



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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memorandum

*State Fair?
- call & find out? 24th to 4th of Sept
Go to Women's Day*

Going on DPM

June 1978

TO: State and Local League Presidents
FROM: Gina Rieke, Communication Chair
RE: Women's Equality Day, August 26

*Ad 27
Aug 26*

It's not too early to begin working on your strategy for coverage of Women's Equality Day, August 26. That day offers a good opportunity to remind the public that we've yet to achieve full equality in this country.

In effect, August tends to be a slow month for action and the media is often looking for a story. All you need is a bit of imagination and some planning and you are likely to get coverage.

Enclosed is a sample press release. Please feel free to modify it to meet your needs.

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*Josh at LRA
invite other women's
orgs -
get permission for fair*

NWTC

No longer does
editorials

BMN Is WUTC still doing editorials? Nobody's heard any lately. Here's a potential for next week.



League of Women Voters of the United States 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036 Tel. (202) 296-1770

news release

This is going on DPM

(Following is a sample press release regarding Women's Equality Day, August 26, which you may wish to adapt for use in your media.)

this is speaking for
1 Helen Boy, president of the League of Women Voters of *Minnesota*, issued the following statement today in honor of Women's Equality Day, August 26.

"Fifty-eight years ago today, *(this week)* women were finally given their right to vote.

Yet, the struggle for equality is still with us more than a half century later.

"In every area of life, women are still denied their basic rights. For example:

- they suffer from high unemployment and low wages.
- they are often denied equal access to a quality education.
- they are discriminated against in credit *and insurance* matters.)

"The League of Women Voters of *Minnesota* did not want this *week* (day) to go by without reminding the public that until women are given the Equal Rights Amendment, their future will remain fraught with inequities and men as well as women will continue to suffer economically as well as socially.

"The proposed 27th Amendment to the Constitution is designed to make women equal partners in American life.

"To remind *Minnesotans* (name of community) of the importance of their support of the ERA ratification effort, the League of Women Voters of (today) will *participate in*

a parade and stage a rally at the State Fair (on Saturday) to underline the importance of passing the amendment in the next *seven months.* *will take place* *sure* *Aug 26.*

"Time is running out. In the next seven months we will determine whether this country is on the side of equality for all, or whether we will remain locked in the struggle for equal rights for years to come."

For further information on how you can help gain ratification of the ERA while there is still time, please contact , of the League of Women Voters, at *224-5445*

General feminist letters sent to:

Checked names in Good Old Girls Directory

Names checked in orange or red on ERA appeal list, Wvwmn office
and

Margaret Boddy, Homer Road, Rout 3, Winona 55987

Peggy Specktor, 5025 Hampton Rd, Golden Valley (Pam gave, I sent letter)

Verna Mikesh, Clovia Sorority, 1502 Raymond Ave, St. Paul

Mary Weller, 16695 Galena Ave. W., Rosemount 55068

Mary Ziegenhagen - special note to publicize; she called me after to write possible
editorial

Terri Howthorne, 459-5149; 1748 Dixon Drive, St. Paul Park 55071

Evie McKerson, ~~5777~~ 5729 France Ave. S., Mpls 55410

Sue Rockne, Zumbrota

Connie Waterous, 1204 Hartford Ave, St. P. 55116 ??

Ellen Dresselhuis, 2400 Humboldt Ave. S. Mpls

Phoned Marcelle LaMonte

Joanne Shakelton (sp?)

Ann O'Laughlin

Sue Sabath

Helena Murray, 2137 Selby Ave, St. Paul 55104

- Jennaette Kahlenberg - 2338 S. Shore Blvd 55110

✓ Suzanne Jenkins 932 Millwood Roseville 55113

✓ Gran Harkness 1380 W Minnehaha Pkwy Mpls 55409

✓ Janet Wright 3880 Ballentine Rd #6 Eagan 55122

✓ Leslie Turner 6701 Parkwood La 55436

✓ Mary Smith 515 N. Ferndale Rd 55391

✓ St. Cloud NOW 410 River Drive N E St. Cloud 56301 (8)

✓ Terri Hawthorne 1748 Dixon St. Paul Park 55071

✓ Virginia Levy 6 N. Westwood Dr. Golden Valley (5)

✓ Mary Poppleton 11009 London Dr. Burnsville 55337

✓ Kathy Forbes 3327 Logan Ave N 55412

✓ Karen Andersen 16917 Clear Spring Terrace Minnetonka 55343

✓ Marilyn Bryant 17819 Maple Hill Road Wayzata 55391 (2)

✓ Harriette Burkhalter 5 W. St. Albans Road Hopkins 55343

Spokane - Nina Rothchild 14 Hickory St. Mahtomedi Mn 55115

✓ Kathleen C. Ridder 1744 Dodd Rd West St. Paul, Mn 55118

✓ Bettie Reuther 14041 Crosstown Blvd NW Anoka 55303

✓ Elizabeth Noedline 415 Birchwood Avenue WBL 55110

✓ Ann Morton 3743 Sun Terrace WBL 55110

✓ Barbara Aslakson 2615 Xylon Avenue So St. Louis Park 55426

pd - Gladys Morton 1618 Wilson St. Paul 55106

✓ Sue Wetherill 606 5th Avenue NE Grand Rapids 55744

✓ Heide Ebeltoft 1425 Grand Ave #4 55105

✓ Jeane Joseph 1900 E 86th St. #111 Bloomington 55420

✓ Susan Johnson 1610 SE 5th Avenue Grand Rapids, Mn. XX 55744

✓ Maggie Kircher 1402 SE 5th Avenue 55744

✓ Ellen Sampson & Charlotte Milles - Common Cause - 555 Wabasha 55102 (2)

✓ Laura Miles 3790 Northome Road Wayzata 55391

Spokane - Joan Grove 15 S 1st Street - #402A Mpls.

✓ Marlene Johnson - 24 S. St. Albans 55105

✓ Mary Anderson - 3358 Queen Elizabeth Boulevard Annandale Va 22003

✓ Joan Sorensen - 449 Desnoyer - 55104

✓ Claire Rumpel - 799 Winthrop - 55119

Donna & Christine Elin Malmquist Skinner - 1834 Princeton 55105

✓ Elizabeth Ann Pegues - c/o Bush Foundation - First National Bank W 962 55101 (2)

✓ Carla Messman - 669 Grand Avenue - 55105

✓ Lisa Boehlke - 391 ~~Grand~~ Ramsey Hill - 55102

✓ Enid Griffin - 2285 Doswell 55108

August 3, 1978

Mr. Michael Heffron
Secretary General Manager
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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Dear Mr. Heffron:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota appreciates your willingness to allow us to plan an observance of Women's Equality Day on August 26 at the State Fair. As we explained in our meeting with you and your staff, Saturday, August 26 is the 58th anniversary of the day when the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was finally adopted.

The League's plans are in accordance with our discussion with you. We will assemble a contingent of up to but not more than 150 women to march in the regularly scheduled Fair Parade at 1:15 that afternoon. Some will be in costume of the suffragist period and the rest will dress in white with some sort of identifying sash. They will carry banners and posters referring to women's equality. The League will invite members of other women's groups to join them, but League will be in charge and will establish guidelines for wording on posters or banners.

At 2 p.m. at Machinery Park, the parade contingent will join any others who wish to attend in a Women's Equality Day Rally. Speakers will include Helene Borg, State President of the League of Women Voters, Secretary of State Joan Grove, and a few other prominent Minnesota women. There may be some special music. We will be grateful if we may have use of a sound system during the rally.

We appreciate your most cooperative spirit in arranging with us for this appropriate observance of a significant historic date and the opportunity to draw public attention to the basic issue of equality for men and women.

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette D. Kahlenberg,
State Board, LWV MN



The Great Minnesota Get-Together • August 24 through September 4

August 12, 1978

Dear Parade Participant:

Enclosed find a map of the fairgrounds showing the parade route, with the assembly area clearly marked.

We request that your unit arrive at the assembly area at 12:30 p.m. for the first parade, and again at 4:00 p.m. for the second parade in order to allow sufficient time for line-up position.

Minnesota State Fair Rule number 11.16 states....."any person (or company) must confine his business, and the promotion and advertising of same on the Fairgrounds to the space assigned him."

While we consider the parades to be an "entertainment" event of the Minnesota State Fair, the above rule must also be applied to all units in adhering strictly to the assigned parade route. Absolutely no "roving" of any kind prior to or after completion of parades. Those units leasing space as State Fair exhibitors must return immediately to their assigned space following each parade (unless they are storing their unit in assembly area). Those units not leasing fair space must immediately disband after completion of each parade.

We hope you will enjoy your participation in our Minnesota State Fair parades, and we thank you for your cooperation in helping to make this event both successful and entertaining.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Hazel I. Redlack

Hazel I. Redlack
Amusements Coordinator

P.S. There are dressing room facilities available adjacent to the assembly area for those who may need it.

August 16, 1978

Charlee Hoyt
4921 Fremont Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Dear Ms. Hoyt:

We very much appreciate your willingness to speak at our Women's Equality Ray Rally at the State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m.

As you know, August 26 is the 58th anniversary of the day when the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was finally added to the U.S. Constitution. The administration of the State Fair has been most cooperative in helping the League plan a visible observance of this historic date, focusing public attention on the unfinished business of achieving equality for men and women.

We would like you to make a 5 or 10 minute speech on the subject of women's equality. This is billed as a "rally" and presumably will be an occasion for encouraging those who believe in equality as well as perhaps reminding some others of the need for further progress toward true equality. I'm sure you will want to refer to the need for the Equal Rights Amendment. Secretary of State Joan Groves, Helene Borg, the state LWV President and some others will be on the platform with you. We also plan some singing.

The Rally will be held at Machinery Park by the Chinese Arch where a public address system will be set up. It will be preceded by a parade. We have permission to have a contingent of up to 150 people participate in the regularly scheduled Fair parade at 1:15 p.m.. Some participants will wear suffragist-era costumes and the rest will wear white, with identifying yellow sashes. They will represent the diversity of organizations which support the ERA. If you would like to march in the parade yourself, we would be delighted. At Machinery Park, this contingent will leave the parade and prepare for the 2 p.m. rally, which we hope will attract many other supporters of this issue. We are in touch with almost all the other ERA-endorsing groups in Minnesota.

Thank you again for your willingness to help with this significant venture. We hope the parade and rally will succeed in drawing prominent public and media attention to the issue of equality.

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette D. Kahlenberg,
ERA Coordinator and Human Resources Chair
LWVMN
429-6070



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102 • TELEPHONE (612) 224-5445

August 17, 1978

To: ERA Advocates

From: Jeannette Kahlenberg, ERA Coordinator, LWVMN, 429-6070

Subject: Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26 - State Fair Parade and Rally

We are writing you as one who supports the ERA to be sure you are aware of our observance of Women's Equality Day, the 58th anniversary of the day the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was finally ratified. The administration of the State Fair has been most cooperative in helping the League plan a visible observance of this historic date, focusing public attention on the unfinished business of achieving equality for women. We have been in touch with many of the organizations in Minnesota which support the ERA, but communication in August is not the best - so we are sending this special letter to some key people to invite your participation.

Parade - 1:15 p.m.

- Women's Equality Day contingent of up to 150 people in the regular Fair parade
- 12:45 assembly point behind the greenhouse, between administration building and the Mexican village
- Participants asked to wear suffragist-era costumes or dress in white
- Yellow identifying sashes available for \$1

Rally - 2 p.m.

- At Machinery Park, by the Chinese Arch
- Music and speakers including
 - *Secretary of State Joan Grove
 - *Minneapolis Alderman Charlee Hoyt
 - *LWVMN President Helene Borg
 - *Council on the Economic Status of Women Exec. Sec. Nina Rothchild

We want a strong attendance, particularly for the Rally. PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD. We hope both parade and rally will succeed in drawing prominent public and media attention to the issue of women's equality.

August 21, 1978

To: Minneapolis Star and Tribune
From: Jeannette Kahlenberg, ERA Coordinator, LWVMN - 429-6070
Subject: Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26 - State Fair Parade and Rally

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A parade and rally to mark Women's Equality Day will be staged this Saturday at the State Fair by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. These events are planned in observance of the 58th anniversary of the final ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

Representatives of ^{the diverse range of} many different organizations which support the Equal Rights Amendment will form a contingent in the Fair Parade at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. Some will dress in the clothes of their forebears, the early suffragists. Others will wear white with a symbolic yellow and purple sash proclaiming "Women's Equality Day".

At 2 p.m. following the parade, a Women's Equality Day Rally will be held at Machinery Park by the Chinese Arch.

Speakers will include Joan Anderson Grove, Secretary of State; Charlee Hoyt, Minneapolis Alderman; Nina Rothchild, Executive Secretary of the Council on the Economic Status of Women; and Helene Borg, state President of the League of Women Voters. ERA music will also be featured.

"The League", according to Ms. Borg, "did not want to let this day go by unnoticed. We think it is a most appropriate time to look back on the long struggle for women's right to vote and to focus on another challenge facing the women of this country, the future of the ERA, which is designed to make women truly equal partners in American life. On Saturday, we will be dramatizing our support for the ERA's ratification."

August 21, 1978

To: WCCO Radio - Attention Jim Bormann
From: Jeannette Kahlenberg - 429-6070
Subject: Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26 - State Fair Parade and Rally

For PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT or COMMUNITY CALENDAR
On or before Saturday, August 26

58 years ago this Saturday, the Constitutional Amendment granting women the right to vote was finally ratified. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will mark this date with a Women's Equality Day parade and rally at the State Fair. Representatives of the broad range of organizations which support the Equal Rights Amendment will march in the Fair Parade at 1:15 on Saturday. Some will dress as suffragists; others will wear white with a symbolic yellow sash. A rally will follow the parade at 2 p.m. in Machinery Park. Speakers will include Secretary of State Joan Grove; Minneapolis Alderman Charlee Hoyt; Nina Rothchild of the Council on the Economic Status of Women; and Helene Borg, state President of the League of Women Voters. The League believes August 26 is a most appropriate time to look back on the long struggle for women's suffrage and to focus on the still unfinished business of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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Sections marked in yellow run 30 seconds

Basic data:

Saturday, August 26, Women's Equality Day
State Fair: Parade 1:15

Rally 2 p.m. Machinery Park

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Minnesota in observance of the 58th anniversary of ratification of the Constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote

I also went to WUTC & read this as a public service editorial or something. A # of people heard it broadcast. WUTC has now discontinued this service 8/1/79.

August 21, 1978

To: WCCO-TV - Attention: Namiye Oshima
From: Jeannette Kahlenberg - 429-6070
Subject: Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26 - State Fair Parade and Rally

FOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR - BEFORE AUGUST 26

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NOTE: WE HOPE THAT WCCO-TV WILL ALSO COVER THIS SIGNIFICANT AND DRAMATIC EVENT AT THE STATE FAIR. THANKS!

*Underlined parts in yellow marker to call attention
Sent to 5 TV stations; 2 covered*

Saturday

Sat., Aug. 26, 1978

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Women's equality honored Saturday

Women's Equality Day will be celebrated Saturday with special events in several Minnesota cities.

League of Women Voters will stage a parade and rally at the Minnesota State Fair in honor of the 58th anniversary of

Joan Anderson Growe, secretary of state; Charlee Hoyt, Minneapolis City Council; Nina Rothchild, executive secretary of the Council on the Economic Status of Women, and Helen Borg, state LWV president.



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August 8, 1978

To: Organizations Supporting ERA
From: Jeannette Kahlenberg, ERA Coordinator, LWV-MN

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - STATE FAIR PARADE AND RALLY

August 26th is the 58th anniversary of the adoption of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. State Fair officials have been very cooperative in helping LWV plan a visible observance of this day, focusing public attention on the unfinished business of achieving equality for women and men. NOW, we need you to let your members know of this event so that they may join us, both to MARCH and to RALLY.

PARADE: We will have a contingent of up to 150 people march in the regular 1:15 Fair Parade, following a band and other units.

RALLY: At Machinery Park (by the Chinese Arch), we will have a rally at 2:00 p.m. Speeches, singing, media coverage - but we need bodies too!

Parade Details:

ASSEMBLE at open area behind Greenhouse (between Administration Building and the Mexican Village) at 12:45 p.m.

WEAR white - dresses or skirts, preferably -- or slacks. Identifying sashes will be available for \$1. Some marchers will wear suffragist-era costumes - wear them if you have them!

ADMISSION: Regular admission fees will be charged, unfortunately..

PARKING: For late morning arrivals, State Fair officials recommend parking free at the Rosedale or HarMar shopping centers and taking a 10¢ shuttle bus to the Fair. Drop-off point near main gate is very near Parade assembly point. Buses leave Rosedale and HarMar every 15 minutes, 9:00 a.m. to midnight. Signs will indicate pick-up points.

LIMIT: 150 marchers. This letter is going to a number of supportive groups, inviting you to send 5-15 marchers to the parade. If more than 150 appear to march, they may cheer us on or swell the ranks at the Rally. But, we want to be sure we have at least our allotted 150 and a big Rally crowd. We'd also like your group visibly present.

ORGANIZATION CONTACT PERSONS: Please let me know by August 22 about how many marchers you expect to have. I can be reached at 429-6070; or by mail at 2338 South Shore Blvd., White Bear Lake 55110; or via the state LWV office (224-5445).

POSTERS AND BANNERS: One banner or placard noting the name of your organization will show the public and media the diversity of groups who support the ERA. Other posters are not necessary but could deal with ERA or women's equality. (Let's not get into the issue of extension.) Suggestions for slogans:

Men of Quality are not threatened by Women seeking Equality;
Failure is Impossible; ERA - A Simple Matter of Justice;
Men their rights and nothing more, Women their rights and nothing less;
or just: Equal Rights Amendment or Women's Equality Day

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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August 9, 1978

Sharon Postma
218 Iota
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Sharon,

I'm working, on behalf of the state board, to organize a parade and rally at the State Fair on Women's Equality Day, Sat., Aug. 26. Perhaps your League president ~~has~~--or will--tell you about it. At any rate, I am writing you because Barbara Maher thinks you are the one in the Mankato League who wrote or found some ERA songs which we might be able to use to liven up our Rally. I gather, from what Helene Borg tells me, that they are words to familiar tunes and that we might be able to get some song sheets printed up to distribute to those who attend the rally. I have lined up a song-leader. Now, do you have the words? If you do, I'd be so grateful if you'd send them to me at 2338 South Shore Blvd, White Bear Lake 55110, as quickly as possible. Many thanks!

If you're available on Aug. 26, I hope you'll come up for the celebration too. Barb Maher is coming and I hope some others. I remember your name well from the Minnesota Women's meeting last summer--so I know you're an ardent advocate!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jeannette

Jeannette D. Kahlenberg,
Human Resources Chair

*This is the only one I have.
Hope you have a good rally!
Sharon*

BATTLE HYMN FOR ERA

Women now have seen the glory of a new and brighter day,
And not one of us will stop until we pass the ERA
And the men who pass the statutes better listen when we say,
We will have ERA

Glory, glory, equal rights, Come and join us in the fight.
Glory, glory, equal rights, WE WILL HAVE ERA

If they think they can ignore us, we will show them that they're wrong.
We will march on legislatures, many thousand women strong,
We will tell them that 200 years of waiting is too long,
We want the ERA

Glory, glory, equal rights, Come and join us in the fight.
Glory, glory, equal rights, WE WILL HAVE ERA.

August 9, 1978

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State
180 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Secretary Growe:

We very much appreciate your willingness to speak at our Women's Equality Day Rally at the State Fair on Saturday, August 26, 1978, at 2 p.m.

As you know, August 26 is the 58th anniversary of the day when the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was finally added to the U.S. Constitution. The administration of the State Fair has been most cooperative in helping the League plan a visible observance of this historic date, focusing public attention on the unfinished business of achieving equality for men and women.

The Fair administration has emphasized that it must remain apolitical and does not wish us to include as speakers any candidates for public office. However, they have indicated that to have the present Secretary of State speak would be completely appropriate. We ask, therefore, that you appear as Secretary of State, rather than as candidate! We hope to also have Helene Borg, state LWV President, and the platform with you, as well as a prominent Republican woman. We also plan some singing.

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Women's Equality Day

Sat. Aug. 26

58th anniversary of ratification of women's suffrage amendment

State Fair

PARADE - 1:15 p.m.

RALLY - 2 p.m.

Machinery Park

(by Chinese Arch)

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Minnesota

In cooperation with the State Fair and other
organizations supporting the Equal Rights Amendment

dfl feminist caucus



612- 646-4004

August 18, 1978

Jeannette Kahlenberg
2338 South Shore Boulevard
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Dear Jeannette:

The Executive Council meeting of the DFL Feminist Caucus voted to support the LWV-sponsored parade and rally for Women's Equality Day at the Minnesota State Fair on August 26th.

Unfortunately the timing is such that our August newsletter will not reach our members until after the rally so we cannot estimate how many may attend.

We will pass the information by word of mouth and expect a number of Caucus members will be there. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Janet M. Sigford
coordinator

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Route 1
Monticello Minn
Aug 21

Dear Jeannette Kahlenberg,

It looks like we have 1 member
Aileen Albrecht, who will try to make
the parade on Aug 26. One or two
other members will try to make the
rally. I'm sorry more of us
won't be able to make it. We will
keep doing all we can locally
for Womens equality.

Sincerely,
Nancy Cassano



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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action

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26 -
STATE FAIR PARADE AND RALLY

A C T I O N A L E R T

To: Local League Presidents and Human Resources Chairs
From: Jeannette Kahlenberg, Human Resources Chair and ERA Coordinator, LWVMN
Re: WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - STATE FAIR PARADE AND RALLY
Date: August 7, 1978

August 26th is the 58th anniversary of the adoption of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. State Fair officials have been very cooperative in helping LWV plan a visible observance of this day, focusing public attention on the unfinished business of achieving equality for men and women. NOW, we need your local League members both to MARCH and to RALLY.

PARADE: We may have a contingent of up to 150 women march in the regular 1:15 Fair parade, following a band and other units.

RALLY: At Machinery Park (by Chinese Arch) we will have a rally at 2:00 p.m. Speeches, singing, media coverage -- but we need bodies too!

Parade Details:

Marchers to assemble at open area behind Greenhouse (between Administration Building and the Mexican Village) at 12:45 p.m.

Wear white - dresses or skirts preferably - or slacks.

Identifying sashes will be available for \$1.

Some marchers will wear suffragist-era costumes and carry banners. If your members have costumes or banners, encourage them to wear them (or carry, as the case may be!)

Admission: Unfortunately free admission is not available to us.

Parking: For late morning arrivals, State Fair officials recommend parking at Rose-dale or HarMar shopping centers (free) and taking a 10-cent shuttle bus to the Fair. (Parade assembly point is very near main gate.) Buses leave Rosedale and HarMar every 15 minutes, 9:00 a.m. to midnight, and signs will direct you to the pickup point.

Limit: 150 marchers. We are inviting other supportive groups to join us at the rally and send representatives to the parade. If more than 150 appear, they will still be able to attend the rally. But we want to be SURE we have at least our allotted 150.

METRO AREA LEAGUES: Please try to round up 5 or 10 marchers. Then let me know by August 22 how many are coming. Write a note or call the state office (224-5445) or me (429-6070).

OUTSTATE LEAGUES: If it is possible for your members to arrange their visits to the Fair for August 26, we'd love to have them march or at least cheer at the Rally.

plans & minutes

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MEMO

Agreement & plan!

TO: Women's Equality Day Marchers

FROM: Jeannette Kahlenberg

SUBJECT: THANKS! *I read ✓*

DATE: Aug. 29, 1978

Thank you so much for marching in the State Fair Parade on Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. We reminded the crowds at the Fair of the issue of equality and we received good coverage ~~in newspapers and on Channels 4 and 9.~~
on at Ch 2 & 70

by the parade
Unfortunately, expenses crept up when the State Fair administration, on the afternoon of Aug. 25, abruptly responded to a series of anti-ERA phone calls and withdrew *abruptly* their offer of a free sound system as well as stating they would strictly enforce Fair rules against our selling you the yellow "Women's Equality Day" sashes (punishable as a misdemeanor!) We recognize that you had to pay your own admission to the Fair grounds, that coming out to parade was a considerably sacrifice to some of you, but if you are able to contribute \$2 or \$3 ~~or even \$1~~ toward the sash and sound expense, the event would come closer to a break-even event.

Thank you again for coming! *Forward toward equality! "Forward is a goal."*
~~Forward for the cause of equal rights!~~

As you know they also forbade us to mention ERA on our signs! A frustrating last-minute development.

Please also pass this word on to the marchers whose names we may not have.

SEP 5 1978

Aug. 30, 1978

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Mn 55102

Enclosed is my check for \$3 for 3 "Women's Equality Day" banners worn in the Aug 26, parade at the state fair.

Despite the suffragette-looking costumes worn by the front-line marchers, there were many puzzled looks in the crowd of on-lookers. If we celebrate this anniversary of our voting rights in a similar parade at the next state fair, may I suggest we also prepare posters on a stick or a large banner identifying the date and reason for our "celebration"/ more clearly.

My thanks to the planners and other participants !

Cordially,

Donna Bening,
LWV member, Mpls.
789-6688

hx:j

ERA SONGS

When the States Come Marching In (Tune: When the Saints Come Marching In)

Oh when the states come marching in,
For equal rights, the fight to win,
Oh Minnesota will be in the number
When the states come marching in.

Oh Minnesotans, join the fight,
The need is great, the cause is right,
Yes, Minnesotans, answer the roll call,
We'll help others see the light.

Oh when that day has seen the sun
When women's rights are finally won,
Minnesota will be in the forefront
When that day has seen the sun.

Oh when at last the law is fair,
When men and women, equal, share,
We'll be partners in this nation
When at last the law is fair.

Free Us All Today (Tune: See the USA in Your Chevrolet)

Free us all today with the ERA,
America's responding to our call.
Get us equal pay, pass the ERA,
It's fundamental to the rights of all.
It's been 58 years since we got the vote here
But we want some more action,
We gotta have action
For our satisfaction,
And it's clear the way is the ERA,
We gotta ratify it NOW!

Battle Hymn for ERA (Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Women now have seen the glory of a new and brighter day,
And not one of us will stop until we pass the ERA
And the men who pass the statutes better listen when we say,
We will have the ERA!

Forward, Forward, equal rights, Come and join us in the fight.
Forward, forward, equal rights, ERA will win the day!

If they think they can ignore us, we will show them that they're wrong.
We will march on legislatures, many thousand women strong.
We will tell them that 200 years of waiting is too long,
We want the ERA!

Repeat CHORUS

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MEMO

TO: Women's Equality Day Marchers

FROM: Jeannette Kahlenberg

SUBJECT: Appreciation and plea!

DATE: September 5, 1978

Thank you so much for marching in the State Fair Parade on Women's Equality Day, August 26. Our presence reminded the crowds at the Fair of the issue of equality, and we received good coverage on at least two TV stations.

As you know, on the Friday afternoon before the Saturday parade, the State Fair administration responded to a series of anti-ERA phone calls by: stating that they would strictly enforce Fair rules against our selling you the yellow "Women's Equality Day" sashes (punishable as a misdemeanor!); forbidding us to mention ERA on our signs; and abruptly withdrawing the promise of a free sound system. Frustrating last-minute developments to say the least!

We recognize that you had to pay your own admission to the fair grounds and that coming to the parade was a considerable sacrifice in time to some of you. The sashes cost \$1.00, so if you are able to contribute a dollar or two toward the cost of the sashes and rental of the sound system, the event would come closer to a break-even status.

Again, thank you for coming! Forward toward equality! "Failure is impossible!"

State Fair parade and rally highlight Women's Equality Day

by Jeannette Kahlenberg

August 26 is now observed as Women's Equality Day in cities and states throughout the nation. Here in Minnesota, the League-sponsored parade and rally at the State Fair helped draw public attention to the historic date when the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was finally ratified 58 years ago.

On Saturday afternoon, a contingent of marchers gathered at the Fair from Leagues around the state and from many other organizations which support the Equal Rights Amendment. Marchers included representatives from the American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, DFL Feminist Caucus, GOP Feminist Caucus, Common Cause, Junior League, National Organization for Women, and Girl Scouts USA.

WOMEN RANGED from two months old on up into the sixties, and a few men also joined us. Most wore white and some were in suffragist-era costumes. Authentic skirts, hats, dusters and even wedding



From left to right leading the parade: Karen Anderson, Mary Waldo, Carolyn Cushing, Jeannette Kahlenberg and Karen Wierenga.

would be able to speak of ERA if we rushed out and rented our own sound system. The thrice-confirmed offer of a Fair public address system was abruptly withdrawn, because of the administration's distaste for any type of controversy or confrontation.

AS IT TURNED OUT, no anti-ERA hecklers appeared, but many ERA supporters were annoyed with the Fair. Some thought we should get ourselves thrown out of the parade, defiantly display ERA signs, or sue. But staying in the parade appeared the most effective plan, and support for the ERA was clearly implicit in our presence.

At the rally, other people joined the crowd of marchers, the TV cameras rolled, and rousing speeches, songs and applause communicated our concern for the ERA.

Secretary of State Joan Grove reminded us of our heritage going back to Abigail Adams and the early leaders of the women's rights movement in the early nineteenth century.

Minneapolis Alderman Charlee Hoyt (not "White" as erroneously printed in the July-August VOTER) told of an in-



Ann Marton and Joyce Lake carry the League banner. At far right is one of the few male participants, Rick Scott, DFL State Chair.



Ellen Dunn wears the suffragist-era duster.

dresses of the period were borrowed from Leaguers Betty Vachon, Louise Marvin, Audrey Cochran and Margaret Fisher.

All the marchers wore bright yellow sashes inscribed "Women's Equality Day." Replicas of old suffragist banners were also carried, including one which proclaimed, "All this comes of teaching girls to read."

The crowds, which had been entertained by a high school band from Wisconsin and had cheered a float of beauty queens, may have been a little startled to see our banners and sashes, but many responded enthusiastically from the sidelines.

UNFORTUNATELY, drawing attention to the specific issue of the ERA proved more difficult. When our publicity appeared in newspapers and on the radio, the Fair administration began receiving anti-ERA phone calls. In reaction, the day before the parade, the Fair director placed further restrictions on our activities.

Despite previous agreement that we could feature ERA in the parade, which is directly sponsored by the "apolitical" Fair, we now had to agree to only identify participating organizations or Women's Equality Day — but not carry any ERA signs.

At our rally on public property, we

"Makers and Shakers"

(Continued from page A)

Verna Kelly — Civic Center Committee.

WOODBURY

Sally Anderberg — School Board, South Washington County; Metro Council Committee to Study the Future of Neighborhoods.

Pat Jilk — School Board, South Washington County.

Judy Trepka — Planning Commission.

Fran Moore — Washington County Parks Board.

Kay Banitt — Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Committee, South Washington County School District.

Nadeen Mutsch — Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Committee, South Washington County School District.

Lenore Weir — Citizens Advisory Budget Committee, South Washington County School District.

Phyllis Letendre — Citizens Advisory Committee; Ramsey-Washington County Metro Watershed District.



Secretary of State Joan Grove addresses the rally.

LWV supports ERA extension

By Jeannette Kahlenberg and Judy Rosenblatt

The League of Women Voters has joined other organizations working for the Equal Rights Amendment in support of legislation to extend the ratification deadline.

Until recently the national Board position had been that joining the deadline extension effort would dilute our all-out attempt to secure ratification in three more states. At its September meeting, judging that the time was right, the LWVUS Board voted to support extension. A 39-month extension bill has passed the US House but faces strong opposition and the threat of a filibuster in the Senate.

Unaware of the LWVUS decision, the Minnesota League Board at its Sept. 13 meeting voted to urge the national Board to support extension, in light of recent political developments. A phone call to the national office revealed that the national Board was one step ahead of us and had already acted the day before.

Minnesota's two senators favor the extension bill. Sen. Muriel Humphrey is a co-sponsor and testified during House hearings on the legislation. Sen. Wendell Anderson has signed a letter asking Majority Leader Byrd to have the bill brought up before the Senate adjourns in October. A procedural maneuver executed by Byrd on Sept. 23 makes call-up likely. Both senators oppose two amendments likely to be proposed by ERA opponents:

1. that a two-thirds majority of the Senate be necessary for passage of the extension bill;
 2. that ratified states be allowed to rescind their ratification during the extension period.
- The senators are very likely to hear from those who oppose the ERA. Write to assure them that there is strong support for ERA and the extension in Minnesota.

spiring visit with a Minnesota woman who had marched in suffragist parades, dressed in white, just as we had just done. This woman's college classmates had been astounded that a "decent" woman might want to vote. The parallel with current misconceptions is clear.

Nina Rothchild, Executive Secretary of the Council on the Economic Status of Women, pointed out the continuing gap in earnings between employed men and women and the need for the ERA to break down remaining barriers to equality in the economic realm.

Pam Berkwitz, LWVUS Action Chair, was an excellent stand-in for President Helene Borg, who was unable to be present because her husband was in the hospital. Pam spoke of the need for action to achieve legal equality and also served as moderator of the Rally. Joyce Lake, White Bear Lake League president, led the singing with exuberance.

The event succeeded in drawing public and media attention to Women's Equality Day in a setting "where the people were." Although it turned out to be somewhat of a hassle, it was an opportunity for Leagues and other sympathetic organizations to dramatize our support of the Equal Rights Amendment.



Susan B. Anthony wants you!

Now is the time for you to consider serving on the LWVUS Board of Directors 1979-81. The job offers challenging and worthwhile work, interesting colleagues, travel and expenses. Apply for yourself or for another League member you consider qualified. Send applications by Nov. 1 to: Laurel Mueller, Chair; LWVUS Nominating Committee; 13221 York Ave. S.; Burnsville, MN 55378.



Let the League move with you. Each change of address notice sent to us by postal officials costs the League 25 cents. Help the organization at all levels by reporting changes of address promptly to your local LWV — preferably before you move. Thank you.

usually a waiting list. Advocacy and support are available to women while they are at the shelter and after they leave. Some battered women are underage and are the victims of sexual and/or physical abuse. Shelter for these very young women and for minor children who are mothers is a special need which has not been met.

THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Police — Domestic violence accounts for a large proportion of police work, but it is the least popular assignment because: 1) it is dangerous; 2) the formal system of prosecution may not help the immediate crisis; and 3) victims are often reluctant to press charges.

Data collection — In spite of the amount of time police officers spend on domestic disputes, relatively little attention is paid to the matter by policy makers and few standard procedures have been developed. Recent legislation mandates a uniform method of data collection. Throughout the state, law enforcement, health care and social service agencies are required to document the occurrence of assault on women by mailing a postcard after each incident to the Department of Corrections. However, the scope of the data collection is limited because of limited funds.

Citizens Dispute Settlement Project (CDSP) — Because most cases involving battered women are charged as simple assault, they go to the City Attorney's office and Municipal Court. In Minneapolis a pre-prosecution diversionary program, CDSP, has been set up as an alternative to criminal prosecution in domestic disputes. CDSP provides faster intervention and resolution by attacking the following problems:

- 1) the judicial process can involve a delay of as long as six months between offense and prosecution, while the victim waits;
- 2) the victim may be more interested in the assurance of safety and in changing the behavior of the defendant than in punishing him;
- 3) the victim may suffer financially from the jailing or fining of the defendant;
- 4) the court cannot change the behavior of either party, though it can promote resolution of underlying problems like alcoholism by "sentencing" the defendant to treatment rather than jail;
- 5) the long wait between assault and trial allows time for intimidation or reconciliation, which may inhibit the victim from following through.

After the eligibility and willingness of the participants has been determined, CDSP schedules a mediation session. Here an acceptable solution is worked out and put into a written six-month "contract." Stipulations may include no violence toward the other, counseling or treatment, and physical separation.

Some advocates have said that the mediation session is not sufficiently comprehensive to develop a workable and therapeutic solution. Another criticism is that after the six-month contract has expired, the battering may begin again.

Divorce — Increasing numbers of battered women are seeking divorces, which, because of the volume of cases in Family Court, may take several months. The initial hearing providing for temporary custody of children, use of the home and support, restraining provisions, or a separate maintenance action occurs six weeks after filing. If there are allegations of violence a lawyer can request an immediate hearing. Meanwhile, nothing may be happening to insure the wife's safety or to defuse the situation.

Minneapolis Legal Aid and Legal Advice Clinics, Ltd. provide free legal services to many women seeking divorces, but their resources are limited. Legal Aid is considering a legislative proposal which would simplify the process for uncontested divorces. Legal Advice, which relies on volunteer lawyers, is experimenting with increased paralegal and secretarial assistance to prepare cases for the initial hearing.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE

Advocates believe that battered women should have an alternative to criminal prosecution or divorce, and support a new form of civil injunction created by statute which would direct an abusive husband to stop assaults and vacate the marital residence for a stated period of time, with civil contempt the penalty for violation. The order would be in addition to existing criminal or matrimonial remedies. New York and Pennsylvania have recently passed such laws.

LEGISLATION

Legislation passed in 1977 provided \$500,000 for four shelter projects, called for appointment of a coordinator for the projects, and mandated data collection by health care providers, law enforcement agencies and social service agencies. The Department of Corrections is coordinating implementation of that legislation. In the 1978 session additional money was allocated because the original appropriation proved insufficient to carry out the pilot program. Good records haven't been kept in the past; the legislation is expected to uncover the extent of the problem.

In 1978 legislation was passed which permits peace officers to make arrests upon probable cause in cases of domestic abuse. Formerly in this situation the victim's recourse would have been to make a citizen's arrest.

Another law passed in 1978 for Judicial Review of Bail requires that an accused assaulter be brought to a law enforcement agency rather than merely issued a citation. If there is a threat of further violence the accused must be held for judicial review of bail.

A major proposal for the 1979 legislative session is a **Protection from Domestic Abuse Bill**, which defines domestic abuse and makes allegation of domestic abuse sufficient cause for court action. Such action could include restraining any party for up to one year, excluding any party from a shared dwelling, awarding any party temporary custody of minor children, and ordering payment for child support. Violation of the restraining order would be a misdemeanor. Nine other states have passed similar laws.

CONSENSUS

The following statements comprise the position adopted by the Minneapolis League in March, 1978. This consensus is presented in one of the alternate forms suggested by LWVUS, namely as **concurrence with or affirmation** of a position reached by another local League. Members are asked to agree or disagree with each statement.

The League of Women Voters of _____ supports:

- 1) using a multi-disciplinary approach to dealing with child abuse.
- 2) providing more advocates to protect the interests of victims of family violence.
- 3) establishing more shelters for battered women.
- 4) specific training in crisis intervention for police officers.
- 5) establishing more shelters for battered women.
- 6) a continuing program of mediation as an alternative to criminal prosecution in resolving domestic disputes.
- 7) provision of immediate legal remedies for victims of family violence.
- 8) developing a coordinated training program for all legal and human services professionals to address the problems of family violence.

Budget planning begins

by Carol Bergeson

Would you believe that budget planning for LWVMN's 1979-80 fiscal year is beginning?

It is, and your recommendations are valuable and valued. The state Board discussed proposed plans at its Oct. 10 meeting; and the Budget Committee, again chaired by Carol Bergeson, LWV of

White Bear Lake, will meet on November 13 to formulate a proposed budget. You are welcome to communicate your concerns to the Budget Committee or state Board members, or to attend Budget Committee meetings.

The following local League members have accepted the challenge of serving on the Budget Committee: Dolores Bowman, Detroit Lakes; Elaine Higgins, Mt. Mesabi; Dorothy McLaughlin, Winona; and Milo Scheffers, Moorhead.

CITIZENS AND EFFECTIVE POLITICAL POWER

Saturday, November 18, 1978

O'Shaughnessy Education Center Auditorium
College of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Morning Session

- 9:00 — Registration, coffee
- 9:30 — Influencing People — What Works and What Doesn't — An Academic View
- 10:30 — How to be Effective: Strategy, Campaigns, Coalitions, Media, etc.
- 11:45 — Lunch (available for \$3 or bring your own)

Afternoon Sessions — Choose One

- (A) Lobbying at the Legislature
 - 12:45 — How a Bill Becomes a Law, or Where Can I have Input?
 - 1:45 — "How tos" for Lobbyists: Techniques that Work
- (B) Influencing Decisions at the Local Level
 - 12:45 — Where Do You Start at the School, City Hall, County Building?
 - 1:15 — Case Histories of Effective Local Action
- 2:30 — Adjourn

Anyone interested in taking more effective action — at any governmental level — is encouraged to attend. The cost is \$3.75 for League members and \$5 for non-members, \$3 for lunch. Contact your local League or the state office (224-5445) to make your reservation.



Capitol Letter

Capitol Letter is the unedited, straight-from-the-lobbyist's-pen description of what's happening at the Legislature on bills and issues which concern the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Published at approximately monthly intervals during the legislative session, (but as often as necessary to keep you up to date), this newsletter brings you vital information in a factual, concise format. Nowhere else will you get the "inside info" from a League perspective.

A two-year subscription, covering the two halves of the legislative session, costs only \$4. Resolve to stay abreast of the latest legislative action this coming biennium by reading Capitol Letter.

Send your name, address, city and zip code, along with your check for \$4, to: LWVMN, 555 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 55102.

UN RALLY

Those in the Twin Cities area who are unable to attend the UN Rally on Oct. 27 may hear the taped presentations broadcast over KUOM, 770 AM, on the following schedule, all at 1:00 p.m.: Bloomfield, Nov. 1; Rogers, Nov. 3; Segall, Nov. 7; and Maes, Nov. 10.

October is LWV Month

by Jean Reeves

As concern mounts across the state and nation about taxes, teachers' strikes, declining enrollments, housing, energy, inflation, etc., many citizens wring their hands and wonder what can possibly hasten the solution of these intractable problems.

At election time, voters take pride in exercising their right to choose representatives who seem most likely to search for solutions compatible with their political views. Unfortunately, after they have voted, too many citizens dust their hands and say, "I've done what I can; it's now up to the Legislature (Congress, council, etc.)."

WE IN THE LEAGUE know better! We know that the process of citizen participation barely begins on election day, and that no matter who was elected or who supported whom, citizens must see to it that elected officials listen and act on their concerns.

Too often, it seems, even those citizens who want to act think that they don't know enough about a particular issue to have confidence in advancing their views.

EVEN MORE UNFORTUNATE is that most people don't know how or where to find solid, nonpartisan information on issues — which is essential if "informed" solution are to be found.

If these observations are correct, is it any wonder that there is great discontent with government?

It is my belief that there IS discontent and it is caused by a feeling of helplessness.

AS LEAGUE MEMBERS, each one of us has a real task before her-him, one we are supremely qualified to handle: to help citizens become informed and active participants in the democratic process.

Is this the year for you to be a League lobbyist?

Have you ever wanted to know more about what goes on at the Legislature? Do you have the interest and time to observe and-or speak for the League this year?

The LWV is one of the few organizations that lobbies effectively with volunteer lobbyists. We not only involve lots of members, but we train them to be confident and effective spokespeople for our positions.

January marks the beginning of the two-year legislative session. The first year is always the busiest. We need many lobbyists and observers to follow the bills and issues that concern us. WE NEED YOU!

If you're interested — or even if you think you might be — attend the Nov. 18 LWVMN workshop on Effective Political Power. Although the workshop is designed to help people take more effective action at all governmental levels, lobbying training will be included.

We will follow that with two meetings at the state League office (Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1) to discuss the details of representing the League at the State Capitol. You should attend one to get further training and meet with the Program chairs.

Lobbying is fun, exciting and contagious. Why not try it? the more volunteer lobbyists and observers we have, the more effective the League will be.

If you have any questions about lobbying or observing for the LWV, please call Pam Berkwitz, Action Chair, at 920-3364.

GOOD READING

GOVERNMENT; URBAN CRISIS

Cities in Crisis: Taxes, Budgets and Services, LWVUS, Pub. No. 114, 75 cents — In 12 pages this new publication offers a comprehensive and well-balanced discussion of the taxes-spending dilemma, outlining the political choices voters and officials will have to make to bring some logical, equitable and financially sound order to public financing.

LWVEF commissioned noted tax expert George Peterson of the Urban Institute to lay out the options for trade-offs between taxes and public services. This timely publication can take the emotional heat out of the tax debate and provide some light for citizens in the dark on tax revolt issues.

What a difference we could make if each one of us would reach out to friends, neighbors, family and associates to let them know that we can help them begin to grasp those complicated issues, give voice to their views and thereby constructively influence government at all levels.

OCTOBER IS League of Women Voters Month and that means Membership Month too.

Its meaning is clear: to be true to our purpose we must spread the word and incorporate as many people as possible into our vision of citizen action as a means to a better life for us all. This is the time for every member to invite as many people as possible to join the LWV.

Important names _ Women's equality Day

Ordered sashes from Accent Promotions - Harold Schlitz - 70¢ a piece - 721-6301
said to allow 14 working days; did it in about 2 or 3; delivered to LWV office

Got song words from Sharon Sievert, St. Cloud - is putting together a faminist rally song book
253-6438 (home) 253-5220 (office)
St. Croix Valley Girl scouts would not take stand as a council but Helen Fleck wore
uniform and Mary Anderson a girl scout jacket; indiv. girl scouts had on mostly white shorts
represented national organization not local council

Phoned Muriel Humphrey; contact was Pat Gray, 202-224-3244

For Repbulicans; phoned Nancy Braatas and talked to staff in Rochester--would be out of town
Talked to Ioanthe LeVander, 451-7888 - out of town that weekend; Kati Sasseville (couldn't)
Gladys Brooks--did not call as Ann O'Laughlin said she was in Europe
Also suggested: Dorothy Liljegren, 42x 473-0782 in Wayzata; Laura Miles (came);
Sally Pillsbury; and Jean LeVander King (daughter of Ionatha); Marie Goss of Library bd.
Sally Howard; Parker Trostel; Walter Rockenstein, Dee Knaak; Bill Frenzel; Jim Ulland;
Kept missing contact with Janet Templin, MHEA; 296-4864 or 451-8571 Mary Forsythe

Tried to get celebrity to come: ~~cheeked~~ grand stand celebrity for that night at Fair

Got TV coverage on Channels 9 (interview; many shots) and Chennel 4
Article before hand in St. Paul Pioneer Press and that day in Mpls Tribune
Sun. St. Paul Dispatch photographer called but pictures did not appear

Free parking available at Rosedale and Harmar plus 10¢ shuttle bus; don't know how many used.

Big crowds at fair; much exposure; should have had better signs identifying League
and identifying the fact of Women's Suffrage amendment ratification.

Rented sound system from Blumberg Photo and Sound, 525 Washington Ave. N, Mpls
Said would charge \$36; charged \$31. 2 speakers and mike for 200 people outdoors
Later learned LWVMN has portable sound system in office!

Fair rules: no soliciting; no handing out literature except from rented booth
Nosigns about ERA in fair parade since fair apolitical and so not wanting to be
involved in controversy; rally - with own sound system and freedom of assembly
in Machinery park okay to assembly and talk of ERA; had to collect song sheets
after rally. Fair received 20 plus anti-ERA phone calls on Thurs. and Friday.

Contact person at Fair: Julie Nathanson, PR; publicity; most conversations with Sec.
General Manager Mike Heffron - 645-2781 - *Ferguson, Lillian Heft, Inv 55108*

Did not directly contact University Feminists but worked through Kim Potratz, WBL

Fair said no speakers who are candidates unless already in office; made first
scheduling arrangements for Joan Grove however through her campaign; Ted Grindel

Agenda for day: 1 song; Pam Berkwitz substituting at last minute for Helene Borg
welcomed people and gave brief talk; then Joan Grove; song; Charlee Hoyt; and
Nina Rothchild and song.

Costumers: Betty Voeber, 2145 Fairmont, St. Paul 698-5461
Laurie Martin, 1788 Colvin, St. Paul, 1928 698-4885
Audrey Cochran, Presby. Home, Lake Johanna Blvd, 631-8264
Margaret Fisher, Bald Eagle Blvd, WBL.

October 6, 1978

Mr. Michael Heffron
Secretary General Manager
Minnesota State Fair
Falcon Heights, MN 55108

Dear Mr. Heffron:

Thank you for the help you were able to extend to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in our observance of Women's Equality Day at the State Fair. We especially wish to express our appreciation to you, to Julie Nathanson, to Jim Frost, and to Hazel Redlack. The League considered it important to have a visible recognition of this historic date, and the State Fair was an ideal place.

Our hope, of course, was to call attention to the issue of women's rights and the fact that securing the vote 58 years ago was but a first step toward the goal of full equality. We were pleased that you agreed, in our initial interview, to our emphasis on the Equal Rights Amendment both in the parade and our rally. While we understand your reaction to a small number of anti-ERA phone calls, we do not completely agree with your response in placing last-minute restrictions upon our activities. The League had tried very hard, on its part, to stay within the parameters of our initial agreement. Forbidding us to carry ERA signs in the parade was, to us, an unnecessarily cautious move and detrimental to our purpose. It was also a considerable inconvenience and monetary hardship to the League to have to rent a sound system the very last afternoon, after you had promised one to us and reaffirmed it at least twice more by phone. It was difficult, too, for us to try to explain the limitations you placed upon us to the rank-and-file Leaguers and to the representatives of the American Association of University Women, Common Cause, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, National Organization for Women, Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, GOP Feminist Caucus, DFL Feminist Caucus, Junior League, Girl Scouts USA, and the other organizations who came to march in the parade.

I did appreciate your willingness to talk over the issue with me on Aug. 25 so that the event on Aug. 26 could run as smoothly as possible. As it turned out, no anti-ERA hecklers appeared and so your feared confrontation did not occur. Instead, as you may be aware, there was considerable anger among the women (and men) who came to march, paid full admission and parking, and in many cases brought their families to the Fair. Most of them would not have been Fair customers if it had not been for the Women's Equality Day observance. Fortunately the League leadership was able to calm their tempers and uphold our end of the agreement with you.

We believe our event was basically successful in calling public and media attention to Women's Equality Day. Thank you for permitting our participation in the Fair parade and our rally at Machinery Park.

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette D. Kahlenberg,
State Board, LWVMN

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Appreciation and plea also sent to P

Sally Sawyer, 83 Bedford St. S.E. Mpls 55414

— Karen Wierenga, 3943 Van Dyke, WBL 55110

Rick Scott, DFL State Headquarters, 730 E. 38th St, Mpls 55407

Sally Patterson, 491 Montrose Lane, Sp 55116

— Joyce Lake, 2442 Jansen, WBL 55110

pd. Helen Fleck, 400 ~~W~~ Wildwood, WBL 55110

Mary Weller, 16695 Galena Ave. W., Rosemount 55068

Verna Higson, 258 Juniper, Mahtomedi, 55115

Julie Bjorklund, 3416 Roosevelt St. NE, Mpls, 55418

pd. Ruth Armstrong

Barb Mober

Margaret Smith

Fleierman

Alber Trapp (not sent)

Expend.		
Sister	\$ 119.00	?
Spura	31.00	
Gene	6.00	
Postage	15.00	?
Phone calls,		
night letter	4.30	



memorandum

TO: State and Local Leagues
FROM: Gina Rieke, Public Relations Chair
Madeleine Appel, ERA Chair
RE: Women's Equality Day, August 26

Going on DPM

July 1979

August 26th marks Women's Equality Day. This memo is a reminder that the media may contact you that day to discuss women's issues and the fight to ratify the ERA. August 26th is also an excellent day for you to generate your own publicity for those women's issues on which your League has been particularly active.

This year, rather than providing you with a model press release, as we have done in the past, or giving you a general statement to issue, we felt we'd leave it to you to develop your own publicity. We believe, however, that there are so many women's issues still unresolved that you have a wealth of possibilities to choose from. The following are just a few examples to start you thinking:

- The setback women faced in the recent Supreme Court decision on the veterans preference case: *Feeney v. the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, when the court upheld the Massachusetts absolute permanent veterans preference law.
- The fact that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has not been fully implemented by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, although it passed Congress in 1972.
- Women make up over 40 percent of the workforce and 13 percent of them are heads of households, yet they face a far more difficult time in obtaining mortgage money than men do. Furthermore, working mothers and working couples with children face the constant problem of trying to find adequate, affordable day care. The Child Development Act of 1971 was the last comprehensive day care legislation to pass Congress and that was vetoed by the President.
- National polls indicate that a majority of the American public wants the Equal Rights Amendment ratified, yet a few legislators continue to block this amendment.
- In the area of Social Security benefits, the Social Security System still fails to provide adequate benefits for those who work in the home. Moreover women who work outside the home also face a host of frustrations and inequities because the Social Security System was geared to the pre-working woman era. Yet Congress has done little to address the hardship these women face (See Women and Work publication #325 for Social Security resource material).

If you want your publicity to be in the form of an event, think about organizing one around the Susan B. Anthony coin, if you didn't have a chance to do anything for July 2nd -- the date the coin became available to the public. The Bureau of the Mint has provided us with a limited number of press kits on the SBA coin. Each state League has received a packet. If a local League wants one -- please write directly to the national office (the public relations department).

Whatever your strategy for August 26th, we urge you to start planning now. Though League resources are depleted in the summertime -- August is a great month for coverage. Congress is out of session and the news business is slow. Let us know what you do that day and the results of your efforts.

More contacts:

Linda Dolan
Dental Hygienists - she went to
march in Illinois
c/o Dr. R. A. Johnson
724-0500

Called her; she said she would
contact state President;
never heard any more

Informally for St. Joan's Alliance
and Sisters Council
Sr. Marquita Finley = sent letter
Verna Mikesh - letter- used to be
St. Joan's contact on ERA Coalition

Kati Sasseeville
Mn Women Lawyers - gave her letter

Janet Templin - never reached; she tried me twice
451-8573; 296-4864

Minnesota Home Economics Association

Did talk to Sue Holmes, former repl to ERA
Coalition, 644-2028; 1962 present, SRP. 55105

Also Cathleen Stewart 298-5405 - office

MEA Women's Caucus
Ruth Lysne
Route 5
Northfield, MN 55057
(507) 645-5146 - home

~~1984-55105~~
also Judy Rohde
1070 Carmel Ct. Shoreview 55112
483-0592
suggested Karen Kline and
Marlene Miller - 698-0183

WEAL
Margaret J. Holden
1711 Laurel Ave, St. Paul 55104
644 2739 @ home
298-2469= office

MFT- Women's Rights Committee -- did not contact
Kathy Stark
108 1/2 E. Howard
Hibbing, 55746
(218) 262-1587

June Noyes, Bpw - made sign; stood guard at
Rally site for 1 1/2 hours while we paraded
645-7353

Council of Labor Union Women
now defunct in Twin Cities but latest
chairperson enthusiastic:

Elaine Onesch
1530 S. 6th St.
Apt. 1206, Mpls, 55454
338-1290

Also talked to orig. ERA coalition rep:
Susan Romer,
309 W. 32nd 31st St, 825-1414

Possible Future contacts:

Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom

Americans for Democratic Action
Church Women United

Federally Employed Women
National Assoc. of Social Workers
Women in Government

NAACP

National Council of Negro Women - not
on ERA support list however

Common Cause - called office 227-9139
Staff person made calls and came herself:
Ellen Sampson

Women's Equality Day
contact people

X = possible other
names for Citizen
Effectiveness

AAUW:

Katy Carlson - Mpls Pres.
941-1266

Geri Burns, State VP, Legislative
822-2349

Terry Peterson, WBL AAUM - Women
4775 126th St. Court N. WBL 55110
429-1579

Jan Femrite, WBL Pres.
2285 Floral Dr., WBL 56110
429-6568

Mrs. Richard Michael, Minnetonka AAUW
9495 Leaftop Circle
Eden Prairie 55344
941-5147

DRL Feminist Caucus

Office: Griggs-Midway Building
Room S-321
1821 University Ave., St. Paul 55104
646-4004

Margaret Smith - acting coordinator
333-3730 - Fraser headquarters
644-8000 - home

Minneapolis Jr. League

Lynne Billings, PR?
841-3794

6201 Balders Lane
Edina 55435

Marilyn Bryant - to Wash march
473-4808 (has banner from march)
17819 Maple Hill Rd, Wayzata 55391
GOP FEMINIST Caucus

Ann O'Laughlin
824-1455

Debbie Moss - Chair
3513 Dupont Ave. S.
Apt. 212, Mpls 55408
827-4545 - home
641-3824 - work -

Gertrude Winters, St. Paul AAUW Pres.
699-8409; 1969 Jefferson, St P 55105
Lake home - 753-1891

NOW

Virginia Watkins - never reached
938-8342

Linda Lavender - State coordinator
13317 York Ave. S., Burnsville 55337
890-8748

Twin Cities Now office 781-1043

AAUW CONT.

Sharon Voss, St. Cloud -
State coordinator, Women's committee
252-7245 (H) 255-3220 (O)
Nancy Selby, state pres.
719 18th Ave. S.W., Rochester 55901
(507) 288-3315

BPW

Gladys Morton
1618 Wilson Ave, St P 55106
774-7179

Mary Hawkins (pres???)
4227 Zenith Ave. N.
Robbinsdale 55422

MWPC

Elin Skinner
698 1834

MWEE

Joan Sorenson (back after 8/12) - didn't reach
644 2805
449 Desnoyer, St Paul 55100

GIRL SCOUTS

Thea Childs, Exec. dir.
227-8835
47 W. 9th St
St Paul 55102

Helen Fleck - Emily will help org.
Work - 853-3868
400 Wildwood, WBL 55110
426-3869

Leonard Wilkening (Pres) (exec. dir, Wilder
Foundation)
(helen will call)

Planning for Women's Equality Day

June State Bd. Meeting: checked date/ learned it was during state fair
Called State Fair administration - much run around; talked to Jim Frost

July xx - Pam Berkowitz and I went out to meet Jim Frost; also met with
Mike Heffron, Sec. General Manager of Fair; Julie Nathanson, PR director;
and Hazel - parade director

Redback

Checked with Helene and others; plan for parade and rally a; proved.

Wrote confirming letter to State Fair

Lined up Joan Grove to speak

Aug. Discussed at Action Committee meeting

Discussed at State Board meeting

Lined up other speakers:

Charlee Hoyt

Nina Rothchild

Tried: Sen Muriel Humphrey - phone and night letter

Nancy Braatas

Ioante LeVander

Arvonne Pagan

Kati Saxenille

Rosie Wade in Duluth

Started contacting other women's groups.

Announcements in MWPC and GOP Feminist newsletters

Action ~~after~~ alert to all local Leagues

Maps included in all board memos

Sent confirming letters to speakers

Sent letters explaining details plus marked map to all organizations

previously contacted by phone

Sen letters to "other feminists" - about 75

Phoned back all local League Presidents in metro area week before event 30 calls or

Phoned again some of the organizations

more; 5 took initiative to call me

Checked with Fair on details; ~~sent in~~

Sent news release, personally typed, to St. Paul and MPLs papers

Sent announcement to 2 radio stations

and 5 TV stations

Follow up phone calls to St. Paul Dispatch- Carole Lacey

Called in up state fair with new ground rules day before parade

Rented sound system. Pam picked up and returned/

Earlier, phoned St. Cloud musician after trying Mankato Leaguer for song words

Arranged with Joyce Lake to lead songs

Had 300 song sheets printed up after Joyce and I revised words briefly

Arranged to borrow costumes from Betty Vachon and Louise Marvin, custodian

for Audrey Cochran's costumes; and Margaret Fisher (*See other sheet from them*)

Contacted:

Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

DFL Feminist Caucus

GOP Feminist Caucus

WEAL

AAUW

BPW

Dental Hygienists

American Home Economics Assoc.

Girl Scouts

Coalition of Labor Union Women

MEA - Women's Caucus

NOW

Minnesota Women for Educational Equality

Minneapolis Junior League

Common Cause

Arranged to have 150 sashes printed

Borrowed life size posters of

suffragists for use AT Rally

Arranged to use LWV-WBL suffragist

banners - and poles from church

Borrowed LWV-WBL League banner

Sent out follow up memo to thank

and seek contributions

Arranged with Ruby Noyes, BPW, to

Jen

watch sound system and posters while

rest were parading

Announced events at Good Old Girls

and Founding Feminists- RCWPC

Arranged for Leaguers to wear costumes

Arranged to have stage in Machinery

Park-4-H had props there and began

play at 2:30 so nearly conflict

Mary Waldo had people in costume assemble

at her home--is a dressing room at

Parade assembly point however

Made 25 small posters; sent to YW's;

friend posted at University plus

Vivian Barfield at U

Unofficially: Council of Jewish Women

University Feminists

Ruth Armstrong's son took pictures for Voter

Taped 60 sec. public service announcement

at WWTC which played for 2-3 days

Made large poster for Fair about Rally

USE NEWS RELEASE LETTERHEAD

From Jeannette 8/1/79
Contact person for the press release
when it finally goes out should
probably be Joan Higinbotham??

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

SUNDAY (August 26) is Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Because of the continuing struggle to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment ^(ERA) to the Constitution, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will observe this day at the Minnesota State Fair by launching a new campaign entitled "ERA - A Part of America"

Muriel Humphrey is honorary co-chair of the League's "ERA - A Part of America" campaign. On Sunday, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the League's State Fair booth featuring

AND

Pam Berkwitz, State League President, will also speak. The focus of the ceremony on Women's Equality Day will be that now, nearly 60 years after the victory of the suffragists, women still have not won full equality under the Constitution.

The League State Fair booth, ^{#19} in the Creative Arts Annex, will make available literature about the ERA and a variety of items with a new logo featuring the word "AMERICA" in blue with the letters "E", "R", and "A" in red. The design graphically portrays the allied slogan, "ERA - A Part of America". The logo also includes a stylized American flag. This design provides a new frame of reference, symbolizing the basic belief that equal rights are an integral part of America and the American dream.

Last year, the League of Women Voters observed Women's Equality Day by organizing a contingent of about 100 women, some in suffragist

off sneaking by the fair state & fun with on north.

-2-

costume, to march in the State Fair Parade. This year, the Fair administration decided the observance was "too political!" and denied the League participation in the Fair-sponsored parade. This observance in front of the League's rented booth at the Fair will take the place of last year's march.

if we started out
with we probably
would grab the
attention of the press.

AUG 2 1979

**THE GREAT
MINNESOTA
GET-TOGETHER**

State Fairgrounds
Falcon Heights
MN 55108
612-645-2781

**1979
MINNESOTA
STATE
FAIR**

**AUG. 23
SEPT. 3**

*Discuss
location
we have not cleared
ribbon - ~~showed~~
cutting location*

August 1, 1979

Jeannette Kahlenberg
League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Jeannette:

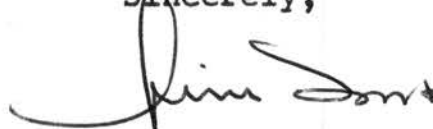
Thank you for stopping out to let us know of your plans for the 1979 State Fair; sorry to be so slow in responding to your request for information.

As we discussed, there are a few fairgrounds locations that might be appropriate for the informal get-together you are planning. We do not attempt to regulate public gatherings in State Fair parks or open areas, but must concern ourselves with conflicts with previously-scheduled events. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of our rule book which contains regulations applicable to all exhibitors and concessionaires as well as the fair-going public.

Daily activity at Machinery Park includes "Art-in-the-Park," 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., and one-hour stage shows starting at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



James G. Frost
Director of Public Affairs

Frost + turned us down

cc: Mike Heffron

*Have Pam call
Pam called Heffron and got approval -
but no mile.*

New Policy

Local leagues may take consignments of ~~beer~~ items for specific events this summer such as local anniversary festivals or county fairs. There will be short term arrangements only, in order to keep a handle on ~~the inventory~~ ^{our inventory}. If you are interested, call or write the state office or if possible, pick up your consignment here.

Banner - Ash Day - 296-8154 - work

Dates - Thurs - State Fair 645-2781

9-9:00; Aug 23 - Sept 3

Suzanne

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Price of tickets -
12 for \$18⁰⁰

12
P-1

Judy - confirm
offer taking
to Suzanne

9-1
1-5
5-9

Check
Pick up in
donut
booth.

(Consignment on 1st memo) - County Bang

Check date
Times

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

TO:



555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: (612) 224-5445

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

MEMO

These 12 Leagues -

St. Paul

Mnnggo

Roseville

MCRH

novitful

Red Wing

~~Dakota~~

Rochester

WBL.

10 Eldora

Marquette

Arake - Con Reports & New System

~~Two Leagues~~

~~St. Joseph - Clark~~

St. Cloud

~~No Crystal - New System~~

~~Robbendale~~

Will the job be done?
later
Hague



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555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: (612) 224-5445

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

MEMO

12 League

484-7762

Conspicuous announcement - county fairs; community festivals.

(call State Fair re dates & terms)

(when should letter go out re announcement a day -
after we hear from State Fair)

Banner on Dunwoody

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: (612) 224-5445



MEMO

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

Call Joan after 4
822-7028

St. Paul

may Dec
Barnes?

What 12 leagues

Shift hours 9-1:30

1:30 - 6:00

6:00 - 10:00 + parking

Store of Waldo?

2737
600
3337

Provide more workers, shorter shifts, if pay over way
Roseville LWD - Booth - Carney?

L Barnes for LWD - Nyls.
" " LWD - WBL

Amy Barnes for Peterson

10 am.

[Handwritten signature]

For Jeannette from
Suzanne

STATE FAIR BOOTH

1979



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minn. 55102 - 612/224-5445

DATE	LEAGUE
THURS. AUG. 23	
FRI. AUG. 24	
SAT. AUG. 25	
SUN. AUG. 26	
MON. AUG. 27	Roseville
TUES. AUG. 28	
WED. AUG. 29	
THURS. AUG. 30	
FRI. AUG. 31	
SAT. SEPT. 1	
SUN. SEPT. 2	
MON. SEPT. 3	



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO:

FROM:

Nabe Haffner

SUBJECT:

DATE:

*Late application;
quite specific about place
mid-north night bear - surrounded quite happy
no deals or longer sticks*

Free entertainment includes parades, Bandshell

The 1979 State Fair will provide top-notch free entertainment in virtually every corner of the fairgrounds. Delightful music, bigger and better mall parades, an exciting thrill circus and a variety of demonstrations and exhibits will give fairgoers an abundance of things to do at no extra charge.

The tradition of excellence in Bandshell entertainment will continue with daily shows beginning at



State high school marching band competition will be featured in the daily mall parades every day except Labor Day. Parades begin at 6 p.m. near the Bandshell.

10 a.m. Appearing Aug. 23-28 will be the Billy Thundercloud Show, Jack D'Johns, the legendary Sons of the Pioneers and the Main Street Singers. On stage Aug. 29-Sept. 3 are Red Steagall, banjo virtuoso Skip DeVol, The Colleagues and the Paul New Show.

Don Cavitt's Sounds of the 30s and 40s can be heard nightly in the Bandshell (except Labor Day) at 6:45 p.m. Appearing with Cavitt will be singer Louise Luedke, winner of the 1977 State Fair amateur talent contest. The 1979 talent contest will begin each evening at 8:30 p.m. with the finals at 6:30 p.m. on Labor Day.

Popular mall parades will be expanded to include the Minnesota state high school marching band competition in a new format, as well as additional novelties. Parades will begin at 6 p.m. daily (except Labor Day) near the Bandshell.

The Heritage Square musical lineup features Buckacre and the Barbary Coast Banjo Brass Aug. 23-28; and the Riverboat Ramblers and Wright Brothers Aug. 29-Sept. 2. The Chatfield Brass Band will be on stage at 10 a.m. and noon on Labor Day. Heritage Square will also be the site of the second annual old time fiddlers contest at 2 p.m. Labor Day.

Glimpses of American life as it

was years ago will be provided daily in Heritage Square by the Rafel pioneer family and blacksmith Joe De La Ronde. The State Fair History Museum will also be open daily.

Appearing for three daily shows at Natural Resources Park will be the musical group Shangoya, Aug. 23-28; and the Ukrainian Dancers, Aug. 29-Sept. 3.

The Tommy Hanneford Aerial Thrill Circus, featuring high wire and swaypole acts, will return to the lot west of the Dairy Building for three shows every day.

The Clifford Brunzen Concert Orchestra will perform in the Creative Activities Building and the Mexican Village will feature musical acts with a south-of-the-border flavor. In addition, a glassblower returns to the village after a year's absence to dazzle and delight fairgoers with his craft.

FFA Children's Barnyard will again display farm animals. Various exotic canine breeds will be featured in the Dog Exhibit Building.

Entertainment at no charge will also be provided in the Senior Citizens Building and Baldwin Hall.

Free daily schedules, listing all attractions and shows, will be available every day of the fair at all seven of the State Fair information booths inside the gates.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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THE GREAT MINNESOTA GET-TOGETHER

MAY 1979

Spectacular Grandstand lineup set



Styx



Martin



Nelson



England Dan & John Ford Coley



Johnson



Vinton



Pride



Garrett



Hope



KC & The Sunshine Band

Styx — Thursday, Aug. 23

The instrumental and vocal wizardry of Styx will open the 1979 evening Grandstand lineup. The group's "Grand Illusion" album has reached the triple platinum level in sales and their latest LP, "Pieces of Eight," is rapidly approaching the same lofty heights. Hit singles "Lady," "Come Sail Away" and "Renegade/Sing for the Day" have established Styx as one of the premier contemporary rock groups in the country. Show is at 8 p.m.; reserved seats, \$7, \$6 and \$5.

Steve Martin — Friday, Aug. 24

To millions of fans across the country, Steve Martin is the hottest comic in America. Grandstand audiences will be treated to the crazy repertoire that has made him a huge success in the entertainment industry. His unorthodox manner and his uncanny banjo playing make Steve Martin's performances a delightfully off-beat experience with a "wild and crazy guy." Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$7, \$6 and \$5.

Willie Nelson — Saturday, Aug. 25

Willie Nelson, king of "outlaw" country music, will entertain Grandstand audiences with the distinct style and stage presence that have won him legions of fans. Nelson's recordings are perennially high on both the country and pop charts. His unique versions of long-time favorite songs compliment Nelson's smooth original material. Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$7, \$6, and \$5.

England Dan and John Ford Coley, Michael Johnson — Sunday, Aug. 26

Danny Seals (England Dan) and John Ford Coley established themselves by combining a soft, melodic style with the vibrant emotion of rock. "I'd Really Like to See You Tonight" and "Nights Are Forever" have helped skyrocket this duo to world-wide fame. Widely-acclaimed classical, folk and jazz guitarist and singer Michael Johnson reached national prominence with his single "Almost Like Being in Love" and his latest LP "The Michael Johnson Album." Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$5, \$4 and \$3.

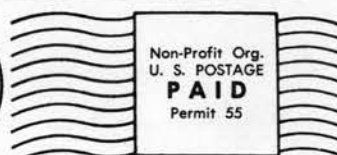
Bobby Vinton — Monday, Aug. 27

Bobby Vinton sold over 30 million records as a teen idol in the 1960s and has since gone on to establish himself as a sought-after star of television and the stage. He displays his musical knowledge on a variety of instru-

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Minnesota State Fair

State Fairgrounds, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108



Address correction requested

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ments including piano, clarinet, drums, saxophone, and trumpet. Bobby's hits include "Blue on Blue," "I Love How You Love Me" and "My Melody of Love." Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$5, \$4 and \$3.

Charley Pride — Tuesday, Aug. 28

Charley Pride, a long-time favorite of fairgoers, will be making his fifth appearance at the State Fair Grandstand. One of country music's brightest stars, Pride has been entertaining both country and pop music fans for over a decade with hits such as "Kiss An Angel Good Morning" and "Where Do I Put Her Memory." Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$5, \$4 and \$3.

Leif Garrett — Wednesday, Aug. 29

Leif Garrett, one of today's fastest-rising young stars, will bring with him a magnetism that has attracted an army of enthusiastic young fans around the world. He was the star of the movie "Skateboard" and currently appears in the television series "Family." Leif will display a musical talent that has pushed his albums "Leif Garrett" and "Feel the Need" to the million-sold mark. Shows are at 5:30 and 8 p.m.; reserved seats, \$5, \$4 and \$3.

Bob Hope — Thursday, Aug. 30

In the entire history of show business, no individual has entertained as many people in as many mediums as Bob Hope. In the past half-century, "The King of Comedy" has appeared in over 50 feature films, 1,000 radio programs, 300 television shows and starred on Broadway; he also appeared in the State Fair Grandstand in 1974 and 1978. His superb showmanship has earned him a multitude of fans of all ages. Bob Hope is more than a comedian — he's an institution. Show is at 8 p.m.; reserved seats, \$6, \$5 and \$4.

KC and The Sunshine Band — Fri. Aug. 31

The contagious rhythms of KC and The Sunshine Band sweep through audiences and infect their fans with dancing fever. "Get Down Tonight," "That's The Way (I



West & Rogers



Murray



Gatlin

Like It)" and "Shake Your Booty" launched KC and The Sunshine Band on a course that has established them as America's number one party band. Grandstand shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$6, \$5 and \$4.

Kenny Rogers and Dottie West — Sat. Sept. 1

Kenny Rogers and Dottie West joined musical talents last year and the result was country music's "Duo of the Year" award for 1978. But both have enjoyed remarkable success as solo artists. This year alone, Kenny Rogers will entertain audiences in over 200 cities around the world. Hits such as "Lucille" and "The Gambler" show why Rogers is in such high demand. Dottie West's illustrious career has included 10 hit records on the country charts and 16 Grammy Award nominations. Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$6, \$5 and \$4.

Anne Murray and Larry Gatlin — Sun. Sept. 2

The smooth and naturally refreshing style of Anne Murray will be on display in the Grandstand. The lengthy list of her hit records includes "You Needed Me," "Walk Right Back," "I Just Fall In Love Again" and the classic "Snowbird." Starring with Anne Murray will be Larry Gatlin. Since establishing himself as a successful song writer, Gatlin has become one of the most sought-after performers in the country with songs such as "Broken Lady" and "I Don't Wanna Cry." Shows are at 6:30 and 9 p.m.; reserved seats, \$6, \$5 and \$4.

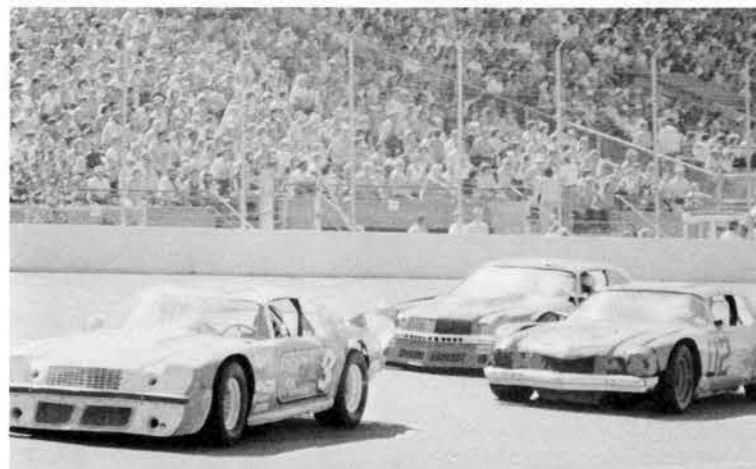
Spectacular fireworks follow every evening Grandstand performance. There will not be an evening Grandstand show or fireworks presentation on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

New stage enhances Grandstand

The State Fair Grandstand is being equipped with a new \$150,000 covered stage. Patrons of 1979 night shows will enjoy improved sight lines from every seat in the Grandstand.

A larger stage roof, featuring an innovative design, will help insure that the "show will go on" regardless of the weather.

Race fans will also benefit from the new design. In a change from the past, the entire stage will be moved to the infield during race programs, reducing any visual obstruction of the track action.



Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark. (3), 1978 American Speed Association champion, leads going into the first turn during track action at last year's Minnesota State Fair. AMS/OIL-sponsored ASA late model stock cars return to the fair's speedway Sept. 1-3, 1979. For complete information on all track events, write State Fair, St. Paul, Minn. 55108.



MINNESOTA STATE FAIR Exposition Newsletter

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Coliseum horse shows; English, Western, rodeo

The State Fair's high standard of excellence in horse shows will continue at the 1979 exposition when the nation's finest English and Western breeds will be on display in the Coliseum. Also featured in the Coliseum will be the Bob Barnes Championship Rodeo.

The English Horse Show will run Aug. 23 through Aug. 28 and will showcase the best performance breeds in the country. Competition will include events for hunters and jumpers, American Saddlebreds, Shetland Ponies, parade and fine harness horses and massive draft horse hitches. Evening show times are 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 and Aug. 26-28; and 6 p.m. Aug. 24-25. Matinees will be at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 24, 26 and 27.

Professional Rodeo Cowboys of America will compete Aug. 29 and 30 for points in national rodeo standings as well as cash prizes. Three exciting performances will include events in bulldogging, roping and riding to delight both the rodeo enthusiast and the casual fan. Rodeos will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 29 and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Western breeds take over the Coliseum Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Competitors will vie for top honors in events to include Quarter Horse, Arabian, Morgan and Appaloosa breeds. Western horse shows are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 2-3; and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Reserved seat tickets for all Coliseum events are \$3.50, \$3 and \$2.50.

For best seats, mail today. No over-the-counter orders will be accepted before May 21

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR 1979 RESERVED SEAT TICKET ORDER

1. Fill in your name, address and phone number.
2. Select shows, dates, times and prices and fill in as appropriate (see pages 1, 2 and 3).
3. Indicate the total cost of all tickets ordered and send a check for this amount made payable to Minnesota State Fair (do NOT add 4% sales tax), to:

TICKETS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PHONE _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Event	Date	Time	Price per ticket	How many	Total cost
					\$
					\$
					\$

Total cost of all tickets ordered

\$

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

Orders will be processed and filled in the order they are received but tickets will not be mailed until August, prior to the date of the show; your cancelled check is your receipt and indicates your order is being processed. *If seats in the price range you ordered are not available, you will be sent tickets for the best remaining seats with a refund for the difference in price.* Prices do not include admission to the fair which is collected as you enter the grounds:

Adults (16 and over) \$2
Children (5 to 15) \$1
Auto Parking \$2

General admission tickets for track events may be ordered in advance; all others on sale the day of the event only.

Questions?
Call (612) 645-2781



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102 • TELEPHONE (612) 224-5445

July 26, 1979

The Honorable Muriel Humphrey
IDS Center
80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Senator Humphrey:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is pleased that you have generously consented to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of our ERA fundraising effort. As you know, we are trying to refill the ERA ratification war chest of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Our goal seems so close; it is essential now that we all redouble our efforts so that we may at last see the Amendment become part of our Constitution.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will be selling its ERA products at the State Fair this year. We are hopeful that the exposure for our products during the Fair will lead to bountiful receipts and additional sales throughout the year.

Women's Equality Day will be observed during the Fair on August 26. To mark the day, the League is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its Fair booth on Sunday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m.

We invite you to participate in the ceremony and make brief remarks on the women's equality movement. Your strong and positive stand on issues of concern to women is appreciated, and we hope that it will be possible for you to join in our Women's Equality Day observance. Please let me know as soon as possible at the League office whether you will be able to join us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Berkwitz
President

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July 26, 1979

The Honorable David Durenberger
353 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dave:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is presently engaged in fundraising to support the League of Women Voters of the United States' efforts toward ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

During the Minnesota State Fair the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will be selling a special group of products featuring an ERA-related logo, with all profits going toward the national League's fund for ratification. The League is planning an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at its Fair booth to celebrate Women's Equality Day, August 26.

We invite you to participate in the observance of Women's Equality Day and in the ribbon-cutting ceremony by making brief remarks on the movement for equality for women. The observance is planned for Sunday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. Your strong and positive stand on issues of concern to women is appreciated, and we hope it will be possible for you to join in our Women's Equality Day observance. Please let me know as soon as possible at the League office whether you will be able to participate. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pam Berkwitz
President

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August 1, 1979

Ms. Laverne Lein
KSTP
Twin Cities Today
3415 University Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Dear Ms. Lein:

It was good to talk to you on the phone Monday. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota would be very pleased to have the opportunity to talk about Women's Equality Day on the "Twin Cities Today" show. We believe it is an interesting and unfortunately still controversial topic.

Women's Equality Day, August 26, is the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, finally granting women the right to vote. In recent years, because of the continuing struggle to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, Women's Equality Day is increasingly being observed across the nation.

We would like to discuss with you some way of drawing attention to Women's Equality Day. This year the League will observe this day - as we did last year - at the State Fair. However, this year the state fair administration has denied us permission to march in their fair-sponsored parade because we are "too political." Instead, we will rent a booth at which we will give out ERA literature and sell products with a new "ERA - A Part of America" logo (see enclosed brochure). The booth will be open throughout the Fair, but on Women's Equality Day itself, we plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the booth, followed by brief speeches.

Muriel Humphrey has agreed to serve as honorary co-chair of our "ERA - A Part of America" campaign, and we have extended an invitation to her and to Senator David Durenberger to participate in our Women's Equality Day observance. We will also be in touch with some other prominent supporters of women's equality and can let you know later who will be our featured speakers when this is firmed up. There is question, however, whether these people would also be able to be at the Fair on a weekday when "Twin Cities Today" is being broadcast.

We could suggest several possibilities for featuring Women's Equality Day:

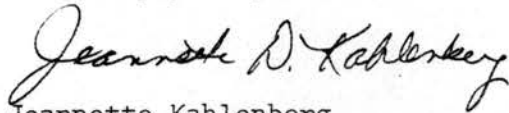
1. Taping our Sunday observance of Women's Equality Day, August 26.
2. Including our booth (#19 in the Creative Arts Annex) in any visits you make of booths around the Fair.

August 1, 1979

3. A segment of your program on either Friday, August 24, or Monday, August 27, with the state League officers who are particularly involved with our ERA ratification effort. Last year in the parade, Leaguers wore suffragist costumes. We could possibly do that again if you feel it would be visually attractive and interesting. Others could wear our modern "America" t-shirts which dramatize that ERA is part of America and that nearly sixty years after the victory of the suffragists, women are still not fully equal under the Constitution. The discussion could include comments about the League's new campaign for ERA and possibly about the Fair's denial of our marching in the parade.

We are hopeful that you will agree that Women's Equality Day is a noteworthy event to recognize on your "Twin Cities Today" program while you are out at the Fair. We will hope to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



Jeannette Kahlenberg
Public Relations Director
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Contact people: Pamela Berkwitz, State President, 920-3364
Joyce Lake, State Action Chair, 777-3426
State LWV Office, 224-5445

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Enclosure

cc. To Sandy Bodine



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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PHONE: (612) 224-5445

MEMO

TO: Mary Ann Grossman, Editor, TRENDS

FROM: Jeannette Kahlenberg, Public Relations
Director, LWVMN

SUBJECT: Women's Equality Day

DATE: August, 1979

I recall a good article in Trends last year before Women's Equality Day (by my friend Carol Lacey, I think), and I talked to you and to a photographer by phone before our League parade at the State Fair. But somehow, the pictures were never taken that day, and we were disappointed. We hope this year you'll be able to do something with this news release and also cover our observance of Women's Equality Day on August 26.

Many thanks!

(I'll be out of town, unfortunately, but the contact person is Joan Higinbotham, 822-7028.)



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MEMO

TO: Suzanne Perry, Minneapolis Star

FROM: Jeannette Kahlenberg, Public Relations
Director

SUBJECT: Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26

DATE: August, 1979

We are so glad you are interested in our "Equal Opportunity for Girls in Athletics" project. We will keep in touch with you about that.

Enclosed is a release about our observance of Women's Equality Day, August 26 at the State Fair. We thought you might be also interested in this. I have sent a copy of this release to the City Desk too.

To: LWVs of Anoka-Coon Rapids, New Brighton, Edina, Mankato, Minneapolis,
M-EP-H, Northfield, Red Wing, Rochester, Roseville, St. Cloud,
St. Paul, White Bear Lake

From: Suzanne Jenkins, ERA Project Chair

Re: ERA Booth at the State Fair, August 23 - September 3, 1979

Date: July 18, 1979

LWVMN will be going to the State Fair to sell our ERA merchandise. (Remember, we are doing this project to help replenish the funds for the ERA ratification.) Your League has been selected to help staff the booth. We are asking you to select one day during the Fair for which you will provide 6 people. All volunteers will be given free admission tickets, compliments of the ERA project. You will need 2 people for each of the three shifts: 1) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2) 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 3) 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

As soon as you have selected a day (August 27 is already taken), please call the state office to check if that date is available. Then find the 6 volunteers and send their names, addresses, phone numbers, and the shift they will work to the state office so that a master list can be compiled.

I am going to be gone the first 2 weeks of August, so I must have the information from you by July 30 at the very latest.

The site of the booth will be the Creative Activities Annex (space #19), so we will be indoors and not exposed to the elements. Plan to come and work and see the Fair before or after your shift.

I'll send further information as soon as it is available. If you have any questions, call me at the state office, or at home (612-484-7762). Thank you for your help and cooperation.