



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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*41st Annual
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Awards Presentation*

*1996
Hope Washburn Award
Peggy Thompson Award*



*Mt. Olivet Retreat Center
June 19, 1996*

Members of the 1995-96 Nominating Committee

Sandra Cooper, LWV Eastern Carver County, chair

Harriette Burkhalter, LWV MEPH

Marylyn Deneen, LWV St. Paul

Jeanne Matlock, LWV St. Paul

Judy Covey, LWV Northfield

The Hope Washburn Award

*for Outstanding Service to the League of Women Voters of
Minnesota*

The Hope Washburn Award was established in 1956 to honor the service Hope Washburn gave to the St. Paul and Minnesota Leagues. The award is presented each year at Convention or Council to a Minnesota member who has performed outstanding service to the League of Women Voters. As the first recipient of the award, Hope Washburn wrote letters of congratulations to the subsequent winners until her death.

Any League or League member may nominate another member (except those serving on the current state nominating committee) who has been active at any level of League. Even though service to a local League is service to LWVMN, most Hope Washburn recipients have made significant contributions to League at the state level.

Selection of the winner is made by the nominating committee. Their votes are sent directly to the last year's recipient. Only she will know who is to receive the award before its presentation.

Recipients of the Hope Washburn Award

1956	Miss Hope Washburn	St. Paul
1957	Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves	Rochester
1958	Mrs. Reynold Jensen	Minneapolis
1959	Mrs. Stanley Kane	Golden Valley
1960	Miss Barbara Stuhler	St. Paul
1961	Mrs. Kenneth Sigford	Roseville
1962	Mrs. Frederick Winston	Minneapolis
1963	Mrs. O.J. Janski	Richfield
1964	Mrs. O.H. Anderson	Mahtomedi
1965	Mrs. Gilbert Buffington	Duluth
1966	Miss Hazel Shimmin	Bemidji
1967	Mrs. J Paul McGee	Minneapolis
1968	Mrs. William Whiting	Owatonna
1969	Mrs. Harold Watson	St. Paul
1970	Mrs. Glen Thompson	Fridley
1971	Ann Duff	South Tonka
1972	Mrs. Ralph Ebbott	Mahtomedi
1973	Mrs. James Jenkins	Falcon Heights
1974	Mary Ann McCoy	Minneapolis
1975	Ann Thomas	Westonka
1976	Helene Borg	Westonka
1977	Mary Davies	Moorhead
1978	Henrietta Britton	Bemidji
1979	Karen Anderson	Mtka/E.P./Hopkins
1980	Rosemary Booth	Minneapolis
1981	Harriet Herb	Edina
1982	Mertyce Mayne	St. Paul
1983	Jeanne Crampton	St. Louis Park
1984	Judy Rosenblatt	Roseville
1985	Harriette Burkhalter	Mtka/E.P./Hopkins
1986	Mary Van Evera	Duluth
1987	Joann Buie	Edina
1988	Marjorie Thompson	Freeborn County
1989	Polly Keppel	Minneapolis
1990	Jean Tews	Mahtomedi
1991	Jane McWilliams	Northfield
1992	Sally Sawyer	Minneapolis
1993	Joan Higinbotham	Minneapolis
1994	Beverly McKinnell	St. Paul
1995	Susan Simmonds	Minneapolis

Susan Simmonds

1995 Hope Washburn Award Recipient

Susan Simmonds has been involved with LWV in Connecticut, Seattle, and Minnesota--wherever she has lived. She has contributed through action, leadership, publications, training, fund raising, national conventions and interactions with local Leagues.

She is committed to advocacy and believes the League is at its best in its activist role. She strives to make the most out of the League's positions, and is courageous in pushing the League to take bold stands. She believes in the ability of the League to lead on a number of issues, including campaign finance reform, choice, violence prevention, and children's issues. She is great at working with coalitions and believes the League can maximize its effect by working with other organizations. Susan has been LWVMN Action Chair for the past four years. She has coordinated testimony on many issues at the Legislature and recruited and trained legislative interns. She has put LWVMN in good light with the legislators through an active campaign of education and credibility-building. She is extremely supportive and encouraging of lobbyists, and has committed herself to having League lobbyists who are well-informed and articulate.

She has been editor of the *Capitol Letter* and *How to Make A Difference*. She has also revamped the Citizen in Action conference to make it less expensive to attend, while at the same time making its contents exciting and valuable. At national convention, her leadership and coalition-building skills were utilized and appreciated by other Minnesota delegates in their efforts to get national concurrence on our state position on violence prevention. She has been 2nd Vice President of LWVMN for the past two years.

Using her graduate degree in French, she tutors and substitute teaches French. She serves on the Alliance for Metro Stability Committee and remains an active and valued member of LWV Minneapolis. In the words of a state board colleague, "Susan is always there to do the job no matter how arduous it becomes. She is incredibly reliable, knowledgeable and flexible."

The Peggy Thompson Award
for Outstanding Service to a local League of Women Voters

In 1989, the LWVMN Board of Directors instituted a new award to be presented annually to a local League leader recognizing outstanding service to her local League. The first award was given to Peggy Thompson. Because of Peggy's long commitment to strengthening local Leagues, the award focuses special recognition on League members who by their sustained efforts have been instrumental in strengthening and/or stabilizing their local Leagues and affecting their communities through their enthusiasm, motivation of others and innovative ideas.

Recipients of the Peggy Thompson Award

1989	Peggy Thompson	Mahtomedi
1990	Dorothy Callahan	Rochester
1991	Marylyn Deneen	St. Paul
1992	Margit Johnson	Northfield
1993	Betty Carr	Richfield
1994	Mary Lou Hill	Minneapolis
1995	Diane O'Connor	Eastern Carver County

Diane O'Connor

1995 Peggy Thompson Award Recipient

Diane sets an admirable League example for getting things done. Since joining in 1981, she has tirelessly served at both the board and committee levels. When other League members had family or work crises stopping them from carrying out League responsibilities, Diane consistently pitched in to help with and/or finish jobs. She has been voters service chair, communication chair, local study chair and president. As part of our 1982 National Security and Defense study, she was the outstanding moderator of the issues forum. She obtained a grant to raise public awareness on these issues, and organized 30 different events.

Our League was dedicated to community service when Diane assumed the presidency, but our 73 members had a quiet, low profile. When her term ended, we had 92 members and had made an impact on the community. She was a dynamo, generating energy and excitement for the studies and programs in place. Her gift for public speaking was put to good use. Diane inspired us to become more active and donate more time. People enjoy working with her. She got 25 members data processing instruction in order to compile data from our local study on childrens' attitudes toward sexuality and pregnancy. Our study on female self-esteem produced the **Patterns of Risk** publication, as well as changes in the curriculum in the Chaska schools. Requests for presentations of the material are still being received. The goal of empowerment of young women has already achieved a large measure of success.

Diane has a knack for innovative thinking, she involves many people, she delegates tasks, she seeks input, and she shares credit for accomplishments. She is positive, friendly, intelligent and energetic. She communicates enthusiasm and certainly has demonstrated her staying power. Diane is a rare and precious asset to the LWV as well as the Chaska community.

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We know that you are planning for the year ahead just as we are. This retreat will be an opportunity for the whole League in Minnesota to share ideas and information.

The afternoon will begin with lunch at which the Peggy Thompson and Hope Washburn awards will be given. A brief council meeting will follow for which each local league is entitled to two delegates. The rest of the afternoon will be used for discussion about the coming year.

We hope this afternoon will be both useful and fun for all of us. There will be no charge to your league. Please come as our guests. An agenda, registration form and map are enclosed. Call 1-800-663-9328 if you have questions.

RSVP to LWV MN by June 5



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 1996
TO: Board Members
FROM: Anne Borgen
RE: Retreat

**Remember to plan your handouts for the June 19th Retreat
with local Leagues!**

If you need assistance, allow time for the office to prepare them.

Registration for LWVMN State Council and Leadership Retreat

Wednesday, June 19, 1996

12:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Mount Olivet Retreat Center
7984 257th Street W
Farmington

The retreat was not planned with council in mind, but we will add it in a very brief amount of time. You will receive a council packet when you arrive. Each league is entitled to two delegates. There will be no charges at all for lunch and the afternoon sessions.

The State Board members welcome you to join us for dinner and the evening activities as well. Dinner reservations can be made for \$12.00 per person. If you are able to stay for dinner, please write Dinner on the response form below and enclose a check for that amount.

Please return to the State Office by June 5

LWV of _____

Names attending:

1) _____

2) _____

Minneapolis

This map is not proportionate.

St. Paul

Follow I-35 north to Cty Rd 2 (Exit 76) turn right on Cty Rd 2 to the first stop sign, turn right for ½ mile, at which time you will see a church on your left, turn left at the church and follow the signs for 3½ miles to the Retreat Center.



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Follow Cedar Ave. (Dakota County Hwy 23) north of Northfield to 250th St. (Dakota County 80 - which is 3.3 miles north of Hwy 86), turn left for one mile then turn left for .7 miles and then turn left once again for ½ mile to the Retreat Center.

7984 - 257th Street West, Farmington, MN 55024 (612)469-2175

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by

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota

May 20, 1995

Kay Erickson, President



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OF WOMEN VOTERS**
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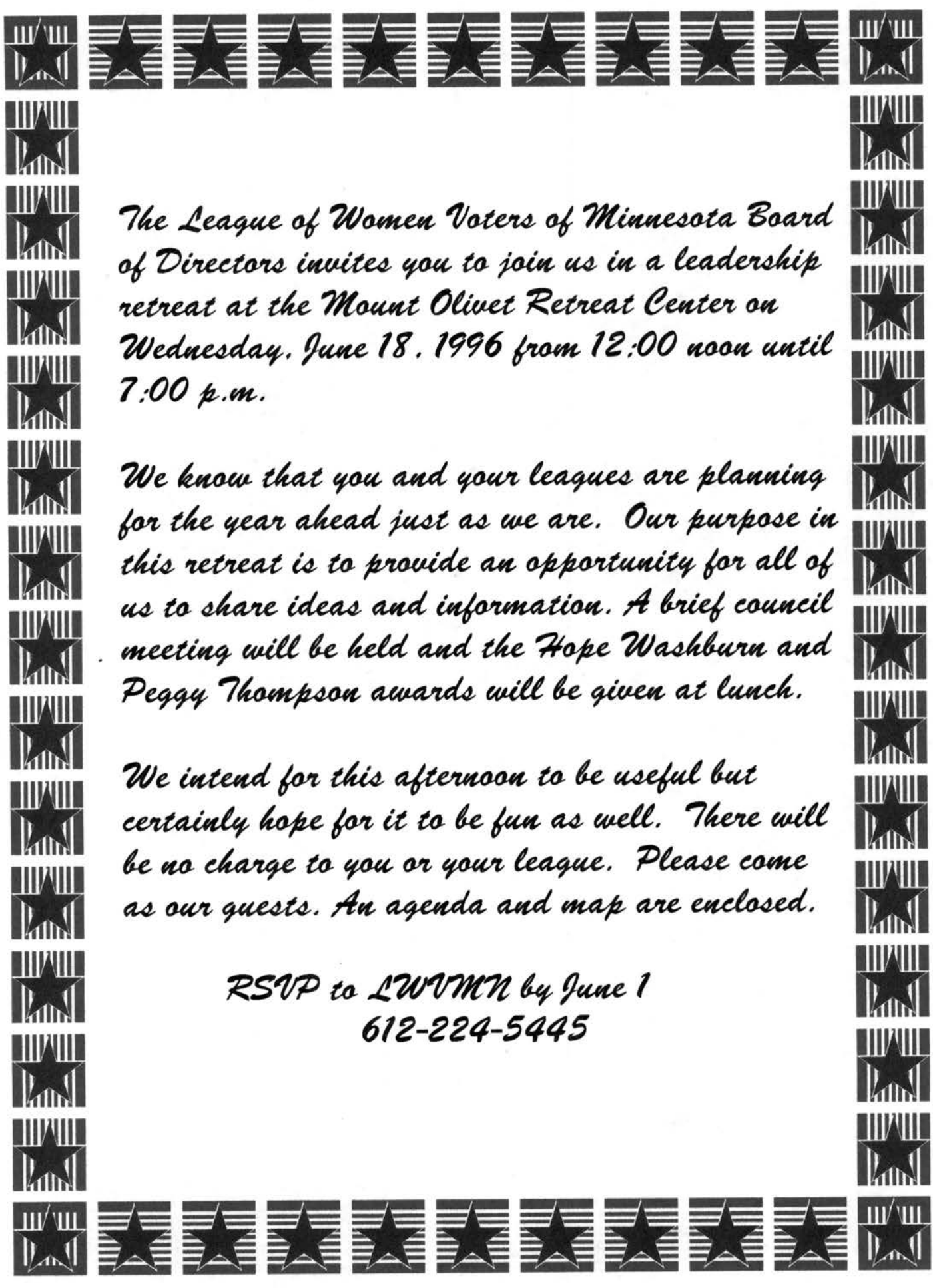
*for outstanding service to her local League and Community, and
for proving instrumental in strengthening and stabilizing her
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by
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Break

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72.00 per member

LWVMN Board Retreat 1996

The dates and place suggested by the Member Resources Committee for a planning retreat this spring are:

The Mount Olivet Retreat Center

Tuesday and Wednesday, June ~~17~~ and 18 + 19

Please indicate if you will be able to attend on the lines below. If you cannot, please give a better time for you. The member resources committee tried to find a time after the Convention in Chicago so that we know what the national league plans are, before too many of us leave for vacations, and in time for local leagues to do their calendar planning. We hope to invite local league presidents to participate in a portion of the retreat - to provide them with an opportunity to talk with each other and with us about the coming year.

1. Judy Coney - ok
2. Uma Dwyer ok
3. Judy Dwyer not ok - (June 24-25 ok)
4. Kay Erickson ok
5. Barbara Floriger prob ok
6. Joanne Mattel - ok
7. Sally Gibson probably ok
8. Mary Dinnun OK
9. Karen Young OK
10. Linda Saterum - OK
11. Cindy Bequist - not OK
12. Carolyn Cushing - O.K.
13. Carol Frisch - ok
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____

To: LWVMN Board Members
From: Jeanne Matlock
Subject: RETREAT PLANNING
Date: 5/ 20/ 1996

From 1:45 to 4:00 on June 19, LWVMN Board members will present their portfolio information planning to the Local League presidents / members. Our purpose is not "this is what we do", but rather how can we work most effectively together to accomplish our joint mission as the League in Minnesota.

The format will be to make a brief statement regarding your portfolio as it relates to LL planning. If you have an appropriate handout, it would be great to use it here. The remaining time allotted to each Board member will be used for questions and answers.

Our individual time allotment is very short. I will have the task of timing and keeping us all on schedule. The following will be the order of presentation. (I know the time doesn't add up - but I'll work it out!!)

1.	President	Borgen	10 minutes
2.	State Study	Berquist	15
3.	Voter Service	Borgen	15
4.	Curriculum	Covey	10
5.	Century 2000	Erickson	10
6.	Program	Nelson / Dinneen	10

Break

7.	The Voter	Cushing	10
8.	Development	Thompson	10
9.	Action	Frisch	10
10.	Technology	Gibson	10
11.	Member Service	Matlock	10
12.	Field Service	Satorius	10

LWVMN

550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

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To: LWVMN Board
From: Anne Borgen
Subject: Board Retreat on June 6 & 7
Date: 5/23/95

BOARD RETREAT NOTICE

Tuesday and Wednesday
June 6 and 7
1pm - 3pm
Mount Olivet Retreat Center

Welcome to the 1995-97 LWVMN Board! Thank you for accepting the privilege and the responsibility to lead this organization for the next two years. The purpose of the retreat is to help us forge an effective team ready to meet the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Our major task will be to decide our goals for the next two years and to define our roles in meeting them. We will also hold brief board meetings - discuss office procedures and the board/staff relationship and expectations - make calendar decisions - get to know one another better. I am confident that we will also have a good time. One of the best kept secrets about League is that we have fun together even as we tackle serious issues.

For those who have not been there, the Mount Olivet Retreat Center is south of the metro area in a pleasant rural setting near Northfield - a map is included. LWVMN covers all of the costs. Meetings and meals (dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages) are in the conference center. Double rooms with a private bath and air conditioning are in a building next door. There are paths for walking and a pool. Dress is casual and comfortable.

We can check in as early as 1:00 pm on Tuesday and will begin our meetings at 2:00. Please note the time change from the 3:00 pm in your earlier memo. This gives us just a little more time together without additional cost. We will end promptly at 3:00 pm on Wednesday. Please come to the desk of the conference center when you arrive to check in and pick up a room key. Please call the office to let Sally know if you do not plan to be there the whole time so that we can give the Retreat Center an exact count for meals and lodging.

The board meeting agenda will be provided at the time of the retreat. If you need time on the agenda, please return the request at once or call Sally with that information.

Board meeting days and times will need some creative thinking to meet the needs of everyone as best we can. Please bring your calendar and as much flexibility as you can muster. This decision is always a challenge.

Please bring the description of your board portfolio with you to the retreat. Some of you have already made comments and suggestions about ways to improve or change the job. I hope that the rest of you will think about yours in the next few days and jot down your comments. Is the description clear; does it match your interests and skills (expertise is not necessary - we have great staff support and mutual board support); do you have questions about your responsibilities?

After setting our goals and priorities for the next two years, we need to look at how we, as the board, will meet them. Our portfolios should work both individually and collectively toward accomplishing those goals. Committees are one way of insuring that information is shared and efforts are coordinated. I'll have some suggestions for a place to start. Since some of the portfolios are new ones, a couple of them still not filled, and the future always holds surprises, revisions may be needed as time goes by.

I really look forward to this opportunity to get together for the first time and to working with you for the next two years. It is my hope that we can not only carry out our state activities, but provide assistance and transmit enthusiasm to and between local leagues so that this organization may continue to serve its communities for many years to come.

Enclosed:

Board List

Request for time on the board meeting agenda

General background information for the board

LWVMN MEMO

TO: Board members

FROM: Anne and Sally

RE: Retreat Planning and Calendar for 1996-97

DATE: 4-19-96

Borgen, Matlock and Young met last week to discuss this first draft of the agenda for the June ^{19, 20}~~18-19~~ Retreat. (Enclosed)

It is an ambitious agenda, but we will accomplish many things in a short time - maybe even have some fun too! This will be our only board meeting until August.

Sally and I have four requests:

1. During the time between now and then please do some thinking about the goals we set as a board last year. How have we done? How could we improve? Do we want to alter, add or drop any goals and plans?
2. Please think about your own portfolios as well ... both for your reports to the local presidents and to evaluate successes and problems this year. What needs to be changed? What worked especially well? Does the board as a whole provide support for the work in your area? How can we improve?
3. Let Sally know ASAP what dates and events should be included from your area on the preliminary planning calendar - even if they are not final at this time. We want to have this ready to give the local leagues for their calendar planning.
4. Is the current board meeting time still okay with you? It has been the second Thursday of the month from 10 AM to 2PM. This is another please let us know as soon as possible so we can work on the calendr.

P.S.

Wasn't the Focus great? Bouquets are definitely in order for Cindy and her committee for the quality of the speakers and information and to Jan for the fine arrangements. It was just the kind of day that keeps us glad to be Leaguers! Thanks so much.

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Borgen et al.

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that have implications for local league planning ... general theme
"How can we most effectively work together to accomplish our
joint mission as the League in Minnesota? Matlock will preside.
Time is very short but each of us needs to allow time for questions.**

Break

4:15 - 5:30 Leadership activity for everyone Discussion Young

Break

5:45 - 6:45 Dinner and social hour

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1:45 - 2:30 LWVMN and local leagues discuss plans of LWVMN portfolios which have implications for local league planning.

Matlock

The emphasis will be on how we can most effectively work together to accomplish our joint mission as the League in Minnesota.

The scheduled order of presentation is on the back of this schedule.

2:30 - 2:45 *Break*

2:45 - 4:00 Continued portfolio discussions

Matlock

4:00 - 4:15 *Break*

4:15 - 5:00 Discussion session for local leagues on topics of mutual concern and interest. State Board members will be available, but this is your session. We can form subgroups by location as for Congressional Debates ... by interest as in joint program .. or hold a general discussion.

Borgen

5:00 - 5:45 Leadership activity/discussion for LWVMN Board and local leagues

Young

- 5:45 - 6:00 *Break*
- 6:00 Dinner - optional for local leagues ... a few are staying
- 7:00 - 9:00 Social / activity time (local presidents welcome to stay)

THURSDAY June 20

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 11:50 LWVMN and LWVMNEF Board meetings
- 12:00 Adjournment and lunchlunch was added to say thanks and send you off ready for the rest of your day - good idea from Peggy Thompson.

<i>LWVMN Board Presentations</i>	<i>Wednesday afternoon</i>	<i>Matlock</i>
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***BRIEF** statement of portfolios as they relate to local league planning ..leave most of your time for questions...give.handouts if you have them. This is not "what we do", but how we can work together. As a state board we will want to come away with ideas of what the local leagues want or need from us in the future.*

Those of you who do not have presentations are encouraged to listen and to join the discussion. Presenters can certainly take some breaks during these two sessions.

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|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| 1.President | Borgen | 10" |
| 2.State Study | Berquist | 15" |
| 3.Voter Service | Borgen & McCoy | 15" |
| 4. Curriculum | Covey | 10" |
| 5. Century 2000 | Erickson | 10" |
| 6. Program | Nelson & Dinneen | 10" |

Break

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|--------------------|---------------|-----|
| 7. Voter | Cushing | 10" |
| 8. Development | Thompson-Walz | 10" |
| 9. Action | Frisch | 10" |
| 10. Technology | Gibson | 10" |
| 11. Member Service | Matlock | 10" |

LWVMN and Local League Leadership Retreat Evaluation 36 responses

To help us plan future events, we would appreciate your feedback about this event. Please complete this form and leave it on the chair/table near the door as you leave. Thank you for your help!

1. Did the retreat provide information that will be useful to your League?

Very useful

(20)

Somewhat useful

(7)

Not useful at all

(0)

SUGGESTIONS:

2. Regarding the retreat, was:

time of day

☐ convenient

(35)

☐ too early

(1)

☐ too late

(0)

location

☐ easy to find

(30)

☐ difficult to find

(5)

☐ too far

(0)

facility

☐ comfortable/adequate

(33)

okay

(1)

☐ not comfortable/adequate

(0)

meal

☐ good

(24)

☐ average

(8)

☐ poor

(0)

SUGGESTIONS:

3. Please rate the following event components:

advance notice/description

☐ effective

(30)

☐ somewhat effective

(3)

☐ not effective

(0)

registration system

☐ effective

(33)

☐ somewhat effective

(0)

☐ not effective

(0)

Portfolio discussion

☐ effective

(29)

☐ somewhat effective

(5)

☐ not valuable

(0)

Leadership activity

☐ effective

(17)

☐ somewhat effective

(10)

☐ not valuable

(0)

opportunity for interaction

☐ effective

(23)

☐ somewhat effective

(9)

☐ not valuable

(0)

visual aids

☐ effective

(10)

☐ somewhat effective

(8)

☐ not valuable

(2)

breaks

☐ adequate

(28)

☐ not adequate

(3)

SUGGESTIONS:

4. Please check your status:

☐ Local League President

(14)

☐ Local League Board Member

(14)

☐ Local League Member

(1)

☐ State Board Member

(8)

☐ Other:

(1)

5. For 1997 Convention planning, what workshops would you like to have offered:

☐ technology/electronic democracy

(20)

☐ leadership

(14)

☐ voter service

(10)

☐ parliamentary procedure

(9)

☐ membership

(15)

☐ public speaking

(13)

☐ fund raising

(15)

☐ others

(2)

☐ action

(13)

6. Overall, did the retreat meet your expectations?

☐ Yes

(33)

☐ No

(1)

COMMENTS:

7. Is cost a consideration for your League's attendance at such events?

☐ Yes

(10)

☐ No

(21)

COMMENTS:

RETREAT EVALUATION COMMENTS

1. Yes, lots of ideas for planning.

Would like to have you re-create the workshops at National Convention so that we could get info.

When portfolio chairs spoke, some of materials could have been left for people to read perhaps while chairs focused more on problem areas related to their responsibility or good ideas related to their area.

Good overall perspective on State League workings; will help me to get going on new role within CMAL.

Move things along more swiftly.

2. Very pleasant location.

I like a weekday, after school has been let out (so I can get a sitter).

Great!

Good map.

Would have liked to be home by dinner time.

Very beautiful setting.

Acoustics bad in meeting room.

Maybe June is better than April.

Could we have a recycling bin for paper?

3. Room stuffy - it was hard to write on our laps.

For the interaction times (and since we grouped by Cong. Dist.) it would be helpful to write the Cong. Dist. # on our name tags (we or you could do this). Also for planning purposes, tell us the dates of the primary (& gen.) elections.

It would be helpful to have the seating arrangement in a semi-circle -- especially since so many sessions involve questions / comments from the audience. This would allow us to hear better and see other members better - put the face with the name. This might be hard to accomplish in this particular room - but it would be helpful.

Leadership activity - more time - to hear from individuals. Give us the peptalk & then get specific.

Breaks - needed earlier afternoon one.

Registration - include the option of responding via E mail.

Roll call too long - we already have it.

4. Past Board.

CMAL

Past president

5. Networking with other organizations.

Program

Grant writing

Convention orientation

Facilitating groups in controversy

Issues / hot topics

Time for districts to meet and network

6. I didn't have many expectations.

I wanted detailed stuff from national convention.

Good chance to be updated on latest league activities and meet the state board members.

It's always good to network.

I thought inviting presidents for the council / lunch during our retreat was splendid. They seemed to enjoy it. This is one more way to keep the lines of communication open.

Was glad to have the District meetings.

7. I say no - but that is only true if cost remains modest & distance not too far.

Don't know.

We're committed enough to attend anyway, as long as prices are moderate.

Under \$10 - no.

Representatives to LWVMN Council by Local League
as of 6/14/96

ABC
Arden Hills/Shoreview:

Joan Molenaar

Diane Gibson
Ady Wickstrom

Austin

Carol Rickheim
Florence Vogel

Bloomington

Pat Bugenstein
~~Lynn Ramalingam~~

Brainerd Lakes Area

Sandy Eliason
Barbara Uppgaard

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues

Teddy Geokezas
Jill Hurst
Phyllis Letendre

Crystal-New Hope-East Plymouth

Vennie Fahning
Gini Hickman

Duluth

Jeanette Lang
Cathy Severin

Eastern Carver County

~~Karla Businaro~~
Alice O'Donnell
Sandy Cooper

Edina

Connie Hondl
Catherine Kilcoyne

Golden Valley

~~Linda Loomis~~



Freeborn County

Mary Anderson (delegate)
Grace Skaar
Fran Skovlund (delegate)

MEPH

Bette Anderson
Susan Scribner

Minneapolis

Kathy Kolb
~~Rose Marie Kelly~~ (maybe, new Ex.Dir.)

New Ulm

Janet Rosenbloom

Northfield

Terisa Ballentine
CC Linstroth

Red Wing

Ann Seymour
Linda Thielbar

Richfield

Cheryl Binzen

Rochester

Pat Keith

ROMAFH

Jean Brown
Florence Sprague

Saint Paul

Ellen J. Weiss

St. Cloud Area

Nancy Gundersen ? 2 *Leve*
Joan Hicks

St. Croix Valley

Gladys Ritter
Susan D. Weisbrod

St. Louis Park

Celia Anderson
Millie Johnson

St. Peter

Mary Gover

Wayzata/Plymouth Area

Kim Koehnen
Paula Pursley

2
Winona

Lee Luebbe
Kay Shaw

Woodbury/Cottage Grove

Kay Banitt
~~Karen Snedeker~~

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Steps to take in the next two years:

- * Use LL programs to attract members
- * Look at MALs - are their needs being met?
Do we encourage them to join LLs?
- * Improving accessibility to LIs.

*incorporate diversity
into plan*

B. Providing assistance to current local Leagues

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- * Facilitating and helping them deal with local issues
- * Hire additional staff to help LIs.

C. Developing new Leagues

Steps to take in the next two years:

- * Visit Brainerd

D. Increasing League visibility with the public and media

Steps to take in the next two years:

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- * Provide samples of programs done by LLs for other LLs to adopt
- * Improve accessibility to LIs.

E. Improving our communications and accessibility with the local Leagues.

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- * Create prepackaged samples such as ed fund request forms, membership information, etc.
- * Help LLs build networks with other Leagues and organizations
- * Improve accessibility to LLs
- * Develop LL and State publication data base.

F. Providing financial stability for LWVMN

- * Increase membership
- * Diversify funding base
- * Identify our niche for fundraising
- * Do quick, easy, fund raising
- * Develop and implement an action plan

2. Encourage public involvement in the election and political process by providing nonpartisan information and efforts to combat the public mood of cynicism.

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- * Continue customary voter service projects.

tried on reference library

See info by subscription

*expand beyond
minor-
no bias-
agenda*

CD ROM

3. Promote technology in the community interest

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 - ◆ Involve LL who have access to ACCESS MN with the technology.

- more computers
- more tools - apps
- for our computers
- LL network
- training

4. Take action on selected legislative issues and train other to do the same.

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- * Have the ~~six~~ ^{five} VOTERS focus on an issue with an in-depth article
- * Encourage LLs to take action — offer workshops on "how-to's"
- * Continue 10 minute activists
- * Expand CIA involvement + 2
- * Investigate cable possibilities.

plus expand sponsors
to reach minority

5. Continue on-going Education Fund projects including:

- * Elementary Curriculum of basic skills for democracy in elementary school
- * Revision of Indians in Minnesota
- * Mental Health Project
- * Revision of Serving MN's Mentally Ill.

75th

6. Develop study item, "State Government Spending."

Basically we will continue to work
our priorities —
we're being asked

Evaluation of Progress toward achieving 1995-7 Goals
as set by the LWVMN Board in retreat, Spring, 1995

1. Strengthen the League through:

A. Increasing League membership:

Outcome for '95-'96: a 4.3% increase in membership.

First place award from LWVUS for League of our size.

17 local Leagues lost members; 23 gained -1/3 were one member gain stayed even-7.

Steps taken or to be taken:

LL programs: Nelson & Dinneen have compiled a list.

We have built local League components into our programs to assist local Leagues: Congressional Debates, Spending Study, Breaking the Cycle of Violence distribution

MALS: we do encourage them to join local Leagues by sending names, addresses, phone numbers to local Leagues of prospects plus sending our own information; we also give them the name, etc. of the local League contact.

We need to assess what LWVMN is doing for the MAL-- opportunities for involvement, information, mailings

Accessibility to local Leagues

800#;

direction to staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to Lls and members, prospects

B. Provide Assistance to current local Leagues

Outcomes: lost two local Leagues; formed one state unit; by PT's assessment, six local Leagues and one unit are terminal; in real trouble, five; strong, thirteen; the rest (24) in varying stages of mediocrity. 48 Leagues, 3 state units.

Steps taken: calls by Dinneen, Nelson re program; 800#; staff & Bd. making efforts to respond quickly to questions, concerns. Visits --maybe 25 by various Board and staff for various reasons; Were unable to hire outreach position because of cash flow problems and turn-down by McKnight, Cargill for proposal BBC.

C. Developing new Leagues

Outcome: new state Unit in Brainerd

Several visits to Brainerd have resulted in a new state unit with over 30 members!

D. Increasing League visibility with the public and media

note abrupt

Shuttle-Membership Survey

doing a series of mailings re 1995

Regional meetings

} LL listing

Steps: identified local programs for other local Leagues -Nelson, Dinneen hired p.r. staff, who sent news releases to papers statewide for CIA Focus, precinct caucus & Road to Elect., fly around to rochester, duluth, moorhead, State Fair, Budget cuts; radio and TV in interviews, news conference by Borgen, a few by Sawyer ad in Grand Marais newspaper plus 800 number

E. Improving our communications and accessibility with the local Leagues

Steps: our Board Memo and Pres. Mlg have been combined and streamlined; but we need to review our communications with local leagues as a whole; we try to provide templates or camera -ready copy for bulletins; Spending Study Committee will provide meeting ready transparencies, maybe an abbreviated video from Focus for member meetings & disc. Regional Meetings in Fall re Spending and Technology.

Opportunities for networks with other organizations: through Humphrey Institute discussions this fall; through MN Compact debate watching groups; through encouragement to have public meetings on Breaking the Cycle of Violence and State Spending meetings; work of Technology Committee with Access Minnesota Congr./Legislative Forums encourage collaboration between Leagues; encouraged West Hennepin Leagues and First Cong. District Lls to work collaboratively; Mpls and St. Paul Leagues have done a joint study on ?
Local League/State Pub. data base not complete.

Have involved local League members on state committees: Action, VS, Technology, Spending Study, Fundraiser, as well as Budget and Nominating; need to add to Member Resources, Development

F. Provide Financial Stability for LWVMN

Increase in membership--yes! but more attention to retention, MALs, member recruitment campaigns.

Need another funding stream or streams for LWVMN

Quick, easy (!) fundraising--non-event fundraiser--more of same?

Develop and implement an action plan: if we develop a Campaign 2000 for the long term we will go some of the way to addressing this problem.

Other plans have included a reissue of the cookbook.

2. Encourage public involvement in the election and political process by providing non-partisan information and efforts to combat the public mood of cynicism.

pub. data base: some state pubs. on - line, and Lls have list of local programs.

Voter Guide will include Judiciary races but not local races; there will be an on-line version.

Networking: Access Minnesota, e-democracy (on-line debates); MN Compact, HH Institute for both Compact & Focus, Spending Study; possibly Jefferson Center; Common Cause on CIA Conference;

(3)

with ~~MWE Consortium~~ NOW, Planned Parenthood
on budget cuts

Voter info packet

Certificate Merit

media partnerships with KSTP-TV and WCCO-TV for Road to Election Day and Debates, Hotline; We will be doing PSAs with WCCO for this summer; have some from LWVUS; have not pursued our own cable show we were approached by Channel 6 but need money and a person to take it; "how to run for Office" have not done this (other groups perhaps?) Voter Service projects are underway with funding secured, altho more needed for Debates, Voter Guide (sales) and grant; Hotline partnership with WCCO, Sec. of State, and funding pending from Westinghouse; Cong./leg. candidate forums; project directors hired except for hotline Have marketed many publications successfully and assured a steady income stream from those sales; Kargas

3. Promote technology in the community interest

A. Steps: Regional Workshops; Info packets; list of who is doing what turned over to Metronet; surfers list; have developed collaborative effort with Access MN and Metronet, e-democracy; have developed telecommunications plan; we have a HOMePage and Web site, e-mail addresses/access in our office; need to expand to other computers; we do communicate by e-mail with those who have it. thanks to Kay, Celeste and Diane we are light years beyond what we were last year, but need to do more. Our Citizen Network Project was not funded and may need to be reconfigured. This was the step to involve local Leagues.

4.

Take action on selected legislative issues and train others to do so. We had five VOTERS each with a feature on an issue.

we had 10 minute activists, intern training and CIA conference.. Did not do regional workshops to train local Leagues this year; CIA, in collaboration with Common Cause, was very successful with almost 300 registered, 100 who showed up the day of the event--more diversity in group than usual. publicity in newspaper, on radio.

We have not developed a cable program, although have appeared from time to time on Mpls cable program. -- Gendler on vouchers. trained interns (8?), some of whom will continue as lobbyists; some of issues followed: recall, mental health supported employment, parity, consitutional amendment on right to bear arms, education vouchers.

Women Come to see Capitol's Budget news conference

5. Continue on-going Education Fund projects including:

Elementary Curriculum on target: piloted, revised, to layout, will be printed this summer and available to schools; promoted at convention Spanish Curriculum of "We've Got the Power" is being edited for Latino populations in U.S. We are raising money for this project.

Indians in Minnesota is half-way rewritten, with goal of end of summer for completion of first draft; much remains to be done. Funds for revision, publication in place--to be published by U of M Press next year. (would like an advisor from Board for this project)

Adm. net
Funding
Session
we have to
decide about
plans

Pub -
P for A
LWV
ack
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P for
concealed
We have

Mental Health revision of Serving MN's Mentally Ill; Flanigan will revise; we have letters of support for the need but need to write a proposal and get started.

Mental Health project will be funded at half-time for next year--according to plan.

6. Study Item: State Government Spending

Y2 Funding
On schedule: held focus, committee developed scope, writing is done, in hands of Mary Gover; will need to go to readers, to Leagues in August; consensus questions are on agenda today for approval. involved local Leagues on Committee. We've had some fine contributions; may be a little burnout! Outstanding work! and, Saturday Meetings to accom. working women!

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Study -

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Providing Recognition: An Important Leadership Tool

Everyone wants to be recognized. League volunteers want to know their work is valued and that they are making a contribution.

You can make a major impact. With positive recognition of the efforts of League volunteers, you can help bring about higher levels of creativity, and renewed enthusiasm about the League.

Recognition Should Be:

Simple. You don't have to give gifts or arrange parties, saying "thank you" verbally or in a hand-written note is very effective recognition.

Specific. People need to know what they did--so they are encouraged to do it more in the future.

Timely. Waiting six months to say "good job" usually doesn't do the trick.

Appropriate. Appropriate for the individual, the area, and the activity. Some prefer private recognition; others want to be recognized publicly.

***Critical Point: Be creative
and sincere!***

What Actions Should Be Recognized?

Leaguers do many things which deserve recognition:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| ⇒ Creative ideas | ⇒ Finishing projects with tight deadlines |
| ⇒ Special efforts | ⇒ Problem solving |
| ⇒ Significant achievement | ⇒ Leadership |
| ⇒ Unusual contributions | ⇒ Just plain hard work |
| ⇒ Team player | |

Critical Point: Just recognize!

How Do I Recognize Leaguers?

Make sure recognition is timely and appropriate -- be aware that you can recognize anyone in the League: Board members, committee chairs, committee members or event/activity participants.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| ⇒ Sincere verbal thank you | ⇒ Article in local newspaper |
| ⇒ During a meeting or celebration | ⇒ Take out to lunch/coffee |
| ⇒ Newsletter | ⇒ Miscellaneous small items; i.e., League button or pin |
| ⇒ Personal note | |
| ⇒ Recognition/thank you cards | ⇒ Certificate of appreciation |

Critical Point: It's the effort that counts!