309.25	15,500	2,600.00	1,500	13,000	2,500
	ACTION						
0901	WOMEN COME TO THE CAPITOL	561.61	1,000	0.00	1,000	0	0
0902	CAPITOL LETTER	555.00	500	115.00	500	650	650
0903	PROGRAM FOR ACTION/ACTS					2,500	500
	TOTAL ACTION	1,116.61	1,500	115.00	1,500	3,150	1,150
	CITIZEN INFORMATION						
1701	SPEAKERS BUREAU	570.00	500	100.00	500	1.000	1,000
1702	CITIZEN IN ACTION SALES	3,317.39			2,500		
	TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATON	3,887.39	1,500	192.85	3,000	4,000	5,500
	FUND RAISING						
2002	COOKBOOK ADMINISTRATION	0.00	280	0.00	200	0	0
2003	COOKBOOK PROFIT TO LWVMN	1,512.25			2,850	500	0
2004	CONVENTION - AUCTION	1,010.50	2,250		0	1,000	0
2005	ABC REPORTING	0.00	0	0.00	4,000	0	4,000

LWVMN BUDGE		ACTUAL MAR 31, 1988	1987-88 BUDGET 00	ACTUAL CT. 31, 1988	1988-89 BUDGET	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 BUDGET
2010	COPIER SERVICE BUSINESS	1,576.00	1,000	1,061.04	1,200	2,200	1,750
	TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	4,098.75	6,530	1,061.04	8,250	3,700	5,750
	SERVICES PROVIDED LWVMNEF						
3001 3010 3020 3030	ADMINISTRATION LL GRANTS ADMIN. & DEVEL. COSTS GRANTS PROJECT COSTS ADMIN. REIMBURSEMENT		2,000 16,500 28,000	751.26 8,704.53 15,214.23 11,964.54	2,000 18,500 28,950 0.00	2,000 29,250 45,150 11,460	2,400 30,250 49,900 12,380
	TOTAL SER PRO LWVMNEF	67,832.93	46,500	36,634.56	49,450	87,860	94,930
	TOTAL INCOME (INC. EL.ACCTS) ELIMINATED INCOME ACCOUNTS	163,011.22	162,405	81,170.95	156,275	171,035	172,910
2001 2012 0405 0505	FUND RAISING (NOW IN EF) OFFICE RELOCATION REIMB MEMORIALS (NOW IN EF) LL REIMBURSEMENT	14,794.13 3,805.87 25.00	18,500 1,650 0.00 150	135.00 0.00 25.00 0.00	18,500 0 0.00 200	0	0
	TOTAL ELIMINATED INC. ACCOUNTS	18,625.00	20,300	160.00	18,700	0	0
EXPENSES	PROGRAM SERVICES						
4000 4010	DISCOUNT AND BAD DEBTS MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE	796.18	1,000	1,059.70	1,000	1,000	1,000 5,400
5011 5021 5031 5032 5042 5061 5070 5071	DIRECT SERVICE TO LL MEMBERSHIP/FIELD SERVICE COM. LEAGUE CONTACTS - CALLS LEAGUE CONTACTS - VISTS LL CONTACTS/OUTLOOK MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN REGIONAL WORKSHOPS HOPE WASHBURN RESTRICTED FUND HOPE WASHBURN FUND EXPENSE	3.00	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,020 2,000 1,000 1,000 75	1,020 2,000 1,000 800 100
5081 5082 5091	MAL/STATE UNITS AT LARGE PROVISIONAL LEAGUE ALLOCATED OPERATING	79.05 47.96 12,613.82	200 100 17,062	0.00 18.64 7,534.78	100	200 300	200 300
	TOTAL DIRECT SER TO LL	16,178.19	20,012	10,113.24	21,571	7,745	7,570
	PUBLICATIONS PURCHASE SALES & USE TAX ALLOCATED OPERATING	129.65 239.74 1,201.35	100	59.00 9.39 457.91	100	250 350	250 300
	TOTAL PUBLICATIONS	1,570.74	2,966	526.30	1,710	600	550

LWVMN BUD	GET	ACTUAL MAR 31, 1988		ACTUAL DCT. 31, 1988	1988-89 BUDGET	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 BUDGET
	VOTER						
7011	COMMITTEE	22.21	100	0.00	100	150	150
7021	PRINTING	1,821.04	1,850	473.56	1,900	3,750	4,000
7031	POSTAGE	1,076.03	900	626.94	900	077	
7091	ALLOCATED OPERATING	1,158.14		198.82		1,800	2,000
7071	ACCOUNTED OF ENAITING	1,120,14	2,132	170.02	2,221		
	TOTAL VOTER	4,077.42	4,982	1,299.32	5, 121	5,700	6,150
	DELEGATES & AFFILIATIONS						
8011	MN CONVENTION 89, 91	6,296.62	11,500	47.40	150	7,000	150
8021	MN COUNCIL 1990	10.65	0				
8031				1,605.23	1,000	500	1,600
	LWVUS COUNCIL 89/CONV 90	1,806.26	1,800			1,800	2,400
8091	ALLOCATED OPERATING	5,491.86	6,398	2,064.05	3,332		
	TOTAL DELEGTES & AFFIL	13,605.39	19,698	4,563.72	6,882	9,300	4,150
	ACTION/PROGRAM						
9011	CMTE'S(ACT,NR,CJ,SP,ED,GOV,IR)	784.95	1,700	441.96	1,700	DEA	050
9021	LOBBYING & MONITORING	772.92				950	950
			1,150	487.54	950	1,000	1,000
9031	RESOURCE MATERIALS	0.00	25	0.00	25	25	25
9041	COALITIONS & AFFILIATIONS	141.40	225	132.50	225	650	650
9051	WOMEN COME TO THE CAPITOL	280.00	750	0.00	750	250	250
9061	SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/RESOURCES	6.90	0	0.00	0	400	400
9071	PROGRAM FOR ACTION/ACTS					2,000	400
9091	ALLOCATED OPERATING	8,130.78	7,676	1,609.95	6,886		
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	TOTAL ACTION/PROGRAM	10,116.95	11,526	2,671.95	10,536	5,275	3,675
	CITIZEN INFORMATION						
17021	SPEAKERS BUREAU (NEW FLYER)	0.00	250	0.00	^	000	
17031	CIA PUBLICATION	20.00			0	300	0
17091	ALLOCATED OPERATING		0	0.00	1,500	100	100
1/071	HELUCHIED DEEKHIING	396.46	533	68.97	555		
	TOTAL CITIZEN INFORMATION	416.46	783	68.97	2,055	400	100
	ADMINISTRATION						
20000	PRESIDENT & BOARD	2,029.96	2,200	907.80	2,200	2,200	2,500
20001	CONFERENCES FOR BOARD	520.95	800	0.00	800	400	400
20002	LWVUS DPM	525.00	600	0.00	600	600	600
20003	BUDGET COMMITTEE	0.60	60	0.00			
20004	NOMINATING COMMITTEE	44.98			180	50	200
			60	1.50	180	60	200
20005	BYLAWS COMMITTEE	0.00	0	0.00	60	0	60
20006	LONG RANGE PLANNING	0.00	180	7.50	180	180	180
20007	AUDIT EXPENSES	1,575.00	1,800	1,525.00	1,800	1,800	2,000
20008	OFFICE MANAGEMENT	91.90	400	44.93	200	200	200
20009	ALLOCATED OPERATING	26,162.78	19,195	10,725.28	21,660		
20010	RETURN TO RESERVES	0.00	4,000	0.00	4,000	4,000	4,000
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	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	30,951.17	29,295	13,212.01	31,860	9,490	10,340
	DEVELOPMENT/PR/MARKETING						
30001	DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	78.50	75	(66.12)	75	75	75
30006	PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE	0.00	120	230.01	120	250	250
	THE TOTAL VALUE FILE	0100	ILV	200.01	120	230	400

LWVMN BUDGE		MAR 31, 1988		CT. 31, 1988	BUDGET	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 BUDGET
30007 30009	MARKETING COMMITTEE ALLOCATED OPERATING	93.50 881.21	3,200	46.08 156.25	3,332	250	250
	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/PR/MARK	1,053.21	3,995	366.22	4,127	575	575
	FUND RAISING						
40002	COOK BOOK			0.00		0	0
40003	DIRECT MAILINGS	The state of the s	5,900			300	300
40004	CONVENTION AUCTION	268.50	250.00	0.00	0	200	0
40005	ABC PROJECT (ELECTION YRS ONLY	0.00	0	0.00	900		
40009	ALLOCATED OPERATING -	1,462.05	1,279	99.71	1,332		
	TOTAL FUND RAISING	3,896.61	7,709	3,513.72	8,832	500	300
	COPIER SERVICE BUSINESS						
50001	ALLOCATED OPERATING - RELATED	1,293.82	7,000				
	ALLOCATED OP - UNRELATED	462.58	533	178.40	555		
50003	DEPRECIATION-COPIER	0.00		0.00			
	TOTAL COPIER SERVICE	1,756.40	1,599	747.35	1,665	. 0	0
50097	EF ALLOCATED OPERATING	40,001.21	46,500	24,737.47	49,450	0	0
60000	PAYMENT TO LWVUS-PMP-MALS	623.00	1,120	711.83	1,500	1,700	1,800
60001	PAYMENT TO LL-STATE MEMBER	42.00	245	6.00	325	380	400
60009	CONTRIBUTION TO LWVMNEF	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
60010	ALLOCATED OPERATING OFFSET	(99,687.75)	(105,640)	(48,577.19)	(111,080)	0	0
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSE	25,397.18	44,790	15,020.61	35,554	45,365	42,010
	OPERATING EXPENSE						
90001		70,663.27	69,500	43,300.41	72,975	87,980	90,600
90002	PAYROLL TAXES	5,502.29	6,088	3,239.27	6,390	7,500	
90003	DCCUPANCY			3,320.00			
90004	RENTAL & MAINT OF EQUIPMENT						
90005	POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	6,749.67	5,371	5,764.75	5,650	7,000	9,000
90006		8,671.76					
90007	COPIER SUPPLIES, ETC	2,039.03	2,000	1,582.98	2,063	2,500	
90008	TELEPHONE	3,346.05	2,500	1,680.12	2,604		
90009		2,791.79			2,063	2,500	
90010	INSURANCE	891.45			870		
90011	ACCOUNTING SERVICE	528.55		321.70			
90012	BANK CHARGES & MAINT	41.89		0.00			50
90014 90015	EQUIPMENT COMPUTER SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE		520 520		540 541		200 400
		111,842.83					130,900
	TOTAL EXPENSES	146,781.83	162,405	84,034.13	156,275	171,035	172,910

LWVMN BUI	DGET	ACTUAL MAR 31, 1988	1987-88 BUDGET	ACTUAL DCT. 31, 1988	1988-89 BUDGET	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 BUDGET
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	16,229.39	0		0	0	0
	ELIMINATED EXPENSE ACCOUNTS						
5051	MEMBERSHIP/DEV. SUB COMMITTEE	0.00	350	0.00	350	0	
16011	COMMITTEE (NOW IN EF)	9.00	50	0.00	50		
16022	VOTER SERVICE (NOW IN EF)	16.09					
16091	AL OP FOR VS (NOW IN EF)	431.69	0	176.65	666		
17011	COMMITTEE	60.54	0	10.50	0		
20011	GFFICE RELOCATION	3,110.12	2,000	985.34	0.00	0	0
30003	TRAVEL & PARKING	3.00	0	9.30	0	0	0
30008	VIDEO PRODUCTIONS COMM (EF)	0.00	75	0.00	75		
40001	FUNDRAISER (NOW IN EF)	5,874.75	8,500	92.75	8,500	0	0
90013	MISCELLANEOUS FEES	36.63	26	5.75	27	0	0
	TOTAL ELIMINATED EX. ACCOUNTS	9,541.82	11,001	1,280.29	9,668	0	3

		ACTUAL Mar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988	REVISED BUD.88-89	PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
ACCT.#	INCOME	mar . 01, 1700		DEC101, 1700	202100 07	1101 10	1770 71
	LOCAL LEAGUE ACCT ADMIN						
0400	LOCAL LEAGUE DEPOSITS	5,782.14	12,000	9,766.00	13,000	13,000	14,000
0490	INTEREST LL DEPOSITS	301.91	400	255.20	400	400	400
0495	ADMIN FEE LL (ELIMINATE IN 89)	213.86	350	254.44	350	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	6,297.91	12,750	10,275.64	13,750	13,400	14,400
	UNASSIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS						
0500	MEMBERS (ANNUAL APPEAL)	4,139.25	4,000	5,065.00	4,000	16,830	18,000
0505	NON-MEMBERS	740.00	1,050	1,102.00	1,100	1,870	2,000
0506	PASS THRU/PRES (ELIMINATE IN 89)			0.00			
0508	PASS THRU/SEN(ELIMINATE IN 89)			3,500.00			
0510	CORPORATIONS-FOUNDATIONS	20,750.00	15,000	23,135.00	23,000	24,565	24,000
0515	LWVMN	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
0520	INTERST	424.05	200	666.39	200	700	800
0525	MEMBER NON-CASH	1,675.85	1,000	1,707.65	1,000	1,000	1,000
0530	PLANNED GIVING - MEMBERS/NON MEM		0	0.00	0	0	0
0535	FUND RAISER	20,959.46		332.50	7,000	22,000	20,000
0540	TRIP (SOVIET)	2,200.00	3,000	2,300.00	0		
0555	TRIP (NEW)	8,981.82		0.00	3,500	3,500	3,500
0565	BLDG. RENT	0.00		1,920.00	2,900	3,840	4,000
0575	BLDG/CONTRIBUTION		55,000	1,937.84	2,700	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	59,870.43	79,250	41,666.38	42,700	74,305	73,300
	PROGRAM/MISC, PROJECTS						
1000	LEADER.DEV.(FROM DES. FUNDS)	9,500.00	27,500	The state of the s	13,000	12,600	2,300
1005	CITIZEN INFORMATION SERVICE		3,200	0.00	0		
1010	NEW STUDY/GRANTS	8,523.45	8,000	0.00	0	14,000	15,000
1011	NEW STUDY SALES CONFERENCES PUBS					3,200	2,015
	SUBTOTAL	18,023.45	38,700	13,560.00	13,000	29,800	19,315
	MENTAL HEALTH						
1100	SALES/FEES (MGNITORING GUIDE)	0.00	1,000	10,836.59	2,000	1,000	
1105	GRANTS	19,500.00	14,000	3,950.00	14,000	12,500	13,250
	SUBTOTAL	19,500.00	15,000	14,786.59	16,000	13,500	13,250
	SOCIAL POLICY						
1200	INDIANS IN FA-SALES	850.79	4,000	149.17	2,000	2,000	2,000
1210	INDIANS IN MN-ROYALTIES	364.65	300		100	300	300
1220	CHILDREN'S HEALTH/CARE SALES	2,532.91			300	0	0
1225	CHILDREN'S HEALTH/CARE-GRANT	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
1230	HUNGER PASS THRU (ELIM. IN 89)			0.00		0	0
	SUBTOTAL	3,748.35	5,800	596.67	5,400	2,300	2,300
	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS						
1500	WORLD TRADE	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
1505	WDRLD TRADE - GRANT	0.00	0	0.00	0	Ö	0
1510	MISC. PROJECTS	0.00	Ō	7.80	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0	7.80	0	0	0

		ACTUAL Mar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988		PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
	VOTERS SERVICE						
1600	PRIMARY DEBATES	100.00	1,500	0.00	0	0	1,615
1610	DEBATES '90 (GOV.& SEN. GRANTS)		2,000			2,800	32,250
1611	MEM CONTRIB-SEN-DEB MAILING	2,000.00	2,000	2,737.00		0	3,225
	NON MEM-CONTRIB-SEN-DEB MAILING			2,206.00		0	3,225
1612	PASS THRU SEN. DEBATES (EL. IN 89)			2,200.00	3,500		0,000
1615		0.00	0	8,505.69		0	9,200
1620	VOTERS GUIDE - SALES	0.00	0	2,500.00	0,000	0	2,500
1625	VOTERS GUIDE - GRANT	0.00	0	0.00	3,400	0	5,800
1630	ELECTION HOT LINE			4.43	1,000	0	3,225
1640	'90 ELECTION PSAs	0.00	2 000			0	3,663
1650	PRES.DEBATES/ED. (ELIM. IN 89)		3,000	1,205.79		0	
1655	PASS THRU PRES.DEBATES(EL. IN 8			20.00	1,250	0	
1660	PICK A CANDIDATE VIDEO	0.00		20.00			^
1665	PCT CAUCUS SALES	1,054.50		241.00		1,200	0
1670	PCT CAUCUS FLYER-VIDEO DIST	3,645.00	1,000	(95.00)	0	100	0
1675	ELECTORAL JURIES	Va. 22				41,800	0
1680	MISC (STATE FAIR, VOTEMOBLE, ETC	8.00		0.00		0	0
	SUBTOTAL	12,049.10	7,500	32,457.81	41,050	45,900	61,040
	CITIZEN INFORMATION						
1700	FALL FOCUS-MEALS	395.00	500	0.00	500	500	500
1701	FALL FOCUS-ADMISSIONS	927.00	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,400	1,400
1705	FALL FOCUS/GRANTS	500.00	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,900	1,900
1710	SPRING FOCUS - MEALS	47,00	500	1,246.00	500	500	500
1711	SPRING FOCUS - ADMISSIONS	39.00	1,000	957.50	1,000	1,400	1,400
1715	SPRING FOCUS - GRANTS	4,500.00	1,500	(50.00)		1,900	1,900
1720	CIA MEALS	602.00	500	(160.00		500	500
1722	CIA ADMISSIONS	1,104.50	1,000	(160.00)		2,360	2,435
1725	CIA GRANTS	3,900.00	1,400	0.00		2,500	3,000
1740	PUBLICATIONS - AV SALES	98.73	100	0.00		100	100
	SUBTOTAL	12,113.23	9 000	1,833.50	9,000	13,060	13,635
	TOTAL LWVMNEF INCOME			\$115,184.39			
2522	EXPENSES				*********	**********	
	CON LEAGUE BROUEATE						
	LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS	6,759.17	45 000	40 200 40	13 000	13 000	14,000
4000				1,668.64			
4095	LL ADMIN - LWVMN SERVICES	1,/10.30	2,000	1,000.04			
	SUBTOTAL	8,475.55	14,000	11,958.74	15,000	15,300	16,760
	LWVMNEF ADMINISTRATION						
5000	EF BOARD EXPENSE	770.75	1,200	537.87			
5001	CONFERENCES (BOARD)	555.00	800	677.00	800		800
5002	STAFF DEVELOPMENT					800	800
5005	DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES	84.05	250	132.90			250
5007		1,560.16	800	2,328.45	800	5,350	
5008							2,500
5009		.) 1,198.56	0	1,385.06	. 0	2,300	
5010		303.10	300	3,60	0	500	500
5015		0.00	300	0.00	300	300	300
5020		754.72	400	1,255.28	350	500	500

		ACTUAL 34 4000	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC. 24 4000	REVISED	PRO.BUD.	PRO.BUD.
5025	SUBSCRIPTIONS & RESOURCES	Mar. 31,1988 257.00	200	DEC.31,1988 316.00	BUD.88-89 200	1989-90 300	1990-91
5030	LWYMNEF AUDIT	1,400.00	1,200	1,925.00	1,200	2,000	300 2,000
5035	OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	585.55	450	370.31	450	550	600
5040	LWVMN SERVICES UNDESIGNATED	21,986.41	16,500	10, 166.51	16,500	14,000	14,150
5045	PLANNED GIVING EXPENSES	37.20	300	0.00	350	300	300
5050	LWVMN SERVICES	247.06	0	131.48	320		
5055	TOUR EXPENSES	3,458.87	600	2,629.01		1,150	1,150
5060	LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	000	35.94	600	600	600
5065	BLDG. AQUISTION(ELIM. IN 89)	819.39	52,000		^	285	285
5070	LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)	4,047.32	3,000	13,644.96	0	. 0	0
5075	TOUR FUNDRAISER	751.16	3,000	4,181.01	0	0	0
5080	LWVMN SERVICES	507.61		515.67	0	0	0
5085	FUND RAISER			2.35	0	0	7 000
5090	LWVMN SERVICES	5,662.18		297.35	4,000	7,000	7,000
5095	BUILDING RENT (\$801 x 12)	2,227.25		368.20	3,000	3,450	3,450
5096				5,089.13	7,200	9,600	9,600
2070	LWVMN SERVICES			0.00	3,000	3,450	3,450
	SUBTOTAL	47,213.34	78,300	45,993.08	40,200	57,185	57,385
	PROJECTS/DEVELOPMENT						
6000	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	516.99	20,100	6,362.75	8,000	8,000	2,000
6001	LWVMN SERVICES	4,884.15	7,400	2,792.38	5,000	4,600	2,300
6005	1986-87 PROJECTS(ELIMINATE IN 89	ELOSSY AVOCALISM	.,	0.00	2,000	1,000	2,000
6006	LWVMN SERVICES(ELIMINATE IN 89)	0.00		0.00			
6010	CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICES	0.00	500	18.00	100	100	200
6011	LWVMN SERVICES	61.96	2,700	376.43	2,100	5,875	7,450
6020	REG. AGRI. CONF. (ELIM. IN 89)	3,896.66	4,300	249.42	300	0	0
6021	LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)	4,368.30	3,700	165.46	0	Ö	Ö
	SUBTOTAL	13,732.11	38,700	9,964.44	15,500	18,575	11,950
	PROGRAM: MISC, PROJECTS						
10000	PROJECTS	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
10001	LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0	1.15	0	0	0
10010	NEW STUDY			11.2		8,000	9,000
10011	LWVMN SERVICES					9,200	
11000		2,009.87	8.000	5 417 19	9 000	4 500	7 500
11001	LWVMN SERVICES	7,511.29	7,000	6,006.35	6,000	6,900	5,750
	SUBTOTAL	9,521.16	15,000	11,424.69	15,000	30,600	30,300
	SOCIAL POLICY						
12000		9 55	250	2.00	25.0	200	200
12001	LWVMN SERVICES	117.54	250	2.28 33.31			
12002	INDIANS IN MN -SALES TAX			2.98		230	
12005	INDIANS FREE DISTRIB(EL IN 89)		50	40.15	100	150	
12005	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)		50		50	0	0
12020	CHILDREN'S HEALTH/CARE(EL IN 89)			0.00	50	0	0
12021	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)		1,200	2.10	200	0	0
12030		2,203./0	300	110.86	100	0	0
12030	HUNGER PASS THRU(EL IN 89) LWVMN SERVICES(ELIMINATE IN 89)				2,000	0	0
12031	LWYFIN SERVICES (ELININATE IN 89)				1,000	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	3,678.65	2,300	191.68	4,000	680	680

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

	ACTUAL ar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988		PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
15000 WORLD TRADE(ELIMINATE IN 89)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
15001 LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	0.00 32.15	0	0.00	0	0	0
15010 MISC PROJECTS (EL IN 89) 15011 LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	268.66	0	1.34	0	0	0
13011 LWYNN SERVICESTEE IN 677						
SUBTOTAL	300.81	0	1.34	0	0	0
VOTERS SERVICE	40.02	850	0.00	0	0	750
16000 PRIMARY DEBATE	10.92 568.93	650	0.00	ő	0	865
16001 LWVMN SERVICES 16010 DEBATE '90 (TWD DEBATES)	552.20	700	10,170.40	12,000	500	15,000
	3,203.43	1,300	7,950.04	10,900	2,300	17,250
- 1 To 1 T	3,203.43	1,000	3,039.66	10,700	0	3,000
			3,037,00			3,450
	0.00	0	5,977.51	3,500	0	6,000
	0.00	0	1,621.82	2,500	0	2,875
16021 LWVMN SERVICES 16030 ELECTION HOTLINE	0.00	0	2,639.20	1,400	200	3,500
16030 ELECTION NOTETAL 16031 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0	705.81	2,000	1,150	2,300
16040 VOTE '90 PSAs	0.00	0	0.00	500	0	1,500
16041 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	0	0.00	500	0	1,725
16050 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES(EL IN 89)	10.00	1,500	0.00	2,000	0	0
16051 LWYMN SERVICES(ELIM IN 89)	1,012.97	1,500	1,142.66	1,000	0	0
16060 PICK A CAND, VIDEO					200	
16061 LWYMN SERVICES	0.00	0		0	1,150	0
16070 PRECINCT CAUCUS VIDEO	1,700.04	500	7.50	0	500	0
16071 LWVMN SERVICES	3,152.05	500	105.59	0	1,150	0
16075 ELECTORAL JURIES					28,000	0
16076 LWYMN SERVICES					13,800	0
16080 MISC	0.00	0	60.45	0	0	0
16081 LWVMN SERVICES	2,730.73	0	3,840.45	0	6,000	6,000
16090 PASS THRU PRES.DEBATES(EL IN 89)	229.40		743.48	700	0	0
16091 LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	462.53		0.00	550	0	0
16092 PASS THRU SEN.DEB.(EL IN 89)			2,605.05	2,000	0	0
16093 LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)			0.00	1,500	0	0
SUBTOTAL	13,633.20	7,500	40,609.62	41,050	54,950	64,215
CITIZEN INFORMATION				1		
	1,373.91	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000	1,000
			0.07			
17005 FALL FOCUS MEALS			0.00			
17006 LWVMN SERVICES			0.00			60
17010 SPRING FOCUS - MEALS			1,296.00			450
17011 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00		0.00			
17015 SPRING FOCUS - MEETING	62.80	1,000	1,815.67	1,000	3,000	7,000
17016 LWVMN SERVICES			1,232.92	1,300	2,300	450
17020 CIA MEALS	563.50			450		
17021 LWVMN SERVICES	0.00	4 000	0.00 950.80	4 000	1 400	
	2,007.62	1,000	489.11	1,000	7 450	4 025
	2.85		0.00	50	50	50
17040 PUBLICATIONS - AV LIBRARY	2.03	300		300	345	345
17041 LWVMN SERVICES 17045 MN VOTER						
	1,060.20	400		400		

		ACTUAL Mar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988		PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
20000	LWVMNEF RESERVES	0.00	2,550	0.00	500		
	TOTAL LWVMNEF DIRECT EXP	\$108,777.65	168,000	\$126,746.46	140,900	192,265	197,240
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	22,824.82	0	(11,562.07)	0	0	0
=====	LISTING OF SERVICES PROVIDED EF						000 EUD
		ACTUAL Mar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988	REVISED BUD.88-89	PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
04095	LWVMN SERVICES - LL ADM.	1,716.38	2,000	1,668.64	2,000	2,300	2,760
05009	LWVMN SERVICES-DEV.COM.	1,198.56	0	1,385.06	0	2,300	
05040	LWVMN SERVICES UNDESIGNATED-ADM	. 21,986.41	16,500	10,166.51	16,500	O. Contraction	14,150
05050	LWVMN SERVICES-PLANNED GIVING	247.06	0	131.48	0	1,150	1,150
05060	LWVMN SERVICES-TOUR	0.00	0	35.94	0	285	285
05070	LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)		(100)	4,181.01	0	0	0
05080	LWVMN SERVICES-TOUR	507.61	0		0	0	0 0
05090	LWVMN SERVICES-FUND RAISER		0	368.20	3,000		
05096	LWVMN SERVICES-BLDG. RENT	0	0	0	3,000	3,450	3,450
	SUBTOTAL ADM.	30,214.21	19,500	16,270.55	22,500	24,635	24,785
06001	LWVMN SERVICES-LEADERSHIP	4,884.15	7,400	2,792.38	5,000	4,600	2,300
06006	LWVMN SERVICES(ELIMINATE IN 89)	0.00	0			0	0
06011	LWVMN SERVICES-CITIZEN INFOR	61.96		376.43		5,875	7,450
06021	LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)	4,368.30	3,700			0	0
10001	LWVMN SERVICES-PROJECTS	0.00	0	10000	0	0	0
10011	LWVMN SERVICES-NEW STUDY	0	0			9,200	
11001	LWVMN SERVICES-MENTAL HEALTH	7,511.29			6,000		
12001	LWVMN SERVICES-INDIANS	117.54	250			230	230
12006	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	0.00	50		50	0	0
12021	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	2,285.70	300			0	0
12031	LWVMN SERVICES(ELIMINATE IN 89)		0	0		0	0
15001	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0
15011	LWVMN SERVICES(EL IN 89) LWVMN SERVICES-PRIMARY DEBATES	268.66	0	1.34	0	0	865
16001				7,950.04	40,000	2 200	47 250
16011	TMAUM PEKATCEP-DEBHIED					2,300	3,450
16013		0.00	0	0.00 1,621.82 705.81	2 500	0	2 875
16021	LWVMN SERVICES-VOTER'S GUIDE	0.00	0	705.84	2,000	1 150	2,300
16031	LWVMN SERVICES-HOTLINE	0.00	0	0.00	500	0	1,725
16041		0.00	0) 0	0	1,150	0
16051	LUUMN SERVICES (FLIM IN 89)	1.012.97	1.500	1,142,66	1,000	0	0
16071	I WUMN SERVICES-PRECINCT CAUCUS	3,152.05	500	105.59	0	1,150	0
16076	LWVMN SERVICES-ELEC. JURIES	0	0	0	0	13,800	0
16081	LWVMN SERVICES-MISC. VOTER'S SE	ER 2,730.73	(3,840.45	0	6,000	6,000
16091		462.53	0	0.00	550	0	0
16093	LWVMN SERVICES (ELIM. IN 89)	0	() (1,500	0	0.
17001	LWVMN SERVICES-FALL FOCUS	2,660.50	1,500	0.07	1,500	2,300	2,300
17006	LWVMN SERVICES-FALL FOCUS MEAL	5 0.44	50	0.00	50	60	60
17011	LWVMN SERVICES-SF. FOCUS MEALS	0.00	50	0.00	50	60	60
17018	LWVMN SERVICES-SP. FOCUS MEETI	NG 689.94	1,500	1,232.92	1,500	2,300	2,300
17021	LWVMN SERVICES-CIA MEALS	0.00	50	0.00	50	60	60

		ACTUAL Mar. 31,1988	1987-88	ACTUAL DEC.31,1988	REVISED BUD.88-89	PRO.BUD. 1989-90	PRO.BUD. 1990-91
17023	LWVMN SERVICES-CIA MEETING	2,696.60	1,400	489.11	1,400	3,450	4,025
17041	LWVMN SERVICES-PUBLICATIONS AV	6.30	300	0.09	300	345	345
	SUBTOTAL GRANTS PROJECT COSTS	36,682.02	30,200	26,575.84	38,300	60,930	67,395
	TOTAL LWVMN SERVICES	68,612.61	51,700	44,515.03	62,800	87,865	94,940
	RELATIONSHIP TO MINNESOTA BUDGET						
MN3001	ADMINISTRATION LL GRANTS	1,716.38	2,000	1,668.64	2,000	2,000	2,400
MN3010	ADMIN & DEVE COSTS	30,214.21	19,500	16,270.55	22,500	21,422	21,552
MN3020	GRANTS PROJECT COSTS	36,682	30,200	26,576	38,300	52,983	58,604
MN3030	ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT			0		11,461	12,383
	TOTAL SER PROVIDED LWVMNEF	68,612.61	51,700	44,515.03	62,800	87,865	94,940

League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

TO: Local League Presidents and Public Relations Directors

FROM: Mary Santi, LWVMN Public Relations

RE: Annual Public Relations Award

DATE: February 22, 1989

ANNOUNCING THE SIXTH STATEWIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

The LWVMN Board is pleased to announce that a Public Relations Award will be presented to the local League doing the best job on public relations for the year of 1988-89. This award will be presented to the deserving League at Convention '89 amid much pomp and ceremony.

What kinds of activities should you submit? It could be anything - an action campaign, membership drive, get-out-the-vote message - any outreach to your community.

How to win: Fill in the attached form and submit it and any and all media contacts you have throughout the year. Send in news clippings, dates and a brief synopsis of TV/cable appearances, public relations spots, League-written columns, letters to the editor - whatever made your public relations the winner it is. Any original copies you send will be returned.

<u>Send to</u>: Mary Santi, c/o League of Women Voters of Minnesota, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103.

Deadline: May 15, 1989

How will the entries be judged: The entries will be judged on quantity, quality, originality and documented results by a panel of unbiased, unbribable, unpaid judges.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD APPLICATION

EAGUE:	DATE:
escribe Public Relations Activity:	
Purpose of activity - reason it was undertaken:	
Any measurable results from activity:	
Person filling out application:	
Phone number:	

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From the League of Women Voters of Minnesota

February, 1989

Reatha Clark King to be featured speaker at LWVMN Convention

Former Metropolitan State University president and new executive director of the General Mills Foundation Reatha Clark King will be the featured speaker at the biannual LWVMN Convention, June 1-3 at St. Cloud State University. King will address delegates and visitors at the Friday evening banquet. The Hope Washburn Award for distinguished service to the League will also be presented at that time.

King, who was recognized as 1988 Twin Citian of the Year by Twin Cities Magazine, is the daughter of southern sharecroppers and began her education in a one room schoolhouse. She challenged expectations of the times to study chemistry in college instead of home economics, a decision that eventually led her to positions as professor and associate dean at York College, Queens, N.Y.

King took her potential employer aback during her b interview by telling him she and her husband had a new baby who they considered a "special responsibility." Her candor and courage helped her win the job.

Agreeing readily to speak at the convention, King said she admires the League greatly. She will talk about her own inspiring career and about leadership.

LWVMN Convention '89 offers plenty of things to do

While delegates will be involved with adopting program and budgets, there listill be plenty for visitors to do at the LWVMN convention, June 1-3 in St. Cloud. A reception and river walk hosted by the St. Cloud LWV, a party, caucuses, award presentations and a great variety of workshops are open to everyone. Visitors may observe all convention sessions.

LWVMN vice president and convention organizer
Bev McKinnell said she especially invites new members of
local Leagues and members-at-large to come and be a part
f convention. "You don't have to be afraid of coming
alone," she said, "because I plan to have mixers to make sure
people get acquainted with each other."

Convention '89 workshops have something for everyone

Whether you're a brand new member or an experienced hand, workshops being offered at Convention'89 in St. Cloud are bound to appeal to you. Workshops for presidents and other local League board members will give you needed training to perform your portfolio; issue workshops will bring you up to date on current program; and a series of in depth leadership workshops will give you skills you can use in League and on the job. More than a dozen workshops have been suggested.

Some are perennial favorites—like Membership and Parliamentary Procedure. Others zero in on issues, such as Mental Health, Social Policy and Sustainable Agriculture. Presidents will meet with LWVMN president Joan Higinbotham and their counterparts to learn tips and share concerns. Four Leadership Development workshops will center around conflict management, communications and listening, and leadership and personal styles. All promise to be stimulating and enlightening.

Interested? Set aside June 1-3 and then contact your local League president to get in on the fun. Or contact the State Office, 550 Rice St., St. Paul 55103.

Workshops and guide are mental health monitoring tools

The mental health study takes a new direction now that consensus is complete. We now turn to monitoring implementation of services in the counties.

Ten leadership workshops between March and June, jointly sponsored by LWVMN and the Humphrey Institute, will focus on mental health policies and programs. The League will follow these with four workshops of its own in the fall of 1989 to teach members and others how to monitor

and assess mental health programs and services in their own counties.

All workshops will use the new Mental Health Monitoring workbooks just off the press in March. It contains suggested monitoring techniques, specific assessment questions and annual monitoring forms.

ELECTION '88

VOTER SERVICE REPORT

TO: Lo	ocal League Voter Service Chairs/Presidents	
FROM:	Peggy Leppik, LWVMN Voter Service Chair	
RE: Vo	oter Service Report	
DATE:	February, 1989	
Candid	dates' Meetings (Fairs, Debates, etc.)	
1.	. What events did you sponsor?	
2.	. Which offices were covered?	V
3.	. Were any of these events televised, videotaped radio?	d or broadcast on
4.	Did you have any particularly good or bad experience of wisdom for other Leagues?	eriences? Any words
Voter (Guides	
1.	. Did you publish a Voter Guide?Yes	No
	If yes, about how many did you distribute?	
2.	. Did you work with your local newspaper to prod	luce a Voters Guide?
	YesNo	
3.	Did you use the LWVMN Voter Guide?Yes	No
	If yes, in what way?	
4.	Does your local newspaper do an adequate job ovoters about candidates and issues?Yes	
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Req:	str	ati	on

1. Did you have a voter registration drive?

TO: Local League Presidents FROM: Diane O'Connor, Citizen Information Director, 612/448-5706 RE: Possible Focus Topics DATE: February 21, 1989 Following is a list of possible Focus topics for 1989-90. Please go over the list and prioritize your top five choices and return to the State office or to Diane O'Connor, 1405 Valleyview Road, Chaska, MN 55318. Some things to take into consideration are: is it a timely issue? and is it an issue which would have broad appeal to most League members and other citizens and groups? If you have other ideas for Focus topics please add to the list and give a brief explanation of your idea. Gender Fairness in the Courts Minnesota Business Climate School Desegregation Educational Opportunities in Greater MN Court Challenge to School Finance Law; Does Equal Education = Equal Dollars Open School Boundaries _ Living Wills Gun Control Incinerators Post secondary education options in MN, higher educational system in MN _ Other, explain __ Other, explain

Thanks for taking the time to fill this out. We value your ideas!



TO: LL Presidents

FROM: Kay Erickson, Development Chair

RE: Local League Finance Drive

DATE: February 22, 1989

A finance drive letter is probably the most common way local Leagues supplement their dues. The finance drive can be extended to businesses in your community, not just members. If you are planning to send a letter you might consider the following tips:

- 1. Put your greatest effort into those who give the most money (over \$100). They are special and need to be treated that way! You can personalize the letter you are sending. This can be as simple as a note attached to the letter telling them that this is the letter that is being sent and thanking them for their generous support in the past. Or you can add a handwritten P.S. to the letter, or a handwritten note on the reply card. Stamp the reply envelope. Chances are they won't throw the envelope away.
- 2. Plan to make an additional effort to those whose past history shows an above average gift (\$25-\$50-\$75 or more). Use some of the techniques listed above to let them know you know and care about their support.
- 3. Divide the under \$25 givers into two categories, those that give every year and those that give only occasionally. Everyone should get your letter, but you can try some of the personal approaches for your consistent givers depending on your resources and time.
- 4. In your lettr let them know why you need their gift, what activities their contribution will support and how your community is benefited by LWV's presence.
- 5. Make sure you plan well:
 Start 2-3 months ahead
 Set up a timeline
 Develop a budget including costs and income expected
 Evaluate project
 Make a final report
- 6. You can remind them that tax deductible contributions can be made to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota Eduction Fund and will be deposited in your account in that fund. (You will find deposit forms in the "How to Use the Education Fund" booklet.) All you need to do to set up an account is to send in a deposit form and the check. It is often easier to solicit tax deductible contributions.

7. Remember that according to the new tax law you need to state that "contributions are not tax deductible charitable contributions," if not made to the IWMNEF.

Many of these tips are from the national League's Fundraising Sample Kit. It's a terrific resource with information on how to target your donors, fundraising checklists and models for special appeals. "Fundraising Sample Kit Packages" are available from the national office for \$7.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

M / N N E S O T A 550 RICE STREET ST PAUL, MN 55103 PHONE (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO:

Local League Presidents

FROM:

Margit Johnson

SUBJECT:

Humphrey Institute Reflective Leadership Workshops on Mental

Health

DATE:

February 22, 1989

Below is a listing of locations and dates for the ten Humphrey Institute workshops on Mental Health for which LWV helped write the curriculum. Participants in these workshops will receive both Serving Minnesota's Mentally Ill: An Introduction and our brand new Monitoring Mental Health Services at the County Level: A Workbook.

If you have members interested in these workshops, send names and addresses to the LWVMN office and we will see that those interested receive invitations to the ten workshops.

Locations and Dates -

St. Cloud - March 10th
Minneapolis - April 7th
Bemidji - April 13th
Morris - April 21st
Minneapolis - April 28th
Waseca - May 5th
Moorhead - May 12th
Minneapolis - May 19th
Marshall - June 2nd
Virginia - June 6th or 7th or 8th

TO: LL County Commissioner Interviewers

FROM: Margit Johnson, Director, State Mental Health Study

RE: Instructions for County Commisioner's Awareness Survey #2

DATE: February 21, 1989

A year ago you helped our state study with a "pre-test" or awareness survey #1 of a commissioner in your county. You asked that person ten questions to determine how much they were aware of mental health issues in their county.

Since then we have sent them a set of the nine Fact Sheets which summarized the 1987 mental health reform legislation, programs and services, housing options, funding, commitment process, issues of childrens' and adolescents' mental health and quality assurance.

In an effort to partially determine the effectiveness of those Fact Sheets, we are asking that you return to the SAME COMMISSIONER and ask the enclosed nine questions.

Remember, there are no "right" or "wrong" answers; we are simply interested in their level of awareness of mental health issues. And thank you for your continued effort to help with this statewide study!

THREE EASY STEPS TO INTERVIEWING YOUR COMMISSIONER!!

- 1. Find a League member who is willing to spend 45-minutes with your commissioner.
- 2. Have that person make an appointment with a commissioner for a face-to-face interview.*
- 3. Interview the commissioner, type the response and send it to the state IWV office by April 1, 1989, so that we can incorporate the results in our evaluation for our funders.
- *A personal interview has the added benefit of acquainting the commisioner with a League member, a useful connection when the League begins monitoring mental health programs and services at the county level.

Any questions? Call the state office 612/224-5445 or study director Margit Johnson, 507/645-5726. And thank you!

IWVMN Mental Health Study Second Awareness Survey for County Commissioners

Due Date: April 1, 1989

LWVMN, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

Assure the commissioner that these responses are considered anonymous; the first survey, January 1988, and this one are part of the League's evaluation of the statewide education effort. If the commissioner does not know the answer, simply record "NA" for "No Answer".

**Please number each response and submit a typewritten reply.

- 1. Did you receive the nine Fact Sheets about mental health from the Minnesota League of Women Voters?
- 2. What are the 3-4 major features identified in your county mental health plan which you provide for those with mental illness?
- 3. During the past year have more people come to the county for mental health services? If so, approximately how many more?
- 4. During the past year what educational efforts have been made in your county for the public and for consumers of mental health services?
- 5. What are your current social workers' case management loads with those with mental illness? What trend do you see developing in those numbers?
- 6. Where is your nearest regional treatment center (former state hospital)? Where is your nearest acute care hospital unit for inpatient treatment?
- 7. Who is currently chairing your Mental Health Advisory Council? What role have they defined for themselves during the next year?
- 8. How much new mental health funding has come to your county, and how is it being allocated?
- 9. If you had additional funding, what other services/programs would you like your county to provide for those with mental illness?

Name of c	ounty:	10.00		Market St.	
			10000	11990	
Local Lead	gue:				



February 23, 1989

Dear Local League President,

As we shiver through the frigid days of winter we can look forward to the summer days ahead. That summertime feeling will be the theme for this year's LWVMN fundraiser.

We hope that you will help to swell the attendance at what has become a traditional reunion party for Leagues past and present. I have noticed that in past years it has turned out to be a series of mini-reunions for those who were active members and come back to this event to see old friends from their own and other Leagues. Take a table and encourage former members to spend an evening reminiscing.

The fundraiser is a lot of fun for many reasons. Of course, everyone knows that the fundraiser is the only place you can bid for wonderful gourmet Creole dinners, hand knit sweaters - made to your specifications, a week at a vacation home in the Black Hills and many other one of-a-kind items.

Gather your members together for an evening of good conversation, fine food, big band music and incredible shopping opportunities. Hope to see you and a table full of League members at the Sofitel on April 8th.

Sincerely,

Joan Higinbotham

President

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JANUARY

(Events as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- January 17 BOARD MEMO mailed to LL Presidents and subscribers
 - LWVMN Lobbyist Training, 9:30 a.m. noon, at Capitol and MN Women's Bldg.
 - LWVMNEF Budget Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
 - 19 CMAL Quarterly Meeting, MN Women's Bldg., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - President's Mailing from state office to LL Presidents and DPM subscribers
 - 20 Deadline for LWVMNEF Eastern Europe tour
- 23 LWVMN Office Management Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 - 26 CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-noon, LWVMN office
- Mental Health Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Lower Level Small Conference Room, MN Women's Bldg.
 - 31 Capitol Letter mailed to subscribers
- February 1 Deadline for return of corrected Membership printout to LWVUS & LWVMN
 - 2 MWB Management Committee, LWVMNEF office, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 - 6 Action Committee, 9:30 a.m., Capitol
 - 8 Ash Wednesday
 - 13 Grassroots Questionnaire due to LWVMN
- 14 LWVMN, EF Board Meetings
- Spring VOIER Deadline
 - 20 Washington's Birthday observed, LWVMN office open
- 21 Board Memo mailed
- 23 President's Mailing to LL Presidents & DPM subscribers
 - 26-27 Women Come to the Capitol

ENCLOSURES

(Mailed 3rd class to LL Presidents and Duplicate President Mailing (DPM) subscribers; Presidents, please distribute to appropriate portfolio chairs; *denotes mailed to DPM subscribers.)

- -LWV in Action brochures*/McWilliams
- -LWVMN Mental Health Position*/Johnson
- -MN Mental Health Project: Guest List Recommendations/Johnson
- -Fundraising Idea Exchange/Erickson
- -Fundraiser Letter and Donation Form*/Erickson
- -Child Splitting: The Effects of Custody Decisions upon Children*/Keppel
- -State and Local League Bylaws/Francis
- -Farm Women Public Policy Forum*/Higinbotham
- -Action Award Entry Form*/McWilliams
- -Letter from LWV-Iowa President, Jean Meyer/Higinbotham
- -First Call to Convention*/McKinnell
- -League Lines/Santi
- -Summary of Children's Defense Fund Congressional Report Cards/Keppel
- -Citizens in Action handbook flyer*/McWilliams

BOUQUETS TO

*Carolyn Hendrixson, Jane McWilliams and Connie Cameron for producing the new version of our pocket program guide, "LWV in Action";

*Jane McWilliams and Diane O'Connor for their work in carrying out a successful

Citizens in Action Conference;

*Greater Minnesota Board members Dee Bowman, LWV-Detroit Lakes, and Phyllis Brostrom, LWV-Marshall, for braving ice and snow to come to LWVMN Board Meeting;

*Margit Johnson and the Mental Health Committee for their work in developing

the new LWVMN position on mental health.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

At its January meeting your state Board acted to:

.approve the Mental Health Position (enclosed in 3rd class mailing);

.approve as lobbyists for LWVMN the following: Joan Higinbotham, LWV-Mpls; Peggy Leppik, LWV-Golden Valley; Nancy Crippen, LWV-Northern Dakota County; Judy Duffy, LWV-Mahtomedi; Carolyn Hendrixson, LWV-Mpls; Polly Keppel, LWV-Mpls; Jane McWilliams, LWV-Northfield; Linda Peck, LWV-St. Cloud; Virginia Sweeny, LWV-Edina; Susan Saxl, LWV-St. Louis Park.

At its January meeting the LWVMNEF Board acted to:

.eliminate the 5% administrative fee for local League requests to the LWVMN Education Fund.

PRESIDENT (Higinbotham - 612/926-9399)

With sleet and snow all around, it seem too early to look ahead to Convention '89, but now is the time to start making plans to send a large contingent to St. Cloud for our biennial meeting. This is a wonderful way to introduce new board members to their counterparts around the state. It is a way of building enthusiasm and understanding for the League while having a great time with old and new friends. Watch for more details and registration information in forthcoming Board Memos.

Minnesota Rural Futures is holding public policy forums to develop recommendations to improve the economic and social status of farm women and their families. These meetings will be based on the results of the farm women survey sponsored by Minnesota Agri-Women. Forums will be held from 5 to 9 on February 6th in Olivia at Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church and February 7th in Windom at the First United Methodist Church. Two other forums will held on March 6th in Owatonna and April 4th in Alexandria. A registration form will be included in the President's Mailing. For more information about the programs, call Julie Larsen, MN Rural Futures, 507/387-5643. There is no registration fee but there is a \$5 meal charge.

Jean Meyer, president of LWV-Iowa, asks your help in gathering information on investor-owned electric utilities versus municipally owned utilities. If you have information or know of studies on the subject, please contact Jean directly at P.O. Box 1268, Keokuk, Iowa 52632.

You will be hearing more about "Women Come to the Capitol" which is the present incarnation of LWV's Day on the Hill. Please plan to attend and join in this maximum effort (500 people attended last year) to make legislators aware of the

PRESIDENT (cont.)

League and other predominantly women's organizations and the issues with which they are concerned. Pin on a League button and join us on February 26th for an evening dinner and program, and February 27th for a Day at the Capitol.

Thanks to the efforts of Legislative Coordinators past and present, we now have a pocket-sized guide to League program, "LWV in Action". A copy is enclosed in the President's mailing, and more are available for purchase at the state League office.

FIELD SERVICE (McKinnell - 612/646-3690)

Membership Report and corrected printout due to IWWMN February 1, 1989. (You will note that in the Membership Section of the Board Memo a January 15th deadline is given. That is for reporting the <u>number</u> of members to IWWMN.)

Budget, Bylaws, Nominating Committees: Your committees should be meeting now to adequately prepare for your Annual Meeting. If you plan any bylaw changes, please return the LWVMN notification form in this month's Presidents mailing. If your Nominating Committee runs into any difficulties, contact your regional rep.

<u>Convention '89</u>: LWWMN Convention will be held June 1-3 at St. Cloud State University. This year the Board is concentrating on a streamlined business meeting so that we can devote time to exciting issues, workshops and speakers.

Our goal is to have 100% of local Leagues represented at Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network and enjoy League, and bring back your enthusiasm to get your local League year off to a great start!

Regional Rep Calls: Expect to receive a call from your regional rep between now and February 10, 1989. Plan to discuss anything that concerns you. Please tell us about any successes you've had so we can pass them on to other Leagues.

<u>Leadership Development</u>: The Leadership Development workshops were extremely well received. We have trained 240 people so far, and plan to train more at LWVMN Convention '89.

Workshops will be offered to those who have taken the course - a refresher on advanced conflict management as well as workshops for those who are new to League Leadership Development on Communication/Listening; Personal/Leadership Styles and Conflict Management.

Enrollment will be limited so plan to get your Board and members enrolled as soon as you get the Convention Packet!

M E M B E R S H I P (Takkunen - 612/445-4218)

Membership Total Past Due: If you managed to get all your gifts purchased for the holidays on time, and then made all your resolutions by New Year's and then let out a big sigh of relief, let me interrupt you for just a brief moment to remind you that there was one more deadline to meet. Your membership total was due to the LWVMN office by January 15th. This number is very important because it is the number on which your PMP is based. It is also very necessary in order for us to set the LWVMN budget.

MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

<u>Grassroots Questionnaire</u>: In December you should have received a questionnaire from LWVUS concerning ways to strengthen the grassroots level of League. This questionnaire is due February 13th and is crucial for the formation of policy and assistance for you, the local League. Take time at a Board meeting to thoroughly consider the questions and their answers.

LWVUS "Be A Part of It" Membership Recruitment Materials: You were also sent a survey recently asking about your use of the new LWVUS membership materials. Please take time to answer this survey. I will be gathering together a group of membership chairs as a focus group to discuss these materials and our own "Over the fence" materials in late March or April. If you are interested in helping decide what materials we have available, please let me know. It's important that at both the national and state level we receive your feedback Tips on Using LWVUS Materials. In the September Presidents' Mailing you received some of my suggestions for using the LWVUS materials. Attached to the above survey you received additional tips for their use. Be sure to save this sheet and pass it on in your files.

MENTAL HEALTH STUDY (Johnson - 507/645-5726)

First, a resounding thanks to every one of you who participated in the mental health consensus!! Seventy-eight percent of the local Leagues took part, including 26 metro area Leagues and 19 Greater MN Leagues. Close to 900 LWV members pondered each of the nine questions and agreed with all of them but not without a lot of helpful comments and probing questions. The result is the enclosed position on mental health policy. We will be using this position to lobby the Legislature during this session as they consider a variety of mental health care issues. We can also assist local Leagues who want to apply this position to such local concerns as zoning for alternative housing for those with mental illness. Keep us abreast of your use or desired use of this position - it can make a difference!

Not sitting back on our heels, we are drafting a second awareness survey for county commissioners. You may remember that a year ago we asked that you interveiw commissioners to discern how aware they were of mental health issues in their counties. Now that they have received the nine fact sheets and soon, a copy of the LWVMN position on mental health policy and program, we will ask you to return and ask them a few more questions to see if our information has heightened their awareness or understanding. This second awareness survey serves two important fuctions: 1) it keeps you in touch with commissioners and reminds them that someone is interested in their mental health program; and 2) it serves as a measuring device for LWVMNEF as we evaluate our educational efforts and report back to our funders. Look for those surveys mailed directly to you.

Again, thank you for the time and thoughtful effort you and your League devoted to the successful consensus.

A C T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Capitol Letter: Watch for issues on Jan. 10th & 31st, Feb. 21st, March 7th & 28th, April 11th & 25th, May 9th & 23rd (preview - 1/10, Legislative interview report 1-31). It is still possible to subscribe; cost is \$5 for 9 issues.

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ACTION (cont.)

<u>Legislative Interns</u>: We have twelve people who have applied for the 1989 program. The training session is January 17th after which program teams headed by seasoned lobbyists will begin the work of monitoring and influencing the legislative process. I'm delighted at the quality and number of our interns and at the potential the infusion of new energy will have on our lobbying effort.

Legislative Priorities: We'll be working on the following:

Education Focus

- Developments in school funding with special concern for equity and adequacy
- Proposals for desegregation/integration as well as other school district organization issues
- Programs addressing the needs of "at risk students" Social Policy Focus
- Grants for Early Childhood Development Programs for "at risk" preschoolers
- Income withholding for child support on all new court orders statewide
- Increased appropriations for the Child Care Sliding Fee Program Natural Resources
- Ground water as affected by agricultural practices, implementation of Superfund and management of solid waste
- Mental Health
- Children & Adolescents' Mental Health inserting "emotionally disturbed adolescent" in 1987 legislation, funding designations
- Regional Treatment Center legislation; rebuilding some facilities and funding
- Alternative living arrangements housing for mentally ill Government
- Developments in taxation (sales tax, income tax and property tax)

Action Alerts: Because we are a well-informed membership organization, we are a powerful constituency with the ability to have a strong impact on legislative policies. During the session, watch for Action Alerts which will trigger local response to calls from our people on the hill. Local League Presidents will receive this mailing unless they returned a form to the office in December designating another person. Has your calling tree been set up so that your members can be activated?

<u>Women Come to the Capitol</u>: It would be wonderful if we had a delegation from <u>all</u> local Leagues at this event on February 26-27. Last year we were outnumbered by other women's groups. It is a terrific chance to learn about the issues in the morning workshops and luncheon updates, and then to troop to the Capitol and talk with legislators. Urge your members to attend!

Congressional Interviews: Local Leagues who conducted state legislative interviews are being asked to help with the congressional interviews. Presidents will receive a letter with instructions and a questionnaire for conducting the interviews. This is a good opportunity for involving the membership in a national program event. Perhaps you could plan your interview with a reporter present, or at a public meeting. Why not write up an article on the congressman's response and send it to the local paper and radio station? Topics for the interview are arms control, child care, housing and clean air.

Action Award: See the President's mailing for details about the LWVMN Action Award and entry form. This award will be given at State Convention to a particularly impressive local League action campaign.

E D U C A T I O N (McWilliams - 507/645-8423)

Open Enrollment: The Department of Education has a Hotline for information on this program. A videotape is available. Peggy Hunter is the contact person. The number to call is 296-1621 (for metro), 1-800/652-9747 (outstate).

Local School Budgets: This the beginning of the budget process and a key time for LWV to monitor how their local school board is using the portion of the formula called the "categorical reserve". This reserve contains money formerly set aside for such categories as gifted and talented, but now is available to be used at the discretion of the school board. Proponents of the former categorical programs (gifted and talented, elementary arts) ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PROGRAMS MAY BE OVERLOOKED IN THE BUDGET PROCESS.

<u>Legislative Activity</u>: The Action Committee would greatly value hearing how any legislation being considered here in St. Paul would affect your school district. Please let me know. We will try to contact you when and if we know how bills will affect particular schools as well.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Duffy - 612/429-9703)

<u>Great Decisions 1989</u> is sponsored by the MN International Center, American Association of University Women and United Nations Association of MN. These are always a very good series or programs and worth your time to attend. The following is the schedule:

Jan. 26 PERSIAN GULF: REASSESSING THE U.S. ROLE

C. Patrick Quinlan, retired foreign service officer

Feb. 9 LATIN AMERICAN DEBT: LIVING ON BORROWED TIME?

Edward Schuh, Dean, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, U of M

Feb. 23 ARMS AGREEMENTS: TOO LITTLE TOO LATE, OR TOO MUCH TOO SOON?
Nick Hayes, Director, Office of International Programs, Hamline U

Mar. 9 CHINA: REDEFINING THE REVOLUTION

Dr. William O'Brien, Executive Director, Midwest China Center

Mar. 30 FARMERS, FOOD AND THE GLOBAL SUPERMARKET

C. Ford Runge, Director, Center for International Food & Agricultural Policy, U of M

Apr. 13 HORN OF AFRICA: EMPTY CORNUCOPIA?

Daniel Abebe, Director, Office of Intercultural Affairs, Hamline U

May 4 INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC? AN UNWINNABLE WAR?
Tony Bouza, Chief of Police, City of Minneapolis

SOCIAL POLICY (Keppel - 612/823-3389)

The IWVMN joined more than 30 organizations that advocate on behalf of children in the Capitol rotenda to present 1989 New Year's Resolutions for Children on January 9th. The resolutions included a number of League legislative priorities in social policy including child care, child support enforcement and early childhood development programs for "at risk" children.

I hope that your members have had a chance to read the cover story on child care in the December 1988 <u>National Voter</u>. Minnesota LWV receives special attention. All the pictures in the article were taken in Minnesota child care centers.

SOCIAL POLICY (cont.)

Included in the President's Mailing is a copy of an article entitled "Child Splitting" from the Council on Children, Youth & Families, Nov/Dec. 1988 newsletter. It reports on the effects of custody decisions upon children - an issue the MN Legislature may be dealing with this session. Also included are score cards on the voting records of U.S. Senators and Representatives from the Children's Defense Fund.

VOTER SERVICE (Leppik - 612/546-3328)

This is R & R time for local Voter Service Chairs. However, at the state level we are looking at ways to assist voters better in such ways as handicapped access to caucuses and providing information on precinct locations. Keep your eye on the <u>Capitol Letter</u> to see if anything comes to fruition. Also, don't forget to send in your League's Voter Service Award application. The forms were sent out in a previous mailing but if you need another, call or write the LWVMN office.

MARKETING (Francis - 612/925-4510)

<u>Marketing Sound Bites</u>: Visibility for the League: an aid to enhancing support, financial and philosophical. Visibility involves - common sense, understanding our message, who we are trying to reach and why. We need a "match" - their needs, concerns, interests - the League's services.

We are providing education and action needed in the community. The people we ask to help support those things aren't necessarily the people who will use them. Nonprofits depend on persons' good will - "an intangible with a removed benefit". Image is everything for a nonprofit and we must make sure our message is on target.

We need to better understand who we are, our key selling points. Need to be brief as possible - people don't read the mail/info they are bombarded with. Our strategy should be to create a climate that will make the support come to us. That can be accomplished by knowing and understanding the key benefits of the League of Women Voters and communicate them, and to plan and think long-term.

This information is adapted from a presentation Nov. 18, 1988 by Julie Stevens, President, Stevens Communications; Creating and Implementing Communications Plan.

DEVELOPMENT (Erickson - 612/934-2991)

<u>Fundraiser</u>: A fur coat will again be in the fundraiser auction, along with a lithograph, stoneware, pottery, totebags, a lamp, clock, parties, trips and lots more. Entertainment was to have been Connie Evingson and her trio for a repeat performance, but conflicts in her schedule will not permit her to be there. We have lots of ideas for good groups that will be lots of fun.

We still need items for the auction from homemade crafts and goodies to cabins and parties. The auction letter and form are coming in the President's mailing. Some Leagues have printed the donation form in their Voters so individuals who want to contribute can send in the form. Please ask your members to put April 8th on their calendars and plan to bring a table of Leaguers, neighbors and friends.

DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

<u>Ueland Wall and Dedication</u>: Barbara Stuhler and a committee that includes Harriet and Margaret Ueland have been working for months to develop a tribute to Clara Ueland, IWVMN's first president, in the new office. A display featuring pictures and a script by Barbara Stuhler will be installed on the 12 foot wall in the office about February 1st.

A related project to honor past League leaders is also being planned. We are in the process of sending letters to former Minnesota state League presidents, national board members and Hope Washburn recipients asking them for a picture of themselves to use on the opposite wall. If you have contacts with the families of some of these women that we may not know about, please call me or Jean Tews at the state office. The husband of Irene Janski (former LWVMN President and Hope Washburn recipient) made a contribution in her name for this project to honor League leaders.

We have set a tentative date to dedicate our office space and both of the displays for April 18th.

<u>Eastern Europe Tour</u>: The winding streets of Mala Strana with 16th century churches, Budda's Castle Hill with its streets of miniature palaces and mansions, and an excursion to the Danube Bend through the heartland of Hungarian history. You will experience all this and more on this year's League trip.

There are still spots for League's Eastern Europe Tour April 29th to May 14, 1989. Mary Lou Hill will lead this trip to Prague, Budapest, Zagreb, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik. As on our other trips, this tour will emphasize contacts with the people of each contry to provide better understanding of the nations and people with whom we share the world. For more information, call Giny Levy, 612/374-9282, or Mary Lou Hill, 612/374-4218.

Fundraising Idea Survey: You are probably surveyed-out, but please take time for one more, a short one. In the Presidents' Mailing you will find a form asking you to list your fundraising and finance drive ideas. We would like to compile the results so that other Leagues can have an idea of projects that have worked for others. We would also like to know when your events were held so that we can determine the most successful times of the year for fundraisers, and so that we can avoid conflicts in scheduling events. Thank you for your help.

INTERLEAGUE

The Wayzata/Plymouth LWV's local study topic has been the Hennepin County Workhouse. We will be presenting our findings at our general meeting on Saturday, January 21st, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Bank Wayzata, in Wayzata at the corners of Wayzata Blvd. and Lake Street in the lower level community room. Attorney Barry Reed will be participating in the program. Reed has represented former Workhouse immates in lawsuits against Hennepin County.

Wayzata/Plymouth League is producing a live, call-in show about the Hennepin County Workhouse. The show will appear on regional cable Channel 6 on Monday, Feb. 29th from 9-10 p.m. Panelists will include state Senator Jim Ramstad, Hennepin County Commissioner Tad Jude and Harry Lichy, who is the Manager of the Women's section and the Work Release section. We would like to encourage participation from all metro area Leagues. Call Eydie Kargas, 473-8610 for further information.

- In this Duplicate Presidents' mailing you will find a number of useful tools for your use and those of other Board members.
- * IWV IN ACTION BROCHURES (McWilliams) pass to Action Chair. More available at IWVMN office. Consider buying in quantity to use at membership events, etc.
- * LWVMN MENTAL HEALTH POSITION (Johnson) Publicize in bulletin. Put in "Program for Action."
- * MN MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT: GUEST LIST (Johnson) Help the Humphrey Institute Reflective Leadership Program develop a list of names of persons interested in participating in a training session on how to be effective on mental health issues in the local community. Use the guest list recommendation form and return it as soon as possible to the address indicated.
- * FUNDRAISING IDEA EXCHANGE (Erickson) Pass to treasurer or finance chair to complete and return to IWVMN office by Feb. 28.
- * FUNDRAISER LETTER AND DONATION FORM (Erickson) Publicize and ask for suggestions. Return to Anne Borgen (her address is on the donation form) as soon as possible.
- * CHILD SPLITTING: THE EFFECTS OF CUSTODY DECISIONS UPON CHILDREN (Keppel) Pass to Social Policy chair, excerpt in bulletin.
- * STATE AND LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS (Francis) Discuss at Board meeting. Pass to local bylaws chair, and return any suggested changes to LWVMN by Feb. 24, 1989.
- * FARM WOMEN PUBLIC POLICY FORUM (Higinbotham) Pass to those interested in Agriculture study.
- * ACTION AWARD ENTRY FORM (McWilliams) Discuss at Board meeting, write your action project and return to LWVMN by March 31, 1989.
- * LETTER FROM LWV IOWA PRESIDENT (Higinbotham) Ask anyone who might have information to respond directly to LWV Iowa president.
- * FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION (McKinnell) <u>Publicize Convention in bulletin</u> and at Board meeting. Start now to encourage attendance.
- * LEAGUE LINES (Santi) Pass to bulletin editor.
- * SUMMARY OF CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CONGRESSIONAL REPORT CARDS (Keppel) Pass to Social Policy chair, publicize in bulletin.
- * CITIZENS IN ACTION HANDBOOK FLYER (McWilliams) Reprint, distribute to those who might need this handbook. Encourage members to purchase.

MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



INTRODUCTION

The League of Women Voters takes action at all levels of government to secure public policies consistent with League positions. The League reaches its positions through a process of research, study, and member agreement. This brief summary of the program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota highlights the state issues chosen for study and action by Minnesota members. These items together with positions reached through League study at the national level, form the basis for action at the state level.

This brochure is designed to provide every member with a handy reference to League positions. A complete listing of the program of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is contained in the publication, *Program for Action*.

Action DIRECTORY

League of Women Voters of Minnesota 224-5445
To identify your district and legislator: Minnesota Senate Information Office . 296-0504 Minnesota House Information Office 296-2146
To track bills in the Minnesota Legislature: Senate Information Office
For up-to-date legislative committee schedules: Senate Hotline



In Action

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; and that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making.

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

LWVMN supports legislative reform through flexible sessions of adequate length, no increase in size, realistic compensation for legislators, improved procedures for providing information, increased research assistance and fewer committees.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

LWVMN supports a flexible Minnesota multi-tax system with emphasis on maintaining state services through a combination of spending cuts and increased taxation when state funds are short and decreased taxation when there is a budget surplus. LWVMN supports using Minnesota individual income tax as the elastic tax, making rates more progressive when increasing state revenue and lowering rates for all income levels when decreasing state revenue. LWVMN supports property tax reform, the setting of priorities in allocating state funds, state aids to local governments, and more efficient administrative and legislative expenditures.

ELECTION LAW

LWVMN supports improvements in election laws regulating election procedure, voting and school district elections.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

LWVMN supports improvements in election laws regulating campaign practices, specifically comprehensive disclosure of all political campaign contributions and expenditures and reduction in the amount of money spent on campaigns.

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

LWVMN supports the continuation of legislative initiative and compulsory voter referendum on constitutional amendments; opposes most forms of voter initiative and referendum on statutes; opposes recall by voters of members of the Legislature and state constitutional officers; supports strict procedural limits on any process of initiative, referendum or recall.

LWVMN supports equal opportunity in employment, housing, real property, public accommodations, education, and other public services for all persons.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

LWVMN supports ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, services for Indian citizens, adequate funding to enforce antidiscrimination laws, improved procedures for dealing with family violence, adequate staffing and resources for child protection services, access to comprehensive pre-natal and child health care, coordinated public policies and funding to ensure safe, affordable, quality child care, and prevention efforts to lower the rate of teenage pregnancy.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

LWVMN supports public programs for income maintenance and supportive social services, and stricter enforcement of court ordered child support.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

LWVMN supports a judicial system with the capacity to assure a speedy trial and equal justice for all through the establishment of a unified court system, methods to improve judicial quality, procedural reforms that ensure individual rights and access to due process of law, and the development of community alternatives to the judicial system.

LWVMN supports a correctional system responsive to the needs of the individual offender and of society, and sentencing decisions based on circumstances in relation to the crime, the offender and the effect on public safety, made by the judge within the legislative guidelines.

LWVMN supports evaluation of the juvenile justice system, and availability of a complete continuum of services for troubled, delinquent, abused and neglected youth and their families, and maximum effort directed toward finding adequate alternatives to detention, juvenile court processes and institutionalization.

LWVMN supports equal access to a public education for all Minnesota children.

FINANCE

LWVMN supports greater state responsibility for equal educational opportunities through correcting racial imbalance in the schools, adequate funding to make programs of comparable substance available to all, categorical aids for programs for children with special needs, and encouragement of financial efficiencies including reorganization of school districts with extremely low enrollments. LWVMN also supports income tax as the mainstay of school funding, limited local levies for supplemental programs to maintain choice and local accountability, and discontinuation of income tax deduction for costs of private education.

LIBRARY FUNDING

LWVMN supports increased and restructured funding for public libraries including distribution of state and federal funds based on population, area served and tax based to assure equity; fostering sharing of resources; development of regional systems; establishment of libraries in counties where they do not exist.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LWVMN supports improvement in collective bargaining and tenure laws as they apply to K-12 teachers.

LWVMN promotes the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life.

WATER RESOURCES

LWVMN supports statewide, comprehensive planning to protect both ground and surface water, effective governmental coordination, a state water conservation plan, and water-pricing policies which encourage conservation.

AIR QUALITY

LWVMN supports measures to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

LAND USE

LWVMN supports a state land use plan that incorporates local concerns and protection of unique land areas in Minnesota.

SOLID WASTE

LWVMN supports action to reduce generation of solid waste, recycle suitable portions, and ensure safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes. LWVMN supports measures discouraging use of non-returnable beverage containers and research and development of alternatives to sanitary landfills.

MENTAL HEALTH POSITION STATEMENT

Position: IWVMN supports a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents (hereafter referred to as "persons with mental illness"). Priority should be given to persons with acute and/or serious and persistent mental illness. Minnesota public policy and funding should sustain an array of community based services which are available and accessible to persons with mental illness. Administration of that policy should provide clients with appropriate and adequate services.

- -LWVMN supports adequate and consistent funding for services for persons with mental illness. Public funding should be flexible, following the client's needs, yet accountable to the public.
- -LWVMN supports a range of appropriate housing options for persons with mental illness.
- -IWVMN supports a commitment process which ensures prompt and appropriate treatment for persons with mental illness while protecting their civil rights. The commitment process should enable the commitment of persons so gravely disabled by mental illness that they cannot meet their basic human needs.
- -LWVMN supports a coordinated system of quality assurance (including standards, mechanisms to monitor and the ability to take corrective action) for programs and services for persons with mental illness with an emphasis on evaluating outcomes and consumer response.
- -LWVMN supports continuing state financial responsibility for improved intensive treatment programs and adequate living conditions for persons currently served in regional treatment centers.

Approved by the LWVMN Board of Directors, January 10, 1989

MN Mental Health Project

GUEST LIST RECOMMENDATIONS

NAME:
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RETURN FORM TO: Karin Lunde, Reflective Leadership Center 301 - 19th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55455

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Kay Erickson, Development Chair

RE: Fundraising Idea Exchange

DATE: January 17, 1989

Fundraising and finance drives are an important part of local League operation because member dues rarely cover the costs of carrying out all your activities for the year. Most Leagues have some kind of fundraising activity or event, from theater benefits to finance drive letters. Some of these activities are more successful than others. We would like to share your ideas with other local Leagues so that Leagues looking for ways to raise money will know what has worked for others.

If you would be willing to share your fundraising ideas and finance drive information, please fill out the survey below and mail it back to the LWVMNEF office, 550 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55103 by February 28. (Just fold this in thirds and staple. The address is on the back.) We will summarize the results and report back to you.

Please list all the fundraising activities scheduled for your entire fiscal year, 1988-1989.

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Project (describe briefly)	Gross Income	Net Income	Date or time of yr		
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LWVMNEF 550 Rice St. St. Paul, MN 55103

League of Women Voters of MN Education Fund 550 Rice St. St. Paul, MN 55103

January 18, 1939

Dear Local League President,

The annual state fundraiser is April 8, 1989. Each local League and each individual League member can make a difference! Your personal contribution and solicited contributions to the RAFFLE, SILENT and LIVE AUCTIONS will make Fundraiser '89 another successful event!

Could you print the following information in your bulletin to help people with ideas for donations? Thanks to you and your League member for your help.

DID YOU KNOW?

Contributions from local Leagues and individual Leaguers in '88 totaled more than \$6,000. (Several members made more than one contribution.)

Total proceeds from Fundraiser '88 - \$14,000!

NEED AN IDEA FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDRAISER '89

Pottery Crystal Pickles Silver Paintings Sculpture Parties Lamps Greek Embroidery Chinese Wool Throw Russian Needlepoint Cajun Toro Gas Weeder Murder Mystery Hors d'oeuvres for 30 Houseboat Food Dehydrator Book Review Home Baked Rolls Summer Serenade Big Sky Home for one week Brown Bag/Latimer Black Hills Cabin Golf and Bar-b-que Wine, Cheese & Fruit Basket Lucheon and Tour Hand Knit Sweaters Games Stereo Cabinet Tickets 25 lb. Salted Nut Roll Theater Posters Orchestra Rocker Sports Events Cheesecakes 6 lb. Peanut Butter Cup Aprons Antique Phone Jellies Wildlife Quilt Luggage Books Afghans Jewelry T-Shirts Homemade Candy

Please send your donation forms to: Anne Borgen, 1811 Pennsylvania Ave. No., Golden Valley, MN 55427, 612/835-4265.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund

Fundraiser Donation Form

Donated by:	Contact:
Address:	Phone:
City State	Zip
This is a: Business	
League Member Name o	f League:
Friend of LWVMNEF	
ITEM	SERVICE
Please describe:	Please describe:
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Will mail to LWVMNEF office	When? Date:
Will deliver to LWVMNEF office	Time:
Will bring to event:	For how many? Persons:
Must be picked up:	Couples:
Solicited by:	
Name	Address
Phone	Local League

Please fold in thirds and mail to address on back of form.

Anne C. Borgen 1811 Pennsylvania Avenue No. Golden Valley, MN 55427

CHILD SPLITTING

The Effects of Custody Decisions Upon Children

In the Summer of 1988, the California Legislature passed a law reversing its earlier stand that joint legal and physical custody was in the best interests of the child but rather allowing judges, after reviewing all the facts, to decide custody on the basis of the child's best interests. The law now states that "no one particular form of custody is to be presumptive."

California made this change upon the recommendations of a special Family Equity Task Force established to review the effects of custody arrangements upon children. What they found was that in spite of the trauma of divorce, 85 to 90 percent of divorced families "recover" after an initial period of anger, hurt, and confusion. For these families, visitation and child-rearing decisions are made between the parents without the continued involvement of the courts. Parents often adapt their family schedules to meet the changing needs and desires of the growing children. Remarriage by one or both of the parents usually offers additional stability for the children.

However, for the 10 to 15 percent of families that, for a myriad of reasons, remain embroiled in hostility, remarriage may aggravate problems. New spouses can add to the turmoil, frequently viewing the former spouse and children as adversaries and intensifying the already destructive battle where children are used as weapons or pawns by the other parent.

In such situations of conflict, how well do joint custody arrangements work? The conclusion of the Task Force was that joint custody arrangements do not help children. It concluded:

Parents who lack the goodwill, capacity, and ability to cooperate are enabled with a joint custody order to further exacerbate and prolong the damage of divorce upon children.

This conclusion seems to have support from recent research. Studies conducted by the Center for the Family in Transition in Corte Madera, California, found that in amicable divorces, there was no difference in the child's development whether in a joint or sole custody situation. What counted most was the quality of contacts between the divorced parents and the continuity and stability of the home.

A second study by the same group found that joint physical custody was the worst possible arrangement for children in those divorced families where anger and hostility reigned. Whenever divorced parents were angry and bitter, children suffered. They suffered more however, if they were exposed more to the conflict through imposition of joint custody.

Based upon these findings, and based on testimony from many parents and family therapists, the Task Force recommended that California law be clarified to recognize the "best interest of the child as the primary standard for custody awards and that no particular custody arrangement be favored." Recently Judge Doris Huspeni in a concurring opinion with the 1988 Minnesota Court of Appeals decision in Keith v. Keith, wrote "Joint physical custody should be approved by the courts only in those cases where both parents demonstrate...the necessary maturity and objectivity, and, perhaps most important, the sincere dedication and determination...to place the best interest of their child before the individual needs of either the mother or the father." She concluded "If issues of joint physical custody were subjected to such scrutiny, I submit, sadly, that few such custody arrangements would be ordered or recognized."

You Need to Know About the Council and Its Work

by Gretchen Wronka, Chair

Each year the Council hosts several public meetings so that our members can learn more about your concerns. These public gatherings offer a wonderful opportunity to hear at a grass roots level about local programs and needs. They give us a chance to gather support for a statewide children's agenda and to test out new ideas and proposals. These meetings are usually as informal as possible since our purpose is to stimulate conversation rather than to take formal testimony. After an initial greeting and introduction, we ask elected representatives to speak to us about major concerns they have. Then we get down to the serious business of finding out what is going on in the community.

Our first public meeting for 1988 was on the subject of children who are poor and what pressures their families face. We met in Bloomington. Here are a few examples of things that we heard.

On Head Start: "Head Start only serves the poorest of the poor. The average family lives on \$4,000 a year. We serve Head Start families from Bloomington, Richfield, St. Louis Park, Edina, and New Hope. But we are serving only one out of every ten eligible children. Last year, 650 kids did not get into our program even though their parents had gone through all the screening required to place their child. The needs in these suburban communities are just as great as in other parts of the state."

On Housing: "I think that the biggest problem facing the poor right now is housing. Soon all the Section 8

certificates will be turned into market rate complexes. It's an incredible crisis. People can go without food; they can go without medical care; but when you lose your permanent address, it does something to your psyche."

On Energy: "Many parents go through a lot of dislocation each year because of the cold weather shut-off rule. If families do not pay up their utility bills by the first of October, they can lose their utilities. Often then they must move. The family has to find new transportation and schools for the children."

On Hunger: "Bloomington's food shelves are empty at the end of each month. Anyone who thinks that this is rich Bloomington is crazy."

On Foster Care: "Children are in foster care for longer and longer periods. I had a foster care child who was with me for months and months because the mother could not make up her mind if she wanted the child. We need to help teenage parents get parenting skills and to build their selfesteem."

During the next three months, we will be hosting public meetings in Willmar, Winona, and St. Paul on a variety of topics from health care to child care. We hope to have a chance to welcome you. In the meantime, the Council members and staff join me in wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season.

MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES 444 Lafayette Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-3827 Bulk Rate U.S. Postage PAID St. Paul, MN Permit No. 171 TO: Local League Presidents and/or Bylaws Committees

FROM: State League Bylaws Committee

A. Francis, Chair

RE: State and Local League Bylaws

DATE: January 17, 1989

DUE DATE - February 24, 1989

This is a reminder that it is time to review your local Bylaws and the State League Bylaws to determine whether any revisions are needed. Please refer to Pages 12-13 of "In League" (LWVUS) to review the procedures.

Make sure the first three articles of your bylaws conform exactly to the first three bylaws of LWVUS. This is required by LWVUS.

Any proposed changes to local bylaws must be approved by your local League Board.

Forward all proposed changes (approved local/any state) to Anne Francis, Bylaws Committee convener in care of the state office no later than

February 24, 1989 but as soon as possible.

Please use the standard format in submitting your proposed changes:

- a. Quote the entire section that is being revised.
- b. Use parentheses () to indicate deletions.
- c. Underline the new wording/new punctuation/new numbering.
- d. Give the rationale (explanation) for the change(s).

As you review our/your bylaws keep in mind that they deal with fundamentals; they shouldn't deal with details more appropriately spelled out in policies and procedures, such as the dollar amount of M.A.L. dues. Bylaws provide the framework within which an organization operates.

League bylaws reflect the League's purpose and how it operates to further that purpose. Your time and assistance are essential and appreciated.

Minnesota Rural Futures, Inc.

P.O. Box 3367 Mankato, MN 56001 507-387-5643

January 4, 1989

Dear Friend:

Minnesota Rural Futures Inc. (MRF), would like to invite you to attend a public policy forum based on Minnesota farm women. The purpose of this forum is to bring together people, like yourself, with the potential to affect change. Our objective is to develop specific recommendations that can help improve the economic and social status of farm women and their families.

These forums are based on the results of the farm women survey sponsored by Minnesota Agri-Women and conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension Service. This survey will be the basis for examining how current public policies provide barriers to the full participation of farm women in the economy of rural Minnesota.

Minnesota Rural Futures, a statewide educational non-profit organization, is cooperating with numerous agencies throughout southwest Minnesota. MRF received funding from the Southwestern Minnesota Initiative Fund and the Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation for these forums. We will be holding two forums: February 6 - Olivia - Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church and February 7 - Windom - First United Methodist Church. Both forums will run from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. with registration at 4:30. Please attend whichever one is most convenient.

There will be no registration fee. Child care is available. There is a \$5.00 meal charge. If you are able to attend, please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it with your meal fee by January 23. Although we hope you can attend, if you can't, please pass this invitation on to someone else who would be interested.

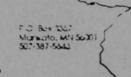
I look forward to the results of these forums. I believe this is an opportunity to work toward change at both a state and local level. Your participation is needed.

Sincerely,

Julie J. Larsen Executive Director

Minnesota Rural Futures

Minnesota Rural Futures, Inc.



Farm Women Public Policy Forum

Please complete this form and return by <u>January 23</u> to: Minnesota Rural Futures, P.O. Box 3367, Mankato, MN 56001.

Name	Daytime Ph. #	
Address		
I am planning to attend the Forum at: Olivia, February 6, 5-9 p.m.	The following agencies are helping to coordinate these Forums: Minnesota Extension Service	
Windom, February 7, 5-9 p.m. The \$5.00 meal fee is included.	✓ Countryside Council ✓ Minnesota Agri-Women ✓ Neighbor-to-Neighbor ✓ First United Methodist Church ✓ Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church.	
Yes, I want child care reimbursement.	These Forums are made possible by grants from the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund and the Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation.	
# of children # of hours We reimburse at \$1.50 / 1 child / hour with a maximum of \$2.25 / hour.	In case of bad weather, listen to your local radio station.	



ACTION AWARD

TO: Local League Presidents and Action Chairs

FROM: Jane McWilliams, LWVMN Action Chair

RE: LWVMN ACTION AWARD

DATE: January 18, 1989

At the State Convention, LWVMN presents an Action Award to a particularly impressive local League action campaign. Winners of the Action Award receive "We know how to act" buttons for every member of their League.

The action campaign may be based on League's principles or positions at the national, state or local level, but it must have been initiated and carried out at the local level. The campaign must have been completed since May 1, 1987. To be eligible, a League must file the attached form at the state office by March 31, 1989. The winner will be determined by a state Board committee chaired by the state Action Chair.

Entries will be judged on:

Planning
Member involvement
Originality
Visibility
Work with others to achieve the goals

Timeliness

Degree of success: Did community attitudes change? Was a law

implemented or stopped? Did you make a difference?

Resource: For information on "How To Do It," see national publication,

ACTION, #161, \$1; also LWVMN publication, CITIZENS IN ACTION,

\$5 (plus \$1.50 postage and handling).

1989 LWVMN ACTION AWARD ENTRY

(Deadline March 31, 1989) (Feel free to attach additional information)

	1.	Brief description of the Action Campaign:	
	2.	Was the action taken under a local, state or national p	oosition or League principle?
	3.	Describe how the plan was carried out:	
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	4.	Duration of campaign:	
	5.	How was the membership involved?	
	6	Percent of members involved:	
	6.	Approximate amount of money spent:	
	7.	Was there a periodic evaluation ? Explain:	
	8.	Summarize the outcome, successes and failures of the ca	ampaign:
	9.	Assessment:	
1	Nam	mme of League	
			Date:

Dear State League Presidents:

I have recently been appointed to a committee which will consider the advisability of purchasing an electric utility to then be run as a municipal utility. I would like to get in touch with any League that has studied the issue of an investor-owned utility versus a municipally-owned utility.

I would be interested in such a study from the point of view of the process involved in the acquisition, the legal process, condemnation proceedings, bonding and financing, public education on the project and the requirements of the Utilities COmmission as far as franchise is concerned. Any other aspect of such a procedure not stated would be a valuable addition.

Could you send me any information you may have on such a study? Could you ask your local Leagues for any information they may have on such a study? I'd be happy to pay for any information received.

I realize the time is not good but I appreciate anything you can do.

Jan Meyer

Jean Meyer, President

League of Women Voters of Iowa

P.O. Box 1268

Keokuk, Iowa 52632

FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

The 53rd State Convention of the

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

will be held on

June 1, 2, 3, 1989

St. Cloud State University

From the Bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII, Convention

Section 1. Place, Date and Call. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. The president shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months before the opening date of the Convention.

Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members enrolled in the local Leagues, and delegates chosen by members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, as provided in Section 4 of this article; the presidents of local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 3. Qualification of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local League in the State of Minnesota. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Convention even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Section 4. Representation. a) The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Minnesota shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows: Each local League shall be entitled to two delegates, in addition to the president of the local League or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend; these additional delegates shall be chosen by the local League. The members in each local League having more than twenty-five members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members as of January 1st of said year shall determine the official membership count for this purpose. b) Members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be entitled to one delegate for each 25 members, chosen by a procedure determined by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a Program, shall elect officers and directors, the Budget Chairperson, Nominating Committee Chairperson and two Nominating Committee members, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall transact such other business as may be properly presented.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention provided that not less than ten local Leagues are represented.

January, 1989

WOMEN COMING TO CAPITOL FEB. 26-7

Hundreds of women from all over Minnesota are expected to converge on the Capitol Feb. 26 and 27 in the annual Women Come to the Capitol, sponsored by the Minnesota Women's Consortium along with LWV, AAUW and Junior League.

Events will begin Sunday, Feb. 26 with a dinner and program at the AAUW St. Paul clubhouse. Speakers will address "Women in Danger: The Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Women." Make reservations by Feb. 21 (with \$10) to the Women's Consortium, 550 Rice St., St. Paul 55103.

A full day of activities at and near the Capitol will begin at 8 Monday, Feb. 27 at Christ a.m. Church across from the Lutheran Capitol on University Ave. Issues of concern to women and children will the focus of workshops and education sessions. Women will march to the Capitol for a press conference at 11:30, followed by lunch and visits with legislators. A box lunch can be reserved with a \$6 check to the Women's Consortium. The will conclude with Marvelous Minnesota Women Awards at 4 p.m.

LWVMN president Joan Higinbotham encourages League members to join in carpools with members of other organizations and to "wear your League button and buttons for the other organizations to which you belong.

EXHIBIT TO HONOR MINNEOSOTA LEAGUE'S FIRST PRESIDENT

Clara Ueland, first President of the LWVMN, will be memorialized in a permanent exhibit being planned for wall of the LWV State Office. storical photos and text will depict Ueland, the suffrage movement and the birth of LWV. Photos of other former LWV leaders are also being gathered for the display.

Ueland, one of Minnesota's most prominent political figures of the time, organized the Minneapolis Equal Suffrage Club and was president of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association, which became LWVMN. Within one year of its founding, LWVMN had a membership of 14,000, a chair in every congressional district, and active chairs in 70 of the state's 86 counties.

The Ueland exhibit is being funded by members of the Ueland family and O.J. Janski, husband of former LWVMN president Irene Janski. Barbara Stuhler is coordinating plans for the exhibit. A reception and dedication ceremony are tentatively scheduled for Apr. 18.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE ON EASTERN EUROPE TOUR

There are still a few spaces available on the LWVMN tour to Eastern Europe. The trip will visit six cities in Yugoslavia, Czechloslovakia and Hungary April 29 to May 14, 1989.

Cities visited will be Prague, Budapest, Zagreb, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik. Visits with local people and groups will be part of the tour.

Cost of the trip is \$3,145. For further information contact tour leader Mary Lou Hill (612-374-4218) or Virginia Levy (612-374-9282). Checks will be accepted on a space-available basis until March 1.

APRIL 8 IS GALA AUCTION/FUNDRAISER

Unique and exciting auction items, including a fur coat, will be on the block at LWVMNEF's April 8 benefit dinner and auction at Hotel Sofitel, Bloomington. Watch for details in a brochure that will be mailed soon to every member.

Summary of Children's Defense Fund Congressional Report Cards

- . The Children's Defense Fund, a children's advocacy group, recently released score cards on the voting records of U.S. Senators and Representatives. Officials were given a percentage rating for the number of times they voted in favor of children. The results for Minnesota: Sen. Dave Durenberger and Rudy Boschwitz (60%); Representatives Martin Sabo, Gerry Sikorski, Bruce Vento, and Jim Oberstar (100%); Rep. Tim Penny (50%); Rep. Arlan Stangeland (40%); Rep. Vin Weber (30%). Bringing up the rear was Rep. Bill Frenzel with 10%.
- . The Children's Defense Fund reports that the median income of American families headed by a person under age 30 was 13.5 percent lower in 1986 than in 1973. The median income for younger families those headed by a person age 20 to 24 was 26 percent lower in 1986 than in 1973.
- . For the second three-month period of 1988, median weekly family income stood at \$597 for all American families: \$616 for white families; \$432 for Black families; and \$447 for Hispanic families.
- . The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program recently announced changes which are designed to save about \$13.5 million statewide over the next 33 months. As a result, 10,500 additional people throughout Minnesota will be served by the program. WIC serves eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under age five by offering free supplemental foods, free nutrition education, and free referrals to health and social services.

For more information call WIC at 348-8885.