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*The League of Women Voters of Appleton*

APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911

STATEMENT OF THE APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
TO THE CITY COUNCIL -- NOVEMBER 26, 1979

I am Betty Breunig, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters.

As most of you are aware, the League does not comment item by item on the budget but, instead, concentrates on certain aspects of fiscal policy and future planning which we believe the city council should review periodically. For this reason, much of what I have to say, looks ahead to next year.

But first, I would like to compliment Alderman Schwaller and his Committee on publicizing the committee hearings and on their openness and cordiality during the actual meetings.

Last year we said that our highest priority was for the Council to set a deadline for a comprehensive plan. We still say it. We understand that the Plan Commission has now formulated comprehensive plan policies which, along with projections by the city planners, will eventually be presented to the Council. This is well and good. But the League wants to convey to you now our great sense of urgency about action on this matter.

We are in the midst of a downtown crisis. You will shortly be asked to make a critical decision about National Redevelopment Company plans. It really would be unwise if you reacted to those plans without considering their long range implications. And how can you consider long range implications if you haven't looked at a plan for future development? We urge you to use your considerable influence to get the comprehensive plan from the Plan Commission, study it carefully and then...use it.

Community Block Grant funds have been earmarked for city planning. The League thinks that they should be used, in conjunction with the City's comprehensive plan, to hire an outside expert to help with decisions in this very complicated process. Traffic flow, green spots, parking, bus service, street widening, zoning, hotel space -- you name it -- all have to be examined in relation to each other. The next few years are crucial to all of Appleton, not just the downtown. We need a plan now.

As I proceed in my statement you are going to be humming, "I've heard that song before." True. In fact, it was in 1959

me that simple arithmetic is involved here. One divided by one equals one. One divided by two equals one half. If a large outside mall is built, downtown Appleton will get half the volume it has traditionally depended on. James Rouse, chairman of the seventh largest shopping center development company, said, "No metropolitan area smaller than 300,000 people should have regional shopping centers. They create scattered sprawl and the tearing apart of older central cities." The 1980 total trade area population as projected by General Growth is 202,190 -- or would be if the right figures were on page 9 of their report.

The League is also very concerned about energy. Is it not unnecessary energy consumption (air conditioning and heat) to duplicate services and buildings already available three miles away?

A suburban mall would also mean greater gas consumption since there is no bus service projected to any Grand Chute mall. Incidentally, we think that the climate on energy consumption has changed radically in the last six months -- witness the decline in car sales. People are realizing that they now cannot afford to consume gas for shopping that is cheaper away from a mall, closer to home and has public transportation.

Up to this moment, by negligence, the federal government has promoted suburban shopping malls through public works fundings and mortgage financing. I am happy to hear, however, that the federal administration has consciously reversed this trend and has announced a new policy discouraging the use of federal funds or regulatory action in constructing shopping centers that would undermine city business districts or seriously increase gasoline demand.

It has taken the federal government a long time to formulate this belated policy and we hope that the Commission will follow government guidelines and earnestly consider all implications of a very complicated land use problem which has a direct bearing on this application for a savings and loan branch in a Grand Chute mall.

We notice that the Fond du Lac Community and Loan Company defines public interest as providing conveniently located offices in order to serve the public and be competitive. We suggest that they locate in downtown Appleton.

The League thinks that there is a larger public interest to be served. We are concerned about high taxes to finance unnecessary downtown redevelopment and duplication of buildings and services leading to higher energy consumption.

We trust that the Commission has a broad view of public interest and will look to the future well-being of this region and of the United States.

that we first brought up the subject of centralized purchasing. We are delighted that there is a move afoot to act on this issue. We had thought that the establishment of a Finance Department would virtually insure centralized purchasing as a cost-saving device but such seems not to have been the case. We endorse hiring a qualified purchasing agent who has successfully completed written and oral examinations. We are convinced that savings would far outweigh the salary of the agent.

Now, let me turn to the present budget. The League supports the continuation and improvement of public transportation as an important factor in conserving energy, improving the environment and serving the welfare of the population. For these reasons, we are in favor of spending \$8000 of city funds for a two-way radio system for buses. This sum seems little to pay for such an improvement of operational services.

Next, we suggest that, in the future, the city budget record the real cost of governmental services. Federal and state funds such as community block grants, transit assistance, bridge and street reconstruction subsidies, among others, are in and out capital expenditures which should, we believe, be recorded for public scrutiny. Would it be possible to add an appendix to the budget noting the anticipated use of these monies?

Finally, we support the library budget which we think is commensurate with the improved services it should offer. And, we congratulate you, members of the City Council, for implementing the decision to construct a new library building which will add an exciting dimension to our downtown.

## UNIT NOTES

### URBAN CRISIS

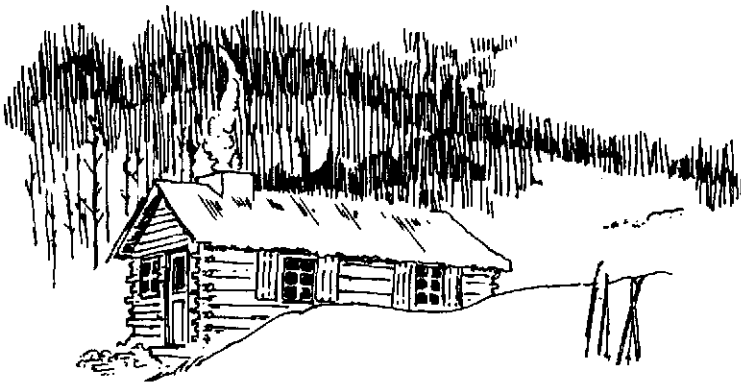


#### A New National Direction

In November, the urban crisis study focused on the future of our own city in a crisis situation. On the national level, a new comprehensive urban policy, the first since the inception of the Great Society programs of the 1960's, has recently been announced by the President. Entitled the Urban Conservation Policy and aimed at preserving and enhancing existing urban environments, the proposed policy may be the beginning of a new direction for cities. At the January units we will be looking closely at the new urban policy, its overall merits and potential application to the future of downtown Appleton. Come and find out why it's being said that "...the days of wine and roses are over, there is indeed no free lunch, and the era of dutch treat is upon us."

Also, be sure to attend a meeting of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority to be held on January 9, 1980, 7:30 p.m. at Stansbury Theater, Lawrence University Music-Drama Center. The consultants will be presenting their proposals for the downtown that evening.

Sharon Persich  
National Study Chair



## ENERGY

The Beggars' Tune and AAL buildings have surprising similarities, we discovered on our League energy tours in December. Both have to deal with heating, cooling, humidity, air exchange, lighting, fire protection and security. The contrasts of size and building appearance made the similarities fun to discover.

AAL's system essentially is electric, as waste heat is captured from lights, equipment and people, recirculated, stored in immense water tanks, or released through cooling towers. The glass windows, skylights and insulation work to reduce supplementary lighting while retaining heat; though there might be less glass if the building were designed today, we learned. The brilliant glow we see at night is required "stumble lighting" (only enough light so night workers don't stumble!).

The Beggars' Tune heats with wood in a very well insulated building. Details like a double entry, triple-paned skylights, a south-facing window, brick mass around the three stoves and one oil/wood furnace add to its efficiency. We saw, however, the need for solar rights legislation as we contemplated the shadow of the new YMCA addition. Needless to say, the active solar panel system will never be installed.

Jeffrey Theisen of Solsorce presented a slide lecture on passive solar energy design. And Dennis Zylstra of Wisconsin Electric Power Co. spoke on energy conservation, using an energy audit he had prepared on the Breunig's home as an example. I thought Betty would have us all in the basement insulating their north wall. (The Breunig's refrained from lighting a fire that evening and drew all their drapes!)

- Lynn Debbink  
Natural Resources

# lively issues & you

Of the tasks entailed with Program VP, the one which makes my knees chatter is -- the LIVELY ISSUES meeting!!

It's here we determine our study items for the upcoming year .. well done and we have exciting relevant studies with opportunity for appropriate action; careless choices and we struggle through the studies with little commitment.

Thus, an opportunity, a challenge -- search you souls, minds and whatever else might help, to see what issues of national and local concern YOU would like to see our Appleton League study.

A national directive reminds us of the following criteria for program selections. Review these as you consider your ideas for new studies.

- 1) League policy: can it be solved by legislative action?
- 2) Impact on membership: will it attract new members, keep their interest and involvement?
- 3) Community response: is it a "hot" issue?
- 4) Timing: is the timing right or will the issue largely be solved before the study is completed?
- 5) League image: will this study and ultimate action enhance the League's influence and credibility?
- 6) Political effectiveness: will the current political climate prevent any effective action?
- 7) Program load: do enough members have enough time to give to this item?
- 8) Financial considerations: is the local League willing to help pay for another study? will the issues generate funds?

Let your voice be heard - each member is a vital part of this program planning process! If you have thoughts for study items at a national or local level (current state studies are taxes and reapportionment), please call me (734-552]). I'd like some forewarning of your thoughts!

Gather at the LIVELY ISSUES meeting, Thursday, January 17 at Sharon Fenlon's ... let's have some exciting studies to carry us into the 80s!

- Ellen Needham

A grand "THANK YOU" to Kathy Collins, who made CELEBRATE 40 an event to remember!

# ACTION

Observers are regularly attending City Council, School Board, and County Board meetings -- yeah!! There are other committees that need regular monitoring. Could you be an observer? Call Jan Nordell, 731-8738.

2. The D.C. Voting Rights Amendment passed the Wisconsin Assembly October 30 by a vote of 67-30. It previously had passed the Senate, thus making Wisconsin the 7th state to ratify. The LWV has worked long and hard for this and we congratulate Anne Arnesen and her committee for their success.

3. REMEMBER - Call your representatives about the Marital Property Partnership bill and attend the hearing in Madison on January 15, if you can. See the following article for details.

## Marital Property Reform

ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN MADISON!

The Marital Property Partnership Bill (AB 1090 and SR 494) was introduced on December 10. There are 55 sponsors in the Assembly and 14 in the Senate.

## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

CHRIS FINKLER  
518 N. Mary St.  
739-0266

Chris recently moved here from Minneapolis. She has a nursing degree, and her interests include skiing, tennis & camping.

MARCIA JANSEN  
1327 S. Lehmann La.  
731-6197

Marcia has a degree in education from Eau Claire and enjoys needlework.

NANCY RANDALL  
614 1/2 N. Morrison  
731-0376

Nancy works at Kimberly-Clark Corp. Her interests include skiing.

DOROTHY OLSON  
33 S. Meadows Dr.  
734-0977

Dorothy is a long-time past member who has decided to rejoin us.

The Assembly committee on the Judiciary has set a hearing for Tuesday, January 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Chamber. We need a great turnout for this hearing -- we would like to have the galleries filled! Call Jan Nordell (731-8738) for car pooling. Your legislators need to know you care about this legislation. Call or write, and ask for a copy of this bill if you don't already have one.

In our efforts to increase awareness of the present and proposed marital property legislation, we have obtained a copy of a slide and tape presentation, "Law and Marriage." It was produced by a coalition of groups, including the LaCrosse LWV. The program now is available to interested local groups through either Jan Nordell or Lynn Libera. We are looking for other groups to join in our efforts of educating and lobbying.

Thus far we have made presentations to the AAUW, the Unitarians and Prologue, a women's management group at AAL.

## dues due

JANUARY

Patricia Bornslaeger  
Susan Cronkite  
Frederica Doeringer  
William Drengler  
Pat Grubb  
Mary Alice Martines  
Sharon Persich  
Barb Tank  
Kathy Zavisca

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Jan Besta  
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Appleton WI 54911

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IV. COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THE LEGISLATION

1. *Can I still own "separate property"?*

Yes. Any property acquired before marriage, or after a legal separation or divorce, and any property acquired during the marriage by gift or inheritance, will remain separate property, unless the couple contracts to share such property. All property purchased with separate property will remain separate property.

2. *What property will be shared?*

All wages, earnings and other economic benefits arising from a spouse's labor during the marriage will be shared equally. All interest, dividends, rents, and capital gains and other profits and increases in the value of both separate property and marital property will be shared.

3. *Can I still own property in joint tenancy?*

Yes, you can still own your share of a joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

4. *Can I share my inherited farm with my husband? (My "separate property"?)*

Certainly. By means of a valid written agreement, you may choose to turn your "separate property" into "marital property." By means of a valid written agreement, a couple could also decide to turn their marital property into the separate property of one, or both of them. A couple would have the right to enter into any property or financial arrangements they choose, and that agreement would be enforced by the courts if it is properly executed.

5. *I don't work outside the home and I earn no income. Can I get credit in my own name?*

Yes. A full-time homemaker would be able to obtain credit in her own name based upon her (equal) right to manage and control the marital earnings and property. (Under our present system, s/he would not be considered to be "credit-worthy.")

6. *Under the new system, could a creditor take my "separate property" if I did not sign for a debt?*

No. The separate property of one spouse who does not sign for a debt would not be available to meet a debt incurred by the other spouse. In general, separate debts must first be satisfied with the debtor spouse's separate property and then with the debtor's one-half interest in marital partnership property. Marital partnership debts would be satisfied first with the partnership property and then with the separate property of the spouse who contracted the debt. Special exceptions would protect the homestead until all other property is gone.

7. *How will the new system affect the dependent spouse's right to will property?*

Every married person would be able to dispose of his or her own half of the marital partnership property, and his or her separate property, by will. The surviving spouse would retain his or her right to elect against the will if he or she was not left one-third of the decedent's separate property.

8. *What would happen at divorce?*

As at present, at separation or divorce all assets held by a husband and wife would be split 50-50.

9. *How would the collection of Wisconsin State income taxes be changed?*

Wisconsin income taxes would be computed in the same fashion as federal income taxes are now. All of a couple's income could be combined, and both partners, whether wage-earning or homemaking, would be treated by the Revenue Department as though each had earned half.

10. *How would farm couples benefit from tax changes?*

The new marital property reform aims at eliminating state taxes on any transfers of assets or money between husbands and wives both during their lifetimes and at death. When either partner dies, half the marital estate would already be owned by the survivor and would not be subject to tax, and any of the estate willed to the surviving spouse would be exempt from inheritance taxes. This would be of particular help to farm couples because of the large investments they must make in the farming operation.

11. *If Wisconsin stops collecting tax on inheritances and gifts between married couples, won't a lot of revenue be lost to the state?*

No. Wisconsin gift and inheritance taxes are expensive to administer and produce less than 1% of the state's total revenue. Many feel that more couples would choose to stay in Wisconsin if we eliminate interspousal taxation.

12. *How would the system affect couples who are already married?*

All married couples in Wisconsin would be covered by the new system as to any property they acquire after the effective date of the legislation.

13. *What if I am married and don't want to be part of the new system?*

You would be able to choose what is to be done with property you already own. Either partner could opt out of the system and exclude assets already owned. Or, if they wish, all of their assets except those which were inherited, or received by gift or owned before marriage, may automatically become marital property.

14. *I am happily married now. Won't the adoption of a new marital partnership system just complicate our lives?*

No. For most couples who are happily married, the new law will only provide a more accurate reflection of the way in which they already operate -- that they work together to maintain the family and share its joys, trials and successes. When one of them dies, the law will presume that what they have saved between them is "theirs" and not tax the survivor.





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### FEBRUARY

February 5  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Potential Member Coffee  
98 Estherbrook Ct.

Hostess:  
Jan Nordell

February 12  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

New Member Coffee  
56 Bellaire Ct.

Hostess:  
Betty Breunig

February 6  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

COMMON COUNCIL VISIT  
City Hall  
Washington and Appleton streets

See page 5

February 18  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
159 River Dr.

Hostess:  
Penny Coffin

### UNIT MEETINGS

#### THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 26  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting provided  
(upstairs)

Discussion leader:  
Jane Cane  
Hostess:  
Ellen Needham

February 27  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Rm. 22  
Babysitting provided  
(in nursery)

Discussion leader:  
Jan Nordell  
Hostesses:  
Sue Kinde  
Helen Hagler

February 28  
Thursday  
Noon

Outagamie County Court House  
410 E. Walnut St. - Rm. 2

Discussion leader:  
Helen Heil

February 26  
Tuesday  
8:00 p.m.

2515 E. Crestview  
(Please note change of day to  
avoid conflict with meeting below)

Discussion leader:  
Berta Churchill

February 28  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

SAVE DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE - public meeting  
Appleton Police Station  
222 S. Walnut St.

(See report on  
Downtown, page 5)

# PRES comments

*There were about 25 lively people at our LIVELY ISSUES meeting January 17th. There was much lively discussion about what we would recommend for lively studies on the local and national levels. The suggestions for study are listed below. As always, I am amazed at the variety of good ideas which come up in a meeting of this sort. In fact, it's quite frustrating because we can't study them all. And then, there is always the problem about that topic you know you should study but which doesn't really grab you as a scintillating item -- solid waste disposal, for instance. I hasten to add, however, that there are members who find solid waste -- and the potential disposal alternatives -- utterly fascinating. Congratulations, Ellen Needham, on a lively meeting!!*

## **lively issues**

### NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The Appleton League has recommended three general topics for possible study in 1980-82.

- 1) National security and arms control.
- 2) Changing role of the United States in international relations.
- 3) National health.

The National Board will recommend one or two studies taking into account the suggestions from every local League. The final decision will be made at the national convention in May.

Other suggestions presented at the Lively Issues meeting were: the draft; and, government regulations on financial transactions - interest rates, credit, lending, bonds, et cetera.

### LOCAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

TEN ideas for local studies were discussed at the Lively Issues meeting. The Board reviewed in detail the four which received the most support at the meeting; a final recommendation will be made at our February Board meeting.

- 1) Unified energy conservation program:  
Goal would be to determine which conservation efforts are most efficient, easily accomplished and economical. Community efforts then would be coordinated to reduce energy consumption by 20-25%.
- 2) Family life education.
- 3) City jurisdictions:  
Obligations to and expectations of communities adjacent to city boundaries.
- 4) Solid waste update:  
Review of the situation and evaluation of the potential alternative disposal methods. Then working with local officials to provide for environmentally sound disposal.

Other suggestions were:

- 5) Bicycle trails:  
Funding and mapping.
- 6) Women's issues:  
Collecting and codifying information with particular emphasis on where women in need can find funding and support. (The sense of the meeting was that the League should not focus solely on women, BUT at the same time we should give strong and public support to the new Women's Bureau at FVTI.)
- 7) Southeast Asian integration:  
What can we do to help smooth transition into American life? (There is a 55 member task force headed by Maynard Beemer of the Congregational Church which is trying to identify and cope with this very difficult problem. Could the League do something about educating for citizenship?)
- 8) Tri-county highway.  
(A citizens' committee already is functioning. Contact Ruth Ann Heeter at 734-7101 for information.)
- 9) Hot lunch.  
(Keep on burner as an Action item.)
- 10) Solar Energy Rights.  
Action.

If you have other suggestions or want to put in a plug for a particular topic, call Ellen Needham (734-5521) before the next board meeting (February 18). Remember, if it's not brought up now, it will be too late at the annual meeting when we vote!

# ALERT

## Marital Property Reform

Our League committee has begun to gather a local coalition for educating and promoting Marital Property Reform in our area. We were joined by members from AAUW and Prologue (AAL) for an evening of studying the latest draft of the bill itself. Dave Prosser joined us, and others are interested and invited.

Cathy Boardman and Jan Nordell represented our League at the public hearings in Madison on January 15th. The hearing was held by the House Judiciary Committee of which Dave Prosser is a member. THEY NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU, as there is strong opposition to this reform from the Wisconsin Bar Association, trust departments and the insurance industry.

WRITE or CALL -- the Hotline in Madison is 1-800-362-9696.

Continue to spread the word of our availability for programs or classes. We had a very nice opportunity to teach two "Marriage and the Family" classes at Fox Valley Tech. Our community needs to be informed!

Lynn Libera  
Jan Nordell

# ACTION

## MEET OUR OBSERVERS!

SCHOOL BOARD - JOYCE GREEN  
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, INC.  
625 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Support for AB 1090 - Marital Partnership Property  
Statement to the assembly committee on the Judiciary  
by March Schultz.

This bill provides that marital property which is accumulated during marriage be shared property and that each spouse legally own one half of it. With its passage, our laws will reflect more clearly the way most married couples live -- in a partnership where they contribute both labor and wages to the family's well-being. It provides that all income, and profits from that income, which come in during the marriage be shared as marital property. However, if a couple do not wish to share profits, they would not have to do so. The marital property agreements provided for in the bill would allow couples the freedom to work out their financial arrangements to meet their particular circumstances. The remarkable thing about this Wisconsin legislation is that it provides such great flexibility for couples. This legislation offers safeguards against abuse, and the agreements could be re-written or modified at any time during the marriage to meet the changing needs of the couple.

This legislation also protects the right of married people to own separate property. Any property brought to the marriage, or acquired by gift or inheritance during the marriage, would remain the separate property of the person who received it.

JAN and LYNN will be on WKAU -- Barb Brady's program -- at 9 a.m., either February 3 or 10 ... discussing marital property reform!!!

Wisconsin should have a tax structure which is equitable to both spouses. This legislation recognizes that both husbands and wives contribute to the building of an estate and calls for an end to interspousal taxation.

Property reform is complex because it touches so many areas of our lives. This bill is carefully drafted to answer many of the questions which may arise from creditors and other third parties. While most couples will welcome the change to a marital partnership system, it is important that this bill provides the opportunity for either spouse to opt out of the new system.

What real difference will this legislation make in the lives of married people? At the present time, non-wage earning homemakers do not have access to credit in their own names. Even though their names may appear on credit cards, in reality their credit is based upon their husband's consent, because they are not "credit-worthy." Passage of this legislation would make credit available to them on the basis of their legal ownership of one-half of the marital property.

Under present law, the non-wage earning homemaker who dies first may have nothing to will. Under this bill, even if a spouse doesn't own any separate property, every married person would be entitled to will one-half of the marital property.

Today, a spouse may be left with only one-third of the estate after a lifetime of labor. There is nothing to prevent one spouse from wasting or giving away the property which both worked hard to accumulate, leaving the surviving spouse with nothing. With the passage of this legislation, you could not be left with only one-third because you would already own one-half of the marital property, and there are protections in the bill to prevent either spouse from giving away the marital property without the consent of the other.

This change in our property system would strengthen the family by giving recognition and dignity to the unpaid labor performed in the home, on the farm, or in the family business. Sharing of marital property, as called for in this bill, is more just and equitable than our present system. This legislation deserves your support.

## FINANCE DRIVE

FUND RAISING TIME IS COMING IN MARCH. WE HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN A GREAT IMPETUS BY A SUPPORTER WHO DOUBLED HIS ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT!!

THIS YEAR, THE FINANCE DRIVE WILL NOT HAVE A CHAIRMAN, PER SE, BUT WILL BE RUN BY THE BOARD AND A FEW OTHER MEMBERS. BETTY BREUNIG WILL BE, WHAT SHE IS CALLING, THE "INITIATOR OF ACTION," AND SAYS SHE EXPECTS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, EACH OF YOU WILL BE ASKED IN WHAT WAY YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE DRIVE ... AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE WILLING TO MAKE TWO OR THREE CALLS. YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT THIS IS NOT ONLY FOR THE MONEY WE RECEIVE -- IT IS TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE HERE AND ACTIVE IN THEIR BEHALF.

BUT BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR CALLS, WE'LL GIVE YOU PLENTY OF INFORMATION AND A ROUSING PEP TALK -- IT CAN BE FUN!

### FIGHTING BOB

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater is giving a benefit performance of "Fighting Bob" on March 14, for the Oshkosh League. The performance, at the Frederick March Theater, begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available from Betty Breunig (739-2670).

# DOWNTOWN

At our January Board meeting last week, we had a long, complicated discussion about the downtown and where we should best concentrate our efforts. We all agreed that the best deterrent to the Grand Chute mall was rapid downtown redevelopment which would compete for profits and which therefore might make the developers reduce the size of the suburban mall. The Board, however, felt that it could not come out with an endorsement of the present downtown mall plans until traffic patterns and costs are projected. We will then decide whether or not to support an April referendum keeping the momentum going or to lobby for a later special referendum in order to have more time to think about all the implications of the enclosed mall plans. We hope that our February unit meetings will clarify your wishes, although we still won't have answers to some crucial questions.

Our dilemma, however, does not mean that we have been idling. Jan Nordell, Sue Kinde, Ginny Swanson and I have visited DNR officials in Green Bay and Oshkosh, the Army Corps of Engineers in Kaukauna, the Department of Transportation, Grand Chute sewage meetings and county zoning meetings. I have written letters with many copies to state government officials to show our concern about the proposed Grand Chute Mall. When General Growth Development applies for the necessary permits to build, we will request a public hearing. The Save Downtown Committee is organizing a public meeting

on February 28 (7:30 p.m. at the Appleton Police Station) to bring its members up to date on what the executive committee has been doing; it will present cost and traffic projections for the downtown plans and will have short presentations by the mayoral candidates on their opinions about downtown. PLAN TO GO TO THIS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 28.

Probably about 500 letters went to Sears from Appleton thanks to your efforts and the Save Downtown Committee. The League Board would like to see letter writing efforts continued, but perhaps directed at other "anchor stores" which are considering going into the suburban mall. A copy follows of a letter I sent to the Chairman of the Board of the Boston Store and a similar one went to the Chairman of the Dayton-Hudson Corp. in Minneapolis. We have not yet organized a letter writing campaign to these stores because we think we should know first what's going to happen with the downtown proposals. But you might wish to write anyway...

Orren J. Bradley  
Chairman of the Board  
Boston Store  
331 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee WI 52303

William A. Andres  
Chairman of the Board  
Dayton-Hudson Corporation  
777 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55402

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## C O U N C I L   V I S I T

We promised flexibility in the calendar...so true to our word, here is a change for February. The second set of Urban Crisis units (scheduled for the 12, 13th and 14th) have been dropped due to the elimination of consensus by the National Board. But -- in true League style -- here is an exciting alternative!

The Common Council meets Wednesday, February 6th at 7:30 P.M. This is a grand opportunity for us to appear en masse and to emphasize our year of study of the Council. Give yourself a chance to see the Council in action and to look at the brand new chambers. Coffee will follow at Karras' Restaurant.

JOIN US FOR THIS EVENING OF OBSERVATION, INFORMATION AND CONVERSATION!

Ellen Needham



*The League of Women Voters of Appleton*

APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911

56 Bellaire Court  
Appleton WI 54911  
January 21, 1980

Orren J. Bradley  
Chairman of the Board  
Boston Store  
331 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee WI 52303

Dear Mr. Bradley,

A short while ago I was informed that the Boston Store is seriously considering participation in a large Grand Chute shopping mall proposed by the General Growth Development Company of Des Moines.

It is with some hesitancy that I write to you but I thought that you should get some information from sources other than the customary commercial interests. I am enclosing a statement which I read at a Savings and Loan Commission hearing and I also enclose a statement presented by Dr. Robert Swanson, an Appleton alderman and co-chair of the Save Downtown Committee, a grass roots organization of over 5000 people. State assemblyman, David Prosser, also attended the hearing and his statement is included as well.

I hope that you will take time to read these statements which elaborate on the following points: 1) Appleton's downtown is thriving -- a unique situation. 2) The proposed suburban mall's target area is exactly that which the downtown now serves and depends on. 3) An outside mall will therefore seriously affect Appleton's downtown and remove a large part of its tax base. 4) There has been no instance of a large suburban shopping mall built in a community of under 300,000 with a downtown commercial center that has been able to support both centers.

Now, of course, the above summary will come as no surprise to you but what you might be less aware of is the widespread opposition in Appleton and even, oddly enough, though to a lesser degree, in the outlying areas, to an outside mall. This opposition is not just composed of people like members of the League of Women Voters who sometimes seem to take an inordinate interest in municipal affairs, but is truly a cross section of citizens.

There are two more aspects to this situation which have recently arisen. The first is that the National Redevelopment Company of Minneapolis, at the City's request, has just presented

plans for a downtown mall. Their plans project a certain amount of originality in the combination of old and new, and enclosures and skyways. Despite my personal misgivings about enclosed malls, I am excited about the potential of these plans. No decisions will be made until February but the initial public response has been enthusiastic. Ground would be broken in September.

In addition to downtown redevelopment, I'm sure you are aware of the revamping of the Valley Fair Shopping Center in the Town of Menasha bordering Appleton, which, when finished, would certainly take away from the potential of an outside mall.

The second aspect is that the League, both nationally and locally, has taken a strong stand on energy conservation and we feel that building a new mall is an affront to government requests for conservation of energy and shows a great misunderstanding of the seriousness of the nation's energy crisis. We are informed that the downtown mall will actually conserve more energy than the present arrangement of separate structures each with multiple exits directly to the outdoors. Building a new enclosed mall in the corn fields, however, is a different matter since it means an additional 1,000,000 square feet to build, heat and air condition.

The price of gas will probably go up to \$2.00 a gallon by the end of 1980. Although most people are not as concerned about energy conservation and gas consumption as the League is, I should think that the price of gas and the recent astonishing decline in car sales would be less than heartening to a suburban mall which is not served by a city bus line. The downtown also has the energy saving advantage of combining different elements of "errand running" such as visiting city and county offices, using the new YMCA facilities, going to the new library and visiting a variety of stores.

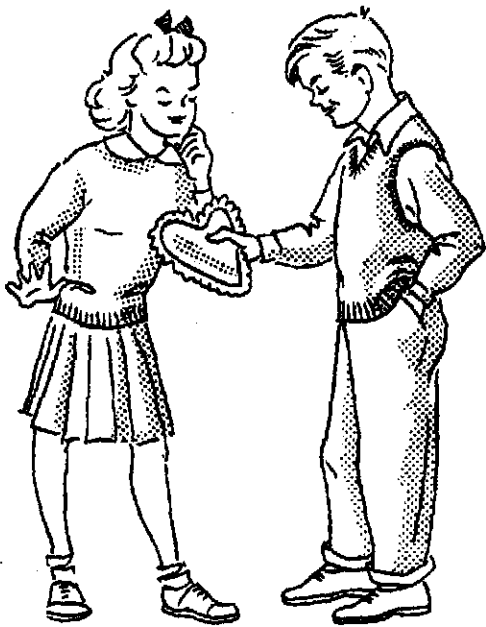
I assume you have seen the White House directive that just came out providing implementation of President Carter's urban and energy policies. It states:

"...this memorandum should be understood in the context of the many actions which have been taken to carry out the President's numerous policy commitments to reduce or eliminate federal actions which contribute to unplanned urban sprawl; to conserve energy; to target limited funds; and to encourage federal actions which help strengthen urban area economies and their downtown area."

I hope that you will seriously consider any decision about the proposed Grand Chute mall in the light of public interest and energy conservation, not just profit. As a matter of fact, the League is convinced that there is a strong swing in public sentiment to downtown development which shortly will completely reverse the trend of the past 20 years and put the profits into the downtowns. Perhaps we can convince you to join our downtown mall...

Sincerely yours,  
BB





# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members

**ELIZABETH FORTER**  
119 S. Meade St.  
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Elizabeth is a professor of English at Lawrence University; she is rejoining us upon returning from sabbatical.

**DIANE FREEHILL**  
1131 E. Florida  
731-5105

Diane is a former member, who is a family therapist at Lutheran Social Services. She enjoys sports, especially jogging, and reading.

**MARYBETH LINN**  
1102 W. Lorian  
735-0906

Marybeth has recently moved to Appleton from York, PA, and is a project writing administrator for AAL.

**NANCY POURCIAU**  
514 N. Union St.  
734-6296

Nancy is a graduate of Wellesley College, MA, with a B.A. in economics. Her interests include tennis and swimming.

## membership

Total Membership: 123

## COFFEES

Tuesday evening, February 12, we will have a **NEW MEMBER COFFEE** for our 17 members who joined since September. We will welcome them at Betty Breunig's, 56 Bellaire Ct., at 7:30 p.m. (Reminder cards will be mailed to the new members.)

Also, we are having a **POTENTIAL MEMBER COFFEE** on February 5th, at 7:30 p.m., at Jan Nordell's, 98 Estherbrook Ct. If you know of anyone who might be interested in LWV-Appleton, please call me (739-0528).

The best recruiting method still is "word-of-mouth." If you have a chance, talk up our League and what we've done this year and in the past. It really works!!

Kathy Zavisca

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# UNIT NOTES

## Common Council of Appleton

The Common Council units on February 26, 27 and 28 will concentrate on how citizen questions can be resolved most effectively. Who would you contact about a lot line controversy in your neighborhood, or a zoning decision affecting your property? Is there someone who can answer your questions about traffic problems on the new Oneida Street bridge?

The study committee can provide you with "helpful hints" on a wide variety of citizen concerns. Bring your questions and we'll try to pinpoint who in city government you should contact. Let's learn together how city government can work for us.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for insight!!

## VOTERS

VOTE FEBRUARY 19

Wisconsin's primary is February 19 -- among other elections, Appletonians will have to narrow the field of mayoral candidates.

To help you formulate your opinions, listen to WHBY on Thurs. January 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Marlys Fritzell will be one of the questioners on the Mayoral Forum. Call in your questions.

### MEMO FROM THE NATIONAL LWV EDUCATION FUND

Plans have been finalized for our 1980 Presidential Forum series. Two basic purposes guided the selection of sites and dates: to provide the broadest possible geographic coverage so as to allow maximum service to League members and the general voting public throughout the nation; to achieve a timely pattern of forums presenting the candidates and discussing the issues at regular intervals between now and the conventions.

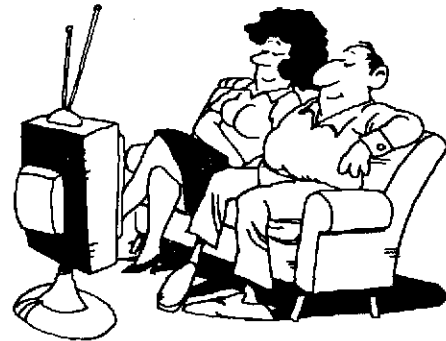
The League's 1980 Presidential Forum series continues our tradition of service to voters and builds on the precedents we set in the last presidential campaign. We believe the Forums to be in the highest public interest. They provide an opportunity for the candidates to appear before the public in a broad-ranging discussion of issues vital to our country.

FORUM I - Manchester, NH  
February 19 - Democrats  
February 20 - Republicans

FORUM II - Chicago  
March 12 - Democrats  
March 13 - Republicans

FORUM III - Houston  
April 22 - Democrats  
April 23 - Republicans

FORUM IV - San Francisco  
May 27 - Republicans  
May 28 - Democrats



### VOTERS FORUM

Voters Forum, the state weekly radio program, is carried over the Wisconsin Public Radio State FM Network at 10:45 a.m. on Fridays. It is over WHA 970 AM at 11:30 a.m. on Mondays.

February  
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| 1  | 4  | "Prevention and Wellness," program planning goals for the 80's, Dr. William Blockstein  |
| 8  | 11 | Guidance Counselors and Their Responsibilities Toward Female Students, Mary Thompson, vocational equity coordinator for the Dept. of Public Instruction |
| 15 | 18 | First Amendment Congress Report, Eleanor Fitch, president of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin  |
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### MARCH 1980

#### UNIT MEETINGS

#### COMMON COUNCIL CONSENSUS

March 11  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting provided  
(upstairs)

Discussion leader:  
Jane Cane  
Hostess:  
Ginny Rose

March 12  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Rm. 22  
Babysitting provided  
(in nursery)

Discussion leader:  
Kathy Zavisca  
Hostesses:  
Karen DeYoung  
Marlys Fritzell

March 12  
Wednesday  
11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

FINANCE DRIVE KICKOFF  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave.

March 13  
Thursday  
Noon

Outagamie County Courthouse  
410 E. Walnut - Rm. 2

Discussion leader:  
Helen Heil

March 13  
Thursday  
8:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC  
724 E. South River St.  
Lower lounge

Discussion leader:  
Win Thrall

March 17  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board meeting  
1940 Palisades Drive

Hostess:  
Ellen Needham

March 22  
Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Lake Winnebago Area Health Systems Agency  
Five League Joint Meeting  
Oshkosh Public Library

Car pooling:  
Betty Breunig

March 22  
Saturday

Tax Incremental Financing Workshop  
WATCH FOR DETAILS

March 26  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING - CANDIDATES FORUM  
Edison School  
Meade and North streets

# PRES comments

Although no one has accused us of secrecy, I sometimes have the feeling that the League Board operates in a little world of its own. I think we assume frequently that by some mysterious means all League members know everything that's going on. You will note that the Bulletin has been somewhat more bulky recently, which is our attempt to remedy this situation and to rely more heavily on the written word.

I have heard it rumored that one 20 year member said that although she may not come to meetings anymore, she reads the Bulletin through without fail. Phoebe has done a super job in designing an eye-catching and easy-to-read Bulletin, so that maybe members can now BOTH read AND come to meetings!

How many of you heard MacGeorge Bundy at Lawrence last month? His speech was really a forceful, logical and well-presented approach to foreign policy in the Near East. One of his points was that the U.S. domestic policy on energy conservation has a direct bearing on the success or failure of our negotiations in the Near East, not only with the oil rich countries but also with Europe, Japan and Russia. He advocated energy conservation in no uncertain terms -- as does the League.

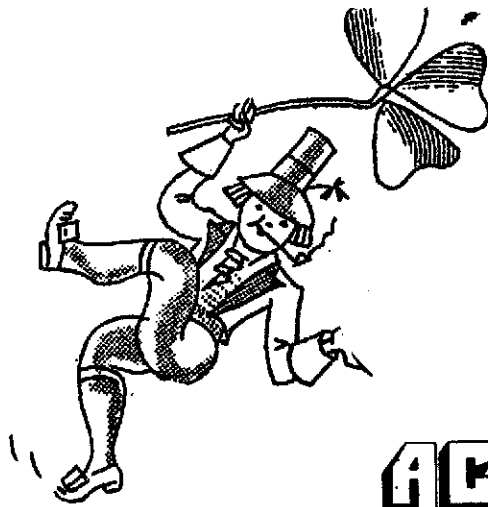
*Betty*

## UNIT NOTES

# Common Council of Appleton

COMMON COUNCIL STUDY  
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Do you think a change in the or a change from the current administrative-executive structure (i.e., mayor versus manager) is warranted? Please consider appointive powers, budget procedure, policy making, veto power, salary, size of staff, administrative assistant, et cetera.
2. Do you think a change in the current council structure is warranted? Please consider size, pay, part-time or full-time, at-large or by ward, number, supervisor-alderman, et cetera.
3. Which of these forms of government -- mayor-council, commission, council-manager -- would be most suitable for the City of Appleton?
4. To whom should department heads be responsible?



## ACTION

### ACTION NOTE:

Joyce Green spoke for the LWV at a recent School Board meeting in support of spreading the academic credit requirements over the three years of high school.

## Reapportionment

### JOIN NOW!

"One man, one vote," so said the Supreme Court. The actual implementation of this mandate is based on the federal census. How can we insure our constitutional rights? How shall the distribution of seats in all legislative bodies be apportioned?

The Reapportionment Committee is inviting any member interested in the study to call Ruth Seager - 734-7560.

box  
SAVE YOUR FORWARDS -- THEY CONTAIN INFORMATION PERTINENT TO UNITS BOTH ON TAXATION AND ON REAPPORTIONMENT. THE UNITS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN LATE SPRING AND EARLY AUTUMN.

## POLL MONITORING

Our local League is participating in a statewide League effort to monitor the polls this spring. The purpose of the monitoring is to gather information on how effectively election laws and general procedures are being followed in making the voting process easier and more convenient. The information gathered will be used in deciding future League action. Look for the poll monitoring questionnaire enclosed in this Bulletin. Review it before you go to the polls to vote; fill it out when you return home. ~~Send~~ Send completed questionnaires to me. Thanks for your help.

Marlys Fritzell  
834 E. Winnebago Street  
Appleton, Wis. 54911

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

Approximately 35 people attended the January 29, 30 and 31 units on downtown Appleton. Two things clearly came from all the units:

First, our League recommends that we formally ask Mayor Sutherland to request a federal impact study on the proposed Grand Chute mall.

Second, that while our land use positions and autumn consensus on downtown Appleton support in principle National Redevelopment's plan for our downtown, we still have doubts about details of the traffic pattern and closing of College Avenue.

AFTER A LONG (VERY LONG) DISCUSSION AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING, ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE LEAGUE SHOULD SUPPORT DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, IT WAS DECIDED:

- 1) THAT ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE HAD (AND STILL WILL HAVE) A CHANCE TO LOOK CLOSELY AT THE DOWNTOWN PLANS AND TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE IMPLICATIONS;
- 2) THAT THE BOARD WILL ASK FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED PROJECT, AND THE ASSOCIATED REFERENDUM; AND,
- 3) THAT AFTER THE REFERENDUM IS WORDED, THE BOARD WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO SUPPORT A YES VOTE.

\$00000, SEND  
YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO OUR SECRETARY,  
JOYCE GREEN  
1724 EAST GLENDALE. SHE WILL COMPILE THEM  
AND MAKE A REPORT TO THE BOARD.

The Downtown Appleton Committee is sponsoring a practical workshop to explain Tax Incremental Financing to property owners and citizens of Appleton. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 22. Please watch for details, as an understanding of this concept promises to be an integral element in voters' decisions whether or not to support the referendum.

THE APPLETON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS PUBLISHING A WEEKLY REPORT, REDEVELOPMENT NEWS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THEIR MAILING LIST, PHONE THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 735-6460.

## FINANCE DRIVE

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to follow up on our finance drive letter (reproduced herein). We hope that there will be an immediate influx of envelopes with checks inside, but past experience has taught us that some personal visits always are necessary. We will have your kits with helpful information, and a hand-out, available after the Wednesday unit meeting, March 12, at All Saints. We will be there from 11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m., ready to give you an enthusiastic send-off. Bring a sandwich for lunch and we'll provide coffee or just drop in to pick up your kit and ask questions.

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For the past 40 years we've been asking for contributions from the community to support the work of the League of Women Voters -- and this year is no exception. We think that our work in promoting good government is well worth your money.

We are unique because we are non-partisan and do not confine ourselves to a single issue but support many different kinds of legislation. Above all, we are committed to promoting citizen participation in government.

Last fall we published a booklet, Public Education in Appleton, which has been very well received. We have continued our usual functions as government observers but have concentrated much of our efforts toward maintaining our downtown as the regional commercial center.

We are about to take a look at the problem of reapportionment to see where adjustments must be made to assure equal representation on city, county and state levels. This is an interesting but somewhat awesome task which we undertake every ten years.

Thanks to the good will and energy of our members, many of whom have full time jobs and families, we can operate on a small budget but since we work for you -- the community -- we ask you to contribute to the cause of responsible government.

An envelope is enclosed if you wish to send in a contribution. Otherwise, a League member will call on you, happy to answer any questions you may have about our activities.

Sincerely yours

Betty Breunig  
President

*A voting was also  
enclosed & handwritten  
note added to my letters.*

# ALERT

## Marital Property Reform

AB 1090 UPDATE

A revised marital property reform bill was reported out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee on a bi-partisan vote recently. The revisions, in the form of a substitute amendment, attempt to resolve some of the objections of the Wisconsin Bar Association, the Wisconsin Association of Life Underwriters, and estate planners. Although I have not seen a copy of the amendment, yet, I understand there are two major changes:

1. The law will not be retroactive -- for couples already married, partnership property will accumulate beginning from the effective date of the law.
2. The capital gains on separately owned property will remain separate property. (Interest, rents and other earnings, however, will become partnership property.)

The bill is now in the Joint Finance Committee where the other major problem area, joint income tax, will be resolved. The issue is that because the bill will allow for filing joint state income tax (similar to the federal taxation provisions), the state will lose an estimated \$112 million in revenue. Therefore, a new tax schedule must be developed. (This will not change the amount for most of us, just the mechanics.)

All of this means, of course, that the bill is dead until the next legislative session in January 1981. I personally see this as a great opportunity for us to continue educating our community -- most people are still uninformed and unaware of this very major proposed change in our state law and the rationale behind it.

NOTE: April UNITS will provide an update on Marital Property Reform, with an emphasis on the specifics of AB 1090.

- Jan Nordell

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO WROTE OR CALLED REPRESENTATIVE PROSSER LAST WEEK! I'M SURE THIS HELPED THE POSITIVE VOTE TO REPORT AB 1090 OUT OF COMMITTEE, WITH DAVE PROSSER ADDING HIS YES VOTE!



## Focus ▶ Local Health

Save Saturday morning, March 22, to come to Oshkosh to hear Jerry Alexander, executive director of the Lake Winnebago Area Health Systems Agency. This meeting is a result of last year's units when we decided:

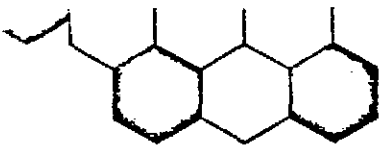
- 1) that our health study was not extensive enough to make any serious critique of the health systems planning agency, and
  - 2) that since there are four other Leagues in the Lake Winnebago territory, we should try to interest them in looking at the system in further detail with us.
- Thanks to Michelle Missner, president of the Oshkosh League, we finally have come up with this informational session on the LWAHSA at the Oshkosh Library and hope that members will attend from the Ripon, Fond du Lac, Neenah-Menasha and Oshkosh Leagues.

For those of you who did not participate in the units last year, this is a golden opportunity to inform yourselves about a very important aspect of health care in this area. For those you attended, but who still have questions, here's your opportunity for answers.

Alexander will talk for half an hour on the structure of the Health Systems Agency and explain how it works. We will then have equal time for questions, followed by a twenty minute commentary on the politics of the system, again followed by a question period. Background information is included with this Bulletin.

Those who attended the units last year found the subject timely and engrossing. Join us in a car pool to Oshkosh, by calling Betty Breunig, 739-2670.





# THE NATIONAL HEALTH PLANNING AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

(P.L. 93-641)

The National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-641) was signed into law by President Gerald R. Ford on January 4, 1975. This new federal law, considered by many as the most important single piece of health legislation enacted by Congress in recent years, has vast potential for restructuring the health services delivery system in the United States. The Act was developed in Congress following two years of intensive study of health planning and development activities. The Act creates a single set of structures at the state and regional levels to deal with planning, resource allocation, and regulation in the health field. Since similar activities have been carried out in the past through a variety of organizational structures, considerable realignment of the nation's health planning and development mechanisms is required.

## BACKGROUND

None of the content areas in this legislation represent new or unique federal interests. It is the structure in which planning, resource allocation, and regulation will be carried out that differs. A look at the pre-1975 elements may be helpful.

In terms of state planning, four distinct and loosely-related elements had evolved by 1974. One element was state facilities planning authorized under the federal Hill-Burton legislation, first enacted in 1946. A second element was categorical health-related program planning. These included a drug abuse plan, an alcoholism plan, a public health plan, and so forth. Federal law required such plans as a condition for release and expenditure of categorical federal financial support. The third element was the state comprehensive health plan required under Section 314(a) of the Public Health Service Act. This plan was to deal with broader health issues in the state, and although other plans were to be "consistent" with it, it exercised relatively little control over resource allocation. Finally, the 1972 amendments to the Social Security Act instituted a capital expenditure review program (Section 1122) in which the state had to review and approve or disapprove proposed capital expenditures of health care institutions on the basis of "standards, criteria, and plans" adopted in the state.

Organized federally-supported planning efforts at the substate or area level have a shorter history. The first organized support of this type of activity was provided under Section 318 of the Public Health Service Act, passed in 1961. This program provided financial assistance to facility planning agencies which worked closely with the state Hill-Burton plan-

ning activities previously mentioned. Successes with the regional facilities planning agency approach led to the adoption of much broader legislation in 1966. The Partnership for Health Act created a new Section 314(b) of the Public Health Service Act, authorizing assistance for areawide comprehensive health planning. Between 1967 and 1974, more than 200 of these "(b)" agencies were established across the country. The vast majority were non-profit corporations. They brought a community's consumer and provider interests together in an effort to develop plans for the organization and operation of a variety of health programs. Although these agencies had "review and comment" responsibilities on a variety of uses of federal funds, they lacked power to secure realization of their plans. The emphasis was on process rather than product, and the planning was not sanctioned through regulatory or quasi-regulatory authority.

The history of federal programs for allocating resources to the health care delivery system has been even more varied. Beginning with formula grant and project grant activities relating to public health in the late 30's, the process was largely a federal-state or federal-institutional relationship. Although the federal-state allocations were governed by the program plans mentioned earlier, direct grants to institutions and organizations were seldom reviewed for consistency with any overall plan. The Hill-Burton program, in 1946, tied allocation of resources for facilities construction to a state plan document, and the facilities planning agencies created under Section 318 also participated in this process.

Two programs created in the late 60's and early

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70's adopted a different model for allocating federal resources to specific health programs. The Regional Medical Programs (RMP) legislation followed the Report of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke, published in December 1964. Initially, the RMPs were to develop cooperative arrangements among health care institutions, medical schools, and research institutions with the goal of bringing the latest advances in treatment of health disease, cancer, and stroke directly to patients. More than 50 RMPs were established across the country, some interstate, some statewide, and others serving a region within a state. In the period between their creation in 1965, and 1974, the program emphasis shifted from specific diseases to primary care, regionalization of health care resources, and improved use of health manpower in underserved areas.

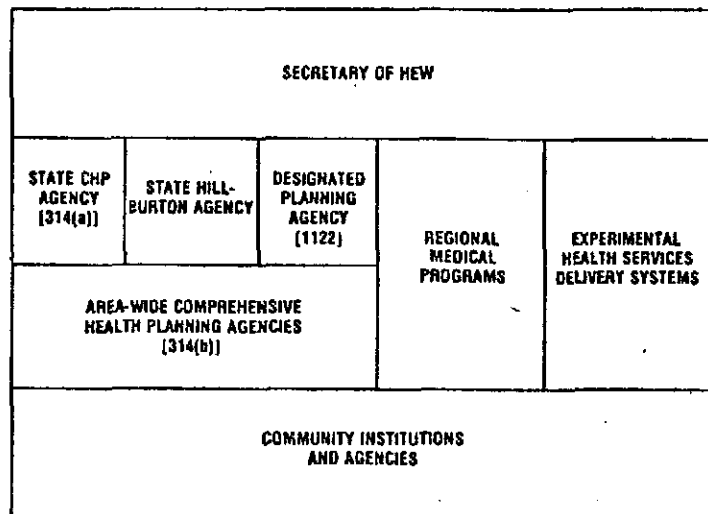
Planning and priority setting in the RMPs was vested in a regional advisory group, and ties to other planning mechanisms as a basis for allocation of the RMP financial resources were very loose. In the nine fiscal years between 1966 and 1974, more than half a billion dollars in federal developmental funds were channeled through the RMP mechanism.

In 1971, another developmental activity was launched by the federal government under the title Experimental Health Services Delivery Systems. A number of community demonstrations were funded by the federal government to assist grantees in the organization and operation of an independent management corporation for health services at the community

level. These corporations performed a number of functions similar to both (b) agencies and RMPs, but with an emphasis on the collection of data and the establishment of management information systems for the health segment of the community.

By 1974, a complex of federally supported agencies and organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, had been created to deal with health planning, health resource allocation, and regulation of the health services industry. Figure 1 graphically depicts the elements of the federally-supported structure at the end of 1973.

FIGURE 1



## DEVELOPING A NEW APPROACH

With the legislative authorities for all of these activities expiring at the same time, on June 30, 1974, Congress saw an opportunity to reexamine all of the issues of federal assistance for health planning and development activities. Their stated goal was to provide a more rational system for tying these functions together, while retaining the best features of the predecessor programs. Among the factors which the Congress considered were the following:

- Maldistribution of medical personnel and facilities in many areas of the country.
- Development of duplicative services and excessive beds in health care institutions in the absence of effective planning and control.
- Inaccessibility of health resources and lack of coordination in operation of community health institutions.
- Health care cost inflation, which Congress perceived as a result of excess capacity and inefficiency in utilization of resources.

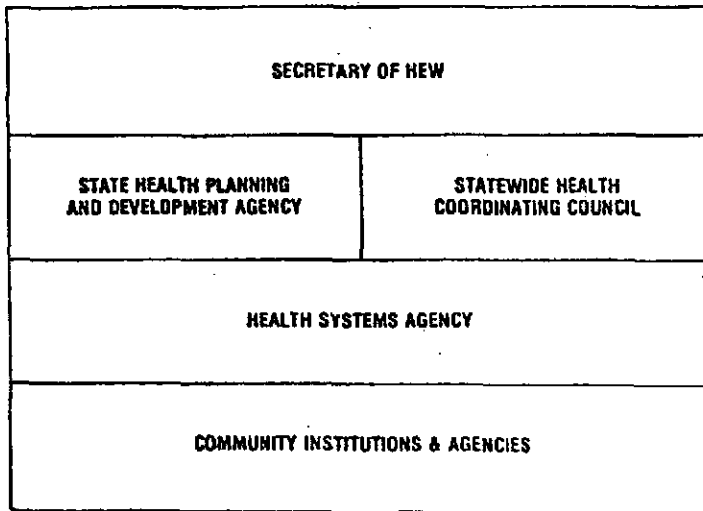
ciency in utilization of resources.

- The imminence of enactment of national health insurance and the potential negative effect of increased demand in an inefficiently organized and operated system.

The process of developing the new legislation took nearly two years. It included consultation between congressional staffs and a variety of interest groups. Extensive hearings were held in both the House and the Senate. As a part of the developmental process, the House Committee developed a series of principles to guide in the development of new legislation:

- Planning should be done by organizations which represent and incorporate the interests of consumers of health services, providers of the services, and concerned public and private agencies and organizations.
- In order to be effective, health planning must be adequately financed.

**FIGURE 2**



- Effective planning requires a strong emphasis on the implementation of plans, and implementation requires that planning agencies have authority with which to implement the plans.
- The generation of new health resources should be closely tied to health planning.
- If health planning is to be done, it must be good health planning.
- Effective federal, state, and areawide health planning will be possible only if the federal government itself engages in health planning.
- If health planning is actually to improve the peoples health, it must not be limited just to planning for medical care.

It was against this background that the Congress proceeded to develop a new structural approach to health planning and development, one that has been embodied in the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974.

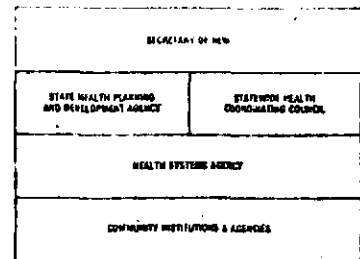
## STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

One of the easiest ways of gaining an understanding of the new law is to analyze the structure created at the federal, state, and regional levels under P.L. 93-641. The structural elements are depicted in Figure 2. The Act carefully defines each new element and describes the responsibilities of each.

**Description:** The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is the principal federal official charged with carrying out the federal portion of P.L. 93-641. In operation, of course, the "Secretary" is represented by central administrations and bureaus of his Department, and by the ten regional offices across the country.

**Functions:** Among the principal functions of the Secretary in implementation of P.L. 93-641 are:

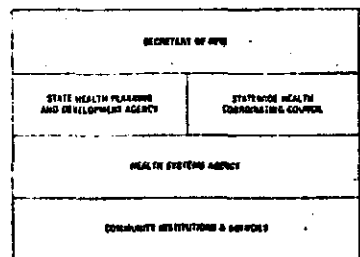
- Develops, in conjunction with a National Council on Health Planning and Development, and the various state and local agencies created under the Act, guidelines for national health planning policy.
- Establishes, after consideration of plans submitted by the Governors of the states, Health Service Areas throughout the United States.
- Issues regulations governing implementation of the Act.
- Designates Health Systems Agencies in each Health Service Area.
- Provides technical assistance to health planning and development agencies at the state and substate levels.
- Provides financial support to state and substate health planning development agencies.
- Designates state health planning and development agencies.
- Reviews health plans produced by state and substate agencies.
- Approves most federal assistance plans and project grants.



**Description:** The state health planning and development agency is an agency of state government designated by the Governor to carry out activities mandated by the act for such agencies, and possessing sufficient state statutory authority to do so. Some of the assigned functions may be carried out by other state agencies under agreements between the state health planning and development agency and the delegate agency subject to approval by the Secretary.

**Functions:** Among the functions of the state health planning and development agency are the following:

- Conducts health planning activities for a state.
- Implements or supervises the implementation of state health plans.
- Prepares a preliminary state health plan document for submission to the Coordinating Council.
- Serves as the designated planning agency for capital expenditure review under Section 1122.
- Administers a state certificate of need program.
- Reviews and makes findings concerning all new institutional health services in the state.
- Periodically reviews and determines whether or not existing institutional health services are appropriate.

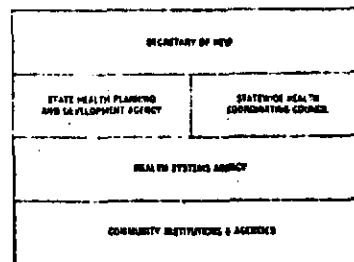


- Coordinates all health data activities in the state.
- Assists the Statewide Health Coordinating Council in its work.
- Administers federally-assisted facilities construction activities.
- Administers an optional rate review and approval program.

**Description:** The Statewide Health Coordinating Council is a consumer-majority council of citizens. Sixty percent of the members of the Council are selected by the Governor from among nominees of the health systems agencies in the state. The remaining 40 percent are designated directly by the Governor. The Council must have sufficient authority and resources to carry out the functions mandated by the Act.

**Functions:** The Statewide Health Coordinating Council carries out the following types of functions:

- Reviews and coordinates health planning activities of Health Systems Agencies.
- Prepares and approves a state health plan based on the preliminary state health plan and the Health Systems Plans of the Health Systems Agencies.
- Reviews and comments on the annual budgets of Health Systems Agencies.
- Reviews and comments on annual applications of Health Systems Agencies to the federal government.
- Advises the state health planning and development agency in its work.
- Reviews and approves all state plans and applications for funds made available to the state government under federal health legislation.



**Description:** The Health Systems Agency is a public agency, or a private non-profit agency, with a consumer majority board or advisory body which carries out the functions mandated for it by the Act in a defined geographic area, the health service area. The agency must maintain a professional staff of not less than five with expertise in administration, the gathering and analysis of data, health planning, and the development and use of health resources.

**Functions:** The health systems agency functions include the following:

#### PLANNING FUNCTIONS

- Assembles and analyzes data on health status and health programs in its area.
- Prepares and publishes a health systems plan (HSP) and an annual implementation plan (AIP) for its area.
- Coordinates its activities with other planning bodies in the area.

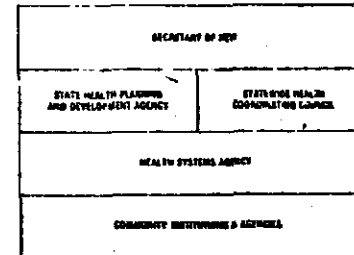
#### DEVELOPMENTAL FUNCTIONS

- Develops specific activities and projects which support plans.
- Implements plans through technical assistance, and through developmental grants to community agencies.
- Reviews and approves each use of federal funds in its area which support the development of health resources and services in the area.
- Recommends health facilities projects to the state for funding.

#### REGULATORY ACTIVITIES\*

- Reviews and comments to state regulatory agencies on all capital expenditure and new service projects in area institutions.
- Periodically reviews and comments on appropriateness of all institutional health services offered in the area.

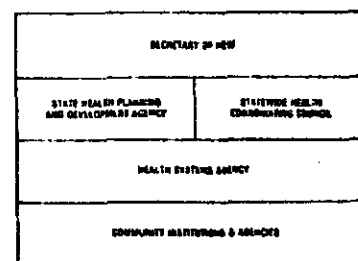
\*The health systems agency is not a regulatory authority. It reviews and comments to a state regulatory agency on proposals which are subject to regulation.



**Description:** Community institutions and agencies represent the resources on which the activities of the other components ultimately focus. They carry out the programs which are planned, and utilize the resources which are allocated.

**Functions:** Among the principal activities of these agencies as they relate to the Act are the following:

- Participate in the governance of the health systems agency serving their area.
- Design and carry out developmental projects.
- Submit proposals and applications subject to review and approval to the health systems agency.



Candidates Forum: March 26.

The League's Spring Candidates Forum will be held March 26 at Edison School, North Street entrance, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide League members and the public with an opportunity to meet all the candidates in a non-partisan setting.

Candidates ~~of~~ for county supervisor and city alderman will meet informally with the public at 7 p.m. Other candidates and their supporters will also be available at that time to display campaign literature and to join us for conversation over coffee and cookies. At 7:30 the candidates for the two School Board positions will be introduced and will field questions from the audience. At 8:15 the ~~can~~ candidates for mayor of Appleton will present their programs and answer questions from the audience. Betty Breunig, League president, will be moderator for the meeting.

Mark the date on your calendar and invite your neighbors and friends to join us for the evening.

Harlys Fritzell  
Voters Service

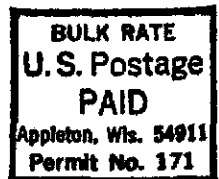
THE BALANCED BUDGET: A CLOSER VIEW

A copy of The Balanced Budget: A Closer View published by the League of Women Voters Education Fund is being provided to you from a part of your local publication fee. A thoughtful reading of this timely publication should aid you in evaluating statements and positions of presidential and congressional candidates in this election year.

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Harlys Fritzell  
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APRIL 1980

### UNIT MEETINGS

#### MARITAL PROPERTY REFORM UPDATE

#### MINI NEW MEMBER DRIVE

*Topic of interest to all! Bring neighbors, friends.*



April 15  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Propsect Ave.  
Babysitting provided  
(upstairs)

Discussion leader:  
Betty Breunig  
Hostess:  
Joan Ross

April 16  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Rm. 22  
Babysitting provided  
(in nursery)

Discussion leader:  
Marlys Fritzell  
Hostesses:  
Allie Sampson  
Barb Hussin (coffee)

April 17  
Thursday  
Noon

Outagamie County Court House  
410 E. Walnut St. - Rm 2

Discussion leader:

April 17  
Thursday  
8:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC  
724 E. South River St.  
Lower Lounge  
Remember the detour if  
approaching from the south or west

Discussion leader:  
Corinne Goldgar

April 18

DEADLINE FOR MAILING ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATIONS TO KATHY COLLINS

April 21  
Monday  
7:30 p.m. - sharp

Board Meeting  
325 N. Mason St.

Hostess:  
Phoebe Grant

April 22

EARTH DAY

Information on pages 10-12

April 26

BIKE FAIR

Details on page 9

APRIL 29

ANNUAL MEETING

DETAILS INSIDE

TUESDAY  
6:00 P.M. - SOCIAL  
6:30 P.M. - DINNER  
7:15 P.M. - MEETING

JASON DOWNER COMMONS - LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY  
700 EAST BLOCK OF COLLEGE AVENUE  
THE GOLD ROOM - SECOND FLOOR

# PRES comments

*We need more members to do all the work we have to do. We also need to spread the word outside the League about the Marital Property Reform legislation and how it could affect every individual. Please, please, help us meet both these needs by bringing a friend (or several) to the April units. This is what is known as League effectiveness!*

*Ginny Rose, one of our observers, comments that Milly Olson has been the only candidate for the Board of Education who has attended school board meetings.*

*See you at the ANNUAL MEETING, April 29. Send in your reservations NOW, to have a voice in plans for next year, and to socialize with fellow Leaguers.*



## FINANCE DRIVE

\$1509 to date -- only \$393 to go for goal of \$1902!! Keep the funds rooling in, so we can carry forth our objectives.

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

The Appleton League Board of Directors met in a special session on March 24 to decide whether or not to support downtown redevelopment as proposed by the National Redevelopment Company. Our original idea, you may recall, was to invite comment from the membership and wait until the referendum question had been worded, before taking an official League position. But, in the meanwhile, I was invited to join the steering committee of an, as yet unnamed, "vote yes" community group. Cautious that my involvement would be interpreted, due to my position as League president, by the community as an endorsement from the League, I didn't think I could accept unless I had the Board's consent. Being aware that every moment counts for the "vote yes" effort and that it would be good for the League to be in on the ground floor, I convened the special Board meeting to talk solely about this issues.

Many Board members had attended a meeting March 20 at City Hall, where the latest reports, plans and financing were presented to the aldermen and ARA members. We had attended other ARA meetings and kept in touch with the City Planning Department and activities of the Downtown Appleton Tomorrow committee. All of us had read the news-

paper articles. Members also had talked to Appleton businessmen, including the "watch dogs," Gus Zuehlke, Bill Wolter and John Pender, who convinced us that the financing of the operation would be safeguarded.

We did receive three letters, thoughtful ones, from the membership. We paid careful attention to our 1976 land use positions as well as this year's downtown consensus.

The decision, although many of us have reservations about enclosed malls and about closing off College Avenue, was to support the downtown development plan, as proposed by National Redevelopment. We see no other way to "maintain the central business district as the main commercial center," to "sustain a viable and diversified economic base," to "provide alternatives to automobile transportation," to "discourage boundless and unplanned growth," et cetera. In short, we believed that this plan is the most effective weapon we have against the threat of a shopping mall in Grand Chute. We realize that all members may not agree with this decision, but it was made thoughtfully - with considerable deliberation, and in good conscience.

- Betty Breunig

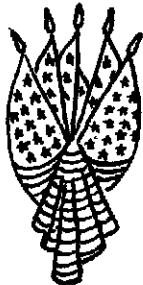
# ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION YEAR 1980:

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

As we participate in the excitement of Election Year 1980, let us take time out from our busy schedules to join together with our local League members.

IT'S ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING TIME



Tuesday, April 29

Lawrence Campus  
Jason Downer Commons  
700 East block of College Avenue  
The Gold Room - Second Floor

SOCIAL GATHERING - 6:00 p.m.  
Red / White and Blue decor  
Rose / Chablis and Discussion

DINNER - 6:30 p.m.  
Served with the cheer of RED geraniums,  
the class of WHITE linen and  
the glow of BLUE candlelight...

Fresh lettuce salad, choice of dressing  
Turkey divan  
White rice pilaf  
Glazed carrots  
Hot dinner rolls and chilled butter  
Red strawberry mousse  
Water, coffee, tea, milk

\$5.75 per person  
(includes Social Gathering)



ANNUAL MEETING - 7:15 p.m.

This is our chance to have input into next year's local program, your opportunity to give new DIRECTION. We'll discuss, and it is lively discussion with some issues bantered, and we'll decide. We'll adopt local positions based on this year's studies. We'll elect new members of our Board of Directors.

DINNER RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 18. Please fill out the form below and mail it today. Or bring the form and your payment to the April unit meetings, where someone will be responsible for collecting it.

If you prefer to come only to the ANNUAL MEETING, there will be extra chairs and coffee for you.

Mark your calendar for a fun and stimulating evening of socializing and programming. Join other Appleton Leaguers on April 29. And, if you like, wear your favorite RED, WHITE and BLUE!

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## RESERVATION

April 29

Reservations @ \$5.75 per person = \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check with this reservation form and mail before April 18 to:  
KATHY COLLINS, 321 E. BREWSTER, APPLETON WI 54911



# UNIT NOTES

Marital Property Reform Update provides opportunity  
for Mini-Membership Drive  
bring a Friend to units, April 15, 16, 17

## Marital Property Reform

The marital property reform legislation has experienced many alterations and amendments in its course through the state legislative process this session. And much work remains to put this much needed legislation into shape for the next legislative session.

We will provide this background at the April units. The slide program, "Law and Marriage," will help us understand why this legislation is so important and how it affects each of us.

Please come April 15, 16 or 17 -- and bring friends!

## membership

We are designating the April Units and MINI-MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WEEK, and ask that each member bring a guest to their unit. We will have membership information available at each unit and someone to welcome your guest.

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We know that the Marital Property slide show will be very informative and we all need to increase our familiarity with this important issue. So, call a neighbor or other friend to join us for lively discussion and a cup of coffee or tea.

- Kathy ZaVisca  
739-0528

## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

MARGARET GAETZ  
(work)  
Appleton Memorial  
Hospital  
1818 N. Meade  
731-4101

Margaret is director of community relations at Appleton Memorial Hospital.

## dues due

### MARCH

Mary Benton  
Marsha Brooks  
Bonnie Buchanan  
Chris Calder  
Jane Cane  
Marion Huss  
Sue Kinde  
Virginia McMahon  
Jan Nordell  
Pat Rauch  
Allie Sampson  
Magda Trinrud

### APRIL

Corinne Goldgar  
Ruth Duginski  
Jane Kaplan  
Sharon Meier  
Fannie Ruth  
Roberta Schmid  
Nusi Ward  
Donna Weis  
Bev Wieckert  
Brenda Wiley  
Christine Wise

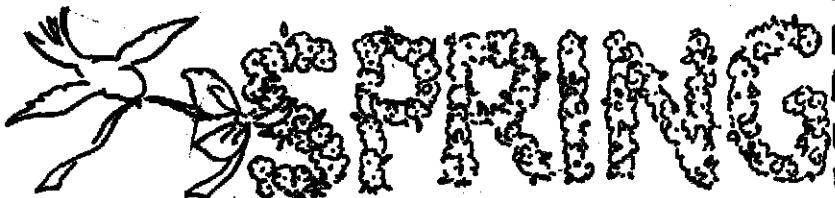
## membership dues

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....	\$14.50
ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEE.....	\$ 2.50
	<u>\$17.00</u>
MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED.....	\$ _____

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Jan Besta  
2601 N. Kesting Ct.  
Appleton WI 54911

NAME \_\_\_\_\_



## LOCAL PROGRAM

The following local study items have been proposed for the 1980-81 Appleton LWV program. These must be voted upon by the membership at the ANNUAL MEETING on April 29. Consider these items, and come discuss our plans for 1980-81 and vote on what we will study.

### RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEM

A Unified Energy Conservation Program for Appleton

SCOPE: This would be an action oriented effort which would be preceded by study to determine our present levels of energy consumption, current codes, et cetera. Other communities' successes at such attempts would be reviewed. League then would spearhead a coalition whose purpose would be to formulate a systematic plan to reduce energy consumption in Appleton. Many other community groups would be involved.

### NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

1. A study of the family life curriculum in the Appleton Public Schools, K-12.
2. A study of Appleton's city service boundary jurisdictions.

SCOPE: What services is the City of Appleton required to provide adjacent communities? What services do adjacent communities expect from Appleton?

3. An update of solid waste disposal.
4. A study of bicycle trails for transportation and recreation.
5. A study of women's needs: are they met in Appleton?
6. A study of the integration of Southeast Asian persons into our community.
7. A study of the tri-county highway.

## SUPPORT

### SUPPORT POSITIONS AND CONSENSUS

The following support positions will be presented at the ANNUAL MEETING for the membership's approval:

## URBAN CRISIS

A New National Direction



### URBAN CRISIS

Consensus reached in November 1979

The League supports downtown development which:

- 1) Retains the diversity of retailing and other services
- 2) Retains the traditional character of the downtown as much as possible
- 3) Relates new development to existing structures and businesses
- And prefers, 4) Development which will not close College Avenue, but will be focused behind existing structures, possible tied together by skyways.

## Common Council of Appleton

### COMMON COUNCIL

Consensus reached in March 1980

1. Although there was some support for the council-manager form of government, the mayor-council form was felt to be most suitable for the City of Appleton. There was no support for the commission form.

(Common Council consensus, continued)

2. There was support for the current process of making appointments, with these two additions:
  - a. Vacancies on boards and commissions should be filled within a specified period of time.
  - b. Vacancies on boards and commissions should be publically advertised.We reaffirm our position in favor of the executive budget. The Units favored the strong policy-making function of the mayor.  
The mayor's salary should be competitive with the salary of mayors of comparably sized cities in the State of Wisconsin.  
The Units favored retaining the office of administrative assistant.
3. The Council size should be smaller, but no fewer than ten members. Council pay should be an honorarium, not a salary, and the position should be part-time. Election to office should be by ward. The office should not be one of Supervisor/Alderman.
4. No consensus was reached on to whom the department heads should be responsible.

#### Minority Position

1. One unit recommended that the mayor not be empowered to veto the council firing of a department head.
2. One unit supported an up-grading of the office of administrative assistant, in terms of additional responsibilities.

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Officers of Appleton LVW  
Terms beginning May 1980

Second Vice President	Karen de Young
Treasurer	Elizabeth Hoover
Secretary	Mary Van Groll
(1 year to complete term)	

Nominations for Board of Directors

Mary Vandenberg  
Win Thrall  
Ellen Needham

Nominating Committee - 1980

Sue Lebergen, chair  
Kathy Collins  
Joyce Green

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Boardman  
Stevie Schmidt  
Marcia Hittle  
Kathleen ZaVisca  
Helen Magler, chair



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

## PROPOSED BUDGET 1980

OPERATING COSTS:	1979-80	1980-81
1. General Supplies & Equipment	\$45.00	\$30.00
2. Postage	10.00	5.00
3. Telephone & Telegram	5.00	10.00
4. Audit	45.00	45.00
5. Capital Expenditure	00.00	00.00
SUB-TOTAL	<u>105.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>

## BOARD &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. President	\$50.00	\$50.00
2. Secretary	50.00	50.00
3. Treasurer	65.00	60.00
4. Board Tools & Expenses	110.00	100.00
5. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	100.00	160.00
b. Membership	75.00	75.00
c. Membership Maintenance	40.00	00.00
d. Units	40.00	50.00
e. Public Relations	15.00	25.00
f. Budget	5.00	00.00
g. Nominating	5.00	05.00
SUB-TOTAL	<u>555.00</u>	<u>575.00</u>

## DELEGATES, TRAVEL &amp; AFFILIATIONS

1. State Convention (to accrue)	400.00	200.00
2. National	250.00	275.00
3. State Councils	40.00	30.00
4. Annual Meeting	10.00	10.00
5. Workshops & Meetings	75.00	00.00
SUB-TOTAL	<u>775.00</u>	<u>590.00</u>

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1. ILO	20.00	20.00
2. State & National Service	1,293.25	1,288.50
3. FMP (120 x \$10.50)	<u>1,336.00</u>	<u>1,260.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>2,649.25</u>	<u>2,568.50</u>

## BULLETIN

1. Supplies	15.00	10.00
2. Postage	220.00	230.00
3. Printing	<u>220.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>455.00</u>	<u>615.00</u>

LWV OF APPLETON -- PROPOSED BUDGET 1980

PROGRAM	1979-80	1980-81
1. Publications		
a. Membership (120 x 2.50)	350.00	300.00
b. Production	00.00	00.00
c. Sales to Community	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
	390.00	340.00
2. Program Committees		
a. National	30.00	30.00
b. State	30.00	30.00
c. Local	30.00	30.00
3. Voters Service	<u>40.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	130.00	140.00
POSITION SUPPORT: ACTION		
1. Publications & Other Media	00.00	50.00
2. Action Activities	50.00	75.00
3. Courtesy Memberships (3)	<u>68.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	118.00	193.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5177.25</u>	<u>5111.50</u>
INCOME		
A. Dues (120 x 14.50)	2,030.00	1,740.00
B. Contributions		
1. Members	250.00	200.00
2. Community	1,900.00	1902.50
C. Publications		
1. Member (120 x 2.50)	350.00	300.00
2. Community Sales	25.00	35.00
3. This is Appleton	00.00	75.00
4. Public Ed. in Appleton	00.00	225.00
D. Other Sources		
1. Tote Bag Sales	250.00	134.00
2. Annual Meeting	00.00	00.00
3. ERA	00.00	00.00
4. Election Reporting	00.00	300.00
E. From Reserves		
1. For Conventions & Council	200.00	200.00
2. Publications	00.00	00.00
3. Anticipated Surplus Applied	00.00	00.00
F. Interest	<u>00.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>5,177.25</u>	<u>5,111.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jan Besta  
 Barb Hussin  
 Donna Weis, Chair  
 Betty Breunig Ex-officio

# ACTION

Most of you read about the canoe trip down Mud Creek and no doubt picked out Betty paddling the second canoe with county planner Bob Stadel. It was a most successful effort for two reasons:

First, it proves beyond doubt that Mud Creek is a navigable waterway and therefore, is legally protected for public use as far back as the Northwest Ordinance;

Second, it dramatically raised the consciousness level of the whole community about Mud Creek itself and about the very real environmental issues which the mall developers must address. Construction dates already have been changed from spring 1980, to summer 1980 and now to autumn 1980.

We are aware that this battle will be long and tough, but we also are optimistic. Thanks to the League's good reputation and a good presentation by Ginny Swanson, Betty Breunig and Dave Prosser, the Public Intervenor's Advisory Board accepted our case for two reasons: one is to protect Mud Creek and its drainage system; and the other is to address the broader issue of urban sprawl and land use. Peter Peshek, the Public Intervenor, is the expert that we have been needing to guide us thru the DNR maze and the legal process. He has reminded us several times already that this is both a legal and a political battle which we are fighting. We are pleased that both the Appleton Planning Department and the Mayor's office are very supportive of our efforts.

The next step is to hire an environmental attorney (there are only 3 or 4 in Wisconsin) to work with us and the Public Intervenor. We want to be ready when the developers begin the permit process.

Take a drive and observe what already is happening along the several branches of Mud Creek, better yet, take a canoe ride!

NOTE: The City Council voted 16 to 4 to ask the federal government to make an Urban Conservation Study. Yeah! League strongly recommended this after our last set of units on downtown.

◀ Jan Nordell



Bikes

# ALERT

Although the new Oneida Street bridge was designed to include a marked bicycle lane, a decision was made recently to not mark the lane. Bicyclists would be "urged" to use the traffic lanes when crossing the bridge. However, Bob Miller (director of public works) has since received countless inquiries and verbal arguments and, at this point, is again reviewing the matter.

League will be sending him a formal letter requesting that the lanes be marked, giving reasons why we take this position. We members of the Bicycle Committee urge you to take action as individuals and write Bob Miller, at City Hall (200 W. Appleton St.) stating reasons why you believe the lanes should be marked. Remember, they were designed into the bridge plans, so the room is available without giving up space needed for auto and truck traffic.

## Bike Fair

The Bicycle Committee of the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry is sponsoring a Bike Fair on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. - noon at James Madison Jr. High, for all but the tricycle set.

Workshops, displays, and speakers,...

- \* general session on how to purchase a bike and on cycling safety
- \* 3 concurrent workshops
  - Bicycle touring
  - Maintenance
  - Racing
- \* displays on Moto Cross, Milk Race, roller biking, racing, touring

- Sue Kinde

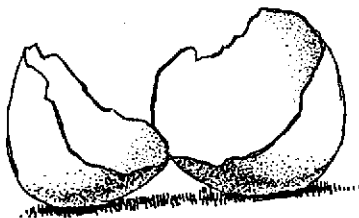
An excellent start to the season - it's free and open to the public. See you there.

# Thanks, LWV ~ FOAL

The new library so rapidly rising on North Oneida Street prompts FOAL to acknowledge a long overdue debt to the Appleton League of Women Voters. In the spring of 1974, League voted to conduct a study of the Appleton Public Library and its place in the community. The Library Study Committee, consisting of ten League members, met twice a month from September to February and devoted extra days to conducting surveys and visiting other libraries. In late February 1975, the committee's findings went to League units for discussion and a subsequent consensus report. The latter was submitted to the Library Board of Trustees and published in the Post-Crescent. Public attention was thus focused on the need for improved library services in our community.

The three-page report recommended, among other things, the "creative use of talents to benefit the Appleton Public Library, such as a Friends of the Library." With this incentive, several members of the study committee formed a steering group to explore the founding of a Friends organization. Suddenly FOAL sprang into being! The League gave its blessings, then severed all ties with the fledgling organization. Now, five busy and successful years later, FOAL says,

"Thanks, League, for your vision, encouragement, and support!"



## EARTH DAY

Celebrate the Second Environmental Decade on Earth Day - April 22. In keeping with the grassroots origin of Earth Day, the Wisconsin Citizens Environmental Council encourages groups to organize community based activities such as hikes and nature walks, bike and mass transit days, clean air weeks, waterfront activities, teach-ins, debates, spruce-ups, or film fairs. Let your imagination turn a community problem (urban run-off, urban sprawl, soil erosion, non-returnables, bike routes, et cetera) into a community initiative, working for awareness, education and action!

For more information, and a bi-weekly calendar of Earth Day related events throughout the state, contact Caryl Terrel, at WCEC, 608:266-9338; Room 415, 110 E. Main Street, Madison 53702.

## NUSI WARD

Early in 1965, Nusi Ward was the driving force behind the amalgamation of the Association for Retarded Citizens and the Outagamie County Mental Health Association, which evolved into the Sheltered Activity Center Incorporated. (It was incorporated in 1966.) She was its first president and formulated the Board of Directors.

The SAC is a private not-for-profit agency which provides work activity and day care services for mentally and developmentally disabled adults and children. Nusi foresaw a need in the community for this type of day care and started the first program, part-time, with four clients, at St. Mary's Rectory.

In SAC's new building on West Wisconsin Avenue, Nusi is depicted for posterity in a mural exemplifying bits of history from the SAC.

Congratulations, and thank you, Nusi! The Appleton League is proud of you and your accomplishments; and we are pleased to see that your work is duly recognized.

# EARTH DAY '80: APRIL 22

1638 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202) 293-2550



## URBAN IDEA SHEET

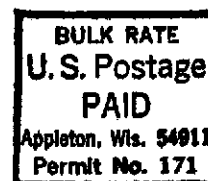
- \* Promote a joint community effort to solarize a community building or church.
- \* Initiate a community composting project.
- \* Organize a community mural painting illustrating an urban environmental theme.
- \* Put together a community team to clean the graffiti off of public vehicles and buildings.
- \* Start a local mobile farmers' market in your community.
- \* Campaign for improved mass transit in your area.
- \* Support passage of a noise ordinance in your local area.
- \* Organize a parade comprised of several community groups for a better community environment (better garbage collection, a quieter city, better health services, etc.).
- \* Have your city plant and maintain trees in your neighborhood.
- \* Petition your mayor to close certain streets to all forms of motor vehicles on April 22, and urge establishing bicycle paths on major roadways.
- \* Urge local enforcement officials to reinforce "pooper-scooper" laws on April 22 and every day thereafter. If your community does not have such ordinances, petition for their introduction or passage.
- \* Plant a community-shared urban spring garden or vegetable garden in your park, or any green space outside of your home.
- \* Throw a block clean-up party. Clean up local garbage alleys.
- \* Plan a weiner roast using solar power cookers, plan a solar cooking contest.
- \* Sponsor a workshop or round-table discussion on constructive and positive efforts to improve the environment.
- \* Hold seminars on water conservation devices that can be installed in the home (the how-tos of fixing a leaky faucet, how to minimize the amount of water you flush down the toilet, how to minimize the amount of water used in the shower, etc).
- \* Petition for extensive recycling as part of your city's trash collection program.
- \* Work with your local health department to set up tests for environmental diseases for your community's workers and residents.



- \* Arrange with your local health department to have your community's drinking water tested for purity.
- \* Invite a rat inspector to your neighborhood to explain the techniques of pest control.
- \* Plan and implement pest control campaigns.
- \* Sponsor an environmental film festival.
- \* Print and distribute lists of cancer warning signs and household health hazards.
- \* Build a solar greenhouse.
- \* Have an open house or street fair and invite the community in to an exhibit, film showing or tour demonstrating your group's contributions and successes in improving the urban environment.
- \* Donate the time and expertise of one of your group or business' members to talk to a citizens group or school class on environmental issues you are working on.
- \* If your group has an event planned for the spring, schedule it on April 22 or the weekend before in conjunction with Earth Day '80.
- \* Send us a recent feature article or fact sheet on what your group has done to improve the quality of life in your community so we can share your successes with others.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN**



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# League of Women Voters



Appleton, Wisconsin

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56 Bellaire Court  
739-2670

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731-8876  
734-8731 (work)

## SUMMER 1980

### Bikes

How about a SUMMER BIKE PARTY? If that sounds good to you, call Lynn Debbink (739-8222) or Sue Kinde (734-5759) TODAY. We are in the process of planning an evening tour and picnic to include spouses and possibly children. The specifics are not set at this time and, in fact, we welcome your opinions on route, day, and time. Possibilities include a tour to High Cliff, or a tour to Kaukauna's Environmental Center, or a tour of Appleton's "bike routes." The decision will rest largely on the type of bikers who show interest. When final plans are ready we will contact those who respond -- so if you're interested, call today -- or better RIGHT NOW!

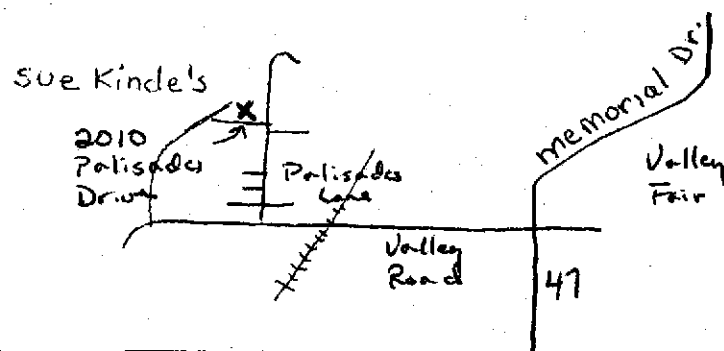


### ENERGY

If you are interested in the new local study "A Unified Energy Conservation Program for Appleton," please come to the first meeting at Sue Kinde's house, 2010 Palisades Dr. (see map), on Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. We need a whole variety of interests and talents to decide what we need to know, find it, and then translate our knowledge into community action.

There is a place for tax buffs, local government watchers, and those concerned about how people will cope with energy problems. We're just starting, so we need brand new League members as well as more experienced members. You may be our link to another group in the community, or you may want to find out what other cities have done to save energy, or you may enjoy interviewing, so join us.

If you can't come June 26, but are interested, call Cynthia Johnson (739-5146) or Sue Kinde (734-5759).



# PRES comments

This is the last Bulletin until late August. Jan and I are both going on extended vacations so that we will be bright eyed and alert in September. Some committees will be working during the summer but in general our activities will subside and we hope that local government and developers also take vacations. Karen de Young, program vice-president, will have League business well in hand.

Although I've written elsewhere about the National convention there are some ancillary items that didn't fit into "decisions made" that I wanted to comment on.

For instance, there was our visit to Toby Roth. On a hot Tuesday morning, 1200 delegates hied themselves to the Capitol and descended upon their legislators. Jean Sullivan and Anne Stannard of Green Bay, Mary Berg of Sturgeon Bay and I went to see our Congressman to ask for his support on the Fair Housing Amendment Act (HR 5200) which puts teeth into existing legislation to fight housing discrimination. We not only wanted his support, we wanted him to vote against three weakening amendments. Toby was non-committal and somewhat suspicious because this was obviously the first time he'd heard about the bill. We also asked him to vote funds to continue the food stamp program which was in danger of abrupt termination. This he implied he would not do since "the budget had to be balanced somewhere."

Somewhat to my surprise, there was a good deal of excitement among delegates when President Carter came to speak, which meant that I neglected to line up soon enough to get a good seat. But even if I couldn't touch him, I could see him easily across the heads -- you will be astonished to learn that he looks just the way he does on TV. The secret service men were casing the joint for about an hour before his arrival. During this time, Arlyn Turnquist, the male president of the Wausau League, proposed that the League change its name to the League of Voters. Eleanor Fitch, our state president, got before a microphone to support the motion and said that she wanted the convention to know that Arlyn had not done a bad job as President despite the fact that he was a man, etc. Somebody said later that it was the first time she had seen a secret service man grin in public. The name, however, was not changed this time around.

I missed Polly Bergen who apparently gave a rousing talk about ERA and the business council that League has organized. Eleanor Norton Holmes, Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission also spoke effectively.

The azaleas were in bloom and Washington was beautiful!

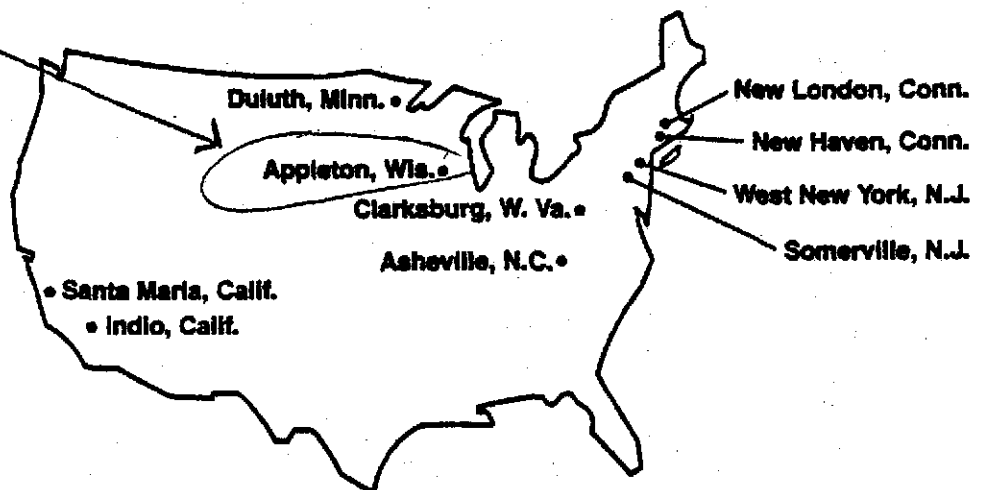
*Betty*

## DOWNTOWN APPLETON

Appleton is "on the map" and featured in an article about urban impact analyses, "U.S. Boosts Downtowns", in the May 1980 issue of the publication Chain Store Age Executive.

At League's urging after our study and consensus on the downtown last fall, our city government did apply for the Urban Conservation Analysis. It will evaluate the effects of the suburban mall on our urban downtown and could result in the denial of any federal funds for the project!

The first 10 cities to be involved in urban impact analyses are shown.



# ACTION

Next year's Board will include two new positions which we expect will help us be more "active" in the areas we have given top priority -- marital property reform and an observer corps. Barb Hoffman will serve as Marital Property Chair and Mary Vandenberg as organizer of the Observer Corps. GREAT IDEA, Betty!!

Many of you have read of the recent activities regarding our fight to delay the Mud Creek Mall. The City of Appleton has hired Susan Steingass, an environmental attorney from Madison to work with the Planning Department and the City Attorney. She represented the city and Betty represented the League at a recent meeting with the DNR and General Growth Developers at which everyone agreed that Mud Creek is navigable and that several permits are necessary before construction can begin. However, it is our understanding that the developers are not ready to begin and have no final plans yet -- we are ready, however, when they are. The discouraging part, is that plans for the strengthening of our own downtown seem to be at a standstill. The mayor, the planner, and the A.R.A. members need to hear from you!!

THANK YOU to Carol Christiansen and her staff in AAL's audio-visual department for adding some professional touches to our "Law and Marriage" slide show.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 1980 - 2000

Appleton's Plan Commission has been holding public hearings on various sections of it's proposed comprehensive plan. Since this has long been a major League concern, we have spent considerable time studying the plan and have made a statement at each of the hearings. In general, the League's Land Use Positions and the proposed plan are very compatible and we think it is a fine document. In our statements we have chosen a few of League's concerns for special emphasis: mass transit, bicycle routes, Jones Park, urban sprawl, preservation of old buildings and neighborhoods, availability of choice in housing, and development of the Fox River corridor.

We feel the City Planning Department and the Plan Commission are to be congratulated on the plan itself and the manner in which it has been formulated and adopted. Thanks to Marlys Fritzell and Sue Kinde for their expertise! Here is a good example of how a good local study produces local experts, which in turn enables League to have a voice on local issues for many years. This is perhaps the Appleton League's strongest point.

## Bio Briefs *Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!*

### NANCY JONES

3147 N. Lawe #1  
731-9250

Nancy moved here recently from Hayward, WI.  
She enjoys camping, biking and skiing.

### PAT HAUSER

2411 Wilson Ct. #4  
731-0634

Pat has a degree from U.W. Eau Claire and teaches special education in Brillion. She enjoys reading and swimming.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

An extended report will be included in the summer National Voter but in the meanwhile here are a few decisions that were made on program and budget for the next two years.

Health Care squeaked through by a final majority of 12. After motions to consider (carried), to study (defeated), to reconsider (carried), to study (carried 638-624) health care was put on our national program for 1980-82. It was a hard fought effort by a well organized lobby of determined Leaguers. The National Board will apply for grants to fund the study and local Leagues will not take it up until '81-'82.

Human Resource Positions will be revitalized next year with emphasis on equal access to housing, jobs and education and on poverty/income assistance.

The ERA Position was strengthened by a vote for "action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA: a) to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex; b) to promote laws that support the goal of ERA; and c) to strengthen the enforcement of such existing laws."

Land Use was retained as a separate department after a floor fight.

Transportation was given an individual listing on the '80-'82 program agenda to give it more visibility.

Budget and By-laws. A per member payment (PMP) of \$10.50 this year and \$11.00 next year to the National League was passed without too much comment. The majority of the delegates realized that it takes money and knowledge to administer the very effective lobbying and program guidance produced by the national organization. An important change to the national by-laws allows two members of the same household to pay one and a half PMP. The Appleton League will probably adjust its dues accordingly.

## CONVENTION STATISTICS

The 34th national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States met in the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., May 3-7, 1980. Delegates came from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Attendance peaked on Monday at 1,948. The top daily figure for each category was 1,211 delegates from 923 local Leagues (up from 903 in 1978), 131 delegates from 50 state Leagues; 21 delegates from inter-League organizations (ILOs); 16 members of the national board; 3 observers from provisional Leagues; 233 visitors from local and state Leagues; 99 special guests; 48 members of the national staff; and 131 members of the local convention committee. (In all, some 442 volunteers from Leagues in the area came to help.)

## STATE COUNCIL

The Council, held in alternate years to the State Convention, was in Oshkosh this year. Kathy ZaVisca, Karen de Young, Jan Nordell, Cynthia Johnson, Betty Breunig and Berta Churchill (as a State Board member) attended.

The Appleton League was asked to run a session on "action in the local League." Cynthia spoke about the library as a classic example of successful League action. Jan Nordell then talked about the less than classic example of trying to halt the construction of the Grand Chute Shopping Mall, a hit or miss procedure which, through great perseverance, may pay off.

The state budget was accepted (\$47,367.50). New state position papers were handed out and we participated in a "unit" showing us how to acquaint the membership with the positions. It's a great idea -- you'll see. We heard Richard Whalen of Oconomowoc talk about Single Issue Politics and about the unit he devised to be used in social studies classes from ninth through twelfth grade. We have six copies which we are planning to give to teachers in Appleton.

# THE FUTURE OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY:

## The Environmental Perspective

Ms. Betty Brunig, President  
League of Women Voters--Appleton  
56 Bellaire Court  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

Dear Ms. Brunig:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a series of workshops on environmental issues concerning the Fox River Valley to be held at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh this summer. These workshops represent the culmination of a three-year grant project involving the collective work of eight faculty from UW-Oshkosh, Lawrence University and Ripon College. Areas of discussion include air and water quality, geology, demographic profiles, and economic issues facing the future growth of the Fox River Valley.

The non-credit, one-day workshops have been designed primarily for citizens throughout the Valley. The workshops involve a day on the Fox River (on the UW-Oshkosh boat) where issues will be addressed in layman's language and from a perspective that any interested person can assimilate in gathering and making his own judgments as to the future course of communities in the Fox River Valley. There is no charge for these non-credit workshops. We do request, however, that interested participants register in advance through the Office of Continuing Education at UW-Oshkosh.

Since you represent a group with a demonstrated interest in environmental issues, I would appreciate your passing this information on to members of your group and other interested citizens. I have enclosed a few copies of the brochure which the Continuing Education Division will be distributing locally. Please feel free to photocopy any part of the brochure and registration form.

If you or any members of your group have questions concerning these workshops, please contact me at (414) 424-1217 or the Office of Continuing Education at (414) 424-1129.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can give us in letting interested citizens know about this program.

Sincerely,

  
James I. Hoffman, Director

The one-day workshops will be held on June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, July 18, 19, 20, 26, and August 2. Anyone who is interested in attending should phone Betty (739-2670) for a copy of the complete brochure.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Kinde and Cynthia Johnson have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the local Energy Conservation program. They are organizing their committee now (see article on front page), so call them now to get in on the beginning of the study.

Other appointments to the Board are being made and a complete list of portfolio assignments will be included in the August bulletin.

# dues due

DeeDee Corbett  
Julia Hecht  
Pat Poupore

## membership dues

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....\$ .

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Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Liz Hoover  
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# League of Women Voters



## Appleton, Wisconsin

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## SEPTEMBER 1980

September 11  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

General Meeting - ENERGY  
Youngchild Hall - Room 161  
Lawrence University

September 15  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
1014 E. Eldorado St.

Hostess: Liz Hoover

### UNIT MEETINGS: STATE POSITIONS

September 23  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting provided  
(upstairs)

Discussion leader:  
Ellen Needham  
Hostess: Stevie Schmidt

September 24  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 56 Bellaire Ct.  
Babysitting: 30 Bellaire Ct.

Discussion leader:  
Karen DeYoung  
Hostesses: Betty Breunig  
& Mary Van Groll

September 25  
Thursday  
Noon

Outagamie County Courthouse  
410 E. Walnut St. - Room 4

Discussion leader:  
Jane Kaplan

September 25  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

2613 S. Schaefer St.  
(just south of East High on Schaefer )  
from the north: Lawe to S. River,  
right on East St., left on Fremont to  
Schaefer.

Discussion leader:  
Sharon Persich  
Hostess: Nancy Jones

September 29  
Monday  
9:30 a.m.

EVERYMEMBER PROGRAM BRIEFING  
Madison - see page 5 for details

**IMPORTANT:** Please help us organize for unit meetings by providing the information requested on the form on page 2. Mail to Nancy Jones, 2613 S. Schaefer St., Appleton or call 731-9250 by September 10.



# PRES comments

Greetings from Northern New Hampshire! For one reason or another, I have managed to extend my vacation until Sept. 1. Guilt tinges have been few because the rest of the Board has taken hold and Karen assures me that ALL IS GOING WELL.

I think we have a superb program for the year. Let's start out this month with enthusiasm and see if we can break attendance records at the Sept. meetings. Incidentally, both the Energy General Meeting and the Units on State Positions will be good ones to bring friends, relatives and acquaintances to.

P.S. Many thanks to Corinne Goldgar for doing the Board training so well and a thank you to Ruth Seager for opening her home to us for the meeting. I would also like to welcome to the Board Pat Bornslaeger - Membership; Ginny Rose-Publications; Stevie Schmidt - Human Resources; and Nancy Jones - Units.

*Betty*

## Energize

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 11 in Youngchild Hall, Room 161, Lawrence University for our first Energy meeting. Peteranne Joel, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Lawrence, who teaches Energy and the Environment, will introduce our topic. Our local study is "A Unified Energy Conservation Program for Appleton," so the 1980 CBS documentary "Energy Crunch: the Best Way Out" was an irresistible feature for our program. (Even at \$24.50! Any teachers or others who would like to borrow the film between Sept. 9 - 12 and pay part of the cost, please call!)

See your friends and ban those entropy blues over cider and doughnuts.

We also have lots of special things to do on our committee and would love your help. Call Cynthia Johnson (739-5146) or Sue Kinde (734-5759).

We will be carpooling to WLUK-TV's Energy Expo '80 at Brown County Arena in Green Bay. The Expo runs Sept. 16 - 18 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with daily seminars scheduled for 1:30, 3, 7, and 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.50. We plan to send a car at 11 a.m. Sept. 16, and perhaps another car at 5:30 p.m. as well. Call us or sign up at the general meeting on Sept. 11.

# Bio Briefs Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

COOKIE FIEIKOW  
1719 Reid Drive  
734-0515

MARY GLENN  
114 S. 7th St., Box 183  
Hilbert 54129  
853-3940

BARBARA PENNING  
151 S. Willow St.  
Kimberly  
788-3975

Barbara is a homebound teacher, secondary level in the Appleton school system. She and her husband have a small son and have lived here for 6 yrs. Her hobbies include photography and backpacking.

DAWN WASHATKA  
629 E. Frances St.  
731-7893

Dawn is active in the Anderson campaign and works for James Laird Real Estate Appraisal. Other interests include cross country skiing, hiking, camping & backpacking.

## UNIT NOTES

Please help us organize for unit meetings by providing the information below. Mail to Nancy Jones, 2613 S. Schaefer St., Appleton or call 731-9250 by September 10.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday afternoon

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday morning

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday noon

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday evening

unit most regularly.

I am willing to be \_\_\_\_\_ unit leader

\_\_\_\_\_ assistant unit leader

\_\_\_\_\_ recorder

# Reapportionment

Preliminary 1980 census figures show that Wisconsin's population is down, Appleton's is up. Appleton's population now stands at 58,597, an increase of 3.9%. Within the city boundaries there are large shifts of population. Some wards show losses over 18%, others show great growth.

These shifts of population are important to us. The U.S. Constitution mandates reapportionment after every decennial census. How, then, will the new districts be drawn? Will we be fairly represented? Will special interest groups, i.e., political parties, farmers, urban interests, ethnic groups, seek greater representation? Who will guarantee the principle of one man, one vote?

In our October units we will be discussing the history, standards and methods of reapportionment so that we can monitor the redistribution at all levels of government, local, county, state and federal. Read your Focus: Reapportionment: Issues for the Eighties and join us for a "lively issue."

Ruth Seager

## UNITS ON STATE POSITIONS

September 23, 24, 25

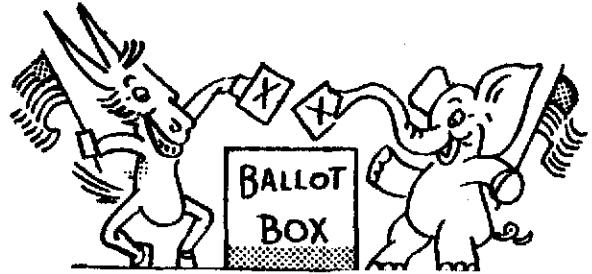
For years I've been agitated that the local League member doesn't have a clue about how the Wisconsin League stands on certain state issues and doesn't realize the tremendous amount of work put in by the State League's Legislative Committee. We are about to remedy this situation.

Last spring at the State Council I participated in a splendid session which not only acquainted me with state support positions but also gave me an idea of the kinds of decisions which have to be made before the State League, or any League, can make an official statement on any bill — I was so enthused that I asked the Board to let me organize one set of Units for our League. So, please come to the Sept. Units — they will be fun and even stimulating, bring your uncles and aunts!

Betty Breunig

ACTION REMINDER : It is Community Development Block Grant Application time again. League plans to participate in the public hearings again this year and your ideas and suggestions are welcome. Call Jan Nordell (731-8738) with your thoughts now because the next hearing is September 8.

# VOTERS SERVICE



## LOCAL:

We have scheduled the Fall Candidates' Forum for Wednesday October 22 at 7 p.m. at Edison School. Please note: this is a change from the date scheduled in the 1980-81 Calendar in your Directory. Toby Roth and Mike Monfils will debate as will the candidates for Appleton District Attorney, Michael Cage and William Drengler. We are still contacting other candidates at this time.

## STATE:

Word from the State League is that the Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate are to debate on Sept. 7 at U.W. Waukesha. Hopefully this will be broadcast by PBS. If you would like more information, call me and I will try to find out for you.

## NATIONAL:

Events concerning the Presidential debates seem to be changing daily. The last word we received stated the debates will be held in Baltimore, Cleveland, Louisville, and Portland, Oregon. There will be one Vice-Presidential and three Presidential debates. Criteria for participants in the debate: (1) constitutional eligibility, (2) presence on the ballot in enough states to have a mathematical possibility of winning a majority of votes (270) in the Electoral College, and (3) demonstrated significant voter interest and support.

Kathy ZaVisca  
739-0528

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

With the announcement of General Growth Development Company's plans to begin construction preparations in September and with their filing for a DNR permit to change the course of Mud Creek, the battle against the mall has again become a reality!! A couple of encouraging things have happened:

1. With the encouragement of the Public Intervenor and Representative David Prosser, the DNR has requested an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) from the developers before they can even begin site preparations.
2. Led by Mayor Dorothy Johnson, a coalition of mayors of the seven Fox Valley municipalities has been formed to oppose the mall.
3. The Public Intervenor's advisory Board o.k.'d his giving increased time to our problem and recognized it as one of their priority cases.

The next couple of weeks will be critical. The League will be taking part in efforts to persuade the DNR to hold public hearings on the scope of the EIR so that the socio-economic as well as the environmental issues can be explored. We will also be working to persuade the Army Corps of Engineers to use their "discretionary jurisdiction" over this section of Mud Creek. Potentially, they are the federal agency which could stop the mall, using the federal governments's Urban Conservation Policy.

Despite these small successes, we are well aware that it will take a small miracle to win.

Jan Nordell

\*\* The SAVE DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE is a coalition of community leaders a majority of whom are members of the League of Women Voters. It is this coalition which has been spearheading the efforts to stop the mall and save downtown Appleton as the focal point of our community. The League itself has joined the efforts whenever it was needed and allowable under our "positions."

## dues due

Your cooperation is needed; please pay your dues promptly! Many dues are already PAST DUE. Your name will be dropped from the membership if past dues are not paid by September 30. If there are any questions concerning your membership please contact Liz Hoover at 739-8703. Joint membership for wives and husbands is now available, again contact Liz if you are interested. A good deal!

Phyllis Dintenfass  
Ann Long

July  
Virginia & Robert Rosenberg  
Dorothy Stillings

March  
Mary Benton  
Chris Calder  
Jane Cane  
Allie Sampson

August  
Cathy Boardman  
Elinore Burdett  
Louise Chmura  
Mary Humlicek  
Marge Koepke  
Ellen Needham  
Win Thrall  
Leonard Weis

April  
Roberta Schmid  
Brenda Wiley

May  
Rose Marie Dercks  
Catherine Garvey  
Carol Mason  
Dorothy Reidl  
Dick Sampson

September  
Janet Besta  
Eleanor Brenneke  
Betty Breunig  
Berta Churchill  
Penny Coffin  
Jane Dear  
Karen DeYoung  
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EVERYMEMBER PROGRAM BRIEFING  
Monday, September 29 - Madison

The 1980 Everymember Program Briefing offers the opportunity to learn more about reapportionment, taxes, health care, international relations, and natural resources. This is a marvelous time to introduce new and prospective members to some of the League program. It also is a day that is helpful to portfolio chairs. Further, it's fun for all who attend.

Directions: The program will be at Lake Edge United Church of Christ. \*\*\*NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE! DO NOT, DO NOT go to Lake Edge Lutheran Church -- they will be surprised and you will be disappointed!

Lake Edge United Church of Christ is located at 4200 Buckeye Road on the east side of Madison. Buckeye Road is a clearly marked intersection with Hwy. 51. From Hwy. 51 turn west on Buckeye Road and proceed almost to Lake Monona. The 4200 block is between Davies and Monona Court, and the church will be on your right. There is parking behind the church. The number for emergency calls is 608-222-8668.

AGENDA

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration (\$2.00). Coffee and cookies available.
- 10:00 - 11:00 Greetings and announcements.
- NATURAL RESOURCES: Film: *Energy Impacts on Wisconsin Coastal Areas*. Narrated by Bob Halstead, Energy Facilities Analyst for the Office of Coastal Management.
- 11:00 - 12:45 TAXES: Industrial Revenue Bonds. Tax Incremental Financing. Panel discussion.
- HEALTH: Health Care in Wisconsin  
Ralph Andreano, Professor of Economics, and Administrator of Division of Health, 1977-1978.
- REAPPORTIONMENT: The state reapportionment committee will meet with local chairs to review the study guide and member agreement questions and discuss member agreement procedure.
- 12:45 - 1:45 Lunch. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. There is no soft drink machine, but there is a refrigerator if you bring your own.
- 1:45 - 3:30 REAPPORTIONMENT: Changes in standards and methods that have occurred since the last reapportionment. Possible problems that may emerge. Panel discussion.
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Report on the proceedings and implications of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women being held July 14-30 in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Lee Fiber Smith, Director of the LWV Overseas Education Fund.
- TAXES: The state tax study committee will meet with local chairs to review the study guide and member agreement questions and member agreement procedures.

The Appleton League will be sending a carpool to Madison for this Everymember Program Briefing on September 29. Call Betty Breunig (739-2670) to sign up to attend.

ELECTION CHART AND CALENDAR

Elective Office	Term of Office	
	Length	Expires
<b>NATIONAL</b>		
President	4 yrs.	1/20/81
Vice President	4 yrs.	1/20/81
Senator		
Proxmire	6 yrs.	1/3/83
Nelson	6 yrs.	1/3/81
Representative to Congress	2 yrs.	1/3/81
<b>STATE</b>		
Representative	2 yrs.	2nd Wed. 1/81
Senator	4 yrs.	
Even-numbered Dist.		2nd Wed. 1/81
Odd-numbered Dist.		2nd Wed. 1/83
Governor	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/83
Lieutenant Governor	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/83
Secretary of State	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/83
Treasurer	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/83
Attorney General	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/83
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	4 yrs.	1st Mon. 7/81
<b>JUDICIAL</b>		
7 Supreme Court Justices	10 yrs.	Aug. 1
Shirley Abrahamson		1990
Bruce Beilfuss (Chief Justice)		1984
William Callow		1988
John Coffey		1989
Roland Day		1987
Nathan S. Heffernan		1986
Donald Steinmetz		1991
Appeals Court Judges	6 yrs. (1/3 elected every two years)	
Circuit Judge	6 yrs.	Aug. 1
<b>COUNTY</b>		
Sheriff	2 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/81
District Attorney	2 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/81
Clerk	2 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/81
Treasurer	2 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/81
Register of Deeds	2 yrs.	1st Mon. 1/81
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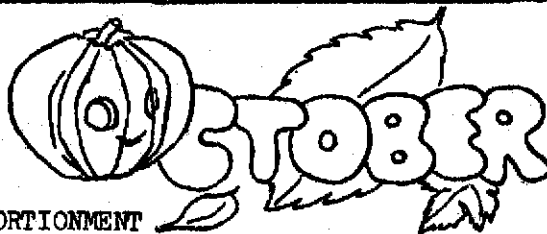


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## 1980

### UNIT MEETINGS: REAPPORTIONMENT

October 14  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader: Betty Breunig  
Hostess: Ellen Needham

October 15  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22  
Babysitting downstairs

Discussion Leader: Karen DeYoung  
Hostesses: Pat Bornslaeger  
Nancy Jones

October 16  
Thursday  
noon

\*Schreiter's Coach Lamp Inn  
211 S. Walnut St.

Discussion Leader: Jan Nordell  
or Sue Kinde

October 16  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

43 South Meadows Drive

Hostess: Bev Wieckert

October 20  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
520 N. Bateman St.

Hostess: Marcia Hittle

October 22  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m.

**FALL CANDIDATES' FORUM**  
Edison School  
412 N. Meade St.

October 28  
Tuesday  
8:00 p.m.

General Meeting:  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
Vel Phillips, Wis. Sec. of State  
Riverview Lounge, Memorial Union  
Lawrence University

Hostesses: Ruth Seager  
Lynn Debbink

\* Note the new meeting place for the Thursday noon unit.

**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS:** October 8, POTENTIAL MEMBER COFFEE - see page 5 for details

October 25, MARITAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP - see page 4 for details

# PRES comments

At the September Board meeting we talked about our League's non-partisanship policy and our priorities for the year. As you can well imagine, League Board members were their usual opinionated selves and the meeting lasted a good deal longer than my privately imposed curfew of 10 p.m.

Our annual discussion about what non-partisanship means is always important but it is particularly so in a presidential election year. Of course, all members in general are urged, nay exhorted, to be politically active, but Board members, being more visible and official, have to be very careful about partisan politics in public. We readopted the statement that is in your directory and decided that discretion is the key word. In other words, no Board member can become a campaign manager but certainly may work for a candidate in other less visible capacities. When in doubt, don't -- or consult the rest of the Board.

We didn't have too much trouble deciding on priorities. The first three are obvious but we added a fourth which we think is very important.

1. The Downtown and the proposed suburban mall need constant attention. As Jan has told you elsewhere in this Bulletin, most of the real effort in opposition to the proposed Grand Chute mall from now on will be in the courts. The Save Downtown Committee is spearheading fund raising for this vital task. THE WIDER THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO FUND REQUESTS, THE BETTER IT WILL LOOK IN COURT -- besides, the money is desperately needed.

2. We will continue to emphasize the Observer Corps. Our credibility is enhanced tenfold if we are very visible at committee, commission and board meetings, not to mention the fact that it's one way to find out what's going on. And it does become horribly fascinating. When Mary Vandenberg calls you, say yes!

3. Marital Property is a priority which Barb Hoffman will concentrate on. Another bill will be introduced into the 1981 state legislature which means we will have to make an all out effort to convince our legislators that our concept of MARITAL PROPERTY REFORM IS A GOOD THING.

4. Broader horizons is our fourth priority. The Appleton League has become very insular in the last few years, partly because local problems stare us in the face and partly because we know our legislators, our mayor, our county executive and the "movers" in the community. It is easy to react and act locally. But the Board feels that we have lost sight of international and, to a certain extent, national affairs and that as "informed voters" we must make ourselves more aware of the outside world. Win Thrall has arranged a general meeting in late October (see page 3) to start us off on the right foot. We hope to emphasize the national and international implications of our state and local studies also.

*Betty*

## Publications

Several times a year the local League receives state and national publications that are not of broad enough interest to be purchased as every member publications. As these are received, I will list the titles in the Bulletin. I have compiled two notebooks with samples of League publications. One is for members' use and will be available at all meetings for you to look for particular publications that interest you and order copies for yourself. The second notebook is for community use. The supervisor of the Appleton public schools' social studies curriculum is already interested in ordering publications from this notebook.

You will be surprised at the number of League publications and the breadth of our interests. This fall we have received the following national publications:

- 1) Citizens: The Untapped Energy Source
- 2) A Hazardous Waste Primer
- 3) A Nuclear Waste Primer
- 4) Easy Does It: Registration and Absentee Voting Procedures by State (Poster)

Ginny Rose  
Publications Chairman

# International Relations

## SPOTLIGHT VEL PHILLIPS

In observance of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, Vel Phillips, Wisconsin Secretary of State and U.S. Delegate to the World Conference of the U.N. Decade for Women 1980, which met in Copenhagen last summer, will speak on Tuesday, October 28 at 8 p.m. in Riverview Lounge, Memorial Union, Lawrence University. She will discuss her observations and experiences at what she describes as an "exhilarating" three-week conference. The LWV International Relations committee and Lawrence University will co-sponsor this event, which is free and open to the public.

Vel Phillips was one of 37 U.S. delegates among 2,300 delegates from 145 countries at the conference. Many issues concerning women were considered but the discussion soon expanded to include international political conflicts also, particularly the Israeli-Palestinian dilemma.

Secretary of State Phillips has been active for many years in politics, government, and the legal profession. She served on the Milwaukee Common Council, as a state judge, as a delegate to the Democratic convention, and in leadership roles on various civil rights and public school issues. She was the first black person to serve on the national committee of either of the major political parties, the first black woman to graduate from the U.W. law school and the first minority judge in the state.

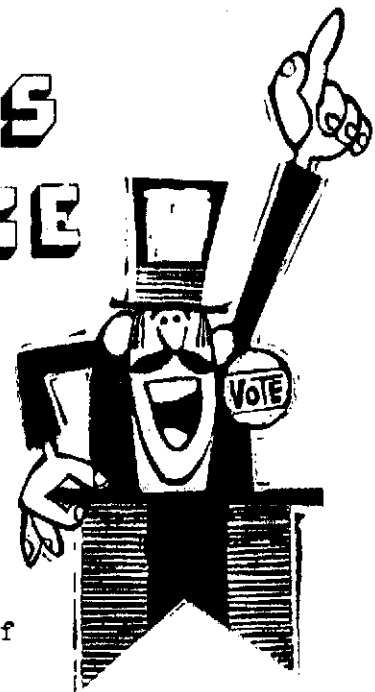
U.N. Day, traditionally observed on October 24, is a time to reflect on the League's positions supporting this world organization. Vel Phillips' talk will give us a fresh view of the LWV "global perspective," by considering international tensions, social and economic conditions, the U.S. participation, and the U.N. effectiveness as expressed at the conference for women. It will be an enlightening speech, given by a dynamic woman.

The International Relations committee is looking for additional members. If you would like to join us and help with the arrangements for this meeting, please call Win Thrall, I.R. Chair, 733-4889 (home) or 735-6591 (work).

# VOTERS SERVICE

## FORUM:

The Candidates' Forum will be held Wednesday, October 22 at Edison School. From 7-7:30 pm the public will be welcome to mingle with the candidates and question them on the "issues." At 7:30 p.m. we will begin the debate portion of the program. Candidates for Outagamie County District Attorney, Michael Gage and incumbent William Drenkler will speak first, followed by the candidates for State Assembly from this area. The candidates for U.S. Representative, Mike Monfils and incumbent Toby Roth, will conclude the evening with their debate.



We know this will be an enlightening evening and that you will want to encourage your friends and neighbors to attend with you. So, come hear what the candidates will do about inflation, unemployment, hazardous waste, marital property reform, highway funds, etc.

## ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING:

Sign up sheets for the November Election Reporting will be circulated at upcoming unit meetings. Our local League will realize a significant amount of money for doing this reporting and it is also an excellent chance to observe the polling process first hand. **It's fun! Please sign up!**

Kathy Zavisca

# OBSERVER CORPS

Besides the regular government meetings, Leaguers have been attending Revenue Sharing and Community Development Block Grant hearings and also the County Executive's budget review — all preliminaries to the city and county budget hearings in October and November. These are very important and we welcome your participation. Dates to keep in mind:

Oct. 14 - County Executive's Budget Message  
Oct. 14-Nov. 2 - County Finance Committee Hearings.



WISCONSIN WOMEN'S NETWORK  
625 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53703

HECK YES!  
I'm Interested in  
Marital Property!

How does Wisconsin property law and proposed marital property reform legislation affect opportunities for women to attain equal rights? What are the human values implicit in the marriage contract? What assumptions about the roles of husbands and wives are reflected in current law and proposed changes? Is estate planning affected by the Wisconsin separate property system?

These and other questions will be explored in workshops entitled "Marital Property: His...Hers...or Theirs." Participants in the workshops will examine their values and assumptions about men, women, marriage and money and the extent to which current or proposed public policy reflects those values.

Academic humanists will address the question of marital partnership property, focusing on the impact of the state's marriage contract on men, women, the family and society. Panels, composed of legislators, homemakers, farmers and attorneys will present divergent perspectives on the current and proposed systems. These programs are an opportunity for Wisconsin men and women to study how Wisconsin laws affect their property rights, the implications for estate planning and the legal division of financial rights and responsibilities within a marriage.

WHERE AND WHEN: Appleton, Saturday, October 25, 10:00 to 4:00  
PLACE: U.W. Center - Fox Valley  
1478 Midway Road, Menasha  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: June Miller Weisberger, Professor  
U.W. Madison, Law School

The workshops are sponsored by the Wisconsin Women's Network and the University of Wisconsin Extension--Women's Educational Resources. Funding is provided by a grant to the Network from the Wisconsin Humanities Committee. For further information contact:  
Barbara Hoffman: 731-9293 (work) or 734-3627 (home)

MARITAL PROPERTY: His...Hers...or Theirs  
For Registration and Materials

I will attend in: Appleton, Wausau, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, Madison  
(circle city)

Return to: WWN Marital Property Workshops, 625 W. Washington Ave.,  
Madison, WI 53703  
Please Enclose \$6.00 Registration Fee  
(includes a meal and packet of materials)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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(street)

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# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

## DELAY OR DEFEAT?

The League has been part of very successful efforts this past month to again delay construction of the Grand Chute mall -- this time from fall 1980 to spring 1981. All 3 agencies (Outagamie County Zoning Committee, DNR, and Army Corps of Engineers) from whom permits are required have agreed to gather more environmental information before making any decision. The Corps decision to investigate more thoroughly the aquatic environment of the entire Mud Creek drainage area was an unexpected and happy victory.

As important as these environmental concerns are, however, they will cause only delays for the developer, not defeat. To stop General Growth's mall as well as any similar future developments, the battle must be fought on the economic and social issues. Clearly the Public Intervenor and his staff as well as the city's environmental attorney see this as a landmark case headed for the State Supreme Court. Such a case demands expert witnesses and expert documentation of all the secondary and cumulative social and economic effects of this mall on the entire Fox Valley community.

It becomes a matter of \$\$ at this point and the community's share is approximately \$18,000. In one sense that's a lot of money, but in reality it's a small price to pay for our only real chance of saving our downtown(s). No one is promising a victory but the experts now give us a 50/50 chance of defeating the mall outright.

Mayor Johnson has become a real champion of the cause because of a firm belief that it is essential to preserving Downtown Appleton. We applaud her leadership!

Contributions should be sent to:  
Fox Valley Environmental Fund, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2321, Appleton 54913  
or to any member of the Save Downtown  
Committee.

-Jan Nordell-

\* \* \* \* \*  
\* FLASH!!! \*  
\* The League has joined \*  
\* City of Appleton \*  
\* Save Downtown Committee \*  
\* Dave Prosser \*  
\* Public Intervenor \*  
\* in signing a petition for a contested \*  
\* case hearing from the DNR. This is our \*  
\* second legal initiative. The first was \*  
\* having Mud Creek declared a navigable \*  
\* waterway. \*  
\* \* \* \* \*

## MEMBERSHIP *old and new*

The year ahead will be an exciting one for all of us. Share your enthusiasm for League programs with your friends. If you know of anyone who would be interested in learning more about League, please do the following:

1. Invite them to the POTENTIAL MEMBER COFFEE slated for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 8, 616 E. Greenfield.
2. Bring them to a unit meeting as your guest or
3. Call me with their names so that I can contact them.

Pat Bornslaeger  
739-2945

## Bio Brief

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton member

MARILYN GOSZ

75 Schaefer Ct.  
734-5972

Marilyn is Management  
Services Officer at the  
1st National Bank. She

is very interested in music and plays several instruments. Other forms of enjoyment for her include golf, tennis & cross country skiing.

## Reapportionment

By now every member should have received a copy of Focus: Reapportionment: Issues for the 80's which contains the background reading for the October unit meetings.

The reapportionment process will begin in 1981 when population data is available from the 1980 census. The aim of legislative apportionment is fair and effective representation -- a laudable goal, but difficult to achieve. Come to the October unit meetings to discuss the problems in reapportionment and the suggested solutions.

# UNIT NOTES

The unit is the heart of League. It is a small group of members which meets regularly to participate in study, discussion, formulation of program and other League activities. As another League year gets underway we need members willing to serve in several capacities. These are simple jobs but they are essential to a successful and productive year.

Unit Leader: This person starts the meeting, makes announcements, passes the attendance sheet and arranges for future hostesses and discussion leaders. This person also provides the nametags and introduces new members and guests. If you bring a guest, introduce her to the unit leader before the meeting starts.

Discussion Leader: This is a volunteer from the unit who receives one night of training from the study committee some time before the unit discussion. She (he) is provided with some background information, the questions she (he) is to ask the unit to discuss, and how much time she (he) should take for each question. Being a discussion leader is a lot of fun. Be sure to volunteer if you are interested!

Recorder: This person writes down the main points of the discussion during the unit meeting. Majority and minority opinions are recorded, with some indication of how many were on each side, when possible. This record of the unit discussion is used by the study committee along with the records from the other units, in determining our total League Consensus on a particular subject.

Resource Person: This is somebody from the committee who has thoroughly studied the topic in question. Resource persons do not lead the discussion but they do participate and answer questions that come up during the unit discussion.

Hostess or Host: This person provides coffee and something to nibble on. For the night units they also offer their homes as a meeting place. Volunteers are always needed for this! You don't need to have a lot of chairs; people can sit on the floor!

- Nancy Jones

# dues due

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DeDe Corbett

July  
Dorothy Stillings

August  
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Louise Chmura  
Mary Humlicek  
Marge Koepke  
Win Thrall

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# Who Will Elect the President?

## The Electoral College System

Every four years, the Electoral College, a little known feature of our Constitution, enjoys a fleeting moment of glory. About six weeks after the long grind of the presidential election is over, the 538 members of the college meet in their respective states to perform their sole constitutional function: to elect the President and the Vice-President of the United States.

But the impact of the college on presidential elections is far greater—and more controversial—than its brief life indicates. For example, many knowledgeable observers of American politics attribute the predominance of two major parties to the winner-take-all feature of the college's state-based system: in all but one state,\* losing candidates, whether they get two million or two votes, get no electors. As a result, small parties and less well known candidates seldom have had a chance to affect the outcome of an election directly. The usual effect of so-called "third-force" candidates is to take away votes from one major party candidate in a close race, tipping the results to the other major party candidate. But if a third or fourth candidate does manage to carry at least one state and some electoral votes—and that has happened in four elections since 1900—then he or she may have a huge impact—partly because the House of Representatives gets to choose the President (and the Senate, the Vice-President) if the Electoral College can't produce an absolute majority.

Politicians and pundits disagree as to whether the college favors small states, or whether it gives an indirect advantage to rural areas or to ethnic minority clusters in populous states. They disagree over its value as a preserver of federalism or as an impediment to the principle of one-person, one-vote. All observers agree, however, that every four years the voters of America need to be reminded of the ins and outs of the Electoral College system before they cast their ballot for President.

### How It Works

Americans choose their President in a complicated series of steps that have evolved from Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, through various amendments, federal and state laws, political party rules and traditions.

The Constitution authorizes each state to appoint a number of electors equal to the number of representatives plus senators that the state has in Congress. To this total of 435 plus 100, the Twenty-third Amendment added three for the District of Columbia—the same number of electors as the least populous state—bringing the total of the college to 538 members.

The Constitution is silent on how a state is to choose its electors. In the early years, legislatures adopted several methods: appointment by the legislature, election by the people on a statewide bases, or a combination of these methods. But by 1836, almost every state was using a popular vote system.

On election day, when voters in each state go to the polls, each one casts a ballot for the slate of presidential electors who are pledged to support the candidate the voter prefers. These slates have been selected by political parties, through conventions, committees or primaries. When a candidate is not the nominee of a party, the slate is named through a petition filed with a required number of signatures. In over half the states, only the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates ap-

pear on the ballot, masking the fact that voters are choosing electors rather than voting directly for the candidates. In the other states, both candidates and electors are identified.

The winning slate of electors meets in each state on the Monday following the second Wednesday in December, a date set by federal statute. Two ballots are taken, with each elector casting one vote for the President and one for the Vice-President. Electors almost always vote for the candidates to whom they have been pledged. The Constitution, however, does not bind them to do so, and in fact an independent elector is what the Framers had in mind when they first designed the college (see box: Why the Framers Set Up the Electoral College). Since 1789, there have been few so-called "faithless" electors who have not cast their ballots for the candidates they were expected to support. To date, the vote of a faithless elector has never changed the outcome of an election; but concern about this possibility has led one-third of the states to enact laws binding electors. Congress, however, has not acted to restrict electors' freedom to vote as they please; some observers believe Congress does not have the power to do so.

Results of the mid-December vote in each state are sent to Congress to be counted on January 6, in the presence of the newly elected Senate and House of Representatives. If one candidate for the office of President (and one candidate for the office of Vice-President) gets 270 votes—a majority of the total number of 538 electors—a President has been elected.

If it is apparent after the November election that no candidate is assured of a majority of electors' votes, the period from the general election to the December vote of the Electoral College may become a time of intense political horse-trading. A candidate who has only a few electoral votes may use those votes as bargaining chips with other candidates in exchange for influence over their policies and appointments. George Wallace, running for President in 1968, expected to play that role, but when Richard Nixon, the Republican candidate, won a clear-cut electoral majority, Wallace's bargaining power was lost.

### Elections in the House and Senate

The Twelfth Amendment clarifies the procedures for so-called "contingent elections"—those that are thrown into the House and Senate for lack of an Electoral College majority.

The following rules regulate the House's choice of the President:

- Only the top three vote-getters in the electoral college are to be considered.
- Regardless of its population and number of representatives, each state delegation in the House has only one vote, for a total of 50 votes. The District of Columbia, which sends a nonvoting delegate to the House, has no vote.
- The state's choice is determined by a vote within its delegation. If that vote is a tie, the state loses its vote.
- A winning candidate must receive the votes of a majority—26—of states.
- There is no limit to the number of ballots in the House.

If the House fails to choose a President by Inauguration Day, January 20th, the Twentieth Amendment requires that the Vice-

\*Maine is the only state that allocates electoral votes in proportion to the percentage of the popular vote each candidate receives.

President-elect, provided that the Senate has chosen one, serve as President until the House makes its choice.

The Senate follows these rules in its selection of the Vice-President:

- The choice is between the top two vice presidential vote-getters in the Electoral College.
- Each senator has one vote, for a total of 100 votes (no vote for the District of Columbia).
- A Vice-President must be elected by a majority — 51 — of the whole Senate.

If the Senate also fails to elect a Vice-President, the Succession Act of 1948 provides that the Speaker of the House shall act as President until a President is chosen. This law was enacted under authority given to the Congress by the Twentieth Amendment.

Although the procedures for the way the House and Senate vote are set by the Constitution, there are no rules governing how individual members of Congress vote in such contingent elections in the House and Senate. Members are free to vote as they please within their state's delegation. It is conceivable, under these circumstances that the House might select a President of one party and the Senate, a Vice-President of the other.

The Electoral College has been the subject of much discussion over the years. It lacks neither supporters nor critics.

Opponents of the college call it undemocratic. They say it functions in contradiction to the one-person, one-vote principle, by giving each state at least three votes, even though on a straight population basis, some states might be entitled to only one or two. If the choice of a President goes to the House of Representatives, where each state has only one vote, the election becomes even further removed from the equality-of-population principle. These critics point out that in a contingent election, the single representative from the least populous state has a vote that carries 45 times more weight than that of a representative from the state of California, the most populous state, with the largest number of representatives. There are six states with only one representative.

Supporters of the college argue that the principle of one-person, one-vote should not pertain to the college, just as it does not pertain to the U.S. Senate. They point out that the college was designed to underscore the federal nature of the U.S. government. The college, they argue, recognizes and embodies the delicate balance between the powers of the states and the powers of the central government. Other supporters believe that the seeming bias towards the small states may not be real. Because of the winner-take-all rule, a small margin of victory in California, New York, Illinois or Texas gets a much larger block of electoral votes than could be won by large popular majorities in any number of small states.

Critics charge that the Electoral College allows a dangerous possibility: the election of a President who has not won in the popular vote. The possibility became fact in the 1888 election. Grover Cleveland received 48.7 percent of the popular vote to Benjamin Harrison's 47.9 percent, but Harrison carried New York state and therefore outpolled Cleveland by 233 to 168 in the Electoral College. In the 1976 election, a switch of 9,245 votes in Ohio and Hawaii would have denied an electoral majority to President Carter despite his 1.5 million vote plurality. The election of a President who received less than a popular vote plurality is perceived by some critics as a potential constitutional crisis of the first magnitude, an outcome that would not be acceptable to the American people.

On the other hand, supporters of the college assert that it has worked well over the last 48 presidential elections. "If it ain't

## Why the Framers Set Up the Electoral College

*It was desirable that the sense of the people should operate in the choice of [the President]. This end will be answered by committing the right of making [the choice] not to any pre-established body, but to men chosen by the people for the special purpose, and at the particular conjuncture.*

*It was equally desirable that the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice. A small number of persons, selected by their fellow citizens from the general mass, will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to so complicated an investigation.*

Alexander Hamilton, *The Federalist*, No. 68

broke, don't fix it" is the rallying cry of opponents. Those who think the college has functioned well and will continue to do so assert that the election of 1888, often used as a horrible example by those who seek change, was a statistical anomaly that is unlikely to occur again.

Over the years, some of those who basically support the Electoral College system, as well as those who think it works badly, have suggested changes in the system by which Americans elect their President. At one end of the spectrum are those who want to abolish the Electoral College and elect the President by direct popular vote. A direct election amendment has been introduced in the Senate over 60 times, most recently in 1979, but has failed to garner the required two-thirds vote. (In 1970, a direct election amendment did pass in the House.) In all likelihood, an amendment will be introduced again in 1981.

Other proposals for change include:

- The automatic plan, to abolish the office of electors and automatically allocate the electoral votes of the states on a winner-take-all basis.
- The district plan, to retain the electoral vote allocation for each state but replace the winner-take-all-by-state with a winner-take-all-by-district, which may or may not be congressional districts, depending on the specific legislation.
- The proportional plan, to abolish the office of elector and divide each state's electoral vote proportionately to correspond with the popular vote within the state for the various presidential nominees.

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*Researched and written by the staff of the Government Department, League of Women Voters Education Fund*

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A BTU\*?

	ELECTRICITY	GAS	#2 FUEL OIL	COAL	WOOD**	PROPANE	GASOLINE	
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February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
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\* Raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

\*\* Assuming 85 cubic feet of solid wood per cord at 20% moisture content.

At 20% moisture content there are approximately 6400 BTU's per pound of wood.

# UNIT ROSTERS

## Unit I: Tuesday 1:15 p.m.

Unit Leader: Helen Nagler  
Assistant Leader: Penny Coffin

Boardman, Cathy	731-4010
Breunig, Betty	739-2670
Cane, Jane	733-8505
Coffin, Penny	739-9068
Debbink, Lynn	739-8222
DeYoung, Karen	739-3079
Glema, Mary	853-3940
Green, Joyce	739-4771
Lastofka, Elayne	734-5366
Meier, Sharon	739-4291
Ming, Marion	735-9335
Nagler, Helen	739-8053
Needham, Ellen	734-5521
Pourciau, Nancy	734-6296
Rose, Ginny	731-3558
Schmidt, Stevie	733-8782

## Unit II: Wednesday 9:15 a.m.

Bornslaeger, Pat	739-2945
Burdett, Elinore	734-7638
Calder, Chris	739-7000
Chmura, Louise	731-2386
Clish, Phyllis	739-4829
Collins, Kathy	739-9786
Corbett, DeDe	733-2910
Fielkow, Cookie	734-0515
Felible, Roma	739-1329
Fritzell, Marlys	731-0736
Hussin, Barbara	739-7293
Jansen, Marcia	731-6197
Jones, Nancy	731-9250
Knott, Kathy	731-1989
Krueger, Janet	731-0902
Mielke, Sally	734-6228
Nordell, Jan	731-8738
Parker, Marilyn	779-6594
Proctor, Helen	734-9043
Ruth, Fannie	739-2703
Seager, Ruth	734-7560
Tatlock, Andrea	734-7119
Van Groll, Mary	739-5418
Ward, Nusi	733-6489
Wiley, Brenda	739-7549
ZaVisca, Kathy	739-0528
Povolny, Joy	739-3846

## Unit III: Thursday noon

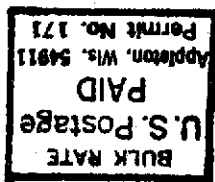
Begun, Kristine	739-5079
Churchill, Berta	734-4974
Drengler, Bill	739-9052
Fenlon, Sharon	734-0864
Freehill, Diane	731-5105
Heil, Helen	734-1983
Hittle, Marcia	731-8876
Johnson, Cynthia	739-5146
Kaplan, Jane	734-9942
Kinde, Sue	734-5759
Long, Ann	734-6353
Mueller, Lois	731-6017

## Unit IV: Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Besta, Jan	739-7589
Davis, Kris	731-1592
Dercks, Rose Marie	734-5307
Dickie, Barbara	731-2514
Dintenfass, Phyllis	731-5426
Goldgar, Corinne	734-8676
Gosz, Marilyn	734-5972
Harnitz, Vivian	734-7216
Hauser, Pat	731-0634
Hoffman, Barbara	734-3627
Hoover, Liz	739-8703
Humlícek, Mary	739-9767
Isaacson, Kathy	731-5526
Johnston, Kathy	734-6201
Koepke, Marge	734-9628
Lebergen, Sue	739-7028
Libera, Lynn	734-7399
Linn, Mary Beth	735-0906
Persich, Sharon	731-9273
Poupore, Pat	731-1071
Rosenberg, Bob	739-0289
Rosenberg, Virginia	739-0289
Thrall, Win	733-4889
Trigg, Jeanie	734-7682
Vandenberg, Mary	739-0777
Wabers, Betty	731-2147
Wieckert, Beverly	739-2773
Winzenz, Judy	739-4208

Please note that the Thursday noon unit is meeting at Schreiter's Coach Lamp Inn for October. If you'd like to have "League over Lunch" this is the unit for you. Schreiter's features reasonably priced soups and sandwiches.

A REMINDER to those members using the babysitting services of Helen Hutson at the Tuesday and Wednesday units; the fee is \$1.00 for each child or \$2.00 for children (2 or 3 or more) from the same household. Helen did a great job last year and we're delighted to have her back for another year!



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APPLETON, WISCONSIN

#### ERA STATUS REPORT

- o 35 states have already ratified.
- o Three more states must ratify ERA before June 30, 1982 for it to become a part of the United States Constitution.
- o The 15 states that have yet to ratify ERA: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.
- o Legislatures in Idaho (2/9/77), Tennessee (4/23/74), and Nebraska (3/15/73) have voted to rescind their earlier ratification of ERA. Because legal authorities contend that such action is invalid, these states are counted in the column of ratified states. A fourth state, Kentucky, voted to rescind (3/16/78), but the vote was vetoed by Lt. Gov. Thelma Stovall acting in the place of the governor. In the 1979 legislative session, rescission was defeated in Wyoming, Jan. 17, by a vote of 13-16. Rescission bills have been introduced in Delaware, Kansas, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Texas and West Virginia.
- o On March 1, 1979 South Dakota voted their ratification automatically to expire on March 23, 1979. Similar attempts were defeated in Montana, Indiana and North Dakota.
- o Sixteen states have equal rights amendments in their state constitutions: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

#### ERA SUPPORT POSITION EXPANDED UNDER HR PROGRAM

Delegates to the May 1980 LWVUS convention expanded the League's ERA position to encompass not only ratification efforts but also "action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA:

- a) to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex;
- b) to promote laws that support the goal of ERA; and
- c) to strengthen the enforcement of such existing laws."

The LWVUS ERA Department will continue to back ratification efforts with technical and financial assistance to state Leagues and to ERA coalitions where there is major state League involvement. This separately funded office, which is supported by contributions from Leagues and others, also finances and staffs the National Business Council for ERA.

There is widespread recognition that the League's determination and its contribution to the final ratification push--both through its grassroots activities and through the National Business Council for ERA--are crucial to the success of the campaign to get ERA ratified in three more states.



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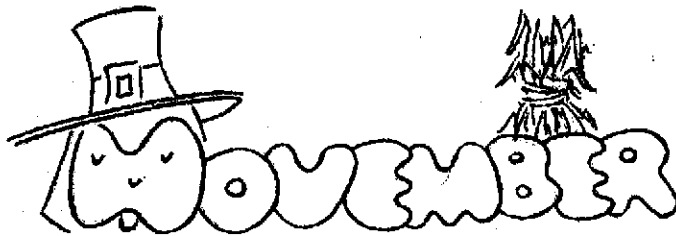


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## 1980

November 4  
Tuesday

**ELECTION DAY**  
Election Night Reporting

November 6  
Thursday  
7 p.m.

Public Hearing with DNR on Effects  
of Proposed Grand Chute Mall  
City Hall - see page 2 for details

### UNIT MEETINGS: ENERGY

November 11  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader: Penny Coffin  
Hostess: Sharon Meier

November 12  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College - Room 22  
Babysitting downstairs

Discussion Leader: Ruth Seager  
Hostess: Sally Mielke

November 13  
Thursday  
noon

Schreiter's Coach Lamp Inn  
211 S. Walnut St.

Discussion Leader: Barb Tank  
or Barb Hoffman

November 12  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

20 Bellaire Court

Discussion Leader: Corinne Goldgar  
Hostess: Marge Koepke

November 17  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
59 Bellaire Court

Hostess: Win Thrall

November 18  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Observer Corps  
Informational Meeting  
98 Estherbrook Court

Hostess: Jan Nordell

For all League members to learn about the Observer Corps!  
See page 4 for details.

# PRES comments

Have you read the article in TV Guide (Oct. 25-31) on Election Night Reporting? It explains the significance of key precincts and says that ABC "figures the dedicated League members might get the results in a little faster than the minions of the other networks." No comment.

Have you noticed that the Appleton LWV is now listed in the front pages of the telephone book under Community Service Numbers, more specifically under Voting Information? I've noticed it because it's my number that is listed.

Win Thrall worked extremely hard setting up the international relations meeting with speaker Vel Phillips, arranging for sponsorship with Lawrence (including financing) and interesting the LU Afro-American Association in a reception. It was, therefore, particularly disappointing to have to cancel the meeting when it developed that the national LWV-sponsored Presidential debate on TV was to be held at the exact time of our meeting. But Win says that Vel Phillips is enthusiastic about coming later and might be able to manage it in the spring.

Kathy Zavisca heaved a sigh of relief last Wednesday night when she turned out the Edison School lights after the Candidates' meeting. She did a super organizing job, including notes for me, as moderator, that told me what to say at crucial moments. The meeting was well attended with TV coverage of the DA candidates and TWO (2) reporters and one photographer from the Post-Crescent. (Thank you Ellen Needham). It was fun because a couple of the incumbents raised their voices in indignation when it was suggested that they had not always acted with the greatest integrity.

*Betty*

## Housing

Apparently the city is in the process of re-evaluating its policy of providing scattered-site low and moderate income housing, because of the cost. At the same time, the need for this type of housing is increasing. The League has supported the scattered-site approach in the past. If any of you are interested in following this situation, please call me at 733-8782.

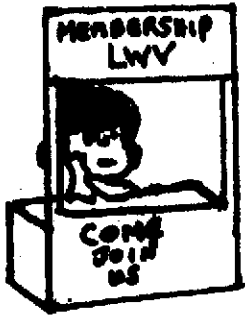
Stevie Schmidt  
Human Resources

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

## Public Hearing with the DNR on the effects of the proposed Grand Chute Mall

NOVEMBER 6 - 7:00 p.m. - CITY HALL

After being faced with our petition for a Contested Case Hearing and possible legal action, the DNR decided to come to Appleton and hold a public meeting as requested. The purpose of the meeting is to get local government and citizen input into the effects of the proposed mall in Grand Chute -- this includes social, economic and cultural effects as well as environmental. Besides local citizen input, R.P.C. (the research and consulting firm hired by the Fox Valley Environmental Fund) will give its initial presentation. Evidence of local citizen concern is very important -- SO PLEASE COME FOR ALL OR PART OF THE EVENING. Betty will be speaking for the League and you are welcome to make a statement expressing your own concerns. If you have any questions, call Jan Nordell, 731-8738.



## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

JANET KRUEGER  
127 N. Capitol Drive  
731-0905

Janet is a substitute teacher's aide and enjoys needlework, reading and Y.M.C.A. activities.

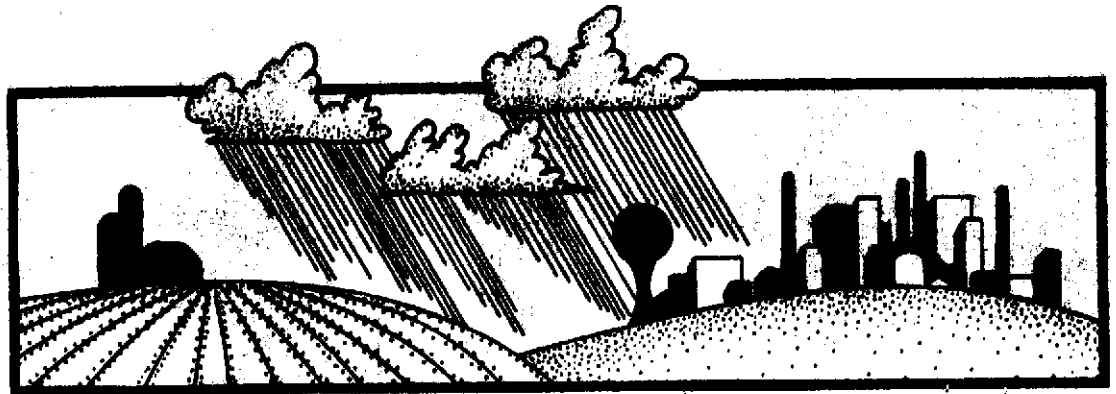
KATHLEEN SPRENGER  
916 E. Sunset  
733-1227

Kathy is a native of Manitowoc and has her Real Estate Brokers License. She is an enthusiastic gardener and was active in the Columbus, Ohio Garden Club before moving here.

JUDY REHFELD  
612 N. Owaissa  
731-0082

Judy has a teaching degree and moved here from the Chicago area 3 years ago. Her interests include her 20 month old daughter, reading and camping.

# ENERGY



OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES DROP: COME DISCUSS ENERGY AT NOVEMBER UNITS

League members and their guests will have an opportunity to wrestle with the challenges present in the energy issues facing us as a nation, as a community, and as individuals. The unit meetings on November 11, 12 and 13 will focus on the community's role in energy conservation, in such diverse areas as public and private buildings, solid waste, and transportation.

Some dilemmas: how far should government systems go to enforce energy conservation? What incentives are appropriate at the local level? How are families and individuals of low and moderate income going to be encouraged to make the initial investments? How much are you willing to do?

Put on a sweater and walk briskly (or car pool) to a warming discussion on the topic-of-the-season: ENERGY!! Bring a friend -- the discussion is based on the experience and information you possess by virtue of living in 1980.

ATTENTION: NUMBERS PEOPLE (OR SAVERS OF INFORMATION)

In our energy fact gathering, it would be very helpful if we knew how much energy sample households have saved since pre-1973 to the present. If any of you are record keepers and fact horders, would you be willing to list your energy use for 1973, or a year before, and 1979? You can do it in terms of price and we'll convert it, or if you have records of gallons, therms, kilowatt hours, etc. you can use the BTU conversion available in the October bulletin. Any comments that explain energy use changes would be helpful; i.e., "lowered thermostat to 62°" or "son began taking long showers", etc.

Cynthia Johnson and Sue Kinde  
Energy Study

## dues due

### MARCH

Mary Benton  
Chris Calder

### APRIL

Roberta Schmid

### MAY

Rose Marie Dercks  
Carol Mason  
Dorothy Reidl

### JUNE

DeDe Corbett

### JULY

Dorothy Stillings

### AUGUST

Louise Chmura

### SEPTEMBER

Jan Besta  
Penny Coffin  
Vivian Harnitz  
Barb Hussin  
Pattee LaFountain

Sue Lebergen

Helen Nagler  
Ginny Swanson  
Nancy Warner

### OCTOBER

Jeanne Collins  
David Innis  
Kathleen Knott  
Barbara O'Connor  
Joyce Richman  
Joan Ross

### NOVEMBER

Marlys Fritzell  
Joyce Green  
Marcia Hittle  
Kathy Issacson  
Lois Mueller  
Marilyn Parker  
Pat Schinabeck  
M. Vandenberg

## membership dues

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....\$14.50  
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\$17.00

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....\$

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Liz Hoover  
1014 E. Eldorado St.  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# OBSERVER CORPS

One of three directives you gave your League Board at last year's Annual Meeting was to strengthen the observer corps. And, because of you it's happening!

The basic purpose of an observer program is:

TO AFFIRM THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO BE PRESENT WHEN GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS ARE TRANSACTING PUBLIC BUSINESS, AND TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE IN A DEMOCRACY OF PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL ISSUES.

And since the League works in the realm of government, it makes sense for all League members to become familiar with government in action in their communities -- by at some time attending meetings of City Council, County Board, Board of Education and city and county boards and commissions.

The following members of the Appleton LWV are keeping League informed by observing the city or county governmental meetings indicated:

Helen Nagler	Appleton Common Council
Louise Chmura	City Plan Commission
Ginny Rose	Board of Education
Janet Krueger	" " "
Barbara Hussin	County Board
Ann Long	" "
Nusi Ward	" "
Bev Wieckert	Finance Committee
Mary Glenn	Solid Waste/Property, Building & Recreation Committee

Each of them has said she would welcome taking along any member who would like to observe government in action. If you're interested, call one of the observers and take her up on her offer. You may get hooked on the governmental process!

We also need people to cover, and keep League aware of the issues being addressed by, the following:

City: Appleton Common Council (to alternate or go with Helen)  
Appleton Redevelopment Authority  
City Plan Commission (to alternate or go with Louise)  
Library Board  
Finance Committee (to alternate or go with Bev)

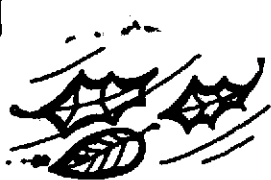
County: Solid Waste/Property, Building and Recreation Committee (to alternate or go with Mary)  
Agricultural, Extension Education and Zoning Committee  
Board of Social Services  
Finance Committee

Please check your 1980-81 LWV Directory for meeting schedules to determine what's convenient for you (some committees meet afternoons; some, mornings; some, evenings) or call Mary Vandenberg at 739-0777 (work: 734-5721, ext. 2575) with any question about being an observer.

Better yet, join us at Jan Nordell's house (98 Estherbrook Court) on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. for discussion on what observing is all about and an update on what's happening now with the committees we're observing.

Mary Vandenberg  
Observer Corps

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PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES TODAY. THE LEAGUE NEEDS THE MONEY NOW!!!  
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# October: a month of Action



Memorial Bridge Hearing - Lynn Debbink represented League in asking for a 4-lane bridge with 2 bike lanes and 2 sidewalks.

Community Development Block Grant Programs - Jan Nordell presented League's statement supporting the Plan Department's recommendations in general, but emphasizing the need to redevelop Jones and Arbutus Parks and the need for low and moderate income housing.

County Board Rezoning Case - Marcia Hittle spoke for the LWV in opposition to a blatant example of "spot zoning" in violation of the County Board's recently adopted Land Use Policy Plan.

Marital Property Reform - Barb Hoffman has shown the League's slide show to two groups and has been on the WHBY talk show on October 23. We also co-sponsored a seminar on Marital Property with the Wisconsin Women's Network at the U.W. Center - Fox Valley.

Day Care - Stevie Schmidt wrote a letter for the League requesting that funding for day care not be decreased in the Social Services budget request.

Voters Service - Kathy Zavisca was on WYNE radio on a 15 minute voters' information program.

School Board - Pat Danford was asked to explain our public school consensus especially as it relates to high school credits. Also, Jan Kreuger, a new League observer, was asked to join the Accreditation Committee.

County Law Clerk - Betty Breunig was asked to serve on an ad hoc, non-partisan committee to investigate the need for a law clerk position for the Circuit Court.

Jan Nordell  
Action V.P.

## UNIT NOTES

Thanks to those who agreed to be unit leaders and assistants:

Tuesday afternoon - Helen Nagler and Penny Coffin  
Wednesday morning - Nancy Jones  
Thursday noon - Joan Ross and Barb Hoffman  
Thursday evening - Marilyn Gosz

Anyone wishing to be added to the unit rosters should call Nancy Jones: 731-9250.

## Tax Study

Be sure to save your September Forward which arrived around October 20. There are several excellent articles in it on taxes which will be needed as resource material for the units in January and February. I will refer to them again in a later Bulletin.

Bev Wieckert  
State Tax Study

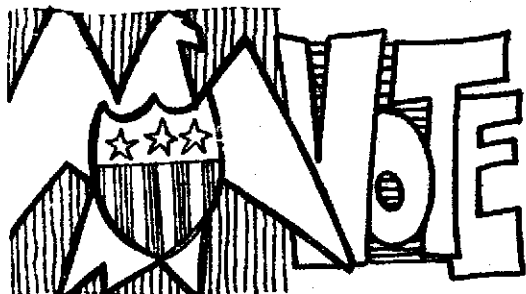
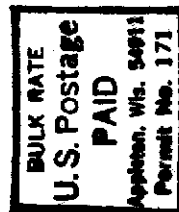
## Nominating Committee

The Board has elected Pat Bornslaeger and Karen DeYoung to serve on the Nominating Committee. The other member of the committee who were elected at the Annual Meeting are:

Sue Lebergen, Chairman; Joyce Green and Kathy Collins.

TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- DO use your own words and your own stationary.
- Do write legibly. (handwritten letters are fine if they are readable.) Do be sure to include your address and sign your name legibly.
- DO be brief and to the point; discuss only one issue in each letter; identify a bill by number or title if possible.
- DO be courteous and reasonable.
- DO write when your public official does something of which you approve.
- DO feel free to write if you have a question or problem dealing with procedures of government departments.
- DO remember that telephone calls to field offices are reported to the legislators and are especially effective if followed by a brief letter.
- DO remember that LWVUS has an action service called SPOTMASTER. Call 202-296-0218 for the latest developments on League supported national legislation. This service is available only at low telephone rate times: from 5 p.m. Friday until noon on Monday.
- DO remember to use the Wisconsin Legislative Hotline. Hotline operators are on duty from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer questions about the legislature and its activities. The operators will also relay messages and requests to individual legislators and provide callers with a legislator's address and phone number. The toll-free Hotline number is 800-362-9696.



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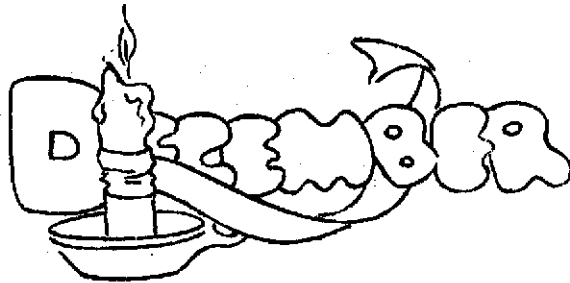


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## 1980

December 4  
Thursday  
3 - 7 p.m.

Public Hearing 4.4 Budget Cut  
Brown County Public Library

see page 4

December 6  
Saturday  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fox Valley Energy Fair & Workshop  
Fox Valley Technical Institute

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December 11  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

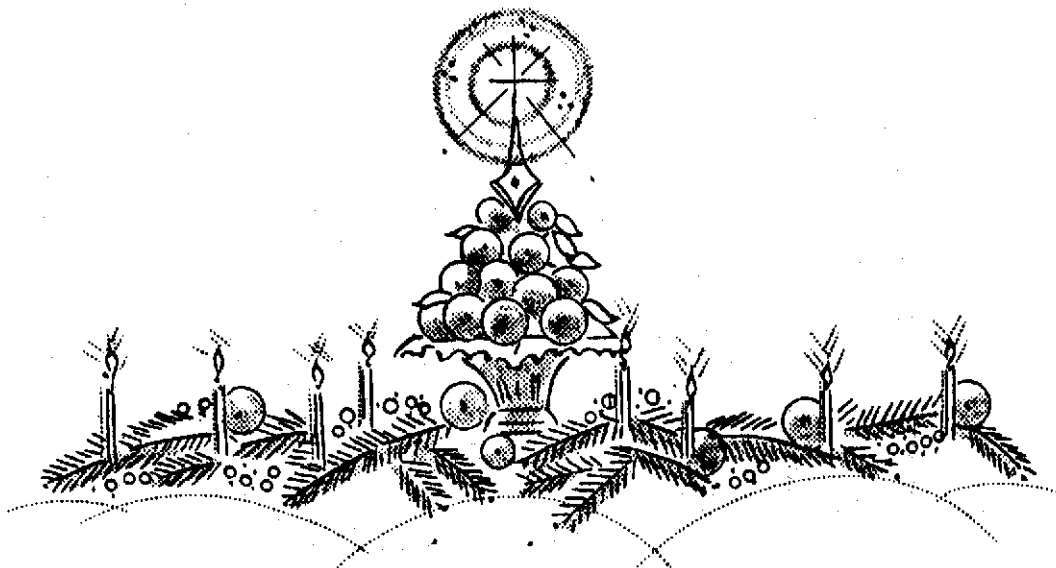
L.W.V. Christmas Party  
1212 Opechee Street

Hostess:  
Pat Schinabeck

December 15  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
30 Bellaire Court

Hostess:  
Karen de Young



# PRES comments

I received only positive responses to my memo of November 7th about our court action against the county's spot zoning ordinance. I thought I would have more to tell you at this time but court action is in limbo for the moment.

Papers were served on the county but the process server apparently could find no Bowers to serve papers on. Judge Cane, therefore, cancelled the scheduled hearing of November 21. Since it is obvious that the Bowers are hiding from the server, the Judge said that it is now up to them to ask for another hearing if they want the injunction lifted. The Bowers, in the meanwhile, are prohibited from building — they did get the cement floor laid before the court took action. The situation may have changed by the time you read this but you probably will have been informed about any action through the Post-Crescent. Incidentally, Ginny Swanson says that some supervisors heartily approve of the League's action.

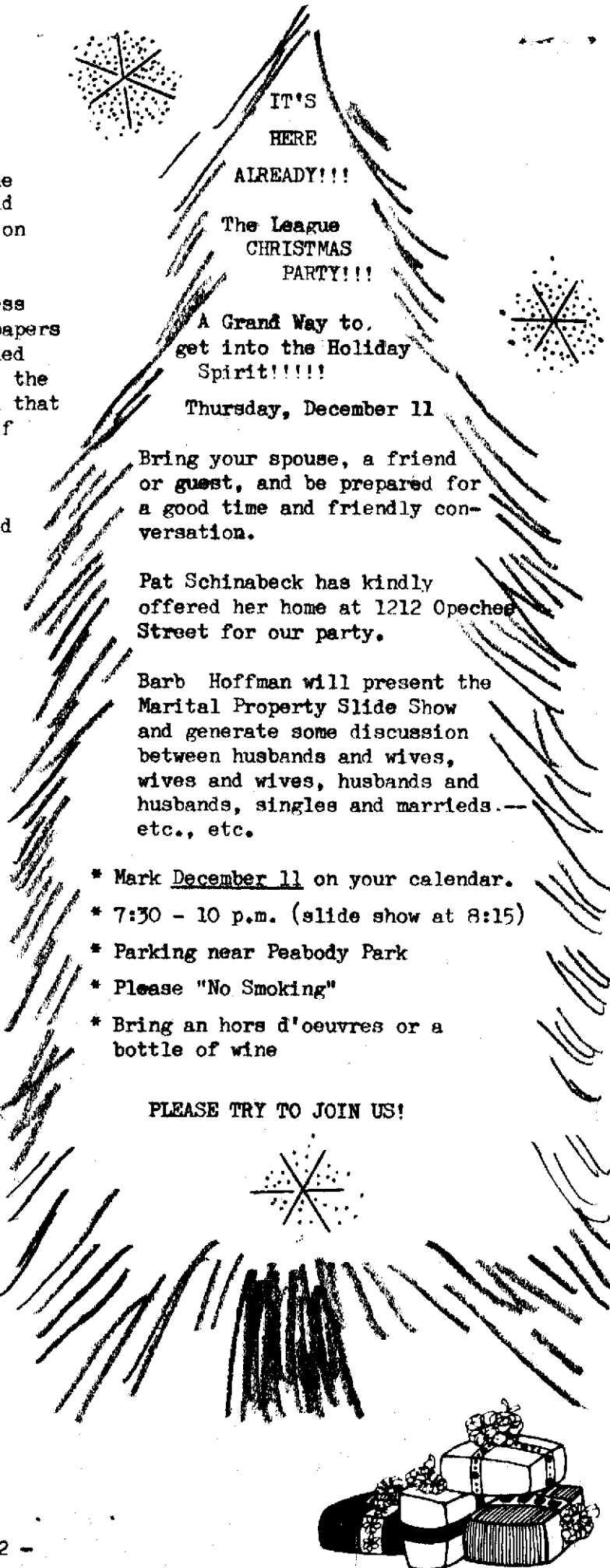
There were 29 of us doing election night reporting. Stevie Schmidt was bemused by the fact that the poll workers in her ward ate good-sized sandwiches before counting the votes. And then there were those wards where people were still lined up to vote at 9:15 p.m.

Thanks to all of you who attended the DNR hearing on the proposed General Growth mall. We think the meeting accomplished our purpose of recording, officially, what the citizens of this community think should go into an environmental impact report. We have very good reason to believe that General Growth is extremely concerned about the prolonged delay they see coming because of our tactics. One of the GG executives said that they had never run into much opposition before and were surprised at the tenacity and sophistication of the Appleton resistance. The next move will probably come when permits are applied for.

*Betty*

## "ACCESS"

Mayor Dorothy Johnson is hosting a weekly television show titled "Access" on Thursday evening 6-6:30 p.m., cable channel 8. She invites one or two city department heads or employees each week to join her in discussion and call-in questions when the show is "live." The name of the week's guest(s) is published in the Post-Crescent TV listing each Wednesday and is also on the channel 5 information listing.



IT'S  
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CHRISTMAS  
PARTY!!!

A Grand Way to  
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Spirit!!!!!!

Thursday, December 11

Bring your spouse, a friend  
or guest, and be prepared for  
a good time and friendly con-  
versation.

Pat Schinabeck has kindly  
offered her home at 1212 Opechee  
Street for our party.

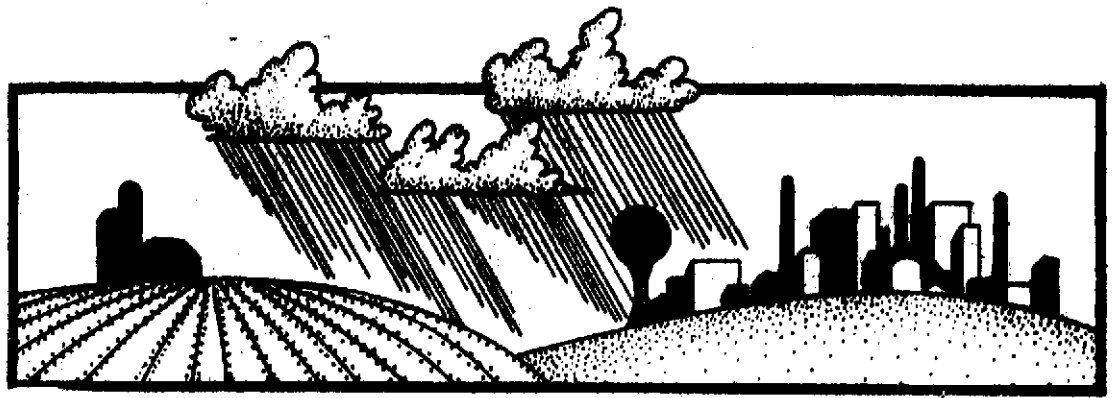
Barb Hoffman will present the  
Marital Property Slide Show  
and generate some discussion  
between husbands and wives,  
wives and wives, husbands and  
husbands, singles and marrieds —  
etc., etc.

- \* Mark December 11 on your calendar.
- \* 7:30 - 10 p.m. (slide show at 8:15)
- \* Parking near Peabody Park
- \* Please "No Smoking"
- \* Bring an hors d'oeuvres or a bottle of wine

PLEASE TRY TO JOIN US!



# ENERGY



## FOX VALLEY ENERGY FAIR AND WORKSHOP

To your Energy Committee's delight and amazement, one of our goals is being realized: an Energy Fair is coming to the Fox Valley! The Fox Valley Technical Institute, the League of Women Voters of Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, and Oshkosh, and the Appleton Public Library are co-sponsoring an Energy Fair on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fox Valley Technical Institute. We will have a publications table of League materials and other free and low cost energy conservation pamphlets.

Come to the south side (appropriately) of the Fox Valley Technical Institute, 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton, and drop by the Fair for an hour or two! There will be displays of solar collectors, insulation, recycling programs, and yes -- a new Valley Transit Bus! Highlights are energy workshops and films which will be repeated several times throughout the day.

Films are Gusts of Power, The Hottest Show on Earth, Pedal Power, Solar Energy: the Great Adventure, The Solar Frontier, The Solar Promise, The Sun Builders, Sun Power for Farms, and There's Grass on the Roof. They are 14 to 28 minutes long, and will appeal to everyone from intermediate level elementary school kids through adults. As you can guess, topics range from "wind" to "earth homes."

Workshops start on the hour and last 45 minutes, except the woodburning talk which is 2 hours.

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Times</u>
Kevin Flaherty	Solar & Energy Conservation Tour of F.V.T.I.	11, 1, 3
Appleton Junior Women	Caulking Instruction for Kids	on the hour till 5
Peteranne Joel	Soft Energy Paths	1, 3
Merlin Passow	Dollars and Cents of Solar Heating	10, 11, 1
Jim Meehan	Home Weatherization	11, 3, 5
Ron Heise Dick Gordee	Home Insulation Can Save Your Heating Dollar	10, 12, 2, 4, 6
Dick Filzen	Window Insulation: The Wolf Is Not at the Door; He's at the Window!	12, 4
Gene Gibas	Getting Into Woodburning -- Should I or Shouldn't I?	1 to 3
Jeff Schlegel	Building a Solar Greenhouse	11, 2, 7
Bob Halstead	Introduction to Wind Energy Conversion Systems	11, 4
	Washington Island Wind & Solar Energy Project	2, 7
John Longberg Dick Kempinger	Planning on Building a Solar Home? -- An Architect's Viewpoint	12, 3

Note that the speakers include Peteranne Joel who introduced our fall Energy meeting, Dick Filzen who farms with League member Pat, Gene Gibas of U.W. Extension, Bob Halsted, wind expert for the State Department of Energy, and Merlin Passow, Professor from U.W. Oshkosh.

- Sue Kinde

# UNIT NOTES

The units have run into a few problems this year and the Board would like to hear from the membership before these matters are taken up at the next Board meeting -- December 15.

The first problem is scheduling the Thursday noon unit. This unit proved to be unpopular when it was held at the Courthouse, but there was interest expressed in having a luncheon unit instead. In September the Board decided to experiment with this idea by holding the noon unit at Schreiter's for the months of October and November. Unfortunately the experiment was cut short when Schreiter's had to cancel our reservation for the November unit. Schreiter's was the only place we found that did not require a minimum number of people. We are looking for another place, but the question is: if the noon unit were dropped is there anyone who would not be able to go to one of the other units? If you want to see this unit continue be sure to speak up!!

The second problem is that with only one third of the year's scheduled unit meetings completed we have already spent two thirds of our unit budget subsidizing the babysitting service. If too few unit members use the sitter service to cover the costs, something has to be changed. Two suggestions have been offered: 1) have babysitting at only one unit; 2) raise the fee to \$1.50 for one child and \$3 for 2 or more children. If either of these possible solutions would cause a problem for you, please contact me.

- Nancy Jones  
731-9250

# ELECTION REPORTING

We would like to thank the League members who did election night reporting on November 4. This project earned about \$300 for our League and it is a good way to check whether the voting process is being handled efficiently in our area. The following members served as election night reporters: Ruth Seager, Nancy Pourciau, Win Thrall, Barb Russin, Pattee LaFountain, Ellen Needham, Eleanore Brenneke, Sally Mielke, Lynn Debbink, Bev Wieckert, Penny Coffin, Jan Nordell, Mary Van Groll, Stevie Schmidt, Marilyn Gosz, Ginny Rose, Joyce Green, Barb Hoffman, Sue Lebergen, Barb Dickie, Sally Bredeweg, Joan Ross, Betty Breunig, Marlys Fritzell, Janet Krueger, Liz Hoover, Sharon Meier, pat Poupore and Helen Nagler.

- Kathy Zavisca

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Mary Glenn and Ginny Swanson attended the Northeast Wisconsin Hazardous Waste Management Recovery and Disposal Seminar, sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

# OBSERVER CORPS

Several of League's "old" and "new" members met at Jan Nordell's house on November 18 to "swap yarns" and to "design a pattern to follow." Sound like Knitters Anonymous? Not so! The group was the Observer Corps and included some new to watching government in action and some who have followed the decision-making and money-spending of city and county officials for many years.

We agreed to aim for consistent coverage of the following governmental bodies identified by the Board as having the most impact on League positions and current studies:  
City: Common Council, Plan Commission, Finance Committee, Library Board, and Appleton Redevelopment Authority.

County: Board of Supervisors, Solid Waste Subcommittee, Zoning Subcommittee, and Finance Committee.

Board of Education.

When topics of special interest to League are under discussion, or when we have had a chance to make a League statement on an issue, the Observer Corps will report that to you through the Bulletin and perhaps briefly at unit meetings.

If you are interested in joining the Observer Corps or already attend meetings of one of the groups listed above and could make League aware of significant happenings, call Mary Vandenberg, Jan Nordell, or any of the observers named in the November Bulletin.

- Mary Vandenberg

## PUBLIC HEARING 4.4 BUDGET CUT

The Wisconsin League, in loose coalition with fifteen other organizations, has agreed to organize public hearings in four parts of the state to focus attention on the effect of the recent 4.4 cuts on human and educational services in the state. Attention will be directed primarily at the prospects, impact and priorities involved in future budget cuts.

The Green Bay League will administer the hearing for our area from 3-7 p.m., December 4 at the Brown County Public Library. We are inviting our legislators to participate by listening to the public. We are also asking representatives from public and private agencies who are affected by any budget cuts to comment at the hearing. If you think of people who should be informed please call Betty Breunig (739-2670) to make sure she has gotten in touch with them.

# Education Update

On October 6 Pat Danford met with the Administrative Review Committee of the Appleton Board of Education. The Committee members (John O'Connell, Fran Niesen, Eugene Lillge, and Orlyn Ziemann) wanted to discuss the League's Education Study consensus of 1979 and, more specifically, how these suggestions might be implemented should the Board of Education choose to do so. The recommendation regarding a more even distribution of credits required for high school graduation has already been implemented. Each high school student must take at least four credits each year. Competency testing and appropriate remediation programs have begun.

Various methods of hiring teachers were discussed. The Committee felt that teachers' salaries and benefits in the Appleton Area School District are competitive with those in the Fox Valley area at the present time. Merit pay presents a problem. The suggestion for improved in-service programming was well received. The idea of parental input in the evaluation of teachers and building principals was discussed at length, with emphasis on how such an evaluation could be implemented. There was also considerable discussion regarding the role of outside consultants in evaluating the administrative staff.

Everyone agreed that the Title I program and its effective remedial program was most desirable, but the difficulty (and expense) of making this available throughout the school district without losing federal funding was a problem.

- Pat Danford



**SALLY BREDEWEG**  
1738 N. Elinor St.  
733-2287

# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

Sally is originally from Colorado & has been living in Appleton since August with her husband & baby. She has a degree in Agricultural Engineering & is very concerned about the environment & lifestyle simplification.

**FRANCES DRIESSEN**  
119 Doty Street  
Kaukauna  
766-2521

Fran is a retired teacher from the Fox Valley Technical Institute. Her hobbies are crafts and sewing.

## dues due

### MARCH

Mary Benton  
Chris Calder

### APRIL

Roberta Schmid

### MAY

Carol Mason  
Dorothy Reidl

### JUNE

DeDe Corbett

### JULY

Dorothy Stillings

### NOVEMBER

Marlys Fritzell  
Joyce Green  
Kathy Isaacson  
Lois Mueller  
Marilyn Parker  
Pat Schinabeck

### SEPTEMBER

Jan Besta  
Vivian Harnitz  
Barb Hussin  
Pattee LaFountain  
Sue Lebergen  
Helen Nagler  
Ginny Swanson  
Nancy Warner

### OCTOBER

Jeanne Collins  
David Innis

Kathleen Knott  
Barbara O'Connor  
Joyce Richman  
Joan Ross

### DECEMBER

Chris Finkler  
Marcia Jansen  
Elayne Lastofka  
Lynn Libera  
Dorothy Olson  
Nancy Pourciau  
Mary Van Groll

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Helen Nagler, Kathy Sprenger, Karen de Young, Bev Wieckert, Jan Nordell, Mary Vandenberg and Betty Breunig covered all budget meetings of the city's finance committee.

## membership dues

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....\$14.50  
ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEE.....\$ 2.50  
  \$17.00

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Liz Hoover  
1014 E. Eldorado St.  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# Energize

Energy units were fun, and I particularly liked Len Nagler's savings plan of bringing home a little insulation every payday. Between interest rates and the cost of fuel, that makes a hedge inflation AND infiltration! An important theme to the meetings was striking a balance between government intervention and private initiatives.

Did you also see the front page story, promptly after our discussion, about solar rights being unprotected in Wisconsin?

In response to a few questions: A clothes dryer drawing 4855 watts, operated for 210 hours during a year, would use 1020 kilowatt-hours per year and cost \$45.90 at 4.5 cents/kwh.

A measure of your home's ability to retain heat may be calculated to find the number of BTU's per square foot per degree day. About 8 to 10 BTU's are efficient for residential heating, though new passive solar homes can be rated under 2.

$$\frac{1 \text{ heating (Fuel used in yr} \times \text{BTU conversion)} \div \text{degree days}}{\text{per year}}$$


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Number of square feet in your house

Example:

$$\frac{(1400 \text{ gallons} \times 140,000) \div 7690}{2400 \text{ sq. ft.}} = 10.6$$

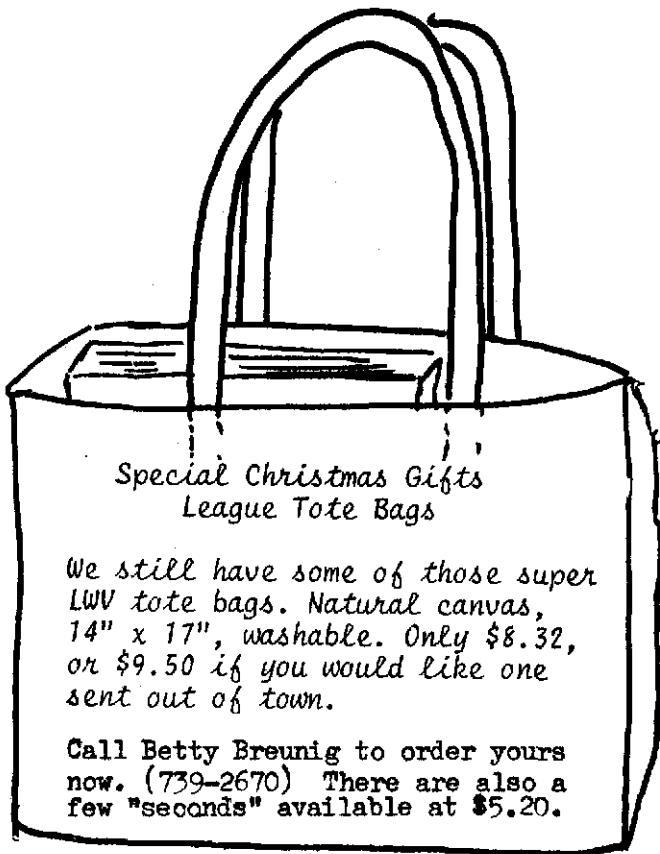
1. BTU conversion:

- 1 kilowatt hour = 3414
- 1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000
- 1 therm natural gas = 100,000

2. Average heating degree days per year in Appleton = 7690

COUNTY BUDGET

The Public Hearing for the county budget this year caught us unprepared because it had been scheduled before the finance committee recommendation rather than after. However, Herman Ripp, president of the Board, very kindly gave Betty Breunig permission to speak in the public participation section of the regular county board meeting, October 28. Although this was a somewhat humiliating oversight, Betty says that there were probably twice as many supervisors there than at the hearing proper. The short statement asked the Board to reinstate the law clerk position and supported allocating funds for a solid waste management study.



## Publications

Copies of the following publications have been received:

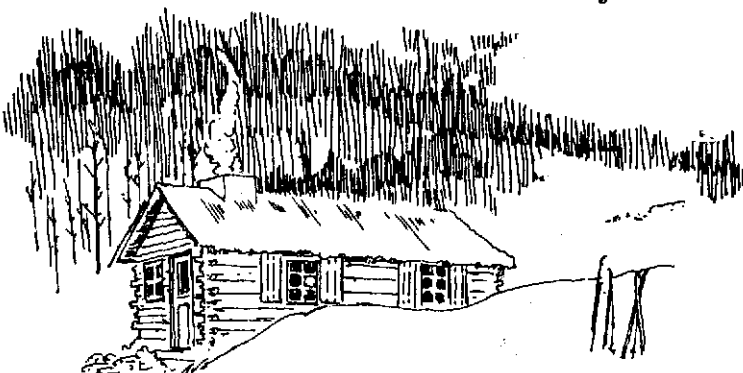
- 1) Soc's in Drinking Water: Their Health Effects
- 2) Troubled Cities: Roots, Realities, Remedies
- 3) International Trade: Style and Substance
- 4) Waste Alert
- 5) Facts (Pamphlet about LWV)

These publications will be available for you to look at in the publications notebooks at upcoming meetings. Also, feel free to call me if you would like to see any of these publications.

- Ginny Rose  
731-3558

RECYCLING

Foster School will accept aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers for recycling. Please wash the cans; remove the caps from the bottles, wash them and smash them flat. Call the school if you have a large load that you would like picked up -- 735-6289. Otherwise leave off items at the recycling door at Foster School. - Penny Coffin



# UNITED NATIONS

On its 35th Anniversary, October 24, 1980, it seems appropriate for each of us to evaluate the operations of the United Nations system. The U.N. touches our lives through its specialized agencies and protects our lives through its peacekeeping activities.

From the Universal Postal Union and the World Health Organization to the World Meteorological Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization, the specialized agencies of the United Nations create order in the complicated systems of our ever smaller world.

The U.N.'s Peacekeeping missions are regarded by many as its most important activities. Cyprus is but one example.

Some regard the moral force of the U.N. resolutions as most important. Former British Ambassador Ivor Richard has said: "The U.N. will not abolish sin, but it can make it more difficult for the sinner."

The following is a quiz from the September 17, 1979, U.S. News and World Report. It can help refresh your memory on the U.N. system.

1. The U.N. was founded in A. 1918 B. 1939 C. 1945.
2. The U.N. Charter states that membership is open to  
A. All nations and territories B. All "Peaceloving" nations. C. Only nations friendly to the U.S. D. Only nations that keep up their U.N. dues.
3. How many nations belong to the U.N.? A. 77, B. 128 C. 137 D. 151.
4. About how many people are employed by the U.N. system?  
A. 90,000 B. 44,000 C. 6,000
5. About how much does it cost per year to operate the U.N. and all its varied activities?  
A. \$5 million B. \$.1.5 million C. \$2.5 billion D. \$ 10 billion
- 6 The current U.N. secretary-General is A. Kurt Waldheim B. U Thant C. Andrew Young D. Trygve Lie.
7. The principal peacekeeping body of the U.N. is the A. General Assembly  
B. Secretariat C. Security Council.
8. The General Assembly is dominated by the A. U.S. B. U.S.S.R. C. Western Alliance D. Third World.
9. To win approval in the General Assembly, it is necessary for major decisions to have A. A simple majority B. Support of both the U.S. and Russia. C. A two-thirds majority.
10. The Security Council has how many members? A. 5 B. 151 C. 15 D. 77
11. How many countries are permanent members of the Security Council? A. 5 B. 15 C. 77 D. 151.
12. All U.N. members are leagally bound to abide by the Council's decisions. A. True B. False
13. In practice, U.N. peacekeeping operations tend to take place only with the consent of the parties to the dispute. A. True B. False.
14. Where was the only military-enforcement action ever undertaken by the U.N.?  
A. Congo B. Korea C. Vietnam.

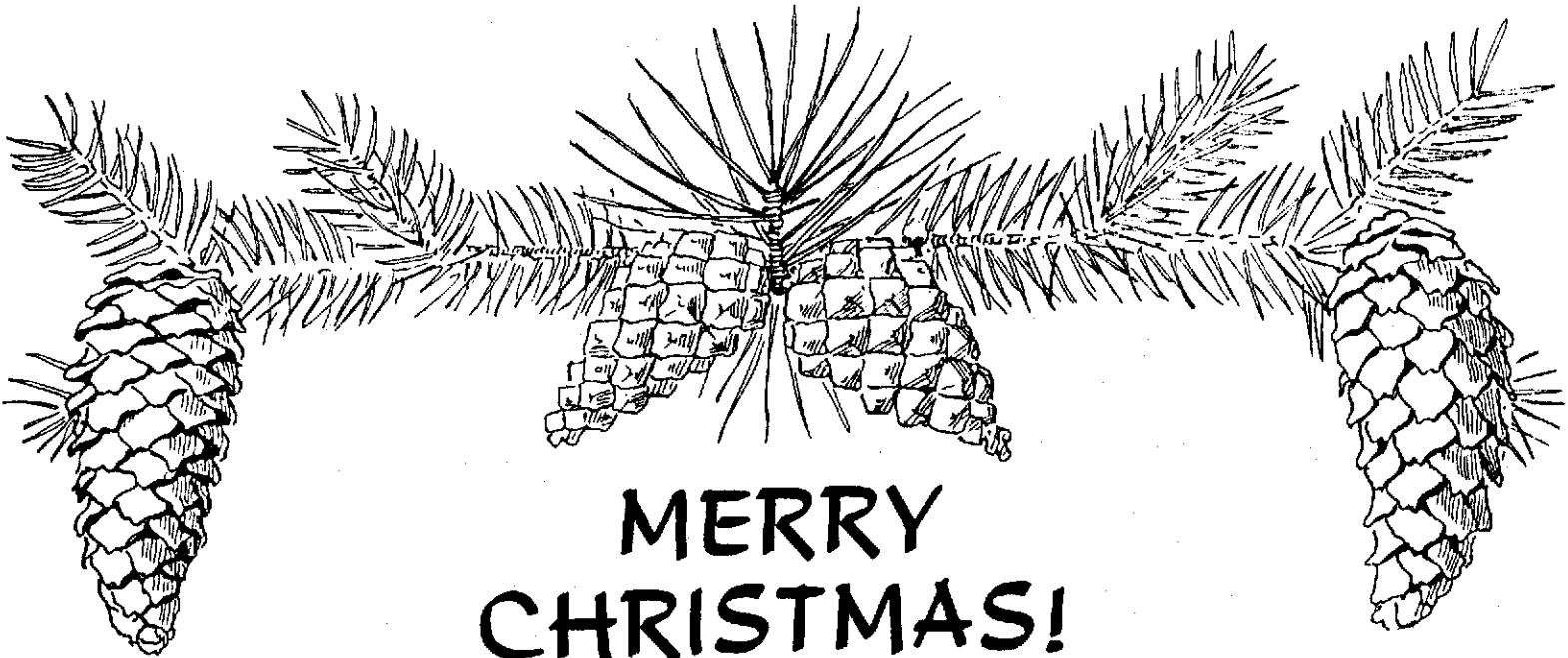
Answers:

1. C; 2. B; 3. D; 4. B; 5. C; 6. A; 7. C; 8. D; 9. C; 10. C; 11. A; 12. A; 13. A; 14. B.

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# January 1981

January 15  
Thursday  
7:30 - 10 p.m.

General Meeting - LIVELY ISSUES  
Pat Danford's house  
1215 N. Briarcliff Drive

Hostesses: Helen Nagler,  
Lynn Debbink, Penny Coffin,  
Sharon Meier

January 19  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
910 S. Midpark Dr.

Hostess: Stevie Schmidt

### UNIT MEETINGS: TAXES

January 27  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
\*Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader:  
Kathy Zavisca  
Hostess: Helen Nagler

January 28  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College - Room 22  
\*Babysitting downstairs

Discussion Leader:  
Nancy Jones  
Hostess: Andrea Tatlock

January 29  
Thursday  
noon

\*Y.M.C.A. - Board Room  
218 E. Lawrence St.

January 29  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

738 E. Eldorado St.  
Hostess: Phyllis Dintenfass

Discussion Leader:  
Judy Winzenz

\*please see unit notes page 4.

### Committee Meetings:

TAX STUDY - January 7, 7:30 p.m., Bev Wieckert's, 43 S. Meadows Drive

ENERGY STUDY - January 8, 7:30 p.m., Cynthia Johnson's, 1015 E. Jardin St.

Any interested League member is welcome to attend these meetings.

# PRES comments

# lively issues & you

Much to my amazement, Christmas has come and gone. New Year's resolutions have yet to be made but I've still got four more days to procrastinate.

Please come to our Lively Issues Meeting which, oddly enough, always turns out to be quite lively. We will discuss what we would like to study locally for the next year, and for the next two years on the state level. Come with your ideas and your thinking caps -- it's fun!

Right after I wrote my last Bulletin column, naturally the situation changed completely on our county zoning court action. In short, the Youngs had to put up a \$5000 bond, papers were finally successfully served on the Bowers brothers as well as Outagamie County, and we had a five and a half hour hearing before Judge Cane on December 4. The Judge upheld our claim that there was enough reason to believe that the ordinance was passed contrary to the county's land use policy and that a hearing for a permanent injunction should be held.

The League has been disqualified as a plaintiff but we will stand behind the Youngs as a "Friend of the Court." The Judge gave the Youngs the choice of putting up a \$35,000 bond thereby continuing the injunction against building or lifting the injunction and letting the building go up with the understanding that if the court ruled against them the Bowers could only use the building for agricultural purposes. The Youngs decided on the latter course and, although the cement floor was laid before December, we don't think the building will be constructed before the hearing.

The Judge ruled that the hearing would be a three day trial by jury scheduled for February 4th, 5th and 6th. The question for the jury will be something like "Was this zoning passed in the public interest?" (Spot zoning is okay if it is for the benefit of the community as a whole.) So, plan to drop in at the Courthouse on the 4th, 5th or 6th of February!

*Betty*

It's time to mark those brand new calendars. Just draw a large circle around

THURSDAY -- JANUARY 15

This year's Lively Issues meeting will be held at Pat Danford's, 1215 N. Briarcliff Drive at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity for any member to propose an item for adoption on the state or local program. All proposals will be discussed and we will choose those items of highest priority for recommendation to the State League and our local Board. Your local League Directory and the November Forward are reference materials that will be used. After reading through the 16 suggested state items in the Forward decide which issues have the highest priority. Call me if you have a local item to suggest.

Keep these guidelines in mind when choosing an item:

1. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed.
2. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.

### Additional Considerations:

1. Does the issue involve current need: is the issue of current interest or one on which community interest could be or needs to be developed?
2. Is effective citizen action foreseeable?
3. Is the issue important enough to inspire League interest and commitment?
4. Does the issue "fit" as part of a whole workable program -- local, state and national?
5. Is the problem one which local government can solve?

(from the Local League Handbook, 1969)

Please make every effort possible to come out in the cold on January 15 and enjoy an evening of brainstorming and perhaps even a little "heated" discussion.

- Karen de Young

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Barbara Dickie has moved to Madison and writes back that she would "love to hear" from any Appleton League members who are in the big city. Address: 18 Sherman Terrace #3, Madison 53704. Home phone: 608-241-7661. Work phone: 608-266-0302.



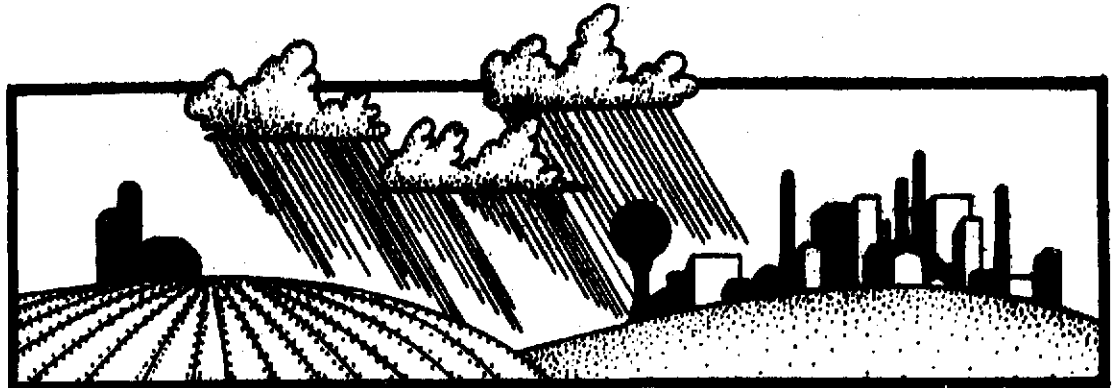
# ACTION

Appleton's Comprehensive Plan for 1980 - 2000 was officially adopted by the Plan Commission in December. The League has been pushing for such a plan for many years and is generally very pleased with the document. We appreciate the many hours of work by the Planning Department and the Plan Commission. Needless to say, we were disappointed that all references to the development of a "Fox River Corridor" for public use were eliminated from the final plan; however, a new conservancy zoning category will protect the open space along the river from any future development.

Thanks to all of you who called concerning the reconstruction of Memorial Drive. We would have liked a separate, 4-foot bike lane, but the compromise 14-foot shared lane is better than the original plan. Appleton really has not yet begun to consider bicycles as a practical form of transportation, nor have they begun to include bicycles in their overall transit system planning. Bicyclists do seem to be having a louder voice as energy costs increase, and this will remain an area of concern for Leaguers.

- Jan Nordell

# ENERGY



## FOX VALLEY ENERGY FAIR

The "first annual" Fox Valley Energy Fair was an astounding success — despite so much fog that the huge Fox Valley Technical Institute building couldn't even be seen from the road! Over 1000 people came to learn how to save energy from the nearly 40 exhibitors, 12 workshop speakers, 10 films, 5 weatherization tapes — and so on! The workshops were well attended, and all reportedly excellent. I saw the slide shows on the "Washington Island Wind and Solar Energy Project" and "Building a Solar Greenhouse" and thought that they were superb.

The Fair was fun for all ages, thanks especially to the Appleton Junior Woman's Club's fine program on caulking for children and Woodsy the Owl (whose rose cone insulating hat made "him" the hottest show in the cafeteria!)

Many thanks to Neenah-Menasha and Appleton League members who staffed the film room, the publications table and the video-tape machine: Marilyn Allen, Carol Briggs, Pam Duchaine, Mary Florek, Bev Jacques, Janet Maves and Bev Veaser from Neenah-Menasha; and Cathy Boardman, Sally Bredeweg, Betty Breunig, Lynn Debbink, Liz Hoover, Cynthia Johnson, Nancy Jones, Elayne Lastofka, Ginny Rose, Bob Rosenberg, Allie and Dick Sampson, Win Thrall, Mary Vandenberg, Nusi Ward and Dawn Washatka from Appleton.

Special thanks go to Ginny Rose who organized the publications table, and to Marge Geisler and Bev Jacques of the Neenah-Menasha LWV for all their public relations work.

Thanks also to Corinne Goldgar for the new Valley Transit bus, Sharon Persich for East Central's display, Len Weis for the Fox Valley Wheelmen, Pat Filzen for Dick, and all League members for their tremendous support in dragging their families out there in the fog!

- Sue Kinde

# Education Update

# UNIT NOTES

A graduate requirement study committee was appointed last September to investigate whether Appleton High School students are receiving an adequate academic background. Janet Krueger served on the committee as the Appleton LWV representative.

The committee found that more than 2/3 of the 200 seniors in a random sample took more than the required minimum credits. In addition, 90% of the 11th graders at both high schools are at or above the national norm in reading, language skills, and math skills on the tests taken last year; and that the high schools' S.A.T. scores are well above the national norm and do not show consecutive years of decline

The committee made the following recommendations:

1. Retain the total of a minimum of 14 credits in grades 10-12 for graduation.
2. Require a one-semester course of social studies with global or world content. Require this first of the class of 1984.
3. Define the two units of Communicative Arts as three semesters of core courses (reading, writing) and one semester of speech.
4. Increase the rigor of all courses at the high schools in proportion to the abilities of each class by emphasizing the use of good composition skills in each course.
5. Ask the trimester study committee to include in its charge a look at the school day, the length of hours and the frequency of some class meetings. More flexibility might be gained to enable students to explore more areas of study.

The school board accepted the report and all its recommendations. School officials will implement the suggested changes in the near future.

- Ginny Rose  
Board of Education  
Observer Corps

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTION ALERT

Future funding from the state (Title V Maternal-Child Health Funds) is in jeopardy for the next fiscal year. Most of the rural clinics will be affected by this proposed cut. Planned Parenthood is asking League members' support in writing letters or attending public hearings in our area to support the need that family planning services be included in the fiscal year 1982 maternal-child health allocation plan. Planned Parenthood-Fox Valley currently receives 15% of their budget from Title V M.C.H. funds.

There are two unit changes effective at the January units:

1. The fee for the babysitting service at the Tuesday and Wednesday units will be \$1.50 for one child, \$3.00 for 2 or more children.
2. The Thursday noon unit will meet in the Board Room at the Y.M.C.A. Go through the cafeteria line and then make your way to the Board Room. It would probably be a good idea to try to get to the Y a few minutes early, if you plan to go through the cafeteria line, so that the meeting can start on time.

- Nancy Jones

# DOWNTOWN

# APPLETON

Nothing has changed since the media broke the news of the tentative offer by General Growth to sink ten million dollars into building a downtown mall between Pranges and Gimbel's at the same time it builds a suburban mall. This plan hinges on the two stores agreeing to stay downtown for ten years and depends also, of course, on other variables such as the City (and the Save Downtown Committee, the League, Dave Prosser and the Public Defender) dropping action against the outside mall. The offer originally came about, we assume, because a two year delay in building the Grnad Chute mall would mean a loss of at least 10 million dollars to General Growth.

This is an exciting possibility for the downtown. We have no reason to believe that the tentative offer is not bona fide but the situation is still very tenuous. The recent high interest rates and risky success of downtown redevelopment will no doubt bear heavily on final plans.

- Betty Breunig



# TAX UNITS

Everyone by now has received greetings from Uncle Sam, the State of Wisconsin and Geraldine LaBore. I hope these greetings have piqued your curiosity or whatever about taxes so we will see you at the Tax Unit meetings on January 27, 28 and 29 for discussions on revenues received by government and February 10, 11, 12 for consensus. For background information use the following bibliography:

"Taxes," LWV - WI, January 1979

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FORWARD articles, September 1980, on general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and value added tax.

The following article by James Morgan printed below in this Bulletin.

- Bev Wieckert

## STATE TAX POLICY RODE A ROLLER COASTER IN THE '70s

by James R. Morgan, The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance

During the 1970s, more major changes in state tax policy were enacted than in any other decade in the history of the state. Coupled with these changes were extensive alterations in the state payments to local government.

During the first part of the decade, there was a substantial reduction in the taxes paid by business.

A review of the five legislative sessions during the 1970s shows a roller-coaster trend as taxes were increased in one session, followed by tax reductions in later sessions. In 1971, there were increases in the individual income taxes, followed by substantial property tax cuts enacted at the 1973 session.

In 1975, the state was in a recession and taxes increased at that legislative session. In 1977, there were only minor tax adjustments, but sweeping changes in the state income tax were enacted at the 1979 session.

These changes in tax policy are reflected in national statistics. In fiscal year 1976-77, per capita local property taxes in Wisconsin were \$279, exactly the same as the U.S. average. Six years earlier, per capita property taxes were 20 percent above the U.S. average.

Wisconsin's ranking in total taxes also improved. The per capita tax rank among the 50 states dropped from sixth in 1970-71 to 11th in 1977-78. The statistics did not reflect the reduction in income taxes enacted in 1979.

### Individual Income Tax

Facing a potential shortage of funds to finance the 1971-73 budget, then newly elected Gov. Patrick J. Lucey, the first four-year governor, proposed, and the legislature eventually adopted, an increase in the income tax rates. The increase occurred in two steps -- a 3½ percent increase in rates in 1971 and a 14 percent increase in rates in 1972. The effect of this two-step approach meant a large surplus available for the 1973 session.

The 1973 session made a major change in the homestead tax credit, reducing the qualifying age to 18. This credit was originally enacted to provide property tax relief to people over 65 with low incomes through an income tax credit or a payment from the state.

During the 1975 session, some basic but unnoticed changes in the income tax were enacted. Income derived from out-of-state property became taxable in Wisconsin.

The legislature was required to act on all the individual changes in the federal revenue code. This resulted in less conformity with federal law.

The major change made during the 1977 session allowed farmers whose land was restricted to agricultural use to receive a state credit of up to \$2,600 for property taxes paid. This was the culmination of the property tax protests of the early '70s.

The 1979 session provided many changes in the individual income tax. Rates were reduced and the brackets broadened. The top rate of 11.4 percent, which applied to income over \$14,000, was reduced to 10 percent and did not apply until income reached \$40,000.

Standard deductions were increased. Income tax brackets will be indexed to offset the effect of inflation. The itemized deductions for taxes were repealed and a credit of 12 percent of nonbusiness property taxes paid was provided.

A one-time, 16 percent reduction in the individual income tax was provided, along with two special tax rebates. The homestead tax credit was liberalized. The amount of capital gain excludable from taxation by taxpayers age 55 and over who sell their homes was increased by \$100,000.

### Corporation Income Tax

In 1971, there was an increase in the corporate income tax rates, with the top rate going from 7 percent to 7.9 percent during a two-year period. The formula used to apportion the income of a multi-state corporation among the several states was changed to a three-factor formula using property, payroll, and sales on a destination basis.

This was estimated to save Wisconsin-based companies about \$15 million in 1973-75. Also provided was the faster depreciation as allowed under the internal revenue code, and a limited credit against corporate income taxes for the sales taxes paid on fuel and electricity consumed in the manufacturing process.

In 1973, the apportionment formula was changed to benefit Wisconsin manufacturers by doubleweighting the sales factor. The credit for sales taxes paid on fuel and electricity used for the manufacturing process was broadened.

At the 1975 session, corporate taxes were increased by the repeal of the state income tax deduction of 10 percent of the federal income taxes paid by a corporation. Corporate income from intangibles, such as interest and dividends, was divided among the states where a corporation did business on the basis of the apportionment formula. Previously, this income from intangibles was allocated to the state of legal incorporation.

### Property Tax

This was the tax that received most attention, particularly during the early 1970s. Manufacturing machinery and equipment was exempted as of May 1, 1974.

The assessment of manufacturing real estate and personal property was switched to the state. The credit provided for property taxes on merchants' and manufacturers' inventories and farm animals was increased to 80 percent of the tax due.

Additional property tax relief was provided by increasing the appropriation for the general property tax credit, state assumption of county welfare and mental health costs, and substantial increases in the appropriations for school aids. These actions, plus the inception of federal revenue sharing in 1972, resulted in a slight decrease in the total property tax levies in 1973.

During the 1970s, the state imposed levy limits on towns, villages, cities, and counties and cost controls on school districts.

In 1977, the gradual exemption of inventories and farm animals was enacted with complete exemption set for 1981. The 1977 session changed the assessment date to Jan. 1, effective in 1979.

### Other Taxes

During the decade, inheritance and gift taxes were reduced, particularly on transfers between spouses. These rates were reduced by 50 percent as of Jan. 1, 1974. The exemption for interspousal transfers was increased. Effective Dec. 31, 1973, the 5½ cents tax on oleomargarine was finally repealed.

The general sales tax was changed by: reducing the dealer discount from 2 percent to 1 percent on Jan. 1, 1972; exempting pollution-abatement equipment, effective Oct. 1, 1973; and, in 1975, making taxable telephone services, such as transmission of data and installation charges, sales of cigarettes, and cable television services. In 1979, residential fuel was exempted from the sales tax.

The 1970s also saw the state revising its policy on mineral taxation. A special tax on copper ore was enacted in 1974. In 1977, a controversial tax on all metallic minerals was enacted. It provided a progressive rate structure.



## *The League of Women Voters of Appleton*

APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911

STATEMENT AT PUBLIC HEARING ON 1981 CITY BUDGET  
November 24, 1980

I am Betty Breunig, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters. Thank you for this opportunity to comment officially on the city budget. The League restricts its comments to those subjects and policies which the League has studied and come to a consensus on.

We certainly are in favor of the proposed city plaza which will add green space to our downtown and will provide a much needed perspective on the somewhat massive exterior of the new library. We think that downtown redevelopment may well occur between Morrison and Appleton streets and that this bit of green space will offer an indispensable visual relief to asphalt and concrete surfaces.

But, in the same breath that I say the League likes that green plaza, I have to say that we are disappointed about the lack of parking for the new library. The library building committee and League observers were certainly under the impression that much more parking was going to be provided near the library. We realize that ten or twenty more spaces won't make that much difference now, but please, when you are considering future parking plans, remember the library. And, in the meanwhile, we hope you will prohibit city hall and library employees from using the forty available spaces so that mothers with small children, the disabled and the elderly can visit the library easily.

Turning to another aspect of the library, we think that although the increased library budget seems large, it is justified in order to take care of the anticipated 50% rise in usage. We must remember that we are making up now for years of understaffing and neglect.

In line with our support of public transportation, we approve building a much needed new transit garage. We also like the idea of the city providing incentives to ride buses by purchasing tokens for its employees to buy at a discount. This puts the city in a position of leadership on public transportation which might well influence businesses to follow suit. And, of course, the more bus riders, the fewer cars downtown.

There was some discussion in the finance committee about seeking funds later from the Board of Education to help subsidize the new liaison police officers in the two senior high schools. The League certainly supports having liaison officers in the schools - we think this is an excellent crime prevention method but we also think that it should be funded completely through the police department. It is extremely important to

draw a sharp line between law enforcement functions and the school system. To use education funds to pay for the salaries of police officers is a dubious procedure. We advocate reinstating enough funds in the police department budget to ensure the opening of the high school liaison program in September 1981 when school begins rather than later in the fall or winter.

Because one of the League's primary goals is to make government more understandable to the voter we are pleased about the possible publication of a city calendar which will provide information about how the city functions and where to go for assistance. This will be an excellent public relations tool.

The city clerk, Mr. Broehm, has warned the finance committee that in the next large election he will need more workers to register voters at the polls. We had election night reporters at every polling place in the city and while the voting was a very orderly process for which we commend Mr. Broehm, we agree with him that one registrar is completely inadequate to keep up with the steady stream of new or lapsed voters. We hope you will keep this in mind four years hence.

We are happy that the finance committee has had the foresight to budget for an environmental lawyer. There are really major environmental questions which need to be answered viv-a-vis the proposed mall. We hope that Appleton will take advantage of any delay caused by these questions to regroup and think of solutions to solve its downtown problems. The Bergstrom Hotel is a great beginning.

We assume that the mayor, or the finance committee, has a contingency **budget** ready for you to consider in case the shared revenue funds do not come through. The fact that these funds have not been **segregated** by putting them into capital development or special projects, means that there is no automatic way to cut the budget if the funds are curtailed. We hope that the city council will not take its lead from the state and make an across the board cut. We think that consideration should be given now to budget priorities so that if you are faced with no revenue sharing funds you will then be able to make the necessary adjustments according to a preconceived plan.

We have commented on the city's Comprehensive Plan in plan commission hearings but we would like to take this more public opportunity to congratulate Bill Brehm and his department, on an excellent publication. If it is implemented, Appleton will truly be an outstanding city.

We thank the finance committee for well run and open budget meetings. We always learn a great deal by attending these meetings and we were glad to see that over half the aldermen attended most sessions. Perhaps next year you can make it obligatory for every alderman! And a final word - we are delighted with the scheduling of this meeting. I think it's the first time in the city's history that the budget hasn't been voted on fifteen minutes after the hearing.

# dues due

MARCH

Mary Benton

MAY

Carol Mason  
Dorothy Reidl

SEPTEMBER

Pattee LaFountain  
Helen Nagler  
Ginny Swanson  
Nancy Warner

OCTOBER

Jeanne Collins  
Kathleen Knott  
Barbara O'Connor  
Joyce Richman  
Joan Ross

NOVEMBER

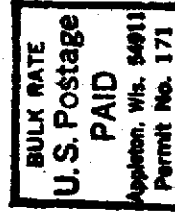
Marlye Fritzell  
Kathy Isaacson  
Lois Mueller  
Marilyn Parker

DECEMBER

Chris Finkler  
Marcia Jansen  
Elayne Lastofka  
Lynn Libera  
Dorothy Olson  
Nancy Pourciau  
Mary Van Groll

JANUARY

Pat Bornslaeger	Mary Beth Linn
Freddie Doeringer	Mary Alice Martines
William Drengler	Sharon Persich
Elizabeth Forter	Barbara Tank
Diane Freehill	Kathy Zavisca



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

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# League of Women Voters



## Appleton, Wisconsin

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731-8876

## February



## 1981

February 4, 5, 6  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Spot Zoning Case  
County Court Branch 4

February 5  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

Potential Member Coffee  
616 E. Greenfield St.

Hostess: Pat Bornslaeger

### UNIT MEETINGS: TAXES

February 10  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader: Lynn Debbink  
Hostess: Nancy Pourciau

February 11  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College - Room 22  
Babysitting downstairs

Discussion Leader: Nancy Jones

February 12  
Thursday  
noon

YMCA - Board Room  
218 E. Lawrence St.

Discussion Leader: Ann Long

February 12  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

59 Bellaire Court

Discussion Leader: Judy Winzenz  
Hostess: Win Thrall

February 16  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
1136 E. Moorpark

Hostess: Ginny Rose

### ENERGY GENERAL MEETINGS

February 25  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22

February 26  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22

February 26  
Thursday  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Local Program/Legislative Briefing Workshop  
Madison

# PRES comments

# lively issues

Well, friends, it's that time of year when everyone is a little querulous about their particular interests. At the last Board meeting we discussed, among other things, the low attendance at meetings in general and units in particular.

Twenty-five years ago, we considered the unit meeting to be the heart of the League -- scintillating discussion leading to a well-thought out consensus and then, finally, ACTION. (This is what I remember, but Barb Hoffman says I don't remember very well).

But it was in these discussion groups that we got acquainted with each other and developed an identity with the League.

What I'm worrying about (and probably what every League president in the USA is also worrying about) is how to get members to meetings. Times change. About three quarters of our membership work, go to school or have sick children and, understandably, do not have that extra bit of energy or time to attend units.

Now, we don't need everyone there because a good discussion unit should be small, BUT, not so small that we can't find discussion leaders! What can we do to entice you?? Has the subject matter seemed dull? Obviously, we are not all equally interested in every program but it is surprising how a well-run discussion can bring light, joy and stimulation to a heretofore dead subject.

Unfortunately, the League undermines itself. Without even blinking an eyelash, I can name five Appleton people who now have jobs because of their League experience and who are therefore less available for League activities.

Call me with your ideas about beefing up attendance at meetings, scheduling of meetings or anything that would serve to make the League more interesting to you.

*Betty*

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sue Lebergen will arrange for the Annual Meeting on April 28. If you have suggestions about where it should be held, call her in the evening: 739-7028.

The Lively Issues Meeting was certainly lively. The state study recommendation was Hazardous and Toxic Wastes. It was felt that this study was very timely and important. Minority recommendations for Transportation and Handgun Control received support also.

The local study items were the subject of lots and lots of good discussion. Low Income Housing was the number one recommendation. This study of both city and county needs would explore housing patterns, ordinances, the housing authority, low income housing, etc. The second most popular study item was the Appleton Park and Recreation Department. This study would examine budget, programs and the relationship of the department to city planners. Solid and Hazardous Waste on the local level was a study item suggested by Ginny Swanson and others. This item generated enthusiasm but was third in the voting.

Two other recommendations came out of the meeting in the form of suggestions to the Board. One was a study of the Family Development Curriculum Committee proposals as part of the Human Resources units in May. The other recommendation was a survey of candidates who ran for local offices to obtain information on why and how candidates run. One purpose of the survey might be to provide a workshop for candidates. This item could be a part of Voters' Service next year.

Support for adopting two local study items was expressed. The decision about the number of local studies for next year will be made at a future Board meeting and at the Annual Meeting.

- Karen de Young

## SPOT ZONING CASE

The only addition to last month's report is that Carl Bowers has erected his building right opposite the Youngs' residence and may even be using it already to store construction equipment. The trial is still set for February 4, 5 and 6. Please come to watch at least part of it (County Court Branch 4--Judge Cane) -- we must show interest in this case. I think the League has made its point as far as the county board is concerned but if the Youngs win, it will greatly encourage adherence to land use planning policies in Outagamie County.

- Betty Breunig

# DOWNTOWN

## APPLETON

After awaiting further word from the developers for almost six weeks, the announcement that they were withdrawing their offer of a \$10 million mall in downtown Appleton came as no surprise. Their "economic" reasons for withdrawing are the very same economic reasons that we are so opposed to their Mud Creek Mall.

Since their announcement, the effort to get permit approvals for building the outlying mall have intensified at both state and local levels. The developers were unsuccessful in an attempt to thwart the Public Intervenor's work on the Appleton case. On the other hand, they were partially successful in blocking the EDA grant to Appleton from the Governor's office. The confusion and publicity were unfortunate, but the compromise of giving the money to the DNR for an economic study is a really big step forward. (The DNR has consistently told us they couldn't do such a study because they had no staff.) Right now a legal strategy is being planned that will satisfy both sides and hopefully get the case into the courts quickly.

Although the battle against the outside mall is going as well as can be expected, the battle for our downtown is frustrating. The apathy and lack of cooperation among downtown business people and property owners is a continuing concern. The LWV Board decided to initiate a citizens' effort to encourage our downtown people to get their act together now on free parking, street scraping, promotions, etc. We hope to have some definite plans and progress to report by next month. - Jan Nordell

### SOLID WASTE PUBLIC HEARING

The Outagamie County Board Solid Waste Committee has approved a DNR proposal to dump illegally landfilled demolition material containing PCB's in the Outagamie County Landfill. The only way to stop this is to attend a public hearing on the matter February 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the County Board Room and voice your objections.

# ENERGY MEETINGS

There will be two Energy meetings in February, each featuring a film, "The Solar Frontier," and a tour of the Beggars' Tune: Wednesday morning, February 25, and Thursday evening, February 26.

"The Solar Frontier" has been chosen for its pleasing portrayal of three families living in solar-heated homes in the Canadian snowbelt. (If they can do it,...!)

The tour of the Beggars' Tune is in response to the many requests that we have had for a repeat of our delightful tour several years ago. The Guild, 217 E. College Avenue, houses several businesses and a handsome apartment in a beautifully designed building featuring insulation, triple glazing, and four wood stoves. Originally designed for active solar collectors, the proposed location became shaded by the YMCA expansion, so the collectors could not be used: illustrating the problem of solar access rights.

Meet Wednesday morning, February 25 at 9:15 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church for the film. Babysitting will be provided downstairs. After the film we will walk over to the Beggars' Tune for the tour. Thursday evening, February 26, we will also meet at All Saints' Church at 7:30 p.m. for the film, followed by the tour at the Beggars' Tune around 8:15 p.m.

- Sue Kinde

### LOCAL PROGRAM/LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING WORKSHOP

This workshop, in Madison on February 26, is to brief us on issues that will be brought up in this session of the state legislature. Budget cuts, marital property reform, reapportionment and other subjects will be included in a morning session. The afternoon will be devoted to how to act locally on state and national positions and how to plan and execute a local study.

Hours are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Johan's Lutheran Church in downtown Madison. Bring your lunch or go out to a nearby fast food eatery. Everyone is welcome, new and old members. We will car pool and probably leave Appleton at 8 a.m. - back by 5 p.m. Babysitting will be available if there is enough demand. Call Betty Breunig, 739-2670, if you'd like to go. NOTE: This does not take the place of a "Legislative Day" which we have scheduled for March. At that time we actually observe the state legislature and talk to our legislators.

# TAX UNITS

Member agreement will be reached at the February 10, 11, 12 units. The member agreement questions are printed below. For background use the following bibliography:

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Article by James Morgan printed in the January Bulletin.

There are copies of the September, 1980 FORWARD articles available from Helen Nagler: 739-8053.

## MEMBER AGREEMENT QUESTIONS - TAXES

- I. If revenues need to be increased to continue meeting present levels of service, which of the present revenue sources should be increased or what new ones should be adopted to meet state and local needs?
  - A. Taxes and fees.
    1. Individual income tax.
    2. Corporate income/franchise tax.
    3. Sales and use tax.
    4. Property tax.
    5. Users' fees.
    6. Other - specify.
    7. None.
  - B. Borrowing.
    1. Bonding (state and local borrowing).
    2. Tax Incremental Financing.
    3. Industrial Revenue Bonding.
    4. None.
  - C. New Proposals
    1. Local income tax. (Would require state legislation.)
    2. Value added tax. (Would require federal and/or state legislation.)
    3. Other.
    4. None.
  - D.
    1. Which of the above should be relied upon as primary revenue sources?
    2. Which of the above would you oppose as primary revenue sources?
  - E. If you wish to reduce the level of taxes or do not wish to increase revenues sufficiently to maintain present levels of service, how would you accommodate the differences?
- II. Tax exemptions and tax credits play an important policy role in encouraging or discouraging various kinds of action -- from solar energy to owning a home vs. renting. Whenever a taxpayer reduces his or her tax with exemptions or tax credits, the burden of that lost revenue must be shared by all other taxpayers if the revenue is to be maintained at the same level.
  - A. Without judging the relative merits of individual exemptions or credits, should the legislature continue periodic reexamination of all such laws to determine if the intended goals are still desirable and if the law meets those goals?
  - B. What criteria should be developed by the legislature to examine what is good public policy?
- III. Do present Wisconsin LWV positions reflect your general philosophy about taxation?
  - A. Support of tax sources based on ability to pay.
  - B. Support of distribution of tax revenues based on need and total tax burden.

# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!



**SALLY KLAPPER-RANDA**  
1130 W. Hiawatha Dr. 739-5270

Sally is an Appleton native and works for AAL as Fraternal Conference Co-ordinator. She is on the board of BFW and her hobbies include reading and traveling.

**MARY ANN FISHER**  
11 Sunnyslope Dr. 739-1684

Mary Ann is a native of Rochester, N.Y. She and her husband have lived in the Fox Valley at different times in their lives and are happy to be back. Her hobbies include reading and playing bridge.

**JEROME PENNINGTON**  
1823 F E. Robin Way 731-7092

Jerome is the new Librarian at the Appleton Public Library. He is from Minnesota and has worked in California and at the Library of Congress. His background in french horn and piano support his interest in music.

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Kathy Zavisca

### FEBRUARY

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Roma Felible  
Patricia Filzen  
Sally Mielke

## POTENTIAL MEMBER COFFEE

There will be a Potential Member Coffee at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday February 5 at Pat Bornslaeger's house, 616 E. Greenfield St.

Please call Pat with names of people who might be interested in learning more about the Appleton League.

## BED AND BREAKFAST IN MADISON

Dane County LWV is offering a Bed and Breakfast program for all League members and their families. The cost is \$20 per night per person payable in advance or \$15 per night if in Madison on League business. A second person occupying a room would have a \$5 reduction in both these charges. Breakfast will consist of coffee, tea or milk, juice and sweet rolls.

If you are interested in using this service, call or write the Dane County LWV office at 738 E. Dayton St., Madison 53703, 608-255-5636. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. You should indicate which League you are affiliated with. When payment is received, the office will provide the visitor with the hostess' name, address, and phone number so that the visitor can directly confirm arrival and departure times and receive directions from the hostess.

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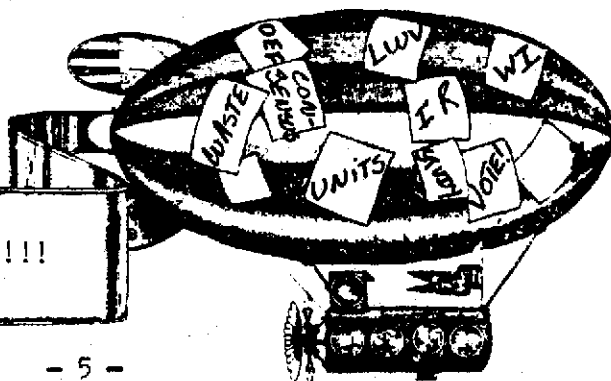
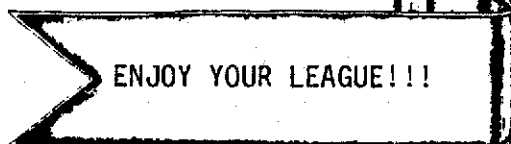
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# ENERGY STUDY UPDATE

## A UNIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR APPLETON

### OUR ASSIGNMENT:

Scope: "An action oriented effort to be preceded by study to determine our present levels of energy consumption, current codes, etc. Other communities' successes at such attempts would be reviewed. League then would spearhead a coalition whose purpose would be to formulate a systematic plan to reduce energy consumption in Appleton. Many other community groups would be involved."

### BACKGROUND:

Strong state and national energy positions gave our study a solid basis for action.

State positions on power plants were announced in 1971 and 1975. See League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Position Papers, pp. 35-36.

National energy positions (1975, 1978 & 1979) call for supporting policies that:

- (1) bring about a significant and progressive reduction in the U.S. energy growth rate;
- (2) give priority to conservation, renewable resources and the environmentally sound use of coal in the U.S. energy mix between now and the year 2000;
- (3) effect a shift to predominant reliance on renewable resources beyond the year 2000.

Other position statements:

- Dependence on imported energy sources must be reduced;
- Reliance on domestic oil and natural gas should not be increased;
- Reliance on nuclear fission (light water reactors) should not be increased.

### OUR EFFORTS:

Because of our comprehensive state and national positions on energy, your local Energy Committee has combined study and action this year. Our most satisfying action was the Energy Fair which involved work with "many other community groups" in a community education effort.

We think it is now time to begin the process of forming a citizens' energy task force which would have the expertise and staff necessary to gather data and form energy conservation recommendations. We have found Appleton's energy consumption data difficult to gather, and believe a broader coalition would have more success. After we finish our local consensus in March, we may have specific energy conservation suggestions, but at this time, acting under our state and national positions and our local mandate, we will urge Mayor Dorothy Johnson and the Appleton Common Council to initiate a City of Appleton Energy Study Committee.

### TEXT OF LETTER TO MAYOR DOROTHY JOHNSON:

Dear Dorothy:

It has been several weeks since I requested a meeting with you to discuss the possibility of your appointing an Energy Task Force for Appleton. You requested that I follow the meeting with a more formalized statement of this project. This letter presents the collective suggestions from the Energy Committee of the League of Women Voters, which is nearly finished with a one year local study of Energy. Among our strongest conclusions is that local municipalities must make a concerted effort to make the decisions that will encourage the wisest use of energy. Our League bias toward open government and citizenship participation leads us to the conclusion that a broad-based committee, empowered by the Mayor and accompanied by city resources for the necessary research effort, would be the best way to proceed. Please consider the following outline of the scope, timetable, and desirable representation as a starting point for the process.

### TIMETABLE: (Including activities)

1. Establish a working committee of people with a strong personal and/or professional commitment to energy issues.
2. Assign professional staff (probably from the Planning Department).

(continued)

TEXT OF LETTER TO MAYOR DOROTHY JOHNSON (continued):

3. Begin accurate inventory of Appleton's energy use patterns.
  - a. Energy supplies (special attention to existing capacity where strong conservation efforts could prevent the need for new facilities).
  - b. Energy use patterns for the following areas:
    - (1) Transportation
    - (2) Residential
    - (3) Commercial
    - (4) Industrial (buildings and processes)
    - (5) Government (buildings, solid waste, existing regulations and ordinances with implications for energy)
4. Build committee expertise through a planned series of presentations and interviews, selected readings and films, and appropriate tours.
5. Determine conservation strategies and appropriate role of government:
 

Evaluate conservation strategies with simple criteria

  - (1) ease/difficulty of accomplishment
  - (2) expense
  - (3) impact on energy reduction
6. Implement conservation strategies
7. Educate the community

A few of the possibilities that occur to us as projects to consider at different steps in the 12-18 month process include the following: aerial infrared photography of the city with an annual follow-up to show progress; tax incentives that would encourage a reduction in energy use; solar access rights developed locally; special efforts to incorporate energy savings into multiple family dwellings (possibly through an arrangement of split incentives); a challenge to another community to a conservation contest; and a possible tree-planting project on a city-wide scale to promote energy conservation.

(The letter continues with suggestions for committee members and/or interests to be represented, and it is signed by Cynthia Johnson.) Ed.

Your 20 Member Energy Committee - Kris Begun, Sally Bredeweg, Lynn Debbink, Cookie Fielkow, Karen Hallstrom, Pat Hauser, Fred Kile, Sharon Persich, Peteranne Joel, Nancy Jones, Elayne Lastofka, Bob Rosenberg, Ginny Rosenberg, Ginnie Swanson, Andrea Tatlock, Win Thrall, Len Weis, Judy Winzencz, Cynthia Johnson and Sue Kinde

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 TIME FOR ACTION — MARITAL PROPERTY REFORM

The new legislative session has begun and the new Marital Property bill is being drafted. It should be ready in two or three weeks for the gathering of sponsors. It is very important that our legislators know there is still constituent interest in the issue so here is how we can help. The League is organizing a call-in campaign for the next two weeks. Just call you legislator on the Hotline, leaving a message that you want a copy of the bill, that you want to know when it will be out, etc. Be sure you let them know you are a supporter of the bill. The Hotline will get the message to the legislators. Both your senator and representative should be called, but you need to call at two different times. Any questions call Jan Nordell (731-8738) or Barb Hoffman (731-9293).

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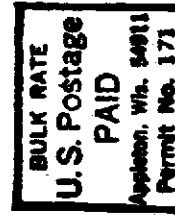
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"MOVING AHEAD IN THE 80's"

6th Legislative Conference sponsored by the Wisconsin  
Federation of Business and Professional Women

DATE: Saturday, February 14  
PLACE: Midway Motor Lodge, Appleton  
TIME: 1 - 4:30 p.m. 6:30 - 9 p.m.



Afternoon Program:

1. Nuclear Energy - Present Status and Future Prospects  
James Underkoffer, President, WI. Electric & Light Co.
2. Hazardous Wastes  
Senator Donald Hanaway
3. Marital Property Update
4. ERA Film - "How We Got the Vote"  
Narrated by Jean Stapleton

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: U.S. Congressman Toby Roth  
"Issues Relating to Retirement & Social Security"

Registration Fee: \$6.00  
Luncheon: \$6.00  
Dinner: \$8.00

Further information: Liz Hoover 739-8703 home  
733-6678 work

Reservations: Katie LaMore  
P.O. Box 2699  
Appleton, WI. 54913  
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

THIRD CLASS MAIL



# League of Women Voters



## Appleton, Wisconsin

**PRESIDENT - Betty Breunig**  
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616 E. Greenfield  
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520 N. Bateman St.  
731-8876

## March



## 1981

### UNIT MEETINGS: ENERGY CONSENSUS

March 10  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader: Penny Coffin  
Hostess: Lynn Debbink

March 11  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College - Room 22  
Babysitting downstairs

Discussion Leader: Karen de Young  
Hostess: Nancy Jones

March 12  
Thursday  
noon

YMCA - Harwood Room  
218 E. Lawrence St.

Discussion Leader: Marcia Hittle

March 12  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

1901 N. Nicholas

Discussion Leader: M. Vandenberg  
Host & Hostess: Bob & Ginny  
Rosenberg

March 11  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

New Member Coffee  
56 Bellaire Ct.

Hostess: Betty Breunig

March 16  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
737 W. Prospect Ave.

Hostess: Lynn Debbink

March 26  
Thursday  
8 p.m.

Natural Resources General Meeting  
"Solid Waste Update"  
Appleton Police Station

March 31  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Candidates Forum  
Appleton Police Station

# PRES comments

It is only four years since This is Appleton was published but it is astonishingly out of date. Many of the problems which we pinpointed at that time have been remedied — new bridges, different city hall, new library, renovation of streets and neighborhoods, etc. Appleton, of course, has new problems which I won't go into, but we think that the tone of the book is still appropriate. Corinne Goldgar has consented (with an unbelievable amount of enthusiasm) to create a four page insert which certainly won't catch all discrepancies but will acknowledge certain important changes. We think that when this insert is added, it will enable us to sell our remaining 700 booklets and set us on the way to publishing a new edition.

## SPOT ZONING CASE

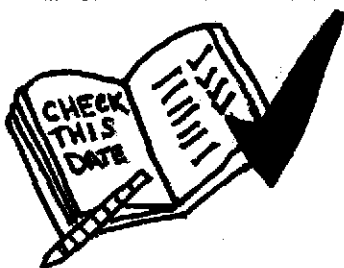
"Plaintiff, Bernice Young, has brought this action because she feels that Outagamie County Ordinance Z-14-80 constitutes illegal spot zoning and jeopardizes the entire Land Use Policy Plan of Outagamie County as to its effectiveness and consistency and because she believes this rezoning adversely affects her adjacent property."

The Bowers Brothers' lawyer and the Corporation Counsel waived their right to a jury trial at the last minute so the trial was held before Judge Cane. We heard two days of testimony on what constitutes spot zoning and whether this rezoning ordinance was passed in the "public interest". The trial was interesting, not to say enlightening, about how county government operates. The Judge asked for written summations and will render his decision in the near future. I have a copy of Jack Teetaert's summation (it's good reading) if anyone would like to see it. I'm not sure I spotted all of you who came to the trial but thanks to those of you who attended!

*Betty*

# ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY  
APRIL 28



# Solid Waste Update

Those of you who have been waiting to hear what's new in garbage mark March 26 on your calendars! At a General Meeting at the Appleton Police Station John Schreiter, Outagamie County Executive, and Warren Porter, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Solid Waste Recycling Authority, will speak on the problems, accomplishments, and frustrations currently effecting solid waste disposal in the Appleton area.

Who is the Recycling Authority? How do their decisions effect Appleton's solid waste? What have they been doing in the last 7 years? What is Outagamie County doing to provide for future solid waste disposal? What is the County Board's reaction to the plan put forth recently by the state's Recycling Authority? Learn the answers to these questions and more. There will be a short talk by each guest followed by a question and answer session. So bring your questions and any interested friends to the meeting at the Police Station, 8 p.m., March 26.

- Lynn Debbink

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

Despite protests by the League and others, the county zoning committee has decided to hold a public hearing on the permit applications for General Growth's mall in March. We requested a postponement until all of the DNR studies — including the economic study — are completed so that the committee's decision could be made with as much information as possible. The committee, however, did informally agree to hear testimony on economic and social as well as environmental effects of this proposed mall. The real question now is whether or not they will consider these issues when making their decision to grant or to deny the permits.

One committee member believes that it is only a "minority" group who is making trouble in the community over this mall proposal and therefore wants the hearing now in order to see how the community really feels. So do put the dates on your calendar and come ready to voice your concerns or to lend visible support.

March 24 and 25 - County Courthouse

- Jan Nordell

# Energy Conservation Task Force

Success!!! One of the main objectives of the Energy Committee for this year was arranging conditions so that an Appleton Energy Conservation Task Force would be begun.

After many months of committee work, we outlined our suggestions for such a committee to Mayor Dorothy Johnson (see last month's Bulletin for excerpts of the letter). She was very receptive and proceeded to do some preliminary planning with Sue Kinde, Judy Winzenz, and Cynthia Johnson. Judy will chair the Task Force and Sue will be on it (invited even though she lives outside of Appleton!). At this very moment, specific individuals are being recruited and the general public invited to apply for a place on the Task Force.

As you watch this Task Force being born and later thriving, remember: your League made it happen! This will probably prove to be one of the most valuable gifts of our time and expertise to Appleton, with far-reaching effects. Kudos to us all!

- Cynthia Johnson

## Lively Issues

At the February Board Meeting the Lively Issues study item recommendations were discussed. The Board considered member appeal, the timeliness of the item and how many studies we can successfully undertake for next year. On the national level we will be studying Health Care. The Board recommends locally we study Low Income Housing. This item generated lots of enthusiasm at the Lively Issues meeting. The Board also suggests unit meetings on the Family Development Curriculum Study proposals and a study of how and why candidates run for office.

These Board recommendations for next year's program will be discussed by the membership at the Annual Meeting in April. We all look forward to making next year's program stimulating and informative.

- Karen de Young

# VOTERS SERVICE

## CANDIDATES FORUM

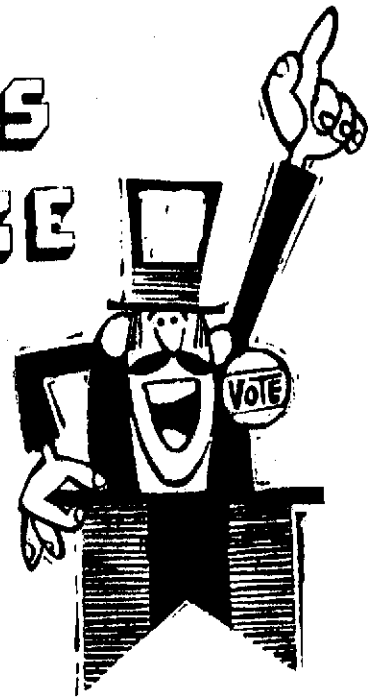
Date: Tuesday, March 31  
Time: 7:30 p.m. Sharp!  
Place: Appleton Police  
Station

Plan to attend the Spring Candidates Forum! We are inviting the four candidates (three positions to fill) for Board of Education: Eugene Lillge, Donald W. Brown, Mary Scheig and John M. Parker. The candidates for alderman who are invited include: Ward 7 - Jerry R. Olm and Sue Steffans; Ward 9 - Richard A. Casperson and Julie D. Colwell; Ward 10 - Stanley W. Baehman and Peter G. Beckley; and Ward 13 - George Protegere and Charles R. Younts. The forum will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

13th WARD: Stevie Schmidt hosted a "13th Ward Candidates Coffee" on February 12. The five candidates for 13th ward alderman attended along with ten people from the ward. We found the discussion quite interesting and hope to hold this type of meeting in other wards when there is a primary run-off.

BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE: Last year, you may recall, we fell down on our responsibility to the Appleton school system by not making sure that the opinions of School Board candidates were publicized. This year Betty and I journeyed to the Post-Crescent with an excellent questionnaire for the Board of Education candidates and asked the P-C for a joint effort on this project. There are questions on limiting contents of textbooks, family growth and development curriculum, teacher evaluations, etc. The P-C will not use our questions and answers per se for the usual reason of lack of space and interest but it plans to interview each candidate and write individual candidate profiles. We trust the P-C will acknowledge the League questions which it uses. The Board feels it is very important to distribute information on these candidates. We will still send our questionnaire to the candidates, make copies of their responses and distribute them as widely as possible through the library, educational institutions and other groups.

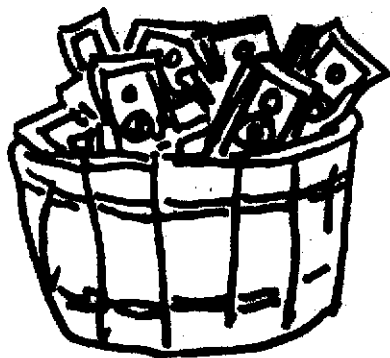
- Kathy Zavisca



# membership

## FINANCE

## DRIVE



Our annual Finance Drive comes up this month. Those of you who are new to League may not know that we have to supplement our dues income with help from the community. The reason for this is twofold — we need the money, but since we serve the community in a unique capacity (who else promotes non-partisan better government?) we also think we deserve support from the community.

Ordinarily, we try to involve every member of the League in the Finance Drive. First we send out an appeal in a letter to businesses and individuals. We, then, gather LWV members at a Kick Off Coffee, give you a rousing patriotic speech about what the League does for you and the community and send you off, with lots of information, to two or three businesses to ask for money. This way, both you and the community, learn about the League in a very personal way. Although we don't reject large sums of money, we always say that we'd rather have small sums from many sources so that we have more people interested in what we're doing. Our contributions last year ranged from \$5 to \$300 from about 82 sources.

This year, however, because of members' time limitations, we, regretfully, are not going to make much hoopla about the Drive. Sharon Persich, our Finance Chair, is sending out letters to prospective contributors and we hope that we will not have too much following up to do. Sharon will ask some of you to make calls or write thank you notes — please help her out!

- Betty Breunig

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MANY THANKS to Kathy Sprenger who has taken over the big monthly job of assembling, stapling, addressing and mailing this League Bulletin. Please call her (733-1227) if you have a change of address — so that you don't miss even one thrilling issue!

- Marcia Hittle

In an effort to make sure that new members quickly feel welcome and comfortable within League, we are initiating a buddy system whereby an active member will see to it that each new member becomes acquainted with and acclimated to League activities.

From past surveys of former members, it was found that new members often felt that it was difficult to get to know other members, especially if they were new to Appleton, or didn't know anyone else in League.

Hopefully this new program will solve this problem. Let's all work together to keep our League together!

New members . . . . . Don't miss this!

There will be an informal meeting/party to welcome new members at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11 at Betty Breunig's, 56 Bellaire Court. All members new to League since last spring are invited, as are active League members who hate to miss a good time.

We are happy to have all of you in League and would like you to have this opportunity to get to know us and each other better.

- Pat Bornslaeger



JEAN HEDGES  
330 E. Randall  
733-2906

## Bio Brief

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton member

Jean is originally from Milwaukee and moved here from Kansas with her husband and 2 children, six years ago. She attended Luther College and the University of Iowa and has a degree in Elementary Education. Her "spare time activities include reading & biking.

# ENERGY UNITS

Please bring your February and March Bulletins to the consensus unit meetings - March 10, 11, 12.

## CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

### I. REGULATIONS:

- A. Should the City of Appleton pass a solar access law? If so, what provisions should be included?
- B. When a building is to be sold:
  - 1. Should a written disclosure of energy use over the previous 12 months be available to a potential purchaser?
  - 2. Should an energy audit be required? If so, who would perform it?
  - 3. Should a building be required to meet minimum standards of energy conservation before sale?
- C. Should future subdivision plats be required to encourage energy conservation and solar energy use by their design? If yes, what should be considered?

### II. TAX INCENTIVES AND/OR SUBSIDIES:

- A. Should local government offer tax incentives to encourage energy conservation and renewable energy use?
- B. Should local government offer subsidies to encourage energy conservation and renewable energy use?

Consider these categories:

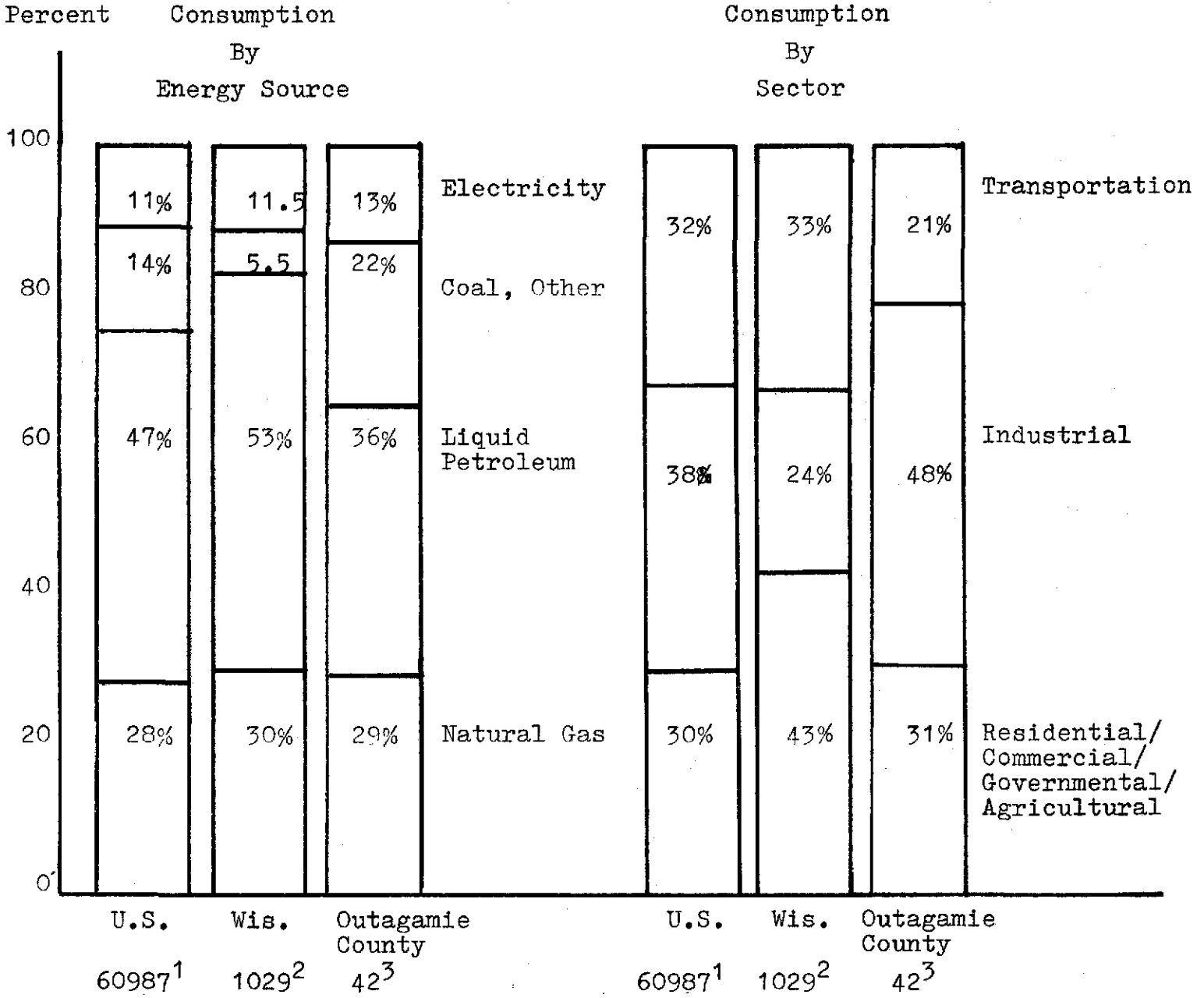
- 1. Residential (general public, low income, multiple family)
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Industrial
- 4. Transportation
- 5. Solid Waste

- III. What should local government expect of itself? Should city codes, policies, and ordinances be reviewed and revised to insure they encourage and/or do not discourage energy conservation?

- IV. What should the Appleton League of Women Voters do to encourage energy conservation?

(Information: US and Wis. offer tax credits and direct refunds for certain renewable energy systems; wind and active solar energy systems are exempt from local property taxes until December 31, 1995, provided the system meets Wis. Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations standards.)

ENERGY END USE  
(in trillions of BTU's)



<sup>1</sup>Okagaki, County Energy Plan Guidebook, 1977 data  
<sup>2</sup>Aigner and DeMuth, Wisconsin Energy Use 1973-1977, 1977 data  
<sup>3</sup>Peter Ross, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, 1980 estimates

## OVERSEAS EDUCATION FUND

Longtime League members are interested and gratified by the direction the Overseas Education Fund of the League of Women Voters (originally the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund) has taken since it became an agency completely independent of the LWVUS. Newer League members are intrigued with the emphasis on women to women development aid, the opportunity provided by OEF for the women of an American community to reach directly the women of a community in another country -- to reach them with very practical development skills.

Overseas Education Fund has a variety of projects involved with the integration of Third World women into the socioeconomic development of their countries. The OEF projects begin with an expression of need by women in a community, are advanced with organization skills taught by OEF employees (educated women from many nations) and are funded with OEF grants. The Fund uses the grassroots consensus and action orientation of the League in its work.

A number of projects currently need funding: 1) Hogary Desarrollo (Home and Development) has asked OEF for \$22,856 to start a child care center in Guatemala City. \$3,584 will be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the center, and the remaining \$19,272 will cover operation, administration and personnel costs for the first year.

2) On the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, OEF and the National Council of Women wish to develop canning centers in rural communities to process fruits and vegetables. \$3,081 is needed to do an assessment of raw material supply, saleability of products, and transportation to urban markets to determine viability of this business venture.

3) Mini-grants of \$100 to \$5,000 are needed by weavers, seamstresses, food processors, furniture repairers, and child care para-professionals, among others, for capital investment to get these small businesses off the ground. Mini-grants could be used to purchase a workplace, equipment such as industrial sewing machines, raw materials, etc. These are a few of the current OEF projects.

Except to meet the need to be informed, what significance does this bulletin page have for League members? The hope of Elise Fiber Smith, the OEF director who spoke to our state League's Everymember Program Briefing in September, and of others associated with the OEF, is that some of the internationalists, the feminists, and those with other social concerns among League members will decide that they, as League members, as members of some other community organization, or as members of a coalition of community women's groups, will inform themselves and their groups about the potential for direct community to community women's projects through OEF and will then individually support -- or rally local support for -- one or more of these projects.

Printed brochures, slide programs, and speakers are available from OEF for various stages of such a project. For more information, you may write directly to Elise Fiber Smith, OEF Director, 2101 L Street, N.W., Suite 916, Washington, D.C. 20037.

# dues due

## SEPTEMBER

Pattee LaFountain  
Nancy Warner

## OCTOBER

Jeanne Collins  
Kathleen Knott  
Barbara O'Connor

## NOVEMBER

Kathy Isaacson  
Lois Mueller

## DECEMBER

Chris Finkler  
Lynn Libera  
Dorothy Olson

## JANUARY

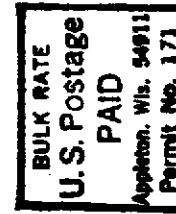
Pat Bornslaeger  
William Drengler  
Diane Freehill  
Mary Alice Martines

## FEBRUARY

Kris Begun  
Lynn Debbink  
Roma Felible  
Pat Filzen  
Sally Mielke

## MARCH

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Chris Calder  
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Sue Kinde  
Virginia McMahon  
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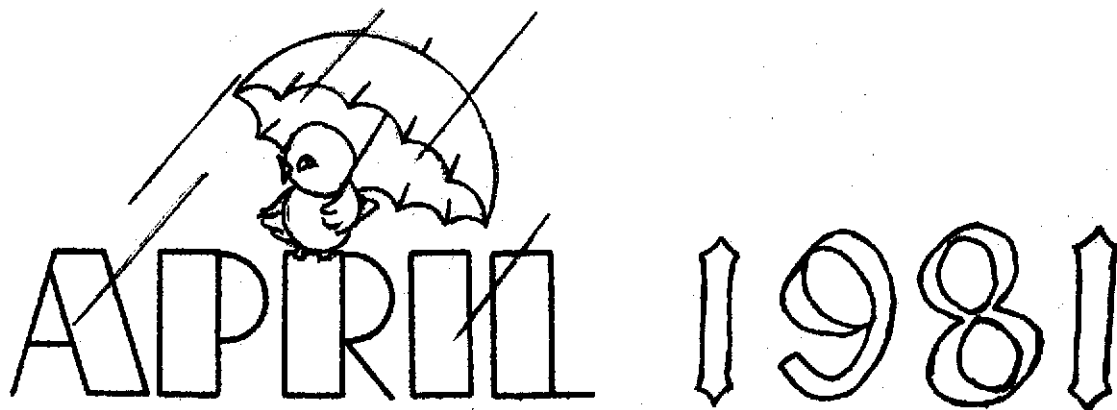


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# APRIL 1981

April 7  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Observer Corps Meeting  
1207 Wisconsin Court  
(south off Wisconsin Ave.  
1 block east of Rankin St.)

Hostess: Mary Vandenberg

April 17  
Friday

DEADLINE FOR MAILING ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATIONS  
to Susan Lebergen

April 20  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
43 South Meadows Drive

Hostess: Bev Wieckert

April 21  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

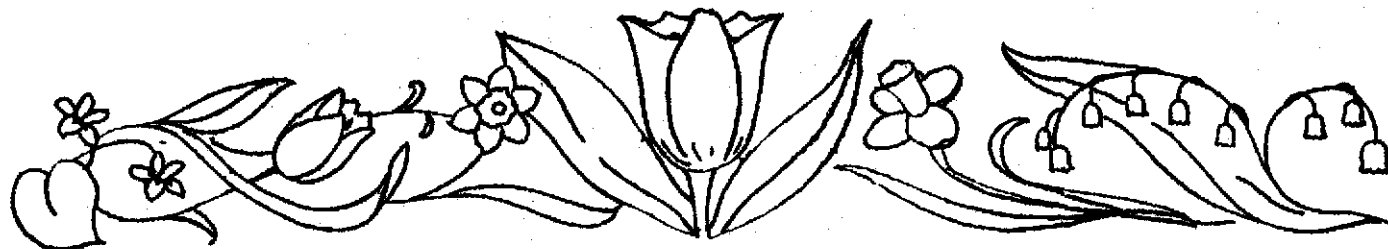
International Relations Meeting  
Vel Phillips, Wis. Sec. of State

Riverview Lounge  
Memorial Union  
Lawrence University

April 28  
Tuesday  
5:30 p.m. - Social  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner  
7:00 p.m. - Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING  
Martine's Restaurant  
3025 W. College Avenue

Details on page 3



# PRES comments

# International Relations

Well, friends, this is the last time my name will appear in this corner. Two years ago when I started my term as president, I wondered how I could possibly fill this space every month. To my surprise, the problem has been to keep it down to a manageable and readable size.

As a farewell word, I can say, unequivocally, that the Appleton League is alive and bouncing. Your Board of Directors this year has been superlative: individually and collectively, responsible, adaptable — and fun. The vast majority of the membership has participated in at least one activity during the year, which is a healthy statistic, although open to improvement. I have immensely enjoyed (at least most of the time) being your president. Thank you!

Please, come to the Annual Meeting on April 28th. If you can't join us for supper, come to the meeting at 7 p.m. This is your chance to participate in Appleton League decisions and it's terribly important for your Board of Directors to receive direction from you, the membership at large. This is the only time we gather together to deal with purely internal affairs. And you will meet and vote for next year's officers and three Board members. You will be in good hands, come May — the Nominating Committee has presented you with a wonderful slate of people.

No verdict by Judge Cane yet on the spot zoning case.

*Betty*

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FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

The Forty-Seventh Convention of the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, INC. will be held at the HOLIDAY INN - WAUSAU, WISCONSIN May 15 - 16, 1981

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Marilyn Parker has moved away from the area, and the Appleton LWV will miss her. New address: 118 Grist Mill Road, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania 19342

The appearance of Vel Phillips, Secretary of State of Wisconsin, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 21. The original October date was "upstaged" by the National League of Women Voters' televised presidential debate. Her talk was originally scheduled during the week of the 35th anniversary of the United Nations. Once again we look forward to hearing her observations and experiences as a delegate to the World Conference of the U.N. Decade for Women held last summer in Copenhagen, Denmark. This program about international relations should be a refreshing break from the many local concerns of our League.

The talk will be in the Riverview Lounge of the Lawrence University Memorial Union at 7:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the university's Committee on Public Occasions. It will be free and open to the public. Plan to attend!

(See the October 1980 League bulletin for details of Ms. Phillips background.)

- Win Thrall

## OBSERVER CORPS

Attention all government observers - and potential observers! Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7. We'll bring each other up-to-date on what's happened since the November observer corps meeting with the City Council, County Board, School Board, and committees that we observe. We'll talk about what's coming up that other observers, and maybe the League Board and the membership, should know about. You'll meet new observers — some of League's new members are following favorite issues and learning about local government first hand, without wasting any time!

We'll plan a couple of observer corps "briefing sessions" if we agree there's a need. And we'll figure out how to meet the challenge of providing observer coverage during the summer, when many League activities come to a screeching halt. If League positions on issues affected by the governmental body you observe, or would like to observe, are puzzling you, bring those questions — we'll try to find answers.

See you April 7!

- Mary Vandenberg

# NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Officers of Appleton LWV  
Terms beginning May 1981

President	Kathy ZaVisca
Action Vice President	Ginny Rose
Secretary	Marcia Jansen
Directors	Nancy Jones
	Jan Nordell
	Stevie Schmidt

Nominating Committee - 1981  
Mary Van Groll, chair  
Penny Coffin  
Susan Lebergen

Officers of Appleton LWV whose terms began  
May 1980 and who will continue on the  
Board of Directors

Program Vice President	Karen de Young
Treasurer	Liz Hoover
Directors	Ellen Needham
	Win Thrall
	Mary Vandenberg

Respectfully submitted by the 1980  
Nominating Committee: Susan Lebergen, chair,  
Pat Bornslaeger, Kathy Collins, Karen de Young,  
Joyce Green



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

HELENE IVERSON  
1811 Bradley Lane  
734-7499

Helene is originally from Madison. She and her husband have lived in Appleton for three years and have a 3 year old daughter. She is service team chairman for the Fox River Area Girl Scout Council, and has many varied interests and hobbies including reading, crafts, sewing and furniture refinishing.

JAN HOLMES  
229 N. Lawe  
739-4694

Jan is from St. Louis, Mo. and is a graduate of Cornell College with a degree in sociology and religion. She has taught sociology and psychology at Appleton East High. Her three children and her interest in crafts, reading, and community affairs keep her busy.

# ANNUAL MEETING



Tuesday, April 28, 1981  
Martine's Restaurant  
3025 W. College Avenue



Cash bar 5:30 p.m.      Dinner 6:00 p.m. (\$5.95, tax & tip included)      Meeting 7:00 p.m.

This is our chance to have input into next year's local program, your opportunity to give new direction. We'll discuss and we'll decide. We'll adopt local positions based on this year's studies. We'll elect new members of our Board of Directors.

DINNER RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 17. Please fill out the form below and mail it today. If you prefer to come only to the ANNUAL MEETING at 7 p.m., there will be extra chairs and coffee for you.

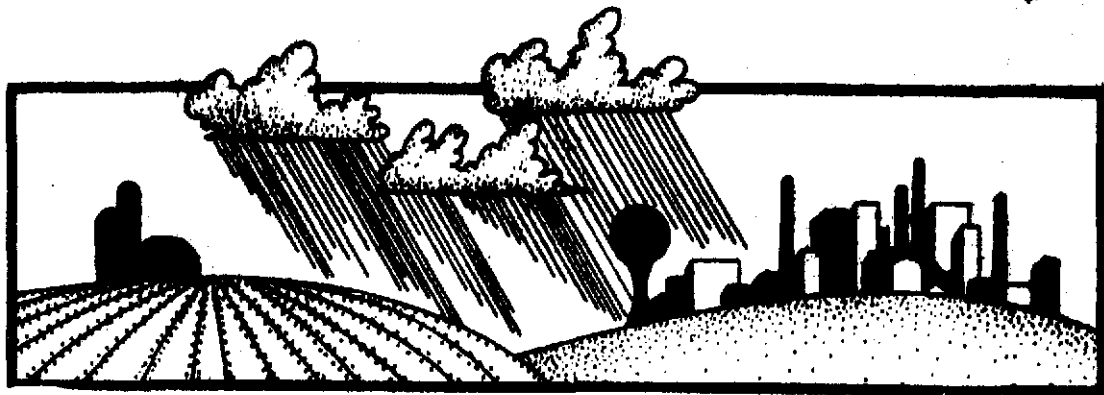
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ANNUAL MEETING DINNER RESERVATION - April 28, 1981

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# Energy Study Consensus



Twenty-eight members were present at the March 1981 units.

Energy conservation is crucial in Wisconsin, a state that imports more than 90% of its energy. League members believe that there is an important role for local government in energy conservation, both in the actions it takes and in the example it sets. Local government should review and revise all of its local codes, policies, and ordinances to promote energy conservation consistently, not inadvertently discourage it. Members favor flexibility in the interpretation of existing zoning and building codes; for example, a sunspace greenhouse might be appropriate even if it infringes on existing set-back codes. Local government should have its public buildings meet energy conservation standards and consider energy implications of future buildings.

In transportation there was continued strong support for Appleton's transit system. Local government should use vehicles that are as energy efficient as possible. Bicycle use should be promoted through safe and convenient routes and conditions.

Solid waste disposal should be periodically evaluated and recycling promoted whenever feasible. There was support for city pick-up of newspapers if it would be energy efficient. Recycling should be seen as a positive action by the city and promoted as such.

The city (or county, since members believe that both units of local government have a role in energy conservation) should consider providing technical assistance and information to citizens, possibly via an energy information center or neighborhood meetings. Local government could employ newsletters or public library displays in their ongoing energy education role, realizing that citizens progress at different rates in understanding and acting on energy issues. Members generally favor efforts to reduce energy use in the future rather than subsidies for current energy use; for example, they favor insulation efforts over direct fuel assistance.

There was strong support for energy information being available to potential purchasers of buildings at the time of sale, including utility bills and the results of energy audits. Members do not want to require buildings to conform to a specific standard of energy use as a condition of sale, believing that the economic realities of energy costs will effectively encourage energy conservation without the need for new regulations.

Members support solar access legislation at both the state and local level with clear distinctions made between existing structures in established neighborhoods and proposed development in new areas. Existing areas pose special problems since individual property rights could collide. There was strong agreement that no building or vegetation should be required to be removed in order for solar equipment to be made usable. There was general agreement that if the solar equipment was installed first, it was highly desirable to protect it from subsequent building and planting, but members favored a flexible approach, including private agreements and easements between individuals, rather than very restrictive government regulations. Orderly procedures to protect individual property rights must accompany solar use legislation.

Areas of new construction should have solar access provided for by way of street and building siting, selection and placement of street trees, and protection of a three-dimensional space in which the house is to be located (sometimes called a solar envelope). In general, there was stronger support for solar access protection in new areas.

(see next page for Energy Support Positions)

# ENERGY SUPPORT POSITIONS

The following support position will be presented at the ANNUAL MEETING for the membership approval:

## Local government's role in energy conservation:

1. Review and revise local codes, policies, and ordinances to encourage energy conservation.
2. Meet energy standards in its own buildings.
3. Consider energy implications of its actions.
4. Support transportation measures:
  - a. Transit system
  - b. Energy-efficient vehicles for government use.
  - c. Bicycle use through safe and convenient routes and conditions.
5. Support solid waste disposal:
  - a. Recycle whenever possible.
  - b. Promote recycling in a positive way.
6. Public education on energy:
  - a. Provide technical assistance.
  - b. Provide energy information.
7. Make information on energy available at time of sale of buildings.

## Solar access:

1. Legislation supported at state and local level.
2. Existing areas need more flexible standards:
  - a. No building or vegetation should be required to be removed in order for solar equipment to be made usable.
  - b. General support to protect solar equipment from subsequent building or vegetation.
3. New development should have stricter solar access standards:
  - a. Street and building siting
  - b. Selection and planting of street trees.
  - c. Solar access guaranteed for the building itself.

## LOCAL PROGRAM

The following local study items have been proposed for the 1981-1982 Appleton LWV program. These must be voted on by the membership at the ANNUAL MEETING on April 28. Consider these items and be prepared to discuss our plans for study items next year.

### RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

#### Low Income Housing in Outagamie County

SCOPE: This study would examine housing patterns, needs and ordinances both on the city and county level. The study would explore how the Housing Authority works and the planning of new low income housing.

The Board further suggests that "mini-studies" be developed on the Family Development Curriculum proposals and on how and why candidates run for office. The first of these two "mini-studies" would be either informational or consensus oriented depending on the progress of the citizen study committee currently working on the curriculum. The candidate study could take the form of a survey and might be developed into a workshop for candidates.

### NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

1. Solid and hazardous wastes on the local level.
2. The organization and planning of the Appleton Park and Recreation Department.
3. County Booklet.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1981-1982

EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL 1979-80	BUDGET 1980-81	TO DATE 1981	BUDGET 1981-82
President	59	50	50	100
Secretary	48	50	48	60
Treasurer	35	60	26	60
Board tools & expense	123	100	73	125
Finance	136	160	15	200
Membership	27	75	19	75
Units	55	50	59	50
Public relations	13	25	-	-
Budget	-	-	-	-
Nominating	-	5	-	-
General supplies & equipment	24	30	31	60
Postage	2	5	8	5
Telephone & telegraph	-	10	11	10
Audit	45	45	-	45
State convention	379	200	-	400
National convention (to accrue)	226	275	261	275
State council	40	30	56	-
Workshops & meetings	34	75	54	60
Inter League Organization	20	20	20	20
State & national service	1293	1288.50	1288.50	1342
Per member payment	1330	1260	1260	1265
Bulletin- supplies	3	10	31	10
- postage	240	230	194	225
- printing	273	375	264	300
Publications- member	415	300	357	287.50
- to sell	33	40	5	20
Program- national	2	30	21	30
- state	20	30	4	30
- local	48	30	25	30
Voter service	50	50	23	50
Action	203	75	28	200
Courtesy memberships	51	68	85	60
Annual meeting	244	10	292	10
Publications & media	-	50	-	250
Fox Cities Community Council	-	-	-	5
Wisconsin Women's Network	-	-	-	20
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3471</b>	<b>5111.50</b>	<b>4608.50</b>	<b>5679.50</b>

\*Amounts for Pre member payment, State & national service, and Member publications are based on 115 members.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1981-1982 cont.

INCOME	ACTUAL 1979-80	BUDGET 1980-81	TO DATE 1981	BUDGET 1981-82
Membership dues	1561	1740	1585	2012.50
Contributions- member	195	200	237	300
- community	2267	1902.50	590	2554.50
Publications- member	270	300	275	287.50
- community	36	35	15	25
Interest	238	-	318	100
Tote bag sales	287	134	82	-
Annual meeting	239	-	247	-
Election reporting	100	300	584	-
From publications account	-	-	-	200
From savings for state conv.	200	-	-	200
From savings for national conv.	-	200	100	-
<b>Total income for operations</b>	<b>5393</b>	<b>4811.50</b>	<b>4033</b>	<b>5679.50</b>

PUBLICATION INCOME

This is Appleton	468	75	84
Public Education in Appleton	2076	225	92
<b>Total publication income</b>	<b>2544</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>

\*Publication income has traditionally been separated from income used for operations, so the Budget Committee has not included it in income.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget Committee

Karen de Young  
Liz Hoover  
Barbara Hussin  
Bev Wieckert  
Helen Nagler, Chair

# State Legislative Summary

On February 26 Kathy ZaVisca, Berta Churchill, and Ginny Rose attended the LWV legislative workshop in Madison. The following is a summary of the bills presented at the workshop including the League's position when stated.

1. There are two Juvenile Justice issues that need statewide League attention this spring. One, popularly labeled "Jail for Juveniles," which would propose a new disposition of up to 7 days in a local jail for juveniles adjudged delinquent, has not yet been introduced. The League's position is that the "least restrictive means" criterion should be used in placing delinquent children. Group homes, community treatment facilities, and restitution are all suggested as possible treatment options in our positions. Jail would not fit the spirit of the League consensus. The other issue, funding for shelter care and runaway centers, has been eliminated from the proposed budget and should be reinstated.
2. Mandatory Deposit Bill - in brief, the bill calls for a uniform 10¢ deposit on all soda and malt beverage containers sold in Wisconsin. It sets up redemption centers and prohibits disposable pull tabs and plastic ring and 6-pack connectors. The League supports the bill because it believes it will save energy, preserve natural resources, conserve landfills, reduce litter, create new jobs, and promote new industry.
3. Marital Property - the bill is being revised weekly. It is very important that we keep the pressure for passage on our legislators.
4. Displaced Homemakers - with the passage of the Displaced Homemakers Act in 1978, a multi-service center to provide job counseling, health education, legal and financial management information, and referral to education and training programs was set up. (Skilled Jobs for Women Inc.) This appropriation was eliminated from the administration's proposed budget. The League believes the human, social, and fiscal costs of maintaining a displaced homemaker on public assistance grants is very high when compared to the cost of services which enable the displaced homemaker to help herself become a productive worker and be financially independent. The appropriation of \$200,000 annually is a prudent investment for the state.
5. Battered Woman Program - the Governor's budget proposes a 15% cut. The League thinks this funding should be reinstated.
6. Hazardous Waste - an ad hoc committee has been set up to reexamine the siting process in terms of hazardous waste and to consider local override issues. We will be hearing more about this in the future.
7. The Governor's special committee on State Mandates was created by executive order on December 8, 1980. This committee was charged with examining state mandates on local governments and recommending to the Governor and the Legislature, as soon as practical, changes in state law or practice that would reflect the proper balance of state and local powers and responsibilities. The study is just beginning to develop.

- Ginny Rose



## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The following questions were prepared by the APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS and asked of the four candidates (for three positions) for the Board of Education. Their responses to these questions are listed in alphabetical order. The candidates are:

Donald W. Brown  
Eugene Lillge

John M. Parker  
Mary Scheig

1. What qualifications and experience do you have that provide you with the background for this position?

**BROWN:** Supervisory and management positions in business, with responsibilities and experience in planning, budgeting, and financial aspects. Extensive volunteer work in a wide variety of school, church and community activities, in leadership positions. A capacity to grasp issues, to make balanced judgements, and a deep concern for providing quality education are my principal qualifications.

**LILLGE:** Six years on Appleton Area School District Board of Education. Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Teacher's Certificate. B.S. degree (1973), University of Wisconsin-Madison. Graduate studies in Public Services Administration, Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Other community activities including Appleton Park & Recreation Commission and Appleton's Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention/Intervention Council.

**PARKER:** My college education was in a teacher's college where I majored in Industrial Arts Education; I have taught for three years, one at the college level and two at the secondary level; My graduate degree (Ed.M.) was taken in a school of education, in guidance and student personnel services; I have been an active professional in education for 26 years, since 1955; 9 years as a college admissions officer, and 17 years as a dean of students. My wife and I have served as officers of the Franklin School PTA, when both of our children were enrolled in that school.

**SCHEIG:** Graduate of the State Univ. of Iowa with a B.A. in Sociology. I have worked as a social worker in the State Univ. of Iowa Children's Hospital and Johnson County American Red Cross, Iowa City. I am married and have 2 children. I have done volunteer work in the public schools at elementary, jr. high and high school levels. Our last child graduated from Appleton West 2 years ago and I have continued my volunteer work in the schools. I have completed 3 years as chairman of Career Expo where one of my duties was the coordination of the activities of 13 school districts in producing Career Expo. I have served two terms on the United Fund Board, the Appleton Public Library Board, the Outagamie-Waupaca Library Services Board and am presently serving on the Redistricting Committee for the City of Appleton.

2. Do you feel it is within the scope of the School Board to limit textbook content and if yes, how will you measure what is acceptable material or not acceptable material?

**BROWN:** It is the School Board's responsibility to approve textbooks. In the process of selection, I feel it is imperative to lean heavily on the faculty committee chairperson for screening, recommending, and highlighting potential areas of controversy in textbooks under consideration. If sufficient interest exists, I am not averse to establishing a joint committee for final recommendations, with members including teachers and parents.

**LILLGE:** The School Board has the statutory authority to decide what textbooks or other materials are to be used in the schools within the District.

LILLGE (cont.): The acceptability of the materials should be measured solely on the educational merits of the materials.

PARKER: Yes. I would urge the development of a mechanism whereby parents, teachers and administrators together would determine the "appropriateness" (to the vast majority of the school population) of the text and library books and other materials to be placed in the schools, and to consider any protestations.

SCHEIG: The fact that the school board is responsible for the approval of all textbooks makes it implicit that they are to some extent "limiting textbook content" by choosing a text. This is a very sensitive area and must be handled so as to avoid censorship. The school district has a clearly defined method for handling questions anyone might have regarding the suitability of textbooks and materials used in the classroom. I believe this present selection policy is adequate.

3. There is presently a committee working on comprehensive K-12 curriculum for teaching family growth and development. How strongly do you feel about providing this curriculum for every K-12 student in the school district?

BROWN: This committee has been working for several years now, and I think its members realize it is perhaps the most sensitive of all issues. There are compelling arguments on both sides of the issue - many of the students in our school district come from single parent homes, and the schools are concerned about their being prepared as a complete person to face the world. On the other hand, many parents strongly object to "sex education" in the schools. Personally, I feel that resolution of this issue will require statesmanship on both sides, and, if there is any program where parental input is important, this is it.

LILLGE: The family unit is basic to the fabric of our society. In view of the radical changes we have seen in the composition and function of the traditional family unit, I think it is important that the schools offer this type of curriculum.

PARKER: I could not endorse such a program as a requirement for all students. This, to me, is a family/home/church responsibility. The fact that this responsibility has been abdicated in many instances suggests that such a program might well find a suitable place in the schools, for those students whose parents approve of their children's participation.

SCHEIG: I question making this course a requirement for every K-12 student. I would suggest that the course be made an elective. It should be possible for a student to opt out of a subject, with parental approval.

4. If state funding for school systems is cut, what specific programs would you propose be deleted?

BROWN: The last programs I'd cut would be the academic subjects. I would make a thorough study of costs vs. benefits for all fringe-type academic or non-academic programs, that do not contribute to the students' specific academic goals, and if it became necessary to cut part or all of them, I would so move.

LILLGE: With community input, cost effectiveness and educational value priorities would need to be evaluated by the School Board. Together with the School Board, administration, faculty and the public, these types of decisions will be made.

PARKER: The Board of Education would have to determine those programs which are necessary to have in the schools at each level, and which programs are simply "nice" to have, i.e., to determine which are the needs as opposed to the desires. When a person (or a school system) can't afford to pay all his bills, he must eliminate some desires to the point that he can live within his income. I see the needs for the students as being the fundamental skills

PARKER (cont.): in 1) communication arts (reading, spelling, writing and speaking), 2) mathematics, 3) sciences, and 4) social studies (history, geography and economics). I would first cut back on extra-curricular expenditures, then the many attractive but hardly necessary elective courses in the secondary schools.

SCHEIG: I cannot answer this question in specifics. I believe we will have to study the curriculum and delete programs on the basis of priority.

5. What are your views on competency based testing ?

BROWN: In the long run, I would hope competency-based testing could be eliminated. However, at this moment in time, many students are graduated who do not possess basic skills in use of language and even simple arithmetic. Tests should identify those students who need help, and should be an incentive for them to seek special help. I do not favor use of testing to compare school systems or evaluate teachers.

LILLGE: The fact that we have a competency based testing program at the junior and senior high school levels indicates a system failure at some earlier point. I believe the system must provide the kind of education which will prepare our children to be productive and useful citizens. We must, therefore, evaluate why our children are lacking basic skills at the junior and senior high school levels and work to correct those deficiencies.

PARKER: I am very much in favor of competency based educational programs to assure at least a minimal level in the numerous skills necessary before students are progressed or graduated. Caution must be exercised, however, to assure that "teaching for the tests" does not dictate the curriculum.

SCHEIG: We apparently need competency based testing in today's society. I believe the Appleton Public Schools has a workable program. We should be working with more diligence on reading, writing and mathematics at the elementary level. Any child who has the ability to achieve reading, writing and math skills should not leave this system without these skills.

6. What are your views on teacher evaluations with parental input, and would you support an evaluation by outside consultants of the school district administration?

BROWN: a. If a parent has a genuine complaint against a teacher, the complaint should be registered with the school administration. Evaluation of a teacher's performance must rest with the administration. Methods of evaluating teachers have been argued nationally but there is not much consensus on how to do so uniformly. b. If I felt it were necessary to have an outside opinion on the school district administration, I as a board member would consider hiring an outside consultant as one alternative. In my personal contacts with the Appleton Area School District's Administrators, I have found them to be fair, competent, and cooperative, and I do not see the need for outside advice on their performance at this time.

LILLGE: I believe the best teacher evaluation system would include input from students, parents, administration and fellow teachers. While I would not oppose evaluation of top administration by an outside consultant, the ultimate responsibility for this function must remain with the School Board itself.

PARKER: In the spirit that everyone's work and productivity should be constantly evaluated, and in the spirit of accountability, yes. No one should be free of on-going evaluation of their performance. Preferably, there should be local input and latitude in the development and use of a suitable instrument which might be for state-wide use, for an arbitrary state evaluation instrument would not allow for local and/or regional differences, and a strictly local instrument would not, I believe, stand alone. The purpose of such evaluations would be to assure a basic level of performance by a professional, and to identify the exceptional performer--at either end--for appropriate recognition.

SCHEIG: I do not support teacher evaluation with parent input. Parental input is implicit when a principal evaluates his staff because of contact and communication between the parents, teacher and principal. These experiences would play a part in the principals overall evaluation of a teacher. Unless there were an unusual situation, I cannot see the need for evaluation by outside consultants of the school district administration. The administration should be evaluated by the Board of Education to whom they are responsible.

7. The school district provides special education for the handicapped and also remedial reading and mathematics programs. Do you feel there should be a gifted and talented program and if yes, how should this be administered/funded ?

BROWN: There is also a committee working on this. I believe there should be a program for challenging "gifted and talented children", but it would have to be restricted to the truly gifted and talented, not those "good students" who were being pushed by their parents. One approach toward accelerated programs for the few gifted and talented could be to work out a plan between the guidance counselors and department heads involved. Funding will be a problem, but if it were a high enough priority it would remain in the budget.

LILLGE: Yes, there should be such a program. The program should be administered at the local level and funding obtained from any available source.

PARKER: Yes, to the extent that providing programs for exceptional students-- at both ends of the spectrum--does not to any significant degree detract from the quality of programs provided for the great many students in between. I would prefer to develop closer working relationships with Lawrence Univ. and the Univ. of Wisconsin Fox Valley Center toward providing college level work for those students who should be doing that level work in the basic disciplines. It is not the role of the Appleton Public Schools, I believe, to be providing college level work to a relatively few students at taxpayers' expense, when we have two colleges in the immediate community.

SCHEIG: I am satisfied with the present arrangements for dealing with gifted and talented students in the Appleton schools. We have the accelerated program from junior high through high school. From elementary through senior high school arrangements are made for these students to participate in individualized study and projects. High school students can now attend U.W. Fox Valley Center without paying tuition under the articulation program while still a high school student.

#### THE LEAGUE AND THE BAIL AMENDMENT

At the end of the last legislative session the legislature passed a Joint Resolution that would amend the Wisconsin Constitution to revise Article I, Section 6, which states, "Excessive bail shall not be required nor shall excessive fines be imposed, nor cruel and unreasonable punishment be inflicted." It is the language referring to bail that the Resolution seeks to change. Under the proposed amendment, circuit courts could deny release on bail for a limited period to certain persons charged with criminal offenses.

The amendment would make it possible to jail people without a trial, a practice commonly known as "preventive detention." Those individuals who could be detained would receive that judgment based on their prior record of violent behavior, not on any indication that they had committed the crime of which they were currently accused. To a society increasingly concerned about violent crime, this idea has an obvious appeal. No one wishes to see violent criminals unleashed on the streets if they have committed repeated offenses.

## THE LEAGUE AND THE BAIL AMENDMENT (continued)

If is useful to judge this proposal by the League's position statement on the administration of justice. There are two applicable position statements: "Protection of society should be pursued with concern for preservation of rights of privacy and freedom of movement, due process to protect the innocent from victimization, and protection from inhumane treatment," and "prompt and equal treatment under the law." The Bail Amendment is considerably more troublesome when measured against these standards. It is clear that if the League is concerned about the preservation of rights for the innocent, inhumane punishment, and prompt and equal treatment under the law, then we must be concerned about the preventive detention of an accused individual based on a previous record.

There are several worrisome aspects of the proposal:

1. Under our current legal system a person is presumed innocent until s/he goes to trial and a finding of guilt is made. The burden of proof of guilt falls on the government. Punishment is allowable only after such a finding is made. If preventive detention is instituted, what does this do to the presumption of innocence?
2. Both the state and federal constitutions guarantee that no person shall be deprived "of life, liberty or property without due process of law," If judges detain people based on their past records, what happens to the due process clause? Is a judge's review of prior offenses sufficient to detain someone who might be innocent of this particular offense?
3. If a person is so violent as to be detained, based solely on prior offenses, and that information is available to a jury, will the jury be influenced by that fact, even if the facts presented at the trial do not sustain a guilty verdict?

Finally, the most difficult provision of all is that under the proposed language, the legislature is given the latitude to define the offenses for which people may be detained. It is conceivable that crimes other than those involving serious injury to citizens might someday be included in the list, thereby obligating judges to detain accused persons for crimes that are not deemed to be serious in nature.

One reason that both the state and federal constitutions contain such strong language insuring bail is because in England public comment criticizing the king was defined as treason, and there was no obligation to bring accused individuals to trial in a timely manner.

Present Wisconsin law provides that if at a pre-trial hearing, a judge makes a finding that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and the prosecutor has presented sufficient evidence to show that the accused probably committed the act, the accused may be held.

Perhaps the League should try to speed up this process, rather than to begin a system that potentially allows government to define the crimes and hold an accused. At the very least, League members must be aware of the dangers, should the amendment pass the second time and come to a referendum in March. We must bend every effort to see that the crimes are defined in the Constitution, rather than by the legislature. And should it pass, we must seek enabling legislation with very specific provisions.

Benjamin Franklin, who had plenty of experience with an arbitrary and capricious justice system, said: "Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

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### UNIT MEETINGS: HUMAN RESOURCES

May 12  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Babysitting upstairs

Discussion Leader: Ginny Rose  
Hostess: Nancy Pourciau

May 13  
Wednesday  
9:15 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College - Room 22  
\*NO BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Discussion Leader: Kathy Sprenger  
Hostess: Nancy Jones

May 14  
Thursday  
noon

YMCA - Board Room  
218 E. Lawrence St.

Discussion Leader: Sharon Fenlon

May 14  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

430 E. Greenfield St.

Discussion Leader: Bev Wieckert  
Hostess: Sue Lebergen

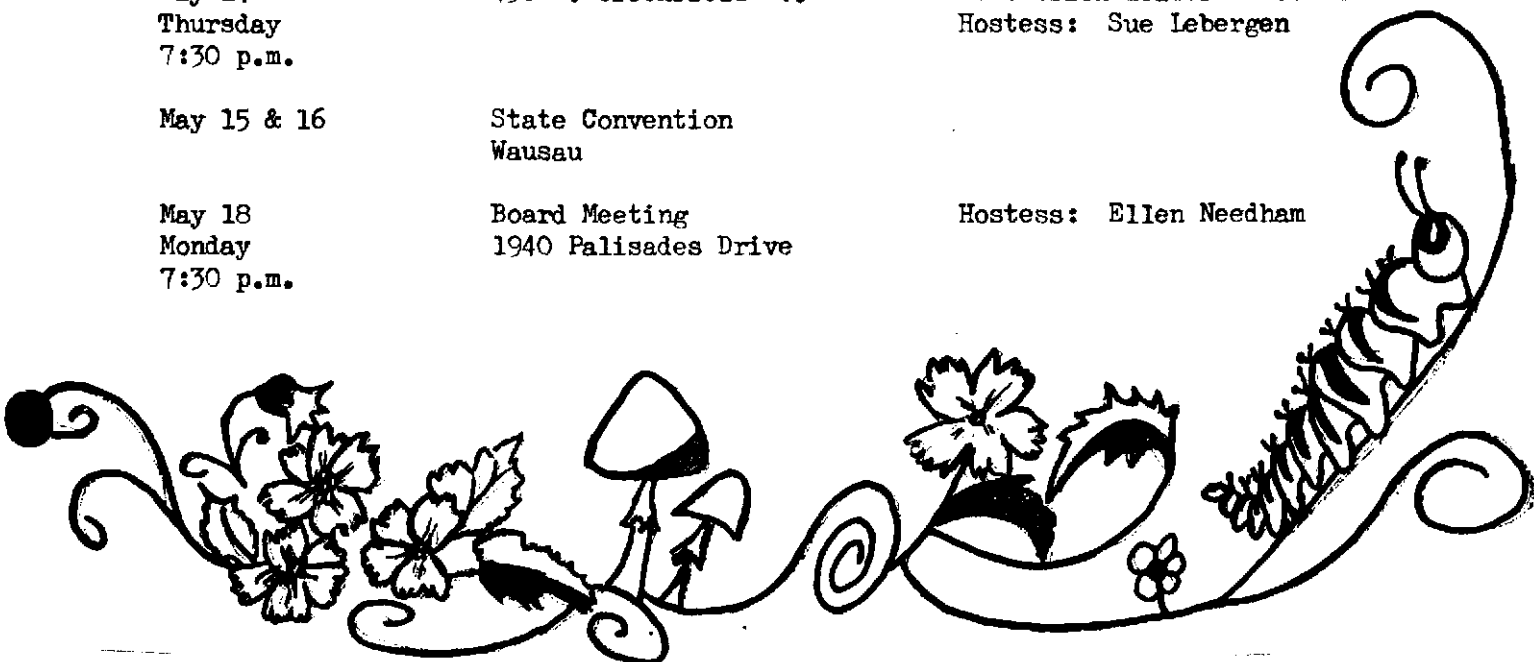
May 15 & 16

State Convention  
Wausau

May 18  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
1940 Palisades Drive

Hostess: Ellen Needham



# Karen's Komments

Thanks a lot for all the encouragement shown by those of you at the Annual Meeting. My "slight enthusiasm" increases when I consider the valuable resources available within our League membership. We are a unique group which offers expertise, friendship, debate, stimulation, etc., etc.

The new Board will meet early in May to discuss portfolios, appointments, board directions, board training and all other organizational matters. Already I sense a real enthusiasm and cooperative effort among the new Board members. I am looking forward to an exciting year for our League.

On Saturday April 25 Nancy Jones, Ginny Rose and I went to Madison to Presidents' Day. Ruth Hinerfeld, National LWV President, addressed the group on national League activities. The national Health study is not adequately funded at this time, so we will have to wait to find out about the national program study item. Nancy and Ginny attended meetings on budget, program, action, voters' service and others. We compared notes on the way back and will present some ideas to the Board. I learned about the valuable information in publications for local Leagues and had the opportunity to meet other new League presidents and share ideas and concerns.

Betty's report on the Annual Meeting appears in this Bulletin. Please read it carefully for changes in local recommended program and board directives. My thanks to Betty for, among many other things, living so close by.

*Karen*

\* \* \* WAUSAU HERE WE COME ! ! \* \* \*

The Appleton League will be represented at the State LWV Convention in Wausau on May 15-16 by Cathy Boardman, Joyce Green, Nancy Jones, Helen Nagler, Ruth Seager, Mary Vandenberg, Mary Van Groll and either Kathy ZaVisca or Jan Nordell. We are all eager to discuss and debate the state program recommendation. In our spare time, if any, we hope to meet with delegations from Oshkosh and Stevens Point to discuss our common problem: "the mall." Wausau may never be the same!

# International Relations

Several members have expressed interest in discussing international relations issues. If you would like to participate in a monthly or bi-monthly study group starting next fall, call Win Thrall at 733-4889. State your preferences for meeting times.

The League's international relations program goal is to "promote peace in an interdependent world, through cooperation with other nations and the strengthening of international relations." Members could review the League's support positions on development assistance, trade policies, and the United Nations. Arms control and disarmament, peacekeeping, and human rights are crucial issues of the 80's. The U.N. is scheduled to have a Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy in Nairobi, Kenya next August; a special session of the General Assembly on Disarmament; and a World Assembly on the Elderly in 1982. This year has been declared an International Year for Disabled Persons.

Currently the League is vehemently opposing the Reagan government's proposed budget cuts in economic assistance to help poor nations prosper. While making these drastic cuts, the administration calls for a 900 million dollar increase in U.S. military aid and economic assistance to the American allies. Funding levels would be reduced for the U.N. Development Program, UNICEF, and the Voluntary Fund for the U.N. Decade for Women. Furthermore, the administration has also proposed cutting in half the first of three scheduled equal installments to the International Development Association. The League "believes these harsh budget cuts will undermine U.S. relations with the developing world and run counter to the benefits of development assistance to our economy."

The League urges members to contact their legislators (especially members of the House and Senate Budget Committees) to oppose these cuts.

- Win  
Thrall





# Human Resources Unit Meetings

The unit meetings on May 12-14 will be a Human Resources Update using the LWV Current Focus: Human Needs: Unfinished Business on the Nation's Agenda as background material. Every member should have a copy of this publication which deals with the following topics:

## A profile on poverty in the 80s

Changes in the poverty population since the sixties

The growing population of the elderly poor

The "feminization" of poverty

BOX: Measuring poverty

The devastating effects of inflation on the poor--and on federal social programs

## A report card on discrimination and civil rights

The ongoing problems of minorities

Growing opposition to federal social programs

## Housing: Still a severe problem for minorities and the poor

Quantity: Dwindling rental stocks

Quality: For the poor, the worst of a shrinking supply

Federal housing programs: Failure to fill the supply gap

Federal fair housing enforcement: Still without teeth

## Women: A new "minority"

BOX: Displaced homemakers

Special housing problems of female heads of households

Women in the job market

Unmet day care needs

Social security and pension plans: Not reflective of today's realities

## The welfare system: Dim prospects for a basic restructuring

## Education, Employment and Housing: Overlapping problems and interacting policies

School desegregation and housing: Inextricably linked

Education and employment: How close a connection?

Employment and housing: "Never the twain shall meet"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS for the unit meetings are printed below. Be sure to bring this bulletin to the unit meetings with you.

The following questions relate to League approaches to Human Resources:

1. What are your top priorities among the HR goals?
2. What are the major impediments to achieving those goals?
3. In which of the HR areas can the League be most effective?
4. Categorical grants include tightly defined goals and requirements, while block grants, which came into vogue in the early 1970s, leave state and local governments almost completely free to spend federal funds with minimal strings. To date, block grants have been confined to programs like General Revenue Sharing (GRS) and Community Development Block Grants, but the new Administration favors a block grant approach to all federal social welfare programs.

If block grants become a reality, what level of government should be responsible for determining the way in which the money should be spent -- state, regional or local? Are there specific need areas in which federal grants could or should remain categorical?

5. What issues in the Human Resources portfolio have special relevance for women?

(see page 9 of this Bulletin for additional background material on Welfare Programs.)

A letter from Cathy Boardman to Betty Breunig which was read at the Annual Meeting.

April 26, 1981

Dear Betty,

With the realization that I will not be able to attend the annual meeting this year, came a feeling of disappointment and frustration. Disappointment because annual meetings are one of those special League highlights and frustration, because I fear that my absence might suggest a lack of support for League in general on my part.

In fact, I think my support and appreciation for League has increased through my experiences outside of League. League offers women a rare opportunity to assimilate leadership skills from the League leadership at all levels. It trains us to be public speakers, good listeners and fosters many other skills that can't help but to make us more competent no matter what we take on.

So you see if my absence tonight were to be interpreted as indifference towards League, that would hurt. It would hurt particularly because I have not been able to be nearly as active in the past couple of years, as I would have liked. So, unwillingly, I have become one of those invisible, or "inactive" members. Those were the members I had always thought should do more financially to support League, if they could not give their time. On that basis and on the basis of my appreciation for what League has done for me in years past and since, I send this check in my place to the annual meeting.



# ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

As usual, I didn't see what we could possibly spend much time on, and I predicted that we'd have a speedy meeting. Not so, of course. We hassled over the budget a little bit (but not much view of the fact that we're raising the dues), we voted in a new president and directors, we decided on a non-recommended item for our local program and we adopted a new energy support position.

And some time was taken to present me with a magnificent basket of plants dug out of members' gardens in the pouring rain;\*\*\* a book, The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady; a gift certificate from SEARS (!!??); and an elegantly coiffed (black yarn) bottle lady in a simply stunning, furbelowed, pink "three piece suit." The formal presentation was made by Ellen Needham --

T'was the year of the Mall  
When all through the town

. . .  
The Bowers Boys join us - they do give a Hoot  
In wishing you well in your Three Piece Suit!

The meeting concluded with a touching rendition of "Bye, Bye Betty." (For a small fee, I will read these epics to you over the phone if you care to call).

Clothes pins and solar power balloons decorated the tables. Sue Kinde presented Helen Nagler with an energy prize (a clothes line) since she may be the only League member who has no clothes dryer.

\*\*\* These are now in my garden -- thank you!

*Betty*

## Elected Board - 1981

President - Karen de Young  
1st. V.P. (action) - Ginny Rose  
2nd. V.P. (program) - Helen Nagler (1 year)  
Secretary - Marcia Jansen  
Directors - Nancy Jones, Jan Nordell, Stevie Schmidt

## Nominating Committee - 1981

Mary Van Groll, Chair  
Penny Coffin  
Sue Lebergen

## Local Program

The Organization and Planning of the Appleton Park and Recreation Department  
and mini-studies on: Family Development Curriculum Proposals and  
How and Why Candidates Run For Office

## Budget

\$25 was added to the P.R. budget which will be raised through community contributions.  
Note: Dues have been raised to \$17.50 which, in addition to members' publication fee, will make a total membership package of \$20.00.

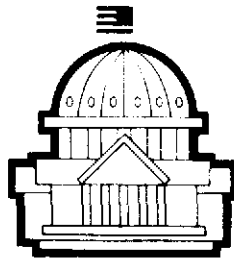
## Local Support Positions

The Energy Consensus was added to the list. It was clarified by changing some outline letters.

Directions to the Board (These are suggestions from the membership to help guide the Board during the year. The Board is not obligated to implement them.)

1. Plan a new edition of This is Appleton.
2. Consider adopting a change in the order of the annual meeting agenda so that adoption of the local program comes before many people have left.
3. Have units (and general meetings?) scheduled on the same day(s) of every month.
4. The mini-study on candidates should be confined to League members only.
5. Consider making first year dues lower. Or have six month dues.
6. Local reaction to budget cuts very important -- consider having early fall meeting to discuss.
7. Human Resources Committee should re-acquaint LWV with city and county housing problems.
8. We should have more local "times for action" asking members to call their aldermen & supervisors.
9. Natural Resources should keep a close eye on solid waste committee so that it can quickly & effectively react to county suggestions and recommendations about disposal problems.

(Added by B. Breunig from discussion on local program.)



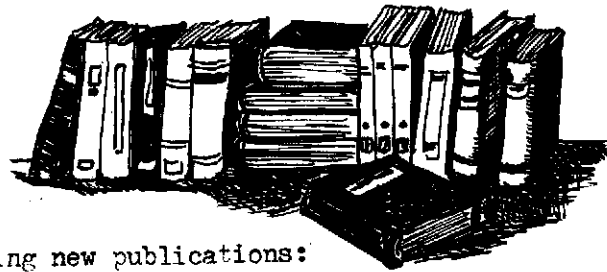
## report from the hill

LEAGUE BUDGET STATEMENT MAKES WAVES--"A striking 30-page summary from the non-partisan League of Women Voters 'vehemently opposes' many basic Reagan recommendations. It is the strongest document that I remember from this neutral and influential group. It deplores the proposed abandonment of legal services for the poor. It asks why more pork-barrel river and harbor projects aren't dropped. It is 'frankly appalled' by foreign aid slashes and the 'the administration's callous acknowledgement' that cuts in US aid to multilateral organizations (World Bank, etc.) will 'mainly effect the poorer countries of Africa and the Asian subcontinent.'"-- TRB column, The New Republic, March 28, 1981.

After hearing from the national L.W.V. (see statement on following page), it's time our own representatives hear from us in Appleton. The League will be sending its own letters concerning cuts in day care, mass transit, solar energy, foreign economic assistance, etc., but we as individuals must write as well. Choose your own area of concern and write today to Roth, Kasten or Proxmire. I would be delighted to supply you with specifics on the budget cuts if you need them. Don't put it off -- major changes are in the offing.

- Jan Nordell (731-8738)

## Publications



The publications chair has received the following new publications:

1. Campaigning for Fair School Finance (newsletter)
2. Finding the Facts: A Woman's Housing Primer
3. It's Up To You: A Woman's Housing Primer
4. Solving Urban Problems Person to Person
5. Localizing International Issues: A Community Guide
6. Getting There 1 - A Transportation Newsletter
7. An Energy Emporium: What Leagues are Doing
8. The Dollars and Sense of Environmental Regulation
9. Siting Hazardous Waste Facilities: A Dialogue
10. SOCs in Drinking Water: A Community Guide
11. SOCs in Drinking Water: Regulating Them
12. SOCs in Drinking Water: The Impacts of Regulation

Please call me if you are interested in any of the above publications.

- Ginny Rose (731-3558)

EXCERPTS FROM THE LEAGUE'S MARCH 13, 1981  
STATEMENT TO THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON  
THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 1982 BUDGET

"Members of the League of Women Voters are gravely concerned about inflation and unemployment, as concerned as is every member of the Senate and House Budget Committees. Largely because of these economic problems, the prevailing mood of the country is one of rapidly waning confidence in government and its ability to solve problems. It is our belief, however, that the particular proposals of the Reagan Administration to re-shape the budget will neither make America stronger nor restore public confidence in Washington.

The proposals do not set forth a period of belt-tightening shared by all, after which America can again grow and prosper at all levels of our society. Instead, many vital social service programs are marked for extinction and others will be hopelessly emasculated. These unwise and drastic cuts in the budget will have disproportionately severe impacts on the poor and disadvantaged of this country. America's impoverished minorities, women, seniors and disabled will be among those drastically hurt.

Similarly, many of the announced budget cuts will adversely affect the poorest of the poor in the nation's cities. Cities and towns in the industrialized heartland -- the most distressed areas -- will bear the heaviest burden in these so-called 'across-the-board' budget cuts.

In addition, the Administration recommends misplaced cuts which will undermine the progress this nation has begun to make in protecting the environment and promoting energy independence. We say misplaced, because there are some cuts we believe the Administration should have made but did not, e.g. reductions in spending for synthetic fuel subsidies and new highway construction. Conversely, the League strongly opposes cutbacks in funding for conservation and solar energy programs; such cuts belie the fact that the nation's dependence on foreign oil is a major cause of today's inflation.

Looking beyond the domestic cuts, cuts made in the foreign assistance budget are equally myopic. The proposed reduction in US support for multilateral development institutions will undoubtedly hold back development in Third World countries, our largest and fastest growing export market. We also oppose the Administration's emphasis on short-term military assistance at the expense of long-term economic aid to the least developed countries.

Because the League of Women Voters is a diverse organization, we have looked at a large number of the proposed budget reductions. Our comments will fall into roughly four basic areas: human needs, urban needs, natural resources and energy, and international economic development assistance. And, for those who would criticize us and others as bleeding hearts who offer rhetoric and no solutions, we will indeed offer ways in which we believe the federal budget can be cut...Specifically, we support budget cuts and changes in the following areas:

- synthetic fuel subsidies, which the Administration originally proposed and then rescinded
- funding for new highway construction
- water projects funded by the Corps of Engineers and Water and Power Resources Service
- Federal price and loan guarantees for energy inefficient and environmentally destructive projects
- increases in waterway user charges

The League believes that the pressures of inflation notwithstanding, only a careful review of budget priorities that takes into account humanitarian, environmental and global variables can ultimately lead to a fair and responsible fiscal policy for this nation."

# State Consensuses

## APPORTIONMENT

Support of positions and measures embodied in the following statement:

Regularly scheduled apportionment based primarily on population equality, but also with consideration of the compactness and contiguity of districts; maintenance of voting equality; and, insofar as possible, recognition of community of interest as defined by town, village, city, county or ward boundaries and major geographical characteristics.

Cooperative methods of reapportioning/redistricting characterized by objectivity; accountability; timely and efficient completion of the process without compromise of standards for reapportionment, yet with a reasonable degree of flexibility.

Establishment of a committee or commission with both nonpartisan and bipartisan representation which would have responsibility for development of a reapportionment/redistricting plan; legislative implementation; court review, enforcement, and initiation of the process if the designated body fails to act; and citizen participation and access at all levels and steps of the process.

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## TAXATION

Specific positions on financing are as follows:

Support of financing of essential state government services by a well-administered tax system through: (1) strengthening the income tax based on ability to pay; and (2) use of a general sales tax with exemptions to make it less regressive.

Support of the state's role in financing and organizing effective local government through equitable distribution of state monies including:

Equitable sharing of tax proceeds by state and local units through improvements in distribution of the taxes raised by the state.

A property tax relief formula that would tend to reduce local property taxes where they are above the state average.

Use of the property tax as part of a revenue mix, but decrease the percentage of reliance as a part of that mix.

A highway aids formula that reflects cost, such as vehicle mileage or use.

Use of increased users' fees at both the state and local levels.

Support for local government's use of:

Borrowing cautiously and within limits.

Tax incremental financing but with tightened rules.

Industrial revenue bonds when limited to original intent.

Support for periodic legislative review of tax exemptions and credits.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR ACTION ON WELFARE PROGRAMS

The government's current approach to fighting inflation is to reduce federal spending and trim the federal deficit. This approach could have a severe impact on social welfare programs. A major portion of the federal budget is currently fixed by law so the few spots where expenditures can be reduced include many of the social welfare programs, such as welfare and food stamps. There is also talk from the new administration about welfare reform with/a proposal based on a block grant approach to states instead of the categorical system now in effect. States elect the components of the welfare system in which they care to participate, and, therefore, there is a variance across the country. As the debate commences on the state and national level about welfare reform and cuts, knowledge of the present programs in Wisconsin will be of value.

AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) is a program of financial assistance and social services for dependent children and those relatives with whom they live. A dependent child is any child under the age of 18 not receiving proper financial support or care because of continued absence from the home of one or both parents because of death, divorce, separation, military service, incarceration, or because the parents were never married. AFDC (regular) involves a single parent.

WIN (Work Incentive Program) is a program run by the Dept. of Social Services and by the state Job Service. Persons age 16 or over are required by law to register for the WIN program of work or training for work unless exempted for health reasons or the necessity of caring for children under the age of six prevent them from doing so. Children who are 16 but not yet 18 must be enrolled in school or training to be exempt from WIN. If a mother is unemployed but a father is employed (with workings of at least 30 hours a week), then no one is required to register. If a single person is working 30 hours a week, there is no requirement to apply. There is reimbursement for mileage for WIN appointments, schooling, etc. An AFDC grant is affected in whole or part if there is a lack of cooperation.

AFDC grants and earned income: Supplemental grants are provided to families with earned income if they had been unemployed previously and on AFDC or AFDC-U. These incentive grants may be less than the "standard of need" since part of the "need" is being met through income from other sources. The grant plus the earned income is far greater than a regular or AFDC-U grant. When figuring the monthly grant in such cases, part of the earned income may be "disregarded" such as work-related expenses and child care and a \$30 plus one-third disregard which is a work-incentive provision.

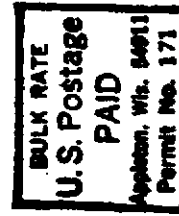
The regular AFDC and AFDC-U grant is currently set by the state at 85% of standard of need.

Asset limits for the programs: AFDC clients may own a home or mobile home, but liquid assets cannot exceed \$1500. Assets of family members receiving aid from another program (such as Supplemental Security Income) are not counted as part of the assets of the remainder of the family seeking AFDC. One motor vehicle may be owned regardless of its value, and a second vehicle may be owned only if both are necessary for employment or to obtain medical care.

Other programs: AFDC recipients are eligible for medical assistance (Medicaid), and most persons receiving AFDC are also eligible for food stamps. Special emergency assistance is also available if a disaster affects the family.

Medical Assistance((Medicaid): Eligibility - persons receiving or eligible to receive AFDC; persons receiving or eligible to receive SSI; medically needy persons who are under 21, 65 years or over; any age if total or permanent disability or blindness; a parent or caretaker relative caring for a child under 18 who is deprived of parental care or support because one parent is incapacitated, deceased, continually absent from the home or the father is unemployed and meets requirements to receive AFDC-U.

# dues due



OCTOBER

Kathleen Knott

DECEMBER

Chris Finkler  
Dorothy Olson

JANUARY

Diane Freehill  
Mary Alice Martines

FEBRUARY

Kris Begun  
Sally Mielke  
Kris Davis

MARCH

Bonnie Buchanan  
Jane Cane  
Margaret Goetz  
Virginia McMahon

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Corinne Goldgar  
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Jane Kaplan  
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Marion Ming  
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Brenda Wiley  
Christine Wise

MAY

Mary Glenn  
Pat Hauser  
Barbara Hoffman  
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Judy Winzenz

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\$20.00

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TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:  
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

THIRD CLASS MAIL



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## September



## 1981

September 10  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

General Meeting: FAMILY LIFE CURRICULUM  
Speaker: Jim Westphal

Hostess: Sue Lebergen  
430 E. Greenfield

September 21  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
229 N. Lawe St.

Hostess: Jan Holmes

UNIT MEETINGS: FAMILY LIFE - GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM

September 22  
Tuesday  
1 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
1724 E. Glendale Ave.

Hostess: Joyce Green

September 22  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
1215 N. Briarcliff Drive

Hostess: Pat Danford

September 23  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Unit Meeting  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22

Babysitting downstairs

September 26  
Saturday  
noon

ERA Walk  
Lawrence Campus

see Page 3 for details

October 7  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m. -  
3:00 p.m.

Everymember Program Briefing  
Madison

see Page 5 for details

# Karen's Komments

I am writing this as I am packing for a two week vacation in Door County. The League's summer activities included observing the city and county during their sessions on redistricting as well as participating in and observing the county recycling committee's meetings. We informed neighboring Leagues about the proposed Water Basin Authority and arranged a meeting to inform ourselves about the proposal.

On Tuesday August 4 on behalf of the Save Downtown Committee and the Appleton League, I spoke before a Senate Committee in Madison. (see statement below) Senator Van Sistine's (Green Bay) bill proposes to exempt the Dept. of Labor and Human Relations (DILHR) from the Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act (WEPA) guidelines. We opposed the bill because of our strong stand on the environment. The Madison trip was a real adventure. I was so nervous that only moments before I entered the committee room I looked down to find that my League button was on upside down!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer -- See you at the September 10 meeting !!!!

*Karen*

## STATEMENT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE

I am Karen de Young, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters, speaking on behalf of the Appleton League and the Save the Downtown Committee, a citizens group formed 23 months ago to preserve and enhance the downtown by opposing the million square foot mall proposed to be built 3 miles from the city center.

1. I am speaking in opposition to Senate Bill 512.

2. In order for government to be environmentally responsible it is only logical that a definition of the environment include not only woods, streams and wildlife but also human beings and their urban surroundings. With this in mind it follows that WEPA should be used by the Dept. of Labor and Human relations in issuing permits. An employee of DILHR stated the following in regard to DILHR Safety and Building Division policy. This easily qualifies as our favorite quotation of 1980: "The division does not weigh affects of its proposed action on the human environment when approving building plans. We (the Safety and Building Division of DILHR) do not

## STATEMENT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE (continued)

care if they build a slaughterhouse next to the Capitol as long as it is a safe slaughterhouse."

DILHR should care!!!!

Every structure however good in and of itself affects and interacts with its surroundings. DILHR's approval of general building plans is an implicit seal of approval from the State of Wisconsin including the building's impact on the environment.

3. The proposed shopping mall in Grand Chute will adversely affect the human environment and the urban area of the Fox Valley - economically, socially and from the standpoint of urban sprawl and decay. The concerns of citizens in preserving the human environment must be addressed by all government agencies. We were struck by the fact that DILHR seems inaccessible to citizens and therefore not accountable. To be heard citizens had to approach the matter of the environmental impact of a 1 million square foot development through the DNR because of the proposed mall's location on Mud Creek.

4. DILHR should examine the appropriateness of any building project which will impact on the human environment including a slaughterhouse next to the Capitol as well as a regional mall that will destroy our downtown. It will accomplish this goal if DILHR applies WEPA. Why should a State agency be exempt from applying, in individual plan approvals, guidelines established by that State?

Thank you.

## UNIT NOTES

Units for 1981-82 are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 1 p.m., Joyce Green's house  
1724 E. Glendale Ave.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Pat Danford's house  
1215 N. Briarcliff

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., All Saints  
(babysitting) Episcopal Church  
400 E. College

If you have not already been contacted by phone, please call me with the "unit of your choice," so I can complete the unit roster.

- Nancy Pourciau  
734-6296

# Family Life

## Curriculum Meetings

The Appleton League's September meetings will be a study of the philosophy of a human development curriculum in the Appleton public school system. The framework for such a curriculum has been drawn up over the last two years by the Family Life - Growth and Development Curriculum Committee, a group of parent representatives, educators, and people in key positions relating to this topic.

Jim Westphal, Director of Academic Services for the Appleton Public Schools, will explain the results of this two year effort, and the philosophy, purpose, and need for it at a general meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Lebergen, 430 E. Greenfield St.

This curriculum possibility is currently under consideration by the Appleton Board of Education and will probably be voted on at the September 14 school board meeting. This is a fascinating issue! Don't miss this chance to get a thorough understanding of a very important topic!

Then, at unit meetings on September 22-23, we will have discussion and come to consensus on the philosophy of a human development curriculum in the Appleton public schools. (See discussion and consensus questions below.) Be sure to come!

- Stevie Schmidt  
Human Resources

### DISCUSSION AND CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 22-23 UNIT MEETINGS:

#### Discussion questions:

1. Do you feel there is a need for a Family Life - Growth and Development Curriculum in the Appleton Public Schools? And why?
2. Do you approve of the general goals of this proposed program?
3. Is this the role of the schools; are we dumping too much on the schools?
4. What about parent roles?

#### Consensus question:

Do you support the adoption of a Family Life - Growth and Development Curriculum in the Appleton Public Schools?

# OBSERVER CORPS

LWV WANTS YOU! - to sign up in the Observer Corps! We need observers for the following meetings:

- Appleton Common Council  
(1st & 3rd Wed. - 7:30 p.m.)
- City Plan Commission  
(2nd & 4th Mon. - 4 p.m.)
- City Finance Committee  
(Mon. before City Council - 7 p.m.)
- Board of Education  
(2nd & 4th Mon. - 7:15 p.m.)
- Library Board  
(1st Thurs. - 7 p.m.)
- Outagamie County Board of Supervisors  
(2nd Tues. - 1:30 p.m.)  
(4th Tues. - 7 p.m.)
- Outagamie County Solid Waste Committee
- Outagamie County Zoning Committee
- Outagamie County Finance Committee

Observing local government is a great way to learn by doing. Interested? Call Jan Holmes at 739-4694 for more information.

# ERA Walk

N.O.W. of the Fox Cities is sponsoring "The Last" ERA Walkathon on Saturday, September 26, beginning at 12 noon on the Lawrence University Campus. A rally before the walk is also planned. You may participate in either the 12 mile or the shorter 5 mile route. League of Women Voters heartily supports the Equal Rights Amendment.

#### How can you support this ERA effort?

1. By walking and getting pledges.
2. By donating to a walker or just a flat amount to the cause.
3. By being there...Board members are planning to walk...join in. Contact Ginny Rose or Ellen Needham.

#### Contact N.O.W. members for Pledge Sheets:

Nancy 722-6795  
Sue 739-4776  
Pam 734-2809

Remember the deadline for ERA ratification is June 30, 1982. Your support and monies are needed. Plan to walk, bring your spouse, children, friends...ERA IS FOR EVERYONE!!

- Liz Hoover

## BLOCK GRANTS

The city of Appleton began the preparation of its three year (1982-85) Community Development Block Grant Application by holding the first of four public hearings on August 3. The purpose of these hearings is to afford citizens the opportunity to discuss and evaluate community needs and priorities, to comment on the City's Community Development performance and to submit proposals for projects to be funded with Community Development funds.

It is anticipated that the City of Appleton will receive around \$700,000 a year for the next three years to be utilized for various eligible projects.

The funds in the past few years have been used for park redevelopment, facade restoration (Conkey's Bookstore), site acquisition for a new office complex downtown, the acquisition of Koehnke's Woods for the new proposed Valley Transit bus maintenance garage, sump pump and rehab assistance, and acquisition of sites for low income housing.

The schedule of future hearings is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 14,	City Hall,	Council Room,	7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21	"	"	" 3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12	"	"	" 3:30 p.m.

The LWV has traditionally followed these hearings closely because of its strong commitments to low income housing and downtown redevelopment.

- Ginny Rose

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## LUBY KURTYKA

We report with sadness that another League member of long standing died unexpectedly last month. Luby Kurtyka passed away from a sudden heart attack. Although she had not been a member of League in the past few years, many of us remember her vividly and fondly for her warmth, friendliness and dedication to the many causes and projects she took part in. She was a trained nurse - among the best - a good friend, a steadfast worker and one whose warm smile will be long remembered. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and three sons.

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Sally Klapper Randa will chair the marital property committee this coming year and will replace Sue Lebergen who was forced to step down due to other responsibilities. Because the final decisions on the marital property bill may be made this year this committee will work to keep us informed of the status of the marital property legislation and to keep League members and the community working enthusiastically for passage of marital property legislation.

## TUITION TAX CREDITS

Legislation has been proposed to allow tax credits for families of children attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The LWV of the U.S. is opposed to tuition tax credits for the following reasons:

1. They undermine equal access to education. Public schools open their doors to all types of students and serve a vital socializing process. In performing this role, they must bear the special burden of educating all, including those children who are handicapped, have discipline problems, or may be otherwise difficult or expensive to educate. Private schools on the other hand, are under no obligations and can exclude these children.
2. They are inconsistent with our nation's commitment to promote school desegregation and they will work to the detriment of a strong public education system by supporting the expansion of nonpublic schools.
3. They are a massive tax expenditure that our nation cannot afford. These tax credits would cost approximately \$4.7 billion, roughly one-third of all funds provided by the federal government to support education in our country.

In the fall congress is likely to struggle with this issue. It is imperative that congressmen hear from their local constituents. Please write and stress your opposition to tuition tax credits.

- Ginny Rose

## MEMBERSHIP *old and new*

The year ahead will be an exciting one for all of us. Share your enthusiasm for League programs with your friends. If you know of anyone who would be interested in learning more about League, please do the following:

1. Invite them to the first General Meeting on September 10.
2. Bring them to a unit meeting as your guest
- or 3. Call me with their names so that I can contact them.

Pat Bornslaeger  
739-2945

## Bio Brief

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton member

PAM GOODE  
117 River Drive  
735-9637

Pam is originally from Pennsylvania and moved here a year ago from South Carolina. She works part time and is interested in gourmet cooking, crafts and bridge.

EVERYMEMBER PROGRAM BRIEFING  
Wednesday, October 7 - Madison

Highlights of the 1981 Everymember Program Briefing will be information about our two new program items: vocational, technical and adult education and hazardous and radioactive waste. The briefing will also offer updates on administration of justice, human resources, and the status of marital property legislation.

The briefing is a marvelous time to introduce new and prospective members to some of the League program. It also is helpful to portfolio chairs. More than that, it is fun for all who attend.

The briefing will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Road, on the west side of Madison.

DIRECTIONS: From I-90, exit on Hwy. 12-18 on the south side of the city, going west. Continue west about 9 miles to the 18-151 Dodgeville Exit. Exit right (north toward the city) onto Midvale Blvd. Follow Midvale approximately 1½ miles to Mineral Point Road (signal intersection). Turn left (west) off of Midvale onto Mineral Point Road. At the next light (about 3 blocks) you will see the church on the northwest corner of Mineral Point and Segoe Roads. Turn north on Segoe and circle the boulevard to enter the church driveway and parking lot.

AGENDA

9:30 - 10:00 Registration (\$3). Coffee and cookies available.

10:00 - 10:30 Greetings and announcements.

MARITAL PROPERTY: Report on status in legislature.

10:30 - 12:15 VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION:

Herbert Grover, Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and a member of the VTAE Board, will present an overview of vocational, technical, and adult education in Wisconsin.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Peter Tropman, Office of Policy and Budget, will be a speaker.

HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE: Sue Dinsmoor, Task Force coordinator, will meet with local chairs.

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. There is no soft drink machine, but there is a refrigerator in which to put your own drink. The church is not near a commercial area with restaurants.

1:15 - 3:00 HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE:

Speaker: Phyllis Dube, Wisconsin's alternate representative to the federal State Planning Council for Radioactive Waste.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: Discussion of changes in the last few years. Discussion of current issues.

VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION: March Schultz would like to meet with local chairs.

The Appleton League will be sending a carpool to Madison for this Everymember Program Briefing on October 7. Call Karen de Young (739-3079) to sign up to attend.

# The Equal Rights Amendment: Why We Need It

## WHAT IS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. This amendment shall take effect 2 years after the date of ratification."

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

It means that federal and state governments may not make or interpret any law so as to restrict the rights of a person solely on the basis of sex. It means that any protection extended to either sex under the law must be extended to both sexes. Its basic principle is that gender should not be a factor in determining the legal rights of individuals.

ERA concerns governmental actions, not private or social relationships. Its legislative history shows that laws using reasonable classifications based on physiological characteristics unique to one sex will be allowed. ERA means equality, not sameness.

## WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF ERA?

ERA is not new. It was first introduced in Congress in 1923, 3 years after women got the right to vote, and came before every subsequent session from then until it was passed in 1972 by large majorities in the House (354-23) and Senate (84-4).

Opposition based on ill-founded arguments has kept ERA from becoming part of the Constitution. To date, 35 states have ratified ERA; it must be ratified by 38 states before June 30, 1982 in order to go into effect. The 15 states that have not ratified are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

Several states have voted to rescind their ratification or declare it "null and void," but the issue of whether or not a state's rescission or "null and void" is valid must be decided by Congress after the 38th state ratifies. There are legal precedents for not allowing rescission votes.

## IS ERA NECESSARY, SINCE WE HAVE THE 14TH AMENDMENT AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS?

Yes. Although the 14th amendment (passed in 1868) guarantees all U.S. citizens equal protection under the laws, the Supreme Court has never interpreted it in such a way as to prohibit all sex-based discrimination. In 1971 the Supreme Court ruled for the first time that a state law violated the 14th amendment by discriminating on the basis of sex. Since then, however, decisions on sex discrimination have varied. According to the Yale Law Journal, the Supreme Court's approach to women's rights has been characterized by 2 prominent features: a vague but strong belief in women's separate place, and an extraordinary casual-

ness in reviewing state legislation based on stereotypical views of women.

Passage of ERA would change the way the courts have to examine sex discrimination cases. By making gender a suspect classification--as race, religion and national origin are--ERA would require that courts apply the "strict scrutiny" standard, the toughest test. The burden of proof would be on those making differentiations by sex, and suspect laws would have to be proven to bear a "necessary relation to a compelling state interest" in order to be upheld. Today, the burden of proof is on those who charge that they are being discriminated against on the basis of sex, and laws must pass only the less strict test of having "a significant relation to an important state interest." ERA would make sex discrimination as illegal as race discrimination.

Civil rights laws are no substitute for the Equal Rights Amendment. They do not cover everyone (for example, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act applies to businesses with 15 or more employees), and they do not address all kinds of discrimination. Moreover, these laws can be softened or repealed at any time by legislatures--which react to the prevailing political climate. Since many advances in the area of equal opportunity in the 1970s were in response to the imminent passage of ERA, failure to ratify would mean a great loss of momentum in legislatures and the courts for further prohibitions against sex discrimination.

Fighting discrimination law by law would condemn many women and men to suffer unnecessarily from inequities for years to come and there is no guarantee that steps would continue to be taken in the direction of equality. The only hope for citizens of certain states to be free from legal sex discrimination is passage of a federal amendment.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF ERA?

1) It is permanent. It would give legislatures 2 years to change their laws to sex-neutral wording and intent, and then would not allow backsliding on the issue of legal equality of the sexes. Without ERA, court decisions can vary and legislatures can repeal rights already won.

2) It is clear-cut. The unambiguous, single standard of ERA would be an accessible basis for persons bringing suit on grounds of sex discrimination. At present, persons seeking legal redress must discover which of numerous civil rights laws are being violated. Once existing laws were amended to conform with ERA, the backlog of pending sex discrimination complaints would be quickly resolved, and the time and money now being wasted on sorting out these discrimination issues in business and elsewhere could be spent to a better purpose.

3) It is in the tradition of the American way. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is sim-

## ERA: Why We Need It (continued)

ply the next logical step in our country's ongoing struggle for equality of rights for all citizens. ERA puts into practice the ideal our country was founded on--that all men, and now that means all women, too, are created equal.

### HOW DO WE KNOW ERA WILL WORK?

ERA or some version of it is already working in 14 states under state equal rights amendments passed in the 1970s. These states are Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Reports from these states with Equal Rights Amendments, many worded identically to the federal amendment, refute the claims of opponents that dire things will come to pass with ERA. The terrible perils of coed bathrooms, rampant homosexual marriages, massive family instability and interference in the privacy of family relationships have simply not materialized. A report from Pennsylvania on the impact of its 1971 ERA states, "In a family relationship where the choice has been made that one person is the wage earner while the other cares for home and children, the ERA has not interfered. This division of responsibilities is essentially a personal matter based on the relationship between the two people involved."

ERA has done nothing to undermine the financial support that a wife assumes she has a right to when she marries. When this presumed right is put to the test, it proves to be unenforceable because courts have consistently refused to interfere in an ongoing relationship. It is more accurate to say that a wife has a right to be supported by her husband in the fashion and manner he chooses.

In sum, the ERA has been succeeding for a decade in a number of states without the repercussions predicted by its opponents, and precedents are being set for the application of ERA to the benefit of both sexes. What's missing is an across-the-board, 50-state application which guarantees equal rights for the women and men in those states which do not have a state ERA. Without the 19th amendment, women would not have voted in North Carolina until the 1970s. Women in Mississippi would still be disenfranchised.

### WHO SUPPORTS ERA?

ERA has been supported by every U.S. president since Dwight Eisenhower and by both major political parties since 1944, until the 1980 retreat from support by Ronald Reagan and the Republican Platform Committee.

ERAmerica, a national coalition working for ratification of ERA, includes nearly 200 civic, religious, educational, labor and women's organizations. Among its many members are the American Association of University Women, the American Bar Association, AFL-CIO, Common Cause, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Housewives for ERA, League of Women Voters, NAACP, National Education Association, National Federation of Business and Professional

Women's Clubs, National Organization for Women and Y.W.C.A. Also holding membership in ERAmerica are many religious organizations: American Baptist Churches U.S.A., American Jewish Congress, Catholics Act for ERA, Lutheran Church of America and United Church of America.

A November 1980 Gallup poll shows that Americans support ERA by a 2-to-1 majority. Polled during the presidential election campaign, a majority of Republicans and Democrats favored ERA by a combined total of 64% for, to 33% against. Clearly support of ERA is in the mainstream of political opinion; opposition to it is not.

### THEN WHY HASN'T ERA BEEN RATIFIED?

If ERA had been discussed solely on its merits, it would have been ratified years ago. It has become a political football, in states like Illinois, and a scapegoat for bearing the blame for changes in society.

Opponents are, for the most part, from politically conservative or fundamentalist religious groups that want to preserve what they see as the "status quo." They use ERA as a rallying point, falsely claiming that it would mean loss of privacy, loss of support and protection for women and legalization of homosexual marriages and abortion. ERA will do none of these things, as its legislative history and experience with state ERAs demonstrate. The facts are easy to come by, and the "scare stories" can be easily disproven, but ERA has suffered from this false publicity.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) Realize how important ERA is--and that it needs your help.
- 2) Talk about it, and arrange for programs about it in groups you belong to.
- 3) If you live in an unratified state, write to your legislators saying that you want them to give ERA to the country. Be persistent and visible through efforts such as letters to the editor, petition drives and fundraisers.

It took 72 years of battling for women to get the right to vote--from the proposal of women's suffrage at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in 1848 until passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. ERA was proposed in 1923, we have fought hard for its ratification in the intervening years, and we need it now more than ever.

ERA is a serious economic, political and legal issue. Most of all, it is a serious philosophical issue: until ERA is in the Constitution, laws can be made that assume that one sex is more capable than the other in areas apart from pure physiology. By 1981 we should have come beyond all that, but until ERA is ratified we won't. We must put ERA where it belongs--in the Constitution of the United States of America.

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Written by Roberta Francis, LWVNJ ERA Chair. This article may be ordered from: League of Women Voters of the U.S., 1730 M St., NW, Wash., DC 20036. Pub. #342, 20¢ each, 10/\$1.00.

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October



1981

October 7  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Study Open Committee Meeting  
Speaker: Bud Koehnke, Recreation Dept. Supervisor

Hostess: Joyce Green  
916 E. Sunset

October 13  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

General Meeting: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Speaker: Barbara Retson, Volunteers International

1st National Bank  
(entrance - door next  
to Walgreen's)

October 19  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
2613 S. Schaefer

Hostess: Nancy Jones

October 21  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Study Open Committee Meeting  
Speaker: Dick Grant, Park & Forestry Supervisor

Hostess: Kathy Sprenger  
916 E. Sunset

UNIT MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP WEEK

October 27  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
410 S. Walnut

Courthouse & Jail Tour

October 27  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
1215 N. Briarcliff Dr.

Hostess: Pat Danford  
Wine & Cheese Party

October 28  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Unit Meeting  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22  
(babysitting downstairs)

Hostess: Janet Krueger  
Slides on China presented  
by Berta Churchill



# Karen's Komments

It looks like the Appleton League is off to a running start. The September general meeting and units on the Family Life Curriculum were well attended and fascinating. Members of the Board observed the County Executive's budget sessions. Berta Churchill and Nusi Ward and others spoke at the Block Grant public hearings about our great interest in the housing situation in Appleton and our position on scattered site housing. The Appleton, Door County and Greater Green Bay Leagues spoke again in opposition to Senator Van Sistine's bill to exempt DILHR from WEPA guidelines. (see statement on Page 4) We have been told that we made an impact!

Enthusiasm is running high. Win Thrall is designing a new membership flyer. Pat Bornslaeger and Helen Nagler are working on "Membership Week" (details in this bulletin), and Bev Wieckert and Barb Hussin are co-chairing the Vocational and Technical School Study.

League is highly visible. It seems very important to remember that League's effectiveness locally, state-wide and nationally depends on members' commitment to the objectives of League. Whether a Board member, discussion leader or a member of a committee, let's all work together to continue to improve on a very good thing.

-- The city budget hearings are fast approaching. Call Jan Holmes (739-4694) for details if you can observe.

-- Call Pat Bornslaeger (739-2945) with the name of a friend or neighbor who might be interest in League.

-- Write that letter to your MC about the Clean Air Act (read Nancy Jones's article).

-- Come to a unit in October -- there's something for everyone!!!

*Karen*

## International Relations

Barbara Retson, an Appletonian who has recently returned from a refugee camp in the Southern Peninsula of Thailand, will talk and show slides from her four month stay with the Boat People. Barbara went to Thailand with Volunteers International under the auspices of the U.N.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the First National Bank. All members and guests are welcome.

## PARKS & REC STUDY

The Parks and Recreation Study Committee will hold open meetings on Wednesday evenings, October 7 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Kathy Sprenger's house, 916 E. Sunset Avenue. Join us on Oct. 7 to hear Bud Koehnke, Recreation Department Supervisor, give us his views on the Recreation Dept. and on the city's role in recreation. On Oct. 21 Dick Grant, Park and Forestry Department Supervisor, will discuss the problems of maintenance and future planning in that department.

These meetings are open to any interested League member. Please feel free to attend. Anyone wishing to join the committee would be most welcome. Just call any committee member and sign on!

Kathy Sprenger, chairman - 733-1227  
Joyce Green - 739-4771  
Kathy Knott - 731-1989  
Janet Krueger - 731-0905  
Helen Nagler - 739-8053

## ENERGY FAIRS

The Appleton and Neenah-Menasha Leagues are co-sponsoring the "second annual" (?) Energy Fair at the Fox Valley Technical Institute on November 7 & 8 and we will be looking for volunteers to staff the publications table and the film room.

FVTT, U.W. - Oshkosh, Oshkosh LWV and WYTL are sponsoring an almost identical Energy Fair at Kolf Sports Center on October 10 & 11, so if you are free in October and not in November, or if two workshops you really want to attend are at the same time, you can go to both fairs! (Only a true energy nut would even suggest such a thing!) Note the wonderful workshop topics with ideas for warming your existing house. (See attached yellow insert describing Oshkosh Energy Fair. Description of Fox Valley Fair will be included in next bulletin.)

A special feature of the Fox Valley Fair is a workshop for political and community leaders: "Drilling for Oil in Appleton: A Direction for Community Energy Management." David Parsons of Syncon in Milwaukee will be the speaker. He spoke very effectively to the Mayor's Energy Conservation Task Force this spring.

- Sue Kinde

# membership week

Come with a guest to one, two, or all three unit meetings on October 27 and 28. Each unit will offer a different program and each will be an opportunity to share League information with new and prospective members.



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

Tuesday, October 27, 1:15 p.m.

Tour of Outagamie County Courthouse & Jail  
Greeting by John Schreiter, County Executive  
Meet in County Board Room at Courthouse.

Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

Wine and Cheese and Slides of Nepal  
Pat Danford will show slides of her trip. 1215 N. Briarcliff Drive. Please bring cheese or a bottle of wine. (If you are planning to attend and have no chance to stop for wine or cheese; just bring yourself and a friend.)

Wednesday, October 28, 9:30 a.m.

Slides of China  
Berta Churchill will show slides of her trip. Discussion of contemporary China will follow. All Saints Episcopal Church.

Come join in the fun and bring a friend who would like to know more about LWV. This is a great time to renew old League acquaintances and get to know new members in a relaxed party atmosphere.

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BARBARA GRANT

832 Cambridge Ct. 735-0336

Barbara, her husband and 3 children moved here from Madison 2 years ago. She is an English/Speech teacher and enjoys quilting, bowling and playing bridge.

SHARON JOZWIAK

12 Hycrest Ct. 731-5823

Hobbies of photography, aerobics, needlework and gourmet cooking all serve to occupy Sharon's time. She, her husband and two sons are originally from the Milwaukee area.

DONNA MANCL

906 E. Fremont St. 734-6569

Donna's eight children and two grandchildren keep her busy, as do volunteer activities at schools and with the Fox Valley Girl Scout Council. In her free time she enjoys playing the piano and reading.

VICKIE ROTZEL

48 Bellaire Ct. 739-8561

Originally from the Minneapolis area, Vickie and her family have lived in Appleton for nine years. She has worked as a nurse at Lawrence University and enjoys perennial gardening.

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# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

After a somewhat quiet summer, the League is now at a critical juncture in our efforts to save downtown Appleton. Coming in October is an appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court of the DILHR (Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations) Door County ruling in which the LWV has been given Amicus Curiae standing. The question to be decided is whether DILHR should be required to comply with the provisions of WEPA (Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act). Public Intervener Peter Pesek emphasized that the appeal was accepted because League is a party and is perceived as an organization with clout. He is optimistic about the outcome. Oral arguments will be made on October 5 in Madison and the proceedings are open to the public. The final decision should come in late November.

A second court case which will also be heard in October is the appeal of Judge Van Susteren's decision supporting the Outagamie County permit decisions. This will be heard in the District Court of Appeals in Wausau.

After many delays, the federally funded \$30,000 socio-economic impact study is underway and will be completed late this fall. Upon its completion, it will be reviewed by the DNR, who will then hold a public hearing to determine whether they will do an Environmental Impact Statement (a comprehensive study including all aspects of the effects of the proposed mall) or whether they will accept an Environmental Impact Report (a much shorter report which does not take into account such considerations as the socio-economic impact). This is a most significant hearing which Mr. Pesek has said will be a unique major case testing and defining WEPA, which was carefully designed by the state legislature to set standards for socio-economic conditions in land use policy. The Save the Downtown Committee and the League must make every effort to pressure DNR Secretary Carroll Besadny to do an EIS. Please be ready to participate as an individual in this important hearing. We need all the help we can get.

It is important that we continue our campaign to save our downtown. In spite of much activity to renew the downtown, the fact is that Sears and Gloude-mans are moving and J.C. Penney has already gone. It is entirely possible that our future downtown could consist of a fine hotel and civic center, office buildings, and very limited shopping if the mall is built. To many in our state, Appleton has become a symbol of resistance to large outside developers who promote urban sprawl at the expense of existing facilities. The struggle is important to others as well as to us.

- Pat Danford

## STATEMENT OF COALITION OF LWV'S BEFORE SENATOR VAN SISTINE'S COMMITTEE

I am Judy Paulson, president of the Door County League of Women Voters, speaking on behalf of the Green Bay, Appleton and Door County Leagues.

I am speaking in opposition to Senate Bill 512.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible. Furthermore, government policy, programs and performances must meet criteria that include well-defined channels for citizen input and review. The League of Women Voters strongly supported the state WEPA guidelines because they are a strong mandate for public involvement in governmental decision-making. We view Senate Bill 512 as a weakening of WEPA.

The Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations must not be exempt from the requirements of the environmental law. This does not mean that all individual construction plans require an environmental impact statement (EIS) but rather that through the implementation of a classification system, those projects which have a significant environmental impact will be reviewed.

It is the responsibility of all state agencies to insure the public's concerns on environmentally significant projects. A screening approach by DILHR of individual projects will separate those that require a closer look.

The WEPA Law provides a major opportunity for citizen participation in decision making and for oversight of information and value judgements by agency decision-makers. To exempt DILHR from WEPA is to deprive citizens of this opportunity.

Thank you for this opportunity for my citizen participation in this public hearing.

# *Family Life - Growth and Development Curriculum Consensus - Statement*

The League of Women Voters of Appleton met in three units on September 22-23, 1981 to take consensus on the local study item of a Family Life curriculum for the Appleton Public Schools. Members were asked, "Do you support the adoption of a Family Life- Growth and Development curriculum in the Appleton Public Schools?" Since the study coincided with a proposal to the School Board from a two year study by a Family Life- Growth and Development Curriculum Committee, League members looked at their materials as a model but intended the study to be broad enough to make an evaluation of any successor plan which meets the general concerns expressed in the consensus.

We asked ourselves whether it is truly possible to add a major curriculum in a time when schools face rising costs, shrinking dollars, and declining enrollments. We asked ourselves what would have to be eliminated in order to implement such an ambitious program. We asked ourselves whether the school system has enough trained and sensitive personnel to do a first rate job in this important arena. Not all of the questions were answered to our total satisfaction, but, in spite of that, our overwhelming conclusion was that we want the Appleton Public Schools to try to do this important job. The process followed by the Curriculum Committee up to this point and the product available as of this point in time clearly contributed to our confidence that the schools can do the job.

Most of us saw the program as an appropriate supplement to those families who are already actively involved in their personal family life education program through lessons in daily living. And, such a program is even more important for students in the care of the schools who are not being guided toward the acquisition of information, attitudes, and interpersonal skills that are critical ones in leading a responsible adult life.

Parental rights and deeply held family values are a cornerstone of our society-- and so are individual rights. We favor the curriculum being considered a requirement rather than an elective, but we recommend that any plans for the implementation of the curriculum would contain the mechanism for parents to withdraw their child from portions of the program.

FAMILY LIFE - GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM CONSENSUS - STATEMENT (continued)

Strong parental and community input should be sought throughout the development, adoption, and implementation of the program. The League of Women Voters recommends that the Appleton Public Schools proceed with the Family Life - Growth and Development program. The League will follow the process and continue to monitor the process, offering our input and evaluation at the appropriate times.

FAMILY LIFE - GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT POSITION:

Support of:

The adoption of a Family Life - Growth and Development Curriculum by the Appleton Public Schools.

1. There should be parental involvement throughout planning and implementation to assure a reflection of the diversity of family values.
2. Ongoing parental and community education should be provided and input sought throughout the development, adoption, and implementation of the program.
3. The program should be required, but with a mechanism included for parents to remove their child from portions of the program.

Committee members: Freddie Doeringer; Cynthia Johnson; Sally Klapper-Randa; Jan Nordell; Andrea Tatlock; Stevie Schmidt, chairman.



Governor Dreyfus is in the process of preparing budget adjustments to be presented to the legislature in October to reflect the cuts in the federal budget. The League, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Difference, is seeking to get restored the cuts that were made earlier through gubernatorial vetoes. The "applied receipts" veto cut funding for county social services by 30%. Capacity-building funds for county services for the developmentally disabled and chronically mentally ill were vetoed. The "earmarking" of federal funds for day care, runaway centers and shelter care facilities was eliminated, as was the funding for displaced homemakers centers.

The Difference believes that the result of these cuts will be a greater rate of institutionalization for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill at a much greater cost to taxpayers. It will also hasten family disintegration through lack of services to families in crisis. For displaced homemakers, there will be no other choice but general relief, a much greater drain on the property tax.

Please write or call the Governor, asking him to restore the human service cuts in his budget revision package. Send copies to your legislators.

- Ginny Rose



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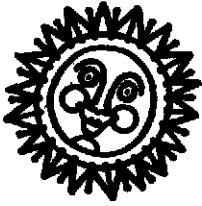
# OSHKOSH ENERGY FAIR



Saturday, October 10, 1981 - 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Sunday, October 11, 1981 - 12:00 NOON - 5:00 P.M.

Kolf Sports Center  
785 High Avenue  
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Oshkosh, WI 54901

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WORKSHOPS: 50 minutes each, except those with an asterisk\*

## SATURDAY

	TIME	ROOM
Fuels for Wisconsin: Biomass, Sun and Wind Peteranne Joel, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Lawrence University	10:00 a.m.	135
*Energy Saving Quilted Window Treatments Claire Wick, Home Economist, FVTI & Oshkosh Area Public Schools Rosemary Williams, Home Economist, FVTI	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon	161
*Stretch Your Energy Dollar! Home Weatherization from Attic to Basement Jim Meehan, Energy Director; Hoss Hosmer, Energy Auditor Outagamie County Weatherization Program	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	159
The Double Envelope House Dick Dunlop, Manager, Kindt Building Center	12 noon and 2:00 p.m.	159
Passive Solar Ideas for Existing Homes Jeff Schlegel, Consultant; Instructor Southwest Wisconsin Vocational Technical Institute	12 noon and 7:00 p.m.	157
Some Important Lessons on the Performance of Active and Passive Solar Heating Systems Merlin Passow, Professor of Physics, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	12 noon and 3:00 p.m.	107
Energy Saving Appliances, Beverly Haag, Home Economist, FVTI	1:00 p.m.	107
*Energy and Its Political Impact on the Local Economy Senator Gary Goyke, Representatives Gordon Bradley & Richard Flintrop	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	161
Basic Wind Energy Conversion Systems, G. L. Kopke, Westwind, Ltd.	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	135
Building a Solar Greenhouse, Jeff Schlegel	2:00 p.m.	157
Overview of Super Insulation, Heat Pumps, Air to Air Heat Exchangers, Solar Water Heaters, etc. John Longberg, Energy Management Consultant	5:00 p.m.	159

## SUNDAY

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*Stretch Your Energy Dollar! Home Weatherization from Attic to Basement Jim Meehan, Hoss Hosmer	12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	159
Chain Saw and Woodsplitting Safety Procedures John Hesselman, John's Saw Service	1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.	135
Passive Solar Ideas for Existing Homes, Jeff Schlegel	1:00 p.m.	157
*Woodburning - Should I or Shouldn't I? Gene Gibas, UW-Extension Continuing Education Agent	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	161
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## EXHIBITORS

### Early Registrants

#### PASSIVE AND ACTIVE SOLAR

Wright Energy Systems, 2019 Forest Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54935	414-923-0721
Energy Marketing Group/Sunway Solar Systems, 2041 Gross St., Green Bay, WI 54304	414-497-0323
Noffke Lumber, 1525 Bowen St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-3080
Alternative Energy Systems of the Fox Valley, 4125 W. Pine St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-731-6255
Warren Sommer, 2608 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee, WI 53212	414-264-7893
PR Zenergy Enterprises, 7304 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-688-2432
Fox Valley Builders Supply, 1080 N. Perkins St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-7477
Midwest Sun Solar, 5525 Fieldstone Lane, Madison, WI 53706	608-249-7638
Hofkens Building Supply, 151 S. Railroad St., Kimberly, WI 54136	414-788-4116
Sunny Horizons Solar Systems, 13800 W. Honey Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151	414-786-3483
Interstate Energy Systems, 8320 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53213	414-257-3785

#### EARTH SHELTERED HOUSING

Hippert Earth Shelter Homes, 3005 37th, Two Rivers, WI 54241	414-793-1346
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#### WOODBURNING, HEAT PUMPS, AND FURNACES

Allied Fire-Life, 310 N. Kools St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-733-4911
Lueck's Home Improvement, 706 S. Main St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-0106
McIntyre Co., 1508 Central St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-8342
Weyauwega Drilling, 607 E. Alfred, Route 2, Weyauwega, WI 54983	414-867-3627
Climatic Control Company, 5061 W. State St., Milwaukee, WI 53208	1-800-242-1656
J. N. P. Heating Alternatives, P.O. Box 1665, Fond du Lac, WI 54935	414-922-9384
P. A. N. Enterprises, Route 3, Spring Green, WI 53588	608-935-5048

#### WINDOWS AND DOORS

The Radford Company, 40 Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-231-4880
U. S. Vinylux, 712 S. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-733-1644
Brennan Fraser Roofing, 415 N. Perkins St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-5559

#### INSULATION AND WEATHERIZATION

Oshkosh Insulators, 4776 Island View Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-426-0303
Struensee Manufacturing Company, 4750 North Shore Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-5030
Insul/Crete Company, 4311 Triangle St., McFarland, WI 53558	608-838-4861

#### TRANSPORTATION

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, 140 Main St., Menasha, WI 54952	414-729-1100
Fox Valley Wheelmen, 2023 Clover Lane, Appleton, WI 54911	414-731-5734

#### ENERGY INFORMATION

UW-Extension, Winnebago County Office, 500 E. Sunnyview Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-424-0050
League of Women Voters of Oshkosh, 159 N. Meadow St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-1031
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, 3300 N. Main St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-231-7100
Sierra Club, John Muir Chapter, 805 N. 28th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208	414-342-1735
Winnebago Audubon Society, 1520 Bowen St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-233-5527
Winnebago County Energy Council	414-424-3034
Citizen's Utility Board, P.O. Box 8003, Madison, WI 53708	1-800-362-8034
Solar Energy Resource Association, 525 University Ave., Madison, WI 53703	1-800-362-3933
City of Oshkosh Environmental Advisory Board	414-424-0250

#### FILM FESTIVAL

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Chain Saw Safety	11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Energy Management Saves Money	4:30 p.m.	
Energy Monsters: How to Starve Them	1:30 p.m.	
Gusts of Power	3:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.	
Home Heating with Wood	11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.	12:00 noon, 4:30 p.m.
Pedal Power	2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Rethinking Tomorrow	12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Running on Empty: The Fuel Economy Challenge	10:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Ruth Stout's Garden	1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Solar Energy: The Great Adventure	10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
The Sun Builders	7:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
There's Grass on the Roof	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Toast	1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Up the Power Curve	11:30 a.m.	
Van Pooling	12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.	





# Natural Resources

URGENT!!! CLEAN AIR!!! URGENT!!! CLEAN AIR!!! URGENT!!!

If you haven't already done so, write your MC's TODAY in support of the CLEAN AIR ACT. This is one of our national League priorities. Senator Proxmire is in support of the League's position. We need to work very hard to convince Kasten, Petri and Roth.

The Reagan Administration is seeking to:

-- weaken the national health standards by injecting risk assessment into the process which sets those standards. This would reduce protection for children, elderly people with heart and lung diseases, and others who are sensitive to the health effects of dirty air.

-- eliminate effective protection for almost all clean air areas. The prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) program would be repealed for all areas except the 1% of the country which is in national parks and wilderness areas, thus allowing the contamination of clean air to levels that threaten public health and welfare.

-- double carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from new automobiles. New cars would be dirtier than those now being produced.

-- relax pollution control requirements for new factories and coal burning power plants. Future industrial facilities would be dirtier than plants being build today.

-- increase acid rain by relaxing controls on cars and power plants. The administration would merely study the acid rain problem.

The League supports:

- 1) setting air quality standards without taking costs into account.
- 2) deadlines for the attainment of air quality standards.
- 3) the PSD program.
- 4) measures for significant reductions in acid rain.
- 5) a stepped up schedule for regulating toxic air pollutants.

If you need any additional information please call me at 731-9250.

- Nancy Jones

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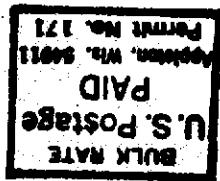
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**RECYCLING MADE EASY: LOW TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING PROJECTS FOR CITIZENS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS**

This conference will give the prospective recycler a chance to meet, talk to and learn from the operators of successful recycling programs from around Wisconsin. These include Milly Zantow on recycling plastics, Joe King on recycling glass, and Dave Drewiske on setting up a recycling co-op. Workshop leader is John Reindl, Director of Public Relations with the Wisconsin Solid Waste Recycling Authority. The program will be held Saturday, December 6, at the UW Center-Fox Valley, in Menasha. The fee is \$15. For registration information, contact: Gene Gibas, UW Center-Fox Valley, Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952, (414) 735-5575.

# League of Women Voters

## Appleton, Wisconsin



PRESIDENT - Karen de Young  
30 Bellaire Ct.  
739-3079

MEMBERSHIP - Pat Bornslaeger  
616 E. Greenfield  
739-2945

BULLETIN - Marcia Hittle  
520 N. Bateman  
731-8876

### November



### 1981

November 5  
Thursday

State League Workshop  
Merrill

see Page 6 for details

November 7 & 8  
Saturday & Sunday

Energy Fair  
Fox Valley Technical School

see enclosed yellow flier

#### UNIT MEETINGS: PARK & RECREATION STUDY

November 10  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
2118 N. Alexander St.

Hostess: Joyce Green  
Discussion Leader:  
Cynthia Johnson

November 10  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
1215 N. Briarcliff Dr.

Hostess: Pat Danford  
Discussion Leader:  
Lynn Debbink

November 11  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22  
(babysitting downstairs)

Hostess: Nancy Jones  
Discussion Leader:  
Jan Holmes

November 16  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
915 N. Fox St.

Hostess: Helen Nagler

November 30  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting  
Hazardous Waste Study  
2613 S. Schaefer St.

Hostess: Nancy Jones



# Karen's Komments

# ENERGY FAIR

November is a month of cold mornings and disappearing leaves but it's also the month for the beginning of the Park and Recreation Study meetings. And it's a wonderful time to observe and digest all the workings of City Hall.

The Park and Rec. Units will give us all an opportunity to learn about the organization, budget, and programming of this department. Units are the backbone of any study. Turn down the thermostat and join us for one of the three meetings.

The City Budget process is a unique observer experience. The need for participation by Leaguers is vital. If you have never done this sort of thing, call Helen Nagler (739-8053) or me (739-3079) and come along with us to a meeting. Over coffee after the finance committee meeting we can discuss the evening's agenda.

You can also warm the heart of your treasurer this month. Send in your dues today if your membership anniversary has passed. Too many dues are outstanding. League membership at \$20 certainly is a bargain.

*Karen*

P.S. I called over 25 new and prospective members during this past month to get to know them. To all of you -- I look forward to meeting you in person at the November unit meetings.

The Fox Valley Energy Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, November 8 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Fox Valley Technical Institute, 1825 N. Blue-mound Drive, Appleton. A yellow flier is enclosed with full information on the workshops, films and exhibitors.

Some highlights: "Drilling for Oil in Appleton: a Direction for Community Energy Management" at 1 p.m. with Dave Parsons, plus a 3 p.m. workshop with Dave. He was an excellent resource for the Mayor's Energy Conservation Task Force which grew out of our League study, (and which is not running out of gas!!)

Other highlights: an excellent, basic weatherization session, a workshop on making your own insulating window quilts, information on building solar greenhouses, using wood stoves or chain saws, wind machines, home appliances -- you name it! Wherever you are in your energy knowledge, we hope to be a little bit ahead of you!

Other attractions will be a tour of the Fox Valley Technical Institute's own solar collectors, films all day, the Appleton Junior Woman's Club's Woodsey the Owl, and lots and lots of information from exhibitors: solar collectors, window insulation, weatherization, energy audits!

If you need more yellow fliers to deliver to friends or at work, call me (734-5759). If you can help at the publications table, call Jan Nordell (731-8738). Bring your students, your kids or your Scout troop, and we'll see you there.

- Sue Kinde



*Family Life - Growth*

*and Development Curriculum*

The proposal to continue the development of the Family Life - Growth and Development curriculum will come up for discussion and a VOTE at the November 9 School Board Meeting at the Morgan Building at 7:15 p.m. It is urgent that all of you who support this issue make your feelings known by coming to this meeting and stating your views. During the "Delegations" portion of the meeting (at the beginning) anyone may speak, and the opposition will surely be there in full force.

If you cannot come on November 9, you can call the members of the School Board (listed in your Directory) or write a letter to the School Board in advance of the meeting.

Please spread the word!

- Stevie Schmidt

# PARK and RECREATION UNITS

The Park and Recreation Study Committee has just finished two very interesting and informative meetings with Park Department Supervisor, Dick Grant, and Recreation Department Supervisor, Bud Koehnke.

Join us at the Unit Meetings, November 10 and 11 for what is sure to be a very lively discussion!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Should the Recreation Department and the Department of Parks/Forestry continue as two equal departments with equal status or should they be combined under one director?
2. What should the relationship between the schools and the Park and Recreation Depts. be?
  - a) Should the Recreation Department report to the Board of Education?
  - b) Should the Park Department report to the Street and Sanitation Committee?
3. What should the Body of Jurisdiction be?
  - a) Commission
  - b) City Council Committee
4. If it continues as a commission, what powers should it have?
  - a) to raise revenue
  - b) to contract for land acquisition and park development
  - c) to hire park police
  - d) to hire department heads without Council approval
5. Who should comprise the Park and Recreation Commission?
  - a) How many aldermen
  - b) Should they be elected or appointed
6. Should there be uniform hiring procedures
  - a) Should the Personnel Department screen applicants
7. What should be the basic education requirements for department heads and program planners?
8. Are there areas which you would like more information about?



## Natural Resources

The focus of our Natural Resources unit meetings in February will be Hazardous Waste. The state League's Hazardous/Radioactive Waste Task Force is currently working on gathering study information to go out to local Leagues. This may soon become an important local action item as the next hazardous waste landfill in Wisconsin probably will be in the Fox Valley. We need several committee members to begin background reading and study now in preparation for February units and possible local action. If you are interested and concerned about Hazardous/Radioactive waste management, call me at 731-9250 to join committee meeting on Monday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., 2613 S. Schaefer.

- Nancy Jones

P.S. It's still not too late to write your Senators and Representatives in support of a strong Clean Air Act !!!

STATEMENT PRESENTED TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION HEARINGS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

I am Karen de Young, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters. After studying the 1982 funding schedule and evaluating the public input at earlier hearings the League finds the Plan Department's recommendations generally very good.

As we have stated in another letter to the Plan Department we strongly support scattered site housing. We realize that this project may be costly; however, until we can find an alternative method of removing possible blight and spreading out the concentration of low and moderate income housing, we must continue in this direction.

Our League is very concerned about the availability of housing for low and moderate income people. The very real need for adequate housing for refugees was well expressed at a previous public hearing by a spokesperson for that group. The elderly and single parent family housing needs must also be addressed.

We are pleased to see that for both of these programs new funds are being programmed through 1984.

We also would like to officially support the appropriation of funds for streetscape. The up-grading of Appleton's Central Business District is an immediate need in view of the threat to the viability of our downtown.

We were encouraged to find out at another hearing that any funds still available in the sump pump program could and will be applied to the housing rehabilitation program. We would further suggest that any funds earmarked for a particular project that might not be realized be programmed for housing needs and scattered site acquisition.



WISCONSIN WOMEN'S NETWORK TASK FORCES

WVN has requested the names of League members who would agree to serve on the ten Task Forces established at the Network's Annual Meeting in May. These Task Forces are:

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|-------------------------|--|
| Marital Property Reform | Displaced Homemakers                           |
| Reproductive Rights     | Child Care                                     |
| Employment Equity       | Sex Law Reform                                 |
| Education Equity        | Women and the Criminal Justice System          |
| Domestic Violence       | Governmental Fiscal Policies: Effects on Women |

Task Force members should be prepared to keep the League informed about the relevant issues, especially when opportunities for advocacy and lobbying activities arise. League members who are working in a particular field, or who have a special interest in the subject, might be interested in being a "working" member of a Task Force. If so, contact Karen de Young (739-3079) so that she can submit your name to the state League office.

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The League can be represented officially on all the task forces except Reproductive Rights, on which we have no positions.

The Reproductive Rights Task Force is being coordinated locally by Cathy Boardman. Contact her (731-4010 or 838 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton) if you are interested in joining this particular Task Force as an individual. The goals of the Reproductive Rights Task Force fall into the following categories: 1) legislative, 2) educational, 3) advocacy activist, 4) coordination.

# OBSERVER CORPS

Attention League members! Now is the time to get involved in your local government. Observers are needed for County Board meetings (2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m., 4th Tuesday 7 p.m.), for City Council meetings (1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.) and City Finance Committee meetings (Mondays before Council meetings 7 p.m.) If you could be a regular or an alternate observer please call me. We also need people who are interested in attending city budget hearings in November. With Reaganomics in full swing we need to be especially watchful about how the federal budget cuts will affect us on a local level. If you can spare one or two evenings between November 9 to 20, please sign up to go with an "experienced budget watcher", i.e. board member. Call me -

- Jan Holmes (739-4694)

## dues due

### MARCH

Jane Cane

### APRIL

Anna Weis  
Linda Wiley

### JULY

Dorothy Stillings

### AUGUST

Ellen Needham  
Len Weis  
Cathy Boardman

### SEPTEMBER

Jan Besta  
Betty Breunig  
Berta Churchill  
Penny Coffin  
Marilyn Gosz  
Vivian Harnitz  
Barbara Hussin  
Pattee LaFountain  
Ann Long  
Joy Povolny

### OCTOBER

David Innes  
Judy Rehfeld  
Joyce Richman  
Joan Ross  
Kathy Sprenger  
Bette Wabers  
Marsha Brewer  
Kathy Knott

### NOVEMBER

Sally Bredeweg  
Francis Driessen  
Marlys Fritzell  
Joyce Green  
Kathy Isaacson  
Lois Mueller  
Pat Schinabeck  
Mary Vandenberg  
Helen Proctor  
Ginny Rose  
Ruth Seager  
Ginny Swanson  
Dawn Washatka

# ANNOUNCING

Musi Ward is serving on the Fox Cities Community Council.

Berta Churchill has been appointed to a subcommittee of the Special Committee on Community Correctional Programs. The subcommittee is charged with drafting a community corrections act.

# VTAE Study

Bev Wieckert and Barb Hussin are co-chairing the two-year state study of Vocational Education in Wisconsin. Before our League can learn how we finance, administer, structure and develop this system of education, a study committee must do some preliminary fact gathering. You don't have to go to the Fox Valley Tech to be a vocational school student -- come learn with us! Call us any weekday after 4:30 p.m. and we'll enroll you on our committee!!

- Bev Wieckert 739-2773  
Barb Hussin 739-7293



## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

### FRAN WHEELER

2717 E. Crestview Drive 731-6050

From Maryland originally, Fran and her husband and three children have lived in Appleton for seven years. She teaches handicapped preschool children in Kimberly and enjoys playing the piano and reading.

### KATHY JOHNSTON

2106 N. Roberts Street 734-6201

Kathy and her family lived in Illinois and Canada before coming to Appleton. She has a degree in pharmacy from Ferris Institute and is currently working as a volunteer at the Bubolz Nature Center.

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Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Liz Hoover  
1014 E. Eldorado St.  
Appleton, WI. 54911

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS WORKSHOP

November 5, Merrill, Wisconsin

AGENDA

- 9:30-10 AM Registration, coffee (Fee - \$3.00)
- 10-10:30 AM Greetings, announcements.
- 10-12:15 PM LOCAL PROGRAM  
Choosing local program  
Beginning the Study  
Meetings  
Member Agreement Process  
The Written Word
- MONEY MANAGEMENT  
Organizing Your Local League Fund Drive  
Creating You Local League Budget  
Special Projects and the Education Fund  
PMP and the Education Fund
- 12:15-1:15 PM Lunch - coffee and cold drinks available  
- brown bag (also for the children you bring)
- 1:15-3 PM BULLETINS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS  
Reproduction Techniques  
Options for Production  
Content  
Assigning Stories
- VOTERS SERVICE/CITIZEN INFORMATION  
Techniques and "How To" When Working with the Media  
Making Contacts with Cable Stations  
How to Get "Ink" in the Paper
- LOCAL ACTION UNDER STATE AND NATIONAL POSITIONS  
(a repeat of Feb. 26, 1981, workshop)  
Knowing League's Positions  
Considering Action  
Making the Decision for Action  
Testifying  
Lobbying

(please bring LWVUS Impact On Issues  
and LWV-WI Position Papers)

Child care will be available

Call Karen de Young (739-3079) for further information.



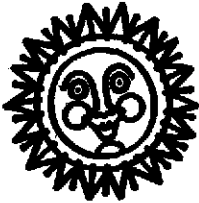


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Financing Energy Investments, Dave Parsons	11:00 a.m.	E123
Caulking Instruction for Kids, Appleton Junior Woman's Club	11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.	E120
The Double Envelope House Dick Dunlop, Manager, Kindt Building Center	12 noon and 2:00 p.m.	G120
Passive Solar Ideas for Existing Homes Jeff Schlegel, Consultant; Instructor Southwest Wisconsin Vocational Technical Institute	12 noon and 7:00 p.m.	G119
Some Important Lessons on the Performance of Active and Passive Solar Heating Systems Merlin Passow, Professor of Physics, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	12 noon and 3:00 p.m.	G108
Solar & Conservation Tour of FVTI, Kevin Flaherty, Maint. Mgr. FVTI	1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.	G108
Energy Saving Appliances, Beverly Haag, Home Economist, FVTI	1:00 p.m.	E112
*Drilling for Oil in Appleton: A Direction for Community Energy Management, Dave Parsons, Vice President, Syncon	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	E123
Recent Developments in Wind Energy Conversion Systems Bob Halstead, Wisconsin Division of State Energy	2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	F102
Building a Solar Greenhouse, Jeff Schlegel	2:00 p.m.	G119
Energy Management Workshop, Dave Parsons	3:00 p.m.	E123
Washington Island Wind & Solar Energy Project, Bob Halstead	4:00 p.m.	F102
Overview of Super Insulation, Heat Pumps, Air to Air Heat Exchangers, Solar Water Heaters, etc. John Longberg, Energy Management Consultant	5:00 p.m.	E123

## SUNDAY

Energy Saving Appliances, Beverly Haag	12 noon	E112
*Stretch Your Energy Dollar! Home Weatherization from Attic to Basement Jim Meehan, Hoss Hosmer	12 noon to 1:30 p.m.	G120
Chain Saw and Woodsplitting Safety Procedures John Hesselman, John's Saw Service	1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.	F102
Passive Solar Ideas for Existing Homes, Jeff Schlegel	1:00 p.m.	G119
Solar & Construction Tour of FVTI, Kevin Flaherty, FVTI	2:00 p.m.	G108
*Woodburning - Should I or Shouldn't I? Gene Gibas, UW-Extension Continuing Education Agent	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	G120
Building a Solar Greenhouse, Jeff Schlegel	3:00 p.m.	G119
Overview of Super Insulation, Heat Pumps, Air to Air Heat Exchangers, Solar Water Heaters, etc.; John Longberg	4:00 p.m.	E123

## EXHIBITORS

### Early Registrants

#### SOLAR

Solsorce, 510-1/2 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54913	414-739-7363
Energy Marketing Group/Sunway Solar Systems, 2041 Gross St., Green Bay, WI 54304	414-497-0323
Alternative Energy Systems of the Fox Valley, 4125 W. Pine St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-731-6255
PR Zenergy Enterprises, 7304 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-688-2432
Fox Valley Builders Supply, 1080 N. Perkins St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-7477
Sunny Horizons Solar Systems, 13800 W. Honey Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151	414-786-3483
Interstate Energy Systems, 8320 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53213	414-257-3785
Biggar Development, Ltd., 1221 S. Van Dyke Rd., Suite 1A, Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-3144
Alpine Realty and Builders, W2175 Highway 151, Chilton, WI 53014	414-849-4411

#### EARTH SHELTERED HOUSING

Hippert Earth Shelter Homes, 3005 37th, Two Rivers, WI 54241	414-793-1346
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#### WOODBURNING

Sunspots, 1925 University Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302	414-432-8820
Allied Fire-Lite, 310 N. Kools St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-733-4911

#### WINDOWS AND DOORS

The Radford Company, 40 Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-231-4880
U. S. Vinylux, 712 S. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-733-1644

#### INSULATION AND WEATHERIZATION

Nevilles Inc., 1857 Sal St., Green Bay, WI 54302	414-468-5746
Oshkosh Insulators, 4776 Island View Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-426-0303
Struensee Manufacturing Company, 4750 North Shore Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901	414-235-5030
Insul/Crete Company, 4311 Triangle St., McFarland, WI 53558	608-838-4861

#### TRANSPORTATION

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, 140 Main St., Menasha, WI 54952	414-729-1100
Valley Transit, 1024 West Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911	414-735-6100
Fox Valley Wheelmen, 2023 Clover Lane, Appleton, WI 54911	414-731-5734

#### ENERGY INFORMATION

Appleton Energy Conservation Task Force, 65 Bellaire Ct., Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-4208
League of Women Voters of Appleton, 30 Bellaire Court, Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-3079
League of Women Voters of Neenah-Menasha, 1330 Wooden Shoe Road, Neenah, WI 54956	414-722-3619
UW-Extension, Outagamie Cty Office, Courthouse, Room C103, 410 S. Walnut, App., WI 54911	414-735-5119
Appleton Junior Woman's Club, 2113 E. John St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-739-4295
Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, 800 S. Lynndale St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-735-1246
Sierra Club, John Muir Chapter, 805 N. 28th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208	414-342-1735
Wisconsin Electric Power Co., 807 S. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-735-0705
Appleton Public Library, 225 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911	414-735-6173
Fox River Valley Audubon Society, 636 Hansen, Neenah, WI 54956	414-725-0201
Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Dr., Appleton, WI 54911	414-731-6041
Citizens Utility Board, P.O. Box 8003, Madison, WI 53708	1-800-362-8034

#### FILM FESTIVAL

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Chain Saw Safety	11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Energy Management Saves Money	4:30 p.m.	
Energy Monsters: How to Starve Them	1:30 p.m.	
Gusts of Power	3:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.	
Home Heating with Wood	11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.	12:00 noon, 4:30 p.m.
Pedal Power	2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Rethinking Tomorrow	12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Running on Empty: The Fuel Economy Challenge	10:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Ruth Stout's Garden	1:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Solar Energy: The Great Adventure	10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
The Sun Builders	7:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
There's Grass on the Roof	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Toast	1:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Up the Power Curve	11:30 a.m.	
Van Pooling	12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.	

# Marital Property

AB 370, the marital property reform bill, was voted out of the assembly Judiciary committee on a favorable 6-4 vote. The alternative bill, AB 274, sponsored by the Wisconsin Bar Association, failed to secure a majority vote, so it will remain in committee. It is not dead, however, as the committee could reconsider it at any time. AB 370 has moved to the Joint Committee on Finance for examination of the fiscal impact of the bill. The bill must be voted out of Joint Finance before it can be considered on the assembly floor.

The bill's fiscal impact is due to the provision for the elimination of taxes on interspousal transfers through gifts or inheritance. So that the state would suffer no loss of revenue by the loss of these taxes, adjustments in the income tax schedules have been included in the bill. The adjustments would increase revenues enough to cover any projected losses.

The effect of the income tax changes on individuals will vary, because the changes have been structured to reflect a change in philosophy of taxation. No longer will the emphasis be on taxation of the individual, but on the family unit. The change will equalize the burden between the one-earner family and the two-earner family, which has previously had a tax advantage. As a result, some persons will pay more while others will pay less.

I wrote a letter to the cochairmen of the Joint Committee on Finance, John Norquist and Gerald Kleczka with copies to all committee members. They should have received the letter prior to their executive session on Oct. 26. I stressed our support for AB 370 as a whole, indicating our awareness of the fiscal impact and the provisions for dealing with it and asking the members of the committee to vote to recommend passage of the bill.

I am looking for ideas on how the league can help keep the issue of Marital Property Reform before the Public and build support for the legislation. If you have any suggestions, please give me a call.

I have copies of recent changes to the marital property reform bill, as well as the alternative proposal, AB 274, I'd be happy to share with anyone interested.

- Sally Klapper-Randa  
Marital Property Committee Chairperson

## HIS, HERS, THEIRS

Prior to 1850 under Wisconsin's law and the Anglo-Saxon common law, a married woman's property was automatically yielded to her husband. It was a great step forward for married women when states, one by one, passed the Married Women's Property Acts permitting a married woman to retain as separate property that which she had previously owned, received by inheritance or gift, earned by her labors, or purchased with her earnings. There have been few changes in the last 130 years.

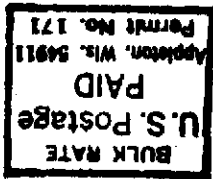
During the past decade, however, reforms have been enacted to improve and protect the rights of women whose marriage is broken by death or divorce. A 1971 probate law reform benefited a surviving spouse; a 1975 inheritance tax law moved in the direction of equally owned property, and the 1977 divorce reform law equalized the rights of divorced partners.

In 1979 a new reform, marital property, was proposed as another step in improving the status of women. The proposal was the result of interest by several groups, including the LWV, and research by law interns, attorneys and legislators during a seven-year span. It sought to update the status of the wife who is living with her husband in an intact marriage. Its aim was to give legal recognition to the social reality that exists in most families -- marriage is a partnership. (continued on next page)

*Marica Hittler*  
*520 N. Eastman*  
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HIS, HERS, THEIRS (continued)

The original proposal retained some features of separate property law, specifying that that which is inherited or received by gift remains the separate property of each partner. The changes would affect the property earned by either partner during marriage, called marital property. It would be owned and managed jointly and equally.

Mutual ownership would correct some inequities that are apparent in the present separate property system. It would allow a non-earning spouse to obtain credit, based on half of the marital property. It would allow the non-earning spouse the right to will at the time of death. It would also strengthen the family by giving recognition to the unpaid labor performed in the home, on the farm, or in the family business.

Additionally, the reform would address the areas of taxes and marriage agreements. Spouses would be able to pass to each other property, free of inheritance or gift taxes. They would also be allowed to tailor marriage agreements to their own needs.

The comprehensive 1979 marital property proposal was re-introduced in the legislature in April, 1981 (AB 370). It has been re-written to include refinements that have been suggested in committee hearings, by the state bar, and in coordination with a national group studying marital property law. A second proposal (AB 284) was also introduced in the legislature that would correct certain inequities in the present separate property system.

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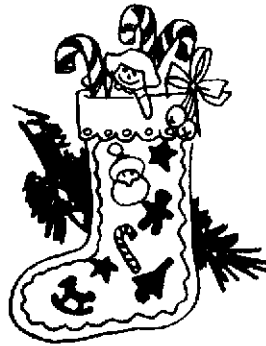
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December



1981

December 1  
Tuesday  
9:30 a.m.

Potential Member Coffee  
616 E. Greenfield St.

Hostess:  
Pat Bornslaeger

December 8  
Tuesday  
7:00 P.M.

General Meeting  
"SEE HOW THEY RUN"  
1st National Bank  
(door next to Walgreen's)

Hostesses:  
Sally Bredeweg  
Pat Bornslaeger

December 14  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
520 River Road

Hostess:  
Ruth Seager



# Karen's Komments

In case you have been wondering . . .

THE FIGHT TO SAVE OUR DOWNTOWN IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE AND WELL !!!

Win Thrall and I have been attending Save the Downtown meetings. We have participated in an "updating" luncheon with various business and community leaders and recently attended an informal lunch with Bronson La Follette. Many merchants, educational leaders, politicians, and lots of other concerned citizens are convinced that the next six months of legal activity will be crucial. People throughout the state are aware of the battle and are convinced just as we are that this case will be precedent setting and have far-reaching consequences.

I have a suggestion for an early New Year's resolution. Don't keep your opinions to yourself. Tell those you meet how committed the Appleton League is to working at both the local and state levels to address our concerns about the socio-economic and environmental effects of "cornfield" mall development.

The League has access to several copies of the economic study recently completed by Hammer, Siler George associates. Just give me a call if you would like to read it.

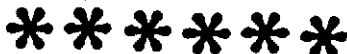
I also have a flow chart of the various law suits currently in the courts or proposed. I would like to share this information with anyone interested, but I'll have to rely on our in-League "legal expert" (Jan Nordell) to help explain it.

Remember as you do your Christmas shopping in Downtown Appleton that the General Growth mall was to have opened this holiday season!

*Karen*

## SPOTMASTER/LEAGUE ACTION LINE:

Call 202-296-0218 from 1 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Monday (EST) for an update on LWV issues. SPOTMASTER will be on the air until Congress adjourns for Christmas, probably December 18.



A big THANK YOU to Sue Kinde from the Board on behalf of all Appleton Leaguers! Sue coordinated two wonderful energy fairs this fall and organized the League's efforts as co-sponsor. The 2nd Annual Energy Fair was a wonderful opportunity to find ways to apply our position on energy conservation in our homes. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Thanks, Sue!



DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

\*\* SEE HOW THEY RUN \*\*

December 8, 1981

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

First National Bank

League members, their spouses and friends are invited to the League Christmas meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 8 to hear three elected officials discuss their successful election campaigns for local office.

Mayor Dorothy Johnson, Clerk of Courts Ruth Janssen, and Board of Education member Mary Scheig will participate in a panel discussion dealing with how they made the decision to run, what campaign techniques they used, and how public office has changed their lives.

Holiday refreshments will be served. Don't miss this interesting meeting.

- Pat Danford  
Voter Service Chairman

## ANNOUNCING

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin has accepted our offer to host Convention '83 at the new Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Appleton. The Neenah - Menasha League will co-sponsor this event. The state League will provide us with a step by step manual and expert advice. If planning an event like this appeals to you, give Karen a call — it's never too early to start organizing a committee !!

# D.C. Voting Rights

No taxation without representation was the rallying cry for Americans more than 200 years ago. The fledgling country eventually won its point -- and its war -- but now it is the only nation in the free world that denies representation to the residents of its capital district. In Washington D.C. residents don't object to federal taxes any more than most Americans -- even though they pay more than the residents of 10 states. As League members know, it's the other half of the equation, lack of voting representation in Congress, that puts D.C. residents in a class of their own when it comes to citizenship.

Congress finally answered the persistent call for simple justice by passing the D.C. Full Voting Rights Amendment in 1978. Since then, 10 of the required 38 states have ratified the Amendment, most recently Oregon which passed the Amendment on July 6, 1981. Wisconsin ratified the Amendment in 1979. Working with more than 55 other organizations in the Self-Determination for D.C. Coalition, the League has made the ratification campaign a top priority.

- Ginny Rose

## dues due

### MARCH

Jane Cane

### APRIL

Donna Weis

Brenda Wiley

### AUGUST

Len Weis

Cathy Boardman

### SEPTEMBER

Jan Besta

Betty Breunig

Penny Coffin

Marilyn Gosz

Patte LaFountain

Ann Long

Joy Povolny

Helen Proctor

Ruth Seager

Ginny Swanson

Dawn Wshatka

### OCTOBER

David Innes

Judy Rehfeld

Joyce Richman

Joan Ross

Bette Wabers

Marsha Brewer

Kathy Knott

### NOVEMBER

Sally Bredeveg

Frances Driessen

Marlys Fritzell

Joyce Green

Kathy Isaacson

Lois Mueller

Pat Schinabeck

### DECEMBER

Jean Hedges

Marcia Jansen

Dorothy Olson

Nancy Pourciau

Mary Van Groll

# MEMBERSHIP old and new

There will be a Potential Member Coffee at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1 at Pat Bornslaeger's house, 616 East Greenfield St.

Please call Pat with names of people who might be interested in learning more about the Appleton League.



## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

JOAN JENQUIN  
Rt. 3, McCabe Road  
Kaukauna

766-7032

Joan is originally from Freedom, graduated from UWGB and teaches third grade in Kaukauna. She enjoys hobbies of racketball, tennis, skiing, jogging, swimming, crocheting and reading.

PAT MAZUR  
1914 N. Gillette St. 738-0780

A former Appleton League member, Pat has been active in LWV since 1964 in five different states. She served as League president in Albany, Georgia and Fullerton, California. When she isn't involved in League activities she finds time to be a library mom, YMCA member and enjoys hobbies of needlecraft and ceramics.

## membership dues

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....	\$17.50
ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEE.....	\$ 2.50
	<u>\$20.00</u>

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....	\$
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TOTAL ENCLOSED.....	\$
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Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:  
Liz Hoover  
1014 E. Eldorado St.  
Appleton, WI. 54911

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY OF THE APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters of Appleton is nonpartisan. As an organization it does not support or oppose candidates for public office but acts on those issues chosen by the membership for study and action.

The League believes that the political parties are essential to the American system of government and that the participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the political parties and to the system. Consequently, the League encourages its members as individuals to be active in the political parties, in finding and supporting candidates for public office, and in seeking election to public office.

Members of the League are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors while seeking or holding elective public office. There are no other specific restrictions on the political activities of Officers and Directors, but it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors, individually and collectively, to insure that the community has no reason to question the nonpartisan position of the League as an organization.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES - Employment

Two questions in the area of employment will receive increasing attention in the next few years -- mandatory retirement and the related issue of social security benefits and the problem of equal pay for jobs of comparable worth.

The Age Discrimination Act of 1967, amended in 1974 and 1978, prohibits the following: 1) Failing to hire or discharging the older worker between 40-70 because of age; 2) Discriminating on pay or other benefits or limiting or classifying an employee to his/her disadvantage because of age; 3) Instructing an employment agency not to refer a person to a job because of age or to refer only to certain kinds of jobs; 4) Placing any ad that shows preference based on age or specifies an age bracket ("girl," "young," etc.). Exceptions: the federal government, employers of less than 20 persons, jobs where youth is a bona fide occupational qualification, such as modeling teen age clothes.

Problems still exist regarding employment for the elderly. Enforcement of the act is difficult. The government must prove a discriminatory pattern in the practices of the companies.

Most employers now place mandatory retirement at age 70. Those in favor argue that it is good for the employees, saving them from being forced to retire after being labeled incompetent through a competency test. They also believe it is good for employers because they do not have to make a judgment on a person's ability. It also removes the most highly paid personnel and insures a turnover at senior levels. It is good for society because it frees up jobs for young people. Those opposed say that retirement on the basis of age alone is discriminatory because it makes no allowances for a person's abilities and because retirement usually causes a sharp reduction in income. Allowing delayed retirement would lessen the burden on the social security system.

If Congress does remove the age 70 bracket, employers will be faced with some difficult decisions. If competency tests are used, all people over 40 and above could be required to take them. What will be the testing standards? Will the pressure of annual tests be a benefit to the employer? What will become of individuals who fail the test well before retirement age? Many questions surround this controversial issue.

An employment-related issue is discrimination in the social security system -- especially against women. Benefits paid to the homemaker reflect "dependency" on the wage earner. When a woman's husband dies, she receives only 82½% of her deceased husband's benefits. Credit for social security deducted from a working wife's pay is not added to the credit for her husband's deductions. If a widow remarries before she is sixty, she loses all of her benefits. If a couple who are both receiving benefits wish to marry, the law states that the two individual sums must be reduced to the equivalent joint sum of one and one half. This ruling has had the effect of punishing those who wish to marry.



STATEMENT ON 1982 COUNTY BUDGET

I am Karen de Young, president of the Appleton LWV. Thank-you for the invitation to observe the executives budget sessions. We also observed the finance committee meetings and would hope that comments made during this public hearing will be considered at their deliberation later this week.

First, we understand that because federal and state funding is unsure this year you have an especially difficult task. We feel the county executives bottom line budgeting philosophy generally appears to be a good idea. However, dept. heads must be encouraged to seek out grants and other sources of funds to meet the needs of their depts allowing them to offer additional and varied services to residents of the county.

Second, The League is committed to a system of justice which assures the public prompt and equal treatment before the law. We are convinced the services the law clerk renders to the judges makes our court system more efficient. The law clerk keeps the case backlog down by doing preliminary research for the judges freeing them for more time on the bench. The expenditure of hiring a clerk is certainly in the public interest. We support the Finance committee's decision to allocate funds to continue this position.

Third, We are pleased the Historical Society's reasonable budget proposal was approved by the committee.

Fourth, The increase of user fees for county recreational services appears to be at a level that will increase revenue without decreasing use. This seems to be a sensible approach in times of budgeting constraints.

Fifth, We wish to draw attention to a portion of your budget which causes us concern. We feel better administration of the county's centralized purchasing is in order. For example we as observers and individual finance committee members pointed out that of 10 typewriter requests there were 3 brands and price ranges from \$650 to \$1050 for machines doing similar works.

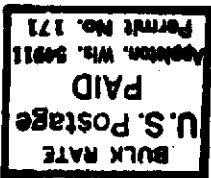
Sixth, Since the County and city Reapportionment plans are still being developed and the League takes a strong position on not increasing the numbers of Supervisors on the Cty. Board. We would like the deletion of the following items under capital outlay a) \$1000 for updating the city bd. visual display bd. b) \$800 for update of the chairman's console c) \$1500 for supervisory desk stations d) \$1200 for soft ware programing e) \$1000 for remodeling desks f) \$500 for additional chairs and g) \$3400 for supervisors salaries for a grand total of \$9,400.

Inclusion we appreciate the evening timetable for finance committee hearings and the timeliness of this public hearing.

Marcia Hittle  
520 N. Bateman  
Appleton 54911

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Statement of the Appleton League of Women Voters  
on 1982 General Revenue Sharing proposals.

The National League of Women Voters supported Federal Revenue Sharing on the premise that it would provide local governments with extra funds to deal with community problems and needs not covered by tax levys.

The league notes that if General Revenue Sharing funds were designated as part of the regular operating budget rather than for capital expenditures or temporary projects, taxes could suddenly jump if the revenue sharing funds were discontinued.

The Appleton League after examining the Revenue Sharing projects for 1982 and looking back to the 1981 disbursements notes \$125,000 increase in Highway Bituminous Projects. (534,780 to 662,163). In 1979 League questioned the spending of \$345,600 for these projects. If the funds are still available will we continue in this direction. Road maintenance, certainly, is an operating expense. Will taxpayers be shocked into the reality of higher taxes, poor roads, and lost jobs if we continue this policy and the funds dry up?

Are the housing needs for the elderly a real concern for the 80's?

No one's financial crystal ball seems to be too accurate of late so perhaps we should re-examine our community needs today and in the future.

Thank-You...

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JANUARY



1982

January 13  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

Lively Issues Meeting  
1215 N. Briarcliff Dr.

Hostess: Pat Danford

January 18  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
910 S. Midpark

Hostess: Stevie Schmidt

January 20  
Wednesday  
10:30 a.m.

DNR Air Quality Hearing  
Harper Hall  
Lawrence University

Music-Drama Center  
115 N. Park Ave.

January 20  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.

Park & Rec Open Committee Meeting  
Steve Evans, Park & Rec Commission  
Chairman

Hostess: Kathy Sprenger  
916 E. Sunset

UNIT MEETINGS:

PARK & RECREATION STUDY

January 26  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
2118 N. Alexander

Hostess: Joyce Green  
Discussion Leader:  
Cynthia Johnson

January 26  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
514 N. Union

Hostess: Nancy Pourciau  
Discussion Leader:  
Lynn Debbink

January 27  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Unit Meeting  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22  
(Babysitting downstairs)

Hostess: Dawn Washatka  
Discussion Leader:  
Mary Van Groll

# Karen's Komments

# Reapportionment Update

Opportunity knocks twice this month.. There are two very important League activities for you to consider. Both require participation by all League members. We need your help, expertise, ideas and some of your time.

On January 13 Helen Nagler will be moderating our Lively Issues meeting. This is your opportunity to have input into national, state, and local program planning. Selecting appropriate program is our biggest responsibility at this time. I know that with a well planned program we can continue to be well informed, remain effective, stay "on top of things," and increase membership.

The other highlight of the month is your opportunity to choose how you will help in our finance drive. Mary Vandenberg has done a superb job planning this year's drive. (Her master plan is a thing of beauty!) However, it's only a plan. We need you to bring the plan to life. Return the questionnaire in this month's bulletin. Because the economic crunch has invaded even the Fox River Valley we must do a first rate job of fund raising. We need to demonstrate that League is a real asset to the community.

*Karen*



After two years of study members of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin reached agreement that redistricting should be based primarily on population equality. Consideration should also be given to compactness and contiguity of districts, maintenance of voting equality, and, as possible, recognition of community interest, as defined by town, village, city, county or ward boundaries and other major geographical characteristics. The League members specifically rejected the use of the concept of "political competitiveness" as a factor for establishing specific districts.

As a result of the public hearing on October 14, the LWV analyzed AB 616 and what appeared to be the only other bill of legislative interest, Chilsen-Hawke. Because of the obvious gerrymandering in areas of Milwaukee and the splitting of the 6th district the League believed AB 616 to be unacceptable. The League also was dismayed by the haste in which redistricting proposals were being acted upon in the State Legislature and felt very strongly that no opportunity was being given for citizen input. The League preferred the Chilsen-Hawke plan but felt there might also be other plans that were more desirable.

The League suggested that the State Legislature postpone action on state redistricting until next year and encouraged the Legislature to hold statewide meetings and furnish the public with redistricting proposals so that citizens might scrutinized them.

On November 10, 1981 the State League Board voted to challenge in court the Congressional Redistricting Plan AB 616 and notified Governor Dreyfus of their decision. In late November Governor Dreyfus vetoed Reapportionment Bill 616 and challenged the Legislature to come up with a better plan.

- Ginny Rose

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## A WORD ABOUT NONPARTISANSHIP -

When the time comes to take a firm stand on an issue, it's important for everyone in the League to understand that the League is a political organization. We do take political stands on issues. You could say we are partisan on issues in the dictionary sense that we take sides about those issues on which we have a position. But we are definitely nonpartisan when it comes to parties or candidates. As the bylaws of every League state, "The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate."

This nonpartisanship does not stop League from airing League issues and League views during a political campaign. Leagues do this by making sure the candidates for office address themselves to the issues -- in public issue forums, informal gatherings, whenever and wherever the candidates and League members have the opportunity to interact. Remember, getting candidates to express themselves on an issue on which the League has a stand does not constitute formal endorsement of or opposition to the candidates.

- Ginny Rose

# lively issues



The following is an excerpt from the Fall 1981 VOTER

For the League of Women Voters, the convention program-making countdown begins with member discussion of issues old and new. We all know that selecting national program requires far more deliberation than can be given in the excitement and drama of convention caucuses, debate or floor votes. That is why the League program-making process starts six months before convention. Although convention fever and fervor can easily coalesce around hot urgent problems, program adoption is more than just debate over pressing new issues and the League's role in solving them. Program is more than adoption of socially desirable objectives, more than a smorgasbord of issues reflecting League principles and history. Program is the organizational glue, the "cause" that provides the reason why we willingly work long hours for no pay. Program is the prescription for League action, the basis for fundraising and the stimulus for attracting and maintaining members.

TIME: Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Danford's house  
1215 N. Briarcliff Drive

PURPOSE: Recommend NATIONAL STUDY for  
1982-83 and LOCAL STUDY for  
1982.

The local Lively Issues Meeting is the start of our local and national program planning process. It is the most important meeting of 1982 because this is when you propose and discuss the items for study that you would like to see included in the 1982 League program.

Sometimes League members complain that they are dissatisfied with the chosen studies. It is important for every member to voice her opinions at the Lively Issues Meeting on the vital issues in the community and nation in order that a choice can be made that takes into consideration the following questions:

- 1) Does there appear to be a problem?
- 2) Is this a crucial time for the issue?
- 3) Can political action be taken by governmental units at the level of the study to solve the problem? (Local study: action taken by county and/or city government.)
- 4) Will League members spend time and effort on the issue?

Your responsibilities for Lively Issues are:

- 1) Local Study - Bring your suggestions to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, send your suggestions with a friend or call Helen Nagler (739-8053).
- 2) National Study - Along with considering new items, we need to make recommendations on existing items: drop? retain? if retain, what sort of attention? Take some time to review the Fall 1981 National Voter and bring it with you to the meeting.

Several other Leagues are lobbying for specific National Program items. Suggestion received so far are:

- 1) Study of U.S. National Security, Arms Control, and Military Spending.
- 2) Study of the Impact of Defense Policy on National Priorities and International Relations.
- 3) Project to educate League membership and public about the financing and reimbursement systems used within the health care system; their effect on the delivery of health services and the recommended options for improving the systems.
- 4) Intercollegiate sex discrimination.
- 5) Extending the United Nations position beyond the confines of the United Nations to our national policy.

- Helen Nagler

# DOWNTOWN APPLETON

It now appears that the Grand Chute Mall has become the primary testcase of the effectiveness of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (WEPA).

Two recent decisions by the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Department of Natural Resources have put WEPA in question. First, early in December the Supreme Court ruled that the Department of Industry, Labor, and Human Relations (DIHLR) could allow a 100-unit condominium sewage holding tank to be installed in Door County without an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Appleton League of Women Voters had amicus standing in this case along with 21 downtown Appleton merchants. The second decision came from the DNR in its Environmental Impact Report which ruled initially that an EIS was not necessary before issuing water and air quality permits for the construction of the mall in Grand Chute. The ruling stated that the environmental factors, which are the primary consideration in their view, are not significant and therefore the socio-economic concerns are not in themselves important.

In an editorial the Capitol Times of Madison labeled the two decisions "environmental insults" and said that if the situation in the Appleton area did not constitute a major environmental impact, they did not know what did. Arlen Christianson, University of Wisconsin professor of law and chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Board for the public intervenor's office, voiced similar disbeliefs. The Citizens' Advisory Board has authorized Peter Peshek to sue the DNR if it refuses to hold a hearing before an independent examiner. A second legal action will be started if the DNR's final decision, expected on February 5, is that no EIS is required.

In a press conference on December 7, Peter Peshek and Donald Zuidmulder, the environmental attorney who represents the League, downtown merchants, and the Save Downtown Committee, talked about these legal challenges. They pointed out several specific instances where the DNR did not follow completely or neglected entirely the WEPA rules. They also pointed out that the County Zoning Committee had granted water permits before the General Growth Corporation submitted its report on November 18.

The mayor's office will sponsor a public informational meeting on the DNR report, prepared by the consultants Hammer, Silar George, on Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. at Lawrence University's Harper Hall. One week later on January 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the same place, the DNR will conduct an air quality hearing and immediately following it, will hold an informational session on the decision not to require an EIS. The DNR will accept written comments on the report up to February 1. The League encourages the membership to attend the meetings or write to the DNR.

DNR representative Wesley Sprague admitted that there would be a "significant degradation of air" from the mall. He also said "The mall will bring the area's carbon monoxide level to within 80% of the allowable maximum federal limit and will possibly restrict future development in the area."

Environmental attorney, Susan Steingass, who has new funding to continue representing Appleton, will try to persuade the DNR not to suspend the permit procedures and will also file for the contested case hearing.

In a recent discussion of the mall controversy, someone was overheard to say that we are not governed by free enterprise but by democracy.

- Win Thrall

# PARK and RECREATION UNITS

What timing! The Park and Recreation Study Committee will be holding its unit meetings on January 26 and 27. In addition to the information included in this Bulletin, we will have additional material on cost, the Park & Rec Commission, and the programs that other recreation departments are providing. What direction do you want Appleton's Park and Recreation Department to take? Join us on January 26 and 27!

## Steve Evans, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission

On Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. Steve Evans will be our guest at an open committee meeting at 916 E. Sunset. This will be your last chance to ask for and receive information directly from those involved in making decisions concerning our Parks and Recreation. The open meetings held with Bud Koehnke and Dick Grant were very informative and enjoyable. Come January 20 and find out what the Commission thinks, what it does, and how it does it.

## Recreation Department Programs

### Spring & Summer:

Baseball (youth)  
Basketball (high school)  
Golf Classes  
Gymnastics  
Playground Activities  
Soccer (grade school)  
Softball (adult)  
Softball (youth)  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Tikes on Trikes  
Weight Training  
Wrestling  
Yoga

### Fall & Winter:

Adult 6 Man Touch Football  
Tops Club  
Youth Soccer League  
Grade School 7 Person Football  
Chess Club  
Halloween  
Yoga (adult)  
Arts & Crafts  
Men's, Women's, & Coed Volleyball  
Boys' & Girls' Basketball  
Couples' Volleyball  
Children's Dance  
Figure Skating  
Citywide Carnival  
Handball  
Gymnastics  
Free Play Program  
Holiday Vacation Program  
Golf Instruction  
Badminton  
Adult Basketball  
Adult Soccer  
Swimming

These are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the Appleton Park and Recreation Department perceived by our committee after studying various reports and surveys:

### Strengths

Parks are generally well located and in good condition.

With the completion of the Erb Park Pool and the Park & Rec. facility at Memorial Park, major facility deficiencies as described in the 1977 Consultants' Report will be eliminated.

A Master Plan was developed for Parks & Open Space. This will facilitate decision making in times of financial cut-backs.

The Recreation Dept. is attempting to accommodate the continued high interest in competitive sports.

The swimming instruction program appears to be both well managed and popular.

### Weaknesses

Parks tend to be too "well manicured." There is a lack of natural areas.

The present administrative structure does not appear strong. Commission role, responsibilities, and authority are not well-defined and is top heavy with aldermen.

### Recreation programming:

- lack of programs for the elderly, handicapped and preschoolers.
- an inadequate system of registration for certain programs.
- no established procedure for initiating new programs.

Publicity for recreation programs is very weak. They do not get the semi-annual program publication out to the "households." There is no uniform policy or agreement between the Park & Rec Dept. and the school district regarding programs and facilities.

## RECREATION PLANNING

**Traditional Emphasis** - Prior to 1970 the focus of most Recreation Plans was on site designs providing facilities for organized competitive sports and outdoor public spaces. Parks were designed as escapes from polluted, congested cities.

**Current Emphasis** is on the relationship of public recreational opportunities to other types of land use, design, and access. Physical resources, the primary focus, broadened to include social and environmental factors such as urban beautification, historic preservation, and environmental interpretation. Parks are designed to beautify and renew the city and to make it a desirable place to live, work and visit.

**Emerging Emphasis** will focus on human development and environmental management and include: recycling developed land into open space; non-competitive self-programmed activities; creative play areas; integration of the arts, culture, senior citizens, daycare and adult education into park and recreation; special programs for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped; the utilization of supplementary spaces such as rooftops, cemeteries and the conversion of obsolete buildings to public or private recreation uses. There will be a fading of distinctions between indoor/outdoor and public/private spaces to provide an integration of space and services. Traditional Park and Recreation departments are becoming part of new agencies with broader responsibility to human services, life enrichment, and environmental planning and management.

Recreation planning today requires sensitive and sophisticated methods, citizen participation in planning and design, environmental and social impact assessment and cost effectiveness of public investments.

Source: Recreation Planning and Design - Seymour M. Gold

## SOCCKER IN APPLETON

On December 9th the Park and Recreation study committee met with Maureen Radtke, a parttime employee of the Appleton Recreation Department, to discuss the Soccer program.

Mrs. Radtke has an associate degree in Recreation and has been responsible for the program from its start three years ago. The program was set up due to high public interest.

It began with 400 children on 20 teams. The number of teams grew to 33, then 43, 68, 75, and the current number 173. 2,400 children now participate with more increases expected each season.

The children play on nine fields. Five are on the south side: Johnston, Hoover Park, Telulah, McKinley, and St. Bernadette. Four are on the north side: Highlands, St. Pius, Erb and Huntley. Only two fields are park department fields: Erb and Telulah. One field is planned for Memorial Park.

At the inception of the program, soccer was a coed sport but when the team total reached 43 a decision was made to split the teams. It was thought that more children would participate in separate teams. Although there were complaints from parents and children the decision remained because the number of teams increased the next season. Last summer there were a few coed teams at the high school level and 8 adult coed teams are planned for next summer.

One of the problems facing youth soccer is the cost of the shirts, \$3.50 to \$4.00 each. For 2 seasons the department charged for shirts, 2 seasons sponsors were found to cover half the cost, and for the past 2 seasons the players have sold candy door-to-door. The candy sale is voluntary and is handled by the Soccer Booster Club, an organization of parents of children in the program. Last year the elementary teams received \$2,300.00 for shirts and the high schools a lesser amount. Mrs. Radtke is on the Board of Directors as a liason to the Recreation Department.

The adult program is less formal than the childrens. In 1982-83 soccer will be a WIAA sanctioned sport in the high schools.

Spectator participation is very high.

Appleton is the only recreation department in Wisconsin to sponsor a soccer program. All the other cities have associations which sponsor their soccer programs with recreation departments as co-sponsors.



STATEMENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1982 CITY BUDGET

I am Karen de Young, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters.

As most of you are aware, the League does not comment item by item on the budget, but instead concentrates on certain aspects of fiscal policy and future planning which we believe the City Council should review periodically.

The League would like to take this opportunity to commend the Finance Committee, its Chairman James Koleske, the aldermen as a whole, and the Mayor and her staff. We found the budget sessions well conducted, efficient, organized and informative. We were pleased to see so many aldermen in attendance at these sessions. We would especially like to applaud the Mayor for her well thought out and trimmed budget and her leadership role during the budget process.

Tonight we plan to highlight several areas which we feel will have considerable impact on the future of Appleton.

First, the League would like to go on record in support of (1) continuing in-service training of city personnel, (2) the proposal to move the Health Department and the Department of Weights and Measures to the old fire station, and (3) your efforts to keep the city's debt limit low. These are indication of fiscal planning and good government.

Second, the \$12,000 in the development budget for the promotion of the city and its Comprehensive Plan is a small price to pay to ensure the vitality and continuing growth of our city. The Appleton League's publication This Is Appleton compliments the city's promotional efforts.

Third, since 1972 the League has supported the continuation and improvement of public transportation as an important factor in conserving energy, improving the environment, and easing the accessibility to the downtown and other parts of the community. The new transit garage is vital to the servicing of the community. The old transit garage is highly inadequate. The new facility will allow sufficient space for proper bus maintenance, sufficient storage for 40 foot buses and room for expansion. We think the passenger waiting shelters will provide convenience and comfort for the many passengers utilizing the transit system.

Fourth, we commend the Finance Committee's unanimous endorsement of \$20,000 to retain Susan Steingas as environmental attorney for the city. This is a strong indication of the city's continuing commitment to seeing that all the environmental and socio-economic questions associated with the mall are answered. No other issue in recent years has been more crucial to the insurance of Appleton's future. In the next few months legal activity, especially in the form of discovery, is bound to be accelerated. Therefore it is imperative that your positive response, as leaders of the community, be in the form on monies that can be well used now and in the near future.

Finally, we wish to comment on the philosophy of holding public hearings. We take very seriously the privilege and responsibility of being able to speak to you at this time. The budget process does not end before the public hearing but continues through it. We hope that your final decisions on the 1982 budget take into consideration the views expressed by the public this evening. We regret that you are taking action at the same time that the public hearing is being held because it does not allow time for the members of the Council to evaluate the views of the citizens.

Thank you.

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## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES - Housing

The Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended in 1974, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex. Some states have further prohibitions on the basis of marital status or families with children. The District of Columbia also lists physical disability, age, personal appearance, sexual preference, family responsibility, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income, place of residence or place of business. Oregon prohibits discrimination on the basis of marital status but excludes the rights of unmarried couples by stating that the law does not apply if the living arrangements "would necessarily result in common use of bath or bedroom facilities by unrelated persons of opposite sex."

Some cities, such as Madison, have ordinances limiting the number of unrelated persons who can share a residence in an area zoned for single family residences. Such laws discriminate against single parents who wish to share living arrangements for economic reasons or those who prefer communal living arrangements.

Limiting rentals to adults-only is another issue. In some communities 70% to 90% of rentals exclude children. Yet apartments are the only housing many families can afford. With available rental opportunities being reduced by condominium conversion and "gentrification,"\* pressure on local governments to provide opportunities for families will increase. Angry parents in St. Paul, Minnesota, tried to get the issue on the ballot in city elections in April, 1980, and the Los Angeles City Council considered a measure outlawing most adults-only housing. San Francisco enacted an ordinance when it found neighborhoods becoming less stable as the city lost children.

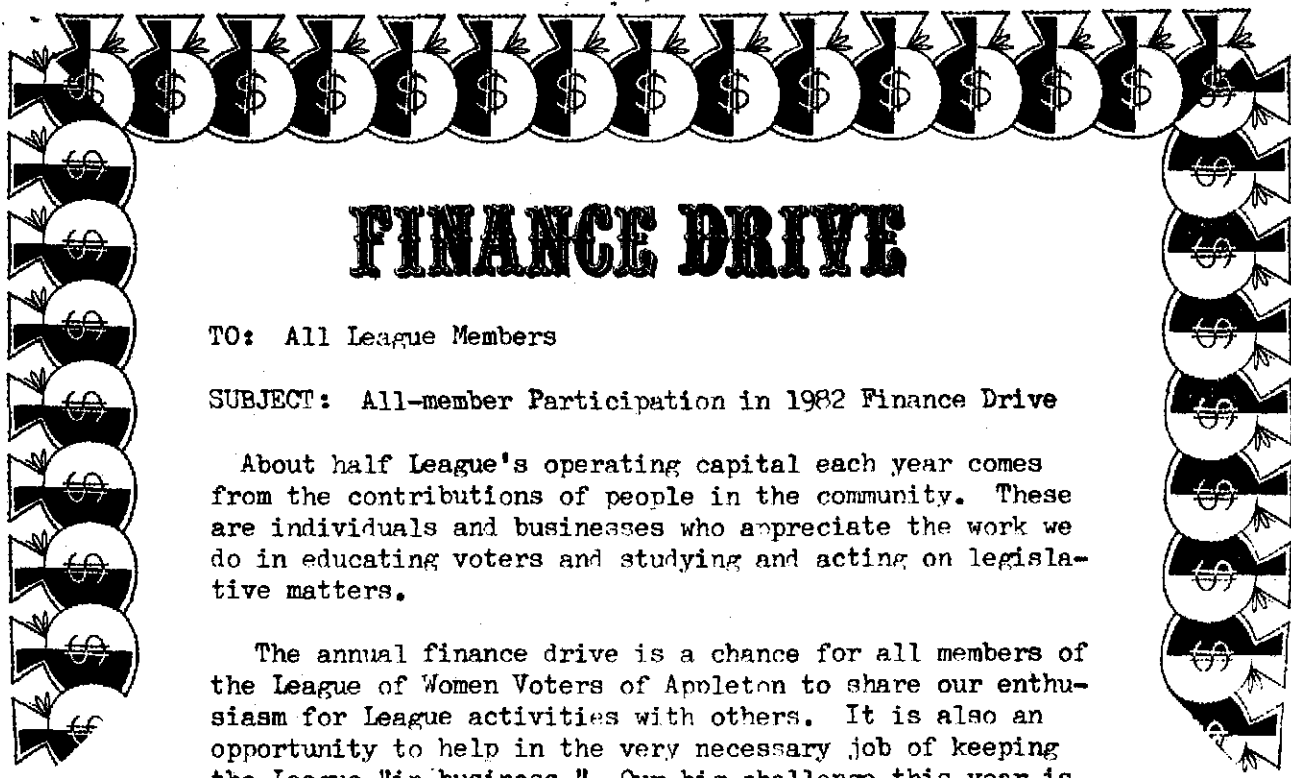
The adults-only question is further complicated by the question of age discrimination. Some housing is available to people solely on the basis of age. Studies have shown that people of like ages prefer to cluster together, finding it easier to make friends and maintain morale. A study of social integration of the elderly in apartment buildings showed that proximity to younger people did not necessarily mean friendships formed. Elderly people tend to befriend other elderly, and increased density of older people means more relationships formed. Most public assisted housing is in some way segregated for low-income families or elderly.

Public debate is needed to determine the role local government should play in achieving a mix that provides adequate housing for all groups in society.

A different housing issue results from the efforts of government to find ways to relieve some of the financial burden for older citizens living on fixed incomes. In 1978 Congress enacted legislation that gives a one-time tax exemption up to \$100,000 on the sale of a home after age 55. Some states give property tax relief to those over 65 by delaying the payment of taxes until the home is sold after death. The Wisconsin legislature has considered this type of relief and may do so again. Some elderly groups are asking to be relieved of the liability for school taxes after 65. Removing people 65 and over from the school tax roles would place the heavy burden of financing schools on younger persons and is at odds with the philosophy that education is of value to all of the society.

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\*According to the the LWVUS *Current Focus*, "Human Needs: Unfinished Business on the Nation's Agenda," gentrification occurs when suburbanites, feeling the cost of commuting to their central-city jobs, join other upper-middle-income people who are electing to stay in the city and transforming lower-income neighborhoods into havens for the "gentry" -- frequently forcing out their lower-income neighbors.



# FINANCE DRIVE

TO: All League Members

SUBJECT: All-member Participation in 1982 Finance Drive

About half League's operating capital each year comes from the contributions of people in the community. These are individuals and businesses who appreciate the work we do in educating voters and studying and acting on legislative matters.

The annual finance drive is a chance for all members of the League of Women Voters of Appleton to share our enthusiasm for League activities with others. It is also an opportunity to help in the very necessary job of keeping the League "in business." Our big challenge this year is to overcome contributors' natural tendency to donate the same amount as last year (or even to cut back!). Our need for money, like everyone else's, increases.

**WE NEED YOU ! ! !**

We're contacting many more potential contributors this year. That means the greatest support from members will be needed during the week of March 8 - 12 to make brief solicitation visits to two or three businesses or individuals. The calls will be on people who have received a letter asking for a donation to the work of the League and who have requested a visit from a League member or who just have not found the time to respond.

Skills required of solicitors are enthusiasm; curiosity; willingness to say "I don't know, but I'll find out for you," in response to questions; confidence to state why you're there - to get a donation for League; and understanding if the answer is no; and a smiling "Maybe next year?"

The finance drive also uses many other talents. How will you help? Please complete the checklist below, tear it off and send it by January 15 to: Mary Vandenberg, 1207 Wisconsin Ct., Appleton. Or phone her after 5 p.m. at 739-0777. We will follow up between now and March 1 to confirm your offers to help. If we don't hear from you, we'll assign you as needed.

I will help with the LWV Finance Drive in the following way(s):

- Make solicitation visits
  - I'm new; would like to go with someone (optional)
  - Have gone before; happy to take someone (optional)
- Babysit for solititors
- Demonstrate a solicitation visit at the finance drive kickoff meeting
- Be part of phone bank to call where solictors are unable to make contact
- Answer solictors' questions at the kickoff meeting
- Make a money donation; \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
- The following people/businesses support League activities and should be approached for a contribution (Note: The finance committee will check to see if they are already on our list):

MY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

We're looking forward to a successful finance drive for which all members can take credit!

Mary Vandenberg  
Finance Chariman

# dues due

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Jane Cane

## APRIL

Donna Weis

Brenda Wiley

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Cathy Boardman

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Joy Povolny

Helen Proctor

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Judy Rehfeld

Joyce Richman

Joan Ross

Bette Wabers

Marsha Brewer

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Joyce Green

Kathy Isaacson

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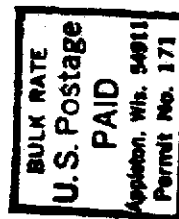
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Sally Klapper-Randa

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	<u>\$20.00</u>

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Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:  
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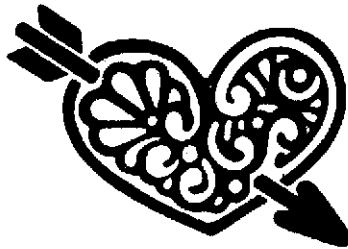


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UNIT MEETINGS:

PARK & RECREATION CONSENSUS

February 9  
Tuesday  
1:15 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
2118 N. Alexander

Hostess: Joyce Green  
Discussion Leader:  
Cynthia Johnson

February 9  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Unit Meeting  
514 N. Union

Hostess: Nancy Pourciau, Jan Besta  
Discussion Leader:  
Nancy Pourciau

February 10  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Unit Meeting  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave. - Room 22  
(Babysitting downstairs)

Hostess: Darlene Lilly  
Discussion Leader:  
Karen de Young

February 15  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
1940 Palisades Drive

Hostess: Ellen Needham

February 16  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

Potential Member Coffee  
616 E. Greenfield

Hostess: Pat Bornslaeger

February 25  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

Natural Resources General Meeting  
Speaker: Tom Blake, Hazardous  
Waste Specialist, D.N.R.

Appleton Police Station  
Room A



# Karen's Komments

This is the time of year when everyone seems concerned about her personal finances. My dining table top disappears for about one month, loaded with piles of checks, long since forgotten receipts and bits of assorted "important" stuff, in preparation for the day when we finally figure out our taxes.

At the last board meeting we also surveyed the League's present financial status. Liz Hoover and others discussed possible solutions to our most pressing problem. We need to have members pay their membership dues. The last page of January's bulletin looks more like a membership list than a reminder to a few who may have forgotten. Please send in your check today.

Assorted bits of League news...

1. Sally Klapper-Randa has established a local network to get information out to the public on the Marital Property Bill. Our first lunch meeting was very productive. See her article in this bulletin and give her a call if you would like to help.

2. Pat Danford is making plans with our local cable TV company for two "Candidates' Forum" programs - one for judges and one for aldermen - to be scheduled in late March. These programs, moderated by League, are great Voters' Service projects. We also will have our traditional Candidates' Forum at Edison School. Details will be in the next month's bulletin.

3. My most sincere thanks to those of you who braved the weather on January 20 for the D.N.R. hearing. Your "quality" statements (the word used by one of the experts who was testifying that day) were important contributions to the public record.

*Karen*

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LORRAINE JAMES

1631 E. Frances St.

739-2135

After raising six children Lorraine decided to go back to school and now she is Financial Administrator at T. J. Gasman Company. She has been active in community activities and is interested in city government.

# PARK and

# RECREATION UNITS

## CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

for the February 9 & 10 Unit Meetings

1. To what body should the Park & Recreation Department be responsible?
2. What changes, if any, would you make in the structure of the Park & Recreation Commission?
3. Should the administrative structure of the Park & Recreation Department be changed? How?
4. How can the Park & Recreation Department be made more financially accountable?
5. How should Recreation programs be financed? (User fees, taxes ... ?)
6. a) What criteria should be used to develop programs?  
b) What guidelines should be followed in planning for new park development?
7. What guidelines should be followed to develop job descriptions for the Park & Recreation Department?

## MEMBERSHIP old and new

There will be a Potential Member Coffee at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16 at Pat Bornslaeger's house, 616 E. Greenfield Street.

Please call Pat with names of people who might be interested in learning more about the Appleton League.



## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

DENISE PETERSON

1041 E. Nawada Street

738-0294

Denise and her husband moved here from California in September when he accepted the position with Valley Transit vacated by Joe ZaVisca. She was politically active in California and is presently employed by T. J. Gasman Company.

# Hazardous Waste Meeting

Is the Fox Valley a likely choice for the next hazardous waste landfill site in Wisconsin? How would a hazardous waste landfill site be picked? As concerned citizens, what do we need to know to be assured that a site in our area is safe and that the hazardous wastes are being properly handled? What avenues of citizen participation do we have in the siting process? And how can our participation be effective and meaningful?

To learn the answers to these and other questions come to the General Meeting at the Appleton Police Station, Room A on Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tom Blake, hazardous waste specialist with the D.N.R. for the Lake Michigan District will summarize current hazardous waste management in Wisconsin (NR181), tell us about AB936 (the bill resulting from the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Hazardous Waste on which the League was a citizen participant), and answer your questions about this important and timely topic. Pick up your background publication at the Park & Recreation unit meetings. Note: To give you an idea of where hazardous wastes come from and how we are all part of the problem, see the chart included below in this bulletin.

- Nancy Jones

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

More than 100 substances used in or produced by industrial processes are on the federal list of hazardous wastes. Wisconsin must deal with 70 of them. The EPA has selected four characteristics to define hazardous waste: Toxicity, Corrosivity, Ignitability, and Reactivity (explosiveness). Hazardous wastes are not equated with radioactive waste.

Those hazardous wastes which are toxic can harm humans in these ways:

1. A carcinogen is a substance that causes cancer.
2. A teratogenic agent is one that affects the fetus during formation.
3. A mutagen is a substance that alters the genetic material of egg and sperm, leading to undesirable inherited conditions.

The immediate problem we face is disposing of Wisconsin's 70 industrially produced hazardous wastes. We must shoulder responsibility for their disposal because we routinely buy and use these products: acrylic sweaters, glass, gasoline, airplanes, appliances, steel, antifreeze... The list goes on, and so does our part in producing hazards to our environment, both in Wisconsin and out.

Here is a sampler of common toxins YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING MADE:

<u>Toxin</u>	<u>Some Effects</u>	<u>Toxin Used in:</u>
Acrylonitrile	human carcinogen & teratogen	making acrylic fibers
Arsenic	muscle paralysis, liver & kidney damage	manufacturing glass
Benzene	leukemia, chromosomal damage	octane booster in gasoline
Beryllium	fatal lung disease, kidney stones, heart, liver & spleen problems	manufacture of airplanes, ceramic parts, kitchen appliances
Chlorinated Solvents	depress central nervous system & heart	dry cleaning solvent
Coke Oven Emissions	lung cancer	making iron and steel
Ethylene Oxide	mutagen, testicular damage	sterilizing medical equipment, producing antifreeze

# Marital Property Reform

During the past few weeks several articles have appeared in newspapers around the state which contained misleading information about the income tax implications on AB 370.

On Thursday, December 10, 1981, an article titled "Couples hurt most in marital reform bill," appeared in the Milwaukee Journal. This article contains gross inaccuracies. Eugene C. Harrington, author of the article, has already agreed to print a retraction. Unfortunately, the wire services picked up the article and some newspapers have already carried the same story.

The most glaring errors contained in the Milwaukee Journal were several statements to the effect that many married couples would receive tax increases of 40% or more. These statements are totally false.

On January 15 a few League members joined me for lunch at the AAL downtown building to discuss materials with accurate background information on AB 370, received from the Wisconsin Women's Network Task Force on Marital Property Reform. We duplicated the materials and all agreed to contact other groups and individuals in the area with updated information. Contacts with the Post Crescent, local radio stations, BFW group and NOW have been completed. We must convince the whole legislature that there is strong support for the bill and get as many groups and individuals outside the League as possible to give active support. If you know anyone who would like updated information about AB 370, please let me know (739-5270).

Copies of this background material will be available at the February 9 & 10 unit meetings. Please pick up a copy and refer to it for accurate information regarding the tax implications of AB 370.

- Sally Klapper-Randa

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TO: All League Members

SUBJECT: League Finance Drive  
It Depends on You!

You'll be getting a call soon from another League member. She'll confirm your specific offer of help or, if you didn't respond to the January bulletin request, notify you of how you can best support 1982 fund-raising. (If you have an alternative preference but just didn't get to respond to the January article, let the caller know how you prefer to help.)

And, whether you'll be soliciting or not (but definitely if you are) --

JOIN US AT THE KICKOFF!

Date: Monday, March 8, 1982  
The first day of Finance Drive Week

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Avenue  
Room 22, Babysitting downstairs

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to pick up solicitation  
12:15 p.m. especially, to hear kickoff speech by Corinne Goldgar. She'll tell you how to have fun soliciting. And to see the award-winning demonstrations of "what to expect during a solicitation visit!"

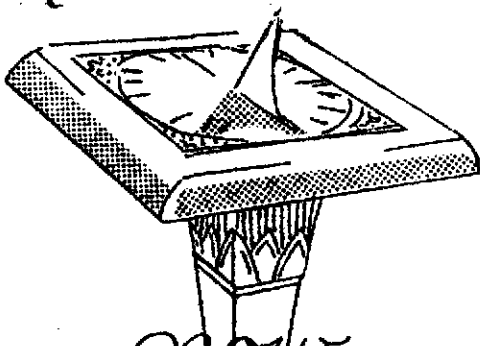
Bring a lunch and spend part of your lunch time with us, pick up your kit and get answers to your questions. And, if your time permits, call on the contributors assigned to you right away. There will be babysitting at the church from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., so you may be able to finish your calls the first day.

Our finance drive goal last year was \$2600. While the budget for 1982-83 is still being developed, it's certain that needed funds will be at least \$2600 again this year. Our contributors are many past and present members and local business and professional people. Each contribution typically is \$10 to \$50. That means a lot of donations are needed! Your help in getting them can mean fun and a sense of achievement for you -- and help assure League can afford to undertake the studies and projects we decide on at the Annual Meeting.

Please read and save the brochure, "Fundraising? Who? Me.", which is attached to this bulletin for use during the drive.

- Mary Vandenberg





*NOW  
is the time  
Pay your Dues!*

**LEAGUE MEMBERS ...**

3/4 of our fiscal year was over on December 31, 1981. 3/4 of our income from dues should have been received by that time to cover our budget expenditures. As of December 31, 1981 only a little over half of our members had paid their dues.

Each year at the Annual Meeting when the budget is passed, we approve pledges to be paid to the State and National Leagues. This year our total pledges to be paid were \$2600. With our membership at 110, your \$20 dues per year does not even pay for those pledges.

So what does this all mean to your League treasury? We need your dues paid on time! When members do not pay their dues the League ends up carrying you and paid members end up paying twice for delinquent members. So to keep our treasury in good order and to keep the treasurer's job a little less complicated, I am requesting all members who owe dues to pay them TODAY.

The Board has given the o.k. for the future to send out individual dues statements to members. This may help the dues paying problem.

Thanks for your cooperation.

- Liz Hoover, Treasurer

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# THANKS

Again we want to applaud and to thank the Appleton League for turning out many members for the D.N.R. "Mall" Hearing on January 20. It was impressive to hear so many of you express your individual points of view effectively and articulately. We know it takes courage to express individual opinions publicly.

If the snowstorm prevented you from attending the hearing, it's not too late to write your opinions to the D.N.R., Attention: Mr. Wes Sprague, Bureau of Environmental Impact, Box 7921, Madison, WI. 53707. The D.N.R. has said that they will give as much weight to written statements as to the oral ones, so write and make your feelings known.

The League is a truly unique organization.

# dues due

APRIL

Donna Weis

AUGUST

Len Weis

Cathy Boardman

SEPTEMBER

Jan Besta

Pattee LaFountain

Ann Long

Joy Povolny

Helen Proctor

Ginny Swanson

Dawn Washatka

OCTOBER

David Innes

Judy Rehfeld

Joyce Richman

Joan Ross

Kathy Knott

NOVEMBER

Sally Bredeweg

Kathy Isaacson

Lois Mueller

DECEMBER

Jean Hedges

Mary Van Groll

JANUARY

Pat Bornslaeger

Phyllis Dintenfass

Mary Ann Fisher

Mary Beth Linn

Jerome Pennington

Sharon Persich

FEBRUARY

Kris Begun

Kris Davis

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Pat Filzen

Sally Mielke

## membership dues

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ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEE.....\$ 2.50  
\$20.00

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:  
Liz Hoover  
1014 E. Eldorado St.  
Appleton, WI. 54911

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Save Downtown Committee Executive Board

# **lively issues**

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS made by the members who attended the Lively Issues meeting and approved by the Board of Directors are:

**I. National Program**

- A. Existing positions which should receive a high level of attention are Human Resources, Land Use, and other Natural Resources positions.
- B. Re-evaluation of the Human Resources position dealing with income assistance which states, "Members of LWV of US believe the federal government bears a major responsibility for providing income assistance to meet the basic needs of all persons in the United States who are unable to work..."
- C. Prioritization of programs currently supported in both Environmental Quality and Human Service positions.
- D. No new study was recommended. Efforts of the LWV of US should be directed towards keeping local Leagues informed of trends at the national level in Human Resources and Natural Resources.

**II. Local Program**

- A. A Study of Organization and Funding of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services. Study would focus on personnel structure, funding sources, restrictions attached to funds, and policy of contracting for services. The study would also examine the function and relationships of the 51-42 Board, Community Board, Human Services Committee, and Social Services Board and their roles in the delivery of services and making of policy.
- B. Update of 1977-78 Education Study. Study will enhance the 1977-78 education study in order to address the problems facing the Appleton Public School System in the '80's. Areas of concern are enrollment, curriculum, staffing, facilities, organizational patterns, and finance.

Recommended and non-recommended items can be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Non-recommended studies suggested at the Lively Issues meeting are:

- A. Revision of THIS IS APPLETON.
- B. Industrial Museum. Examine the contribution of an industrial museum in terms of quality of life. Evaluate such a museum in terms of competition for community's tax dollars.
- C. County Zoning Policies. Study county zoning policies and enforcement of the policies.
- D. Housing. Study housing programs in Appleton. Review the philosophy of government units and success of the programs in meeting community needs.

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*Requests* - Will you be around to serve Appleton 50 years from now? You can help assure that League will be! As you write or update your will, remember the League of Women Voters of Appleton. Or maybe you know someone else who would be happy to designate League as a recipient; if so, please pass this on.

- SAMPLE BEQUEST FORM -

I give, devise and bequeath to the League of Women Voters of (state), a corporation organized under the laws of the state of                      and having its principal office at (address), the sum of \$                      to be used for the work and activities of the League of Women Voters of (local League) .

(Give this form to your lawyer when you make your will.)

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES = Comparable Worth

The issue of comparable worth is a major one in the area of employment. Comparable worth, pay equity, and equal pay for work of equal value are terms used interchangeably and are defined as equal pay for jobs that require comparable (not identical) skills, responsibility, and effort. Enforcement of the policy of equal pay for equal work mandated by the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the more general employment policies mandated by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 11246 has, until now, concentrated on providing women with opportunities in traditionally "male" jobs. This enforcement policy has failed to close the earnings gap between men and women. Although 50% of all women are working outside the home today, the wage gap has widened. In 1955 women's wages averaged 63.9% of men's; in 1977 women's wages averaged only 58.9% of men's.

In addition, women are disproportionately concentrated in a small number of low-paying occupations. Although women comprise 41.8% of the work force, nearly 80% of them are segregated in 25 different clerical, service, unskilled industrial and retail occupations. Minority women are even further segregated into low-paying categories of nursing aides and household workers.

A commonly held opinion is that the wage gap continues due to a combination of occupational segregation and sexually discriminatory wage setting procedures. Those jobs seen as "women's" jobs have an historic pattern of being undervalued. For instance, in the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles* published by the Department of Labor, an infant's nurse is given a lower rating than a newspaper carrier and a private nurse is less valuable than an undertaker. A homemaker is given a value of 0. The socialization and training of young girls has been toward these low-valued jobs, while boys have been directed away from these jobs.

Undervaluation of women's work is rooted in history, culture, economics and psychology. Traditional stereotypes and biases can influence decisions about the value of female labor, even where job evaluation systems are used. Many experts believe that wage setting procedures have been biased against women. Job evaluation studies that compare jobs on the basis of factors such as skill, effort and responsibility have found that female-dominated jobs tend to be paid less than male-dominated jobs requiring the same skill, effort and responsibility. Subjective considerations, such as the selection and weighting of factors used in evaluation, readily allow biases to operate in favor of higher wages for "men's" work. Proponents of comparable worth believe new evaluation systems that are bias-free must be developed.

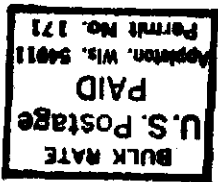
A major argument against the theory of comparable worth is that market forces are responsible for setting wage rates. The market forces of supply and demand are affected by the clustering of women in certain occupations, resulting in an inflated supply of workers for women's jobs. With the supply exceeding the demand, wages fall. Because competition is strong, employers can pay less. Also, employers use prevailing wage scales to determine appropriate pay schedules for their employees. Supporters of comparable worth point out the community wage rates, on which employers base their pay schedules, are a product of the discrimination of other employers. Another factor is the common civil service practice of setting the wages of all classifications by relating them to "key" classes. Women's jobs are, therefore, always being compared to women's jobs, even when such jobs are unrelated in tasks to the key classes. Finally, the actual operation of the law of supply and demand has not supported the argument that market forces determine job pay. The continuing shortage of nurses and secretaries has not led to large increases in wages for these two occupations.

Another argument against the comparable worth concept is that it would require pay increases for large groups of employees. For public employers such increases are likely to cause severe budget strains and diminished services. In the private sector the concept would drive up prices and in the long term could result in a reduction in men's wages instead of a raise in women's wages. Supporters contend that the social and economic consequences have been overemphasized. Phasing in wage increases and other techniques can be used to minimize the impact.

Karen deYoung  
30 Bellaire Ct.  
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#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES - Comparable Worth (continued)

Opponents believe that the doctrine that separate is not equal as defined in the Supreme Court case, *Brown vs. Board of Education*, applies to job evaluation. Arguing that where segregation occurs, equal pay will not make jobs equal because separation means that certain intangibles are lost, they hold that the only answer is to make access to job opportunities equal. This can be achieved only by integrating the sexes within job classifications, so that traditional sexual segregation is eliminated. Supporters counter that with the low pay of traditional women's jobs and with the limited career ladders, low-level job integration will not occur. Also, without reevaluating women's jobs, movement into traditional men's jobs is inhibited, since skills are not adequately recognized. In civil service systems, movement from clerical jobs to management jobs is often impossible because of civil service classification rules.

Finally, supporters of the concept believe that the argument that raising the wages of women's jobs will make segregation worse is unimportant. Many women want to stay in women's jobs. They simply want to receive a fair wage. Also, higher wages may encourage men to seek women's jobs, which would help to end segregation.

Groups who believe that the present systems of job classification are illegal under the present equal opportunity laws have sought redress in the courts. It is likely that the courts will be used increasingly to extend the comparable worth concept. In the *Gunther vs. County of Washington* case, a major victory was won. The Supreme Court ruled that while the court did not endorse the comparable worth theory, the Civil Rights Law was not restricted to equal pay for equal work suits. The City of Madison is being sued by the public health nurses because the nurses are being paid less than sanitarians. The nurses traditionally are women and the sanitarians traditionally are men. Although the jobs have the same requirements and similar responsibilities, sanitarians have been reclassified upward more frequently than nurses. A decision has not been reached in the case.

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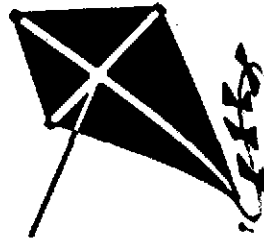


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March



1982

March 8  
Monday  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Finance Drive Kick-Off  
12:15 p.m. Kick-Off Speech  
by Corinne Goldgar

All Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Avenue  
Room 22 - Babysitting  
downstairs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 15  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
1136 Moorpark Ave.

Hostess: Ginny Rose

March 25  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

Candidates Forum  
7:30 p.m. Aldermen  
8:15 p.m. Circuit Court Judges  
8:45 p.m. County Supervisors

Edison School  
412 N. Meade St.

March 31  
Wednesday  
April 1  
Thursday  
6:30 - 7 p.m.

Cable TV Candidates Interviews  
Karen de Young - Aldermen  
Berta Churchill - Circuit Court  
Judges

Cable Channel 2

# Karen's Komments

Here's the March update on some of the various League concerns and activities. It's really very important that we all stay in touch -- so here goes...

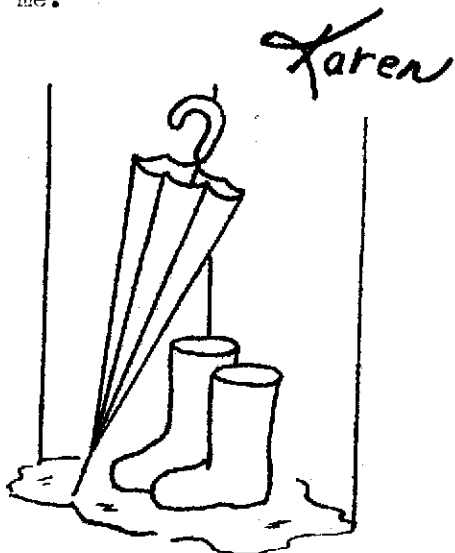
1. The Board of Education is soliciting opinions from individuals regarding the development of the 1982-83 budget. Your written comments to various school board members are necessary. Write a school board member today.

2. Berta Churchill, Marlys Fritzell, Ginny Rose, Stevie Schmidt and I are acting as the Voters' Service Committee. Please read the information in this bulletin and mark your calendars for the Edison School Candidates' forum (March 25, 7:30 p.m.) and Cable TV coverage (March 31 & April 1).

3. The Finance Drive is the most important League activity of the month (and perhaps the entire year). Please give generously of your time. See you at the Kickoff!

4. The Park and Recreation Department consensus appears in this bulletin. Thanks to the committee for their great job of researching and providing information. Our State League liason person, Jean Sullivan, wrote a letter to me in which she complimented the committee on the information it published in the bulletin prior to the unit meetings.

5. Please respond quickly to the invitation to our Annual Meeting, April 29. If you can't join us for dinner, come later. Your input in the form of Board directives and suggestions, program decisions and budgeting is needed by the Board and particularly by me.



# FINANCE DRIVE

**ATTENTION: Team Captains and Solicitors!!!**

Only a week until kickoff!

Responses to our finance drive letters, mailed February 22, are coming in every day. But it's those potential contributors that we haven't yet heard from that the kickoff is all about. At the kickoff you'll get a kit of materials to use in your visits to those who haven't yet responded to our letter.

Remember:

Kickoff date: Monday, March 8

Time: Stop in, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to pick up kits and ask questions.  
Babysitting 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., while you make calls.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, Room 22  
400 E. College Avenue  
Babysitting downstairs

Highlights: 12:15 p.m. -- Hints and inspiration from Karen de Young and Corinne Goldgar. Demonstration of solicitation visit by Stevie Schmidt and Liz Hoover.

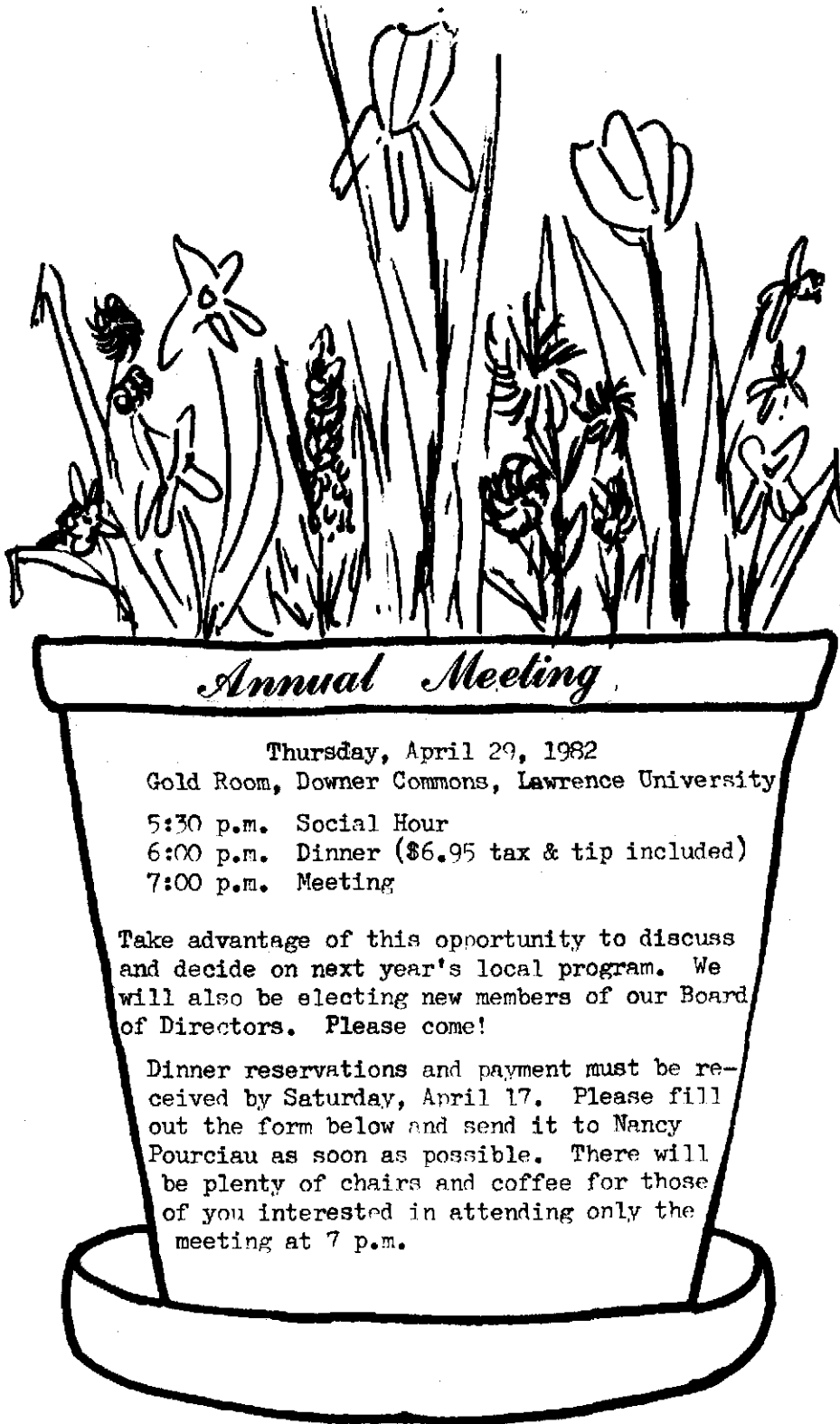
Bring your lunch, if that's convenient. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

If you can't complete your visits on March 8, but need babysitting; call Marcia Jansen (731-6197) for the name of a League member who has volunteered to babysit during Finance Week, March 8 - 12.

If you want to help on the finance drive but haven't yet heard from us, don't wait any longer! Call Mary Vandenberg (739-0777 home; or 734-5721, ext. 2575 work) or Karen de Young (739-3079).

We're planning a celebration party for all members after the drive -- more about that in the April bulletin.

- Mary Vandenberg



*Annual Meeting*

Thursday, April 29, 1982  
Gold Room, Downer Commons, Lawrence University  
5:30 p.m. Social Hour  
6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$6.95 tax & tip included)  
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Take advantage of this opportunity to discuss and decide on next year's local program. We will also be electing new members of our Board of Directors. Please come!

Dinner reservations and payment must be received by Saturday, April 17. Please fill out the form below and send it to Nancy Pourciau as soon as possible. There will be plenty of chairs and coffee for those of you interested in attending only the meeting at 7 p.m.

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ANNUAL MEETING DINNER RESERVATION - April 29, 1982

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$6.95 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total amount enclosed.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check payable to LWV of Appleton with this form and mail before April 17 to:  
Nancy Pourciau, 514 N. Union Street, Appleton, WI. 54911

# Voting Rights Act

Action on legislation to extend the Voting Rights Act, a top League priority, is now underway in the Senate. Hearings in the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution began January 27. Ruth Hinerfeld, President of the LWVUS, testified in support of S 1992 on the opening day. The opposition to the League supported extension of the Voting Rights Act has surfaced with the opening of the Senate hearings. Indeed the tone of the battle was unequivocally set. Despite the overwhelming support of the bill in both the House and the Senate, those who want to weaken the bill have not been dissuaded from launching a major offensive.

While at this time the fact that 62 Senators have co-sponsored the bill might make it appear that the bill has already succeeded, it is not that easy. First, the opposition (Senator Hatch, joined by the Attorney General) will be formidable opponents. Second, we must work to keep the co-sponsors and to keep them from voting for any weakened amendments. Co-sponsorship is not an ironclad agreement.

Senator Proxmire is a co-sponsor. Please thank him. Tell him the League believes S 1992 is a good bill-- it is good, first, because it will provide continued protection of the right to vote for America's racial and language minorities; and second, because it is proven to be a politically palatable bill, as witnessed in the 389 - 24 House vote on passage. Also note that all weakening amendments were defeated in the House by at least 2 - 1 margins.

Hearings on S 1992 will continue through February. Committee action could begin in March.

- Ginny Rose



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

SHIRLEY & TOM SCHAFER  
2801 E. Bona Avenue

739-1053

Shirley and Tom moved here from New Jersey where they both were in League. Native Californians, Shirley has a degree in chemistry and sold real estate in N.J., and Tom is in a research group at Kimberly Clark. They both are interested in wildlife and enjoy camping.

ELLEN FISCELA  
1313 N. Taylor Street

739-2350

Ellen works on the Fox Cities Refugee Task Force and does volunteer work with the Department of Social Services for refugees. She is also studying to be an alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

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### OCTOBER

David Innes

Judy Rehfeld

Joyce Richman

Joan Ross

Kathy Knott

### NOVEMBER

Sally Bredeweg

Kathy Isaacson

Lois Mueller

### DECEMBER

Jean Hedges

Mary Van Groll

### JANUARY

Phyllis Dintenfass

Mary Ann Fisher

Mary Beth Linn

Jerome Pennington

### FEBRUARY

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Kris Davis

Lynn Debbink

Roma Felible

Pat Filzen

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Bonnie Buchanan

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Jan Holmes

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Sue Kinde

Helene Iverson

Virginia McMahon

Jan Nordell

Allie Sampson



# Statement

This statement was given at the County Board meeting on February 9. The resolution supporting the mall was tabled and Supervisor Swanson's resolution on the Central Business Districts was withdrawn.

I am Karen de Young, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters, speaking in support of Supervisor Swanson's companion resolution to Resolution 139. It has been and still is the League's position that the proposed General Growth Mall will hurt the Central Business Districts of Appleton and surrounding communities.

Resolution 139 before you today asks for your support of a proposed project which has not received final D.N.R. approval and is in litigation.

I know that you would want to support local projects which are in progress or have recently been completed. These projects in neighboring towns (outlined in Supervisor Swanson's resolution) are vital to the continued growth and prosperity of the area.

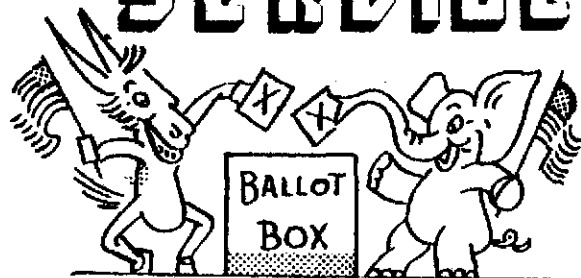
There has been a lot of talk lately about positive reaction to proposed change. I can't think of a more positive response from government than the endorsement of Supervisor Swanson's companion resolution.

My downtown as well as your downtowns must remain vital, attractive and alive. The debate and controversy over the mall's effect on the community's tax base, economy and quality of life will not go away. However, county government's response to downtowns and their survival can and will be analyzed here today. Thank you.



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# VOTERS SERVICE



## CANDIDATES FORUM

Date: Thursday, March 25  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Edison Elementary School

7:30 p.m. Aldermanic Candidates  
2nd Ward: Janice Holmes & Anthony Utschig  
4th Ward: Daniel Balliet & Earl Hokanson  
6th Ward: Allen Nennig & Michael Radl  
18th Ward: James Koleske & Rayburn Kaufman

8:15 p.m. Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4  
Candidates: Harold Froehlich  
Patrick Mares

8:45 p.m. County Board Supervisors  
Candidates from City of Appleton  
Contested Districts -- #12, 13, 19, 31

## CABLE TV PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 31 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 1 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Karen de Young will interview the candidates for Alderman in the contested wards, 2nd, 4th, 6th & 18th. The candidates for Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4 will be interviewed by Berta Churchill.

If you have any questions that you would like to have asked of the candidates on these programs, contact Karen (739-3079) or Berta (734-4974)

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Park and Recreation Department Consensus  
Appleton League of Women Voters

1. The Park and Recreation Department should be responsible to a Park and Recreation Commission. The Commission should be responsible to the Common Council.
2. Structure of the Park and Recreation Commission
  - A. Reduce the size of the Commission to five members---  
1 alderman, 1 school board member, and 3 citizen members.
  - B. The Commission should report to the Common Council and function like a Council committee.
  - C. The Commission should show leadership by concentrating on formation of policy and long range planning.
3. Changes in the Structure of the Park and Recreation Department
  - A. The Park Department and the Recreation Department should be combined into one Park and Recreation Department under one director.
  - B. A recreation specialist should be hired with overall responsibility for the supervision of recreation programs. He would report to the director.
  - B. A park specialist should be hired with overall responsibility for the supervision of parks. He would report to the director.
  - D. Evaluate the the lines of authority and job responsibility to eliminate duplication of duties.
4. Measures to Improve Financial Responsibility
  - A. As a combined department, combine the two budgets into one.
  - B. Program expense and revenue should be removed from the administrative portion of the budget.
  - C. A more detailed budget is needed to reflect actual costs of individual programs.
  - D. Develop guidelines to report data in annual reports that will insure accuracy and consistency.
  - E. Prepare quarterly financial statements and bill lists to be approved by the Commission.
  - F. Commissioned by the Park and Recreation Commission, an independent audit should be done annually.

9. A new accounting system should be developed by an outside consultant.

5. User Fees

- A. Strive to have user fees cover 50% of the operating costs of Recreation programs; the remainder should be covered by taxes.
- B. Adult programs should recover 100% of the operating costs.
- C. Fees for children should be low enough to insure maximum participation.
- D. Non-taxpaying participants should pay a substantially higher user fee.

6. A. Programs

- 1. Increase publicity.
- 2. Increase the number of non-competitive programs so persons of all ages and abilities can participate.
- 3. Increase coed participation in competitive and non-competitive programs.
- 4. Publicize programs in advance to determine interest.
- 5. Each year new programs should be introduced on a trial basis.
- 6. Evaluate the summer playground program.
  - a) Develop quality orientation and training for playground leaders.
  - b) Increase supervision of playground leaders.
  - c) The supervisor of the playground program should have a recreation background.

B. Parks

- 1. An effort should be made to develop natural areas, as well as manicured areas, in our parks. The goal should be to have a variety.
- 2. Duplication of facilities should be avoided near school areas.
- 3. Encourage continued development of mini-parks and green areas in and near the downtown.
- 4. Parks should be evenly spaced throughout the city.

7. Job Descriptions

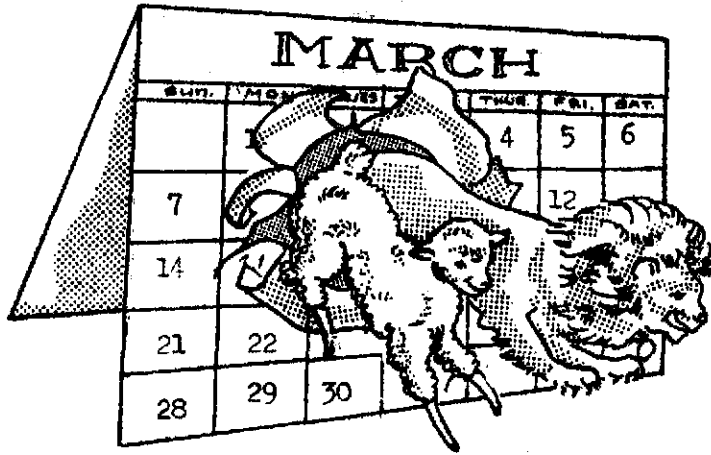
- A. Job descriptions should be written to facilitate efficient management of the department.
- B. Educational requirements, specific duties, and experience should be included in the job description.
- C. The Personnel Department should screen applicants based on standards developed by the Park and Recreation Commission; the Park and Recreation Department should do the actual hiring.

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 520 N. Eastman  
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April



1982

April 13  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

General Meeting: Public Policy  
Program & Annual Statistical  
Survey of Appleton  
Jeffrey A. Miller, Assistant  
Professor, Lawrence University

Hostess: Shirley Schaefer  
2801 E. Bona Ave.  
(off S. Matthias)

April 17  
Saturday

Deadline for mailing Annual Dinner  
reservations to Nancy Pourciau

April 19  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
514 N. Union Street

Hostess: Nancy Pourciau

April 29  
Thursday  
5:30 p.m. Social  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING  
Gold Room - Downer Commons  
Lawrence University

724 E. Alton Street  
Second Floor

mid- May  
exact date to  
be announced

Tour of Fox Valley  
Technical Institute

# Karen's Komments

You'll notice that the same invitation (as in last month's Bulletin) is extended to you to attend this year's Annual Meeting. Nancy says the reservations have not exactly been pouring in. I hope you can join us -- come for coffee and the meeting if that's convenient. For new members the Annual Meeting is very informative and affords you the opportunity to meet more Leaguers. For older members your attendance and input gives the Board direction.

Speaking of the Board, at the March 15 meeting we decided we must enforce Article VI Section 2 of the local League Bylaws: "Any member who fails to pay the dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls." We cannot afford to "carry" people. Our per member payment to the national League has become a financial burden because we are paying for people who have not paid their dues. I will bring up this Board suggestion at the Annual Meeting. If you have any thoughts about the Board's action, let's discuss it then.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING -- See you there!!

*Karen*

## FINANCE DRIVE

Kickoff was fun, informative, and a mix of long-time and new members. (Did you see Stevie and Liz in the 3/12 Post Crescent?)

Solicitors are making calls. Some completed theirs early in Finance Drive Week, March 8 - 12, according to plan. Congratulations! As of March 15, we have collected \$1120, and are at 50% of our goal.

We've decided to combine a celebration of many members' involvement in the Finance Drive with our Annual Meeting. Our hope is to meet the balance of our goal by the time of the Annual Meeting, so prepare to pat yourselves on the back.

- Mary Vandenberg

# Appleton Survey Meeting

Should Appleton students have the opportunity to study Latin in high school? Do you support or oppose attempts by some Appleton officials to delay or halt construction of the Grand Chute mall?

Find out what the citizens of Appleton think about these and many other current issues at a general meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at which Jeffrey A. Miller, Assistant Professor of Government and Public Policy at Lawrence University will discuss the results of the latest annual survey of Appleton residents. Professor Miller will discuss the Lawrence Public Policy Program and explain how the statistical survey is compiled, administered, and tabulated by the students in his public policy classes. Some of the other issues surveyed in this year's questionnaire are attitudes toward the local Hmong population, an evaluation of Appleton city services, and opinions on local and federal taxing and spending.

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 1982

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

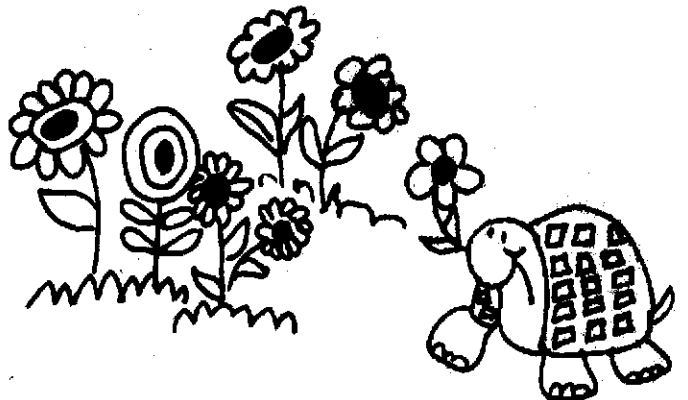
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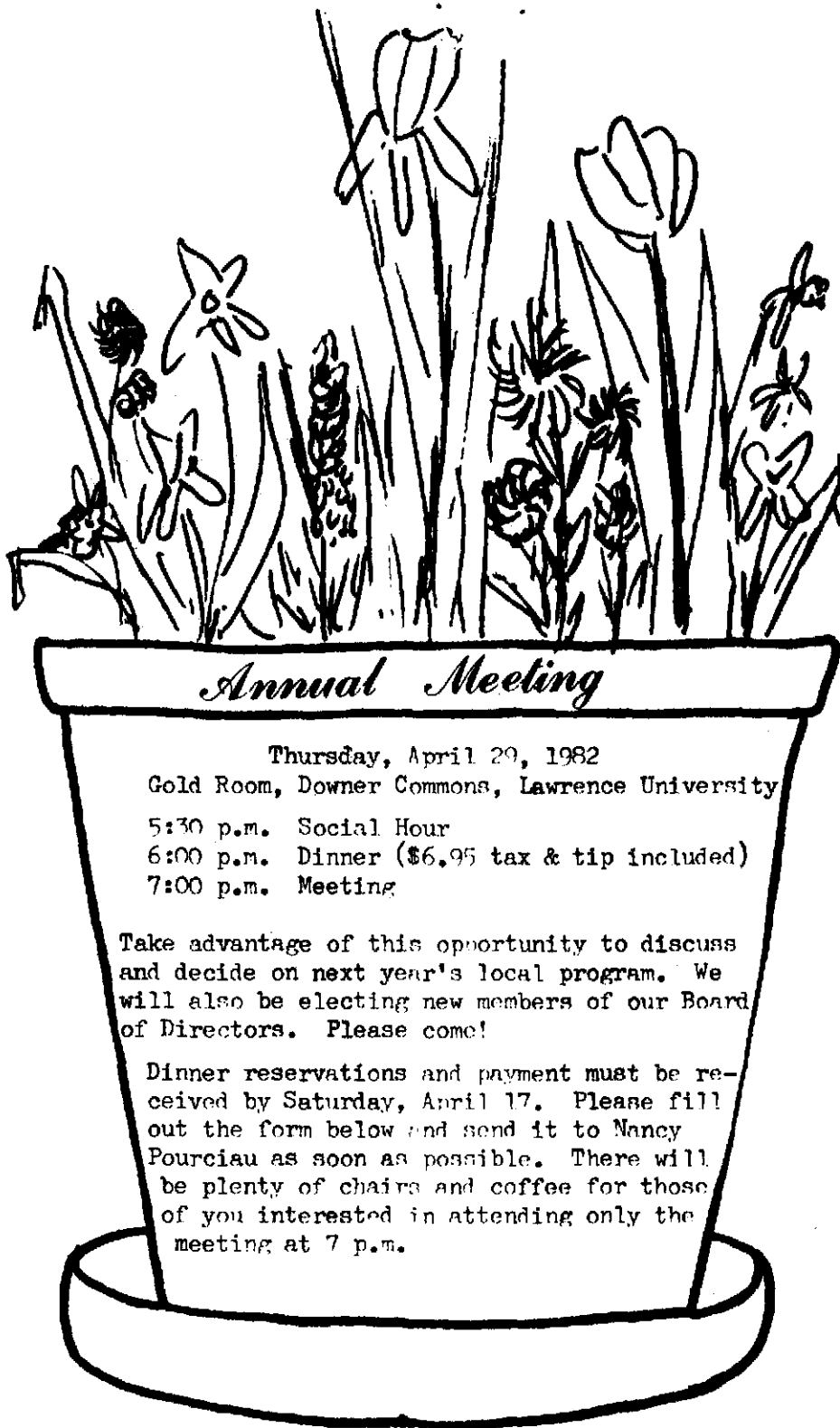
## LATE NEWS

The state Board is recommending the following proposed program to LWVUS:

A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF DEFENSE POLICY ON NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

The Board also recommends that the Health Care Study should become a Task Force and efforts continued to secure funding, and that the A in ERA be dropped, so the position would be on "Equal Rights." Under the broad term we could still support ERA whether it passes or fails.





*Annual Meeting*

Thursday, April 29, 1982  
Gold Room, Downer Commons, Lawrence University  
5:30 p.m. Social Hour  
6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$6.95 tax & tip included)  
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Take advantage of this opportunity to discuss and decide on next year's local program. We will also be electing new members of our Board of Directors. Please come!

Dinner reservations and payment must be received by Saturday, April 17. Please fill out the form below and send it to Nancy Pourciau as soon as possible. There will be plenty of chairs and coffee for those of you interested in attending only the meeting at 7 p.m.

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ANNUAL MEETING DINNER RESERVATION - April 29, 1982

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$6.95 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total amount enclosed.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check payable to LWV of Appleton with this form and mail before April 17 to:  
Nancy Pourciau, 514 N. Union Street, Appleton, WI. 54911



# BUDGET CUTS

During the coming weeks Congress will be looking at President Reagan's 1983 budget proposals. Drastic cuts are being considered in the areas of social programs, environmental programs and non-military foreign aid and U.N. programs.

**Housing:** The administration is planning substantial reductions in the funding for public housing. The League opposes any further cuts in the housing programs for low income people because we believe that an adequate supply of affordable housing should be available to all who need it.

**Title I:** The administration is proposing a drastic reduction for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The cuts are estimated at \$1.9 billion for FY '82 and \$1.5 billion for FY '83 as compared to the current funding level of \$3.1 billion. The LWVUS has a long-held commitment to equal access to educational opportunities; a position that has led us to our active support of federal legislation aimed at meeting the special needs of the disadvantaged. Title I represents a sound approach to these goals.

The current budgets call for increased cuts in food stamps, AFDC and the elimination of the job training program. The LWVUS opposes further cuts in these areas.

**Mass Transportation:** Reagan's FY 1983 budget renews his drive to reduce federal involvement in transportation and to shift the costs to the states, local governments and users. Mass transit subsidies would be slashed. The League opposes these cuts because it believes that a sound transportation system helps to enhance the well being of cities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

**EPA:** At a time when the EPA's workload has doubled, administration budget targets call for cutting the agency in half. EPA can stand no further cuts if it is to protect our air and our water. We must not let environmental programs be repealed in the budget process. Our representatives must be told that the American public will stand for no less than full protection of their health and environment.

Please contact your representatives about the budget cuts. Tell them that the 1982 budget levels were inadequate and that to propose any cuts below those levels would be disastrous. It would be disastrous to our nation's responsi-

bilities to the poor, the working poor, the unemployed and underemployed, to the health and safety of our citizens and to the environment on which we all depend. If you need additional information, please contact me.

- Ginny Rose

## TIPS FOR WRITING TO LEGISLATORS

1. Make sure of correct address: name, title, room number, office building, city, state, and zip code.
2. **Make** your point in the first paragraph. Make it clear. Mention the bill number if applicable. State whether you are for or against the bill or issue, and why it affects you personally.
3. All of your letters should be one page, one side. Attachments to support your point of view are o.k. Put exact return address on letter and envelope.
4. Expressions of general opinion, unless directly connected with an issue, i.e., welfare, governmental hiring, etc. are usually not treated with respect.
5. Write sincere, complimentary letters as often as letters of complaint (if you do you are more likely to be remembered and listened to) Forget about form letters — they don't work.
6. Make it your own letter, in your own style. Be conversational. Say "I believe," not "It is believed."
7. Be informed on both sides of the issue. Use facts that are pertinent.
8. Control emotion, but don't leave it out entirely. Be courteous rather than vindictive. Threats will backfire.
9. In addressing newly elected legislators, don't use "Honorable." It is considered old fashioned to many. If addressee has had a long service (over 10 years) use of "Honorable" is permissible. "Dear Senator" or "Dear Representative" is better.

(from Activate Someone; A Citizen Action Program)



**Now Do This**



# NOMINATIONS

The report of the 1982 Nominating Committee

Vice-President, 2 yr.	Berta Churchill
Treasurer, 2 yr.	Joyce Green
Directors, 2 yr.	Sally Klapper-Randa Nancy Pourceau Win Thrall
Nominating Committee	Penny Coffin, chair Mary Vandenberg Helene Iverson

Respectfully submitted,

Mary VanGroll  
Nominating Committee Chair  
Pat Bornslaeger  
Nancy Jones  
Penny Coffin  
Sue LeBergen

## LOCAL PROGRAM

### Recommended Program

- A. A Study of Organization and Funding of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services. Study would focus on personnel structure, funding sources, restrictions attached to funds, and policy of contracting for services. The study would also examine the function and relationships of the 51-42 Board, Community Board, Human Services Committee, and Social Services Board and their roles in the delivery of services and making of policy.
- B. Update of 1977-78 Education Study.  
Study will enhance the 1977-78 education study in order to address the problems facing the Appleton Public School System in the '80's. Areas of concern are enrollment, curriculum, staffing, facilities, organizational patterns, and finance.

### NON RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- A. Revision of THIS IS APPLETON.
- B. Industrial Museum.  
Examine the contribution of an industrial museum in terms of quality of life. Evaluate such a museum in terms of competition for community's tax dollars.
- C. County Zoning Policies  
Study county zoning policies and enforcement of the policies.
- D. Housing  
Study housing programs in Appleton. Review the philosophy of government units and success of the programs in meeting community needs.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON  
Proposed Budget April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983

EXPENDITURES:

<u>A. Operating costs</u>	
1. General supplies	50.00
2. Postage	5.00
3. Telephone and telegraph	10.00
4. Audit	10.00
<u>B. Board and administrative committees</u>	
1. President	100.00
2. Secretary	100.00
3. Treasurer	80.00
4. Board tools and expenses	100.00
5. Administrative committees	
a. finance	125.00
b. membership	75.00
c. unit organization	50.00
d. public relations	25.00
e. budget	5.00
<u>C. Delegates, travel, and affiliations</u>	
1. State convention	125.00
2. National convention	275.00
3. FCCC	5.00
4. Workshops	40.00
5. Council	80.00
<u>D. Financial support for the League</u>	
1. ILO support	20.00
2. Support for state services	1,411.50
3. Per Member Payment (110 members @ \$11.00)	1,210.00
4. Courtesy membership	20.00
<u>E. Bulletin</u>	
1. Supplies	10.00
2. Postage	250.00
3. Bulk Rate Fee	40.00
4. Printing	300.00
<u>F. Educational activities</u>	
1. Publications	
a. Members	275.00
b. To sell	20.00
2. Program committees	
a. national	30.00
b. state	30.00
c. local	30.00
3. Voters service	75.00
<u>G. Position support</u>	
1. Publications	50.00
2. Action	100.00
	<u>Total</u> \$5,131.50

INCOME

A. Dues (110 members @ \$17.50)	1,925.00
B. Contributions	
1. Member	300.00
2. Nonmember	2,156.50
C. Publications	275.00
D. Election night reporting	200.00
E. Savings for national convention	275.00
	<u>Total</u> \$5,131.50

Submitted by the Budget committee: Marlys Fritzell,  
Liz Hoover, Mary Vandenberg and Joyce Green-Chairman

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES - Sexual Preference

The issue of discrimination based on sexual preference received wide publicity in the 1970's. It continues to be the source of considerable emotional argument. In the spring of 1981, the Wisconsin assembly defeated a measure that would have protected the rights of homosexuals by a vote of 50 to 49. Two states, California and Pennsylvania, have such protection. In both states protection was accomplished by executive order rather than by legislation. A number of cities, including Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, have passed ordinances that protect the rights of homosexuals.

The debate over homosexuality centers on which of three attitudes society should adopt: 1) Homosexuality is inherently bad and should be discouraged; 2) Homosexuality is a private activity that should be tolerated; 3) Homosexuality is a legitimate alternative lifestyle. Civil rights are intertwined with these attitudes. For some, even if homosexuality is considered bad, homosexuals should still be entitled to basic civil rights. Others feel that homosexuality is a threat to society and should be repressed to the fullest extent possible. Those who hold views 2 and 3 above tend to support the idea of civil rights for homosexuals. Those who hold the third view would tend also to support accommodating the needs of homosexuals in such areas as marriage and tax laws.

The views of churches vary greatly, even within sects. The Catholic bishops of the U.S., the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and The Disciples of Christ have all taken stands in support of civil rights for homosexuals. Churches that believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible are more likely to find homosexuality unacceptable. A 1976 Southern Baptist Convention called on its members to reject any activity that could appear to give approval to the homosexual lifestyle. Attitudes vary among Jewish leaders, but in recent years Reform Jews have become more sensitive to discrimination against homosexuals. Orthodox Jews are more likely to follow the restrictions of the Old Testament.

Generally, mental health professionals no longer consider homosexuality a mental disorder. Although the cause of homosexuality is not understood fully, there is general agreement that sexual identity and orientation are set in early childhood. How the pattern is set is not known. In 1969 the Task Force on Homosexuality of the National Institute on Mental Health found most homosexuals were healthy people and called for a change in laws against homosexuality and an end to employment discrimination. In 1973 the American Psychiatric Institute dropped homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. It also called for changes in the sex laws and the enactment of civil rights protections for homosexuals. Recent studies have focused on the comparative mental health of homosexuals and heterosexuals. No significant differences were found. Experts who studied the results could not tell which tests were done by homosexuals and which were done by heterosexuals. A study of lesbians and heterosexual women found that lesbians scored somewhat better in the areas of autonomy, independence, self-sufficiency, spontaneity and resilience.

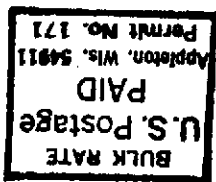
Some people believe that homosexuality is not natural and that it is a threat to the ability of humans to reproduce and survive. Alfred Kinsey and his associates at the Institute for Sex Research found that very few people are exclusively heterosexual or homosexual. Most people have a range of sexual responses. It is difficult to determine just how many people are homosexual, because most hide their identity. Estimates range from 5% to 10% of the population. Dr. C.A. Tripp found that in Arabic countries, homosexual activity is widespread and yet the birth rate is high.

The debate over the rights of homosexuals is likely to continue. Public policy makers will be pressed to determine whether rights are or should be denied to homosexuals.

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May



1982

May 13  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting  
2613 S. Schaefer Street

Hostess: Nancy Jones

May 19  
Wednesday  
7 - 9 p.m.

Tour of Fox Valley  
Technical Institute

Room E119  
1825 N. Bluemound Dr.

May 24  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
30 Bellaire Court

Hostess: Karen de Young



# Karen's Komments

# FVTI TOUR

There are three important areas of League to discuss this month -- the Annual Meeting, a marvelous contribution to our Finance Drive and my report on Board directions for next year's program.

The Annual Meeting was well attended. The membership decided to accept the recommended Program Items for 1982-83. These are a Study of the Organization and Funding of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services and an Update of the 1977-78 Education Study. The members were informed that the Board has given approval for our League to participate in a PEER (Project for Equal Education Rights) proposal for our area. We would act as the leaders in forming a coalition of groups (BPW, NOW, etc.) that would look at sex equity in the schools. The funding for this project is still pending. PEER, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C., has applied to foundations for a grant for this purpose. We will wait to find League members who might be interested in such a project until funding is secured.

Because the membership felt it was important that people pay close attention to the difference between support positions and consensus it was decided to appoint a committee to review our existing positions and make recommendations via the bulletin before next year's Annual Meeting on whether they need to be dropped or retained. The committee will summarize this year's Park and Recreation Department consensus before adding it to our support positions.

It was proposed that the Department of Social Services study be a two year study. A discussion about the Voter's Service Candidates' Forums alerted us to the need for Post Crescent coverage. We will continue to work on this problem. Finally, some members felt the Board should consider a Saturday noon unit meeting.

The Finance Drive has surpassed its goal of \$2,100 by \$25. On May 2 I received in the mail a check for \$750 from Kimberly-Clark Foundation for our Education Fund. Three cheers for all of you who helped this year! We are in great shape financially.

As I said at the Annual Meeting, a hearty thank you to all of you -- Board members and the membership. Your support and encouragement helped me make it through my first year "on the job."

Enjoy your summer!

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*Karen*

DATE: Wednesday, May 19, 1982

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Room E119

Fox Valley Technical Institute  
1825 N. Bluemound Drive

After being welcomed by Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer, Instructional Services Administrator, League members will tour the facilities at the FVTI. Areas that we will view include: machine shop, electromechanical, auto mechanics, welding, printing, drafting, data processing, AVT lab, and health labs.

The services provided by the Wo/Men's Educational Bureau will be explained by Carolyn Mewhorter, Bureau Manager.

Dr. Spanbauer will discuss the financing of vocational-technical education and its relationship with other educational agencies.

This tour is the first informational meeting for members on the state VTAE Study which will be continuing next year. Come and find out about the local technical institute and get background for next year's study and consensus.

- Barbara Hussin  
Bev Wieckert



# Natural Resources Update

This is your last chance -- write your letter in support of a strong Clean Air Act. The battle is being fought now. Check your spring VOTER for details and write your representative and urge him to support the Waxman clean air bill (HR 5555) over the Dingell dirty air bill (HR 5252).

The renewal process is also beginning to get underway for the Clean Water Act. It is not too early to begin writing letters in support of the CWA. The people to write at this point are the President, Assistant EPA Administrator Hernandez and MC's on the House Public Works and Senate Environment and Public Works Committees. Tell them that the basic structure of CWA should be kept intact. Emphasize that the federal government must set the basic minimum standards for water pollution control. Tell them that the best available technology requirements and pre-treatment requirements are essential to controlling toxic water pollutants and to insure that the nation achieves fishable, swimmable water quality.

Of great concern is the proposed budget cuts for the Environmental Protection Agency. Cuts in funding and personnel being proposed by the Administration come just as the Agency's functions are expanding to include new regulatory programs to control toxic chemicals and hazardous waste. Administration objectives in cutting back Clean Air and other programs may be accomplished through the budget process even if the basic reauthorizing legislation is passed! EPA needs adequate funding to uphold the law!! Please write your Senators and Representatives in opposition to these cuts.

State Task Force The state task force publication on Radioactive and Hazardous Wastes will be ready this month. The State Board feels member agreement will be needed in the areas of transportation of hazardous wastes and disposal and transportation of nuclear wastes.

The Natural Resources Committee will meet Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., 2613 S. Schaefer St. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

- Nancy Jones



## Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

KATHY HARTMAN  
1701 S. Sanders St. 734-3432

Kathy has been a League member for 15 years and recently transferred her membership from the Eau Claire LWV to Appleton's League. She has a degree in library science and has also done paralegal work. In Eau Claire she had her own weekly radio show and also produced and filmed TV programs.

JEAN KING  
403 E. Franklin St. 733-2596

A transfer member from Oconomowoc, Jean was active in League there for 7 years. She has a BS in nursing and presently works at Appleton Memorial Hospital in ICU-CCU. Jean has a state office in United Methodist Women and is also active in Church Women United.

ANN LINDSTROM  
1101 Briarcliff Dr. 739-0534

Originally from Iowa, Ann has a degree in nursing from the University of Iowa where she specialized in pediatrics. She has two small children and enjoys playing tennis, racquetball, and golf.

NANCY GREENE  
2517 Beechwood Ct. 739-0230

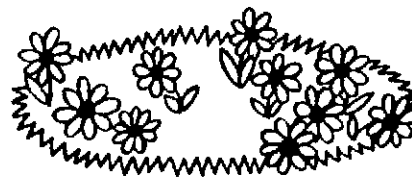
Nancy has a BS and MLS from UW Madison and is Reference Librarian and Assistant Director of the Menasha Public Library. She has been active in community affairs, particularly in studies and planning for the new Appleton Public Library. In her spare time she enjoys tennis, reading and spending time with her two children.

Other recent new members:

LINDA MIDDLETON,  
2422 E. Bona Ave. 733-4654

MARIE FISCELLA  
1313 Taylor St. 739-2350

Watch for their "Bio Briefs" in the next Bulletin!



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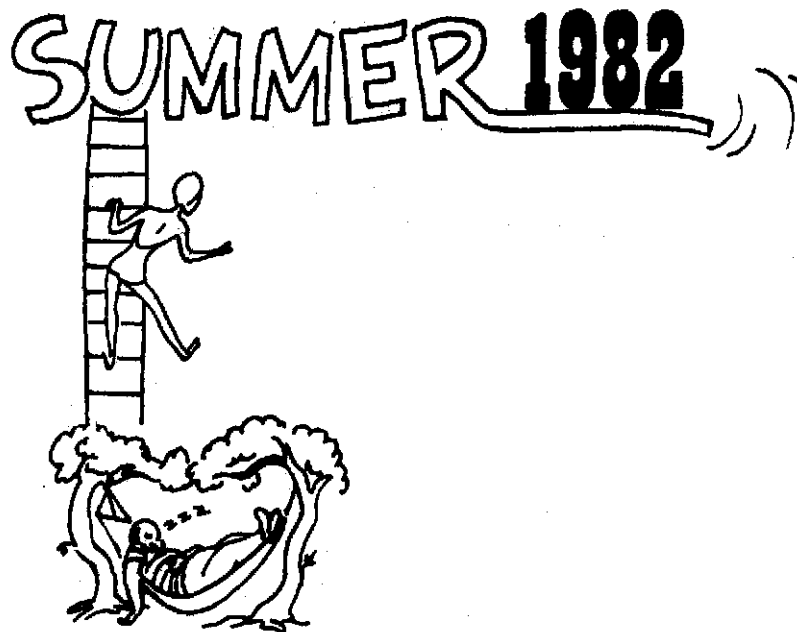
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Bulletin - Committee  
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June 21  
Monday  
7 p.m.

Board Training  
229 N. Lawe

Hostess:  
Jan Holmes

July 1  
Thursday  
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ERA Rally  
Green Bay

July 27  
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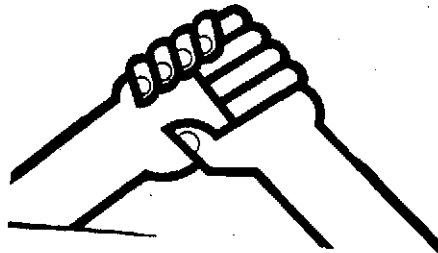
# Karen's Komments

I hope you all read the "Personally Speaking" column in the Post Crescent which was a response to a column that appeared after our testimony at the DNR hearing on WPDES permits. (Statement appears in the bulletin.) You can see after reading our statement that we spoke in general terms and were not there to speak in support of Citizens for a Better Environment. Nancy Jones and I wrote the Post Crescent column and her statement was approved. We need to continue to speak out on water quality, both nationally and locally.

In other business, the Bulletin this month was edited by a committee of the Board. We are in desperate need of a Bulletin editor. I have talked to some of you about this position. Please consider joining the board and assuming this job. We need your help. We can provide someone to assist you, so please give it some thought. Call me at 739-3079 if you have any suggestions.

This is the time of year when all of us need a rest. However, the up-coming League year looks exciting. There are lots of opportunities for involvement. You can join a study committee (call Berta - 734-4974), volunteer to head a telephone tree (call me - 739-3079), promise yourself that next year you'll find time for "you" and attend League meetings. Enjoy your summer and see you in the Fall.

*Karen*



RALLY

July 1  
12 noon

Brown County Courthouse  
Jefferson Ave  
Green Bay

" A New Day: BEYOND ERA"

Anyone interested in going contact Karen:

739-3079



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MARIE FISCELLA

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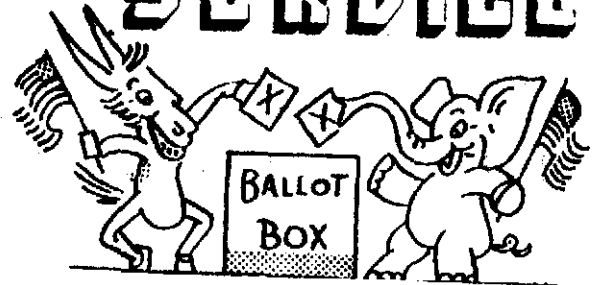
Originally from New York City, Marie is interested in travel. She is a Personnel Representative for Research, Development & Engineering for Kimberly Clark.

LINDA MIDDLETON

2422 Bona Avenue  
733-4654

Linda is a Registered Nurse and is working in the ICU at Theda Clark Hospital. In her spare time she enjoys gardening.

# VOTERS SERVICE



1982-1983 promises to be an exciting election year. Your Voter Service Committee is gearing up for the September primaries and the November elections. Would you like to join us in the planning of panels, forums, cable TV broadcasts, and other ways to get the election information out? This is your chance to show your true LWV colors (red, white & blue, of course). Call Jan Holmes at 739-4694 to join the committee.



# NATIONAL CONVENTION



## DELEGATE PROFILE

The League of Women Voters of the United States surveyed the approximately 1200 delegates to its 35th national convention. More than 500 delegates responded to the questionnaire, and here are some of the most interesting statistics:

- Current Position in the League -- The overwhelming majority of League delegates hold leadership positions in their state or local Leagues. Fifty-three percent of those responding are currently presidents; 14 percent are first vice presidents; 7 percent are second vice presidents; 12 percent are directors; and 8 percent are secretaries, treasurers or off-board chairs.

- Length of Time in the League -- Many delegates to the 1982 national convention are long-time League members. Twenty-one percent of all respondents have been members of the League for 15 years or more; 27 percent have been members for 10-14 years; 33 percent for five to nine years; and 18 percent have been in the League for less than five years.

- League and Other Community Activities -- Sixty-nine percent of all respondents said they spend between five and 20 hours per week on League work. But League activities occupy only part of the average delegate's volunteer and work hours. Eighty-four percent said they are active in one or more other organizations and 40 percent of all League delegates are employed (full or part-time) outside the home.

- Political Affiliation -- While the League is nonpartisan, delegates do express their own personal political preferences. Fifty-six percent said they are Democrats, 22 percent said they are Republicans, and 22 percent said they are Independents.

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- Geographic Area -- League delegates represent every region of the country. Thirty-two percent come from the Northeast; 28 percent represent Leagues in the Midwest; 15 percent are from the West Coast; 11 percent are from the South; 7 percent are from the Southwest; and 7 percent are from the West.

- Community Size -- League delegates also come from communities of varied sizes. Twenty-eight percent are from communities with populations up to 25,000; 35 percent are in areas with 25,000 - 100,000 people; 19 percent come from areas with 100,000 - 500,000 people; and 19 percent are from communities populated by more than a half million people.

- Sex -- Males have been full voting members since 1974 and at this convention, they represent 1 percent of the delegate population.

- Attendance at National Conventions -- And finally, 60 percent said this is the first national convention they have attended whereas 5 percent have attended three or more League conventions.

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The delegates to the National Convention have voted the following new program items (in addition to the proposed program with a few editorial changes):

A. National Security

Focus: Evaluate U.S. national security policies and their impact on our domestic programs and our relationships with other nations.

Scope: Define the nature of national security and its relationship to military spending. Assess the impact of U.S. military spending on the nation's economy and our ability to meet social and environmental needs. Determine the effects of U.S. military policy on our relationships with other countries.

B. Reproductive Rights

Local Leagues are asked to concur with the following statement which reflects the conclusions of the 1982 LWV of New Jersey and the 1972 LWV of Massachusetts consensus positions concerning public policy on reproductive matters: "The League of Women Voters of the U.S. believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices."

# CONVENTION82

Houston, Texas, May 15 - 19

National Convention, 1982 - Houston, Texas

First, thanks alot, y'all. It was great. It was really quite impressive. A couple thousand people, all part of a well-respected and knowledgeable group, in a growing and dynamic part of the country. Here are just some glimpses of the six-day event. (I promise that I can talk your ear off, when I get the opportunity, about Houston's no-zoning, the oil refinery I visited, etc. etc.)

- \* Because membership has decreased so drastically, our Bylaws were changed to allow for national members. National will refer these new members to state and local leagues.
- \* Also to cope with the membership problem, we budgeted for a national membership campaign with a multi media effort to attract new members.
- \* I attended a litigations workship and, lo and behold, I met with someone from Whitefish, Montana, whose League is soon to become involved in land use litigation. It just so happens there's a mall being built on the outskirts of town and there's a stream ...

As soon as I find a spare moment I'll call her and find out how things are going!!

- \* We heard speeches by Senator Robert Dole (R-KS) on federal tax reform, and columnist Ellen Goodman who praised League's adoption of the National Security item.
- \* There was also lots of discussion (as usual, I am told) about changing our name, not allowing Leagues who haven't paid their P.M.P. the vote at convention, and various proposals for program items and bylaw changes.

It was a terrific experience. Thanks again for the opportunity.

## DOWNTOWN APPLETON

- \* Litigation
  - Pending lawsuits address two issues.
  - A. Citizen participation - whose testimony will be heard by the hearing examiner?
  - B. Issues to be examined - will the guidelines established by WCEPA (Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act) be followed? Those guidelines include the socio-economic factors concerning the proposed mall.
- \* Contested Case Hearing - July 27, 9:00 a.m., County Courthouse
  - Show your support by attending this hearing. Make a statement or register your attendance.



Council - Lake Geneva



Marcia Hittle and I attended State Council at George Williams College Conference Center. Because there was a short-fall in local League pledges our League as well as others increased their pledge. The Appleton League increased its pledge by \$89.50. This amount is to be taken from the President's \$100 line item in our budget. In other business the LWV-WI position on Domestic Violence was amended to read "Local League members can play a significant role in establishing and supporting service for victims of domestic violence (instead of 'battered spouses') in the community. We can help create citizen awareness and understanding of the problem. We can support legislation to: "establish that physical violence among individuals in a domestic setting (instead of 'between spouses') is no less a crime than in any other setting (instead of 'relationship') and requires special enforcement provisions and victim compensation."

The little meetings offered among other things new ideas for bulletin editors and hints on League participation with Cable TV. I found this last item really valuable. I'll be glad to pass on this information to the next lucky person who makes his/her television debut.



JUNE

Pat Poupore  
Cookie Fielkow

JULY

Helen Heil  
Ginny Rosenberg  
Robert Rosenberg  
Dorothy Stillings  
Andrea Tatlock

AUGUST

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Pam Goode  
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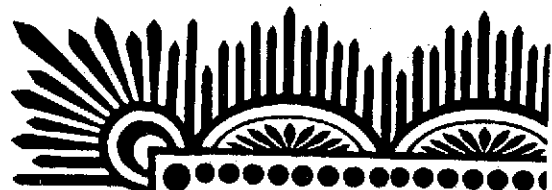
# membership dues

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....	\$17.50
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	<u>\$20.00</u>

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TOTAL ENCLOSED.....	\$ _____

Send dues to Joyce Green  
2118 N. Alexander St.  
Appleton, Wi. 54911

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



The following statement was made at a hearing on proposed Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit reissuance or modification.

May 4, 1982

I am Nancy Jones and I am here representing the Appleton League of Women Voters. The League has been concerned about water quality since the mid-1950's. The League believes that best available technology requirements and pretreatment requirements are essential to controlling toxic water pollutants and to ensuring that the nation achieves fishable, swimmable water quality.

We are concerned that PCBs continue to be released into the Fox River. We are alarmed at the report from UW's Sea Grant Institute that more than 800 chemicals may be finding their way into the river - many whose effects are unknown. While we do not pretend to have the technical knowledge to make specific recommendations for the permits under consideration today and we realize the lack of EPA guidelines for toxics, we do not feel the issue of toxics should be ignored.

If the problem in regulating toxics is a lack of information and a lack of federal guidelines, we feel it is incumbent on DNR to get the message out that, yes, something needs to be done, but the ball is in EPA's court. Citizens concerned with toxics can then target their efforts toward getting more federal funding for research and adequate funding for EPA to do what has already been required by the Clean Water Act. DNR should also make the Wisconsin Legislature aware of water quality problems that it is unable to adequately address because of lack of staff and funding. If we don't know enough now to justify new regulations, let us at least try to get the necessary information before we find irreparable damage has been done. We do know many toxics bioaccumulate and small discharges can eventually lead to big problems.

League has become aware of a letter sent to DNR from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service dated March 25, 1982 in which the Fish & Wildlife Service states that DNR "has sufficient information to know toxics are being discharged in quantities which decrease significantly the value of the resource base of the state." In the letter Fish & Wildlife proposes that the WPDES permits be water quality related and pledges its own staff time and expertise to participate in the process.

We have seen water quality greatly improved in terms of conventional pollutants and it seems the time has come to address the problem of toxics. The water quality of the Fox River is largely determined by these WPDES permits. The League urges DNR to issue permits that will accomplish as much as can be accomplished and enforced at this time to deal with the toxics being discharged into the river, especially PCBs.

One specific provision we do feel should be included in the permits is a clause which allows the permit process to be reopened if it becomes apparent that new toxic limitations are needed before the 5 year period is over.

Thank you.

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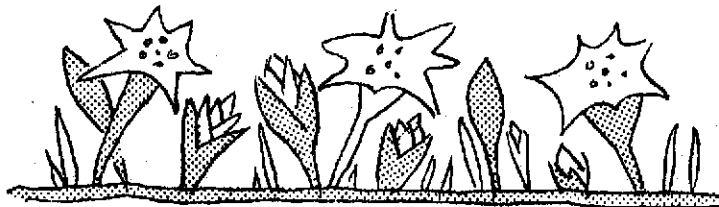
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See you in September!





# League of Women Voters



Appleton, Wisconsin

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September 1982  
Membership Kickoff

Date: September 23, 1982.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: 2801 E. Bona Ave.

(Directions how to get there on page 3)

It's time to get into the swing of League again. Bring a friend, and come to our Fall membership kickoff. Join in an evening of renewing old friendships and making new ones. Bring a half dozen cookies, bars, or some fruit. See you there!

GENERAL MEETING

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Education Update

Wednesday, September 29th 6:45 to 9 p.m.

Appleton Public Library

225 South Oneida

Mark your calendars for these events and see page three inside for more happenings!

# Karen's Komments



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

The 1982-1983 League year begins with a Membership Kick-off. The National membership campaign as well as our own membership techniques are in full swing. Please do bring a friend. We've invited the mayor, the county executive, and some candidates for state offices. Here's a great opportunity for introductions, conversations about League program, a preview of the upcoming year, and perhaps a little check writing. Check the Bulletin for your invitation and please join us.

The Education Update Committee has been busy this summer. Don't forget their meeting at the end of the month. We're really on top of things and will have input into the school board's decisions on some very difficult issues.

Finally, I could use some help. If you have some time to give to League call me - 739-3079. I need people to assist in Voter's Service, Observer Corps, and Bulletin assembly. Thanks!

*Karen*

DARLENE LILLY  
1501 N. Linwood  
734-3713

Darlene is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She and her husband

have lived in Appleton for 2 years and have a 3 year old son. She is a graduate of Kent State with a degree in Fashion Merchandising & Retail Marketing. Her interests & hobbies include sewing, bowling, & gardening.



This fall the League of Women Voters Education Fund will be sponsoring Congressional Leadership Debates. These debates will be the first nationally televised debates featuring the leadership in Congress. They will be televised live from the U.S. Capitol on September 28th and October 19th. Each one-hour debate will feature a single moderator to direct the discussion among four Congressional participants - a Senator and a House member from each party. The September 28th CLD will focus on national security/defense spending, with attention to its

effects on domestic programs. The October 19th CLD will center on the economy and discuss issues such as Social Security, unemployment, tax policy, and inflation. These are issues that especially interest voters and League members and will help illustrate the differences between the two political parties.

-- Ginny Rose  
Action Vice-President

## UNIT MEETINGS      UNIT MEETINGS      UNIT MEETINGS

The Board has decided, due to poor attendance last year, to offer only two choices for Unit Meetings this year. They will be a Tuesday evening unit and a Wednesday morning unit. We hope these times will fit in with your schedules. If there is found to be a strong preference for an additional unit one could be organized.

-- Dawn Washatka  
Unit Chairman

# action packed POLITICS

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

September

- 14th (Tuesday) Primary election Polls close 8 p.m.
- 20th (Monday) Board Meeting - - - - - 7:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Stevie Schmidt 910 S. Midpark Dr.
- 23rd (Thursday) Membership Kickoff - - - 7:00 p.m.  
Hosts: Tom & Shirley Schafer 2801 E. Bona Ave.  
(See the front page! And if you need help to find the house, look at the map below)
- 28th (Tuesday) Subnatorial Debates Watch for announcements as to when and where)
- 29th (Wednesday) General Meeting - - - - - 6:45 - 9 p.m. Education update  
Ampleton Public Library 225 N. Oneida

October

- 2nd (Saturday) Octoberfest See Nancy Jones' article
- 6th (Wednesday) Everymember Program Briefing - Madison  
(More information inside)
- 12th (Tuesday) Unit Meetings - Education *evening*
- 13th (Wednesday) " " " *morning*
- 19th (Tuesday) Debates
- 26th (Tuesday) Unit Meetings - Education
- 27th (Wednesday) " " "

November

- 2nd (Tuesday) General Election - Election night reporting
- 6th (Saturday) Energy Fair
- 10th (Wednesday) General Meeting - Reproductive Choice

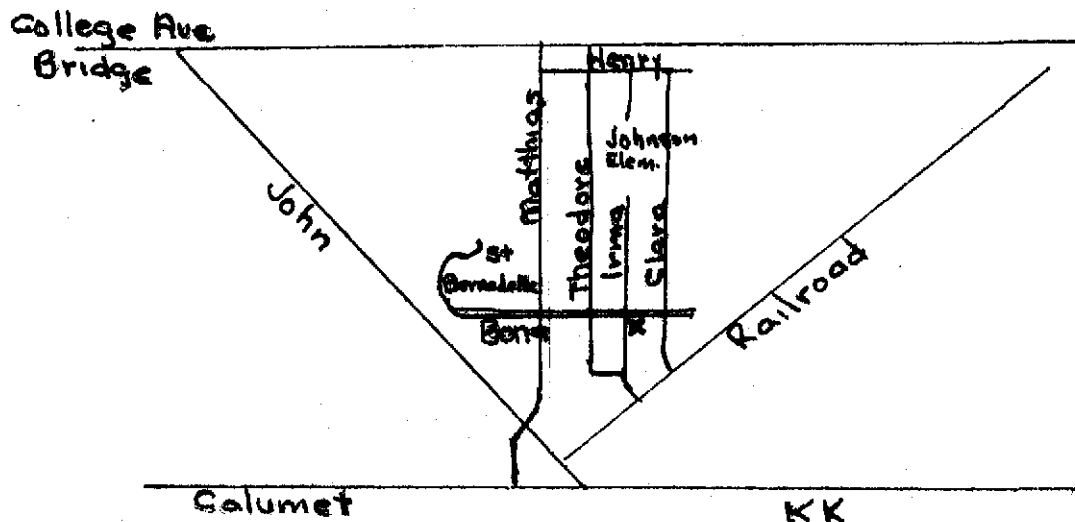
December

- 7th (Tuesday) Christmas Party

DIRECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF

From College, turn south onto Matthias. Take Matthias to Bona. Turn east (left) onto Bona. Go two blocks. Shirley's house is on the southeast corner of Bona and Irma: 2801 East Bona.

See you there on Thursday, Septmeber 23rd at 7 p.m.



COME! STUDY! DISCUSS! VOTE!

Decisions made by the Board of Education during the next several months may affect the direction of education in Appleton for years to come. Be involved in the decision-making process. Come, Study, Discuss, and Vote! Provide the League with Concensus on Education in 1982.

In August of 1981, the Appleton Board of Education established the Long Range Planning Committee to study the present educational program and consider potential alterations "necessary to insure implementation of the district's educational philosophy." That Committee is expected to report its findings and recommendations to the Board later this Fall.

The League Education Study Committee has planned a stimulating and informative general meeting for September. In preparation for unit meetings leading to concensus in October, we will provide you with facts to consider regarding curriculum, staffing, facilities, organization, and enrollment.

Consider:

Do you care what our children are being taught?

Should user fees be widely instituted?

What do you believe is the "core of common learning" essential to every student?

Should the Board of Education include the element of performance in its negotiations for teacher salary increases?

If future enrollment trends make system reorganization necessary, how should it be accomplished? (Middle school or junior high arrangement? Alteration of present junior high boundaries to establish more equal enrollment? Transfer of 13 classes to junior highs but maintain as self-contained units? ???)

How can schools continue to keep pace with teaching the basics for a society which is becoming more complex at an accelerating rate?

Come to the general meeting; Study the material the Education Study Committee will provide; Discuss the questions to be presented at the unit meetings; Vote for concensus. We need your input now!



GENERAL MEETING: EDUCATION IN THE FUTURE; DECISIONS NOW

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

Don Brown, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Long Range Planning Committee and member of the Appleton Board of Education will hopefully be available to provide us with background on the objectives, goals, and progress of the LRPC as it prepares its recommendations for the Board.

Come to the general meeting; Study the material the Education Study Committee will provide; Discuss the questions to be presented at the unit meetings; Vote for Concensus. We need your input now!

Education Study Committee:  
Pat Schinabeck & Nancy Greene,  
Co-chairmen

OCTOBERFEST - OCTOBER 2nd

League will have a booth at Octoberfest to increase our visibility in the community. The booth will have a voter service emphasis. We'll have a model voting machine, postcard voter registration and free League publications to distribute. We also hope to be able to help citizens figure out their new districts after the reapportionment, and do some advertising for League-sponsored debates. Please consider spending an hour or two helping out at the booth. With just a little effort this project can be a success for League (potential members, good PR ...) and a service to the voters before the November election. Call Nancy Jones 731-9250 or Nancy Pourciau, 734-6296, if you can help. Also, if you have any of the following items you could lend us for use in the booth, please call Nancy Jones, 731-9250, as soon as possible: Tables - or old doors  
Bunting - red, white, and blue  
Flag stands

— Nancy Jones

Congratulations to Ruth Seager of Appleton. She has been appointed to the Board of League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. Ruth will chair Public Relations and Publications.

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An educational panel discussion of SOCIAL SECURITY - PASTS & FUTURE will be held at the Appleton Public Library, Community Room, on Monday, September 20th, from 7 - 9 p.m. This non-partisan panel discussion is sponsored by the Outagamie County Federation of Republican Women.

EVERYMEMBER PROGRAM BRIEFING

Wednesday, October 6, 1982

Lake Edge United Church of Christ  
4200 Buckeye Road, Madison

Lake Edge United Church of Christ is located at 4200 Buckeye Road on the east side of Madison, Buckeye Road is a clearly marked intersection with Hwy. 51. From Hwy. 51 turn west on Buckeye Road and proceed almost to Lake Monona. The 4200 block is between Davies and Monona Court, and the church will be on the north side of the road. There is parking behind the church. The number for emergency calls is 608-222-8668.

AGENDA

- 9:00 - 10:00 Reproductive Choice chairs (or their representatives) are invited to meet with state chair Edith Bingham.  
Other state Board members available for informal discussion.
- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration (\$3). Coffee available.
- 10:00 - 10:30 Greetings, announcements.  
A perspective by Eleanor Fitch.
- 10:30 - 12:15 Vocational, Technical and Adult Education.  
VTAE - University of Wisconsin Relationship.  
Joyce Erdman, former president, UW Board of Regents.  
Joint VTAE/Dept. of Public Instruction Study on Vocational Education for Secondary Students.  
Dr. Robert Sorenson, VTAE state director.  
Governance Issues.  
  
Regulatory Agencies and the Impact of Deregulation.  
  
Hazardous and Radioactive Substances and Wastes chairs (or their representatives) to meet with Sue Dinsmoor.
- 12:15 - 1:15 Lunch. Coffee available.  
State board members available for informal discussion.
- 1:15 - 3:00 Hazardous and Radioactive Substances and Wastes.  
Low-Level Radioactive Waste.  
Regional Cooperation.  
  
International Relations.  
Wisconsin Exports: Successes and Problems.  
Dr. Robert Thayer, director of the Marketing Division of Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.  
UNICEF film, United Nations Day.  
Kate Marrs, Wisconsin UNICEF chair; chair of Governor's Commission on the United Nations; former LWV-WI International Relations chair.  
Preview of the National Security study.  
Joan Goodman, LWV-WI National Security chair; member, LWVUS National Security committee.  
  
Vocational, Technical and Adult Education chairs (or their representatives) to meet with state chair.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

The following referendum will be on the September 14 primary election ballot:

"Shall the Secretary of the State of Wisconsin inform the President and the Congress of the United States that it is the desire of the people of Wisconsin to have the government of the United States work vigorously to negotiate a mutual nuclear weapons moratorium and reduction, with appropriate verification, with the Soviet Union and other nations?"

This referendum is purely advisory in nature. It indicates to the federal government the feelings of Wisconsin citizens on the subject of a nuclear arms "freeze."

The June/July 1982 Report from the Hill clarifies the League's position and allows us to support the referendum because it asks specifically for negotiations on nuclear arms reduction. (R/H, IR, p.3.)

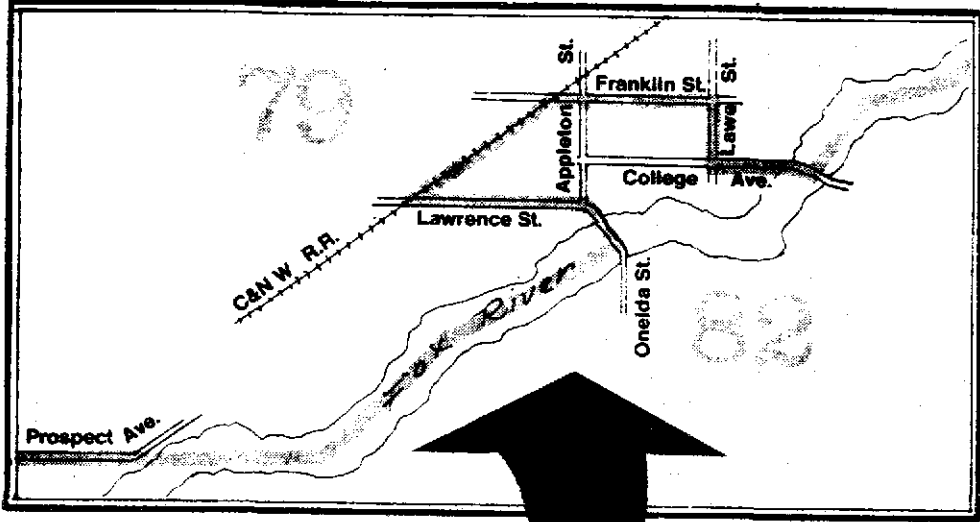
The LWV-WI is not taking any statewide action to support the proposal. Local Leagues may decide to take supportive action in their community. Please remember that any money spent on action must come from Political Action Committee funds. Also be sure to keep your support entirely separate from voters service activities, such as candidate flyers and forums for candidates.

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Concurrence on the following statement will be taken at the November 10th General Meeting:

**Reproductive Rights**

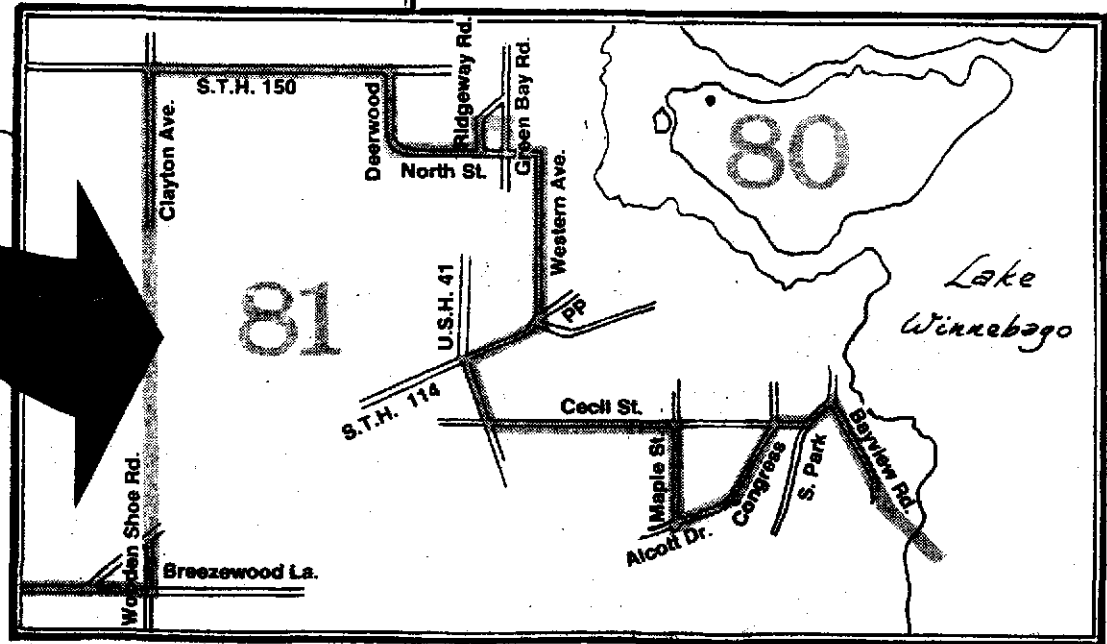
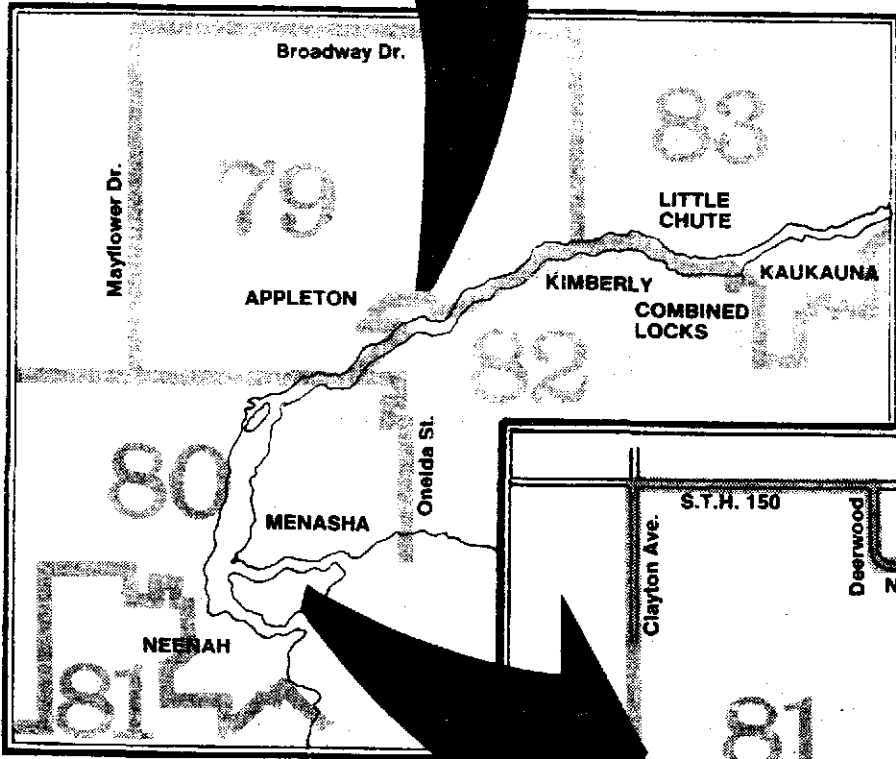
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## New Assembly, Senate districts

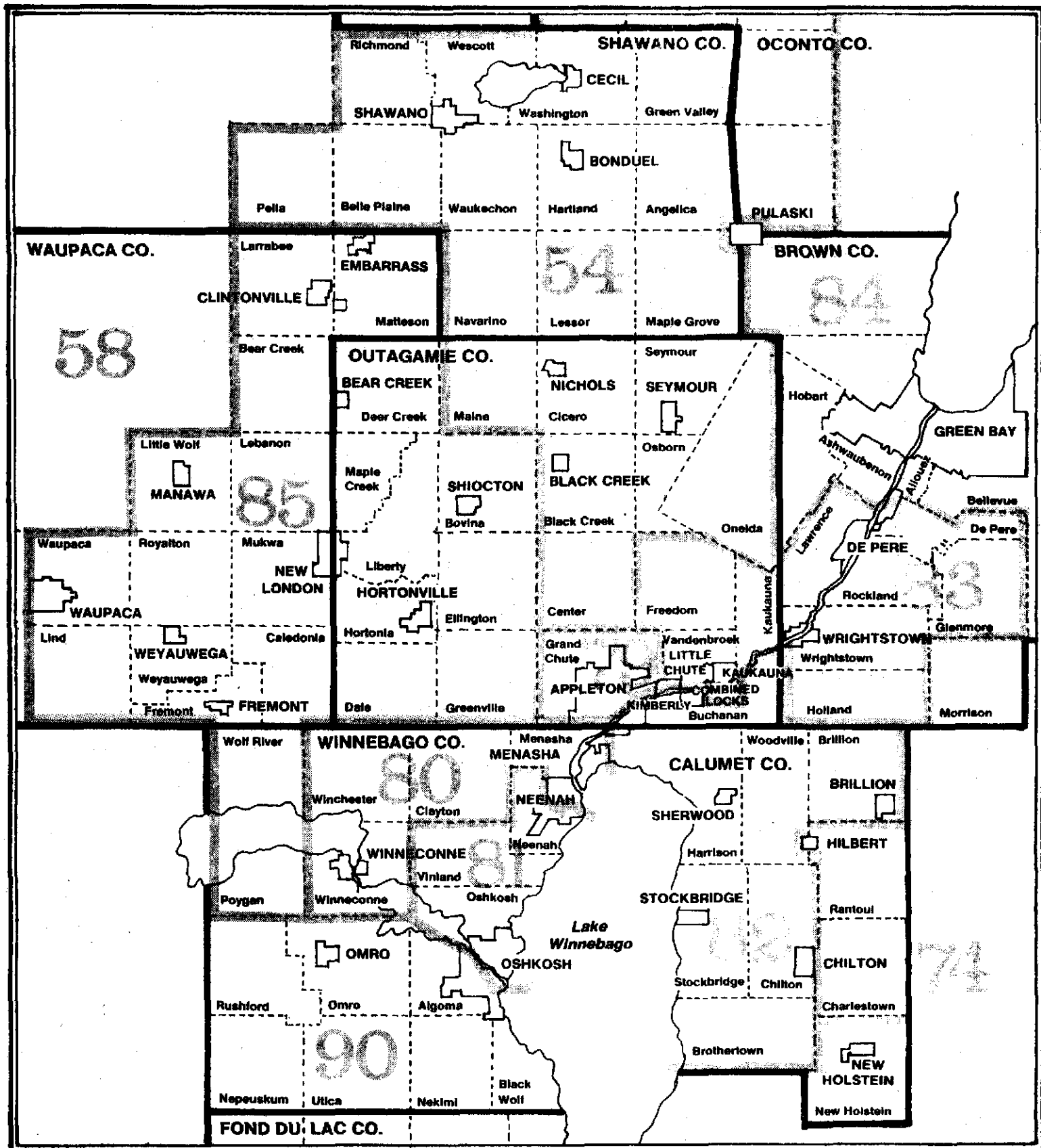
New state legislative districts have been created by a U.S. District Court in time for the 1982 elections. The numbers of the Assembly districts and the shapes of both Assembly and Senate districts have been changed. For example, the old 19th Senate District included only Winnebago County, while the new one stretches from Oshkosh to Appleton; the old 5th Assembly District is now spread between the new 82nd and 83rd Assembly districts. The map at right shows Assembly district lines in northeastern Wisconsin, while the maps below show how the lines were redrawn in Appleton, Menasha and Neenah. Assembly districts 79, 80 and 81 make up the 19th Senate District. Assembly districts 82, 83 and 84 make up the 2nd Senate District. Assembly districts 54, 58, 74, 85 and 90 are all in separate Senate districts.

8 added



- New district lines
- County lines
- Town lines

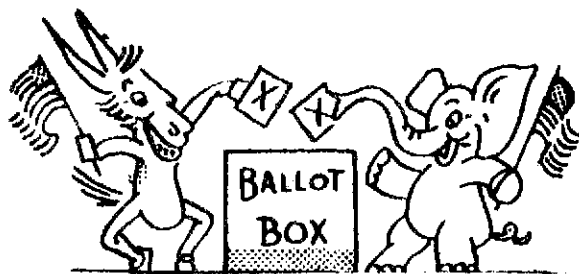




### Assembly candidates

1st Dist.: Louise Tesmer, D-Milwaukee; Philip Tuczynski, D-Milwaukee; Elaine Bergstrom, L-Milwaukee; William Rinne, R-St. Francis.  
 2nd: John Plewa, D-Milwaukee.  
 3rd: Chester Gerlach, D-South Milwaukee; Conrad Le Beau, D-South Milwaukee.  
 4th: Barbara Ullchney, D-Milwaukee; William Hatcher, R-Shorewood; Thomas Schmidt, L-Milwaukee.  
 5th: Betty Jo Nelson, R-Shorewood; John Cook, D-Shorewood.  
 6th: Gus Menas, D-Milwaukee; Donald Richards, D-Milwaukee; Robert Behnke, D-Milwaukee; Robert Elconin, R-Milwaukee.  
 7th: Edwin C. Manke, D-Milwaukee; Richard Pabst, D-Milwaukee; William Kernar, R-Milwaukee; Michael Janczyk, D-Milwaukee; Thomas Seery, D-Milwaukee.  
 8th: Lois Pious, D-Milwaukee; James Rustad, L-Milwaukee.  
 9th: Frederick Deaken, D-Milwaukee; Steven

Frank, D-Milwaukee; Thomas Barrett, D-Milwaukee; Loraine Radtke, D-Milwaukee; John Leuter, R-Milwaukee; Glenn Bullman, D-Milwaukee; Thomas Meaux, D-Milwaukee.  
 10th: Marcia Coggis, D-Milwaukee; Claude E. Madison, D-Milwaukee; Thaddeus Patterson, D-Milwaukee; Sylvester Hmas, D-Milwaukee; Dwayne Washington, D-Milwaukee; L. Spencer Coggis, D-Milwaukee; Robert Brown, D-Milwaukee; Lila Kelly, D-Milwaukee.  
 11th: Annette Pally Williams, D-Milwaukee; Frank Morris, R-Milwaukee; James Toran Jr., D-Milwaukee.  
 12th: James Brown, D-Milwaukee; Jose Carbon, D-Milwaukee.  
 13th: Gerhard Stefan, D-Milwaukee; Dianas Becker, D-Milwaukee.  
 14th: David Bafike, R-Milwaukee; Roger Sullivan, R-Milwaukee; Edward Leone, R-Milwaukee; James Crawford, D-Milwaukee.  
 15th: Walter Kuntick, D-Milwaukee; Timothy Kinast, R-Milwaukee.  
 16th: Kevin Soczka, R-West Allis; Jeannette Bell, D-West Allis; Michael Sachon, D-West Allis; Anthony Czaja, D-West Allis; Paul McDowell, D-West Allis; Michael Barczak, D-West Allis; Arthur Carter, D-West Allis; Daniel Barlick, D-West Allis.  
 17th: Margaret Krusick, D-Milwaukee; Joseph Czornicki, D-Milwaukee; Joseph Kaczynski, D-Milwaukee; Robert Donovan, R-Milwaukee.  
 18th: Thomas Hauke, D-West Allis.  
 19th: Robert DeVoll, R-Racine; Jeffrey Neubauer, D-Racine; Delores Laveau, R-Racine.  
 20th: Hall L. Hardy, R-Racine; James Rooney, D-Racine.  
 21st: Ronald A. Bell, D-Caledonia; E. James Ladwid, R-Racine.  
 22nd: Cloyd Porter, R-Burlington; Mary Wagner, D-Bristol.  
 23rd: John Antaramian, D-Kenosha.  
 24th: Joseph Andrea, D-Kenosha.  
 25th: Gary Johnson, D-Beloit; Arthur Kind, R-Beloit; Timothy McKearn, D-Beloit.  
 26th: Wayne W. Wood, D-Janesville; Joan Waller, R-Clinton.  
 27th: Robert Fitzsimmons, D-Delavan; Rulo Clark Jr., R-Elkhorn; Charles Coleman, R-Whitewater.  
 28th: James Rutkowski, D-Hales Corners; Gary Woychik, R-Oak Creek; Richard Chandler, R-Greendale.  
 29th: Merrill Stolbaum, R-Waterford; Raymond J. Moyer, R-Rochester; Jerome Gottfried, R-Muskego; Joseph Serfert, R-Muskego; Craig Lake, R-Big Bend; Joseph Bellante, R-Wind Lake.  
 30th: John Schaber, R-Big Bend; A. Vernon Jensen, D-New Berlin; Victor Preuss, D-New Berlin.  
 31st: Randall Radtke, R-Lake Mills; Kenneth Thiel, R-Waterford; March Schultz, D-Waterford; Raymond Bug, D-Waterford; Michael Sund, R-Tomah; Mary Bode, D-Lake Mills.  
 32nd: Jay Warfield, D-Fort Atkinson; James Stewart, R-Whitewater; Joline Gill, L-Whitewater; John Hull, D-Janesville.  
 33rd: Richard Franshaw, D-Waupun; Robert Goetsch, R-Juneau; Christopher Blythe, D-Beaver Dam; George Baumman, R-Waupun; Dennis Hansen, L-Menomonee Falls; Harry Balweg, R-Fox Lake.  
 34th: Richard S. Nevler, R-La Crosse; John Medinger, D-La Crosse.  
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The nominating committee seeks your recommendations! We are interested in your reactions to current state Board members, as well as your ideas for new possibilities. You may even nominate yourself! Please make a recommendation even though you do not have all the information requested. If you have many suggestions, write on the back or send for extra forms from the state office.

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YOUR REASON FOR RECOMMENDING THE PERSON (Is it based on observations at state meetings? work in local Leagues? or ?)

This recommendation is from \_\_\_\_\_ an individual; \_\_\_\_\_ a Board

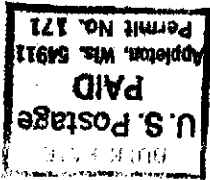
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## October 1982

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 6th Wednesday - all day	Everymember Program Briefing	Madison, WI
October 11th Monday - 7:30 p.m.	County Social Services Study Organizational meeting Phone Jean King, 733-2596 for information (more inside)	Chair: Jean King 403 E. Franklin St.
October 12th Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.	Unit Meeting Education Study	Hostess: Nancy Pourciau 514 N. Union 734-6296
October 13th Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.	Unit Meeting Education Study	All Saints Episcopal Church Drew & College
October 18th Monday - 7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	
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October 21st Thursday - 7 p.m.	Candidate's Debate MORE INFORMATION INSIDE	Madison Junior High School
October 26th Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.	Education Study Unit Meeting	Hostess: Nancy Pourciau 514 N. Union 734-6296
October 27th Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.	Education Study Unit Meeting	All Saints Episcopal Church Drew & College
November 2nd	GENERAL ELECTION	VOTE
November 6 - 7 Saturday & Sunday	ENERGY PAIR More Information Inside	Fox Valley Technical Institute

# Karen's Komments

If you were at the Membership Kickoff, you know the Appleton League year is off to a great start. Just think: six new members in just one evening!

Did you hear us on WHRY radio, see us on Channel 2 news, or read our ad in the Sunday paper and the article last week on the Education Study? (We do get around, don't we?)

Continuing with the momentum, or, as my kids say, "going with the flow...", an early (before the fact) thanks to Nancy Pourciau and Nancy Jones and company for their great job on our Octoberfest booth.

Remember the Education Units this month (see the Calendar), and come and give your 2¢ worth, or more, if you want.

The Debates on October 21 are truly a small miracle. The off-board committee has done a fantastic job. The committee has accomplished its work - now all we need is an audience. Tell friends, neighbors, anyone you meet, about the Debates. An informed vote, I think, is the direct result of Debate attendance. The format is something new to us and, I think, a real plus. Put a large circle around October 21, and see you there!

*Karen*

# VOTE



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

MARK DE YOUNG  
30 Bellaire Ct. 739-3079

A native of Appleton, Mark is the President of Appleton Packing & Gasket Company. He coaches soccer and is an avid reader.

JODIE CORABE  
50 Bellaire Ct. 731-0049

Jodie is from Kewaunee and has been in our area for seven years. She works in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Fox Valley Tech. She is active in Ruth Clusen's campaign, and enjoys golfing and cross-country skiing.

BETSY DANA  
1125 E. North St. 739-7877

A long time Appleton resident, Betty is a volunteer with the meals on wheels program and also works at the polls. She enjoys gourmet cooking.

JOAN FOWLER  
915 No. Kensington Dr. 734-7372

Joan moved here from Minneapolis four years ago with her husband and two children. She works for her husband at Spectrum Medical, Inc. Her hobbies are golf and reading.

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## FOX VALLEY ENERGY FAIR

Saturday, November 6th, 1982 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 7th, 1982 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This third annual Energy Fair is cosponsored by the Fox Valley Technical Institute, the Leagues of Women Voters of Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, and Oshkosh, and WHRY radio. Exhibitors are already registering, with earth shelter, solar, insulation, weatherization, retrofit, windows, landscaping, and bicycling among the displays. Workshops are excellent this year. Just to lead you into the future a little, we are featuring the Envelope House, Photovoltaics, and the Electric Car. If you need some basics, we have Weatherization, Home Heating, making your own fabric Window Insulation, or planning for taking your house into the 21st century with a Solar Sunspace or Super-Insulation Retrofit.

There are different workshops each day, and a number of films. Plan on coming both days (and look for the League booth, too).

**SPECIAL EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND STUDIES**

Social Services Study

An organizational meeting of the Appleton League Study of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services will be held Monday, October 11th, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jean King, 403 E. Franklin (corner of Drew & Franklin, across from City Park). Phone Jean at 733-2596 for more information.

A two-year study of the organization & funding of this department was suggested at the January, 1982 Lively Issues meeting, and voted on at the April, 1982 Annual Meeting. PLEASE COME!

Jean King 733-2596

VTAE STUDY

The State Board has recommended extending the VTAE (Vocational Training & Adult Education) Study into a third year. The Board feels that time has not yet allowed pertinent issues to be fully addressed. Study material should be forthcoming, with information continually appearing in issues of FORWARD. (Please do save issues of the FORWARD that contain VTAE information.)

As we start another year, Rev Wieckert and I would like to welcome additional members to our study committee. Join us and learn more about the vocational schools' impact on this state.

Barb Hussin 739-7293  
Rev Wieckert 739-2773

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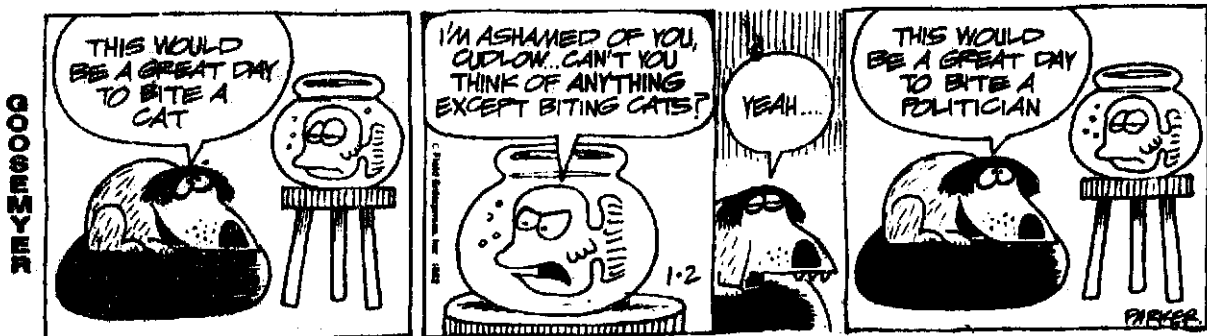
The Appleton League of Women Voters will sponsor a debate between candidates for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly.

October 21 (Thursday)      7 p.m.      Madison Junior High School, Appleton

This year some exciting changes have been made from the usual candidate's forum of years past. The Committee has chosen to follow the national and state debate format called "Debate - '82", and selected a panel of three individuals from the news media, along with a league member. The panel will pose questions to the candidates and, after the formal part of each debate, will take questions from the audience.

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| Evening   | 7 - 8 p.m. | Candidates for Congress, <u>Ruth Clusen</u> and <u>Toby Both</u>   |
| Schedule: | 8 - 8:30   | Candidates for State Senate, 10th District, <u>Michael Ellis</u> and <u>Gary Goyke</u>   |
|           | 8:30 - 9   | Candidates for State Assembly<br>79th District, <u>David Innis</u> and <u>David Prosser</u><br>82nd District, <u>Gervase Hephner</u> and <u>Thomas Sanders</u> |

League Committee members: Judy Winzenz, Barbara Hoffman, Barbara Tank, Betty Breunig, Karen de Young, Win Thrall, Ginny Rose.



# Natural Resources Update

The battle over reauthorization of the Clean Air Act continues to be waged. However, clean air forces have won a major victory in the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and the bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The Senate committee bill took nearly a year to produce. Several issues were particularly hard-fought in the committee. Nevertheless, a moderate bill representing a broad consensus was developed.

The Senate committee's bill, adopted by a 15-1 vote, strengthens the Clean Air Act in two major areas:

Acid Rain: The bill provides for reducing eastern and midwestern emissions of sulphur dioxide (the principal cause of acid rain) by 8 million tons (35%) by 1995,

Toxic Air Pollutants: The bill directs EPA within 5 years to decide whether to control at least 40 airborne chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious diseases. In the last 12 years, EPA has controlled only 4 toxic air pollutants.

The bill maintains the current laws auto emission standard and codifies EPA's current pollution controls for trucks and buses. The bill modifies the laws high altitude provisions, saving billions of dollars, while still controlling emissions of vehicles sold at high altitudes.

The bill retains a reasonable, effective standard for new coal-fired utility boilers (the percent reduction requirement). The bill also contains a number of significant compromises between environmental protection and industry positions. The bill grants extensions of deadlines for meeting the health standards where needed, and gives greater flexibility to the states and industry, while still maintaining an effective program to meet the health standards in polluted areas where more than 140 million people live. The bill allows the states more flexibility in determining the use of their air resources in the 90% of the country still blessed with clean air. It simplifies the permitting process for industry. The bill retains strong federal protection for our most treasured national parklands and gives the states alternative ways of controlling air pollution in other clean air areas.

The bill streamlines and expedites EPA review of State Implementation Plans, eliminating unnecessary delays without sacrificing citizen's ability to participate and enforce the law.

The bill does weaken the Clean Air Act in several significant ways: it gives the smelter industry an unwarranted permanent exemption from effective controls; it weakens protection for the stratospheric ozone layer, and for judicial review provisions. The full Senate will have a chance to correct these deficiencies.

Overall, this is a responsible clean air bill. It can be supported by the 85% of Americans who want our national commitment to curbing air pollution maintained and strengthened.

This bill won't be considered until after September 20th, which leaves a 3 week period until the scheduled adjournment on October 8th, for ACTION on the bill. If the Senate moves the bill, the House (where the CAA is still tied up in committee) could then act on it. There is also the possibility of a lame duck session which would allow another chance for action. Even if no further action occurs this session, the Environment & Public Works Committee will likely be the base from which action will begin next year.

We need calls and letters to Senators NOW while still realizing we may be in for still a longer campaign. Urge them to support the committee clean air bill being pushed by Senator Stafford. Especially emphasize support for the acid rain control provisions; also that toxic air pollutants must be controlled, that auto standards should not be weakened, that the PSD program (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) to protect clean air is essential, and that new coal-fired power plants should have good pollution control equipment.

Contacting members of congress on the League's behalf is very effective, but additional letters from individuals multiply our effectiveness. PLEASE WRITE TODAY. Any questions - call Nancy Jones, 731-9250.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PHOSPHATE BAN

The Wisconsin ban on the use of laundry detergents containing phosphates came to an end on June 30, 1982. The ban had been instituted by the legislature three years earlier. An extension of the ban was considered in the final days of the last session, but with the pressure of floor action on many bills, lawmakers did not have adequate time to become familiar with the consequences of ending the ban, and the bill failed to pass.

A new bill to reinstitute the ban will be introduced into the next session of the legislature. The League supports the ban under our water quality positions. The following questions and answers will help members to lobby their representatives effectively to implement our positions.

1. Why do we need to reinstitute the ban on phosphate detergents?

To help achieve our state and national goals of cleaning up sources of water pollution and preventing further eutrophication of our lakes, we need to extend the phosphate ban. Phosphates are found in cleaning agents and water conditioners used in households and industry, but are also in the effluent from small sewage treatment plants, combined sewer overflows, septic systems, and urban and agricultural runoff. Removing phosphates from consumer cleaning products is an inexpensive way to reduce one of the several sources of phosphate pollution. Wisconsin has an obligation to support the 1972 and 1978 agreements between the U.S. and Canada to limit phosphorus discharges to the Great Lakes. Every other Great Lakes state has a ban on phosphates in detergents. Wisconsin was the last state to adopt a ban and the only state to include a sunset provision, effective last July.

2. What should a bill extending the ban include?

The 1978 law limited the amount of phosphorus in detergents to one-half of one percent by weight. The most recent assembly bill extended the ban for five years with a sunset date of July 1, 1987. A new bill could also continue the exceptions for industrial processes and dairy equipment cleaning use, because they contribute only small amounts to the total phosphorus load.

3. Has the ban done any good so far?

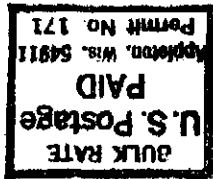
Since there are several sources of phosphate pollution, one would not expect a ban on detergent phosphorus to result in a turnaround in water quality. All that can be hoped is that limiting this one source of phosphates will slow down the rate of eutrophication of our surface waters. The ban did reduce the amount of phosphate entering state waters. A recent study by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) found that approximately one-half of the monitoring sites show decreasing mean total phosphorus concentrations, while the remaining stations show relatively no change. Even this static level is significant in the face of population increases. The DNR study also showed a decrease of 15-30% in phosphorus loads from treatment plants, with Madison showing a 45% decrease in effluent phosphorus.

MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT PHOSPHATES IN NEXT MONTH'S BULLETIN

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## NOVEMBER 1982

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November 2 Tuesday	General Election and Election Reporting	<b>VOTE</b>
November 6th & 7th Saturday, Sunday	Energy Fair	Fox Valley Technical Institute
November 10th Wednesday - 7 p.m.	General Meeting Reproductive Rights	Appleton Police Station 222 S. Walnut, Room B
November 15th Monday - 7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Hostess: Joyce Green 2118 N. Alexander 739-4771
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### THE OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES ONLY ONCE A YEAR

Is your name on the back page of this Bulletin? If it is, this is your opportunity to make a commitment and rejoin League for another year:

A commitment that takes as much - or as little - of your time as you can offer

A commitment to learn, to participate, to be involved, and to make a positive difference in your community, in the state, and, yes, even in the nation.

Even if you're a member of the Procrastinator's Club of America (and I've always intended to join, but I keep putting it off); please don't put this off. Write your check NOW (and mail it!)

# Karen's Komments



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

Applause! Applause! We did it! The Candidates Debate was the end result of a lot of hard work and planning and re-planning and re-working. Thanks to the committee of Judy Winzens, Barb Hoffman, Barb Tank, Win Thrall, Betty Breunig, and others WE DID IT. There were over 100 people in attendance. Although that might not break any records, it was impressive. The format, I think, was appropriate - though I must admit as moderator my brain did get a little scabbled. (Thanks Bev for helping out and Helen for moral support.

Marsha Lynch  
16 Bellaire Ct. 735-9817

Marsha moved to Appleton 2 years ago from Vancouver, WN. She has 3 sons, enjoys needlework, & takes a watercolor class.

Mike Ellis  
315 1/2 N. Commercial Neenah, WI 54956

A lifetime resident of the Fox Valley, Mike taught economics & government before entering into politics. His hobbies include boating, horseback riding, basketball & handball.

Marlene Timm  
2909 N. Union #2

Marlene & her 2 sons are longtime Appleton residents. Marlene works in Public Relations at AAL & does volunteer work for the Winnebago County Social Services Department.

Carol Palmquist  
8 Arborea Lane 733-2527

Carol works part time at the Lawrence library & enjoys cross-country skiing & bicycling. She & her family have been in the area 14 years.

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## OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

Next meeting: Monday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.  
at the home of Berta Churchill, 2515 Crestview Dr.

During November the committee will be observing County Board, Human Services Committee, and Board of Social Services meetings. Two resources we will be reading & discussing are the Annual report of the County DSS & a new League publication, "Budget Cuts & Block Grants: Social Needs & the New Federalism."

New members are ALWAYS WELCOME!

-Jean King, study chair  
733-2596

Looking over November's calendar: The Reproductive Choice meeting and concurrence may look ominous to some. Again, I think our format is workable. Please make a special effort to attend. No matter your opinion on the subject, this meeting is historic for League - please come and be a part of the concurrence process. For those of you new to League, the meeting will have information on the concurrence process itself.

Speaking of new members - give yourself another pat on the back. I think by the time you read this our membership will have increased by 10%.

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED

### Study Chair for National Security Study item

- \* Lots of people say they would love to be on the Committee
- \* The topic is timely
- \* There is plenty of background material available

Call Karen - 739-3079 - or Berta - 734-4974 - for details'!!!!

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED

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### Some well-deserved "thank-yous"

Thanks to all who contributed time, energy, or equipment to the Octoberfest booth. Special thanks to Bruce & Nancy Pourciau for obtaining & hauling big equipment, Karen deYoung for storing all those boxes of publications, Sue Kinde for the decorative touches, Win Thrall for the beautiful district maps & Stevie Schmidt for making signs. We sold all our flags, made a modest profit, registered 75-100 people to vote & helped many more find their districts. Thank you all for your help -Nancy Jones

I'd like to thank the members who volunteered to be hostess for either the general meeting or unit: Joyce Green, Jan Besta, Sharon Persich, Lynn Debbink, and Penny Coffin. Thanks - Dawn Washatka

# Let's all PULL together!



..... For a successful 1983 FINANCE DRIVE .....

March 1983 may seem like a long way off, but it's a short time to prepare for our once a year community finance drive. Our success requires the participation of each League member. As you recall, our dues do not pay for the cost of all League programs. Generous contributions from the community to the finance drive close the gap.

Won't you select your special participation opportunity today. Use the checkoff list below. LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER.

1.  Call Leaguers to solicit their help in the drive.
2.  Add personal notes to finance letters to people you know.
3.  Help address envelopes.
4.  Contact 10 potential contributors during Finance Week.
5.  Contact 5 potential contributors during Finance Week.
6.  Be a team captain for a solicitation team.
7.  Write thank you notes.
8.  Babysit for League solicitors during Finance Week.
9.  Get a non-member contribution from a friend.
10.  Make a \$10 contribution to LWV.
11.  Make a \$25 contribution to LWV.
12.  Not help with the finance drive this year.
13.  Other (be specific)

RSVP by December 1 to: Shirley Schafer, Finance Drive Chair  
2801 E. Bona 739-1053

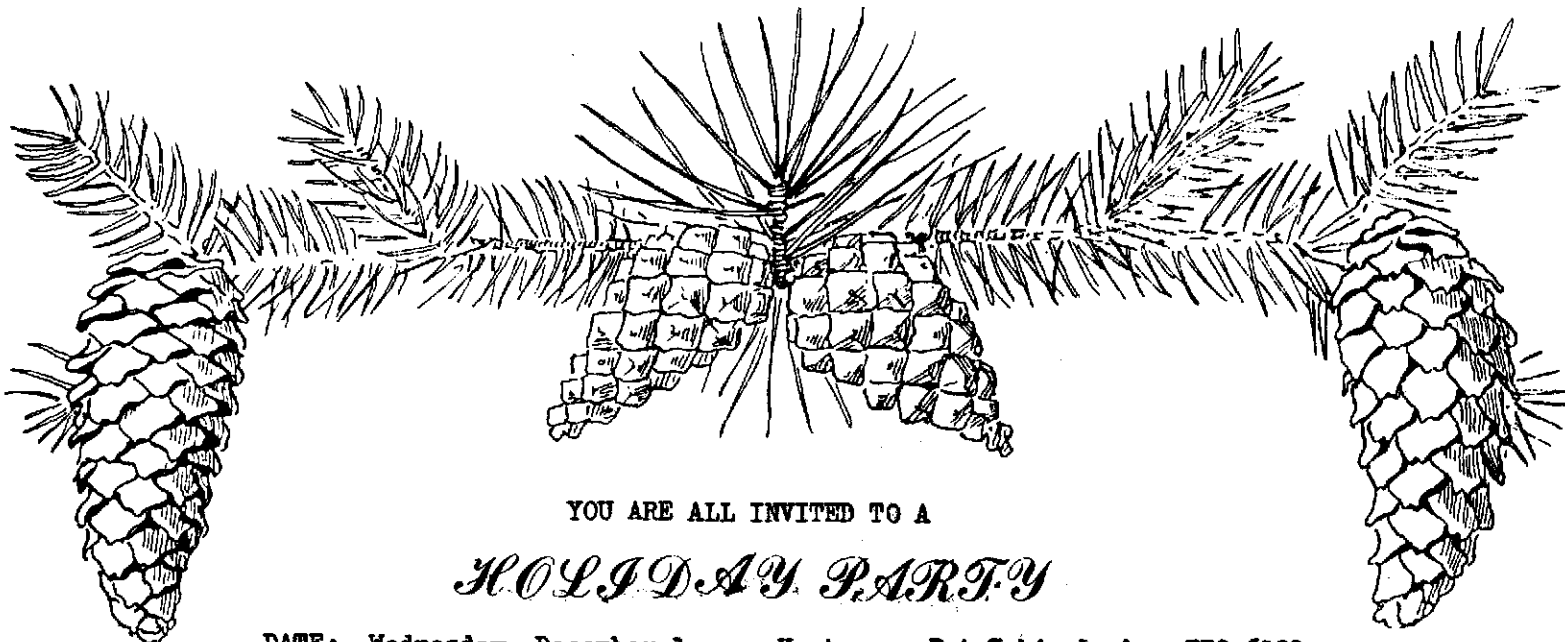


GENERAL MEETING

On November 10 at 7 P.M. a general meeting will be held concerning the League's position on public policy on reproductive rights per request of the National League. The position statement to be considered for concurrence reads as follows:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Four speakers, two representing each side of the issue, have agreed to address us and then be available for a lengthy question and answer session. At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a private vote taken in which only League members may participate. We hope to see all interested members there! (Appleton Police Station, 222 S. Walnut, Room B)



YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A

*HOLIDAY PARTY*

DATE: Wednesday, December 1      Hostess: Pat Schinabeck 739-6101

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

1212 E. Opechee

(Remember: No smoking, please)

An International theme, with a surprise speaker ? ? ? ? ! ! ! !

Bring your spouse - bring your friends - and bring an international hors d'oeuvre or a bottle of wine. (And remember how much fun the Membership Kickoff was!) PLEASE DO JOIN US

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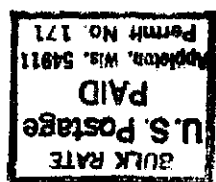
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THIRD CLASS MAIL



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APPLETON WISCONSIN

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## September

Jan Pesta  
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Barbara Grant  
Barb Hussin  
Sharon Jozwiak  
Cynthia Johnson  
Pattie LaFountain  
Sue Lebergen  
Ann Long  
Donna Mancl  
Helen Nagler  
Helen Proctor  
Ruth Seager

## October

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Joyce Richman  
Joan Ross  
Kathy Sprenger  
Bette Wabers  
Francis Wheeler

## November

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## DECEMBER 1982

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 13th  
Monday - 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

January 5th  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Study Committee  
MORE INFORMATION INSIDE

Hostess: Nancy Jones  
2613 S. Schaefer 731-9250

January 13th  
Thursday - 7:30 p.m.

Lively Issues  
MORE INFORMATION INSIDE

Hostess: Jean King  
403 E. Franklin 733-2596

January 27th  
Thursday - 7:30 p.m.

VTAE Study General Meeting  
MORE INFORMATION INSIDE  
Guest: Dr. Stanley Spannauer, District Director

Appleton Police Station

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### NOMINATIONS FOR LEAGUE OFFICERS

Spring will be here before we know it (a sure sign of spring: Annual Meeting, April 12th!). So it is time to consider who will be our officers next year. The Nominating Committee: Dawn Washatka, Mary Vandenberg, Helene Iverson, Berta Churchill, and Penny Coffin. I welcome suggestions from all members for the chairs of President, 1st (Action) Vice President, Secretary, and two committee chairs. You may suggest yourself or another. Phone a committee member or Penny Coffin - 739-9068 - with ideas.

## LOW-LEVEL RADIATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Before discussing the management of low-level radioactive wastes in Wisconsin, it is necessary to understand radiation in general and ionizing radiation in particular. We also need to recognize the role that background radiation plays in our total exposure, some of the complicated factors involved in determining the biological effects of natural and manmade radiation, and the controversies over these effects.

### IONIZING RADIATION

Ionizing radiation is radiation that can interact with matter to break chemical bonds and produce chemical and biological changes, either directly or through a chain of events. In human tissues these changes can result in death or damage to cells and cell components. This radiation is not detectable by any of the senses in ordinary quantities, but it is very easy to measure, even in very small amounts, with a variety of physical and chemical techniques. Studied for over 80 years, it is probably one of our best understood hazards.

Electromagnetic radiation includes x-rays and gamma rays, which are ionizing, as well as radio waves, radar, radiant heat, visible light, and microwaves, which are not. Particulate radiation includes electrons, protons, alpha particles, neutrons, and other sub-atomic particles, all of which are ionizing and are important in causing biological effects.

It is ionizing radiation which is of concern in the use of radioactive materials and the management of radioactive wastes. Of the total ionizing radiation our bodies receive, over two-thirds (67.6%) comes from natural background from the sun and outer space, soil, air, and materials in our bodies. Almost one third (30.7%) comes from medical irradiation, and additional small percentages come from fallout (0.6%), miscellaneous sources (0.5%), occupational exposure (0.45%) and releases from the nuclear industry (0.15%).

The amount of background radiation received varies with altitude and the amount of atmospheric protection from cosmic rays. It also depends on the kinds of rocks and minerals in the ground, and even on the building materials used. In the United States the average background radiation ranges by areas from an average of 23 mrems/year in the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains to 46 mrems/year in North-eastern, Eastern, Central and Far Western Areas, then to an unusually high 90 mrems/year in the concentrated area of the Colorado Plateau. Even more startling contrasts occur in other parts of the world, such as Kerala, India, which has a background exposure more than three times as great as Colorado because of materials in the earth's crust.

### BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RADIATION

Equal quantities of differing radionuclides (materials that spontaneously emit ionizing radiation) do not imply equal hazards. Various factors influence the degree of hazard.

Time:dose factor: A given quantity of radiation received in a short time will have more impact than the same amount given over a long time. One rad received in one second has a very different effect than one rad received over twenty years. <sup>3</sup>

Penetrating power: The three basic kinds of radiation have differing penetrating powers. See Figure 3.

Alpha radiation does not penetrate into the body; a dead layer of skin or a piece of paper will block it. It travels only a few inches in air. The potential hazard of alpha-emitting materials occurs when they are taken into the body (by breathing, drinking, or eating) and become chemically bound (in the bone) or physically trapped (in the lungs).

Beta radiation is more penetrating and can pass through one to two centimeters of water or human flesh, but a sheet of aluminum a few millimeters thick can stop it.

Gamma radiation, similar to x-rays, is a very penetrating radiation. A meter of concrete will absorb most of it.

There are other very penetrating forms of ionizing radiation, such as neutrons or other sub-atomic particles.

Ability to ionize: Alpha particles produce intense ionizations along their paths, while a gamma ray produces a relatively sparse track of ions and therefore produces less damage to any one location in a tissue. Beta particles are intermediate to alpha and gamma radiation in both penetrating ability and ionizing ability. <sup>4</sup>

Organic reaction: The effects of radiation also depend on the tissue involved and the biological pathways by which radioactive materials enter and concentrate in the body. Radiation exposure standards, therefore, distinguish between whole body doses and doses to specific tissues.

Varying half-lives of radioactive materials: "Half-life" is the time required for a radioactive substance to lose half of its activity by decay. Each radionuclide has a specific half-life. The half-lives of the various known radionuclides range from fractions of a second to billions of years. A half-life, in itself, does not measure the effect of radioactivity at a particular instant, but it is a very important factor in managing radioactive wastes.

In summary: the biological effects of ionizing radiation, whether natural or man-made, depend on many factors, including --

- the energy and duration of the exposure,
- the penetrating power of the radionuclide,
- the ability to ionize,
- the pathways and tissues involved,
- the half-life of a radionuclide.

#### DETERMINING THE EFFECTS OF LOW-LEVEL RADIATION

Controversy and uncertainty exist over estimates of radiation risk, especially in exposure to low levels of radiation. Since the controversy affects our perception of the problems of the management of low-level radioactive wastes, it is important to understand why the uncertainty arises.

There are reasons for this controversy. For one, it is difficult to demonstrate cause and effect relationship at low levels. Studies comparing the effects on

similar populations exposed to different levels of radiation have proved inconclusive. Minor changes in patterns of illness which might result from low-level exposure are hard to distinguish from similar patterns of illness due to a host of other causes. As the radiation dose becomes smaller, its observable effects become fewer, and the number of people to be observed to establish associations becomes larger and larger.

Second, it is difficult to reach agreement on what standards should be. Standards adopted for radiation safety were originally based on studies of medical radiologists, uranium miners, radium workers, and patients in the early days of radiotherapy. A recent Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guide for "Instruction Concerning Risk from Occupational Radiation Exposure" indicates that these studies involved levels of radiation exposure that were much higher than those permitted occupationally today.

The guide then advises readers to be prudent and assume that smaller doses also have some chance of causing harmful health effects, just as do sunlight and natural radiation, or cigarette smoke and smog. ". . . no dose should be taken without a reason."

It is difficult, perhaps impossible, to devise a test to measure the effects of only a single hazard, such as radioactivity, on humans. Recent studies included workers at the nuclear disposal site in Hanford, Washington; nuclear workers at the naval shipyard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; military personnel exposed to atomic weapons tests in Nevada; children downwind from a nuclear test site in Utah; and patients who had been given x-rays in medical diagnosis. These studies have caused much controversy, since their authors feel there is need to tighten permissible levels of radiation exposure to workers and to the general population. Other scientists, however, feel that the figures used are not based on reliable estimates of exposure nor do they take into account the possible influence of exposure to cigarette smoke, drugs, industrial chemicals, or other potentially confounding variables. There are also individual factors in exposed populations that may influence biological effects of radiation, such as age, interaction with nonradiological hazards, and even possible constitutional susceptibility.

#### GLOSSARY:

rad: The roentgen is a measure of the ionizing power of gamma rays or photons, but is not defined for alpha or beta particles. Because ionization is a result of energy loss, it becomes useful to define a unit related to the energy absorbed by the tissue. The RADIATION ABSORBED DOSE, the rad, is defined as the amount of radiation required by  $10^{-5}$  (or 1/100,000) of a joule of energy to be absorbed in one gram of tissue. (A joule of energy is equal to the power of one watt.)

rem: The effective dose of radiation exposure is given by the rem (the Roentgen EQUIVALENT MAN). Note that the absorption rate of flesh is different from that of air. The  $REM = RAD \times QF$ , where QF represents a quality factor. The quality factor relates the biological effectiveness of various forms of radiation. For example, the quality factor for gamma rays and x-rays and electrons is 1, for protons is 5, and for alpha particles is 10.

Thus, if we wish to estimate the biological effect of a particular radiation exposure on a nuclear worker, we can proceed as follows: The ionizing power of the radiation is measured in Roentgens by suitable instruments. If the type of radiation is known, the absorbed dose can be determined in rad. Knowing the QF, time and extent of exposure, one can then calculate the dose received in rem.

Roentgen: a unit that represents the number of hits/sec made in air that result from the activity of a specimen. Since hits cause ionization -- that is, the breaking apart of a particle into positive and negative charges -- the Roentgen is officially defined as the amount of gamma or x-ray radiation that produced one electrostatic unit in 1 cubic centimeter of dry air.

In review: The activity is measured in curies; ionization in dry air by the Roentgen, energy to a tissue in rads, and effect in humans by the rem.

### THE GENERATION OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES IN WISCONSIN

The increasing use of radiation and radioactive materials in both nuclear power generation and in non-power uses has led to concern about the management of the correspondingly increasing quantities of low-level radioactive wastes. These wastes vary greatly in form, activity, half-life, and, consequently, the need for care.

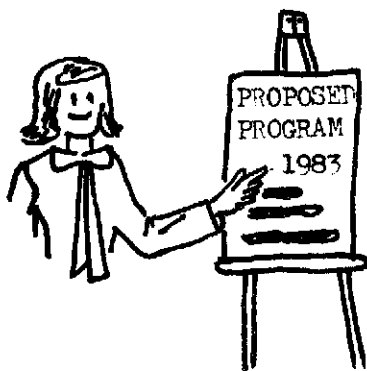
Low-level radioactive waste was not generated in significant quantities by the private sector until the 1980's. The development of commercial power reactors and increasing use in medicine, research, and consumer products has created ever-growing amounts. In 1981 there were more than 20,000 companies, institutions, hospitals, laboratories, and government facilities in the nation licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), by agencies authorized to act for the NRC, or by the states themselves, to use radioactive materials as a normal part of day-to-day activities. All generate low-level wastes as a part of these activities. The growth, both of use and generation of wastes, is expected to continue.

The generation of 3.62 million cubic meters ( $m^3$ ) is projected for the period of 1980-2000, an average of 180,000  $m^3$ /year. This more than doubles the 85,000  $m^3$  in 1981.

Examples of industries that contribute to this growth, other than commercial power reactors, include pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers of luminous watch dials, smoke alarms, emergency exit signs and a multitude of measurement devices: x-ray fluorescent analyzers, industrial radiographic devices, sealed gamma and beta ray sources, level detectors, soil density probes, gas chromatographs. There are other consumer goods and services, such as color TV's, building and road construction materials, dental porcelains, ophthalmic glass, and especially tobacco products, that involve radiation and radioactive materials, but not all produce wastes needing disposal.

The recent slow-down in demand for power production and thus the building of new power plants may modify some of the figures cited above, but there is every indication that usage and waste generation will continue to increase. Closures of low-level waste disposal sites or limitations on their use by out-of-state users can make a crisis situation for generators.

# lively issues



The following is an excerpt from the Fall 1981 VOTER

For the League of Women Voters, the convention program-making countdown begins with member discussion of issues old and new. We all know that selecting national program requires far more deliberation than can be given in the excitement and drama of convention caucuses, debate or floor votes. That is why the League program-making process starts six months before convention. Although convention fever and fervor can easily coalesce around hot urgent problems, program adoption is more than just debate over pressing new issues and the League's role in solving them. Program is more than adoption of socially desirable objectives, more than a smorgasbord of issues reflecting League principles and history. Program is the organizational glue, the "cause" that provides the reason why we willingly work long hours for no pay. Program is the prescription for League action, the basis for fund-raising and the stimulus for attracting and maintaining members.

TIME: Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 403 Franklin

Hostess: Jean King 733-2596

PURPOSE: Recommend NATIONAL STUDY  
and STATE STUDY

The local Lively Issues Meeting is the start of our local and national program planning process. It is the most important meeting of 1983 because this is when you propose and discuss the items for study that you would like to see included in the 1983 League program.

Sometimes League members complain that they are dissatisfied with the chosen studies. It is important for every member to voice her opinions at the Lively Issues Meeting on the vital issues in the community, state and nation in order that a choice can be made that takes into consideration the following questions:

- 1) Does there appear to be a problem?
- 2) Is this a crucial time for the issue?
- 3) Can political action be taken by governmental units at the level of the study to solve the problem? (Local study: action taken by county and/or city government.)
- 4) Will League members spend time and effort on the issue?

Your responsibilities for Lively Issues are:

- 1) Local Study - Bring your suggestions to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, send your suggestions with a friend or call Berta Churchill, 734-4974
- 2) National Study - Along with considering new items, we need to make recommendations on existing items: drop? retain? if retain, what sort of attention? Take some time to review the Fall 1982 National Voter and bring it with you to the meeting.

Some suggestions from other Leagues are on the following page, but **WE WANT AND NEED YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS.** Make this your first New Year's resolution, and mark

your calendar now (and if you don't have a 1983 calendar yet, write it on your wall!)

FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LWV OF WAUNATOSA

RE: PROGRAM MAKING JANUARY 1983

The LWV of Wisconsin has a stand in favor of a commission to reapportion/redistrict after each federal census; however, we do not have a position as to whether the commission should be created by constitutional amendment or by appointment.

In the hope of keeping the 1990 redistricting in the public eye and of being well-prepared for the task of redistricting in 1990, we suggest that this aspect of reapportionment become a lively issue for program making at January units. We are asking all the Leagues in Wisconsin to consider this seriously, now, during the short time left before going into program making.

Remember, if we decide to study this, we need time to look at how other states handled the 1980 reapportionment and to evaluate the pros and cons of appointed commissions versus commissions created by constitutional amendment. Should our consensus support a constitutional amendment, we need time for the bill to pass two sessions of the legislature and time to inform the public before a referendum. 1990 will be hot upon the Leagues by that time.

We do not consider this as part of our present stand and, therefore, would like to see it become a lively issue for consideration at program making units in January.

WORDING: REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION: BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR BY APPOINTMENT?

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National Defense Study Recommendation

Joan Goodman, LWV-North Shore, reports that the following is a compromise proposal worked out by a group of Leagues for Convention '82.

FOCUS: A STUDY OF U.S. MILITARY POLICY: ITS EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ON NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

- SCOPE: I. The evaluation of U.S. military policy and its impact on international relations.
- A. The purpose, strategy and formation of U.S. military policy.
  - B. The rationale for development and use of weapons systems such as conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological systems.
  - C. The effects of U.S. military policy on relations with our allies, potential adversaries and other nations.
  - D. The possibilities for negotiated arms control agreements and other ways to reduce the risk of war.
- II. The effect of U.S. military policy on our national priorities.
- A. The impact of military budget appropriations on the domestic economy, controlling inflation, industrial productivity, and our ability to compete in international markets.
  - B. The impact of military budget appropriations on funding for social and environmental programs. (The emphasis would be on those programs that the League supports.)



"League international concerns are rooted deeply in League history."  
p.22 Impact on Issues

# What has the League done recently to demonstrate our global outlook?

## A National Security Study

- Is timely & will boost membership
- Will educate women on an issue where our input is now lacking
- Could become an 'ACTION' item for addressing National Security / expenditures
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ODDS & ENDS

Legislative update:

ERA: the ERA was reintroduced in congress on July 14, 1982 and will be reintroduced again in the 98th Congress .

Housing: On September 30th Congress provided \$46.9 billion for HUD programs. This HUD bill however does not contain any money for 4 major housing items: 1) additional assisted housing; 2) rent supplement recissions; conversions; 3) low rent public housing; 4) the GNMA tandem program. League is concerned that current appropriations do not include an a ssisted housing plan.

Food Stamps: House and Senate conferees approved a 3-year extension of the program. Efforts to block-grant food stamps were unsuccessful but another attempt to block grant the program will probably be made in the next congress. League opposes putting the Food Stamp program in a block grant because the League believes the federal government bears the main responsibility for meeting the basic needs of persons who are unable to provide for themselves.

Community Block Grant: A change in emphasis of the program is being proposed by HUD. They want to eliminate the year-end review of a community's grant program which analyzes whether the program as a whole benefits low and moderate income families. The League opposes the change because it believes the proposed changes would fundamentally change the intention of the program.

Job Training: Legislation that will replace CETA was signed into law on October 13th. The new program will take effect in 1984 and is designed to provide job training primarily for economically disadvantaged people.

Resource Conservation & Recovery Act: There is a chance that comprehensive hazardous waste legislation will be passed by Congress this session. League supports the RCRA legislation but has concerns that the bill could be delayed by the opposition which could kill the chances for a progressive hazardous waste bill this congress.

I have more information on the above and would enjoy sharing it with you. Feel free to call:

--Ginny Rose

On November 2nd, ywenty-seven League members participated in election night reporting or asked questions of those who voted as they left the polling places. The League was paid for each of these activities. Because of you the League is able to carry out one of its most important functions, that of voter service. I thank you all.

-- Ginny Rose

Still available, but almost gone: VOTE T-shirts. They are size medium, blue with white lettering, and cost \$5.72 per shirt. Get one while they last! Call Nancy Jones: 731-9250

BULLETIN PAGE

November, 1982

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WISCONSIN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Wisconsin Equal Rights Amendment was passed by the legislature in its last session. To complete the process of amending the state constitution to guarantee equal rights regardless of sex, the amendment must be passed by the legislature again this year in exactly the same form and then submitted to the voters for approval.

The makeup of the new legislature indicates that the amendment will have no difficulty in gaining majority approval of both houses. The major objections to the wording were dealt with by including a statement of legislative intent to guide the courts when deciding cases brought under the amendment. The statement of intent specifically excludes the military draft, shared sanitary facilities, sexual orientation and abortion from being subject to action under the amendment.

When an amendment is passed, it is automatically placed on the next ballot unless the legislature states otherwise. It is this issue which is the subject of considerable debate. Many organizations, including the League, believe that if the issue is acted upon by the legislature quickly enough to be placed on the ballot in April, 1983, it will fail. Others believe that the time is right and that much support will be lost by waiting.

In reaching its decision to support delay of the referendum, the state Board considered many factors, including the need for a state ERA, an analysis of what has happened to equal rights amendments in other states, the level of community support and commitment from legislators, individuals and organizations, the feasibility of passage and the impact of victory or defeat.

The factor of need for the amendment needed little further documentation. A federal

ERA is still our primary goal, and a state ERA is not a substitute for it; but two reasons make a state ERA necessary. The first is the ease with which the present equal rights statutes could be removed from the books. Secondly, the amendment would provide grounds for litigation where the statutes are lacking or not clear, especially in the area of family law.

The analysis of what has happened in other states is discouraging. No state has passed an ERA since 1976. The latest test was in Iowa in 1980 when the amendment was defeated after a two-year well-organized campaign.

There was not enough information available to judge the chances of passage of the amendment. Much more information is needed. As a result, the Board concluded that the arguments for delay were compelling. While we cannot be sure that Wisconsin will repeat the experience of other states, we have not had time to research what needs to be done to assure passage. Nor will the remaining four months allow adequate time for conducting any extensive campaign, should such information be available. Without an extensive, well-organized and well-financed campaign for passage, the amendment will likely fail, and such a failure would deal a fatal blow to any ERA being passed either nationally or in the state for many years.

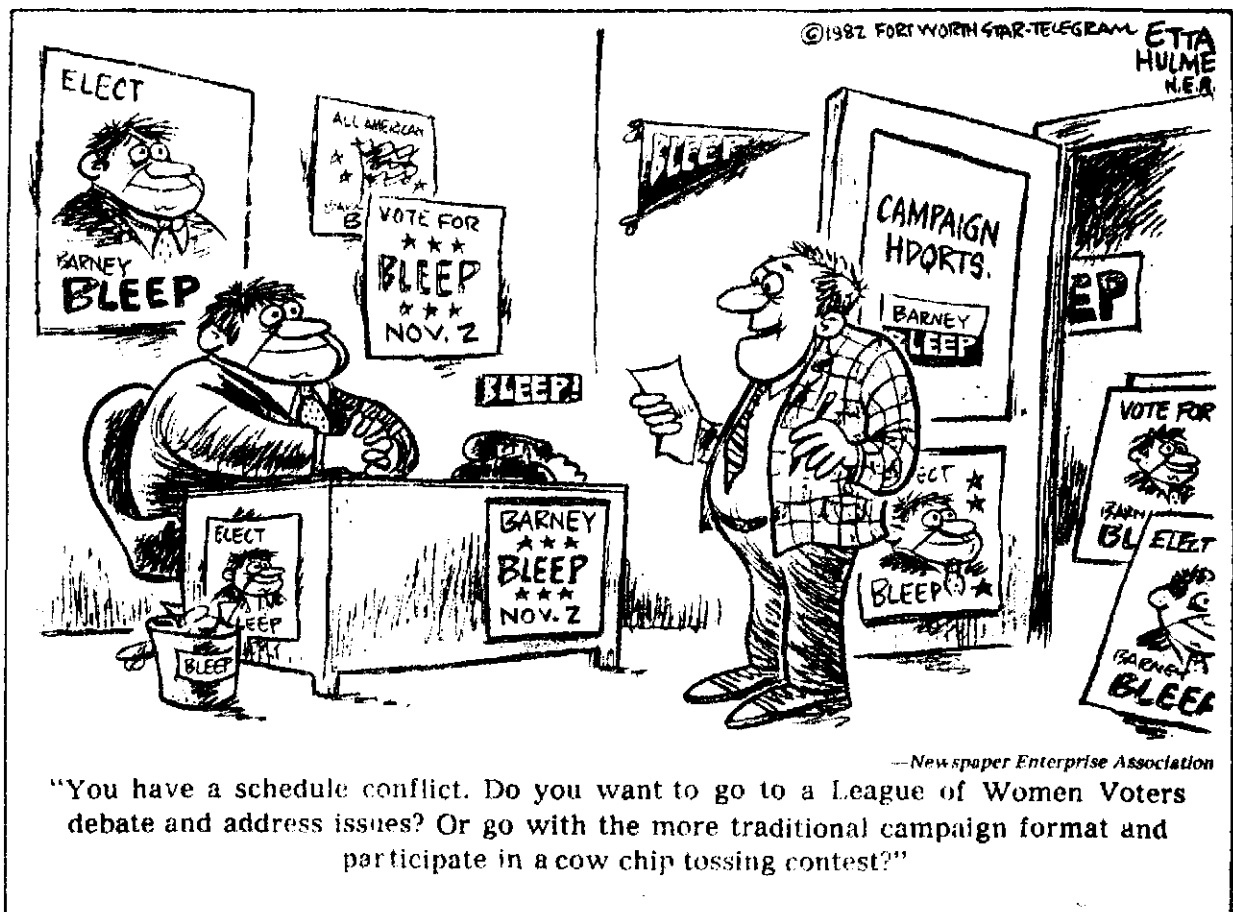
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Additional problems arise when an immediate vote is considered. Educating the public that a need still exists when we have statutes already on the books will not be easy. Poor economic conditions on top of just-concluded expensive political campaigns will inhibit fund raising. The availability of personnel to work on the campaign when many organizations have already established other priorities is another problem. Some organizations would not be meeting to take supportive action until the campaign would be over.

If the ERA vote were delayed, supporters could concentrate on the following factors in order to mount a statewide education campaign: unity and commitment of women's organizations, coalition building among a number of diverse groups in addition to women's organizations, development of a carefully planned strategy for organizing and fund raising, selection from strategies and tactics of other state ERA campaigns most appropriate for use in Wisconsin, and widespread consensus among concerned organizations on when would be the most propitious time for referenda.

While the League believes that delay is necessary to ensure passage, our commitment to support the issue is not weakened. Whenever it is on the ballot, the League will be lending its resources, talents, and expertise to bring about a state ERA.

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# Let's all PULL together!



..... For a successful 1983 FINANCE DRIVE .....

March 1983 may seem like a long way off, but it's a short time to prepare for our once a year community finance drive. Our success requires the participation of each League member. As you recall, our dues do not pay for the cost of all League programs. Generous contributions from the community to the finance drive close the gap.

Won't you select your special participation opportunity today. Use the checkoff list below. LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER.

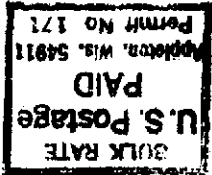
1.  Call Leaguers to solicit their help in the drive.
2.  Add personal notes to finance letters to people you know.
3.  Help address envelopes.
4.  Contact 10 potential contributors during Finance Week.
5.  Contact 5 potential contributors during Finance Week.
6.  Be a team captain for a solicitation team.
7.  Write thank you notes.
8.  Babysit for League solicitors during Finance Week.
9.  Get a non-member contribution from a friend.
10.  Make a \$10 contribution to LVW.
11.  Make a \$25 contribution to LVW.
12.  Not help with the finance drive this year.
13.  Other (be specific)

RSVP by December 1 to: Shirley Schafer, Finance Drive Chair  
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# League of Women Voters

Appleton, Wisconsin



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## JANUARY 1983

Ready or not, the New Year is here - and League has lots to offer. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, and make a New Year's Resolution to participate. See you at the meetings!

January 12th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	National Security Study Committee	Hostess: Kathy Johnston 2106 W. Roberts 734-6201
January 13th Thursday - 7:30 p.m.	LIVELY ISSUES See December Bulletin	Hostess: Jean King 403 E. Franklin 733-2596
January 17th Monday - 7:30	Board Meeting	Hostess: Nancy Pourciau 514 N. Union 734-6296
January 20th Thursday - 7:30 p.m.	VTAE General Meeting MORE INFORMATION INSIDE	Appleton Police Station
January 31st Monday - 7:30 p.m.	Social Services Study Committee MORE INFORMATION INSIDE	Hostess: Nusi Ward 1821 S. Carpenter 733-6489

And if the above is not enough to keep you out of mischief, in February we have concurrence on Low-level Radioactive Waste Management (READ and SAVE the enclosed pages!) and START PLANNING NOW FOR STATE CONVENTION IN MAY (More inside).

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*

# Karen's Komments

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This may be a little presumptuous of me but I won't let that stop me, so here goes. I'll give you the option of choosing one or more of the following resolutions:

- 1) I resolve to attend the Lively Issues meeting on Thursday, January 13th. I need to tell League how I feel about next year's program. I also need to meet more of the 120 people who are members of League.
- 2) I resolve to attend the VTAE System meeting on Thursday, January 20th. I'll locate that mailing I received called "At A Glance", read it, and then listen to Rue Johnson, Stanley Ore and Dr. Spanbauer discuss the issues. I look forward to asking questions of such an illustrious panel.
- 3) I further resolve to break last year's resolution and VOLUNTEER. I'll call one of the following people and say I'd like to get involved:  
 OBSERVER CORPS: Betty Breunig  
 NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY: Kathy Johnston  
 STATE CONVENTION COMM.: Marcia Hittle
- 4) Finally, I resolve to read the background information on Low-level Radioactive Waste in the December & January Bulletins. I need to know more about this subject so I'm prepared for February concurrence.

P.S. I don't usually do commercials; however, on Wisconsin Public Radio (WPNE 89 FM) the University on the Air is presenting the course "Perspectives on Nuclear War". It airs Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. It began January 5th. If you like public radio, and I do, you might want to tune in.

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If you don't know what the above "alphabet soup" designations refer to, then join us on January 31 for our Social Services Study Committee meeting. The above are all important (and expensive) parts of our Social Services system.



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new LWV-Appleton members!

Sharon Grapentin  
 1323 E. Roeland 738-0942

Originally from Appleton, Sharon is back from 2 years in DePere. A graphic designer, she's worked 8 years in advertising and has just started a new job. Her varied interests include needle work and cooking.

Katie McNeil  
 Rt. 2  
 9 Wagon Wheel Trail 731-8031

Katie is from Albany, and has been in Appleton 4 years. She has a graduate degree in Education and an undergrad degree in Natural Resources Management. She's a volunteer at Bubolz Nature Preserve.

OOPS - our new member Millie Olson is employed at Valley Northern Bank. Your editor wishes she were perfect and never made mistakes.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

County Executive John Schreiter has recently appointed five citizens to a new committee. League member Berta Churchill is one of the appointees. The committee is to study the feasibility and set up guidelines for a possible new program of volunteer work for Huber Law prisoners who do not have employment. Judge Myse made the original recommendation. Input has been given at a public hearing and subsequent committee meetings by persons from the Sheriff's Dept., Public Defender's office, Teamsters, Volunteers in Probation, Huber Law workers as well as prisoners, and others.



FIRST LOCAL CALL TO STATE CONVENTION !!!!!

This year all of us in the Appleton League will have an exciting chance not only to attend the State convention, but also to be right there where the action is on the convention floor, working as ushers and hostesses to make the state convention a huge success as it meets here in Appleton for the first time ever. On May 6-7 about 300 delegates and observers from local leagues throughout Wisconsin will descend on the Paper Valley Hotel for two days of meetings and fun. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the hotel, and Pat Schinabeck, convention registrar, and I met with members of the State Board in Milwaukee in December to get specific plans under way.

If you would like to be included in the advance planning, NOW is the time to volunteer. Karen deYoung (739-3079) who will by then be our ex-president has agreed to serve as head usher. Pat Schinabeck (734-6101) and Sue Kinde (734-5759) will be in charge of registration, and Sally Klapper-Randa (739-5270) and Marlene Timm (731-1179) are sharing the head hostess duties. Call one of these people if your talents lie in any of these directions. Eventually, almost everyone in our League will be needed at the Convention in one capacity or another. CALL NOW for first choice of jobs. — Marcia Hittle  
State Convention Local Coordinator

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OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES \* STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Next meetings: January 13, 9 a.m., meeting with James Stamp, Director of Social Services, Outagamie County, in his office in the Court House Annex.

January 31, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Nusi Ward, 1821 S. Carpenter

We now have copies of the minutes of the OC (that's Outagamie County) Board of Social Services from September 1982 through the present. On reading these minutes and the 1981 Annual Report of the OCDSS, the committee recognized the need for a glossary of terms (see page 2 of this Bulletin) which we will be compiling with the help of the OCDSS and our Bulletin editor.

We are interviewing persons, and collecting organizational and financial charts and information as well as making a file of news clippings.

New members are always welcome. Call Jean King, 733-2596, for more information. Your ideas and comments are always welcome.

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I RESOLVE: to remember that this is MY League, and it is what I make it.

# WISCONSIN SYSTEM OF VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

## PURPOSE AND GOALS: PHILOSOPHY OF THE VTAE SYSTEM

Only 50% of Wisconsin high school graduates continue their formal education by enrolling in any specialized post-secondary educational program. One major goal of Wisconsin's system of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education is to serve more people in the state by offering the kind of programs that will lead to job placement and more meaningful, productive lives for its citizens.

The state's changed educational needs are demonstrated when one realizes that in 1900 only one person out of 30 completed a high school education. Even though enrollments in VTAE schools are expected to continue to increase through 1985, the system would like to accommodate more of those citizens who now choose not to go on to an educational program after secondary school.

Reflecting this goal, the comprehensive purpose of the Wisconsin VTAE system is:

" . . . to provide educational opportunities for individuals throughout their lives. Since individuals' needs vary and change, the vocational, technical and adult system is called upon to provide a wide range of educational programs and services. Program offerings will vary slightly from year to year, and there are differences in programs and services from one district to another in order that local needs may be met."

*(Fall 1980 Opportunities through Vocational, Technical and Adult Education at Career Campuses in Wisconsin, p. 2.)*

Acknowledging needs as they exist, this system offers public education, though no longer free, to all who want or need it. The system tends to be far more practical than theoretical. What distinguishes the VTAE system from other educational systems in Wisconsin is its emphasis on education for employment and its insistence that local needs must determine curriculum offerings. Since 1971 the mission of the VTAE system has been limited by statute. (Sec. 38.001, Wis. Stats.: "The Board shall be responsible for initiation, development, maintenance and supervision of programs with specific occupational orientations below the baccalaureate level, including terminal associate degrees, training of apprentices and adult education below the professional level.") To receive state aid, a program must educate students for new jobs or update their present skills. Community service programs that include avocational recreational and craft courses do not qualify for state aid and do not count toward a degree or diploma.

To implement the goal of education for employment, there is a strong emphasis on instructional programming to meet employment needs, programming that at the same time does not place an overabundance of graduates trained for a particular occupation into the labor market. This goal requires flexibility and a willingness to eliminate programs or courses that are obsolete, irrelevant, or that do not result in placement of graduates. To meet this goal, current and future educational needs of people preparing to enter the labor market or requiring upgraded work skills and the state's projected labor needs are analyzed. Then strategies to meet these identified needs can be designed and implemented.

While specific needs are determined locally, the state board monitors programs for their quality and relevance to insure that they are timely and geared to the training needs of individuals and the labor market. The state board's program approval and evaluation and follow-up procedures, in conjunction with the efforts of the individual districts to monitor their programs, demonstrate the attempt to

steer an effective course between supply and demand. Program development and implementation correlate directly with employment opportunities in the district or statewide.

Beyond employment training, the VTAE system plays a major role in adult education in the state -- education to improve basic skills and education to provide for more productive, meaningful use of leisure time. The system walks a tightrope between its primary mission of education for employment and its other mission of avocational education. Even hobbies may have vocational aspects, as avocational courses frequently lead to income-producing occupational pursuits. Both kinds of education can benefit the state.

(Note: Most of the material available on goals of the VTAE system comes from the 1978/79 *Accountability Report* and the 1980/82 *Three Year State Plan for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education in Wisconsin*.)

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PLEASE NOTE: THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JANUARY 20.

JANUARY 20  
THURSDAY - 7:30 p. m.  
APPLETON POLICE STATION

VTAE GENERAL MEETING  
Guests: Dr. Stanley Spanbauer, Dr. Rue Johnson  
Mr. Stanley Ore

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The meeting on January 20th will feature Dr. Stanley Spanbauer, Fox Valley Technical Institute; Dr. Rue Johnson, U-W Fox Valley Center; and Mr. Stanley Ore, East High School. The panel will respond to questions dealing with the relationships of the Vocational system, the Extension and the secondary schools. The quality of expertise on this panel will provide all of us with information addressing the questions raised in our study. Does duplication exist between Vocational education and U-W centers? Is there an adequate level of cooperation between the vocational schools and the secondary schools? Are program needs being met in the Vocational districts? Please come January 20th and --listen-- question--discuss your concerns on this subject.

Barb Hussin  
Bev Wieckert

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February 14th, 1983 - Happy 63rd Birthday - League of Women Voters!

October, 1982

TO: Local League Presidents and Unit Chairs and Haz/Rad Study Chairs  
FROM: Haz/Rad Task Force

**MEMBER AGREEMENT ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

At the May, 1981, Convention delegates voted to examine the management of hazardous substances and wastes and radioactive substances and wastes in Wisconsin. The characteristics of the two wastes, as well as the federal laws involved, suggested a division of the subject. One task force studied hazardous waste, and the other studied low-level radioactive wastes. Both prepared materials for League use; however, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Task Force concluded that a member agreement process was necessary. The statements below are submitted for your approval. The deadline for agreement is March 31, 1983.

The phrase, "low-level radioactive waste," is represented by LLRW.

**A. Comprehensive Planning.**

1. Wisconsin should prepare to deal promptly with LLRW generated within the state.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement
2. Wisconsin should develop a comprehensive plan for the long-term management of LLRW.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement
3. A comprehensive plan should take into account both the public health and the environment.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement
4. Regional cooperation, rather than independent state action, offers the best opportunity to deal effectively with the problems of LLRW disposal.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement

**B. Agreement state status.**

Agreement state status in some form is necessary should Wisconsin be chosen to host a LLRW facility.

Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement

**C. Handling and treatment.**

1. LLRW should be categorized by total hazard.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement
2. Regulations for handling, transporting, treatment and disposal should match the hazard of the wastes.  
 Agree     Disagree     Modify (explain)     No Agreement

3. To further the reduction of wastes, Wisconsin should:

a. Provide incentives to generators to minimize waste generation through improved management practices.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

b. Encourage research to improve reduction techniques and investigate new approaches.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

c. Provide incentives for generators to use the best and safest treatment techniques to reduce the volume of LLRW that requires burial.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

4. Decisions to concentrate waste must consider the safety of radiation workers, the environment, and public health.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

D. Transportation and emergency planning.

1. Wisconsin should seek the authority to enforce standards and to correct violations in the packaging, handling, routing and transportation of both radioactive materials and LLRW.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

2. Wisconsin should ensure that emergency response teams in each county receive training to deal with radioactive materials and LLRW.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

E. Public participation and local input.

1. Procedures for making decisions about facilities should take into account the concerns of nearby residents and affected local governments and provide for resolution of differences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

2. Wisconsin should develop a program to educate the public about LLRW issues.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

3. Wisconsin should ensure that open meetings, with public notice, open records, hearings, and appeal procedures, be provided for local governments and nearby residents when proposals are made concerning LLRW management in their area.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

4. Regulations should be uniformly and consistently enforced with citizens standing to sue for enforcement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ No Agreement

## CHAPTER III

### LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE REDUCTION

Of the low-level waste generated in the Midwest, estimates are that about 90 percent of institutional waste, 40 percent of commercial power reactor waste, and 60 percent of industrial waste can be treated to reduce its volume. Incentives for waste reduction are primarily economic. Reduced waste costs less in both shipping and disposal fees. In addition, it can result in improved safety for workers and the public, as well as greater availability of disposal space for the future.

There are two major ways to reduce the volume of low-level waste for disposal. The first is to minimize waste generation. Generators of wastes can avoid unnecessary contamination of trash in using radioactive materials, segregate radioactive materials from nonradioactive materials, and recycle some materials presently disposed of after a single use. Full commitment of management and employees to minimize waste can have significant results.

The second way to reduce waste volume is to treat waste prior to disposal. The type and physical form of the low-level waste to be treated determine the type of treatment used and the extent to which waste volume is reduced.

#### STORAGE FOR DECAY

Low-level wastes that contain radionuclides with short half-lives are stored on-site for days, weeks, or up to a year to allow for natural radioactive decay. This is a simple, effective way of dealing with many short-lived radionuclides, whether liquid, solid or gas. After such storage, the waste may be treated as nonradioactive waste and disposed of by ordinary means. Standards specifying the concentration of allowable releases to air and water above natural background levels are specified in the Wisconsin Administrative Code, H 57.15. Industrial licensees who use sealed sources with half-life of less than 90 days are encouraged by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to consider this method of reduction. Storage for decay is a method widely practiced by hospitals and universities, as well as nuclear power plants and industry in Wisconsin and nationally.

#### TREATMENT OF LIQUID LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Filtration: Radioactively contaminated liquid is passed through a porous material to remove suspended matter. The sludge remaining after filtration and the used disposable filters are considered low-level waste. The remaining liquid may be treated as radioactive or nonradioactive, depending on its content. This method is used by nuclear power plants, especially for large volume treatment of low-level radioactive liquid wastes. Two forms of filtration currently under experimentation are reverse osmosis and ultrafiltration.

Ion exchange: This chemical process uses and often reuses small resin beads to remove dissolved radioactive particles from water. The contaminated resins are dried and disposed of as solid low-level waste. The liquid wastes created during the cleaning and regeneration of the ion exchange resins are solidified and become low-level wastes. Like filtration, ion exchange is used by nuclear power plants for large volume treatment of low-level liquid wastes.

Evaporation: Unlike filtration and ion exchange which remove small amounts of impurities from large volumes of water, evaporation removes water from the waste solution by heating, leaving the radioactive material in a more concentrated form which is then solidified for disposal. It is most suitable for processing liquid waste that has a high total solids concentration and requires a high degree of decontamination from its radionuclide content. This is the most widely used method for treating contaminated water at power plants, primarily because of the amount of reduction achieved (greater than a factor of 10); but economics favor filtration and ion exchange when dealing with larger volumes of lower-activity wastes.

Drying/calcination: While neither of these technologies has had much application to the disposal of liquid low-level wastes, the increasing costs of shallow land burial could encourage their use. Drying involves removal of liquid through the application of heat, leaving a dry solid. Various types of dryers have been used or tested at Department of Energy (DOE) facilities, especially for disposal of waste salt solutions. Calcination dries liquid wastes at higher temperatures, thermally decomposing them to form stable, nonfused compounds such as oxides. While application to low-level waste is possible, thus far it has been confined to treating high-level liquid wastes.

Encapsulation in asphalt or bituminization: This process introduces liquid wastes into a hot molten mass of asphalt, driving off the water to leave the solid materials within the asphalt mass. Volume reduction factors range from 1 (no reduction) to 20, depending on the waste processed. Bituminization can also be used on solid wastes, but volume reduction benefits are lost.

#### TREATMENT OF DRY LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Compaction: A trash-type compactor, widely used in power plants and institutions, compresses dry wastes such as paper, rags, glass, and clothing into drums or bales, reducing the volume by 50 to 75 percent. Compactors present few operational problems and are inexpensive, although the limited waste volumes of many small hospitals and universities may not warrant this capital expenditure. Sharing a compactor or setting up a regional compactor are possible solutions.

Incineration: Waste suitable for incineration includes paper, rags, gloves, plastics, wood and combustible liquids like scintillation fluids, and animal carcasses. Incinerators are being used at fuel fabrication facilities (none of which exist in Wisconsin) and research laboratories, and a number of hospitals and medical schools incinerate their wastes. No reactors are using incineration currently, although research and development on various incineration techniques are being sponsored by DOE. The Department is now working with two utilities toward a cooperative program to incinerate low-level waste at two operating reactor plants. A demonstration project is also underway at the University of Maryland.

Incineration is attractive because it achieves large volume reduction factors, ranging from 20 to 50. About half of a reactor's waste is combustible; more than half of medical and institutional waste is combustible. Incineration of institutional wastes containing organic compounds is preferred to shallow land burial since it reduces both chemical hazards and waste volume. Animal carcasses and other materials presenting biological hazard also are best disposed of by burning.

In a properly operated incinerator most of the radioactivity remains in the ash and in any sludge generated. The amount of radioactivity released from the stack is controlled by both NRC and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

Incineration can have problems, however. A 1979 survey of 142 medical and academic institutions by the University of Maryland showed only 46 using incineration, most often for animal carcasses and other biological wastes (although 37 others were exploring its use). About half (20) of those using incineration cited "problems with liquid scintillation wastes, ash removal, melting glass and plastic, and visible smoke," indicating incomplete combustion.<sup>3</sup> Among those not using incineration, the most frequently cited deterrents ". . . were state or local restrictions (35) [some states prohibit any burning; some require so much detailed information and monitoring as to make the process too troublesome], insufficient radioactive waste volume (24) [which wouldn't justify the cost involved in setting up a system], and fear of adverse public reaction (21)."<sup>4</sup>

Development and testing of various types of incinerators have been going on for years, attempting to deal with problems of containment, combustion and materials. Since reactors produce 50 percent of the national radioactive waste volume and incineration can reduce reactor plant waste by about 45 percent, this research is especially significant.

Incineration is used by a significant number of Wisconsin licensees. The Medical College of Wisconsin, for example, incinerates animal carcasses containing radioactive material and reports no problems. The idea of a regional incineration facility for the Midwest is being considered in regional compact negotiations. (See chapter on Compact.)

Smelting: The Department of Energy is exploring use of this technology to decontaminate and reduce the final disposal volume of metallic waste from such sources as reactor plants and accelerators.

#### CHANGES IN WASTE CLASSIFICATION

A task force assembled by EG&G Idaho, Inc. (prime contractor for management of the DOE's low-level radioactive waste program) examined systems for classifying low-level wastes, all of which would result in reduced waste volume. The task force recommended classification based on total hazard and proposed several possible classification systems.<sup>6</sup>

The following example shows how changes in waste classification can reduce waste for disposal: The NRC, as of March 1981, no longer considers as radioactive for disposal purposes liquid scintillation media and animal carcasses contaminated with trace levels (less than 0.05 microcuries per gram) of carbon 14 and tritium. Those two wastes account for 43 percent and 9 percent, respectively, of all institutional wastes. This change allows for disposal in refuse incinerators or sanitary landfills in compliance with federal, state or local regulations governing disposal of toxic or pathogenic wastes. Assuming that medical and research institutions generating these wastes will resort to disposal methods other than shipment to commercial waste disposal sites, a 15 percent reduction in total wastes disposed of commercially could result.



## IMPACT OF WASTE REDUCTION METHODS ON WISCONSIN

The total commercial, institutional and industrial waste generated in Wisconsin is projected for 1985 at 2,003 cubic meters (252m<sup>3</sup> commercial power reactors, 1,028m<sup>3</sup> institutional, and 723m<sup>3</sup> industrial). With a 10-1 reduction of waste (a conservative projection) through further treatment of waste, this total could be reduced to 689 cubic meters. Treatment processes combining the use of incineration and compaction should result in an even large volume reduction factor.

## SOME CLOSING COMMENTS ON WASTE REDUCTION

Several of the treatment methods discussed above concentrate the radioactivity contained in the waste. Thus, although reduced in volume, the waste may present more hazards, requiring added shielding during handling and transportation. And because any treatment method increases necessary handling, it adds to possible radiation exposure for workers. On the other hand, the general public would seem to be at greatest risk from low-level radioactive wastes when the wastes are being transported, due to the possible results of normal vehicular accidents. Any decision to concentrate waste must consider these factors.

While the potential for reducing waste volumes is great, waste generators are not required by federal regulations to use any of these techniques. The method used is determined primarily by economic factors and restrictions set by disposal sites. The strategy task force assembled by EG&G Idaho, Inc., recommends that "regulators should have the authority to ensure proper waste treatment" and suggests that "waste treatment options could be incorporated into the waste classification system, specifying waste treatment techniques if applicable." It concludes, "Economic incentives would encourage additional reductions in volume to conserve disposal capacity and to reduce transportation demands."

## CHAPTER IV

### LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL

There are approximately 300 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license holders in the state of Wisconsin. They include three nuclear power reactors; industrial, medical and research facilities; colleges and secondary schools; coal-fired power plants; government units, and individual doctors and researchers. While some are licensed simply because they operate test equipment or gauges containing a radioactive source and generate no waste to speak of, many of the licensees do generate low-level radioactive waste and, therefore, require disposal options.

A survey of Wisconsin's waste generators concluded that:

Without looking specifically at each isotope and each licensee and making a check on the effectiveness of the disposal methods versus the licensee's compliance with the regulations, it is difficult to make a quantitative statement regarding the volumes that could be affected by the use of different methods of disposal. However, in a qualitative vein, it is apparent that many of the Wisconsin licensees have already taken advantage of the most cost-effective alternatives. Still, there are a number of licensees that might be able to reduce the volume of the radioactive waste sent to commercial sites by taking advantage of one of the approved alternatives.

#### DISPOSAL METHODS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations (Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, referred to as 10 CFR 20) allow several alternatives for disposing of radioactive waste material.

Environmental release: Liquids and gases containing limited amounts of radioactive material may be released into the environment. Under 10 CFR 20.106, concentrations are limited to slightly above background for each individual radionuclide and the total annual concentration is also limited. Permission to release such liquids and gases requires detailed information on the chemical and physical characteristics of the effluent, and descriptions of the natural and human environment and monitoring system to be used.

"Due to the amount of information required and the policy of the NRC to maintain releases 'as low as reasonably achievable' (ALARA), this alternative is usually impractical," at least for Wisconsin generators.

Storage for decay: Materials with short half-lives are stored until such time as they may be safely released to the environment. This method of disposal is widely used by hospitals and universities, which store these low-level wastes in basements, shielded rooms or other buildings until through decay the wastes become legally nonradioactive. They are then disposed of as nonradioactive liquid or solid wastes, as permitted by NRC regulations. The generator's license must specifically allow for use of this alternative or must be amended. In obtaining permission to store for decay, the generator must describe the storage area and adjacent areas, list security measures, agree to record radiation levels at least weekly, and describe monitoring procedures to be used to assure sufficient decay

prior to disposal. Industrial licensees who are using sealed sources with a half-life of less than 90 days are encouraged to consider storage for decay.

Many Wisconsin licensees use storage for decay, including the Nuclear Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Milwaukee County General Hospital, and the Veterans Administration/University Hospital complex in Madison. Charles R. Wilson of Milwaukee County General Hospital reports that, "Materials used in the hospital are in general very short-lived . . . and are routinely stored until the activity decays away and then are disposed of as nonradioactive trash."<sup>5</sup>

Sewer disposal: Liquid or semi-solid radioactive wastes are released to municipal sewer systems under controlled circumstances, in accordance with 10 CFR 20.303. The total released by a single licensee may not exceed one curie per year. A proposal has been made, however, to allow from one to seven curies per year to be released into sewer systems, depending on the material involved (e.g., maximums of one curie of carbon 14, five curies of tritium).<sup>6</sup> Some human excreta, possibly containing radioactive material from diagnostic or therapeutic treatments, are released into sewer systems under uncontrolled circumstances.

Sewer disposal is used by many licensees in Wisconsin and does not require a license amendment, only strict adherence to concentration limits as stipulated in 10 CFR 20, Standards for Protection against Radiation.<sup>7</sup>

Interim storage: Temporary holding of wastes on or away from the generator's site is a disposal option not currently permitted but being considered in the event that at some future date sufficient disposal space is not available at commercial low-level waste disposal sites or a waste classification system is instituted that would require greater isolation in disposal for certain low-level radioactive waste than is now provided.

Consideration was given to interim storage by the Wisconsin Governor's Ad Hoc Radioactive Waste Disposal Committee while studying the impact on Wisconsin of the possible future closing of existing commercial burial sites. After examining several options, the committee concluded, "The only short term viable option is using an existing license holder for waste storage and, most probably, having each waste generator store his own."<sup>8</sup> Significant factors in the decision were 1) the length of time required to obtain a new license (three to five years) versus the time required to amend a license (up to six months), and 2) the NRC view that the storer of the waste is the "legal owner" of the waste.

The need for interim storage is a matter of demonstrated importance. Most hospitals and research laboratories have little storage space available for low-level waste requiring commercial disposal. When the Nevada and Washington sites closed briefly in 1979 (because generators of waste were complying poorly with transportation and packaging regulations), "some hospitals and labs were almost forced to discontinue medical treatment and research for lack of a place to store or dispose of the low-level waste they generated."

Incineration: 10 CFR 20.305 contains the provisions for incineration of low-level radioactive waste. A license amendment is required. (See Appendix for information that must be supplied prior to obtaining the license amendment.) The NRC encourages disposal by incineration for liquid scintillation wastes and laboratory animals containing small amounts of carbon 14 and tritium. Some states or local governments prohibit such burning, but Wisconsin does not, and a significant number

of Wisconsin licensees use this method of disposal.<sup>10</sup> Because of the very high cost of shipping waste out of state for disposal, the Medical College of Wisconsin now finds it cheaper to pay the salary of an assistant who is in charge of incineration of radioactive waste. Since his hiring in 1981, they have "dramatically reduced the amount of waste requiring shallow land disposal."<sup>11</sup>

Nuclear Pharmacy stores wastes (mostly syringes) returned to them for a minimum of ten, but usually 20<sup>12</sup> times their life span. These wastes are then sent to the Waukesha incinerator. (For more on incineration, see the discussion of incineration as a method of waste reduction.)

On-site burial: According to 10 CFR 20.304, limited amounts of radioactive material may be buried on land owned by the institution generating the waste. Waste must be buried at least four feet deep and no closer than six feet to another such burial. Generators are limited to twelve burials per year. A few licensees in Wisconsin use this method.<sup>13</sup>

Ocean disposal: During the 1940's and 1950's low-level wastes were put into steel drums and dumped at sea. The U.S. government has issued no new ocean disposal licenses since 1960, and the last disposal at sea occurred in 1970. In part, this practice ended because of public concern. Ironically, because of mounting citizen anxiety about dumping wastes at land sites and dwindling space for disposal at currently operating commercial disposal<sup>14</sup> sites, rules are now being prepared by the EPA to permit ocean dumping again.

Emplacement in mined cavities, geologic depositories, or engineered structures: These disposal options need to be considered in case a future waste classification system designates some wastes as requiring more isolation than is currently available. Some wastes might require intermediate depth disposal; some might require disposal as deep as for high-level waste. Discussing these options is difficult because it may contribute to fears of low-level waste and perceived hazards

Injection into deep wells and disposal in hydrofracture strata: These options have been investigated and in some instances implemented, principally abroad, but have major disadvantages: essentially, they accommodate only liquid wastes and seem feasible only in situations where a large-scale generator of liquid waste has a suitable geologic formation on his site. Wisconsin prohibits deep well injection.

Shallow land burial: This option is the primary disposal method in the United States. In this method low-level radioactive waste is placed in earth trenches and covered with soil caps. Three disposal sites handle the nation's commercial low-level waste currently. These sites are located at Barnwell, South Carolina; Beatty, Nevada; and Hanford, Washington.<sup>15</sup> All three are licensed by the host states under the NRC's Agreement State Program.

During 1979, 79,914 cubic meters (2,824,000 cubic feet) of low-level radioactive wastes were disposed of at the three commercial sites. One-half of this waste was generated by commercial power plants, nine percent by government and military facilities, and the remaining 41<sup>16</sup> percent by industrial facilities, medical facilities, and research institutions. In the same year Wisconsin generated 571.5 cubic meters (20,184 cubic feet) of wastes that it shipped for out-of-state disposal. Approximately 78 percent of that waste was generated by the state's three

nuclear power reactors, four percent by two industrial generators, and 18 percent<sup>17</sup> by medical and research facilities. A total of 28 facilities made 130 shipments.

The Department of Energy estimates that by 1990 six to eight new commercial sites will be needed to handle the nation's low-level waste. While Wisconsin generates slightly less than one percent of the nation's total being disposed of by shallow land burial, it is nonetheless dependent on the continued existence of disposal sites.

Operation of current sites: The typical facility ranges from 50 to 300 acres in size with waste burial trenches about 40 feet wide at the top, 25 feet wide at the bottom, 20 feet deep, and 600 feet long.<sup>18</sup> Trenches are filled with containers of low-level waste, capped with soil and clay, and marked with a permanent monument to record the waste type, volume, and radioactivity at the specific location. The actual disposal areas are fenced and have controlled access points. Environmental monitoring is required, and all vehicles and personnel are surveyed for radioactivity when entering and leaving the sites. Disposal fees are charged to the waste generator on a per-cubic-foot basis. Funds are also collected for site closure and long-term care and are maintained in separate accounts for future use.

#### WASTE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

As described earlier, a broad range of nuclides, activity levels and waste forms are considered low-level radioactive wastes. A generator must prepare waste for disposal according to the requirements of the NRC and the commercial disposal sites. NRC requires segregation of wastes by physical form. All of the operating sites specify the segregation of types of wastes (biological wastes, organic liquids, solid) and the packaging requirements for each. Most states have imposed additional restrictions, such as monthly volume limits, predisposal inspection requirements, and prohibitions against certain types of waste, either based on waste form, waste source, or location of the waste generator. At present, however, there is no standard comprehensive waste classification system in the United States.

The NRC has concluded that wastes should be classified according to their suitability for a specific method of disposal. If addressed from a disposal point of view, some wastes may require more and some less care than is currently provided by shallow land burial. 10 CFR 61 would establish the principles and general requirements for land disposal methods, focusing on shallow land burial, but also addressing alternatives that would provide additional protection such as intermediate depth burial, engineered structures, or mined cavities.

In this regard and prior to establishing additional shallow land burial sites, states should know the volumes and types of waste requiring disposal. At the time of the Wisconsin Waste Survey in 1979, it was one of a few states to have made efforts in this direction.

But the volume of wastes and the radionuclides included in them are only part of the many factors that must be measured to evaluate adequately the problems of managing low-level waste. To establish the isolation time and protection needed, technical information is required about the kind of radiation involved (alpha, beta, gamma), the radionuclide's half-life, and whether or not there might be chemical, biological or physical hazards as well.

For example:

One curie of tritium is a negligible hazard compared to one curie of phosphorus 32.

While carbon 14 has a half-life of 5,730 years, it is a radionuclide abundant in natural systems. Thus its half-life is considered of minimum concern if the nuclide is present in less than natural background concentrations.

While liquid scintillation fluids contain such small concentrations of carbon 14, the organic part of these wastes is toluene, a carcinogenic compound. These wastes, therefore, require special treatment because of their chemical hazard.

Low-level wastes emit primarily alpha and beta radiation, although the primary radionuclides found in reactor low-level wastes and in institutional wastes emit beta and/or gamma radiation. Thus activity ranges from levels of energy that require no special handling to levels that require lead shielding and other specific handling to prevent human exposure.

Some radionuclides lose most of their activity within hours, days or months, while others will require several hundred years to reach innocuous levels, depending upon their unique half-life.

None of the above factors can be taken singly to measure the hazards or problems of managing low-level radioactive wastes.

Both the National Governors Association and a special task force assembled by EG&G Idaho, Inc., to help formulate a national low-level radioactive waste management strategy have strongly recommended a waste classification system based on total hazard. Under this system, low-level radioactive wastes would be categorized by their radioactive hazard and their nonradioactive hazards, including carcinogenicity, pathogenicity, chemical and biological toxicity, flammability, and explosiveness. The ultimate handling, transportation and disposal criteria would be based on the total hazard of the waste. Several categories of waste would be identified and related to specific treatment and disposal criteria.

EG&G Idaho summarizes the effects of such a system:

Classification by total hazard would result in substantial increases in waste handling and recordkeeping requirements for generators. No changes in transportation operations would be required. The volume of waste shipped to disposal sites would decrease, while the final curie inventory at such sites would increase. No new technologies would be required for this system of waste classification, though many generators would have to use technology directed toward managing the toxic components of their waste. Because the total-hazard classification system is deemed desirable by the states, development of interstate compacts and new regional disposal sites would be enhanced. The costs of waste management and disposal to generators and consumers would increase substantially in comparison with current practice. The

occupational exposure of personnel employed by generators would increase, whereas population risks would decrease. At both the federal and state levels, new regulations on waste disposal would have to be developed and enforced,<sup>19</sup> thus causing a significant impact on the regulatory agencies.

#### THE MOVEMENT TOWARD NEW SITES, PREFERABLY REGIONAL

Of the total low-level radioactive waste disposed of by shallow land burial in 1979, 79 percent went to Barnwell, South Carolina; 8 percent to Beatty, Nevada; and 13 percent to Hanford, Washington. Actions taken in 1979 by South Carolina Governor Richard Riley today limit Barnwell to accepting about 40 percent of the waste generated in the U.S. Thus an additional 40 percent of the waste requires shipment to the West. Since the South and Midwest are the regions generating the most waste, shipping in most cases involves distances of more than 1,000 miles.<sup>20</sup> There is concern about the transportation of low-level wastes, partly because transportation costs are likely to rise and partly because longer transportation distances increase the possibility of public exposure to the wastes. Establishing more disposal sites would reduce the amount of transportation needed.

Officials in South Carolina, Washington and Nevada have made it clear that they feel their states should not have to bear the nation's burden in regard to low-level waste disposal. The action taken by Governor Riley was but one step in his ongoing effort to force the development of a national low-level waste management policy in which all states accept responsibility for waste management. Also in 1979 the governors of Washington and Nevada temporarily closed their sites to out-of-state users because of poor compliance with packaging and transportation regulations. Before reopening the sites, those governors insisted on assurances from the federal government for increased funds for training, tighter inspection and enforcement procedures, and Congressional<sup>21</sup> action on the authorization and location of additional low-level waste sites.

In September, 1979, the Department of Energy began developing strategy to manage low-level waste. A task force was assigned to develop issues and recommend action. A draft strategy was issued in September, 1980, for comment and review. The final document was to be available in the spring of 1982, as prepared by EG&G Idaho, Inc., lead contractor.<sup>22</sup>

In August, 1980, the National Governors Association established a task force to develop and recommend policies for the management of low-level waste. Its recommendations, supporting state responsibility and regional management, were accepted unanimously by the governors, and its report was endorsed by the National Council of State Legislators and the State Planning Council.

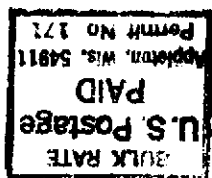
As a result of these actions, in December, 1980, the Low-Level Waste Policy Act was passed by Congress and signed into law. It establishes as national policy that states should be primarily responsible for their own low-level waste management, and disposal options should be exercised on a regional basis. It allows states to enter into regional compacts, and, perhaps most significantly from the standpoint of making those regional facilities a reality, it allows such compacts to exclude out-of-region wastes as of January 1, 1986.

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## February 1983

February 8th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	Natural Resources General Meeting SEE page 7	Fox Valley Tech Room F 102
February 14th	Board Meeting	
February 22nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	Natural Resources Unit SEE page 7	Hostess: Nancy Pourciau 514 N. Union 734-6296
February 23rd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.	Natural Resources Unit	All Saint Episcopal Church Drew & College
March 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	National Security General Meeting SEE page 12	All Saints Episcopal Church

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### LIVLIEST ISSUES

On January 13th we had one of the best attended Lively Issues meeting in recent years. No blizzard prevented members from coming and discussing everything from local housing needs to the national judicial system.

Areas of concern in the national arena were discussed only briefly, as National Program is planned on years of the National Convention (1984 will be the next one).

Recommendations for State Program years 1983-85 are two. First, a study of Unemployment Compensation. Second, a study on sentencing and parole in Wisconsin.

Many topics of interest on the local scene were discussed, not limited strictly to program plans. Members want in the future specific board training on consensus/concurrence and clarification of position before a study is undertaken. Discussion included a suggestion that the Board look into whether program time should be set aside to study who we are and where we are going as a League.

(More on Lively Issues on the President's Page, inside, page 4)

WHO'S DUE AND PAST DUE

by Joyce Green, Treasurer

August-Barbara Pennings

Sept.-Ruth Seager

Oct.-Joyce Richman, Kathy Sprenger

Nov.-Sally Bredeweg, Kathleen Isaacson, Joan Jenquin

Dec.-Elayne Lastofka, Dorothy Olson

Jan.-Pat Bornslaeger, Frederica Bouringer, Lorraine James, Sharon Persich, Denise Peterson, Sally Klapper-Randa, Dick Sampson, Barbara Tank

Feb.-Pat Danford, Kris Davis, Lynn Debbink, Roma Felible, Pat Filzen, Liz Hoover, Ann Lindstrom, Linda Middleton, Sally Mielke, Shirley and Tom Schafer

As you can see we have quite a few members whose dues are due or past due. The end of League's fiscal year is March 31st and the money collected from our finance drive next month should be reserved to pay our 4/1/83 to 3/31/84 expenses. As of Jan. 21 our checkbook balance was \$368.85 and on March 1st the 4th installment (\$375.00) of our state pledge is due. Also we have finance drive and regular operating expenses to cover. The bottom line is:

We need your check.

While we're on the subject: In June 1982 the books of the Appleton League were audited by a committee of 3 members, Jan Besta, Pat Danford and Bev Wieckert. They have recommended a change in the by-laws regarding membership dues. The Board at the Jan. 17th meeting approved the recommendation and will bring it before the membership at our annual meeting in April for your approval.

Here it is:

"The Audit Committee recommends that the Appleton League of Women Voters adopt a membership year commencing September 1 with dues payable by September 30, and a two month grace period ending November 30. New members joining before March 1 would pay full dues, while those joining after March 1 would pay half dues. Members whose dues are presently payable in months other than September would have their dues pro-rated during the transition year according to the attached schedule."

Those whose dues are payable in the following months would pay the indicated prorated amounts, with full dues payable the following September:

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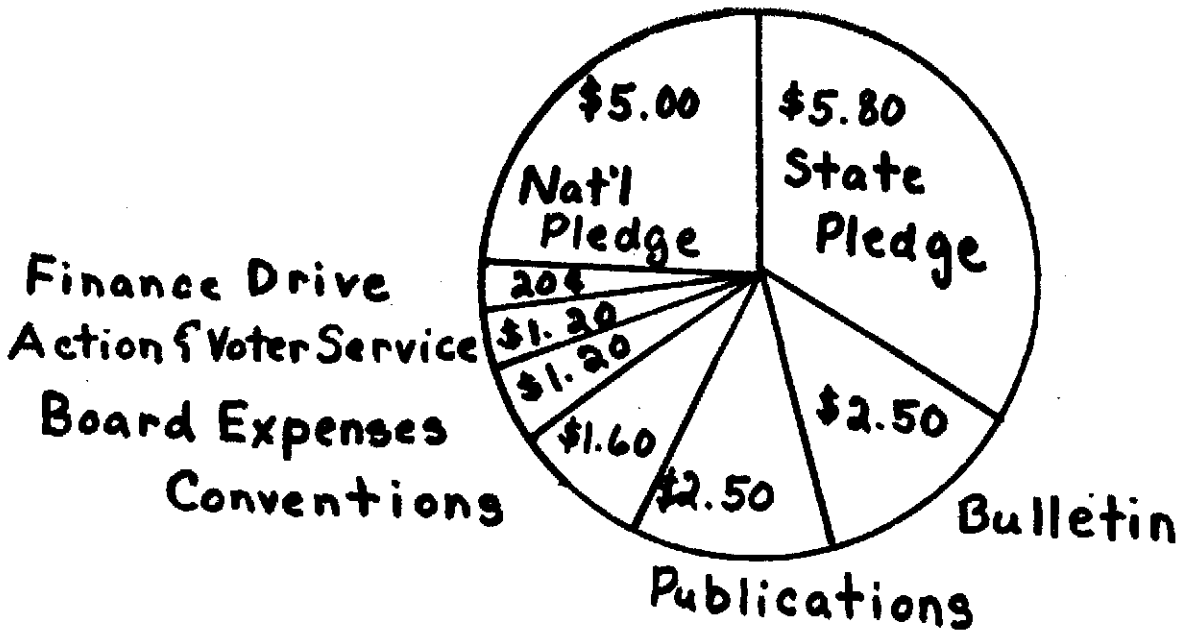
If the dues change before this plan can be adopted, it would, of course, be necessary to revise this schedule.

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Action Packed Politics was true to its name: where Leagues took action on membership using the Action Packed Politics Campaign, Leagues got action.

## Specific Outcomes

### The Numbers

Figures from about 250 of the first Leagues to return their campaign tally sheets tell quite a story:

- Virtually all reporting Leagues (97%) did add new members through the Action Packed Politics campaign.
- Nine out of ten of those Leagues (89%) showed a net growth for the period September 1, 1982 through the end of their campaigns (i.e., new members added were more than enough to offset "old" members not renewing).
- Almost half (44%) of Leagues reporting showed a net growth of 10% or more.

Locally, we added 13 members during the campaign. Membership on September 1 was 106; as of January 15 it is 119.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

You were certainly most responsive to last month's suggestions for New Year's resolutions. I have formed a committee of ushers for the State Convention. A full budget committee including Joyce Green, Liz Hoover, Helen Nagler, and Mark de Young, Chair, has been established. Dawn Washatka will be in charge of the Annual Meeting arrangements. In addition to that, attendance at the VTAE meeting was great.

THANK YOU!!

Hoping for the same sort of response, here are, I believe, some possible solutions to a few organizational problems and ways you can help your League:

\*\*\*\*\* To alleviate a cash flow problem within League we need your dues promptly.

Delinquent dues are a source of much Board concern. The treasurer has provided financial information for you in this Bulletin. Please read carefully, and make your check out today.

\*\*\*\*\* The Finance Drive begins in March. Now is the time to make your commitment.

Your membership includes a responsibility to this once a year event. There are many ways you can help so call Shirley Schafer (739-1053). We have chosen a theme for this year's drive: "We tackle the tough jobs!" If we want to continue to do just that we need a successful campaign.

\*\*\*\*\* A feasibility committee is being formed to determine if League should publish a revised "This is Appleton." There was some discussion at Lively Issues and Shirley Schafer volunteered to be editor. If you have input for this committee, please contact me.

\*\*\*\*\* Finally, let's begin to use this Bulletin as a communication tool. Letters from members to the editor about your concerns, opinions, and ideas would be most welcome and appreciated. The Bulletin deadline is usually the Friday following the Board meeting. Although this isn't a novel idea, I think it has promise.

See you at the February 8th Natural Resources Meeting.

--- Karen de Young

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LIVELIEST ISSUES (continued from page 1)

Low income housing problems are of great interest. Members decided not to recommend a study done by League alone, but to continue participation with others in the ad hoc Housing Advisory Committee and have a board member, probably the Human Resources chair, authorized in that regard.

Last year the Social Services study was adopted as a two year study. Members at the meeting strongly supported continuing this as planned.

--- Berta Churchill  
Program VP

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| Beth Veker<br>2104 Camelot Ct.<br>738-0679 | Beth, a native of Michigan, has been in the Appleton area for 1½ years. Having a B. S. in Criminal Justice, she works as Loss Prevention Manager for H.C. Prange. She enjoys jogging, skiing and raquetball. | Mary Lou Peerenboom<br>521 W. Cleveland<br>Little Chute<br>788-2691 | Mary Lou is an elementary school teacher at Little Chute Middle School. A native of the Appleton area, she enjoys cross-country skiing, swimming & raquetball. |
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Thank you for your suggestions!

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Tuesday, February 8th 7:30 p.m. Fox Valley Technical Institute Room F 102 \*\*

Please join us for this general meeting! We're offering a look at both legislative and regulatory developments concerning our most basic environmental laws: the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. We'll view "The Regulators - Our Invisible Government", which follows the 1977 Clean Air Act amendments as they move from Capitol Hill to the EPA, the regulatory body charged with the job of translating its clauses into specific requirements. The regulatory process has taken on an even greater importance in this round of legislation. We'll also review League's position on air and water, and give you the latest on renewal of the CAA and CWA as League sees it. Please come and renew your commitment to these very important action items.

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PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO THE MATERIAL IN YOUR DECEMBER & JANUARY BULLETINS

**Transportation of Low-Level Radioactive Materials and Wastes**

**EXISTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Transportation of radioactive materials is mostly by truck and air carrier, but also by railway and barge. Regulation is by the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) and the NRC. They have overlapping authority but operate under a memorandum of understanding. US DOT regulates smaller, less hazardous packages (Type A), and NRC regulates the larger, more hazardous shipments (Type B).

In general, the regulatory standards for packaging and transport of radioactive materials are designed to achieve four primary objectives:

1. Protection of persons and film from radiation emitted from packages by limiting radiation levels.
2. Provision for proper containment of radioactive material in packages under the normal rigors of transportation (for Type A quantities) and under normal and accident conditions for more significant quantities (Type B). This is achieved by package design requirements based on performance-oriented package damage test and environmental criteria;
3. Prevention of nuclear criticality (a condition leading to a nuclear fission chain reaction) for special nuclear materials; and
4. Physical protection against theft and sabotage during transit of strategic quantities and types of special nuclear materials (those that have potential for use in nuclear explosive devices).

US DOT safety rules cover mechanical condition of vehicles, qualifications of carrier personnel, carrier loading and unloading, handling and storage, and package labeling and vehicle placarding requirements. Notification and reporting of transportation incidents involving suspected radioactive contamination are established.

There are numerous similarities to the regulatory system covering hazardous materials and wastes transportation.<sup>5</sup> The rules are numerous and generally enforced by the shipper, carrier, dispatcher or receiver of packages -- as opposed to active inspection and enforcement by federal regulators. At points of transfer, the recipient must sign that packages were received in good condition and meeting requirements. One difference in the tracking system for wastes is worthy of note: manifests for Type B or large quantity radioactive waste shipments only are submitted to federal or state agencies as a routine matter to provide agencies with knowledge of shipments underway.<sup>6</sup> Type A quantities are not required to submit any papers to the government.

Packaging for radioactive materials can vary greatly, depending on the materials. Type A shipments are carried in containers that range from small fiberboard containers used for radiopharmaceuticals to 55-gallon metal drums used for such low-level solid wastes as cleaning rags and laboratory glassware. Larger quantities of more radioactive materials (Type B) are shipped in containers made of wood or metal that must meet more stringent requirements for withstanding accidents. Large quantities must meet Type B packaging standards plus requirements related to heavier shielding and the dissipation of heat from radioactive decay. Further detail on the variations allowed for different radioactive elements can be found in the federal regulations.

During transport, packages are placed in one of three categories, labelled I White, II Yellow, or III Yellow, depending on the need for segregation during handling and limits on the dose rate from the package. In many cases, packaging cannot provide sufficient shielding without being prohibitively heavy. No more than 50 radiation units, based on the highest radiation dose rate three feet from the package surface, can be stored or shipped together in a vehicle. Larger maximum radiation dose rates are permitted for vehicles exclusively transporting radioactive materials.

Some radioactive material can be shipped in bulk and with minimal packaging requirements. This is Low Specific Activity (LSA) material in which radioactivity is distributed essentially uniformly in small limited concentrations. LSA material includes natural uranium compounds, low-level reactor wastes and contaminated solids. Health effects are limited primarily to radiation field effects and skin contamination transferred by touching the contaminated solid.

#### CRITICISM OF FEDERAL ROLE AND SUGGESTED CHANGES

Despite growing public concern, US DOT asserts that radioactive materials transportation has a good safety record. For the period 1971-79, the total incidents reported were 463, or one-half of one percent of all of the reported hazardous materials incidents. Of the 463 incidents, 373 concerned highway transportation, most of which involved minor or suspected contamination of container or vehicles. In only about 50 of the highway incidents were packages of radioactive material burned, thrown from the vehicle, or rolled upon by the vehicle.<sup>10</sup>

There has been criticism that allowable levels for radioactive contamination on the surface of packages and in transport vehicles are too high. Critics recommend that standards should be the same as those for unrestricted areas at nuclear facilities where no protective clothing is required.<sup>11</sup> In addition, critics want



US DOT and NRC to inspect packages and containers physically, rather than using the present practice of inspecting only the quality assurance records of the manufacturers. In addition, inspection of reused<sup>12</sup> packages has been urged to assure that they continue to meet safety standards. Critics of existing safety precautions also point out that US DOT requires emergency response training only for carrier personnel of large quantity packages.<sup>14</sup>

Other types of concerns relate to better coordination of federal actions with state and local agencies. The State Planning Council on Radioactive Waste Management called for improvements in emergency response planning, along with better coordination among federal, state, local and tribal agencies. Specific points include: technical assistance and training; prenotification of high-level or large quantity shipments; prompt recovery of state and local costs for emergency response; strong, uniform and consistent enforcement programs including penalties and correction of noncompliance before proceeding, unless such action would present a greater hazard; federal consultation with other agencies on routing; and re-examination of the liability concept of the Price-Anderson Act regarding<sup>15</sup> "extraordinary nuclear occurrence" as it applies to transportation accidents.

Criticism of federal packaging standards and federal enforcement was reemphasized "in April, 1979, when the governors of South Carolina, Washington and Nevada demanded that the NRC drastically improve packaging standards. When leaking and mislabelled packages continued to arrive in spite of NRC assurances, Washington and Nevada closed their low-level waste burial sites for several weeks in the fall of 1979. South Carolina selectively<sup>16</sup> and temporarily banned some waste carriers with unacceptable performance records." Effective December 3, 1979, the NRC incorporated US DOT regulations to allow NRC inspectors to review NRC licensees' packages and operations with respect to US<sup>17</sup> DOT regulations, thus increasing the potential for federal inspection efforts. Executive Order EO 79-09 of the State of Washington, issued by Governor Dixie Lee Ray, acknowledged this increased federal role as the condition for reopening the Hanford, Washington, radioactive waste disposal site.

## ROLE OF THE STATES

The role of the states in regulating shipments of radioactive wastes is less clear than that of the federal government. There is uncertainty about the degree to which federal preemption limits the ability of the states to adopt and enforce regulations that duplicate or supplement federal regulations and to require both escort vehicles and advance notification of radioactive shipments.

A large number of states and municipalities have enacted special requirements. These include: advance route notification, prescribed routes, prohibition of high-level shipments, liability insurance, posting bond or cash for cleanup in case of accidents, escorts, special records, qualification of personnel, state notification of accidents, state licensees, etc.<sup>18</sup>

States are involved in radioactive material transportation in three possible ways: as an origination state, a bridge state, or a destination state. While the legal validity of the state and municipal regulations mentioned above is uncertain, states can increase their role by becoming Limited or full Agreement States. "An Agreement State is one entering into an agreement with NRC by which the NRC relinquishes its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to regulate

within the borders of the state the receipt, possession, use and transfer (including transportation) of source material, byproduct material, and subcritical configurations of special nuclear material." A Limited Agreement State could include specific aspects of this NRC authority.

As of April, 1981, 26 states had adopted US DOT regulations regarding transportation of radioactive materials. Wisconsin has adopted these rules, and the newly-revised (October, 1981) administrative code HSS 157 (formerly H 57) incorporates references to all federal shipment regulations and covers any gaps in applicability within the state. Inspection and emergency response are focused in the Radiation Protection Section, Department of Health and Social Service (DHSS) and the Division of Emergency Government (DEG). Prenotification of shipments, both interstate and intrastate, of Type B packages and spent nuclear fuel are received by DEG and routed to the State Patrol and local sheriffs' departments. By executive order under Governor Warren Knowles, the State Patrol is responsible for determining if any accidents involve radioactive emissions. All State Patrol vehicles are equipped with geiger counters which measure radioactive emissions. if needed, DEG and/or DHSS can provide an Alpha<sup>21</sup> counter. There have been only a few such accidents in the last several years.

There are currently three US DOT inspectors in Wisconsin, who inspect and enforce all US DOT regulations covering all hazardous and radioactive materials rules. Under a 1971 memorandum of agreement, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and US DOT exchange information and US DOT provides training. Under a 1976 memorandum of agreement, DHSS and US DOT exchange information and US DOT provides training. Basically, these agreements allow inspectors to report violations of the other jurisdictions' regulations while inspecting for compliance with their own regulations.<sup>22</sup>

US DOT inspectors report through the DOT's Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting System. The federal inspectors in Wisconsin do not make inspections specifically for radioactive materials; inspections are of packers, carriers, etc., for compliance with all regulations. They also do not keep records<sup>23</sup> that would show how much of their workload is related to radioactive shipments.

Given the past safety record in Wisconsin, DHSS assumes<sup>24</sup> that federal inspections directly related to radioactive materials are minimal. Wisconsin has the power but has never allocated the resources to inspect and enforce federal regulations in this area. While this is a gap, DHSS has taken the position that it will not reallocate the few state inspectors from their existing workload. Federal cutbacks in funding have reduced the possibility of more federal assistance in inspection. Until just recently, NRC would contract with states that provided a trained person to conduct extensive inspections for compliance with a wide range of NRC AND US DOT regulations of radioactive materials.<sup>25</sup> This program was to be transferred to US DOT, but its fate is not known. If the number of radioactive shipments through Wisconsin should increase, as would be the case if Wisconsin or northern Illinois were the site of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, the state might have increased concern about packaging, such as that expressed for Hanford, Washington, by the Governor.

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COME TO THE UNITS ON February 22 (evening) and February 23 (morning). Bring the materials in your December, January, and February Bulletins!

Concurrence questions are in January's issue. Discussion questions are on the next page.

## Low Level Radioactive Waste Concurrence

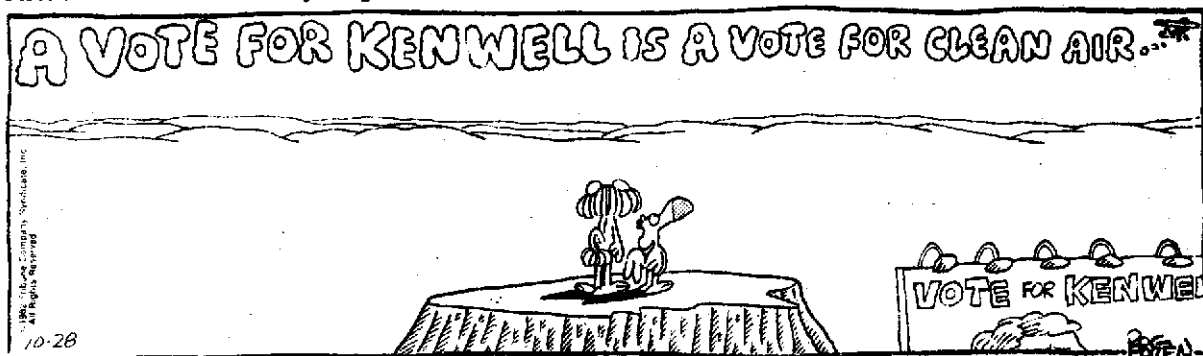
We guarantee you'll learn something new at concurrence units on February 22 & 23. (If you don't, you should have been on the committee!!) Please read the background material, discussion questions, and concurrence statements in the December, January and February Bulletins. Then come and share your views about this timely issue.

### Discussion Questions:

1. At present there is no standard definition of low level radioactive waste. Should one be formulated?
2. Should Wisconsin encourage treatment of wastes to reduce the amount requiring disposal?
3. How should wastes be classified?
- \* 4. The Wisconsin Geological Survey lists criteria for selecting suitable sites for burial of LLRW. Do you see any gaps in the siting criteria? Compare to LWV criteria for disposal of hazardous & LLRW. Do other disposal methods in Chapter IV meet the criteria even though they are not all burial methods?
- \* 5. What effort has Wisconsin made to provide for disposal of LLRW generated within the state?
- \* 6. Compare the responsibilities of Agreement States, non-Agreement States, and Limited Agreement States. Wisconsin is presently a non-Agreement State. Discuss what status Wisconsin should choose.
- \* 7. Should a comprehensive plan be developed for long term management of LLRW?
- \* 8. Are the provisions for public participation in siting facilities adequate? Can you suggest any changes? Test these provisions for public participation against the principles of LWV and League criteria for disposal of LLRW.
9. Should Wisconsin seek the authority to enforce standards and to correct violations in the packaging, handling, routing and transportation of both radioactive materials and LLRW?
- \* Additional information will be presented at the units.

Note: All of the background material that has appeared in the Bulletin is from "Low Level Radioactive Waste Study, LWV of Wisconsin, September, 1982.

### **ANIMAL CRACKERS** By Rog Bollen



## NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

### \*\*General Meeting\*\*

March 1, 7:30pm  
All-Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave.

### \*\*Study Committee Meeting\*\*

January 27, 7:30pm  
Nancy Pourciau's home  
514 N. Union

AAUW and LWV will be joining forces on March 1 to view two films, "The Salt Syndrome" (prepared by the American Security Council) and "War Without Winners" (prepared by the Center for Defense Information). The study committee has previewed both films and they are excellent! Each film presents a different perspective of what the United States' defense goals should be. While each of us has heard aspects of these arguments in the current national debate, the films do a good job of focusing in on the main points and the emotions felt by citizens when asked National Security questions. The films will be critiqued immediately afterwards and will inspire lots of questions.

The American Security Council is described as a "conservative pro-defense organization". The Center for Defense Information has Admiral LaRocque as it's main spokesperson and works for a "strong defense but opposes excesses and waste in military spending and programs that increase the danger of nuclear war." They will provide an excellent beginning to our National Security study.

Speaking of the National Security Study Committee, our next meeting will be January 27. We are just getting started and would welcome any new committee members, with the exception of experienced military strategists (we don't want to get bogged down in "detailed comparisons" and "numbers"). We intend to concentrate our efforts on the broader questions presently being raised by citizens across the country. At the core of the public debate are a number of questions centering on "how much is enough?"

Do we need to strengthen U.S. defenses to deter the Soviet Union?

Should the strategic nuclear weapons of both the U.S. and the Soviets be reduced? If so, by how much?

How much money should the United States spend on defense in an era of constrained budget resources and economic uncertainty?

How many promises of support can the United States extend to other countries?

Do read the fall 1982 National VOTER article, "The Future of National Security".

Do come to the general meeting on March 1.

**\*\*Note\*\***-The National Security Study Committee is looking for someone who has a copy of Great Decisions '82, Topic #1: What Price Security?, Topic #2: W. Europe & US. Please call Kathy Johnston, 734-6201 if you know of someone. Thank-you!

-Kathy Johnston 734-6201  
National Security Study Chair

## ARMS CONTROL TERMS

The international community had agreed on some arms control measures during the past two decades and is proceeding with negotiations in numerous other areas. The following arms control glossary is adapted from The Glossary of Arms Control Terms by the Arms Control Association.

Arms control: Any unilateral action or multilateral plan, arrangement, or process, resting upon explicit or implicit international agreement, which limits or regulates any aspect of the following: the production, numbers, type, configuration, and performance characteristics of weapon systems (including related command and control, logistics support, and intelligence arrangements or mechanisms); and the numerical strength, organization, equipment, deployment or employment of the armed forces retained by the parties.

Deterrence: Dissuasion of a potential adversary from initiating an attack or conflict, often by the threat of unacceptable retaliatory damage. Nuclear deterrence is usually contrasted with the concept of nuclear defense, the strategy and forces for limiting damage, if deterrence fails. Some hold that a strategy of nuclear defense may also have a deterrent effect, if it can reduce the destructive potential of a nuclear attack.

Disarmament: In UN usage, all measures related to the prevention, limitation, reduction or elimination of weapons and military forces. See general and complete disarmament.

First strike: An initial attack with nuclear weapons. A disarming first strike is one in which the attacker attempts to destroy all or a large portion of its adversary's strategic nuclear forces before they can be launched. A preemptive first strike is one in which a nation launches its attack first on the presumption that the adversary is about to attack.

First use: The introduction of nuclear weapons into a strategic or tactical conflict. See first strike. A no-first-use pledge by a nation obliges it not to be the first to introduce nuclear weapons in a conflict.

General and complete disarmament (GCD): The total abandonment of military forces and weapons (other than internal police forces) by all nations at the same time, usually foreseen as occurring through an agreed schedule of force reductions. In 1961, in the so-called McCloy-Zorin Principles, the United States and the USSR agreed that their negotiations would have GCD as their ultimate objective.

Nuclear weapon-free zone: An area in which the production and deployment of nuclear weapons is prohibited.

Parity: A level of forces in which opposing nations possess approximately equal capabilities.

Proliferation: The spread of weapons, usually nuclear weapons. Horizontal proliferation refers to the acquisition of nuclear weapons by states not previously possessing them. Vertical proliferation refers to increases in the nuclear arsenals of those states already possessing nuclear weapons.

Consensus  
Appleton L.W.V. Education Study  
1982

Objective: To study and come to consensus on the written recommendations of the Appleton Board of Education's Long-Range Planning Committee Report (as published in August of 1982).

Part I - Curriculum

1. After examining the proposed Core Curriculum, should any items be omitted; should any items be added?
  - A. There was a general acceptance of the Core Curriculum as stated. (Description of the Core Curriculum is attached.)
  - B. There was strong support for guidance services in every school - esp. at the elementary level.
  - C. Minority Views:
    - Foreign language should not be taught at the elementary level.
    - Economics should not be taught as a separate course at the elementary level.
    - 12-12-12 (Art, Home Ec., Industrial Arts) should be omitted from the Core Curriculum.
    - Art and Music should not be mandatory past the sixth grade.
    - CPR and basic first aid should be a required part of the Physical Education.
2. What are the items in the second or third group that could be accomplished more effectively outside the school system?
  - A. No consensus was reached. Although the Core Curriculum was well defined by the report of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the second and third levels were poorly delineated. It was the feeling of the group that this area needed more study before consensus could be reached.
3. Should the institution of user fees, to supplement the extra curricular programs be provided as another funding source?
  - A. Yes, user fees should be used to supplement extra curricular programs.
  - B. There should not be a fee for lunchroom usage.
  - C. Fees should be nominal and should not exclude those who cannot pay.
  - D. Minority Views: The user fees should be set on a graduated scale to more closely reflect the actual cost of the activity.

4. Should Appleton have alternate education programs for students?
  - A. Yes, Appleton should continue to have alternate education programs for students.
  - B. Winterhill should be maintained but should not be considered as a program for the academically gifted.
  - C. A special program for the academically gifted is needed.
  - D. The concept of magnet schools should be further explored.

#### Part II - Staffing

1. Should a ratio of 23:1 for kindergarten - Primary III, 26:1 for Intermediate I - Intermediate III and 30:1 at the Secondary Level be established as the basis determining the number of classroom teachers needed, with the understanding that special circumstances dictate other ratios at times?
  - A. There was a wide diversity of opinions. However, we consider 30:1 to be the maximum ratio desirable.
  - B. We agreed that class size should not be increased for fiscal reasons.
  - C. There was strong feeling that a class should be offered at the secondary level if a minimum of 15 students indicate interest.
2. Should the criteria of a per class minimum pupil-teacher ratio of 30:1 be established before use of a classroom aide will be considered? (This does not apply to special education aides, nor to elementary schools with unitized systems.)
  - A. There was a strong consensus that 30 students is the maximum number a classroom teacher should be assigned without the help of an aide.
  - B. There was a strong minority opinion that every elementary classroom teacher should have one hour of aide time per pupil contact day.
3. Should supervisory aides be discontinued, with the exception of the two senior high schools?
  - A. There was a strong consensus that supervisory aides should be continued at all levels.
4. Should one media specialist be added at the elementary level?
  - A. There was a strong consensus that one media specialist should be added at the elementary level.
  - B. Each full-time equivalent media specialist should serve no more than two schools.

5. Should an aide be assigned to the IMC in those schools which do not have a full-time media specialist?
  - A. There was a strong feeling that the IMC should be open and staffed by a media specialist or an aide during school hours.
6. Should a paid Volunteer Coordinator be appointed to implement a central, district-wide volunteer pool?
  - A. There was unanimous opposition to the appointment of a paid, district-wide Volunteer Coordinator.
  - B. The concept of a building-centered volunteer program should be continued.
  - C. There was some interest in having an unpaid volunteer coordinator at each building.
7. Should the Board of Education include the element of performance (Merit Pay) in its negotiations for teacher salary increases?
  - A. There was a strong consensus that a system to reward quality teaching is needed. There was a division of opinion on how to best achieve such a system:
    1. Half believed merit pay was the best system, if it could be implemented fairly.
    2. Half believed the school administration should use procedures already defined to remove and/or remediate substandard teachers.
  - B. There was some interest in developing a mechanism for parental input in an evaluation system.

### Part III - Organization

1. If the Board of Education determines that a reorganization of the school system is necessary, what changes should be made?
  - a. Change from a junior high to a middle school arrangement?
  - b. Modify school boundary lines to balance enrollment?
  - c. Move ninth grade students to the senior high schools as high school enrollment drop?
  - d. Move certain Intermediate III students to junior highs but keep them in self-contained unit?
  - e. Other
  - A. There was a strong consensus that the present junior high system should be continued. There appeared to be no reason to change at this time.
  - B. There was general agreement that modifying school boundary lines is the most sensible method to balance enrollment.



1. Boundary changes should include consideration of traffic and geographic problems, the importance of school loyalties, and the need for continuity which would allow a student to start and finish in the same school.
  2. There was a minority concern that the current policy of providing a choice of school should be eliminated.
  3. There was a minority opinion that all students of one elementary school should attend the same junior high and that all students from one junior high should attend the same high school.
- C. There was no great enthusiasm for moving ninth grade students to the senior high schools.
- D. There was a strong consensus that moving some Intermediate III students to junior highs but keeping them in a self-contained unit was unacceptable.
- E. There was strong objection to a piecemeal approach to solving organizational problems.
- F. Consideration should be given to the establishment of magnet schools. Magnet schools might also serve to equalize enrollment.

#### Part IV - Sites and Facilities

1. Should an ongoing maintenance program be established with money being set aside in the budget?
  - A. There was a strong consensus that an ongoing maintenance program be established and retained with money being set aside in the budget.

The Education Update Study Committee thanks each of you who took the time to read our materials, attend the general meeting and units, and contribute your ideas and knowledge to the consensus.

Most sincerely,  
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## March 1983

### CALENDAR

| <u>Date/Time</u>                            | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Location/Hostess</u>                        |
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| March 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Tues., 7:30 p.m.   | National Security<br>General Meeting                               | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Thursday           | Finance Drive<br>Mailathon   | Shirley Schafer<br>2801 E. Bona<br>739-1053    |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Monday, 7:30 p.m.  | Social Services<br>Study Committee                                 | Kathy Johnston<br>2106 W. Roberts<br>734-6201  |
| March 21 <sup>st</sup><br>Monday, 7:30 p.m. | Board Meeting  | Barb Hussin<br>530 S. Fairview<br>739-7293     |
| April 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Thurs., 7:30 p.m.  | National Security<br>General Meeting,<br>Speaker: Dr. Chong-Do Hah | Place to be<br>announced later                 |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup><br>Tues., 7:00 p.m.  | ANNUAL MEETING   | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church                 |

\*\*\*\*\*ANNUAL MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

We have decided on a new approach for our annual meeting this year. Instead of the usual full course dinner we will serve a beverage and a desert. Our thoughts are that this will leave more time for socializing of old and new members and hopefully make it more convenient for members to attend. We are planning a stimulating evening, so be sure to mark this date, April 26, on your calendar.



# Bio Briefs

Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!

Shirley Phillips  
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Shirley is from this area and has three children. She is interested in geneology and historical societies.

Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgement nears. That there's a special place in heaven, set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners satin cushions and foot stools. Where there's no committee chairman, no group leaders or car pools.

No eager team that needs a coach. No bazaar and no bake sale. There will be nothing to staple not one thing to fold or mail.

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## Ad Hoc Housing Committee

Less than 1% housing vacancy rate in the Appleton area causes problems for many people. The lowest income persons are usually hardest hit. Local persons, many of whom work with the elderly and refugees, are aware that there are critical problems right now.

A group of individuals started meeting to discuss some of the problems and to see if Community Development Block Grant Funds could be used to help. Several League members were involved, sometimes representing other groups as well: Berta Churchill, Hmong Crafts, Kathy Johnston, AAUW, Helen Heil, City Housing, Joan Ross, Church Women United, Dorothy Stillings, Board of Realtors, Nusi Ward, many interests. Many others have taken part, representing only themselves or churches.

This has been an open group with no one sponsoring organization and, so far, no official representation. Some persons have come once to give particular information, such as George Saunders from LU, and a staff person from the City of Fond du Lac's Housing Rehabilitation Program. The aims are very broad: to learn more about local housing problems, and to encourage action toward their solutions. Some of the problems identified thus far are a severe shortage of low-income housing for large families, and a growing number of "frail elderly" persons who don't need nursing homes but do poorly living alone.

This loose coalition has received the attention of the city when they helped make recent Community Development Block Grant hearings "the best attended ever" according to City Planner William Brehm. Unfortunately as of this writing it appears that the City Planning Commission was recommending only the required 50% of CDBG funds go to moderate & low income housing, despite the good testimony given at the 3 hearings. Mayor Dorothy Johnson has commented that she may start a housing advisory committee, on which the "ad hoc housing committee" and other person would be welcome.

Telephone lists will be outlawed. But a fingersnap will bring, cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a king.

You asked who'll serve these privileged few and work on this heavenly berth? Why all those who reaped the benefits and NOT ONCE volunteered on earth!

Borrowed

-- Berta Churchill

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Statement presented to Commercial Industrial Development Committee, Feb. 15, 1983:

I am Karen de Young, President of the Appleton League of Women Voters. I'm here tonight to speak on behalf of 119 members. The Three Square Development Project which is before this committee is conceptually the Right approach to continuing downtown redevelopment.

In 1979, the Appleton League arrived at a Downtown support position. The position reflects the majority opinion that Appleton's downtown must remain a strong retail center. Specifically, the League addressed the difficult question of just how this needs to be done. We supported redevelopment which "retains the present traditional character of downtown" - This project does that. We wanted our downtown to have an "aesthetically pleasing landscape; a diversity of retail, service and governmental functions; a diversity of architecture; and green space." We supported "development behind stores using side streets or alleys" and we wanted College Ave. to remain open. This project also meets all these criteria.

Just as many of you may have experienced a sense of deja vu at the presentation meeting for the Three Square Project, I too was aware of the many proposals which have proceeded this one. It may be difficult to support a "concept" but let's not be caught with our feet stuck in the mud. All we need to do is take the first step. Let's evaluate the positive aspects of this proposal. As a community we must proceed with a plan - the League looks to local government to take the lead.

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At the Board meeting on February 15th Peter Peshek, Wisconsin Public Intervenor, discussed with the Board our commitment to the public policy question that the proposed Grand Chute mall poses. We discussed the reasons why the appeals process is appropriate. It has become painfully obvious that the courts so far have not fully addressed our concerns. Peter Peshek helped to delineate these concerns one more time. The appeals process is necessary for four reasons:

1. If the mall is built the environmental, economic and social consequences to the central business district of Appleton and surrounding communities is irreversible.
2. The integrity of Wisconsin's environmental laws (WEPA) must be maintained.
3. Private developers and the public have the right to know what our environmental laws are in Wisconsin.
4. To put it rather bluntly, we owe it to the cause (my words, not Peter's).

The League's involvement in this type of public rights advocacy is long standing. My recommendation to the Board was to continue to pursue all legal avenues open to us. The Board will decide this issue at its March meeting.

-- Karen de Young

(The following pages contain a statement from Mr. Peshek)

Date: February 14, 1983 File Ref:

To: PUBLIC INTERVENOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From: PETER A. PESHEK  
Wisconsin Public Intervenor

Subject: Strategies for Grand Chute Shopping Mall Case

Chairman Ron Koshoshek and I have discussed Judge Charles D. Heath's decision of 2/3/83 dismissing our chapter 227 review petitions in the Grand Chute shopping mall case. Ron has asked that I highlight for you the public policy reasons for appealing Judge Heath's decisions. There are at least four reasons.

First, if the mall was built, the environmental, economic and social consequences to the central business district of Appleton and the small businesses in rural counties surrounding the proposed mall site are irreversible. No amount of tax dollars, directly or indirectly, will succeed in keeping downtown Appleton vital. Retail centers in small communities see up to a 60% loss in retail sales five years after the mall is built. The mall will devastate the small social, economic units in rural counties, as they are now known.

For the central business district of Appleton, the following consequences will occur: none of the department stores will stay viable, and they will leave downtown Appleton. As a result of the closure of the department stores, smaller businesses dealing in "shopper goods" will close. When the retail stores leave the city, the service industries also move out.

It must be emphasized that regional shopping malls do not generate new business. The proposed mall would cause displacement of retail stores rather than expanding the market with new businesses. (See prior materials packets containing our experts' conclusions.)

Three weeks ago, the Wisconsin State Journal ran an article about Gimbels-Hilldale in Madison. The Gimbels-Hilldale is the second most profitable Gimbels store in the country. It is spending nearly \$3 million to renovate. It was most interesting to note that the manager of Gimbels-Hilldale said that the \$3 million was not to capture new customers, but merely to retain the customers the store already had. The manager pointed out that the market was not

growing. Likewise, in Appleton, all we are talking about is reallocating the \$122 million in sales out to the regional shopping mall. No new sales will occur.

Therefore, the first reason for continuing the efforts to get DNR to appreciate the consequences of its permit granting is that the consequences are so devastating for the current economic, social and environmental quality of life in the Appleton area. The resultant urban sprawl and degradation of the environment will be so significant that every effort must be made to get the appellate courts of Wisconsin to deal with the land use and urban sprawl issues associated with the proposed mall.

The second reason for appealing Judge Heath's decision is to maintain the integrity of Wisconsin's environmental laws. WEPA (environmental impact statement [EIS] law) was designed to capture the bureaucrats but, instead, the bureaucrats have captured the law. DNR and other state agencies have, to a large measure, made a sham out of WEPA. Almost no EISs are now being written for private sector projects. Since we are not building any power plants at this time, about the only EIS being written for the private sector is for the world class Exxon ore body in Crandon. State agencies have defined a "major impact on the human environment," so as to gut the concept of EIS and public review of their permitting decisions on major projects involving the private sector. The courts have also been a substantial disappointment in this regard. In short, the second reason why we need to pursue this matter is to attempt to revitalize WEPA and sustain the integrity of our basic environmental law.

The third reason the appeals are necessary is because the public, as well as private developers have a right to know what our environmental laws are in Wisconsin. Wisconsin's Environmental Decade and the Public Intervenor both have received numerous contacts from the business communities trying to understand and delineate the role of WEPA in regional shopping mall developments. The Public Intervenor has always believed that the private development sector has a right to clear delineation of Wisconsin's law. The public should not have to guess whether a given law applies or does not apply to a given proposed development. Therefore, in order to develop some certainty in the law, published opinions with precedential value need to be obtained from our appellate courts.

The fourth reason why an appeal is in order is that we have spent a great deal of public rights advocacy energy and money pursuing the issue. Most of this money was raised by private donations of individuals who are very concerned about the quality of life in the Fox River Valley and the environment. It would be a disservice to public rights

advocacy to quit the fight before the appellate courts have reviewed the issues. We would be letting down far too many people who have given thousands of volunteer hours pursuing this community issue. There is obviously a time in every dispute, when the matter must come to a close, however this is clearly not the time.

The developer, General Growth Development Corporation, has been putting out political rhetoric to the effect that, since we have lost in the trial courts, it is inevitable that we are going to lose in the appellate courts. This, of course, is a non-sequitur. But more importantly, it shows a callous disregard for the nature of social change in this country. Those who were involved in our civil rights movement for so many years did not give up during the early days when the courts were unsympathetic to integration. Those involved in cleaning up the sweat shops and improving labor conditions in our factories did not give up because they lost the battle during the first few years. The news media did not give up trying to uncover the truth during the Watergate scandal, despite the efforts of many who ridiculed and isolated those who were trying to uncover the fundamental issues.

So it is, I believe, necessary for those who are trying to get government and society to appreciate the consequences of indirect land use decisions, urban sprawl, deterioration of the environment from urban sprawl, and the destruction of the social and economic fabric of central business districts and small rural businesses not to give up the fight. The cause is just, the consequences of losing are great, and our continued involvement will be relatively minor compared to that effort already expanded.

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## On, Wisconsin

*An Editorial*

### Around the state

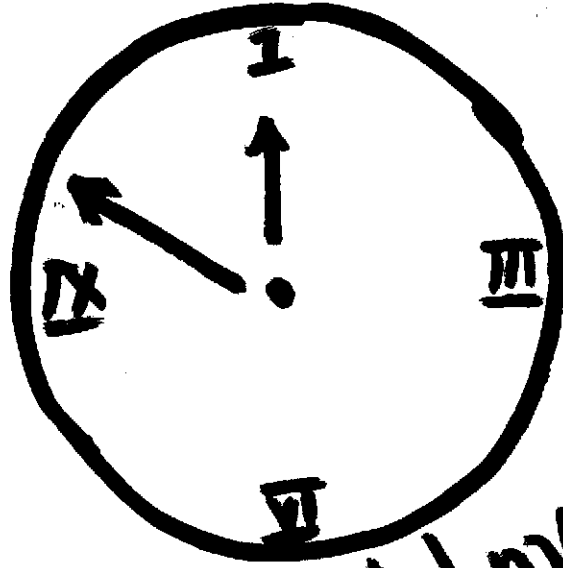
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The state should promptly appeal the decision by a circuit judge who ruled that the Department of Natural Resources did not have to consider secondary impacts in an environmental study of the controversial Appleton-area shopping mall project.

There's no doubt that the \$50 million Fox River Mall will have detrimental social and economic effects on the region, especially on downtown Appleton. The State Appeals Court should give a prompt hearing to this matter before mall construction begins in the spring.

2/12/83  
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It's Almost Time  
For The Finance  
Drive

## Time Table:

- MARCH 3 MAILATHON: Spend an hour addressing letters at Shirley Schafer's 2801 E. Bona. Call and reserve your seat 739-1053. Refreshments served to the weary.  
Time slots available: 10 - 12 AM  
1 - 3 PM  
7 - 9 PM
- MARCH 4 MAIL LETTERS
- MARCH 22 -25 SOLICITATION WEEK
- MARCH 28 -31 FOLLOW UP AND THANK YOU NOTE WRITING
- APRIL 1 END OF DRIVE ( We hope)

## NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

**\*\*March 1\*\***

General Meeting 7:30pm  
All-Saints Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Ave.

**\*\*April 7\*\***

General Meeting  
Dr. Chong-Do Hah

On March 1, we will view two films; "The Salt Syndrome" and "War Without Winners". These two films present two different perspectives of just what our defense goals should be and should inspire a lot of questions. Bob Rosenberg and Katie McNeil will critique the films after their presentations and field questions from the audience. See you there!

Dr. Chong-Do Hah will be our speaker on April 7 and will be discussing our U.S. foreign policy and how it interacts with our military policy, particularly in relation to nuclear weapons. Dr. Hah is a professor in the Government Department of Lawrence University and will be able to furnish us with valuable information that we will need to reach consensus.

Speaking of consensus, the due date of our first set of consensus questions will probably be due in October (pushed back from July) so we will all have to be thinking about that and preparing for them. I know that many of you are very concerned about the role of disarmament as it relates to our national security. For those of you who would like to do further reading, I would like to suggest the following books for your nighttime reading:

1. National Defense by James Fallows. New York, Random House, 1981. Fallows, Washington correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly, analyzes the shortcomings of America's defense policy, reveals the technical, bureaucratic and often psychological sources of these shortcomings, and offers reasonable options that reflect the domestic and international realities of the eighties.
2. With Enough Shovels: Reagan, Bush and Nuclear War by Robert Scheer. New York, Random House, 1982. Written by a national reporter for the Los Angeles Times, it provides a well-researched analysis of the mind-set of our current policy leaders. Transcripts of actual interviews are included which prove quite startling (to say the least).
3. The Fate of the Earth by Jonathon Schell, 1982. This book was originally a series in the New Yorker in February of last year. Looks at what would happen to the Earth if there were an all-out nuclear exchange using many government studies as sources.

Anyone who would like to is more than welcome to join our study group too. Just give me a call.

-Kathy Johnston 734-6201  
National Security Study Chair

UPDATE--Social Services

The Social Services Study Committee has been gaining a few new members every month which is great because we are finding more and more areas in which we have questions. We will need all of that available "womanpower". We are dividing up areas of responsibility with Betty Breunig observing the Board of Social Services and Nusi Ward observing the Human Services Board. Interviews with a variety of persons associated with the Department of Social Services are also planned so that we will be better able to understand the Department.

On February 2, the Committee took a tour of the Social Services Department with Dick Raleigh, Deputy Director. We met and talked with many of the Supervisors in the Supportive Services Division. After the tour, Shirley Hausler met with us and talked about the Income Maintenance Division of which she is the Manager. Among other items of interest, we discovered that anyone applying for food stamps, AFDC, Medicaid, etc., must fill out a 32 page form and then, if approved, must subsequently fill out a monthly income readjustment form (MIRF).

Committee members, be sure to mark on your calendars that our next meeting is March 7, at the home of Kathy Johnston, 2106 W. Roberts Ave.

-Jean King  
Social Services Study

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**UPDATES - Youth Aids, E.R.A., Endorsements and ACTION**

I am including in this Bulletin the State League positions on Youth Aids and the state E.R.A., and would encourage each of you to contact your legislators in support of these League positions.

In addition, I have included the National League position on endorsements and the National League of Women Voters 1983 Action Plan. These are mainly informational.

- Ginny Rose

RE: State Budget - Youth Aids

Background

Youth Aids is a funding vehicle which has allowed the counties to increase their ability to develop local community-based programs for alleged and adjudicated delinquents and status offenders. Since the implementation of the Youth Aids program, counties have spent less on correctional commitments and have diverted funds into the creation and maintenance of more appropriate community-based services. As a result of Youth Aids, fewer youths have been inappropriately committed to correctional institutions for purely financial reasons, and counties are developing greater local resources.

## Present Status

As the Joint Finance committee of the legislature begins its review of the budget, the Youth Aids (Y.A.) program is in jeopardy on two fronts. First, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has recommended that Y.A. monies be "folded in" with community aids, maintaining it as a categorical program by eliminating its presence in the budget. This is not consistent with legislative intent and may result in Y.A. funds being absorbed into the DHSS budget with a reduction or loss in programs. A separate Y.A. presence assures county responsiveness to the needs of juveniles.

Secondly, the Special Legislative Council on Corrections has drafted a proposal to create a new department of corrections (DOC). Legislation may be introduced as part of the budget or as a separate bill. Under this bill, Youth Aids would be moved from DHSS to DOC. This would cause a change in emphasis of the program away from community-based alternatives. Also, it would necessitate the formation of a new department at a time when the state is in severe financial straits.

### **The LWV supports:**

1. Youth Aids as a separate program within the DHSS.
2. Youth Aids as a part of the DHSS budget, not part of a new department of corrections.

RE: Wisconsin Equal Rights Amendment

The Wisconsin ERA was passed in the last session of the legislature. To complete the process of amendment, the legislature must pass an identical resolution in this session and then submit the issue to the voters in referendum. As indicated in the Bulletin Page sent to you last month, a major debate has developed over when the issue should be put to a vote. Unless the legislature states otherwise, the referendum will automatically be placed on the ballot in the next general election. The sponsors of the amendment plan to introduce the joint resolution immediately when the legislature meets January 4, 1983, and to pass it in the first floor session, February 8-18, to ensure that it will be on the ballot at the April, 1983, election.

The League has taken a position in opposition to an early referendum because we believe that the amendment will not pass without a well-organized and well-financed campaign, actively supported by a wide coalition of diverse groups. We also believe that such a coalition cannot be achieved at this time.

There are a number of reasons for this belief. First, some groups believe that passage of a state ERA, particularly in the northern, more progressive states, will seriously erode the impetus for a federal ERA -- the major goal for all of us. The national boards of these groups are asking their state affiliates not to support state amendments.

Secondly, many organizations have set their agendas for the year and will not be able to move to act in support until their statewide meetings, many of which would be long after the campaign is over. Others, including the League Board, have established other priorities for women's issues, especially those affecting the economic status of women. The spread between men's and women's wages is increasing. Sex stereotyping in vocational education continues. The severe budget problems of the state are affecting many programs for the support of women -- income maintenance, child care, family planning, displaced homemakers, domestic violence programs, etc. In addition, marital property reform has been a #1 priority to ensure the financial independence of the homemaker. The need to pour energy, time and money into resolving these issues will leave little extra for the added effort to pass an ERA.

While there is need for a state constitutional amendment, that need is not obvious to the general public. We have had the advantage of a progressive legislature which has passed many statutes to improve the status of women since the failure of passage of the first ERA in 1973. There is an equal rights statute on the books, as well as laws involving divorce reform and the physical protection of women in their own homes. The public needs to be educated to the value of a constitutional guarantee of rights where statutes are vague or nonexistent or as a guide to the courts in deciding litigation, especially in the area of family law. Such an educational effort cannot be done quickly.

We also need to have some questions about the amendment answered before we can gain the support of some groups. One concerns the legislative intent that was included in the resolution in order to get it passed in the assembly. The statement of intent specifically excludes the military draft, shared sanitary facilities, sexual orientation and abortion from being subject to action under the amendment. While the legislative intent will not be part of the amendment as it appears on the ballot, it will be in the record for the courts to refer to in deciding cases. Some groups are unsure that they can support the amendment as long as the intent remains part of the resolution. They fear it could have the effect of gutting the amendment. They also believe that the intent should be subject to public hearing, since it was added during floor debate to get the amendment passed. Whether an adequately planned and publicized hearing could be held in a hurried effort to get floor action is doubtful.

Another question raised is the effect of the amendment passed in the November election that made the constitution gender-neutral. While the belief is generally held that it was not a substitute for an ERA, such was not the case in New Jersey. New Jersey defeated a state amendment in 1975. In 1976 the New Jersey Supreme Court found that the 1947 change in the constitution granted equal rights to women because "All men" was changed to "All persons" in the section dealing with citizen rights. An opinion of the Attorney General is needed to determine if Wisconsin's change might have the same effect. If so, formal action to amend the constitution may not be needed.

We need to assess the impact of failure to pass the referendum on the program of a new federal ERA. We need to know a great deal more about when the best time to vote on the issue is likely to be so that failure does not occur. We need to research past controversial referenda here in Wisconsin and elsewhere. It is far easier to defeat an amendment than to pass one, and we know from the experience in Iowa that the opposition is already prepared to come in with their usual media blitz at any time they feel it is necessary. What kind of strategy and education campaigns we must mount to counter such activity needs thorough analysis. Fundraising in current economic conditions will be major problem. We must find solutions to these problems if we are to succeed. It cannot be done hurriedly.

#### ENDORSEMENTS

The national board reaffirmed its policy of not supporting or opposing political appointments to federal office. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis under special circumstances with 1) the direct approval of the board; or 2) when the board is not meeting, with the approval of the executive committee and immediate notification of the full board.

The "support or opposition exception" should be used in only very special circumstances and thus will be applied very sparingly. The "opposition exception" will be used only when the nominee clearly has no qualifications for the job--not when the appointee holds positions that differ from those of the League. Another check on applying the policy is that it be used only when the appointment is for a program that is high on the League's priority list of issues. It is board policy to alert the state League and the local Leagues that would be directly affected by the action (i.e., in the geographical area from which the nominee comes) before the LWVUS takes action. Likewise, those Leagues would be asked for any information they have relevant to the proposed action.

## ACTION

### 1983 Action Plan

The board approved a challenging action plan for the first session of the 98th Congress. Obviously, action on the agenda will be dictated by timing, political realities and

resources. The two issues that will receive MAJOR EMPHASIS on the Hill and in the executive agencies are: jobs creation, with special recognition of the employment needs of women, and reauthorization of the Clean Air Act, an effort the League has worked on since 1981.

DC Full Voting Rights and ERA, reintroduced into the 98th Congress--our two constitutional amendment issues--will continue to be accorded special status. Action on the first, ratification of the DCVRA, is out in the states, while action for passage of ERA will, of course, first take place on Capitol Hill.

The issues slated for MODERATE EMPHASIS in the 1983 plan, listed alphabetically by program area, are:

### GOVERNMENT

Protect the right to privacy in reproductive choices.

--Oppose "human life" amendments and statutes.

--Oppose bills and riders which divest the court's jurisdiction to protect constitutional rights.

--Oppose limitations on equal access (e.g., cuts in medicaid funding for abortion, parental notification requirements for birth control, etc.).

Regulatory Reform.

--Support meaningful reform.

--Oppose efforts that restrict citizen participation and that restrict agencies' abilities to regulate under the requirements of substantive law.

Campaign Finance Reform.

--Support public financing of congressional elections.

--Work on other ways to remedy election abuses.

Support Voting Rights Access for the Handicapped.

### HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

Oppose budget cuts in areas of income assistance and housing.

Oppose block grant legislation that does not provide civil rights protections, targeting for the disadvantaged, etc.

Support equal access to education.

--Oppose Tuition Tax Credits.

--Support Title IX (prohibits sex discrimination).

--Support Chapter I (formerly Title I, provides aid to the disadvantaged).

--Support school desegregation (e.g., oppose anti-busing bills, etc.).

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Oppose protectionist initiatives (e.g., trade reciprocity and international barriers to free trade; local content/Buy America legislation).

- Support legislation to avert protectionism (e.g., trade adjustment assistance; international trade agreements and negotiating authority; generalized system of preferences).

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Support Clean Water Act.

- Support Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, with emphasis on closing loopholes for so-called "small generators."

- Budget Issues.

- Support funding for energy conservation and renewable energy sources.
- Support funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Oppose funding for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor and for wasteful water projects.

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PHOSPHATE BAN INFORMATION CORRECTION

A Bulletin Page was sent to you in September for local League use in lobbying legislators for a reinstatement of the ban on phosphate detergents. While the bulk of the material in it is still valid, there is one serious error and one answer that may need clarification due to recent research.

The error is in the statement that Wisconsin is the only Great Lakes state without a phosphate ban. Ohio does not have a ban and neither does Illinois, although the city of Chicago does. We cannot trace where this erroneous information came from, but we apologize for having put the League's credibility in question by passing it on to you.

The other question of accuracy has to do with the affect of carbonate detergents on fabrics. Recent research done at the University of Illinois appears to indicate that carbonate detergents are much harder on clothes than phosphates. We are currently looking into the validity of this research and any other that may have been done since our original fact sheet was put together.

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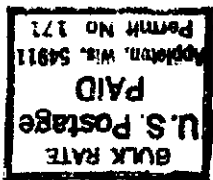
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This will be the only number to use to reach the national office -- both for the LWVUS and the LWVEF. The separate number for the Education Fund that some of you may have been using will no longer be in use. Also, to clear up some confusion, remember we no longer have an 800 number for you to use since the Mott funding for it has expired.

THIRD CLASS MAIL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN



# dues due

## February

Kris Davis  
Lynn Debbink  
Roma Felible  
Pat Filzen  
Liz Hoover  
Ann Lindstrom  
Linda Middleton  
Sally Mielke  
Shirley Schafer  
Tom Schafer

## March

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# League of Women Voters

Appleton, Wisconsin



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## April 1983

An Invitation to Attend  
League of Women Voters'  
Annual Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>  
at All Saints Episcopal Church  
7:00 pm to 7:30 Socializing  
7:30 pm Start Business Agenda

Why should you make plans to attend besides the basic facts that a delicious desert will be served and it is an occasion to meet and chat with other members, new and old, inasmuch as;

- it is a great opportunity to meet our new officers,
- a chance to voice your opinion on next year's program,
- and to discuss the proposed budget.

Our success depends primarily on your willingness, as members, to TAKE ACTION. Call a League member and make plans to attend together.

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| April 7 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30 pm. | National Security General Meeting<br>Speaker: Dr. Chong-Do Mah | Edison School<br>412 N. Meade |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>            | President's Day  | Madison                       |

# Karen's Comments

The League decision to continue the legal battle concerning the mall was pushed up a bit. The board had voted in February to decide this issue at its March meeting. We provided as much information as we could in the February bulletin. Because the legal timetable was adjusted it was necessary to make an Executive Board decision. It was unanimously recommended that we continue our legal challenge. As all of you know by now - a lawsuit filed by Kathleen Palk of the Environmental Decade and Peter Peshek has resulted in an injunction against General Growth Development and voids the water permits they received. This case like the League case asked the court to decide on the merits - whether D.N.R. must do an EIS for the project. I know all of you are **as ecstatic** as I am that finally someone listened. Three Cheers for Peter and Kathy - good public policy is our goal too!!!

March has really been a busy month - the Door Co. Green Bay and Shawano and Appleton League representatives interviewed Congressman Roth. The National League provided the questions. I also had a 30 second appearance on Channel 5 news about Marital Property. My kids thought it was long enough to notice how grey their mom has become. I also had the opportunity to be a **guest** lecturer at an American Institutions class at PVTI. The Finance Drive was a **major** concern for Shirley and me too- so far the results are great! I would like to thank all of you who contribute so generously to League with both time and money.

The leadership of League is in Cynthia Johnson's very capable hands. Three Cheers for Cynthia too!!!

See you April 7 at Edison School. The All-Purpose room is large. We'll need lots of people to fill it. There's great background reading in this bulletin.

*Karen*

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Only six weeks left in the countdown to State Convention on May 6-7. The pre-Convention mailing went out to all the State Leagues in early March, and the registrations are starting to come in.

It's not too late to volunteer to be an usher or a hostess at the Convention. In addition to having the fun of being "where it's at," you'll also get a **FREE LUNCH!!** Now who could resist an inducement like that?

Or, do you have a knack for flower arranging? How about creating a centerpiece for the head table at the Friday night dinner with small bouquets for the other tables?

And for the mechanically inclined -- a chance to supervise the audio-visual equipment. The hotel will provide the microphones, projectors, etc. Your job will be to familiarize yourself with their operation and then be available at the Convention to instruct others in their use and trouble shoot.

Call me to volunteer or just find out more about any of the above jobs.

Marcia Hittle  
731-8876

Appleton League of Women Voters nomination of officers for election  
at the annual meeting , April 26, 1983.

Two year terms: (to be elected on odd years)

President: Cynthia Johnson 1015 E. Jardin 739-5146  
1st Vice pres: Marlys Fritzell 1015 Nawada Ct. 731-0736  
Secretary: Barbara Grant 832 Cambridge Ct. 735-0336

Directors:

Kathy Johnston 2106 W. Rogers Ave. 734-6201  
Janet Krueger 127 Capital Dr. 731-0905  
Dawn Washatka 629 E. Frances 731-7893

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Directors:

Lynne Debbink 737 W. Prospect 739-8222  
Jodie CoBabe 501 Bellaire Ct. 731-0049

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Nominating Committee:

Helene Iverson, chr.

Nancy Jones

Andrea Tatlock

Submitted by: Berta Churchill  
Penny Coffin  
Helene Iverson  
Mary Vandenberg  
Dawn Washatka

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

Proposed Budget April, 1983 to March 31, 1984

EXPENDITURES:

|    |  |                    |
|----|--|--------------------|
| A. | <u>Operating costs</u>                     |                    |
| 1. | General supplies                           | 50.00              |
| 2. | Postage                                    | 5.00               |
| 3. | Telephone and telegraph                    | 10.00              |
| 4. | Audit                                      | 5.00               |
| B. | <u>Board and administrative committees</u> |                    |
| 1. | President                                  | 100.00             |
| 2. | Secretary                                  | 125.00             |
| 3. | Treasurer                                  | 100.00             |
| 4. | Board tools and expenses                   | 110.00             |
| 5. | Administrative committees                  |                    |
| a. | finance                                    | 125.00             |
| b. | membership                                 | 75.00              |
| c. | unit organization                          | 25.00              |
| d. | public relations                           | 25.00              |
| C. | <u>Delegates, travel, and affiliations</u> |                    |
| 1. | State convention                           | 250.00             |
| 2. | National convention                        | 275.00             |
| 3. | Workshops                                  | 40.00              |
| 4. | Council                                    | 100.00             |
| D. | <u>Financial support for the League</u>    |                    |
| 1. | ILO support                                | 20.00              |
| 2. | Support for state services                 | 1,425.75           |
| 3. | Per Member Payment                         | 1,400.00           |
| E. | <u>Bulletin</u>                            |                    |
| 1. | Supplies                                   | 20.00              |
| 2. | Postage                                    | 250.00             |
| 3. | Bulk Rate Fee                              | 40.00              |
| 4. | Printing                                   | 275.00             |
| F. | <u>Educational activities</u>              |                    |
| 1. | <u>Publications</u>                        |                    |
| a. | Members                                    | 297.50             |
| b. | To sell                                    | 20.00              |
| 2. | Program committees                         |                    |
| a. | national                                   | 40.00              |
| b. | state                                      | 40.00              |
| c. | local                                      | 40.00              |
| 3. | Voters service                             | 100.00             |
| G. | <u>Position support</u>                    |                    |
| 1. | Action                                     | 100.00             |
| H. | <u>Annual meeting</u>                      | 25.00              |
|    |  | <u>\$ 5,413.25</u> |

INCOME:

|    |                              |                    |
|----|------------------------------|--------------------|
| A. | Dues (119 members @ \$19.50) | 2,320.50           |
| B. | Contributions                |                    |
| 1. | Members                      | 300.00             |
| 2. | Nonmembers                   | 2,270.25           |
| C. | Publications                 | 297.50             |
| D. | Election Night Reporting     | 100.00             |
| E. | Savings for state convention | 125.00             |
|    |                              | <u>\$ 5,413.25</u> |

Submitted by the Budget committee;  
Helen Nagler, Liz Hoover, Joyce Green and  
Mark de Young - Chairman.

DUES DUE

MEMBERSHIP DUES

January

Lorraine James  
Denise Peterson  
Dick Sampson

APPLETON LEAGUE DUES..... \$17.50  
ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEE..... 2.50  
\$20.00

February

Lynn Debbink  
Roma Felible  
Ann Lindstrom  
Linda Middleton  
Sally Mielke

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send LWV-APPLETON Dues to:

Joyce Green, Treasurer  
2118 N. Alexander St.  
Appleton, WI 54911

March

Bonnie Buchanan  
Chris Calder  
Ellen Fiscella  
Jan Holmes  
Marion Huss  
Ginnie McMahon  
Jan Nordell

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

April

Marie Fiscella  
Corinne Goldgar  
Nancy Greene  
Nancy Jones  
Jane Kaplan  
Jean King  
Sharon Meier  
Marian Ming  
Fannie Ruth  
Jeanie Trigg  
Nusi Ward  
Donna Weis  
Bev Wieckert



# Bio Briefs

*Featuring our new  
LWV-Appleton members!*

**Ardell Henry**  
306 S. Arlington  
731-3793

Ardell has been in Appleton for one year. She enjoys children and provides day care in her home. Her interests include gardening.

**Judy Merritt**  
720 W. Commercial  
733-6766

Originally from Appleton, Judy moved back to the area in July after 17 years in the Milwaukee area. She's a realtor with Bytof and enjoys music and gardening.

BYLAWS

Just a reminder that the Board has recommended a change in Article VI (Financial Administration) Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Appleton LWV.

It now reads: Annual dues approved by the membership as part of the budget shall be payable on the first day of the anniversary month of the member's joining the League. Any member who fails to pay the dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

The Audit Committee and the Board recommends that we adopt a membership year commencing September 1 with dues payable by September 30, and a two month grace period ending November 30.

This change will be discussed at the April 26th Annual Meeting.

March, 1983

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirty local Leagues submitted Program recommendations to the state Board. The 30 Leagues listed 26 topics among their first and second choices. No topic was listed as a first or second choice by more than seven Leagues. Several Leagues mentioned updating one or more League positions.

Therefore, the state Board recommends no new study for 1983-85. Instead, the Board recommends:

1. Adoption of the current positions as listed in the 1982 Position Papers.
2. Adoption of the position arising from the 1981-83 study of the management of low-level radioactive materials and wastes in Wisconsin. (Member agreement responses are due March 31. The position statement will be drafted and sent to local Leagues before Convention.)
3. Continuation of the vocational, technical, and adult education study until its conclusion in November, 1983.
4. Reevaluation of the following state positions in light of changing economic and political realities and with consideration for public action:
  - a. government structures
  - b. government financing
  - c. employment
  - d. housing

The state Board would take responsibility for the reevaluation of the positions and would supply materials to local Leagues. The League Bylaws provide for modification of program at Council (even-numbered years) and Convention (odd-numbered years), so League review and update could lead to position expansion or clarification in 1983-85.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 26th

7 p.m.

Why come to Annual Meeting?

Annual Meeting is one of the most important meetings of the year, the pivot (between the almost-finished current League year and the year to come. Decisions are made to accept or reject the recommendations of the most recent studies; decisions are made on studies and action for the coming year; and officers are elected. The balance of interests of those present determine to a large extent what League will do or will not do in the coming year.

Come to Annual Meeting, so that you can see - and influence - what happens!

— Berta Churchill, Program V.P.

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

\*\*April 7\*\*

General Meeting 7:30pm  
Edison School Multi-Purpose Room  
412 N. Meade  
Dr. Chong-Do Hah

\*\*May 24-25\*\*

Units to discuss Military Policy  
(Mark your calendars now!)

We are fortunate to have Dr. Chong-Do Hah from Lawrence University agree to speak to us on April 7 so that we may be better able to address the consensus questions due this fall. Dr. Hah is a professor in Government at the University and presently teaches a course entitled "Arms, Arms Control and Defense Policy".

We have asked Dr. Hah to concentrate on four questions for his 40-50 minute talk. He will also be happy to answer additional questions afterwards. The four questions are as follows:

\*Is the physical protection of a nation's people, territory and interests possible in an age of strategic nuclear arsenals?

\*Are there any alternatives to armed strength that would provide better ways to manage tensions with the Soviet Union, e.g., negotiated arms limitations or reductions, a nuclear "freeze" or improved conflict resolution techniques?

\*What are U.S. military security goals? What alternatives have been proposed and why?

\*What kind of military policies will best enable the United States to achieve its goals? What policies would support the alternative goals?

The Resource Committee has included the Consensus questions in this bulletin so that you will be better able to answer them this fall. As you can see, they are complicated (to say the least). They have been designed so that they can be tabulated by computer at the national level. The decision to address Arms Control first was made because League's present UN position on "reducing the risk of war" was vague and covered only multilateral agreements. League wants to be able to speak on arms control agreements and the consensus we will take in September will enable us to do so.

Keep in mind however, that we will have two sets of consensus questions on National Security and the general meeting in April and the units in May will be providing information that will be used in BOTH sets. The second set will focus on military policy objectives, defense spending and the national security decision-making process.

The Committee has also included some background material that you will find helpful in this bulletin. Included is an interview that the resource committee had with Dick Clark a former Senator from Iowa that served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (There are some "perks" being on a resource committee!)

## BRIEF COMMENTS ON NATIONAL SECURITY

by Dick Clark, February 15

1. What does national security mean to you?

National security means self-protection and security for ourselves and allies. However, it should not be considered strictly from a military stance. Other factors such as a vigorous and stable domestic economy and strong political leadership are just as crucial for national security.

2. How do we know when we have achieved national security?

We can't know and there is a danger of becoming obsessed with it. Clearly it depends on which area we are considering. For example, certainly our economy is not stable and therefore, perhaps we should allocate more of our financial resources to the economy rather than to defense (i.e. cut back on nuclear expenditures). However, at the same time we must maintain adequate military deterrence. Finally, our own national security is definitely affected by the Third World insecurities.

3. What have been the primary objectives of arms control initiatives since World War II?

SALT I was very successful as far as the ABM's, but not successful as to the limitations of planning and building missiles.

SALT II is a meaningful treaty, because although it doesn't stop nuclear production, it does put limits on it.

START - Since the objectives change from administration to administration, the motivations are unclear due to Reagan's negotiators, in particular, Gen. Rowney.

4. How have economic interests affected our foreign policy?

Perhaps we are affected even more by ideological motivations, though in actuality it is a trade-off between the two, ideological and economic. For example, in the Viet Nam War ideological motivations were certainly the stronger force.

5. How reactive is our military policy to the Soviet Union's?

In the nuclear area the U.S. has led the way every step. However, fear of the Soviet Union's military power (and a fear that is not necessarily rational) is sparking a U.S. military build-up.

6. How effective is the defense sector in the unemployment solution?

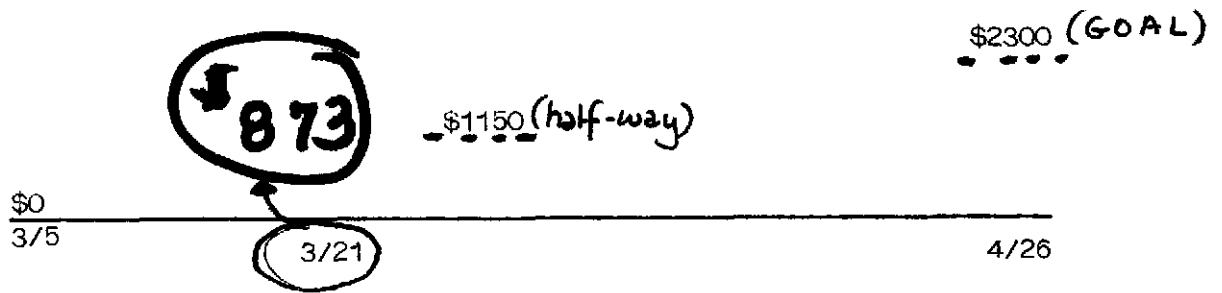
It is not particularly very effective, because the huge military projects such as the Trident II, the MX missile, or the B-1 bomber are very capital intensive, rather than labor intensive. In other words, we could employ many more people if we spent the money on non-defense projects.

Dick Clark was a Senator from Iowa that served on the Foreign Relations Committee (he was defeated in the election of 1980) and presently works with the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. He is also a "delight" to talk with!



# FINANCE DRIVE

IT'S ONLY JUST BEGUN .....



AND WHAT A BEGINNING !!!!!!!

- 307 solicitation letters send on March 5th. First response March 8.
- 38 responses in 16 days
- 11 new donations
- 6 with 100% or more increase in donation

A GOOD START DESERVES A GOOD FOLLOW<sup>P</sup>↑ AND WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Save yourself and me time by calling to say "Yes, I'll make 5 to 10 phone calls to remind prospective donors to send their envelopes in." Or that you can call on one or two businesses to ask for their support. Or make a donation.

Call right now ... I have an answering machine for your convenience .....

Shirley Schafer : 739-1053 and say "YES!"



AT LAST! OH NO! Ho-hum . . .

The above are some possible reactions to the contents of this bulletin page. After lengthy consideration, the state Board is recommending that members at Convention adopt a modified Per Member Payment system of assessing local Leagues for state League support. For ten years we have used a pledge system which, in the eyes of many, has outlived its usefulness. The pledge formula has three parts: the age of the League (6 years and older = 1 point; all of our local Leagues are over 6 years old); the three-year average membership of the local League; and a point value of 0, 1 or 2, depending on the median family income by county of location.

There are some problems with this formula. The three-year average membership component rewards growing Leagues and penalizes those losing membership. The reward result was certainly intended; I don't think the penalty was. At the time the formula was adopted, most - if not all - local Leagues were growing or stable.

The "median family income by county of League location" part of the formula was intended to measure the ability of a local League to raise funds in its community. Arguments against its use are that it measures personal income rather than the availability of commercial or industrial income sources and that it does not take into account such earning capacities as election night reporting. The median family income by county is computed only in census years and is not available to us until three years after the census is taken. Therefore, it is always at least three-year-old information, and at the end of the decade it is ten years old.

In the past few years the cost per member (CPM) differentiation among local Leagues has grown, so that this year (1982-83) the lowest CPM is \$8.16 and the highest is \$16.38. With stable or growing membership, the CPM differentiation would be much less (about \$2.00). The most important reasons for the state Board's proposing this change are the unfairness of the large CPM differentiation and the inadequacy of the county median family income as a guide to the ability of local Leagues to thrive financially.

The proposed local League assessment schedule is as follows:

1. A base per member payment of \$12.50 for the first 40 members with a minimum payment for 25 members (i.e., the lowest assessment for any League would be \$312.50).
2. A per member payment of \$11.50 for each additional member over the first 40.
3. Household memberships counted as 1 for the first member and 1/2 for an additional member.
4. All assessments computed on membership reported as of January 1.

The proposed formula contains the following features:

1. It establishes a minimum standard of support from local Leagues.
2. It uses the local League "recognition standard" as a break between a higher and a lower PMP.

3. It recognizes that it costs less per member for state services to larger local Leagues than to smaller ones.
4. It halves the CPM differentiation among Leagues (lowest = \$11.62; highest = \$15.63. Only three local Leagues will pay over \$12.50 per member in the next fiscal year).
5. It supplies adequate income for the state League, particularly with growing memberships, provided that financially successful Leagues and Units voluntarily contribute additional amounts.
6. It is tied directly to membership. If membership goes down, the assessment goes down (unless membership falls below 25). If membership goes up, the assessment goes up (although at a lower cost per member if membership goes over 40).
7. It is simple and understandable. Local Leagues can compute their own assessments without waiting for the magic word from state.
8. It is flexible. Any of the number (25 and 40) or dollar (\$12.50 and \$11.50) figures can be changed with easily computable results. (At present, it is a massive job to recompute the pledge if any one of its components is changed.

Since our present average cost per member is \$12.66 and our membership has not increased enough to lower that significantly, the Board is also recommending a new income line entitled "Contributions from Local Leagues and State Units." We have budgeted \$902 in this category for 1983-84. That works out to less than \$25 per League or Unit. In the past, when faced with shortfalls in accepted pledge amounts, financially secure local Leagues have been unfailingly generous in voluntarily increasing their pledges to help balance the budget. The new line item is intended to recognize that generosity and to provide a similar opportunity to state Units. In addition, under the proposed plan many local Leagues will experience a one-time windfall, and we hope some of them may be willing to make up some of the state shortfall in this transition year.

We hope to reduce future reliance on the Contributions from Local Leagues and State Units in two ways. The first way is for us to continue and intensify our efforts to increase membership, both by gaining new members and retaining old ones. In this endeavor we need the help of every member, for you are our most effective recruiters, and your lively and informative meetings are our best convincers. This year for the first time in five years, the League gained membership statewide. Further increases will not only reduce per member costs, but increase our political base and our credibility in the eyes of the public.

The second way is for the state League to earn more money from other sources. We have found that our current contracts for election reporting activities do not adequately compensate the work done by the state League in coordinating election reporting all over the state (even in nonLeague areas). In 1984-85 we expect to revise our fee schedule in order to correct this situation.

Whether your response to the subject of this article is AT LAST! OH NO! or Ho Hum . . ., please think about it, come to Convention, and help us make a responsible decision about how to assess local Leagues for state support.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR REFERENDUM - SPRING ELECTION 1983

Question to appear on ballot:

"Do you support the construction of a national or regional high-level radioactive waste disposal site in Wisconsin?"

A. Effect of ratification.

The question is submitted to the voters for advisory purposes only. A yes vote would indicate that the voter supports the construction of a disposal site, at some future time and at some as yet undesignated site in Wisconsin, for the placement or disposition of radioactive waste materials from regional sources which may be located in states other than Wisconsin. A no vote would indicate that the voter is opposed to the future construction of such a site. The results of an advisory referendum would not require the enactment of legislation with respect to the construction and location of disposal sites for radioactive waste materials, but might influence members of the Wisconsin legislature and federal, state and municipal officials with respect to the nature of any legislation they might contemplate proposing.

B. Background.

The December, 1982, Nuclear Waste Policy Act establishes a national plan for the disposal of highly radioactive commercial and defense nuclear wastes which are currently stored on site at nuclear power plants and military installations. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) must study five sites (which could not include Wisconsin) and by January 1, 1985, recommend three of those sites to the President. The President is required by March 31, 1987, to select and submit to Congress a recommendation for the first permanent deep storage site.

For a second site, the U.S. DOE must study additional sites (which would include crystalline or granite bedrock) and recommend three sites by July 1, 1989, to the President. By March 31, 1990, the President must select and send to Congress a recommendation for the second deep storage site. Wisconsin is one of 17 states being searched for a site in crystalline or granite bedrock. A second site would not begin to be constructed until late 1993, and it would not be operational until the year 2000.

Under the federal law, a state or Indian tribe chosen to host a high-level waste repository has the option to veto the federal decision legislatively. This state veto can be overridden only by a vote of both houses of Congress within 60 days.

C. Arguments for and against the referendum.

Proponents of the referendum believe:

1. Some permanent solution for disposal of high-level radioactive waste must be found. Existing storage facilities were designed to be temporary and are reaching the limits of their useful life and capacity. Very few national or regional high-level radioactive waste repositories will be needed to fill the nation's needs. Electrical generation capacity and

the national defense program which generate high-level radioactive wastes are designed to benefit all U.S. citizens. Responsibility for solving the disposal problem should also be shared nationally.

2. Wisconsin has four operating nuclear power plants, supplying about one-fourth of the state's electricity. Spent nuclear fuel, currently stored on-site at these plants, would be sent to a national or regional repository.
3. Scientific opinion is divided on whether technology exists for safe storage, but no one denies that great care must be taken to assure safety. Alternative methods of waste disposal and various geologic formations for permanent repositories are under study. Under the provisions of the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act, site selection will be based on environmental and socioeconomic studies and will include plans for impact assistance and mitigation. There are provisions for testing and evaluation of safeguards.

Opponents of the referendum believe:

1. The federal decision will be deterred from considering a Wisconsin site if there is evidence of strong political resistance. The U.S. DOE has not demonstrated good faith to date in the "consultation and concurrence" process with Wisconsin state government. The Wisconsin Radioactive Waste Review Board has vote to use noncooperation as leverage while negotiating a written agreement on procedures and assurances.
2. Wisconsin has taken actions to halt further future reliance on nuclear power plants. Furthermore, Wisconsin gets little benefit financially from the nation's defense program which is responsible for generating about seven-eighths of the high-level radioactive wastes.
3. Scientific opinion is divided on whether technology exists for safe storage. Disposal technology has not been demonstrated to be adequately safe. The short time frame of the decision process may lead to short cuts in the safeguard procedures. Although there are scientific studies required, the final decision will be made in the political arena.

NOTE TO LOCAL LEAGUES: For further information about the new federal law, see p. NR4 of Report from the Hill, No 98-1-1 (Jan./Feb. 1983). This information may be useful to your local newspaper editor.

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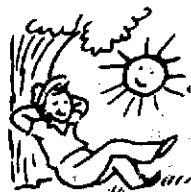
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## MAY 1983

### CALENDAR

| <u>Date/Time</u>               | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Location/Hostess</u>   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| May 6-7                        | CONVENTION   | Paper Valley Hotel<br>SEE PAGE 3  |
| May 9<br>Monday, 7:30          | Outagamie Co. Dept. of<br>Social Services, Committee | Betty Breunig<br>56 Bellaire Ct. 739-2670                                 |
| May 16<br>Monday, 7:30         | Joint Board Meeting<br>"The old & the new"           | Shirley & Tom Schafer<br>2801 E. Bona 739-1053                            |
| May 24<br>Tuesday, 7:30        | Unit Meeting - National<br>Security Study            | Nancy Pourciau<br>514 N. Union 734-6296                                   |
| May 25<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. | Unit Meeting - National<br>Security Study            | All Saints Episcopal Church<br>Drew & College<br>BABYSITTING IS AVAILABLE |

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER



FINANCE DRIVE

Although not a bountiful year for the Fox Valley economy, the community has continued to be generous and enthusiastic supporters of the League in our 1983 Finance Drive effort.

Our goal is \$2300. To date we have on receipt:

After sending out 300 letters at a cost of \$145, we have received a third of the responses. Even more encouraging is the addition of 19 new contributors, and eight of our past contributors increased their donation by 100% or more.

Excellent participation by the membership, organization, and follow up were the reasons for success. Thank you all!

Member Participation

Brochure: Stevie Schmidt, Win Thrall

Solicitation letter: Sally Klapper-Randa

|                      |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Letter Solicitation: | Nancy Jones     | Dawn Washatka   |
|                      | Marcia Hittle   | Nancy Pourciau  |
|                      | Penny Coffin    | Cynthia Johnson |
|                      | Joan Ross       | Betty Breunig   |
|                      | Karen deYoung   |                 |
| Thank you notes:     | Vivian Harnitz  | Penny Coffin    |
|                      | Berta Churchill | Marge Koepke    |
|                      | Pat Poupore     | Karen deYoung   |
|                      | Helene Iverson  |                 |
| Phone Solicitation:  | Betty Breunig   | Marlys Fritzell |
|                      | Kathy Hartman   | Joan Ross       |
|                      | Dawn Washatka   | Fannie Ruth     |
|                      | Sharon Meier    | Jane Kaplan     |
|                      | Millie Olson    |                 |

Shirley Ann Schafer  
Finance Chair



# CONVENTION 1983 !

## AGENDA

### LWV STATE CONVENTION

Paper Valley Hotel

Friday - Saturday

May 6 - 7, 1983

#### Friday, May 6

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:30 a.m. Opening Business Session - Speaker: Mayor Dorothy Johnson
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon (\$5.44)
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session
- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour - Meet the State Board - Poolside (cash bar)
- 7:15 p.m. Dinner - Speaker: Roberta Jaffe, Social Policy Chair, LWV-US (\$10.80)
- 9:00 p.m. Caucuses on topics chosen by local Leagues - including Marital Property, VTAE consensus date change, Natural Resources, Victim/Witness Rights.

#### Saturday, May 7

- 8:45 a.m. Workshops led by State Board members
  1. National Security Part II
  2. Bulletins and Publications
  3. New and Continuing Local Program
  4. Election Night Reporting
  5. Debates and Voters Service/Citizen Information
  6. Proposed State Program
  7. Long Range Planning
- 9:45 a.m. Business Session
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon (\$5.44)
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Hostesses are still needed for Friday morning, May 6. If you would be available anytime between 8:30 a.m. and noon that day, give Sally Klapper-Randa (739-5270) or Marlene Timm (731-1179) a call and let them know when you could help out -- hours arranged to suit your schedule.

Everyone in the Appleton League, who is not either a delegate or a convention worker, should feel free to attend any or all of the two days' events that appeal to you. There will be plenty of space for visitors. If you want to eat lunch or dinner at the Convention, be sure to register and pay in advance with Pat Schinabeck (734-6101) because you will need a ticket.

See you all there!

Marcia Hittle

## THE V T A E STUDY AND YOU

### Local Tax Levy

From the beginning the local vocational school boards were authorized to levy a property tax of various rates, from a low of one-half mill in 1911 to a high of two mills in 1947. These local taxes finance district operations. Currently, each district is limited to a tax rate of 1.5 mills for financing district operations. The tax levy is not subject to review by the municipalities or district in which the vocational school is located. The goal of this provision is to give local boards the ability to meet local needs adequately without political pressure. Throughout the system's history the legality of this taxation prerogative has been continually affirmed.

### Complementary Roles of Local, State and Federal Aid

Local taxes provide revenue for the greatest portion of VTAE district costs. As has been mentioned, state aid is limited to those programs with occupational orientation. Even though federal aids comprise only a small part of VTAE revenues, federal influence continues to be important in vocational education. Today, federal participation is strongly oriented toward the development of new and improved programs for the handicapped and disadvantaged and in reducing sex-role stereotyping in occupational training.

### Unique But Equal in Higher Education

Early in the system's development there was some concern that vocational education was perceived to be not as "good" as the university or state college system. Several steps in the evolution of our current system, however, led to the unique but equal role it plays in higher education in Wisconsin.

One aspect is that there has always been strong local support for keeping the various educational boards and agencies (e.g., Wisconsin BVATE, Department of Public Instruction, UW Board of Regents) separate, in spite of various attempts to create one state department of education. In 1969 Governor Knowles created the Governor's Commission on Education (the Kellett Commission), which recommended the creation of a State Education Board to oversee all education boards. The goal of such a recommendation was to avoid overlapping and duplication of some activities and services. The Kellett Commission also recommended total state financing of vocational education, which would have meant a pattern similar to that in the university sector, but the voters rejected this idea in a statewide referendum in 1969.

Until 1961 the vocational system could not grant diplomas or degrees. Chapter 51, Laws of 1961 authorized the Board of Vocational, and Adult Education to offer associate degrees for two-year technical courses. This law was important, because it acknowledged that the vocational-technical system offered quality education worthy of a post-secondary degree.

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Please note that included in this month's bulletin is a page entitled "VTAE STUDY AND YOU". From now until our consensus is reached (scheduled for some time next fall or even later) we will try to include a page of helpful information on the VTAE system. We continue to hold monthly committee meetings and would remind you that we always have room for one more if you care to join us.....

Barb Hussin  
Bev Wieckert

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 1983

Marital property reform, the state budget, postponement of the referendum on the state ERA, and reinstatement of the phosphate ban will be the League's legislative priorities this year. The state Board acted at its meeting in January to establish those issues as the ones that would receive the most intensive action on the part of all League members this year.

The Board defined priority status to mean that on only those issues will Times for Action be sent to all Leagues. To help local Leagues in responding effectively, much more extensive briefing materials will be sent. Local Leagues will have the option of acting on other League issues, however, by responding to suggestions for action in a monthly report on bills on which we have taken a position. The monthly summary will include a description of the bill, the basis of our position, the status of the bill in the legislative process, and what action can be taken.

Background material on the first priority, marital property reform, was included in the November, 1982, FORWARD. Additional information is being prepared and will be sent to local League action chairs. Program ideas for local Leagues will also be available from Sally Phelps, legislative coordinator. The legislative committee will be working with the Wisconsin Women's Network in coordinating lobbying efforts. A luncheon briefing for new legislators was held on January 13 in Madison as a first step in an intensive lobbying campaign.

The League will be cooperating with an alliance of human services advocates in lobbying for League positions on the state budget. The alliance, the Wisconsin Difference, has developed a reputation for being a major source of information and an effective lobbying group. The first step has been to work with the governor's office to try to preserve those items in the budget that we support -- adequate funding for income maintenance, child care, family planning, and programs dealing with domestic violence, displaced homemakers, sex equity in vocational schools, runaways and other youth programs.

We also are concerned about how these programs are to be financed. League positions support reliance on the income tax as the fairest source of funding. In order to keep the property tax from being overburdened by social service needs, we will probably support an increase in the income tax if additional monies are necessary to balance the budget. We will also be looking to make sure that the safety of the environment is protected through adequate funding for DNR programs. This can be done through supporting a DNR proposal for the increase in hazardous waste tipping fees.

We are supporting the passage of a state ERA, but have serious doubts about its success if the required referendum is held this year. For that reason we are asking the legislature to postpone the vote until we have had time to conduct an extensive campaign for passage. The outcome of the referendum will have an enormous effect on the effort to pass a national ERA, and we cannot afford to lose. A detailed explanation of our position has been sent to all local Leagues.

To achieve the final priority, we will be joining with a coalition of environmental

groups in our lobbying efforts. The proposed bill will differ from previous ones in that it will not have a sunset provision. The opponents to the ban are waging a vigorous campaign to defeat it.

By concentrating the League's efforts on a few items without losing sight of all the other League concerns, we hope to be a more effective lobbying group.

#### TACKLING THE STATE BUDGET

The League of Women Voters supports many governmental programs and has succeeded in getting many of them enacted into law. But without funding, the programs are meaningless. With positions on taxes, human services, urban policy, transportation and natural resources, how does the League tackle that all encompassing monster of public policy known as the state budget? By asking questions, by exchanging information with others, by teaming up with other organizations to achieve common goals, and by hard lobbying, we are able to have some success in influencing how the state's money is spent.

Recession has brought about shrinking revenues. The human service programs, which the League has supported through both national and state positions, are particularly vulnerable because of their cost and because of their unpopularity with many people. As programs began to be endangered four years ago, a group of advocacy organizations banded together to work cooperatively to preserve the structure of services provided by the state, rather than to fight each other for diminishing funds. These organizations, like the League, have no personal stake in preserving the programs. They try to represent those groups who are too poor or too powerless to represent themselves. Starting from a few organizations, the group has come to be known as the Wisconsin Difference coalition and now counts over 100 organizations as members.

The coalition meets weekly for the exchange of information on what is happening to human services in the budget and through actions of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). During the last biennium a budget package was prepared that was supported by the whole group. Considerable success was achieved in getting the package accepted by the legislature. Because the Difference members stuck together, because they could provide good information to legislators, and because they could activate a large network of constituents, the coalition has gained considerable clout.

When a new budget cycle began last summer, the Difference sought to influence the process from the beginning by working with DHSS and with the new administration. Success has been limited, partly because of the overwhelming size of the projected deficit, partly because of bureaucratic inertia, partly because of policy differences with the department and members of the new administration.

As a result, the Difference will again be presenting a unified request to the legislature for the funding of specific human services programs that it believes to be essential to protect the poor and helpless citizens of Wisconsin. The League will be supporting that package on the basis of the income assistance, support services, equal opportunities and juvenile justice positions spelled out in our state and national position papers.

The spending side of the budget does not stand alone, however, and a responsible position cannot ignore where the money comes from to pay for the programs we want. The League favors a tax system that is adequate to pay for essential state services and that includes the following provisions: greater reliance on an income tax based on the ability to pay; a sales tax with exemptions to make it less

regressive; and less reliance on the property tax. In implementing this position, consideration has to be given to whether the increase is necessary and whether the increase will be coupled with preserving the state programs we want. Given those restrictions, we will support the temporary income tax surcharge. The permanent increase on the basic income tax rate is a problem because of the regressivity of applying a flat percentage increase across the whole tax schedule. We would prefer that the increase be a smaller percentage at the lower end of the scale and grow larger as income levels rise.

Because of the recent increase in the sales tax and because of its basic regressivity, we will oppose any further increase. However, the extension of the tax to the many exemptions that are currently granted to nonessential goods and services should be considered.

Unlike most of the other members of the Difference, the League has many other concerns besides human services. The League supports adequate financing for education and the concept of share revenues for local communities, and other programs that provide less reliance on the property tax. The League recognizes, however, that if the state does not adequately fund human service programs, those in need will be forced to seek general relief, which would put much greater pressure on the property tax.

The question of bonding for major expansion of the highway system and the indexing of the gasoline tax must also be weighed against the League's land use, transportation and tax positions. Wisconsin's share of the recent federal fuel tax increase is being designated entirely for highway repair and maintenance. Do we need new highways? Is the gas tax increase really necessary or is it simply to guarantee revenues to secure a lower interest rate on the bonds? Before the League can support these proposals, we will have to find answers to these questions.

Priorities for the Department of Natural Resources in the next biennium will be the protection of groundwater and soil and water conservation, both consistent with League positions. The Conservation Fund, which funds state recreation programs, comes from user fees such as park admissions, camping fees, boat licenses, etc. The increase in such fees is justified and can be supported under our tax position.

The budget will go through many changes before it is signed into law, and the state Board will have to remain flexible in maintaining positions on specific items on both the expenditure and the revenue side. Trade-offs in our positions may have to be made, and the judgment calls will be difficult. Local Leagues should feel free to contact the state office with questions and comments on how the League speaks to the budget.

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Thanks to all who participated in our Low Level Radioactive Waste Concurrence in February. Our League concurred with all the statements except one, which we modified. The modified statement was "D2" # Wisconsin should ensure that emergency response teams in each county receive training to deal with radioactive materials and LLRW". A majority of those participating modified that statement to support either regional response teams or response teams in all counties along transportation routes rather than a response team in each county. All individual modifications were sent to the state League for consideration in drawing up the full state position.

— Nancy Jones, Chair

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## SUMMER

**BOARD TRAINING MEETING**

Wednesday, June 21st - - 7:30 P.M.

Betty Breunig  
56 Bellaire Court  
739-2670

**OBSERVER CORPS MEETING**

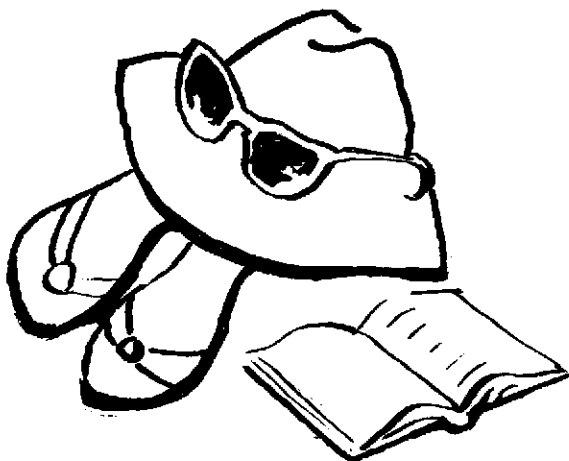
Monday, June 27th - - 7:30 P.M.

Betty Breunig - Hostess  
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**CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING**

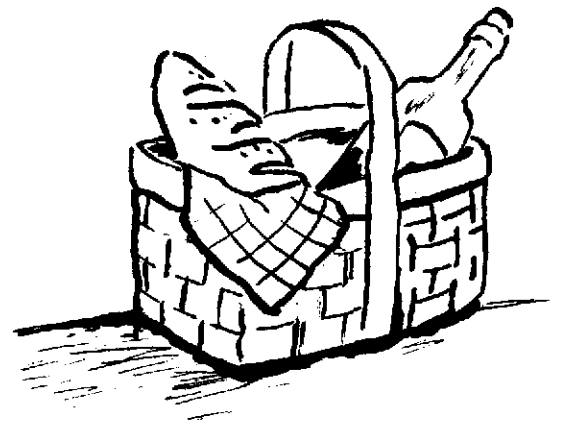
August 3rd - - 7:30 P.M.

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520 N. Bateman Street  
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# 1983

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



# Presidential Perch

# dues due!

Greetings from your sequestered League President. I can't help feeling that I'm on a bizarre League assignment as I fulfill an ultimate individual responsibility in our democracy: total immersion in the judicial system as a juror whose liberty is severely curtailed voluntarily so that someone else's rights are protected. More than this I cannot say...except to say that the twenty-five people who told me that I'd never get selected were wrong.

The League year is both winding down and revving up at this time of year. We have concluded our planned meetings and can reflect on what we have learned personally and what effect we have had cumulatively. We can take satisfaction in the conclusion of a good League year.

The revving up is the enthusiasm for next year, the shifting of some leadership positions so that different people are applying their energies to League business. The new Board is one visible example, but many of you are working on committees and projects in many different ways. If something in this Bulletin sounds interesting to you, please call to offer your services. Rule One in League is "Don't wait to be asked-- volunteer!" (Stay tuned for other rules that may crop up in future columns!)

One final note on the Convention: it was SUPER and the Appleton League can bask in the glory. Marcia Hittle and Pat Schinabeck and many others staged a flawless event. The convention itself wasn't a barnburner, but some years it's nice to have things pleasantly boring. Personally, I was excited by the successful project to garner support for the Appleton League's continued participation in our downtown preservation efforts.

Do enjoy your summer--and we'll see you in the Fall for a challenging year that features many meetings we hope you'll find irresistible.

*Cynthia Johnson*



P.S. You trivia fans may have noticed that my column has the same name as it did during my 1975-77 presidency. Now, as then, it was intended to suggest that presidents of League come and go, but League endures. Get it?

## APRIL

Nancy Greene  
Jane Kaplan  
Sharon Meier  
Jeannie Trigg  
Donna Weis  
Bev Weickert

## AUGUST

Cathy Boardman  
Elinor Burdette  
Marge Koepke  
Ellen Needham  
Win Thrall  
Leonard Weis

## MAY

Barb Hoffman  
Darlene Lilly  
Judy Winzenz

## JUNE

Cookie Fielkow  
Pat Poupore

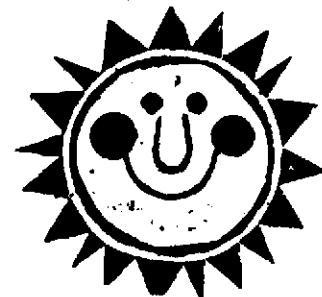
## JULY

Virginia & Robert Rosenberg  
Dorothy Stillings  
Andrea Tatlock

## OBSERVER CORPS

It's fun! It's educational! It's worthwhile! It's actually doing something about government. What more could you ask? Come to a brief meeting at my house Thursday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. and we'll talk about organizing the group to begin observing selected county and city committees next September. This does not mean a great time commitment next year -- perhaps two hours per month. Come old, come young, come new members, come old members, come potential members!

Betty Breunig  
Observer Corps





# Annual Meeting Notes

About forty Appleton League members gathered to transact the business of the Annual Meeting on April 26.

The most unexpected action involved the adoption of a non-recommended program item: the production of the sixth edition of This Is Appleton, which members believed overdue and appropriate to undertake at this time in terms of available League resources. The second year of the Organization and Funding of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services was adopted as the other local study.

In other business, a budget was adopted, membership dues were raised to \$22.00 per year, and officers were elected. It was also decided to review and revise all the Local Support Positions. Program time will be allocated for membership approval in the fall, and the new positions will be printed in a second part of the Directory.

Two action priorities include local housing and continued downtown preservation involvement. Members at the Annual Meeting endorsed unanimously a statement by Betty Breunig reaffirming general League support of a strong downtown and specific support for the Three Square concept.

At the April 26th Annual Meeting a change in the Appleton LWV bylaws was approved. Our League now has a membership year which begins September 1st and ends August 31st. All dues will come due in September with a two month grace period ending November 30th. All new members joining before January 1st will pay full dues and all new members joining after January 1st will pay half dues.

The change was made to facilitate dues collecting and dues paying. It will also give us a more accurate membership count on January 1st, the date State and National count our members and charge us accordingly for Per Member Payments.

During the first year it will be necessary to prorate dues so each member will receive a notice in early September.

## NEW DUES

A \$2.00 increase in dues was called for in the budget adopted at the Annual Meeting for the period from 4-1-83 to 3-31-84. Membership was increased to \$19.50 primarily because of the per member payments assessed by the National and State organizations. The national PMP is \$12.00 and our State obligation is approximately \$11.83, so our dues do not even cover our total liability. A publications charge of \$2.50 brings our total annual dues to \$22.00.

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIPS

National and State Leagues have instituted Household Memberships for 2 members who live at the same address in a common household. These members receive only one set of publications and our League is given a discount on their per member payment. At the May Board meeting it was decided to pass along this savings to persons listed as Household Memberships and as an encouragement for couples to join the League. Membership in the Appleton League for two people residing in a common household is \$35.00 (instead of \$44.00)

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| APPLETON LEAGUE DUES.....   | \$19.50     |
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|                             | 22.00       |

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| MEMBER CONTRIBUTION..... | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED.....      | \$ _____ |

Send LWV-Appleton Dues to:

Joyce Green, Treasurer  
2118 N. Alexander St.  
Appleton, Wi. 54911

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Notes from the Convention

The 1983 State LWV Convention is now just file folders of evaluation sheets, a large plastic bag full of straw hats, and many happy memories for our League and for all our visitors from Leagues around the state.

Thirty-eight local members participated in the convention either as ushers, hostesses, delegates or visitors. This high level of involvement was the absolutely essential ingredient for a successful convention. I want to thank everyone from our League who worked to make the convention run smoothly. You were all wonderful about stepping in and lending a hand wherever it was needed. I particularly want to mention Pat Schinabeck, head registrar; Karen de Young, head usher; and Sally Klapper-Randa and Marlene Timm, head hostesses for the competent, effective way that they handled all their responsibilities.

Also serving at the convention were:

REGISTRARS: Sharon Wozniak, Elinore Burdett, Sue Kinde, Ellen Needham

HOSTESSES: Mary Vandenberg, Sue Legergen, Jan Nordell, Betty Breunig, Marlys, Brtizell, Cynthia Johnson

USHERS: Betsy Dana, Corinne Goldgar, Helen Nagler, Joan Fowler, Darlene Lilly, Pat Poupore, Cari Wimer (N-M)

PUBLICITY: Win Thrall

DISPLAY & PUBLICATIONS TABLE AND VIEWGRAPH: Stevie Schmidt

TOUR GUIDE & GERANIUMS: Nancy Pourciau

VIEWGRAPH: Terri Butz (N-M)

The delegates were Nusi Ward, Nancy Johnes, Dawn Washatka, Barb Hussin, Ginny Rose, Joyce Green, Jean King, Jody CoBabe, Cynthia Johnson, Marlys Fritzell and Betty Breunig.

The evaluation sheets which all the delegates filled out at the convention's end are almost unanimously enthusiastic about all aspects of the experience -- except for the boldly checked wallpaper in the wall behind the speakers' podium. Seventeen people complained that it caused eyestrain, nausea, dizziness, etc! Well, we know that everything couldn't be perfect, but we came real close and we should all feel very proud that the Appleton League successfully undertook and carried out such a major event.

Marcia Hittle  
Convention Coordinator



## VTAE AND YOU

The relationship between the VTAE system and the Department of Public Instruction has its problems. The problems that have developed are in the area of funding, availability of courses, scheduling, transportation and certification of teachers.

1. Funding. If a student takes courses in a VTAE school for high school credit, the high school must contract to pay the vocational school for this service and receives the state aids for the student. There appears to be wide variation in the kinds of arrangements between schools for defraying the costs of these courses. Some are taught in the high schools by the VTAE school and others are taught in the nearest VTAE school and require transporting of students from one school to another.

All federal funds to be used for vocational education are processed through the State VTAE Board. The split has been 60 percent for the VTAE system and 40 percent for secondary schools. Superintendent Grover believes that secondary schools should receive a larger share to use in preparing young people to fill jobs on high school graduation. Using a three-year plan developed by a joint VTAE-DPI study committee, the State VTAE Board has passed a new aid distribution concept. It provides a special fund designed to increase vocational opportunities for 16-18 year olds through cooperation between the two educational systems. During the first year, 1982-83, \$1 million of the approximately \$13-plus million of total federal aids, will be available in this fund for contracting between public and vocational districts. Funds not used during the year may be used for contracting between public school districts. The amount set aside will increase to \$1.5 million for 1983-84 and \$2 million in 1984-85, never to exceed 10 percent of all federal aid. Responsibility to administer the plan and make it work is assigned to the DPI with input from the VTAE Board.

2. Availability of Courses. At this time when funding is tight, the vocational schools have a problem providing space for increasing numbers of adults desiring training or retraining. More 16 to 18 year old students compound this problem. High schools are in the position of cutting courses rather than adding new ones.

3. Scheduling. The problem of cross-scheduling so that a student may fill the obligations of courses at two schools, often miles apart, is obvious. Solutions require time and cooperation. Scheduling becomes even more complex when two or more high schools attempt to send students to the same VTAE class.

4. Transportation. These costs, assigned to the secondary schools, have been a major block to contracting between the two school systems. Seventy percent of high schools in the state are located more than 25 miles from the VTAE attendance centers according to minutes of the joint committee. Local districts may begin to receive the state aid portion for transportation from the DPI. Logistics of transporting small numbers of students at irregular hours will continue to present problems.

5. Certification of teachers. The study committee that devised the special funding pool is now pursuing the problem of certification of teachers between the two systems. The attorney general has held that any person teaching high school students must hold a license issued by the DPI, even though certified by the VTAE system. The Wisconsin Education Association Council is not satisfied with full reciprocity for fear vocational teachers may teach subjects now taught by public school teachers. In some instances high school teachers believe that so many students will transfer to vocation school that their own jobs might be in jeopardy.

(The above material was provided by the LWV STATE VTAE Committee which was printed in an earlier publication.)

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## SEPTEMBER 1983

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                 | <u>EVENT</u>   | <u>LOCATION/HOUSTESS</u>  |
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| Sept. 11-17                      | League of Women Voters Week<br>Action Packed Politics Campaign   |   |
| Sept. 13<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | General Meeting<br>ARMS CONTROL PROGRAM<br>Dr. Kenneth Farmer speaking on<br>Current Arms Control Talks Between<br>the U.S. & the U.S.S.R. in Geneva | Appleton Police Station<br>Room B   |
| Sept. 20<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Board Meeting  | 832 Cambridge Court<br>Barbara Grant - 735-0336   |
| Sept. 22<br>Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  | General Meeting<br>MARITAL PROPERTY REFORM MEETING<br>Speaker: Mona Steele<br>Co-sponsored with N.O.W.   | U.W. Fox Valley Campus<br>Midway Road, Room W29   |
| Sept. 26<br>Monday, 6:00         | National Security Study Unit<br>Dinner Unit  | J. Daun's Family Restaurant<br>Richmond St & 00   |
| Sept. 27<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | National Security Study Unit   | 1015 Nawada Court<br>Marlys Fritzell - 731-0736   |
| Sept. 28<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. | National Security Study Unit   | All Saints Episcopal Church<br>Drew & College<br>(Sitter service provided at<br>church - \$1.50 per child.) |
| Sept. 28<br>Wednesday            | Every Member Program Briefing  | Madison   |



## Presidential Perch

Governor Earl has proclaimed September 11-17 "League of Women Voters Week" in Wisconsin. How will you celebrate? With the emphasis on recruiting new members, it would be a good time for you to look around for someone whose life would be enriched by membership in the League. I believe that we do both League and the new member a service by getting them together. Call Dawn Washatka with you prospective members now and throughout the year.

It's exciting to be offering three unit meeting choices again! Most members find unit meetings the best place to stretch themselves with background reading and focused discussion--and the best place to get to know other League members. Joan Fowler's behind-the-scene planning is helping launch our League year smoothly. These first National Security units are a good place to start.

On Tuesday, September 13, Appleton voters will decide whether to combine the City Treasurer's job with the City Financy Director's job, having the new position be an appointive one. League has been on record favoring this for many years, believing that government is served better by the appointment of non-policy making positions. I have agreed to chair the Vote Yes Committee, as an extension of my duties as League President. Please call me to offer your help in the campaign, and remember to vote on September 13!

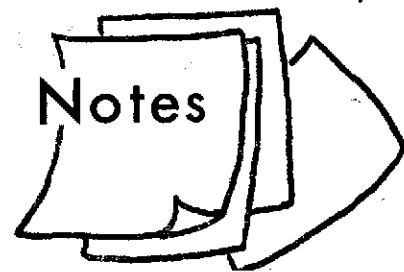
Please look for the new Bulletin column called "Member Notes", being inaugurated this month. We invite you to keep it supplied with items about you and others.

Needing a blanket at night is a harbinger of Autumn, the season that League bounds into action. Look closely at what we're offering this month--I hope to see you at our meetings.

Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

P.S. Be looking for your membership renewal which will be mailed to you next week.

## Member Notes



The minutes of the June Board Meeting were sent out very promptly by Secretary BARB GRANT, who was planning to need some days away from League in order to meet Allison Marie Grant, born on June 29. Welcome Allison.

KAREN deYOUNG's retirement from the League presidency lasted only a few months. She began a new job as Transportation Coordinator for the Red Cross's Dial-A-Bus service in late August.

BARBARA HOFFMAN has begun a career as an independent financial planner, offering an array of personal financial services. A former League president, Barb had worked for IDS for the past several years.

League members were saddened by the death of JANE KAPLAN, a longtime League member who had contributed a great deal over the years. Known for her service to others in her professional and personal life, JANE will be missed.....



Please submit items of interest about League members to Margaret Gibas by the 15th of each month.

### MARITAL PROPERTY PUBLIC MEETING

TIME TO INFORM                      TIME TO REFORM  
TIME TO ACT

The Appleton LWV and the Fox Cities NOW are co-sponsoring a public meeting on marital property reform on Thursday, September 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the UW Fox Valley Campus (Room W29) on Midway Road. Our guest speaker is Mona Steele, Wisconsin League of Women Voter's legislative co-ordinator on marital property and Wisconsin Women's Network Task Force on Marital Property chairperson. This meeting offers you a marvelous opportunity to become better informed on marital property issues and to find out what action you can take now in support of the League's position on AB 200 (Munts/Adelman Bill) to ensure passage of marital property reform legislation this fall. Please plan to attend.



SUMMER ACTION ITEMS

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

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Does Eat Oats and  
Dues are Due!

Come September, I will be humming this little tune to myself as each day I check my mailbox for your dues checks. Please be on the lookout for a special mailing within a few days with your membership renewal form. Your exact amount of dues due will be filled in.

At our April annual meeting the membership voted to greatly facilitate dues collecting and membership bookkeeping by adopting a uniform membership year to begin each September 1st. Previously each person renewed his or her membership in their anniversary month.

During this transitional year, dues will be prorated. If your anniversary month is:

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| Your      | Amount due is: |          |
| September |                | \$22.00* |
| October   |                | 20.00    |
| November  |                | 18.00    |
| December  |                | 16.00    |
| January   |                | 14.00    |
| February  |                | 12.00    |
| March     |                | 10.00    |
| April     |                | 8.00     |
| May       |                | 6.00     |
| June      |                | 4.00     |
| July      |                | 2.00     |
| August    |                | 1.00     |

\*The budget adopted for 1983-84 called for a \$2.00 increase in dues from \$20.00 to \$22.00.

Renewal is due in September with a two month grace period ending November 30th.

Remember a singing treasurer thanks you for your prompt response.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL.

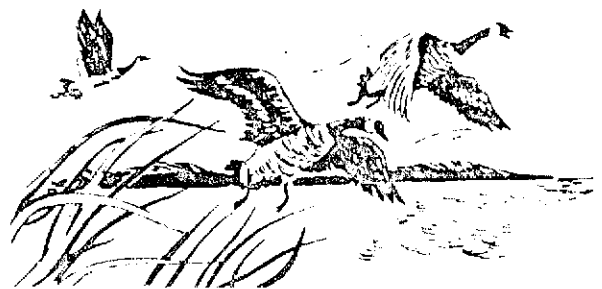
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STATE ACTION

Budget Bill: We sent a letter to Governor Earl urging him to veto the reapportionment plan inserted into the Budget Bill. Our objections to the reapportionment plan were 1.) inadequate time and opportunity given to all elected officials and the general public to respond to the proposed plan and 2.) inappropriateness of including such a plan in the Budget Bill. The governor vetoed the plan, then called a special session of the Legislature to consider the reapportionment plan, which passed with minor adjustments. The State League plans no further action at this time.

NATIONAL ACTION

Revised Hatch Amendment (Constitutional Amendment stating that "a right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution"): We contacted our senators stating League's opposition to the legislation based on the LWV's belief that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the individual's constitutional right of privacy to make reproductive choices. Senators Proxmire and Kasten voted for the amendment, but the amendment was defeated by the Senate



The Purple Loosestrife Task Force is a citizens' group organized to stop the spread of purple loosestrife in the state's wetlands. For information about the group write to Steve Coleman, Chairman  
PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE TASK FORCE  
1724 Smith Street  
Green Bay, Wi. 54302

# VTAE

We are looking forward to our final unit meetings in October and November when our long study will culminate in member discussion & consensus. Our long and beautiful summer should have us all charged with energy and ready for decision-making! A reminder that the blue booklet entitled "The Wisconsin Taxpayer" was distributed early in our study to give you a quick and concise look at the VTAE system. Anyone not possessing that booklet should call either Bev or me, as you will find it an invaluable aid. Look through your past Forwards and our local bulletins for refresher articles as well. (And if you are like me and can't lay your hands on where you put these things, wait until next month and we'll re-issue some pertinent information.....)

A correction for "The Wisconsin Taxpayer"-----As of July 1, 1983 the district VTAE Boards have been increased to nine members. The FVTI Board consists of the following members:

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Mildred Inman.....Employee                | Harland Kirchner.....Employer |
| LaVerne Franzoi.....Employer              | Ron Kopp.....Employee         |
| Richard Haviland.....At Large             | Lee Erickson.....At Large     |
| Robert Schuh.....Employer                 | Peter Culver.....Employee     |
| Lyle Martens, ..... School Superintendent |                               |

Two members of the FVTI Board must be elected officials as well---Mrs. Inman is an Outagamie Board Supervisor and Mr. Schuh serves on the Freedom School Board.

Bev Wieckert 739-2773  
Barb Hussin 739-7293

## in memory...

It is an unfortunate fact that League members are mortal, and sooner or later we all have the sad experience of the death of a good League friend. When this happens, League is a suitable recipient for memorial contributions.

On the afternoon of Jane Kaplan's funeral, Barbara Hoffman and I decided to send contributions in her memory to the League. Jane was associated with many worthwhile activities in the community, but League was the one in which we had worked most closely with her. We earmarked our contributions to be used toward the publication of the new This Is Appleton, and we invite other Leaguers to join us in the hope that the new city booklet can carry the line, "Partially funded by contributions in memory of Jane Kaplan."

--Corinne Goldgar



# action packed POLITICS

September 9th marks the beginning of Action Packed Politics, an intensive membership drive, that we will carry out in concert with other Leagues in communities throughout Wisconsin and Across the country.

Our chief concern during the upcoming campaign, Sept. 9 - Oct. 29, will be to reach out to the many concerned citizens who want to get involved but don't know how. We need to communicate our ideals and actions to them in a way that will motivate many of them to join us.

Our main event during the APP campaign will be held in the middle of October, which will be an everymember general meeting. Mark October 13th on your calendar NOW and come with a friend to hear RUTH CLUSEN speak. The time and place will be published in the Bulletin.

## SOCIAL SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

This is the second year of a two year study. The committee continues to gather information on the program areas of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services (OCDSS), as a part of the study of the funding and organization of the OCDSS. New members are welcome to join us. The committee will meet twice a month through February 1984. The units are planned for March 5-7 and 12-14, 1984. The general meeting is scheduled for March 27th. September committee meetings will be:

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| Wednesday, Sept. 7<br>7:30 p.m.  | Berta Churchill's<br>2515 E. Crestview |
| Wednesday, Sept. 21<br>7:30 p.m. | Jean King's<br>403 E. Franklin St.     |

**Take action.  
Join the League of Women Voters.  
Today.**

People join the League for many different reasons. Members make personal decisions about how much time to give and to what extent to become involved. Each member is important to the strength of our League, and the League is versatile enough to welcome each person's contribution.

This year we would like to encourage more member involvement by having each member donate their time twice throughout the year. For some this may mean being on a study committee, or being a hostess for a unit meeting. For others it could mean being a discussion leader or a member of the Observer Corps. Telephoning and typing are other welcome contributions. The Board's job is to see that opportunities are available for each member to participate to the extent and in the way that best suits that member's needs and interests.

Ways to get involved:

Study Committees: National Security,  
Social Services  
VTAE

Units: Hostess, have a Tuesday evening unit at your house, discussion leader, Unit leader & substitutes

Observer Corps: Sit in on City and County meetings or the School Board

THIS IS APPLETON: Research, writing, layout, production committee.

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## ENERGY FAIR

October 15-16

An event you won't want to miss, so be sure to mark your calendar now! I will need volunteers to sit at the League booth for an hour at a time. Call Lynn Debbink at 739-8222 if you are willing to help.

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## MARITAL PROPERTY - ALL THE RIGHT REASONS

Every state in the United States has a mandatory property system embodied in its laws and applying to all citizens. How the mandatory property system affects the economic rights of spouses in an on-going marriage differs significantly in community property states from separate property states.

In a community property system, the law defines marriage as an economic partnership. Each spouse has a present, undivided 50% interest in each item of community property. Each spouse has identical rights of ownership, management and control of community property and identical responsibilities and obligations. Thus, economic power is shared equally by both spouses, as are the economic benefits and burdens.

In a separate property system, a wage earner spouse is the sole owner of his or her earnings and of any assets acquired with those earnings. The wage earner has the exclusive right to manage and control those earnings and assets. This creates an economic power structure within the marriage. The non-wage earning spouse is an economic dependent of the wage earner. If sharing of the ownership, management and control of income and property occurs during marriage, it is the result of a voluntary decision of the wage earner. It is not required by law. The separate property system on which existing law is based does not embrace either the philosophy or the principle of marriage as an economic partnership.

Marriage in Wisconsin is a civil contract by statutory definition (Stat. 765.01). Marriage is the only contract in which the state is the third party. In this unique contract, only the state has the exclusive authority to define marriage by defining the economic rights and obligations of the contracting partners.

Only legislation which integrates the property system and the economic rights and obligations of the marriage partners into one comprehensive statute can achieve property equity in marriage. The marital property system proposed in the Hunts/Adelman Bill (AB 200) is based on the principles which define marriage as an economic partnership.

The Hunts/Adelman Bill will create a mandatory marital property system unless the partners choose to make a judicially enforceable individual marriage agreement before or during marriage. Flexibility is assured for those marriage partners whose personal circumstances warrant some modification in the mandatory marital property system.

Whether to change the separate property system to a flexible marital property system is the public policy decision. This basic question is now facing the legislature.

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### MARITAL PROPERTY READING LIST

Articles in the Forward (November 1982, July 1983).

His, Hers, Theirs: Marital Property, a study of Wisconsin marital property laws. (LWV publication);

The Marriage Partnership, printed by the Governor's Commission of the Status of women.

Special supplement to THE STATESWOMEN (March 1983) Wisconsin Women's Network publication.

Sunday Post-Crescent (July 17, 1983.) D-3 Section. Articles by Pat Stenson.

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### TIME FOR ACTION - MARITAL PROPERTY

Legislative hearings on marital property proposals are scheduled to begin in September with probable full floor debate in October. Now is the time to contact your state legislators urging support of AB 200 (Hunts/Adelman Bill). Write a letter, send a short note, or call the Hotline number in Madison (1-800-362-9696) and register your support. The legislators need to hear from the local constituency on this issue. For further information see the separate article in this Bulletin with a list of resources, attend the public meeting on September 22nd, or call me.

--Marlys Fritzell, 731-0736

# ARMS CONTROL

On September 13 at our General Meeting, Dr. Kenneth Farmer, a specialist in Soviet Military Policy and American National Security who teaches in the Political Science Department at Marquette University in Milwaukee, will speak to us about arms control to help us prepare to answer the consensus questions on that topic later in September and October.

In order to present a living example of arms control negotiations which will help to give us meat to answer intelligently the somewhat technical consensus questions, Dr. Farmer will concentrate on an explanation of the current INF and START negotiations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in Geneva. (They are attempting to limit and reduce the strategic weapons each country has aimed at the other and those aimed at Western Europe and at Russia from Europe including the Pershing II and Cruise missiles the U.S. will put into Western Europe if agreement is not reached by December, 1983.) Further, he will define terms such as "destabilizing", "first-strike capability", "launch-on-warning", and "window-of-vulnerability", and will give an objective appraisal of why, in terms of the weapons each side possesses, the U.S. and the Soviet Union often find one another's proposals unacceptable, and how, then, they have accommodated to each other. He will include, as well, a brief description of verification techniques already in use and working and a quick review of the treaties between countries, principally the U.S. and Russia, which both countries have adhered to since 1963.

It is hoped that the contents of Dr. Farmer's lecture will not only help us with our consensus questions but will provide knowledge with which we ourselves can evaluate arms control negotiations which our own government is engaged in. To aid the latter goal, Dr. Farmer has also agreed to comment on the Scowcroft Commission Report with its MX funding recommendations which the current Administration is using to persuade Congress to finance further weapons systems which, they believe, will lead to arms control agreements with the Soviet Union.

DO COME on September 13th and inform yourselves about these vital issues which concern our very lives and which will also be one of the major issues in the forthcoming presidential election campaign. We need all the information we can get to make wise, objective decisions which will affect the future for a long, long time.

Further background material will be available to members as soon as possible--at the latest at the September 13th meeting. The consensus questions are attached to this bulletin. Please look them over and bring them to the meeting to help you.

--JOY POVOLNY

**League of Women Voters**

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To: LWVUS  
 1730 M Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20036

POSTMARK DEADLINE October 31, 1983

From: LWV of \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_

## National Security Consensus on Arms Control Objectives and Criteria

Please return this completed form by Oct. 31, 1983 to the above address. Please mark the envelope "National Security Consensus." *The national board is under no obligation to consider replies postmarked after October 31, 1983.*

Use the grid form to indicate your League's member agreement on the following consensus questions:

1. What level of importance should the U.S. government give to each listed objective of arms control negotiations to reduce the risk of war?
2. Which type(s) of negotiations or initiatives (multilateral, bilateral, and/or unilateral) are *most* appropriate for achieving each objective?
3. What criteria should be used to evaluate arms control proposals, negotiations, and agreements?

**QUESTION I:** *Please indicate the level of importance that your League thinks the U.S. government should give each listed objective of arms control negotiations to reduce the risk of war. For each objective, place a check mark in one of the boxes indicated: "high," "medium," "low," "should not be an objective," or "no opinion/no agreement." In this question you are being asked to consider the level of importance of each objective on its own merits, rather than to prioritize the list of objectives, e.g., you are not being asked to indicate whether "reduce tensions" is more important than either "limiting the proliferation of nuclear weapons" or "limiting the quantity of weapons."*

**QUESTION II:** *Please indicate the type(s) of negotiations or initiatives you want the League to favor in achieving each arms control objective by placing a check mark in the appropriate box or boxes indicated "multilateral," "bilateral," "unilateral." You may want to check more than one box on some lines. For example, your members may think that multilateral and bilateral negotiations are both important ways to address the "reduction of quantity of weapons."*

**QUESTION III:** *Please indicate the level of importance your League attaches to the criteria used to evaluate specific objectives of arms control negotiations, proposals or agreements by placing a number in the boxes depending on whether your League regards a specific criterion as essential (1), desirable (2), unimportant (3), or not desirable (4). The following example illustrates how the numbers should be used in responding to this question.*

**EXAMPLE**

**OBJECTIVE: TO TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH**

| Equipment/<br>Condition | Rank importance<br>in achieving<br>the objective |
|-------------------------|--|
| camera                  | 1  |
| tripod                  | 3  |
| scratch on lens         | 4  |
| film                    | 1  |
| color film              | 2  |
| zoom lens               | 2  |

How did your board determine member thinking on this issue?

- Unit meetings
- General meeting(s)
- Bulletin tear-off
- Questionnaire or special mailing
- Telephone poll
- Other (specify on separate sheet)

Size of League (number of members as of Jan. 1, 1983):

- 1-50       101-149       201-249
- 51-100       150-200       250 or more

To facilitate tabulation, please use a SEPARATE SHEET for a summary of your comments, identifying your LWV.

From: LWV of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Local League name) (State)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Portfolio)

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_

1. What level of importance should the U.S. government give to each listed objective of arms control negotiations to reduce the risk of war?

2. Which type(s) of negotiations or initiatives (multilateral, bilateral and/or unilateral) are most appropriate for achieving each objective? (You may check more than one box per objective).

| Arms Control Objectives   | HIGH | MEDIUM | LOW | SHOULD NOT BE AN OBJECTIVE | NO OPINION/ NO AGREEMENT | MULTI-LATERAL | BILATERAL | UNILATERAL |
|---|------|--------|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| A. Limit quantity of weapons  |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| B. Reduce quantity of weapons.  |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| C. Prohibit possession of certain weapons:<br>1. nuclear                                  |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| 2. nonnuclear, (biological, chemical, radiological)                                       |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| D. Prohibit first use of certain weapons:<br>1. nuclear                                   |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| 2. nonnuclear (biological, chemical, radiological)  |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| E. Inhibit development and improvement of weapons   |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| F. Limit proliferation of nuclear weapons:<br>1. geographical (e.g., zones, seas & space) |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| 2. horizontal (i.e., to other nations)  |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| G. Reduce tensions, (e.g., <i>hotline</i> )   |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| H. Other: _____   |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |
| I. Other: _____   |      |        |     |                            |                          |               |           |            |

\* Please weight the criteria using the following scale:

- |                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Essential   | 4. Not Desirable               |
| 2. Desirable   | 5. No Opinion/<br>No Agreement |
| 3. Unimportant |                                |

LWV of \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_

3. What criteria should be used to evaluate arms control proposals, negotiations and agreements?

| IF the objective of negotiations is to:<br><br>THEN our LWV assigns the following weight* to these criteria:            | Limit quantity of weapons | Reduce quantity of weapons | Prohibit possession of certain weapons<br><br><i>nuclear<br/>nonnuclear<br/>(biological<br/>chemical<br/>radiological)</i> | Prohibit first use of certain weapons<br><br><i>nuclear<br/>nonnuclear<br/>(biological<br/>chemical<br/>radiological)</i> | Inhibit development and improvement of weapons | Limit proliferation of nuclear weapons<br><br><i>geographical<br/>(zones<br/>sea<br/>space)      horizontal<br/>(to other<br/>nations)</i> | Reduce tension | Other |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|----------------|-------|
| <b>Equity</b><br>(The terms are mutually beneficial; i.e., no party is vulnerable)                                      |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Verifiability</b><br>(The process of determining that "the other side" is complying with provisions of an agreement) |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Linkage</b><br>(Tying progress in arms control to progress in other foreign or military policy goals)                |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Continuity</b><br>(Continues progress or builds on previous agreements)  |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Confidence Building</b><br>(Crisis control mechanisms, advance notification, etc.)                                   |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b>   |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Widespread Agreement</b><br>(Ratification or approval by appropriate parties)  |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |
| <b>Other:</b>   |                           |                            |  |   |  |  |                |       |

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, INC.  
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BULLETIN PAGE

July, 1983

EVERYMEMBER PROGRAM BRIEFING

WHAT An opportunity for members and interested citizens to learn more about areas of League program.

WHEN Wednesday, September 28, 1983.

WHERE Madison. At a church to be selected. Child care will be available.

Watch for location, directions and child care registration in special mailing to presidents in August.

AGENDA

9:30 - 10:00 Registration (\$3). Coffee, tea available.

10:00 - 10:30 Greetings and announcements.  
Legislative Update.

10:30 - Noon Housing: This is an area where things are changing, \$\$ are dwindling. What direction should Wisconsin's housing policy take?  
Speaker.

National Security: Join us in a simulation exercise that demonstrates how priorities are set in a crisis situation; how US foreign and military policy is set; and the role of citizens in setting these priorities.

Membership: We will be at the half-point of our national membership drive. How are we doing?

12:00 - 12:50 Lunch.

12:50 - 1:20 View the Monty Python movie, "Meetings, Bloody Meetings," a humorous learning experience.

1:30 - 3:00 Juvenile Justice: How does the new Children's Code affect the way juveniles are now treated in Wisconsin's justice system?  
Speaker.

LLRW and other Natural Resources issues: Help on conducting the wrapup of our Low-Level Radioactive Waste member agreement and hints on managing the NR program.

Development: Announcement of LWV-WI plans for raising money.  
Helps for local Leagues in soliciting funds, the FINANCE DRIVE.

CONTACT MARLYS FRITZELL - 731-0736 - if you are interested in joining a car load of people going to Madison for this event.

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and keep politics a process  
for the people.**

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Today.**



Make the L.W.V. a  
part of your life!  
join us Thursday, Oct. 13th  
to hear Ruth Clusen.

Ruth has served as president of the Green Bay League, president of the Wisconsin State League, and as the national president of the League of Women Voters of the United States from 1974-78. She was responsible for organizing the presidential and vice-presidential debates in 1976. In 1978 President Carter nominated her as Assistant Secretary for Environment in the Department of Energy. In 1982 she entered the Eighth District Congressional race.

come for an enjoyable evening  
of cheese, wine, cider + league talk.

7:30 at - JAN NORDELL'S  
98 ESTERBROOK CT.

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# League of Women Voters



Appleton, Wisconsin

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## OCTOBER 1983

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                         | <u>EVENT</u>   | <u>LOCATION/HOSTESS</u>                             |
|--|--|---|
| October 3<br>Monday, 6:00 p.m.           | National Security Study Unit<br>Dinner Meeting   | J. Daun's Family Restaurant<br>Richmond Street & OO |
| October 4<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.          | National Security Study Unit   | Kathleen Knott<br>15 Bellaire Court<br>731-1989     |
| October 5<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.        | National Security Study Unit<br><br>(Sitter service provided at the church - \$1.50 per child)                               | All Saints Episcopal Church<br>Drew & College       |
| October 13<br>Thursday, 7:30 p.m.        | MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF<br>'Make League A Part Of Your Life'<br>Ruth Clusen, Guest Speaker<br>(More information in this bulletin) | Jan Nordell<br>98 Estherbrook Court<br>731-8738     |
| October 15<br>Saturday 10 - 5            | Energy Fair  | Fox Valley Technical Inst.<br>1825 N. Bluemound Dr. |
| October 16<br>Sunday, 11 - 5             | Energy Fair  | Fox Valley Technical Inst.                          |
| October 18                               | Board Meeting  | Win Thrall<br>59 Bellaire Court<br>733-4889         |
| October 24<br>Monday, 6:00 p.m.          | VTAE Study Unit<br>Dinner meeting  | J. Daun's Family Restaurant<br>Richmond Street & OO |
| October 25                               | VTAE Study Unit  | Barbara Hussin<br>530 S. Fairview<br>739-7293       |
| October 26, 1983<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. | VTAE Study Unit<br><br>(Sitter service provided at the church - \$1.50 per child)  | All Saints Episcopal Church<br>Drew & College       |

# Presidential Perch

## SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS\*

TUESDAY: October 11  
7:30 P.M.  
Berta Churchill's  
2515 Crestview

THURSDAY: October 27  
1 P.M.  
Betty Breunig's  
56 Bellaire Court

Three events will have occurred in one month in which League activity and commitment over the years made a real difference! Sometimes I think we need to step back and look at what we accomplish over the long haul:

1) The referendum to consolidate the City Treasurer and Finance Director was passed by Appleton voters on September 13. For eighteen years League has favored the appointment of non-policy-making officials and the election of policy-making officials. This time we won! We cannot recognize ALL those League members in those eighteen years who laid the foundation for this victory, but in the referendum effort last month, there were five League members who made major contributions of time and effort: Win Thrall and Corinne Goldgar, who produced that handsome and informative brochure; Joan Fowler, who organized support within our membership; and Alderman Jan Nordell and I, who served on the referendum committee.

2) The Valley Transit Operations and Maintenance Building was dedicated in September. Many League members can probably remember the old days of bus service and the many decision points as government painstakingly evolved a commitment to quality service. League was always there: with strong support in budget hearings, with a warm welcome for a "new" used fleet of buses, with League tours of an obviously less-than-adequate bus garage, and with League members on the various boards and commissions (Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Hoffman, and Bev Wickert). Again, we were there for the long haul, an important factor in quality bus service-- and in that fine new building in Koehnke's Woods.

3) On October 3 some League members will be sitting in the Wisconsin Supreme Court chambers as the proposed mall in Grand Chute gets its day in Court. For more than four years League has been there with our unwavering commitments to planned and orderly development, wise use of land and energy resources, protection of the physical and human environment, and adequate procedures to guarantee citizen and community input whenever decisions are made. Without the vigilance of the League itself and many League members, the Supreme Court wouldn't be considering this case.

The point of all this: that our League has staying power, that we recognize that sometimes action must be taken on many fronts for many years before results occur, and that the League and League members make a difference!!

-Cynthia Johnson



March units are coming up sooner than you anticipate, so start thinking now about our local social services study. You can begin by reading the following paragraph lifted from a Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Social Services brochure.

"Social Services" are not the same as "welfare," although people who are on welfare are more likely to be using social services. Social services are varied but specific services which have been developed to assist people in maintaining self-sufficiency, independence, productivity and family happiness. Social services are usually delivered or arranged for by a social worker, and include more than two dozen specific services, as defined in Title XX of the Social Security Act (1974). (These social services may be provided to anyone but, depending upon their incomes, some people may be required to pay for some of them on a sliding scale.) Some of these social services include: day care services for the children of working parents, special day care and training services for the handicapped, services to the elderly to prevent or alleviate social isolation, services to help ready the unskilled or inexperienced for productive jobs , protective services for abused or neglected children and their parents and services to children who might otherwise become labeled as "delinquent."

### NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Whiteside  
3122 E. Crestview Drive  
731-0433

Kathy is especially interested in League's National Security Study and the League's involvement in the community.

Sam (Sandy) Murdock  
804 E. South  
731-1128

Sam teaches violin at Lawrence University. She is interested in National Security.

Margaret Gibas  
1515 N. Durkee  
739-7103

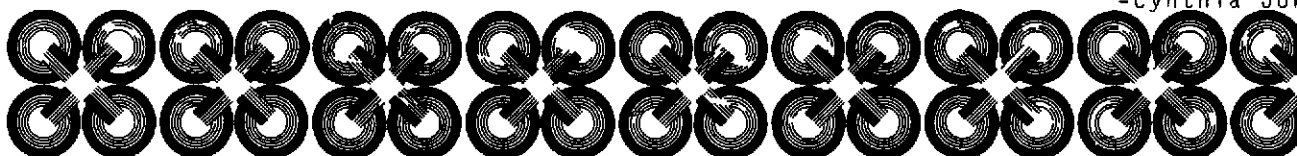
Margaret has rejoined League to become our Bulletin Editor. She works for Planned Parenthood and is interested in environmental issues.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND (NON-APPOINTMENTS)

Two important portfolios have been filled: FINANCE will be chaired by Pat Schinabeck and Sharon Jozwiak, who discovered how well they worked together during the State Convention held in Appleton last May. And, NATURAL RESOURCES will be filled by Sally Bredeweg, unusually well-qualified for this job with her college degree in agricultural engineering and a pre-Appleton job as an environmental engineer. At their own request, these Board members will technically serve in an "off-Board" capacity, which means they will focus on their specific tasks rather than accepting the additional responsibility for overseeing the whole scope of League as the "on-Board" members do.

In other Board action it was decided to postpone the publication of THIS IS APPLETON until next year because of the difficulty in finding an editor who could fit this large and important job into her life this year. You may recall that the Annual Meeting approval of this project had hinged on the availability of a willing and able editor, which we found and then lost in Shirley Schaefer. I have made a sincere effort to locate that person and have reason to believe that we can get off with a flying start next year with a top-notch one. The Board joins me in publically affirming our intention to publish THIS IS APPLETON in the 1984-85 League year.

-Cynthia Johnson



To: Appleton League of Women Voters  
RE: 1983 Finance Drive

The theme for the 1983 Finance Drive "The League of Women Voters - tackles the tough jobs" accurately states our abilities and the results of this year's drive shows just how able we really can be!

1983 Goal: \$2270  
Results: \$3630 56% OVER the goal

What made this year such a success, even though the economy of the Fox Valley was at an all time low?????

1. Active member participation: Thirty four members helped in the effort, producing new stationery, a brochure, personal notes in solicitation letters and most importantly, increased levels in their individual contributions.
2. Presentation of our program and the results of our previous year's work in an easy to read, hard to ignore, and visually interesting brochure to enclose with solicitation letter.
3. Vigorous telephone follow up!!!!!! Most important

Thank you everyone,

Shirley Ann Schafer

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Schafer  
1833 Jacksons Creek Bluff  
Marietta, Georgia 30067

*for all come down!*

P.S. Although our stay in Appleton was all too short, the League added so much richness to our lives. Thank you for your warm hospitality --you and this community are a very special place in our lives and a very special part of what makes this country so great.

## MARITAL PROPERTY UPDATE

The strategy planning group of involved legislators, staff, law faculty, Wisconsin Women's Network and the League has decided after careful examination that the Uniform Marital Property Act (UMPA) should be introduced into the legislature as a substitute amendment to AB 200. Although there are some differences, these will be adjusted in the drafting of the substitute amendment to preserve the areas of concern to proponents of the Munts/Adelman bill. It is important that all members understand that the major concerns of the League are included in the bill. Both partners will have a right to an equal share of all marital property, the non-wage earner will have the right to will, to obtain credit and to manage and control the assets. Because it is a substitute amendment, the bill number will not change.

The National Commission on Uniform State Laws adopted the act in July after several years work. The pioneer work done in Wisconsin was a very significant resource used by the Uniform Laws Commissioners in drafting the bill. The bill will serve as a model for property laws in other states. The strategy committee considered introducing it earlier, but because it was in a changing state until finally adopted in July, we decided to go ahead with our own bill.

Now that it is ready, there are a number of good reasons for introducing it. It allows the same language to be used in many states, a great help to professionals and the general public alike. It will create a greater understanding of the law and awareness of rights in our mobile society. Precedents for state action on previous proposals by the commissioners include the Uniform Commercial Credit Code and divorce reform. The Act carries the weight of the prestige of its authors and is supported by the American Bar Association.

Don't forget to register your support for AB 200 by writing or calling your representative in the Wisconsin legislature (HOTLINE NUMBER 1-800-362-9696). Special thanks are in order for League and NOW members who helped with the public meeting - Dawn Washatka Lynn Debbink, Win Thrall, Judy Winzenz, Sandra Weissert, Susan Margenau, and Gary Reitzner. Thank you all.

- Marlys Fritzell

### NATIONAL ACTION

Community Renewal Employment Act: A letter was sent to Congressman Roth indicating our support for H.R. 1036 - the Community Renewal Employment Act. The bill specifically authorizes employment in a variety of areas where women and minorities are more likely to be employed, including child care, employment counseling, emergency food and shelter activities, nutrition programs, and other services for elderly and handicapped individuals.

### STATE ACTION

High-phosphate Detergent Ban: We sent a letter to Senator Ellis urging him to vote for AB 138 - to reinstate the ban on high-phosphate detergent sales in Wisconsin. The bill is coming up for debate in the Senate on October 6th.

Marital Property Reform: Assemblyman David Prosser was sent a letter informing him of our support for substitute amendment AB 200, the Uniform Marital Property Act. We encouraged him to reconsider his position given the comprehensive nature of the newly proposed Uniform Act.

LAST CALL FOR "THE WISCONSIN TAXPAYER".....Bev and I still have copies of this excellent publication on the VIAE system. The booklet takes a half hour to read and will give you some needed general knowledge on our state's vocational schools. Since the study has been extended an extra year, some newer members may not have received this publication. Please call us and we'll remedy the situation.

Barb Hussin 739-7293  
Bev Wieckert 739-2773

# VTAE

Following are a few definitions you will find helpful in our discussions at the set of unit meetings the end of October. We have also reissued some very pertinent information (from a past FORWARD) on District Boards and VTAE public accountability that you will need for addressing the consensus questions.

- FTE - Full-time equivalent. An FTE is 30 credits. Each 30 student credits is one FTE. The number of hours needed to equal an FTE varies with the type of program in which the student is enrolled. State aids are based on numbers of FTE's.
- AVOCATIONAL - Community service courses from Woodworking to Bridge. They are not state aidable and are funded from local revenues.
- COLLEGE PARALLEL PROGRAM - Provides coursework in liberal arts and science and terminates in an associate degree. Available in three districts (Madison, Milwaukee and Nicolet where there are no 2 year UW-centers). College parallel credits are accepted at all the state universities.
- STATE VTAE BOARD - The 12 member governing board appointed by the governor and approved by the senate for 6 year terms. Composed of 3 employers, 3 employees, 3 farmers, plus Supt. of Public Instruction, President of the Board of Regents & Secretary of the DILHR or their designees.
- JACCE - Joint Administrative Committee on Continuing Education. Has representatives from both systems (UW & VTAE) establishing guidelines for responsibilities and cooperation between the two systems.
- ARTICULATION - The process of communication and coordination between VTAE and secondary schools in order to facilitate vocational education for the student.

## VTAE Public Accountability

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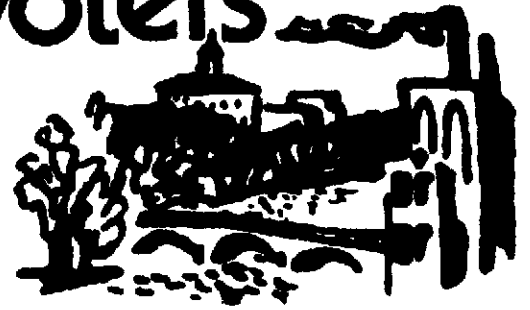
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National Security Study Unit

Kathleen Knott  
15 Bellaire Court  
731-1989

October 5  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

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All Saints Episcopal Church  
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(Sitter service provided at the church - \$1.50 per child)

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Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF  
'Make League A Part Of Your Life'  
Ruth Clusen, Guest Speaker  
(More information in this bulletin)

Jan Nordell  
98 Estherbrook Court  
731-8738

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Win Thrall  
59 Bellaire Court  
733-4889

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Barbara Hussin  
530 S. Fairview  
739-7293

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Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

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# Presidential Perch

## SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY: October 11  
7:30 P.M.  
Berta Churchill's  
2515 Crestview

THURSDAY: October 27  
1 P.M.  
Betty Breunig's  
56 Bellaire Court

Three events will have occurred in one month in which League activity and commitment over the years made a real difference! Sometimes I think we need to step back and look at what we accomplish over the long haul:

1) The referendum to consolidate the City Treasurer and Finance Director was passed by Appleton voters on September 13. For eighteen years League has favored the appointment of non-policy-making officials and the election of policy-making officials. This time we won! We cannot recognize ALL those League members in those eighteen years who laid the foundation for this victory, but in the referendum effort last month, there were five League members who made major contributions of time and effort: Win Thrall and Corinne Goldgar, who produced that handsome and informative brochure; Joan Fowler, who organized support within our membership; and Alderman Jan Nordell and I, who served on the referendum committee.

2) The Valley Transit Operations and Maintenance Building was dedicated in September. Many League members can probably remember the old days of bus service and the many decision points as government painstakingly evolved a commitment to quality service. League was always there: with strong support in budget hearings, with a warm welcome for a "new" used fleet of buses, with League tours of an obviously less-than-adequate bus garage, and with League members on the various boards and commissions (Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Hoffman, and Bev Wickert). Again, we were there for the long haul, an important factor in quality bus service--and in that fine new building in Koehnke's Woods.

3) On October 3 some League members will be sitting in the Wisconsin Supreme Court chambers as the proposed mall in Grand Chute gets its day in Court. For more than four years League has been there with our unwavering commitments to planned and orderly development, wise use of land and energy resources, protection of the physical and human environment, and adequate procedures to guarantee citizen and community input whenever decisions are made. Without the vigilance of the League itself and many League members, the Supreme Court wouldn't be considering this case.

The point of all this: that our League has staying power, that we recognize that sometimes action must be taken on many fronts for many years before results occur, and that the League and League members make a difference!!

-Cynthia Johnson



March units are coming up sooner than you anticipate, so start thinking now about our local social services study. You can begin by reading the following paragraph lifted from a Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Social Services brochure.

"Social Services" are not the same as "welfare," although people who are on welfare are more likely to be using social services. Social services are varied but specific services which have been developed to assist people in maintaining self-sufficiency, independence, productivity and family happiness. Social services are usually delivered or arranged for by a social worker, and include more than two dozen specific services, as defined in Title XX of the Social Security Act (1974). (These social services may be provided to anyone but, depending upon their incomes, some people may be required to pay for some of them on a sliding scale.) Some of these social services include: day care services for the children of working parents, special day care and training services for the handicapped, services to the elderly to prevent or alleviate social isolation, services to help ready the unskilled or inexperienced for productive jobs, protective services for abused or neglected children and their parents and services to children who might otherwise become labeled as "delinquent."

### NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Whiteside  
3122 E. Crestview Drive  
731-0433

Kathy is especially interested in League's National Security Study and the League's involvement in the community.

Sam (Sandy) Murdock  
804 E. South  
731-1128

Sam teaches violin at Lawrence University. She is interested in National Security.

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1515 N. Durkee  
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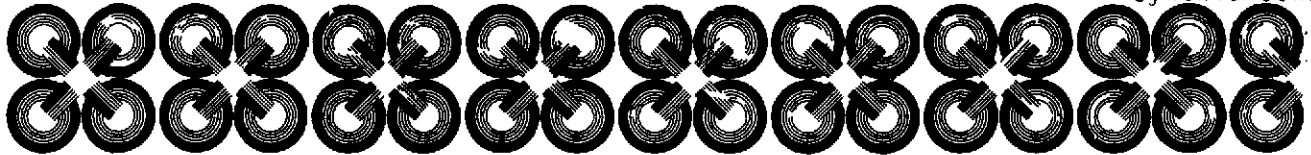
Margaret has rejoined League to become our Bulletin Editor. She works for Planned Parenthood and is interested in environmental issues.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND (NON-APPOINTMENTS)

Two important portfolios have been filled: FINANCE will be chaired by Pat Schinabeck and Sharon Jozwiak, who discovered how well they worked together during the State Convention held in Appleton last May. And, NATURAL RESOURCES will be filled by Sally Bredeweg, unusually well-qualified for this job with her college degree in agricultural engineering and a pre-Appleton job as an environmental engineer. At their own request, these Board members will technically serve in an "off-Board" capacity, which means they will focus on their specific tasks rather than accepting the additional responsibility for overseeing the whole scope of League as the "on-Board" members do.

In other Board action it was decided to postpone the publication of THIS IS APPLETON until next year because of the difficulty in finding an editor who could fit this large and important job into her life this year. You may recall that the Annual Meeting approval of this project had hinged on the availability of a willing and able editor, which we found and then lost in Shirley Schaefer. I have made a sincere effort to locate that person and have reason to believe that we can get off with a flying start next year with a top-notch one. The Board joins me in publically affirming our intention to publish THIS IS APPLETON in the 1984-85 League year.

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To: Appleton League of Women Voters  
RE: 1983 Finance Drive

The theme for the 1983 Finance Drive "The League of Women Voters - tackles the tough jobs" accurately states our abilities and the results of this year's drive shows just how able we really can be!

1983 Goal: \$2270  
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What made this year such a success, even though the economy of the Fox Valley was at an all time low?????

1. Active member participation: Thirty four members helped in the effort, producing new stationery, a brochure, personal notes in solicitation letters and most importantly, increased levels in their individual contributions.

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3. Vigorous telephone follow up!!!!!! Most important

Thank you everyone,

Shirley Ann Schafer

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## MARITAL PROPERTY UPDATE

The strategy planning group of involved legislators, staff, law faculty, Wisconsin Women's Network and the League has decided after careful examination that the Uniform Marital Property Act (UMPA) should be introduced into the legislature as a substitute amendment to AB 200. Although there are some differences, these will be adjusted in the drafting of the substitute amendment to preserve the areas of concern to proponents of the Munts/Adelman bill. It is important that all members understand that the major concerns of the League are included in the bill. Both partners will have a right to an equal share of all marital property, the non-wage earner will have the right to will, to obtain credit and to manage and control the assets. Because it is a substitute amendment, the bill number will not change.

The National Commission on Uniform State Laws adopted the act in July after several years work. The pioneer work done in Wisconsin was a very significant resource used by the Uniform Laws Commissioners in drafting the bill. The bill will serve as a model for property laws in other states. The strategy committee considered introducing it earlier, but because it was in a changing state until finally adopted in July, we decided to go ahead with our own bill.

Now that it is ready, there are a number of good reasons for introducing it. It allows the same language to be used in many states, a great help to professionals and the general public alike. It will create a greater understanding of the law and awareness of rights in our mobile society. Precedents for state action on previous proposals by the commissioners include the Uniform Commercial Credit Code and divorce reform. The Act carries the weight of the prestige of its authors and is supported by the American Bar Association.

Don't forget to register your support for AB 200 by writing or calling your representative in the Wisconsin legislature (HOTLINE NUMBER 1-800-362-9696). Special thanks are in order for League and NOW members who helped with the public meeting - Dawn Washatka Lynn Debbink, Win Thrall, Judy Winzenz, Sandra Weissert, Susan Margenau, and Gary Reitzner. Thank you all.

- Marlys Fritzell

### NATIONAL ACTION

Community Renewal Employment Act: A letter was sent to Congressman Roth indicating our support for H.R. 1036 - the Community Renewal Employment Act. The bill specifically authorizes employment in a variety of areas where women and minorities are more likely to be employed, including child care, employment counseling, emergency food and shelter activities, nutrition programs, and other services for elderly and handicapped individuals.

### STATE ACTION

High-phosphate Detergent Ban: We sent a letter to Senator Ellis urging him to vote for AB 138 - to reinstate the ban on high-phosphate detergent sales in Wisconsin. The bill is coming up for debate in the Senate on October 6th.

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LAST CALL FOR "THE WISCONSIN TAXPAYER".....Bev and I still have copies of this excellent publication on the VTAE system. The booklet takes a half hour to read and will give you some needed general knowledge on our state's vocational schools. Since the study has been extended an extra year, some newer members may not have received this publication. Please call us and we'll remedy the situation.

Barb Hussin 739-7293  
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# VTAE

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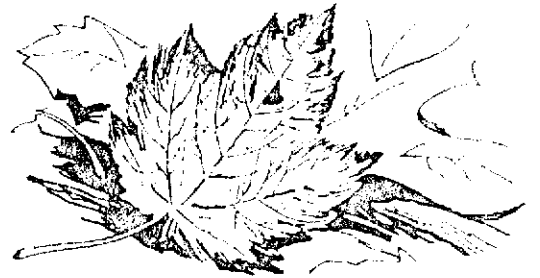
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| November 15<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Board Meeting   | 520 N. Bateman<br>Marcia Hittle -- 731-8876         |
| November 22<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Social Services Committee<br>Meeting  | 403 E. Franklin Street<br>Jean King -- 733-2596     |
| November 29<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Tour of new Valley Transit<br>Bus Operations and Maintenance Building         | 801 S. Whitman Avenue<br>(off W. Spencer Street)    |
| November 30<br>Wednesday, 10:00a.m. | Tour of new Valley Transit<br>Bus Operations and Maintenance Building         | 801 S. Whitman Avenue<br>(off W. Spencer Street)    |

More information on Tour inside Bulletin

# Presidential Perch

Our VTAE units within the next few weeks strike me as a microcosm of the League of Women Voters. I hope you'll bear with me as I trace the thread...

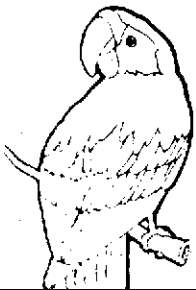
As individuals we approach this topic on a continuum. Our personal interest ranges from "intense" to "couldn't care less". Our pre-unit knowledge base ranges from "accurately informed" to "what's the Tech?" Our strength in League is the diversity; we pool our individual interests and knowledge, sometimes leading the way, sometimes following.

I joined League because I wanted a place to go to learn about things I didn't know. Each year's program offers me a chance to continue learning. I can thank my genetic predisposition to Duty and Good Works to get me through when my initial interest, and information wouldn't get me far! By this time next month I'm going to know a whale of a lot more about Wisconsin's Vocational and Technical system than I do now. Will you? I feel it's perfectly okay to be relatively uninformed on October 20, but not so fine if you're equally uninformed on November 15. After all, isn't that why you joined League

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At the October Board Meeting Win Thrall was nominated to represent the Appleton League of Women Voters in the Post-Crescent's recognition awards for community volunteers. Win is being honored as a person who balances a professional and personal life while not forgoing service to her community. She does a fine job of Public Relations for the League, but, even more, she is being honored for her generous sharing of her artistic abilities to organizations and issues in the community through the preparation of graphically excellent pamphlets, newsletters, and posters. Congratulations, Win --and thank you!

Cynthia Johnson



FROM: Your Treasurer

TO: All Leaguers who have so promptly remitted their 1983-84 membership dues - A BIG THANK YOU!

TO: All Leaguers who have not renewed their membership - a little reminder - November 30th is the deadline.

Questions - call Joyce Green  
739-4771

## NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Consensus was reached in two sets of three unit meetings, one week apart, with questions 1 and 2 answered the first week and question 3 the second week. Average attendance at the three units was 6, 8, and 15 respectively.

We submitted to National a list of objections to the consensus form that were suggested by members attending the consensus units. The objections were concerned mainly with ambiguities of language and the complexity and length of the form. The complexity and length of the form precluded reaching consensus on all questions, and votes had to be recorded. Nevertheless, the range of opinion was remarkably small; we shall await a report from National to find out if other leagues share our conclusions.

The committee is grateful to Helen Heil, Helen Nagler, Jan Nordell, Cynthia Johnson, Marcia Hittle, and Ginny Rose for their work as discussion leaders, to Vivian Harnitz, Joyce Green, and Cathy Boardman for their work as recorders, and to Kathy Johnston for her work as chairman in organizing the preparations for this consensus.

Bob Rosenberg

# LOCAL ACTION

The Observer Corps is alive and feeling much better, thank you. We now have twelve people participating in this vital aspect of the League.

- County Board - Helen Nagler  
Donna Weis  
Marian Ming
- County Zoning - Len Weis
- Social Services - Jean King  
Betty Breunig
- City Council - Nancy Jones  
Karen de Young  
Gretchen Bambrick
- Board of Education - Stevie Schmidt  
Katie McNeil
- FVVTA Board - Barbara Hussin

*Berta Churchill*

We may need another person to observe the Board of Education which meets every two weeks since both Stevie and Katie may be otherwise occupied on the second Monday of the month. Any volunteers? We would also like to have an observer at the City Plan Commission (4 p.m. alternate Mondays).

Although virtue is supposedly its own reward, it is even more satisfactory to have public recognition -- talk to your observers and tell them how wonderful you think they are. New members, please join us -- you will not only feel virtuous, you will find it's fun!

Budget review is at hand. At the invitation of John Schreiter, Cynthia Johnson, Jean King and I spent well over an hour with the County Exec. and the Finance Director for a briefing on the budget. A representative from the Taxpayers Association had also been invited. We are now observing the Finance Committee's review of the county budget and will write a statement for the public hearing on October 31.

Committee Appointments Did you know that the League is often asked to appoint LWV members to ad hoc committees and boards? Many of our members, of course, are participating in the community as knowledgeable individuals but the following members are officially League appointees.

- Kathy Hartman - Outagamie County Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Review Committee.
- Jody CoBabe - Wo/mens Educational Bureau, Displaced Homemakers Advisory Board
- Cynthia Johnson - Curriculum Committee (new) Board of Education
- Jean King - Youth Aids Advisory Board Dept. of Social Services
- Betty Breunig - Community Housing Resource Board

Incidentally, there are three League members on the Mayor's Housing Task Force although none is officially a League appointee: Berta Churchill, Dorothy Stillings, and Betty Breunig.

Betty Breunig  
739-2670



# New Members



Gretchen Bambrick  
407 Canterbury Ct.  
735-9784

Gretchen has just moved to Appleton from Albany, N.Y., where she was also involved in LWV.

Jeanne Gabert  
1624 W. Lorain Ct.  
734-9565

Jeanne is also a member of AAUW. She is a former teacher, has 3 grown children. Likes to cross country ski and is interested in environmental issues.

Ali Sampson  
1015 E. North St.  
734-1154

Ali has rejoined the LWV. She and her husband Dick now have a household membership.

Ann Sartwell  
728 E. North  
731-1750

Ann is interested in environmental issues. She is the treasurer for the Audubon Society and is interested in bird watching.

Eileen Singler  
Rt. 2, Shiocton  
986-3917

Eileen is retired from Outagamie Dept. of Social Services. She has joined LWV because she is especially interested in our local study and is on the committee.

Marilyn Yeske  
1401 Cloverdale Drive  
733-8899

Marilyn moved to Appleton from PA just over a year ago and is very involved with her work with the Commission on Aging.

I would like to thank everyone who brought wine or cheese to the membership meeting on the 13th. I also hope everyone enjoyed Ruth's speech and the rest of the evening as much as I did.

THANKS AGAIN,  
Dawn Washatka

## FACTS ABOUT THE VALLEY TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Site size: approximately 4.4 acres

Building size: 39,800 sq. ft.

Administrative offices: 2,250 sq. ft.

Operations area: 1,550 sq. ft.

Maintenance area: 10,200 sq. ft.

Bus service area: 2,500 sq. ft.

Bus storage garage: 23,300 sq. ft.

Designed to accommodate: 75 personnel  
42 buses

Expansion capacity: 98 personnel  
68 buses

Budgeted cost: \$2,341,070  
\$1,872,856 - federal share  
\$ 468,214 - local share

Estimated actual cost: \$2,200,000  
\$1,760,000 - federal share  
\$ 440,000 - local share

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROJECT

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1974-1977            | Recognition and documentation of need for more adequate transit facility |
| Jan. 1978            | Municipal acquisition of transit system                                  |
| Apr.-Nov. 1980       | Preliminary planning   |
| Nov. 1980-Aug. 1982  | Budget and grant process   |
| June-Aug. 1981       | Architect selection  |
| Sept. 1981-June 1982 | Design phase   |
| Aug.-Sept. 1982      | Bids let and construction contracts awarded                              |
| Sept. 1982           | Ground broken  |
| Oct.-Nov. 1982       | Foundation poured and steel frame erected                                |
| Dec. 1982            | Roof on, building enclosed   |
| Feb. 1983            | Interior finishing begun   |
| June 25, 1983        | System operation moved to new building                                   |
| Sept. 11, 1983       | Dedication ceremony  |

# Welcome

# Valley Transit

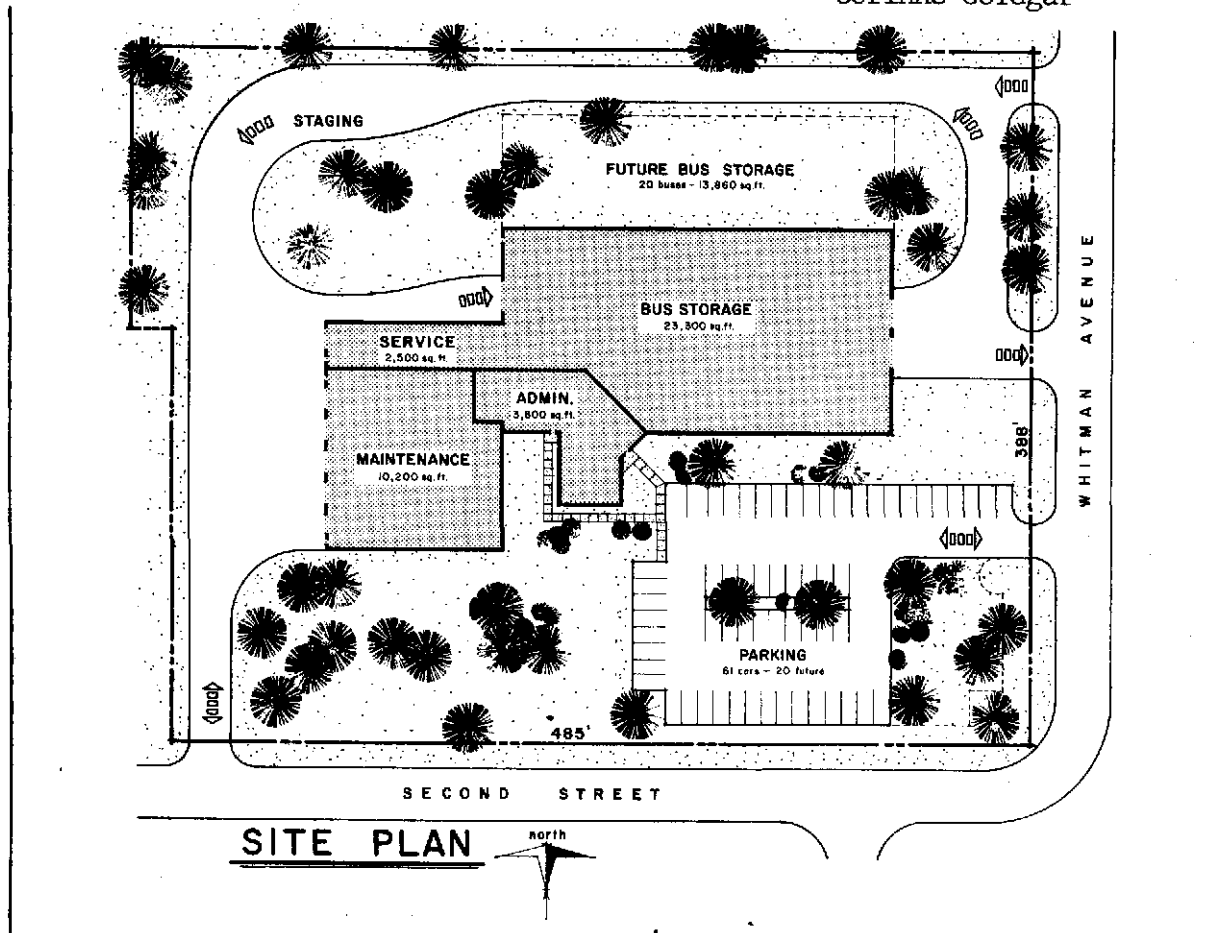
Valley Transit will conduct a tour of its new \$2.2 million Operations and Maintenance Building at 801 S. Whitman Avenue especially for the Appleton LWW on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. with a repeat on Wednesday, November 30, at 10 a.m. Both tours will be followed by question-and-answer sessions. The tour will last about a half hour; the the question sessions will be informal and can go on as long as questions keep coming.

You will want to attend one of these sessions if you --

- 1) Went on the League's tour of Valley Transit's old garage about four years ago.
- 2) Want to see the tangible result of a project which League has given continuous support;
- 3) Are interested in energy conservation;
- 4) Want to see the transformation of Koehnke's Woods;
- 5) Are curious about what a transit system needs besides a bus and its driver;
- 6) Want to see a facility that was carefully planned to be functional, economical, and beautiful.

The building will be the same for both tours, of course, but the transit system functions that the two groups will observe will be different because of the different times of the day. Because the system will be in operation, you are asked not to bring small children; a working bus garage is not a safe place for them to be.

-- Corinne Goldgar



# Social Services Information

## KEEP AND READ FOR MARCH UNITS!!!!

Our health and social system delivers programs to individuals in three distinct ways. There are entitlement programs where eligibility is because of low income, disability or age; there are categorical programs to remedy specific problems; and there are services which are permissible, but not necessarily mandatory under block grant funding.

There are some 40 services which counties can finance through Social Services (SS) block grant funds. The funds are to be used "to provide social services to low income children, elderly, youth and families to aid them to obtain the goals of economic self-support, self-sufficiency, protection of individuals, maintaining families, keeping people out of institutions and providing limited service to persons in institutions." Four programs must be supplied in each county (so-called mandated programs). These are: supportive home care; day care; transportation and escort services; and family planning. Each of these required programs has differing specific provisions.

- a) Supportive home care must be planned and budgeted for in each county and at least 14% of a county's basic human services grant has to be spent for this program. Supportive home care services include home nursing, chores, housekeeping, home management aid - all designed to keep people out of institutions.
- b) Day care services for children must be planned and budgeted for each county.
- c) Specialized transportation and escort is generally for medical care, meal transportation etc. This program must be planned for but because of a change in medical assistance (MA) regulations, more costs can be picked up for sources outside the SS funding.
- d) Family planning must either be planned and budgeted for by counties or they must describe who will provide the service in the community.
- e) Eligibility for programs will be based on income and assets. Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplementary Security Income (SSI) or persons receiving 70% or less than the state median income are eligible.
- f) Fees may be charged for persons receiving these services if they exceed the income/asset levels, but there is a uniform fee range statewide. (It is a range because of justifiable differences in different parts of the state).

The SS Department also administers block grant funds for the Energy Assistance Program which helps low income households meet increased energy costs. In 1981-82 at least 3000 households were served in Outagamie county.

(This information is courtesy of the Wisconsin IMPACT publication, "Prepare" February 1983. The author is Eleanor Fitch, former Wisconsin president of the LWV).





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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, INC.  
VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION  
MEMBER AGREEMENT

A. Philosophy

1. The VTAE system is an integral part of the educational system of Wisconsin. It should continue to provide education for both employment and life-long learning.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

2. The state VTAE board is the appropriate level for initiating, developing, maintaining, and supervising VTAE programs that receive state aid.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

3. To assure program and fiscal accountability, the state VTAE board should strengthen its evaluating function.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

4. The district VTAE board is the appropriate level for initiating, developing, maintaining, and supervising VTAE programs that do not receive state aid (avocational and noncredit continuing education courses).

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

B. Funding

1. The VTAE system should be financed through a combination of district property tax and state general purpose revenues (present system).

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

2. VTAE avocational courses should be self-supporting financially.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

3. There should be adequate financial support for vocational education in Wisconsin at the secondary and post secondary levels.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

C. Governance

1. State VTAE Board

- a. Should there be some sort of distribution formula to insure that certain groups are represented?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

- b. If a distribution formula is used, what groups should be represented?
- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> employers               | <input type="checkbox"/> employees                           | <input type="checkbox"/> minorities       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> women                   | <input type="checkbox"/> FARMERS                             | <input type="checkbox"/> geographic areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UW regents (ex officio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dept./Public Instruct. (ex officio) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> citizens-at-large       | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)                     |   |

2. District VTAE Boards

- a. District VTAE boards should be:
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> elected                    | <input type="checkbox"/> combination (some members appointed, some elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> appointed (present system) | <input type="checkbox"/> eliminated   |
- b. If district boards are appointed, what method should be used?
- appointment by a committee made up of either county board chairs in the district or school board presidents (present system.).
- other (specify)
- c. Should there be some sort of distribution formula to insure that certain groups are represented?
- Yes  No  No agreement
- d. If a distribution formula is used, what groups should be represented?
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|--|--|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> women   | <input type="checkbox"/> farmers           | <input type="checkbox"/> geographic areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> school administrators                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> citizens-at-large |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> elected county, city, village or school board members |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)                                       |  |   |

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECONDARY SYSTEM

1. There should be increased cooperation between secondary and VTAE systems to provide improved vocational education opportunities for secondary students.
- Agree  Disagree  Modify (indicate change)  No agreement
2. Forms of cooperation could include:
- a. contracts with local school districts.
  - b. shared instructors
  - c. shared facilities.
  - d. providing transportation.
  - e. credits toward high school graduation.
  - f. flexible scheduling.
  - g. granting advanced standing when a student later enters a regular VTAE program.
  - h. Other (specify)

E. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

1. The VTAE system should offer the college-parallel program in districts that do not have a two-year UW center.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

2. Associate degree credits (other than the college-parallel) should continue to be transferable between the VTAE system and the UW at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

3. The two systems should continue to coordinate efforts to serve the needs of a varied student clientele without unnecessary duplication.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_

F. SEX EQUITY

State funds should continue to be provided for efforts to eliminate sex bias and sex-role stereotyping and to promote nontraditional options for women and men.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (indicate change) \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement \_\_\_\_\_



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## December 1983

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED:

HOLIDAY PARTY  
DECEMBER 6, 1983 AT 7:30 PM  
GORDON BUBOLZ NATURE PRESERVE  
4815 N. LYNNDAL DR.

BRING YOUR "SIGNIFICANT OTHER" AND ENJOY WITH FRIENDS A  
"TRIP" TO CHINA.

The program at our Holiday Party will be by Lawrence professors  
Mojmir Povolny (Government) and Frank Doeringer (History). They  
have recently returned from three weeks in China and they will  
talk and show pictures of their trip. (Their wives are League  
members)

YOUR TICKET: A BOTTLE OF WINE OR PLATE OF CHEESE AND  
CRACKERS. HOT CIDER AND COFFEE WILL ALSO  
BE AVAILABLE.

DIRECTIONS: NORTH ON COUNTY TRUCK A, 1.8 MILES PAST OO.  
BUBOLZ ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD. LOOK FOR  
ARROW ON RIGHT AND REFLECTORS JUST BEFORE  
YOU'LL WANT TO TURN.

SHARE RIDES IF YOU CAN!! SEE YOU THERE!!



# Presidential Perch

LEAGUE AT THE BUDGET HEARINGS

One of the League's major Fall rituals is the preparation and presentation of statements regarding proposed budgets for Outagamie Co. and Appleton. We take this job seriously, carefully combining input from many observers and advisors. (I have summarized the specific points we made in a separate article.)

The visibility of our budget statements was especially high--partly because of a shortage of general citizen input. Appleton's Public Hearing was especially odd. All elected officials, Council members, and department heads gathered expectantly for the sole purpose of listening to the citizens. I, as your League representative, was the whole show, and the Public Hearing was adjourned in less than five minutes. Where were the rest of the citizens and organizations?

In between the county and city budget hearings, I moved to our new (old) house. During this personally hectic time, I've appreciated a League tradition of helping to lighten the load of a harried member. Several people helped me a lot--especially Betty Breunig regarding those budget statements. Many thanks!

About ten Board members stayed late after the last Board meeting to respond to a LWV US questionnaire about the direction the national League should take. We hope we reflected your opinions as to how the League must adapt to a shrinking of available volunteer hours and other trends. One message we sent was a strong opinion that member study and consensus is of high importance and should not be seen as merely a means to an end, i.e. action or advocacy.

I hope to see you all at our Holiday party on December 6. And, have a fine Holiday season!

--Cynthia Johnson

League addressed the following issues at the Outagamie County budget hearing:

- 1) Budget schedule and new budget format (with one exception)
- 2) Longrange planning effort--"Hopefully nasty surprises like sudden large increases could be minimized."
- 3) Selective cutting of budgets strongly favorable to an across-the-board cut.
- 4) Based on our commitment to "prevention" as preferable to cures, we favor the following:
  - a) Youth Service's Early Intervention Program
  - b) Domestic Abuse Center funds
  - c) Day Care--new state formula provides more funds this year.
  - d) Information and Referral
- 5) Next April we'll have completed a study of the Department of Health and Social Services and we will share our conclusions with you then.

Our League statement included the following points about Appleton's 1984 budget:

- 1) Compliments on the budget schedule and pared-down budget.
- 2) Downtown--expressing our strong support for downtown development, recommending the funds allocated for the Appleton Center Plaza.
- \*3) Annexation--lacking a coherent policy, the League expressed only a general recommendation that "all parties to each annexation proposal be fully informed... before irreversible decisions are made."
- 4) Newberry River Trail--would be a fine addition to Appleton, making good use of our river front.
- 5) Transit system--continued support for good local transit service.
- 6) City Treasurer/Finance Director merging--appreciate the savings made and congratulations to Council for its leadership.

\* I also said that I would propose to the Board of Directors that a League committee on annexation be established. It has now been decided that several interested League members will gather for one meeting to discuss whether we can legitimately piece together a policy from our other positions, possibly finding an update on Annexation an appropriate General Meeting. If this is stretching our positions beyond a reasonable degree, there is some interest in proposing an Annexation Study for our local study next year. Call me if you'd like to be involved in charting the course of League in this area.

# New Members

Phyllis Dintenfass  
738 Eldorado Street  
731-0297

Has rejoined the LWV after being in England for 1 year. Teaches Adult Basic Education at FVTI and is interested in community issues. Enjoys painting, embroidery, cooking and making jewelry.

Beth English  
1328 W. Pine Street  
735-9917

Works evenings as a Medical Technician at Appleton Memorial Hospital. Is interested in becoming better informed on community and national issues.



## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 13  
50 Bellaire Court  
Jodie CoBabe 731-0049



A volunteer activity of Outagamie County Department of Social Services which may interest you:

The Parent Aide Program has been in effect in Outagamie County since 1978. It helps serve the needs of some of the young, pregnant and/or unmarried mothers. Presently there are about twenty-six active parent aides. A Parent Aide is a friend, a role model, a non-threatening confidant who helps the unmarried mother improve her self-image. A Parent Aide meets with her match about once a week for activities of their choice--such as visiting, rummage sales, trip to the part or exploring mutual hobbies. Four to six groups activities are planned each year.

If you are interested in this program, contact Jim Marks, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Outagamie Co. DSS at 735-5181.

Eileen Singler



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You may not think that your call or letter to your elected representatives makes a difference, but they won't have any idea about what you think unless they hear from you. When a friend of League called Toby Roth's office after the ERA vote to protest the way he voted, she was informed that his office had received 60 calls in the two days preceding the vote urging him to vote against the ERA. NOT ONE person called before the vote to ask him to support it.



## FIRST CALL FOR LIVELY ISSUES!

Did you ever wonder who decides what our local League will study next year? And who votes for the National League program for the next two years? And who decides if the national program should be changed or how the local support positions should be reworded?

YOU do.

Where?

At the local Lively Issues meeting on January 10. Circle the date now on your calendar and start thinking about the issues that you would like to see the Appleton League tackle in the next couple of years. Watch for information on national program and revised local positions in the January bulletin. And call me if you have a hot program topic for next year. Perhaps I can put you in touch with other members who are interested in the same issue.

- Marcia Hittle  
731-8876

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### LOCAL ACTION AND OBSERVER CORPS

November is always a busy month because of the budget reviews of both county and city on which we like to comment. I think Cynthia will say something about this process in her column so I will restrict my notes to a big thank you to Marlys Fritzell, Ann Long and Joyce Green for being willing to attend city finance committee meetings. This kind of participation is essential to drawing up a coherent statement about the budget.

Jeanie Trigg has volunteered to be an observer to the City Plan Commission. Three cheers!

Berta Churchill has been appointed to the County Jail Committee. She is one of the few League members left from the Administration of Justice study a number of years ago and comments that she may be the only citizen member of the Jail Committee who has ever given a thought to jails. This committee assignment of a weekly meeting for six months, has been added to Berta's incredibly full schedule. We would like to help her out by having a League or community member observe the meetings to give her at least some moral support. This is a great opportunity to educate yourself on jail regulations and problems--become an expert, need them.

--Betty Breunig

### NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE

ABC's "The Day After" has helped to bring the issue of nuclear war to the forefront. Perhaps it has left you ready to study, discuss and take action. The National Security Study Committee is preparing for phase two of our study which deals with military policy and defense spending. Units will be held in February. You will be receiving a new publication soon. Please take the time to read it and the information in this and subsequent bulletins. Anyone wanting recommendations for further reading is urged to contact one of the committee members. Study committee meetings are open to any interested member--feel free to join us. Our next meeting will be Monday, December 12, at 8 p.m. at Joy Povolny's, at 31 S. Meadows Strtet.

--Nancy Jones

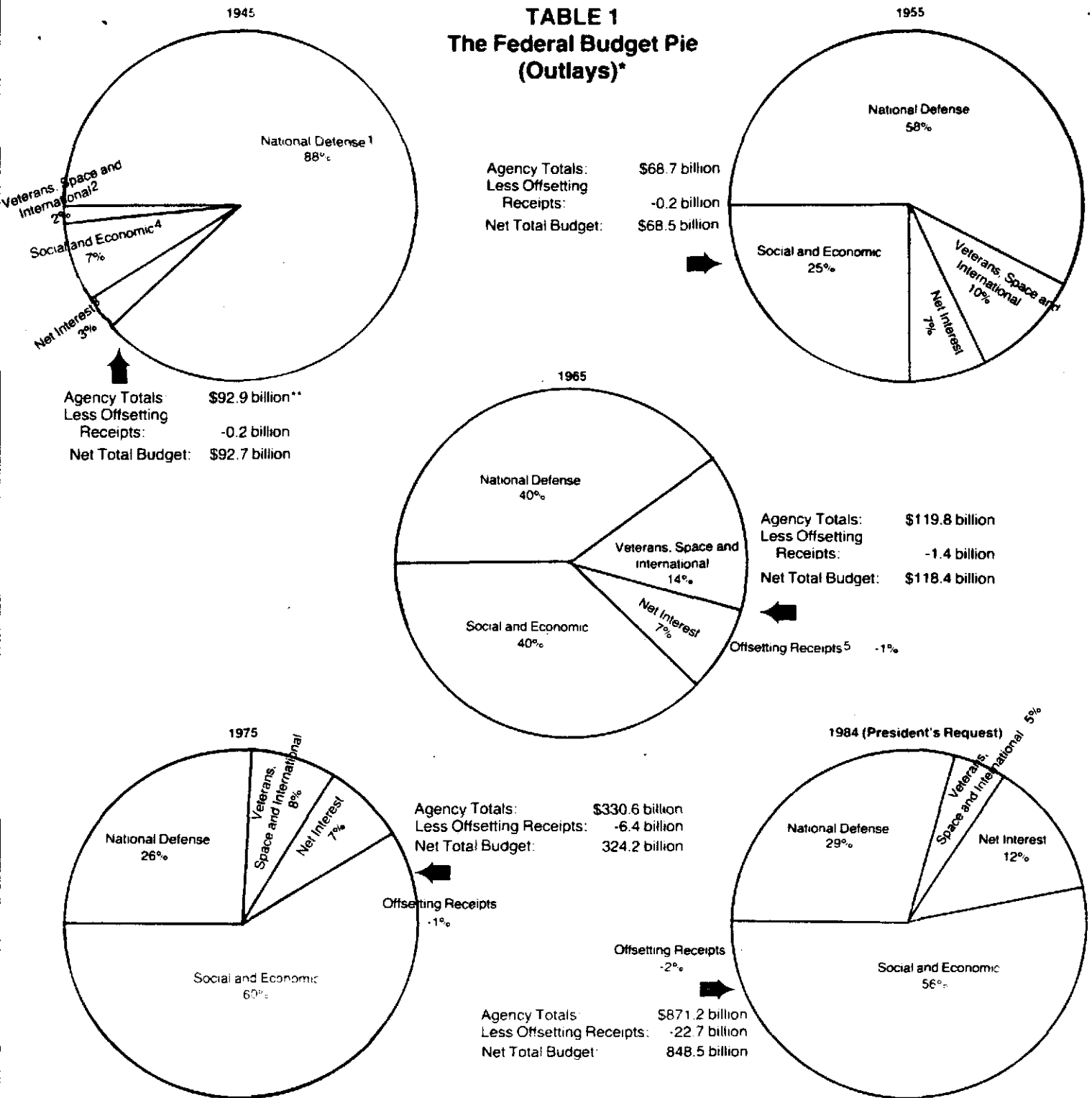


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Hope you get a chance to see our display at the Appleton Library on LWV publications. It will be up through the end of November.

--Dawn Washatka

**TABLE 1**  
**The Federal Budget Pie**  
**(Outlays)\***



Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), *National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 1984*, March 1983 and *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1984*.

\*Outlays represent actual government payments for obligations incurred

\*\*These figures are in current or "then-year" dollars, i.e., they reflect the value of the dollar in the year the expenditure occurred.

1 Includes Department of Defense: atomic energy defense activities (such as nuclear weapons production) conducted outside the Department of Defense; and defense-related activities such as the Selective Service System and defense stockpiles of certain materials.

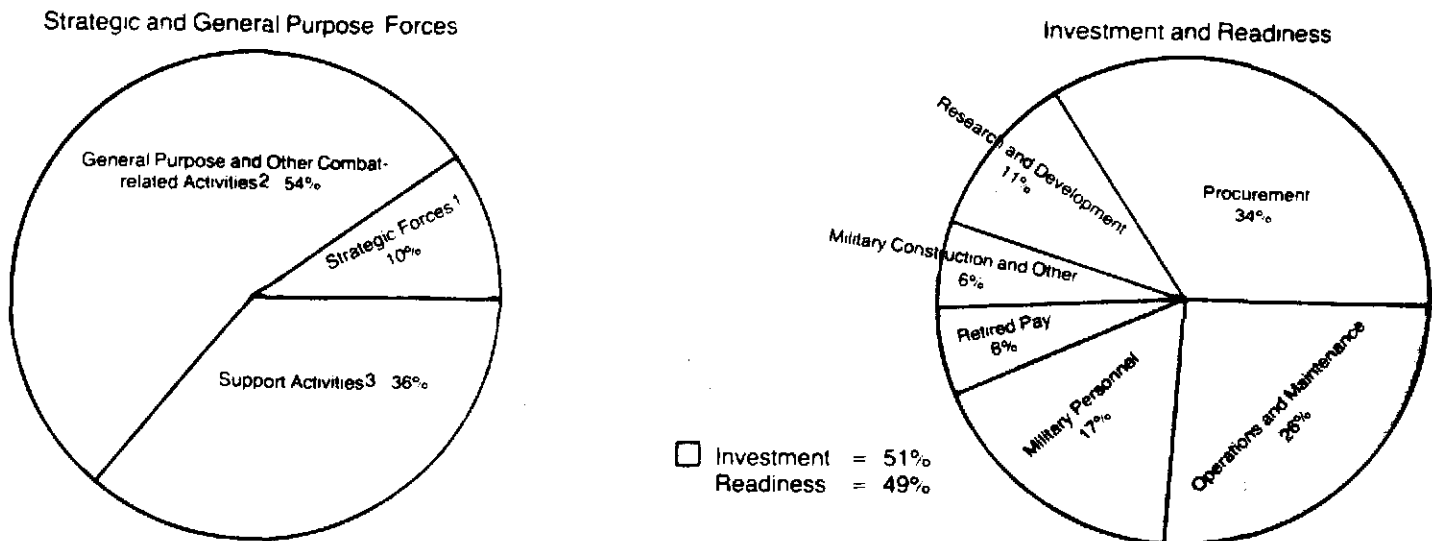
2 Includes all veterans' programs (compensation, pensions, education, medical care, housing loans); space programs (NASA); and international programs (foreign economic and financial assistance, military assistance, Department of State operations, and international financial programs).

3 Interest paid on the public debt and other interest.

4 Includes general science and technology (excluding the space program); natural resources and environment; energy; agriculture; commerce and housing; credit; transportation; community and regional development; education, training, employment and social services; health; income security and using Social Security since 1970; administration of justice; general government; and revenue sharing and general purpose fiscal assistance.

5 Includes employer share of employee retirement; interest received from trust funds; and rents and royalties on the Outer Continental Shelf. Offsetting receipts totalled less than 1% of the budget in 1945 and 1955.

**TABLE 2**  
**The FY 1984 Defense Budget: A Closer Look**  
**President's Request**  
**(Budget Authority)\***



Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), *National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 1984*, March 1983.

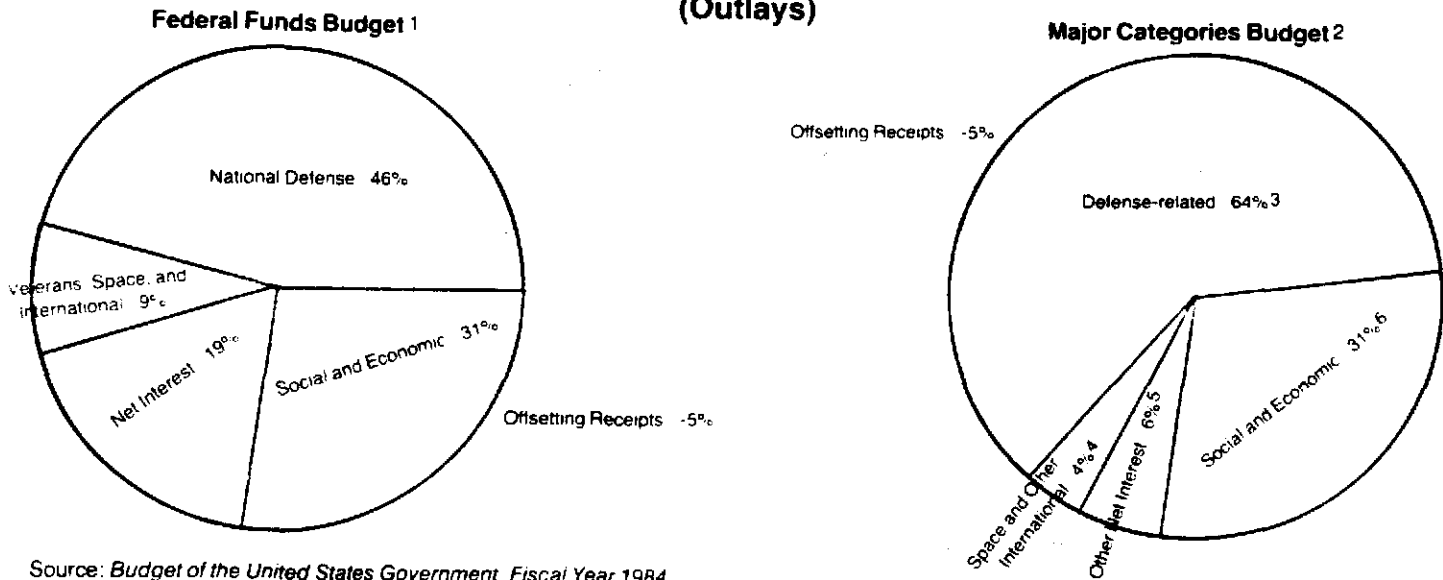
\*Budget Authority represents legal authority to enter into obligations that will result in immediate or future outlays.

<sup>1</sup>Includes the U.S. strategic nuclear triad, command and control activities associated with the triad, and related personnel.

<sup>2</sup>General Purpose Forces include all conventional (nonnuclear) weapons, related personnel, and theater and tactical nuclear weapons. A separate breakdown of theater and tactical nuclear weapons is not available from the Department of Defense. Combat-related Activities include intelligence and communications, airlift and sealift, and Guard and Reserve forces. While some of these "combat-related forces" might support strategic missions, most are intended to serve conventional missions.

<sup>3</sup>Includes programs applicable to both strategic and conventional weapons such as research and development, central supply and maintenance, and training, medical, and other general personnel activities.

**TABLE 3**  
**The FY 1984 Federal Budget Pie: Different Perspectives**  
**(Outlays)**



Source: *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1984*.

<sup>1</sup>Includes same categories as Table 1, but all trust funds are removed from the budget totals. Trust funds are monies earmarked for special purposes and programs, such as Social Security, Medicare and unemployment compensation, and are not available for general government spending.

<sup>2</sup>As in previous table, trust funds are excluded. Defense-related items previously appearing in other categories, however, have been added to the national defense account (see footnote 3), showing a more inclusive picture of national defense spending.

<sup>3</sup>Includes national defense (see footnote 1 of Table 1); veterans programs; foreign military sales credit; military assistance; and a portion of interest paid on the public debt.

<sup>4</sup>Includes space programs and international programs (excluding foreign military sales credit and military assistance).

<sup>5</sup>Remainder of net interest paid on the public debt and other interest.

<sup>6</sup>Includes all social and economic programs (see footnote 4 of Table 1) except those that are trust funds.

## STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

To my recollection we have never had a study which was more complex and had more ramifications than the study of the County Department of Social Services. Take a look at the enclosure in this Bulletin on the programs and services provided by the DSS. As you can easily see, each service may be dependant on another branch or program, e.g. Youth Service may involve Juvenile Court or Group homes; Child Protection may need Adoption Service or Shelter Care and so on. The combinations and interrelations are endless but we have not yet found serious duplications. It is a fascinating study and we feel that--like the mythological hydra--when we chop off one head, another seven heads replace it.

There is one theme connecting all these services: they all deal with human needs and human misery. The purpose of our study is to learn how the whole system operates, the techniques, the needs, and whether it can efficiently function under current conditions of reduced employment and reduced funds.

We have had excellent cooperation from the Department of Social Services and, whenever questions arise, an inquiry to the Department will get us a speedy and accurate answer. We have had several tours of the various departments and interviews with the personnel.

--Nusi Ward  
Social Services Committee

One of our research endeavors was to go through the public assistance application and interview procedures at the county courthouse. This was, of course, with the cooperation of the DSS. Needless to say, it was a process that we were only too glad we did not have to undergo in earnest, although the red tape seems to have been made as palatable as possible considering federal regulations.

Nusi (whose idea this was) and I were sent an application (12 double pages) to fill out and were given an interview appointment with an income maintenance worker. We were, so to speak, a single parent, three dependent children (one a pregnant 16 year old) and grandmother. Our interview lasted for an hour (which is a good average for all applicants) while the IM worker went over our application clarifying certain questions and explaining the procedures to us supposedly as she would have to a genuine client. We hope so--she was helpful, evenhanded and pleasant. We discovered many things during the interview, including the fact that we would not be eligible for assistance because our assets (a little life insurance, a small savings account and the children's US bonds) were just over \$1,000 which is the limit. Another fact we learned is that the IM worker, in answer to a request for other services, can only point you in the direction of a social worker but does not accompany you to the appropriate office. COME TO THE MARCH UNITS AND FIND OUT MORE.

--Betty Breunig  
Social Services Committee

# Social Services

## *Alphabet Soup*

- AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Programs giving specific financial help to families depending on income, resources, and family size. Families on this program usually receive Medical Assistance and Food Stamps, and also have automatic access to other programs such as WIC, EPSDT, and various social services.
- AODA Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse - generic term for a variety of programs.
- CAA Community Action Agency - Regionally administered agency offering social & helping programs. Originally set up in the 60's as the OEO anti-poverty agency. Also called Community Service Agency (CSA) and Community Action Program (CAP). Programs focus on low income people, and include nutrition, weatherization, agricultural, health, senior citizens needs. Funding is usually federal.
- CAP See CAA
- CBRF Community Based Residential Facility - generic term for group homes & halfway houses for a variety of needs: AODA, offenders, juveniles, etc.
- CETA Comprehensive Employment & Training Act - Program for training & employment opportunities. It originally used mostly public service agencies, but has just been reorganized to emphasize private sector involvement. Eligibility is based on income & resources. Programs under CETA have included OJT - On the Job Training, AWEF - Adult Work Experience, YWEP - Youth Work Experience (now called Project Columbia), PSE - Public Service Employment, LTE - Limited Term Employee. The current reorganization calls it the JTPA- Job Training Partnership Act, which has organized the PIC - Private Industry Council - and identifies possible trainees thru the HRS - Human Resources Specialists.
- CHIPS Child in Need of Protective Services - a designation of the Court in which the court takes jurisdiction over the juvenile. Social Services supervises the cases.
- CPB Coordinated Plan & Budget - a document detailing human services provided by or thru a county Department of Social Services, and identifying sources and amounts of funding available. Includes social services and programs for mental health, developmental disabilities & chemical abuse. Funds may be federal, state and/or local.
- CSA See CAA

DCS Division of Community Services (State of Wisconsin)

DEA Division of Economic Assistance (State of Wisconsin)

DHSS Department of Health & Human Services (State of Wisconsin)

DILHR Department of Industry, Labor & Human Relations (State of Wisconsin)

EAP Employee Assistance Program - generic term for a variety of programs offered by private employers for their employees and usually focusing on chemical abuse problems & counseling.

EDS Economic Data Systems - Federal - the agency responsible for overseeing Medical Assistance (Title XIX) reimbursements for services performed.

EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment - a health screening & referral program for children in families on AFDC.

FS Food Stamps - a USDA program providing vouchers for purchase of food. Eligibility depends on income, resources & family size.

GA General Assistance (or General Relief) - Minimum financial help for people not eligible for other programs and without means of support. Some counties tie this to a work relief program.

HRS Human Resources Specialists - see CETA

IM Income Maintenance - generic term referring to financial helping programs such as AFDC.

LIEAF Low Income Energy Assistance Program - Provides money to help pay fuel bills in excess of a percentage of monthly income. In the past, resources have not figured in eligibility.

LTE Limited Term Employee - see CETA

MA Medical Assistance (Medicaid) - Program providing payment for medical services under Social Security Act, Title XIX. Eligibility depends on income, resources, family size, age & disabilities. Recipients of AFDC and SSI are eligible. Most medical & dental services & prescription drugs are covered. Payments are made directly to providers. Eligibility is reviewed monthly.

Medicare Social Security Act, Title XVIII, providing a health insurance program for people age 65 & over and with certain disabilities. Co-payments are required, either by the individual or thru private insurance.

MTA Minimum Tentative Allocation - The funding the state promises to provide the County DSS in the next budget year - the figures are used in planning the CPB. The level may be increased but not decreased.

OAA Old Age Assistance - Former designation for SSI

OAA Older Americans Act - Federal legislation establishing helping & social programs (1965) such as nutrition, daycare, senior centers.

OCDSS Outagamie County Department of Social Services

OEO Office of Economic Opportunity, now CSA

PIC Private Industry Council - See CETA

PSE Public Service Employment - See CETA

RAP Refugee Assistance Program - Social, financial services for refugees.

RNIP Relief for Needy Indian Persons - Social, financial services for Native Americans.

SSI Supplemental Security Income - Financial help providing a minimum monthly income depending on age, disabilities and resources. Recipients receive MA, but not FS.

Title XVIII - Medicare

Title XIX - Medical Assistance

Title XX - Provides for Social & helping services such as family counseling, day care, I & R; except for certain mandated services such as AFDC, counties determine which services are provided, and funding levels for the services.

UMOS United Migrant Opportunity Services

USDA United State Dept. of Agriculture

VNA Visiting Nurse's Association

WIC Women, Infants & Children - A supplemental nutrition program for pregnant & nursing mothers and children to age 4. Provides vouchers for purchase of specific foods based on dietary evaluation. Available to families on AFDC.

WIN Work Incentive Program - Education/training program for adult family members on AFDC.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- A. CHILD PROTECTION UNIT - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor, nine Social Workers, and a Program Specialist.
1. Child Protection Program: Investigation and corrective action in cases of child abuse, child neglect, child exploitation and child dependency, with or without formal legal action, through appropriate treatment supervision.
  2. Unmarried Parents Program: Protective and supportive services primarily in behalf of mother and child, usually on a voluntary basis, resulting in either the termination of parental rights with subsequent adoption of the child or assisting the mother toward the goal of independent functioning with her child and competent parenting.
- B. SUBSTITUTE CARE UNIT - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor and seven Social Workers.
1. The recruitment, screening, investigation, licensing and ongoing training of foster parents and receiving home parents.
  2. Placement, treatment and supervision of children in foster homes, group homes and receiving homes, including working with the foster parents and the natural parents.
  3. Evaluation, placement and monitoring supervision of children in private treatment institutions and work with the families of the children in the community.
  4. Supervision of children residing in the homes of nonlegally responsible relatives, generally on a voluntary basis.
- C. YOUTH SERVICES UNIT - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor and seven Social Workers, also two Shelter Care Social Workers.
1. Juvenile Court Disposition and Supervision Services Program: The provision of Dispositional Study and recommendation to the Juvenile Court for alleged and adjudicated delinquents and juvenile status offenders. Also supervision and custody services to the same groups; both in the community and in correctional placements.
  2. Group Home Program: Coordination and supervision of four correction type adolescent group homes.
  3. Shelter Care Program: Administration of the Outagamie County Shelter Care facility and program.



- D. **FAMILY SERVICES UNIT** - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor, seven Social Workers and two Social Services Aides.
1. **Voluntary Services to AFDC Families:** Problem areas dealt with include housing, parent-child relationships, marital problems, divorce adjustments, employment assistance, good cause claims, training assistance, child care arrangements, proper nutrition, budgeting, household management, health, and stepparent adoption studies.
  2. **Child Day Care Program:** Recruitment, screening, investigation, certification and ongoing training of child day care providers involved in inhome day care or family day care.
  3. **Battered Person Program:** Crisis intervention, generally in cases of women with minor children, who are subjected to physical and/or emotional and/or psychological abuse by an adult male in the home environment.
  4. **S.A.U. Program:** This refers to the Separate Administrative Unit which is the services area of the WIN program and for which this Department carries responsibility. Discontinued January 15, 1982.
  5. **Family Court Program:** Includes provision of the mandatory divorce counseling; self-determination counseling to assist divorcing parents in reaching mutual decisions regarding child custody; child custody studies; and mediation counseling for divorce visitation disputes.
- E. **ADULT SERVICES UNIT** - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor, five Social Workers, one Home Aid Program Coordinator and nine Home Aides.
1. **Services to the elderly and disabled in the community program:** Voluntary services to elderly and disabled persons in the community with the basic objective of maintaining and enhancing the maximum independence of the persons involved and thereby preventing the need for institutional care, or at least avoiding premature placement.
  2. **Adult Foster Care Program:** Recruitment, screening, investigation, certification and ongoing services to homes which accept placement of adults in need of care/supervision and which includes any services additionally required by the persons in placement.
  3. **Protective Services Program:** This Department is the lead agency for Chapter 55 (Protective Services for Adults) in including assistance with conservatorships, guardianships, emergency detentions, and protective placements.
  4. **Services to the Elderly/Handicapped in Nursing Homes Program:** Assistance in dealing with problems which are not handled by the nursing homes.
  5. **Home Aid Program:** Basic services to elderly and disabled people primarily related to home care and management.
  6. **Battered Person Program:** Crisis intervention to adults who are victims of domestic violence including emergency shelter and ongoing services.

- F. COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES UNIT - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor, Volunteer Services Coordinator, one full-time Social Worker, two half-time Social Workers, three Homemakers, and two Social Services Aides.**
1. **Companion Program:** Friendship and emotional support along with other forms of help to socially isolated elderly and disabled persons by a volunteer.
  2. **Representative Payee Program:** Voluntary financial management to elderly and disabled persons by a volunteer.
  3. **Friend Program:** Friendship and emotional support to mothers overwhelmed with the pressures of family and home care.
  4. **Pals Program:** Relationship with an older person of the same sex indicated by problems and/or limitations of the child's family environment.
  5. **Host Family Program:** Substitute home in the community for periodic weekend visits for children receiving care in group homes or institutions.
  6. **Tutor Program:** Specialized academic assistance with emphasis on encouragement and support to the child in order to enhance self-confidence and motivation for learning. Also tutors for Indo-Chinese.
  7. **Transportation Program:** Volunteer drivers provide transportation to clients for needs which would otherwise be difficult to meet.
  8. **Time for Myself Program:** Classes which teach a variety of subjects very practical in nature and which provide a friendly non-threatening social environment. (Spring and Fall classes)
  9. **Grandparent Aide Program:** Grandparent aides working with troubled families.
  10. **Miscellaneous Programs:**
    - a. Emergency Chore Service
    - b. Moving Service
    - c. Household Maintenance
  11. **Child Support Program:** This is not a unit but exists as a separate entity included in the Complementary Services Unit for the purpose of managing fiscal matters in this section of the Department such as payments in AF and AI cases, etc.
  12. **Homemaker Program:** Homemakers provide a variety of services to clients to assist them in day-to-day living.

**NOTE:** The Department provides emergency services on a twenty-four hour basis in four areas:

1. Juvenile Delinquency
2. Child Protection
3. Adult Services
4. Emergency Energy During the Winter Months

- G. **FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTION** - Under the supervision of the Deputy Director the financial services unit and the support unit carry out their responsibilities.
1. **Financial Services Unit** - The following program responsibilities are carried out by a Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor and a staff of fourteen I.M. Workers.
    - a. **Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program:** Cash assistance for families with children under the age of eighteen years where only one parent is in the home, or where one parent is incapacitated, incarcerated or in military service:
      - (1) **AFDC-U:** For families with children under eighteen years of age where parent is unemployed.
      - (2) **U.M.:** For unmarried mothers and child(ren).
      - (3) **Stepparent Aide:** For a minor child who is being cared for by a natural parent and a stepparent, whose income is considered available for the needs of the child.
      - (4) **NLRR:** For a minor child who is being cared for by a relative who is not the natural parent.
    - b. **Medical Assistance Program:** Health care benefits for persons receiving AFDC or who are medically needy. Includes reimbursement for Nursing Home care.
    - c. **Food Stamp Program:** Supplemental food benefits to enable persons to have nutritious and adequate diets.
    - d. **Refugee Assistance Program:** Assistance to Vietnamese, Cambodian or Laotian refugees as well as Cuban/Haitians. This includes single adults or people without children.
    - e. **Emergency Assistance Program:** A program to meet the immediate needs resulting from fire, flood, or natural disaster.
    - f. **County Burial Program:** Authorizes funds to cover burials where the deceased is indigent.
    - g. **Emergency Energy Program:** Temporary assistance with fuel/utility bills.
    - h. In addition this unit is also responsible for Fraud Investigation, the processing of General Relief and Estate claims, Legal Settlement functions, and Third Party Liability investigation.
  2. **Supportive Services Unit** - The staff of this unit consists of the Office Manager and a staff of nineteen clerical people. This unit provides all of the clerical support for both sections of the Department. The staff of this unit handle all the receptionist work, all typing, the computer terminal hook-up and printer, payrolls not produced by the State, Medical Assistance paperwork, the Food Stamp issuance, all filing and record storage. All purchase requisitions and equipment inventory is also handled by this unit.

## STATE ACTION

Legislative Update      October 24, 1983

### Marital Property Reform by Sally Phelps

As you have probably heard, the Munts/Adelman marital property reform bill was crippled by amendments that make the community property system optional and institute the provisions of AB 376 for couples who do not make a marital agreement establishing the Munts/Adelman concept in their marriages. These amendments create a dual system under which couples will be under totally different provisions governing property ownership, credit, willing of property, and management and control of property. The result will be a mishmash, with enormous legal expenses involved for any spouse seeking remedies to present problems. It continues to make the non-asset owner dependent on the willingness of the asset owner to share assets. It continues to put the burden of remedial action on the partner least able to bear the burden.

We went into the floor session with enough votes to win if we could hold the shaky ones through the long amending process. Twenty-five amendments were offered and debated, and we successfully held the majority through the most important of those. When that process ended, the opposition moved to reject the bill in toto. That motion failed, indicating there were enough votes for passage. At that point, the amendments making community property optional and adding the provisions of AB 376 were offered. We had held the shaky votes up to this point, but after 10 hours in session, debating marital property and at 11:30 p.m., we could not hold three of them any longer. The amendments gave them an out to vote as they really wanted to, but would allow them still to claim that they voted for marital property. Those three were enough to secure passage of the amendments.

At that point, the remaining procedural motions were quickly enacted to send the bill to the senate. This strategy will allow us to seek senate action to restore the bill to its original shape. Senate action will not be occurring until spring.

Roll call: The following representatives supported the Munts/Adelman bill to the very end: Andrea, Becker, Bell, Brist, Chvala, Clarenbach, M. Coggs, S. Coggs, Crawford, Volk, Gerlach, Gilson, Gronemus, Hasenorhl, Holperin, Holschbach, Jaronitzky, Jauch, Johnson, Krusick, Kunicki, Looby, Lewis, Loftus, Medinger, Metz, Miller, Moyer, Munts, Neubauer, Plous, Potter, Rooney, Rutkowski, Schneider, Seery, Sell, Shoemaker, Smith, Stower, Tesmer, Travis, D., Ulichny, Vanderperren, Williams, Wineke, Wood.

Leaders in the floor debate include: Lewis, Jauch, Crawford, Chvala, Jaronitzky, Plous, Metz, Rutkowski, Loftus, Johnson, Bell.

Representatives voting for the crippling amendments: Antaramian, Bolle, Bradley, Buettner, Byers, Coleman, Cowles, Donoghue, Foti, Goetsch, Hauke, Hephner, Huelsman, Kasten, Goodrich, Luckhardt, Manske, Matty, McEssy, Menos, Merkt, Nelsen, Panzer, Plewa, Porter, Prosser, Quackenbush, Radtke, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Rosenzweig, Rude, Larson, Schneiders, Schober, Schultz, Stewart, Stitt, Swoboda, Thompson, R., Thompson, T., Travis R., Tregoning, Turba, Van Gorden, Walling, Wimmer, Young, Zeuske.

Representatives who switched their votes to support the crippling amendments at the very end of the debate: Menos, Rogers, Swoboda and Roberts.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS

# League of Women Voters

Appleton, Wisconsin



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## January 1984

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOSTESS

January 10  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

National and Local  
Lively Issues

737 W. Prospect Ave.  
Lynn Debbink, 739-8222

January 17  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

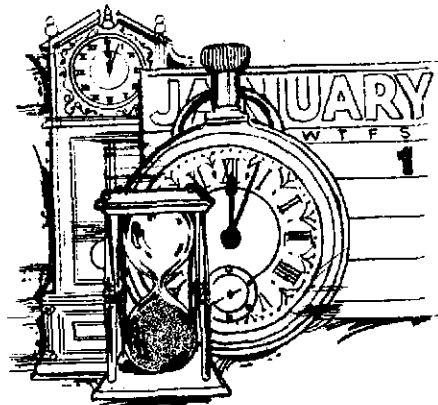
Board Meeting

1117 E. Eldorado St.  
Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

January 24  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Low Level Radioactive  
Waste Concurrence and  
Consideration of Revised  
Local Support Positions.

All Saints Episcopal  
Church, Drew & College  
Ave.



# Presidential Perch

Happy New Year! : January is the middle of the League year in some ways, but the beginning of the next League year in another way. The Lively Issues meeting on January 10 is my favorite recurring League meeting. It brings out a variety of members who begin to shape ideas into proposals for next year's local studies. It culminates at the Annual Meeting in April, but League members cannot adopt what wasn't proposed! Come join us on January 10. (We'll also begin consideration of what we want the LWV-US to tackle for the two year program that begins with the National Convention in May; many ideas are already floating around, seeking supporters and sponsors.

Later in the month is a dual meeting: a quick discussion of some lingering low level radioactive waste issues and then a momentous one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to scrutinize local support positions. I spent lots of December on this project and will consider the successful completion of the task one of my major legacies to League. The Board decided to furnish you with the present positions and the proposed ones; this sheaf of papers should arrive by hand delivery with other materials soon. Please spend some time with them. Come with your specific questions and suggestions on Tuesday, January 24! :

The Board of Directors discussed the Wisconsin LWV's solicitation of League members for contributions. We concluded that League members are capable of discriminating among the numerous appeals from the various levels of League and that the Wisconsin League is a worthy recipient for any extra dollars a League member can spare.

Finally, the Board of Directors ratified the decision by the Executive Committee to be prepared to act on the reproductive rights position reached last year by Leagues all over the country.\*\* There was overwhelming support for our local League to stand up and be counted as supporting a woman's right to make individual reproductive choices. We also believe in the rights of those who disagree to demonstrate their beliefs peacefully, within the law. Recent events staged at the Fox Valley Reproductive Health Care Clinic have caused both organizations and individuals to confront these issues again. We will keep you posted on specific action League takes. In the meantime our finest traditions suggest that you may wish to take individual action on the issue....

Cynthia Johnson

\*\* Adopted in January 1983, the position states: "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices."

Of the 1203 local Leagues, 81.8 percent took part in the concurrence process; of those participating Leagues, 92.6 percent concurred with the statement before them, including the Appleton League.



THAT mall will be built, the one that so many of us have fought for more than four years. The final obstacle fell with the November 30 ruling by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, when they ruled that "in the absence of significant impacts upon the natural environment, socioeconomic impacts do not trigger the EIS requirement."

So, we lost in that there will be a mall on the banks of Mud Creek in Grand Chute. I am blessed (?) with a real Pollyanna streak in me, and I want to share some of the positive things I am left with...

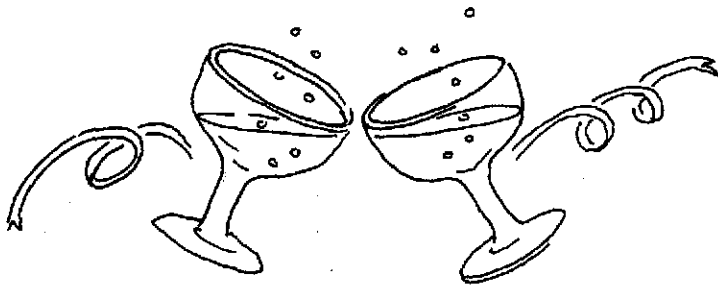
The mall is significantly smaller than originally planned! 300,000 square feet instead of 1,000,000. Its siting and other aspects of its environment have been improved through the lengthy process of hearings and lawsuits. And, most important, area downtowns have emerged from an initial reaction of paralysis to embark on many exciting and constructive projects.

I'm pleased we got so far with our issues. We began speaking for Appleton and ended up speaking for communities all over Wisconsin. Legislation is being developed to address some of the issues we raised. We ended up with some enemies--and many, many friends around the state: individuals and organizations who have agreed with us right up through disagreeing with the outcome.

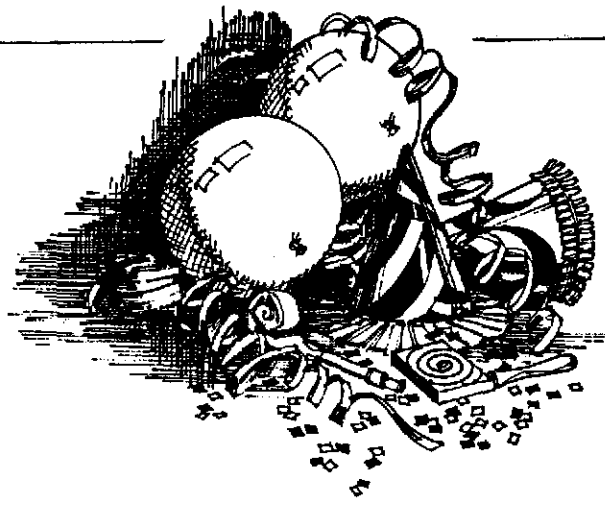
It is time to get on with other things, time to start to let rifts heal. League asked the right questions and fought a fine fight...we can be extremely proud of the League and of League members who devoted a chunk of their lives to such a worthy cause.

Cynthia Johnson



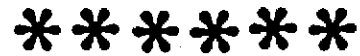


Here's Wishing  
 You All  
 a  
 Happy  
 New Year



UNIT CHANGE

It was a good try, however, due to a small turnout, we are discontinuing our Monday evening dinner unit meetings. We hope all members can arrange to attend the next Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning unit meetings in early February.



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| January 2, Monday<br>9:30 a.m.    | Berta Churchill<br>2515 E. Crestview<br>734-4974 |
| January 19, Thursday<br>7:30 p.m. | Betty Breunig<br>56 Bellaire Ct.<br>739-2670     |

**HELP WANTED**

The nominating committee is requesting your help in suggesting individuals for nomination for the following positions on the Board of Directors:

Second Vice-President (Program)  
 Treasurer  
 Director (two year term)            2 positions  
 Director (one year term)            1 position

Please contact one of the committee members with your recommendations.

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 Helene Iverson 734-7499

# SUGGESTED NATIONAL PROGRAM

## 1984-86

### GOVERNMENT

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

### CITIZEN RIGHTS

Citizen's Right to Know/  
Citizen Participation

Action to protect the citizen's right to know and to facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

Individual Liberties

Action to protect the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution.

Public Policy on  
Reproductive Choices

Action to protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

### CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

Congress

Action to support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency

Action to support a dynamic balance of power between the Presidency and Congress within the framework set by the Constitution.

### DC SELF-GOVERNMENT AND FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION

Action to secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both Houses of Congress.

### ELECTION PROCESS

Apportionment

Action to support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance

Action to improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

## LIVELY ISSUES

Decisions! Decisions! It's that time of year again. Does our League want to make changes in the National Program? Do we want to adopt a new national security study of U.S. military commitments to the third world? What local issues should we tackle next year?

The Lively Issues meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. at Lynn Debbink's, 737 W. Prospect, is where we will evaluate, discuss, lobby, and yes, even agonize until we arrive at decisions on our national and local program for next year. Read over the suggested National Program included in this bulletin, giving special attention to the proposed national security study:

"Evaluate U.S. policies in the Third World by focusing on military assistance and its relationship to our foreign economic and political interests."

We will be deciding whether or not to adopt this as the national study item for the next two years. For further information on the National Program, see the article "Programmed for Action" in the Fall 1983 Voter.

The suggestions for our local program must come from you. When you are thinking about possible study items for next year, keep the following considerations in mind:

1. Does there appear to be a problem?
2. Is this a crucial time for this issue?
3. Can political action be taken by the city or county government to solve the problem?
4. Will League members spend time and effort on the issue?

However, the most important consideration is that this is your chance to express your opinion and influence the choice of the topics we will study next year. **BE THERE!**

NOTE: The revised local support positions will be considered at the general meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 1984, following the Low Level Radioactive Waste concurrence, not at the Lively Issues meeting as was announced in the December bulletin. The board decided that more time for thoughtful discussion of the revisions would be available at the January 24 meeting. **BE THERE TOO!**

Direct Election of the President

Action to elect the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and to abolish the electoral college.

Uniform Voting Qualifications

Action to support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

Action to protect the right of every citizen to vote.

## VOTING RIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world, through cooperation with other nations and the strengthening of international organizations. *(Additional language may be added after the National Security consensus process is completed.)*

*Position to be determined.*

Action to support U.S. development assistance policies that improve the quality of life for the people of the developing countries.

*Position to be determined.*

## ARMS CONTROL DEVELOPMENT

## MILITARY POLICY AND DEFENSE SPENDING TRADE

Action to support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

Action to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

*Evaluate U.S. policies in the Third World by focusing on military assistance and its relationship to our foreign economic and political interests.*

## UNITED NATIONS

## NATIONAL SECURITY

## NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Action to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

Action to support policies that: (1) bring about a significant and progressive reduction in the U.S. energy growth rate; (2) give priority to conservation, renewable resources and the environmentally sound use of coal in the U.S. energy mix between now and the year 2000; (3) effect a shift to predominant reliance on

## AIR QUALITY

## ENERGY

## LAND USE

renewable resources beyond the year 2000.

Action to support management of our finite land resources and built environment to ensure consideration of public and private rights and responsibilities.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Action to reduce the nonessential part of the waste stream, recover its nonreducible portion and ensure safe disposal of the remainder.

## WATER RESOURCES

Action to reduce water pollution; action to support planning and management of water resources to meet regional needs and the national interest.

## SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social justice by securing equal rights for all and combating discrimination and poverty. Promote the fiscal well-being of cities and the quality of urban life. Promote sound transportation systems.

Action to provide equal access to education, employment and housing.

## EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ERA

Action to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

## INCOME ASSISTANCE

Action to support a federalized system of income assistance, with uniform standards, to meet the basic needs of all persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available.

## TRANSPORTATION

Action to promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that enhance the well-being of cities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

## URBAN POLICY

Action to enhance the economic health of cities and to promote the quality of urban life.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- ✓ competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- ✓ coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- ✓ adequate financing,
- ✓ effective enforcement, and
- ✓ well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

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## National Security Consensus on Military Policy and Defense Spending

Please return this completed form by March 15, 1984 to the above address. Please mark the envelope "National Security Consensus." *The national board is under no obligation to consider replies postmarked after March 15, 1984*



How did your board determine member thinking on this issue?

- Unit meetings  
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From: LWV of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Local League Name) (State)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

The February Unit Meetings for the National Security Study will be Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 7 & 8 and also the following Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 14 & 15. There will be discussion and consensus on different consensus questions each week. Before the meetings, each member should read the League Publication, **DOLLARS FOR DEFENSE: TRANSLATING MILITARY PURPOSES INTO SPENDING CHOICES.**

The next committee meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 1984, 8p.m. at the Rosenberg's, 1901 N. Nicholas St. It will be useful to review some of the material used for the November consensus questions.

I. Listed below are a number of possible military missions that might be fulfilled by nuclear and/or conventional military forces. Which of these do you consider to be appropriate U.S. military missions and which forces would be appropriate to fulfill these missions?

For each mission listed, check "nuclear role" if you believe that nuclear weapons are appropriate in fulfilling that mission and check "conventional role" if you believe that conventional forces are appropriate. You may check both "nuclear role" and "conventional role" if you wish. Check "should not be a mission" if you believe that the United States should not adopt or retain the mission at all.

|   | Nuclear<br>Role | Conventional<br>Role | Should Not Be<br>A Mission |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Defend homeland  | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| B. Defend allies  | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| 1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)                    | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| 2. Japan  | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| 3. Other allies/friends   | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| C. Defend access to vital resources (e.g., oil)                 | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| D. Maintain capability to respond to conflicts around the world | _____           | _____                | _____                      |
| E. Other _____  | _____           | _____                | _____                      |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

II. In order to have a nuclear deterrent, the United States has developed a triad of strategic nuclear weapons composed of *intercontinental bombers, land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs)*. Each leg has differing capabilities and somewhat overlapping purposes. What the United States (and the USSR) does about such weapons affects its deterrence, first-strike and counter-force capabilities.

What should the United States do regarding each leg of its strategic nuclear triad? (Check one box for each leg of the triad.)

|          | Eliminate | Reduce | Retain As Is | Modernize | No Opinion/<br>No Agreement |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Air leg  | _____     | _____  | _____        | _____     | _____                       |
| Land leg | _____     | _____  | _____        | _____     | _____                       |
| Sea leg  | _____     | _____  | _____        | _____     | _____                       |
| Comments | _____     |        |              |           |                             |

III. The current U.S. role in NATO is two-fold: to provide a nuclear "shield" over NATO (with nuclear weapons stationed in Europe and with U.S. strategic nuclear weapons) and to deploy conventional weapons and troops to defend Western Europe.

A. Should the United States have the policy of "first use" of nuclear weapons in Europe? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

B. Should the United States *maintain as is, increase or decrease* its reliance on conventional forces in Europe?  
 Maintain As Is \_\_\_\_\_  
 Increase \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decrease \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The U.S. defense budget can be divided into two broad categories: *investment* (procurement of new nuclear and conventional weapons systems, research and development, and military construction) and *readiness* (operations and maintenance, personnel and retirement pay). In preparing and adopting the defense budget, the President and Congress must make choices between these two categories. (The President's proposed Fiscal Year 1984 defense budget allocates 51 percent of its funds to investment and 49 percent to readiness.)

Within any given level of defense funding, should the United States place *more/less emphasis on investment*, which affects long-term defense capabilities, or *readiness*, which affects near-term combat capabilities?

|            | More Emphasis | Less Emphasis | Equal Emphasis On Both |
|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Investment | _____         | _____         | _____                  |
| Readiness  | _____         | _____         | _____                  |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

V. National security has many dimensions and cannot be limited to military policy alone. It can be defined as ensuring domestic tranquility, providing for the common defense and promoting the general welfare. Key elements include the country's ability to implement social and environmental programs and to maintain cooperative relationships with other nations. Other important components are effective political leadership and a strong economy. Therefore, in decisions about the federal budget, political leaders should assess the impact of U.S. military spending on the nation's economy and on the government's ability to meet social and environmental needs.

Do you agree \_\_\_\_\_ disagree \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

At the May 1983 Convention, delegates adopted a state position on low-level radioactive waste, based on a two-year study and membership agreement taken in 34 local Leagues. They also adopted further study to produce agreement on four additional issues.

The Appleton League will address these issues on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m. The LLRW discussion should take 1/2 to one hour, after which the local support positions will be discussed. Background material for LLRW appeared in the September Forward and appears in this bulletin. The member agreement statement is found below.

- Nancy Jones

### MEMBER AGREEMENT STATEMENT

#### Comprehensive Planning

Wisconsin must choose an option for low-level radioactive waste disposal. The five major options under consideration are:

- a. enter a regional compact, such as the Midwest Interstate Compact or the Central States Compact;
- b. join a regional compact to maximize future options while continuing to explore other options;
- c. negotiate a smaller compact with only one or two other states;
- d. "go it alone" with a Wisconsin-only site;
- e. do nothing now and hope that Congress will alter the national Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of 1980 to relieve states of these responsibilities.

1. How relatively important are the following as criteria for choosing among the options?

- |  | Most<br>Impt. | Very<br>Impt. | Important | Least<br>Impt. | Not<br>Impt. |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| a. best interest of Wisconsin  |               |               |           |                |              |
| b. best interest of a multi-state region                               |               |               |           |                |              |
| c. best interest of the nation   |               |               |           |                |              |
| d. the volume of the LLRW generated                                    |               |               |           |                |              |
| e. the total hazard of the LLRW generated                              |               |               |           |                |              |
| f. safeguards provided for people & environment                        |               |               |           |                |              |
| g. costs to the taxpayer   |               |               |           |                |              |
| h. costs to the generator of LLRW                                      |               |               |           |                |              |
| i. costs to the consumer (of electricity or medical/research services) |               |               |           |                |              |

(over)

2. Given the current state of knowledge of citizens and legislators, which are your preferred 1st and 2nd options:

\_\_\_\_\_ First choice                      \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice

- a. Enter a regional compact.
- b. Join a regional compact to maximize future options while continuing to explore other options.
- c. Negotiate a smaller compact with one or two other states.
- d. "Go it alone" with a Wisconsin-only disposal site.
- e. Do nothing.

Agreement State Status and Citizen Standing

3. Agreement state status in some form is desirable should Wisconsin have a low-level radioactive waste facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree      \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree      \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain)      \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement

4. Citizens should have standing to sue for enforcement of regulations of LLRW.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree      \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree      \_\_\_\_\_ Modify (explain)      \_\_\_\_\_ No agreement

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CITIZEN STANDING TO SUE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS\*

Leagues last year requested more information on the role of citizens in enforcement of environmental regulations. One of the pending member agreement questions for low-level radioactive wastes concerns this issue.

Basic to the principles of the League of Women Voters is that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens. Among the criteria the League applies to any government policy or program are that there be effective enforcement and well-defined channels to citizen input and review.

As part of a four-state (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan) review in 1969 of positions related to Lake Michigan and the environment, League members concluded that the right of the individual to bring legal action in the event of injury to self or the environment should not be preempted by government enforcement procedures. Citizen standing to sue for enforcement is provided under several, but not all, federal environmental laws. But these provisions have not been enacted into Wisconsin state law.

Should LWV-WI apply citizen standing to sue provision to the situation of disposal of low-level radioactive wastes?

Under current Wisconsin law, a citizen may initiate a suit only against a person who violates the metallic mining reclamation act or against the Department of Natural Resources for failing to perform a required act or duty. Furthermore, a person may initiate an action against a violator of pollution laws if: 1) the person has standing; and 2) the person has exhausted administrative remedies.

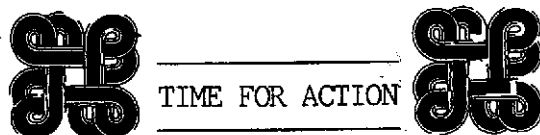
"Standing" means that a person has some particular interest distinct from the population as a whole. Courts usually interpret this requirement broadly to allow actions by environmental groups. "Exhausting administrative remedies" means attempting to enforce the law by seeking agency action by all means available.

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State legislation has been proposed for broad rights for citizen standing to sue for enforcement of any environmental regulations. It would recognize that any citizen has an interest in protecting the environment. It would also minimize the requirement for the exhaustion of administrative remedies by allowing an action if the departments concerned failed to act within 30 days after the citizen gives notice. Then, if the department does act, the citizen may intervene in that action.

Opponents of this bill point to possible extensive legal costs and administrative agency time. Supporters claim these costs could be limited if the legislation authorized the courts to institute penalties for frivolous suits. Generally, the major cost would be for legal fees incurred by the citizen bringing suit. Concerning waste of time, most agencies concede they could respond within the required time with either an action against the polluter or an explanation that it does not agree with the citizen suit. Agencies worry that their own priorities for enforcement will be upset. In any case, the citizen will have raised the pollution issue within the agency responsible for action with the potential for action through the agency or in the courts.

State Action



The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin as a member of the Wisconsin Coalition for Recycling is working for passage of AB 840 - a statewide mandatory deposit on beverage container bill, commonly called the bottle bill. Please contact your area legislator now, urging a yes vote for the "bottle bill".

The deposit law being introduced includes the following provisions:

- \*A minimum five-cent refund would be placed on all beverage containers sold by a retailer or distributor in Wisconsin.
- \*Redemption centers could accept and pay the refund value for beverage containers.
- \*Distributors must pay dealers and redemption centers the refund value plus a two-cent handling charge for each acceptable beverage container (properly labeled, empty, and unbroken).
- \*Nonbiodegradable plastic six-pack ring connectors, as well as detachable aluminum pull tabs, would be prohibited.

The bill aims to reduce litter while conserving energy and resources. Provisions such as independent redemption centers and the handling charge make the Wisconsin bill stronger than other deposit laws and more acceptable to business and environmental communities alike.

Deposits will begin and end with the distributor. As a result, scrap revenue and unclaimed deposits will stay in Wisconsin. This money will be available to reimburse retailers for handling and storage costs and will represent a source of income to beverage distributors and retailers. Thus, the system will essentially pay for itself.

We do not support a "litter" tax which is being suggested by opponents of the bill as an alternative. A litter tax only places a tax on items which become litter, i.e. containers, cardboard cartons, plastic wrap, but does nothing to set up a system to collect recyclable items.

Again, area legislators must hear from us, their local constituents, NOW. Write or call letting them know of your support for AB 840. The legislative hotline number is 1-800-362-9696. For more information about the deposit bill give me a call.

- Marlys Fritzell, 731-0736



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| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                    | <u>EVENT</u>                      | <u>LOCATION/HOSTESS</u>   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| February 7<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.    | National Security<br>Study Unit   | 20 Bellaire Ct.<br>Marge Koepke<br>734-9628                                     |
| February 8<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.  | National Security<br>Study Unit   | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College<br>Ave.                          |
| February 14<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | National Security<br>Study Unit   | 59 Bellaire Ct.<br>Win Thrall<br>733-4889                                       |
| February 15<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. | National Security<br>Study Unit   | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College<br>Ave.                          |
| February 21<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Board Meeting                     | 915 N. Kensington Dr.<br>Joan Fowler<br>734-7372                                |
| February 28<br>Tuesday              | Finance Drive<br><u>Mailathon</u> | Join Up - Join In<br>1984 Finance Drive<br>More Details Inside.<br>WE NEED YOU! |

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# Presidential Perch

In mid-January I spoke to an American Institutions class at the FVTI about the League of Women Voters. It was a good opportunity for me to reflect upon our mission and to try to sort out my feelings on how well we are doing. I concluded that our activities divide into two categories: 1) the opportunity for continuous personal education on a wide-ranging group of issues and 2) service to others in both our lobbying efforts for the common good of society and our voter service and citizen education activities. Every dues-paying member participates in the latter thrust of League, but only those who attend meetings, studying and discussing with other informed people, are getting the advantage of the life-long, non-credit education we offer. Is there currently enough room for that in your busy life? If you haven't been around for awhile, consider coming back... Units for February on our National Security Defense Policy offer you a challenging opportunity.

I've been extremely busy on the issues surrounding the protests at the Fox Valley Reproductive Health Care Center, in an emerging coalition of individuals and organizations that are increasingly disturbed by the lawlessness and harassment by some protesters. One concern is the media coverage that suggests that the activities of a small group reflect the majority opinion of the community. Soon there will be a formal list of individuals willing to be a formal spokesperson regarding the tactics; with Board endorsement, I have offered to be on that list. One thing that has been interesting is that the issue seems less to be the issue of abortion that of acceptable community behavior in acting upon personal values. Please be assured that I will try hard to represent League the best that I can. Please call me to share any of your insights and opinions.

Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

At the January 17th board meeting of the Appleton LWV, the directors voted to support the creation of a fifth circuit court for Outagamie County.

Support for revisions in the state system of justice is based on studies undertaken by Leagues in Wisconsin in 1955 and from 1971 until 1977.

"Support of a system of justice which assures adults and juveniles prompt and equal treatment before the law."

"Availability of judges at all times in all parts of the state to take care of judicial work without undue delay."

Recently the County Board gave nearly unanimous endorsement for the 5th court as did six other affected counties.

Quoting Judge Harold Froehlich in the Post Crescent: "the real issue here is justice for the people." The judge speaking in Madison before the Assembly Judiciary Committee said that a couple needing an hour in his court for a divorce has to wait four months for a court date, after the case has already been pending five months or more.

"Because criminal and juvenile cases receive priority in the courts, people with small claims cases, pending divorces and other matters that are crucial to them have to wait unduly long for court dates, Froehlich and other backers of the new judgeships said."

Appleton Post Crescent

## LIVELY ISSUES REVISITED

A good turnout, vigorous discussion and debate and several exciting and timely program ideas made this year's Lively Issue meeting on January 10 an especially interesting and productive one. After adopting the suggested National Program for 1984-86, including:

a continuation of the National Security study with emphasis on U.S. military assistance to third world countries; and

a suggestion for an additional study of the delays in the federal court system, the members turned to a discussion of possible local program topics for next year. There was a strong consensus for a re-adoption of the publication of a new edition of This is Appleton. Five additional studies were proposed and discussed. After an "elimination primary" vote and a final ballot, the group overwhelmingly chose to recommend to the Board a study of:

**The River: present and future**

Scope: environmental, economic and recreational aspects of the Fox River as it passes through Appleton.

At the Board meeting three items were chosen to be recommended to the members at the Annual Meeting. In addition to This is Appleton, and The River, the Board also recommends a study of school enrollment with emphasis on the question of the need for a new southside elementary school in Appleton.

The non-recommended items are:

1. a study of the social aids system in the county.
2. a study of the consolidation of the Department of Social Services and the Community (51.42) Board into a Human Services Department.
3. a study of the possibilities and limitations of annexation to the City of Appleton.

The final decisions on local program for next year will be made by the entire membership at the Annual Meeting on April 30. Seems far away, but circle that date on your calendar now!

- Marcia Hittle

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National Security Study Units on MILITARY POLICY AND DEFENSE SPENDING will be Tuesday and Wednesday February 7 and 8 and February 14 and 15. Please read the League pamphlet, Dollars for Defense: Translating Military Purposes Into Spending Choices which was recently delivered to your door. Also please bring from your January bulletin the green Concensus sheet. See the front page for location and time of these important meetings. Please join us!

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## SOCIAL SERVICES STUDY

Usually eight members of League meet twice a month in committee meetings for the study of the organization and funding of the Outagamie County Department of Social Services. However, much of the work is done apart from those meetings as one or two persons meet with OCDSS staff for interviews or observe the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Social Services.

Our organizational meeting was held October, 1982 to plan our committee work. In January, 1983, we met with Mr. James Stamp, Director of the OCDSS and were offered the cooperation of the department to conduct our study. In February we had our first tour of the OCDSS lead by the Deputy Director of the OCDSS, Dick Raleigh, followed by a talk by Shirley Hausler, manager of the Income Maintenance Division. In March, Dan Versteegen, Chair of the Human Services Committee of the Outagamie County Board, met with our committee. April brought a meeting with June Braker, Fiscal Manager of OCDSS. In May a former Income Maintenance worker and a present Foster Home Coordinator met with us. Two regional employees of the State Department of Social Services met with us in June.

Even before the study became organized, League members were present at the budget hearings for the OCDSS budget. The County Executive held a special meeting with LWV representatives and a member of the Appleton Taxpayers Alliance this fall to go over the County budget.

Over the summer a representative of our study committee met with the Youth Aides Advisory Committee OCDSS. Other members began to interview staff persons in each of the program areas. Following are the areas covered by committee members:

Child Protection: Betty Breunig, Eileen Singler  
Substitute Care: Jodie CoBabe, Jean King  
Youth Services: Ellen Fiscella, Karen de Young, Jean King  
Family Services: Berta Churchill  
Adult Services: Ann Long, Kathy Hartman  
Financial Services: Nusi Ward, Betty Breunig  
Complementary Services: Berta Churchill

Nusi, Betty, Jodie, and Jean met with city and county staff persons in General Relief this fall.

We have gathered all kinds of reports and printed matter generated by the OCDSS to aid us.

Betty and Nusi went through the process of applying for public assistance with the help of an Income Maintenance worker.

This winter we have been reporting back our findings and planning the discussion questions and presentations for the March Unit meetings.

Jean King, Chair

### SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

|                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February 2, Thursday<br>7:30 p.m.   | Jean King<br>403 E. Franklin   |
| February 29, Wednesday<br>7:30 p.m. | Nusi Ward<br>1821 S. Carpenter |

### STATE ACTION

Letters were sent to Assemblymen Prosser and Hephner urging them to support AB 840 - the Mandatory Deposit on Beverage Containers Bill. Remember to register your support for this bill by contacting your representatives.

# WELFARE MYTHS. ...and the real FACTS

## **MYTH:**

The welfare rolls are soaring out of control.

## **FACT:**

Generally, as the economy goes, so goes the welfare caseload. The AFDC-Unemployed parent portion of the AFDC program is particularly susceptible to increases in the unemployment rate, for example. In fiscal year 1981, when unemployment rose to more than 8% in Wisconsin, AFDC-U rose 68% to an all-time high of 36,283 people. Growth in the remainder of the AFDC program during that period was only 7%.

Prior to 1981 Wisconsin's AFDC caseload had been stable for three years.

Factors limiting the growth of AFDC include the rising incidence of two wage-earner families, slower increases in the divorce rate, which had doubled between 1966 and 1976, decreasing AFDC eligibility levels in many states, which have tended to make fewer people eligible (see page 23), and lowering of the birth rate below zero population growth rate levels. (To be eligible for AFDC you must first have a dependent child. Even though Wisconsin's population *increased* by more than a quarter of a million between 1970 and 1980, the number of children under 15 *decreased* by 238,700. Nationwide, the drop was seven million.)

## **MYTH:**

Welfare is eating up tremendous chunks of our tax money, causing inflation, and "bleeding the country dry."

## **FACT:**

As a percent of the federal budget, outlays for AFDC shrank from 1.6% in fiscal 1973 to 1.4% in fiscal 1977 to 1.1% in fiscal 1980.

The largest single item in the national budget in fiscal 1981 was defense spending, at about \$160 billion. Second largest was Social Security payments of about \$138 billion to 35 million retired or disabled workers and their dependents. Third largest was interest payments on the national debt, \$96 billion. Fourth largest was government payments for health care, about \$75 billion (the federal government pays more than a quarter of total national health expenditures, mostly through Medicare and Medical Assistance but also including numerous smaller programs.)

The federal government spent about \$7 billion for AFDC (states spent another \$6 billion) in fiscal 1981 and about \$11 billion for Food Stamps (states paid only a share of administrative costs). Interest on the federal debt equaled four times as much as the total costs of AFDC and Food Stamps combined.

In Wisconsin, 5% of the total state-collected tax dollar (which comes mostly from sales and income taxes) went for AFDC in state fiscal 1981, and about 11% went for Medical Assistance.

This information is from a 1981 Wis. Dept. of Health & Social Services brochure "Wisconsin Welfare Facts & Figures". While the statistics are rather out of date, the basic facts are still true.

Over the last 20 years, the U.S. has had the third *lowest* level of government spending for civilian purposes, as a share of gross national product, of all the major industrialized nations (Report of Council on Economic Priorities, as reported in the *New York Times*).

*"Although there is widespread agreement that many American families are in trouble, there is little consensus about what should be done to help them.*

*Further development and support of public programs to aid families depends on the enlightened (and generous) will of the electorate. It is far from clear in these days of confusion and disenchantment that this kind of public will is present..."*

*—Catherine Chilman, UW-Milwaukee, School of Social Welfare*

Welfare does take many forms, in addition to income maintenance programs such as AFDC and Food Stamps:

- noncompetitive bidding for military procurement purchases and extensive military cost over-runs.
- depreciation allowances and very low interest federal loans to corporations.
- unreported taxable income (cash transactions, unreported interest payments, etc.). The Internal Revenue Service estimates that it loses about \$26 billion a year from this.
- tax shelters for the rich, such as capital gains tax benefits.
- farm subsidies.
- tax benefits to employers for hiring welfare recipients.

—just to name a few.

## **MYTH:**

They all have hordes of kids.

## **FACT:**

The average size of all Wisconsin households was 2.77 persons in 1980, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census. This included one-person households as well as large families. The size of the average Wisconsin AFDC family (including some children-only cases) was 2.8.

## **MYTH:**

Welfare encourages families to break up because only then will the family become eligible for welfare.

## **FACT:**

In almost half the states, those without an AFDC-U program, this may be true. In Wisconsin a family with an unemployed parent may be able to get welfare through the AFDC-U program.

There are many causes of family breakdown, such as differing goals, differing conceptions of male and female "roles," inadequate earning capacity, unrelenting job stress, marrying too young, diverging growth patterns of the marital partners.

Once the marriage has broken down, the family's standard of living is likely to suffer because of lack of money, since an income that might have been sufficient for one household must then be stretched for two households. Frequently, the wife and children must then turn to AFDC.

The point is that family disorganization has usually caused an increase in AFDC, not the other way around. Family disorganization has come *first*. After a family has broken up, *then* the family has discovered that it needs AFDC.

Welfare "picks up the pieces," usually too late to be of any help in reuniting the family, which has frequently been overwhelmed by long-standing antagonisms and hostilities.

For twenty years, until the 1981 recession, family disorganization and a rising proportion of out-of-wedlock births as compared to total births were the two most potent forces in raising the number of people on AFDC.

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***"There are a lot of people out there who are going through tremendous emotional turmoil, and can't look beyond putting food on the table. AFDC provides those necessities so these people can try to solve the larger problems in their lives."***

***—Director of a Wisconsin County Social Services Department.***

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#### **MYTH:**

If welfare were cut off, nobody would starve.

#### **FACT:**

Where this has been tried in this richest country on earth, no bountiful relatives appeared, no new jobs were created, no miracles eliminated prejudices, and private agencies could not handle the load. And people with no money can't move to where jobs are.

#### **MYTH:**

Welfare makes it profitable for women to have illegitimate babies.

#### **FACT:**

A woman (or a man) may be forced to become dependent on AFDC in the first place because of having a child or children, but no one has more children just to stay on AFDC. About one-half of all AFDC families in Wisconsin in 1981 had only *one* child. Another quarter had only two children. Only one-fourth had three children or more.

In Wisconsin, a single pregnant woman with no other children to support can receive a maximum of \$286 monthly from AFDC, and only from the seventh month of pregnancy. A pregnant teenager (under 18) living at home will probably receive much less or nothing, since her parents are usually considered responsible relatives with a duty to support her to the extent of their ability. (In 1981, sixteen other states did not pay any AFDC benefits at all to pregnant women who had no other children.)

Once the baby is born, the mother may become eligible for a maximum of \$401 a month (or \$473 if she then has two children)—not nearly enough to compensate for the restrictions, loneliness and disadvantages of single parenthood, to say nothing of its financial burdens. If she were being paid at the minimum wage, for example, to care for someone else's child for only eight hours a day, every day, she would be paid approximately \$800 a month.

Still, the last decade has seen a 50% increase in out-of-wedlock births, with one infant in six now being born to an unwed mother.

About 40% of the family heads on welfare in Wisconsin are young unmarried mothers.

Disowning these unmarried mothers and refusing to help them learn how to support their children would not solve their most basic problems: an immediate need for expensive health care, educational and personal counseling, job training, child care. Being on AFDC does have the benefit that it brings women into contact with family planning and other social services, which they may have been unacquainted with or unable to afford before. The effect of improved access to family planning services for women who are on AFDC (as well as the changing nature of the AFDC caseload) is shown by the following statistic: In 1966, 20% of the mothers who were on AFDC had more than one out-of-wedlock birth. By 1976, this percentage had fallen to only 11%.

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***"The number one reason for sexual activity and for pregnancy (among teenagers) is the breakdown of the family—the teenagers who don't feel they are getting enough love....If a girl has difficulties finding a caring relationship and emotional security within her own family....a boyfriend becomes extremely important."***

***—Marti Sopher  
Pregnancy Counselor  
Madison, Wisconsin***

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#### **MYTH:**

The people on welfare are lazy; if they had any backbone, they'd get jobs.

#### **FACT:**

In fiscal 1981, 67% of the people on AFDC in Wisconsin were children. Most of the rest were mothers. In about 4% of the AFDC families, one or both parents were incapacitated or dead. Only about 3%, or one out of every 33 persons, was an able-bodied AFDC-U father. (Even though the unemployment of *either* parent can now qualify a family for AFDC-U, almost all of the qualifying AFDC-U parents in 1981 were still fathers.)

In spite of the recession, therefore, most of the people who were on AFDC in Wisconsin in fiscal 1981 were still either mothers left without husbands, or children. Many of the children were less than six years old.

About half of the AFDC-U fathers in Wisconsin in 1981 were *younger* than 25. The under 25 age group comprises only one-quarter of the national labor force, but accounts for half of the unemployed. To make matters worse, in any re-

cession the first ones laid off tend to be the latest ones to join the work force: women and young men. For members of minorities the situation is especially acute: The unemployment rate for young Black males was almost 40% in 1981.

In 1950 three jobs out of every ten could still be filled by persons without a high school diploma; today this is true of less than one out of ten jobs. As the average educational attainment of all workers rises, people with the *least* experience and the *lowest* skill levels find it harder and harder to break into an increasingly service-oriented, rather than production-oriented, job market.

In addition, the 1980-81 recession hit men particularly hard, because it hit hard at durable goods manufacturing like housing construction and autos, where more men are employed.

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***"The greatest punishment of all is being rendered unable to work. They should not underestimate our willingness to work. I want to work. I'm tired of being disregarded."***

—Wisconsin AFDC mother

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Finally, even though it is not generally recognized, many AFDC mothers (in single-parent families) *did* work in 1981. In Wisconsin, almost half (44%) of the AFDC mothers in single-parent households who had no children under six years old *were* working, either full or part-time, in February, 1981.

However, the problem for many working AFDC mothers was that the wages they could command in the labor market were not high enough to enable them to fully support their families, and thus to get off AFDC completely. Only about half of those who obtained jobs in 1980 while on AFDC managed to get off AFDC right away because of the job. (The larger the family, of course, the harder it was for them to get off.) The amount of the AFDC grant paid to these AFDC wage-earners was, of course, very much reduced because of their income from employment.

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***"Work is emerging as a central part of women's lives just as it is for men. Women need the money and they need the sense of achievement that paid employment can offer. But thus far, what this social revolution seems to have accomplished is families adjusting parenting to the existing conditions in the outside world rather than society, the labor market and industry responding to the family needs of most adults who now, increasingly, are trying to manage both work and family life."***

—Sheila Kamerman, Author of  
***"Parenting in an Unresponsive Society."***

(In January and February, 1982, many working Wisconsin AFDC recipients were cut off AFDC entirely with the implementation of new federally required program changes. About 9,000 AFDC families (8,300 of these with a working head) were cut off and benefits were reduced for about 20,000 more. The changes lowered permitted family assets, reduced allowable work expenses used in calculating grants, and put a cap (upper limit) on allowable monthly gross income for each family.)

### **MYTH:**

Most middle-class people don't have to worry about being dependent on AFDC; they only pay the bills for it.

### **FACT:**

At current rates of divorce, separation, and unmarried parenthood, at least one-half of *all* the children now being born in the United States can expect to live in a female-headed household at some time before they are 18. Most of these children will be welfare dependent at some time (Moy-nihan, 1980). In 1980, approximately 60% of the 5.9 million families which had children under 18, and which were maintained by the mother, were on the AFDC rolls at any one time (Bureau of the Census). Welfare—AFDC—is thus a concern of the whole society and not just of some small peripheral group.

### **MYTH:**

Welfare has become a way of life; people travel hundreds of miles to get Wisconsin's higher benefits.

### **FACT:**

Wisconsin's computerized welfare system has revealed that 12% of the people on AFDC in December, 1981, had either moved back to Wisconsin or come here for the first time during the previous year. Half of these, or 6% of the total, came from, or back from, adjacent states or states with higher grants. Those who had moved either from, or back from, twelve southern, low-grant states in the previous year comprised 3.5% of the total caseload. Studies on this question have consistently revealed that people move primarily to be near other family members or to seek work, to train for work, or to get a better education.

Also, remember that most families have come on AFDC because of divorce, separation or unwed parenthood. These family changes are very unsettling, for both women and men, and many changes in family residence result from the disruptive, income-depleting effects of such family separations. Between 1975 and 1979, 47% of female-headed families moved, compared with 41% of all families (Census Bureau).

In view of the extremely low AFDC benefits in many southern states (see page 5), it is perhaps surprising that more families who are on AFDC have not chosen to leave. The answer probably lies partly in the resurgence of industry in the Sun Belt, making jobs more obtainable, partly in the Food Stamp program, which has a tendency to equalize benefits between high and low AFDC benefit states, and partly in reluctance to leave friends and relatives.

### **MYTH:**

Welfare causes people to become dependent, to the second and third generation, and decreases self-reliance.

### **FACT:**

Even a cursory look at the causes of dependency shows that welfare is not the cause of dependency. The causes of dependency, as explained throughout this pamphlet, are diverse. They include discrimination, family disintegration, lack of education, changing "roles" within the family, poor health, outdated job skills, economic recessions. Welfare prevents future dependency when it supplies recipients with the tools they need to prevent future dependency.



The AFDC caseload, of course, is not constant. Records of Wisconsin's computerized welfare system show that about two-thirds of all cases have been receiving aid for *less than* two years. Every year more than a third of the families move off the rolls and, because of changing social and family conditions, different families move on. People who have been on AFDC for three years or more comprise only about one-fifth of the caseload. AFDC-U families (two-parent families, usually headed by a male) usually manage to get off the rolls very quickly, families headed by white females are next, and minority female-headed families last.

### **MYTH:**

The "war on poverty" has been won, so welfare can be discontinued now.

### **FACT:**

Practically all of the reduction in the U.S. poverty rate (from 22% of the population living below the poverty level in 1959 to 13% in 1981) was due to the increased coverage of persons under various social welfare programs—such as Food Stamps, subsidized housing, AFDC, Social Security—rather than to new jobs being created. If these programs were to be removed the poverty rate would again soar, since inflation has brought more and more people closer to the poverty level, and many more low-wage workers (mostly females or teenagers) have entered the labor market.

Economic growth tends to favor households headed by males: Even when in-kind transfer programs are included as income, households headed by females continue to be poor in disproportionately large numbers.

### **MYTH:**

With Unemployment compensation, Social Security, Food Stamps, AFDC, subsidized housing, and other welfare programs, a family can draw all kinds of help and live better than working people. Welfare living is a "good life."

### **FACT:**

Welfare living, far from being the "good life," is a life of "last resort." Only 8.5% of the total families on AFDC in Wisconsin in December, 1981 (10.9% of the AFDC-U families) had any other "unearned" income (such as Social Security or Unemployment Compensation), and such income—where it exists—must be considered in determining eligibility. The AFDC grant is reduced dollar-for-dollar for these income sources.

Most AFDC families do not live in subsidized housing, since the number of these units is very limited and waiting lists are long for those units that are available. And seven out of every eight families on AFDC do not own their own home.

In Wisconsin and only seven other states in 1981, AFDC and Food Stamp benefits combined brought the monthly income of recipient families with no other income to about the poverty level.

In twelve southern states, AFDC and Food Stamp benefits combined paid a maximum of less than 60% of the poverty level. In half the states, the combined total of AFDC plus Food Stamps was less than three-quarters of the poverty line.

In addition, there has been a serious erosion of AFDC benefits in most states since 1970. In 1981, for example, less than half the states increased their maximum AFDC benefits. Five states *reduced* benefits. In the 19 states that did raise benefits, the median increase was only 5%. Wisconsin's 1981-82 AFDC maximum benefits are 6% higher than 1980-81 levels.

With massive federal budget cuts taking effect in 1982, and many states experiencing more and more budget difficulties, more states can be expected to lower their maximum payments to AFDC families, at the same time that unemployment, inflation and family breakups have forced many more people close to or under the poverty line.

Finally, last but not least, remember that families who have been on AFDC may legally be required to pay back the AFDC "grant" (see page 4) if they receive "windfall income."

### **MYTH:**

Welfare is unfair because a lot of people who need it don't get it, and many people who get it don't need it.

### **FACT:**

Partially true. It is probably true that many people who have needed welfare assistance at one time or another didn't get it, but it is not true that many people who get it don't need it.

Because of reluctance to use a "welfare" program, or because they live in the wrong state, many people who don't get or apply for AFDC (or Medical Assistance—only Food Stamp benefits are uniform nationwide) are in similar economic circumstances to those who do. This is an inequity of the present system which could only be rectified by (1) making the eligibility conditions for AFDC and Medical Assistance uniform in all the states, and (2) by lessening the stigma associated with accepting AFDC. Lessening the "welfare" stigma might be achieved by such "welfare reform" ideas as:

- replacing the exemption for children in the personal income tax with a children's allowance which would go to all children. (The income tax exemption at present is worth the most to parents who need it the least: those who have the highest, not the lowest, incomes.)

- paying a government wage "subsidy" of ten or twenty percent to low wage workers who have children. This would increase the incomes of poor parents in direct proportion to their work efforts.

- substituting an *adult* allowance for the adult personal exemption in the income tax. (This benefit would be roughly the same as a Food Stamp allotment, which it would replace.)

- paying child support through the tax system to *all* children who have an absent parent. The absent parent would then be taxed, based on his or her ability to pay, through the withholding system. (Garfinkel, 1981)

Since these family support ideas would be "universally" applied, to all parents with children (the child support tax would only be applied to one-parent families with an absent parent, but it would be applied to all of them), there would be no "welfare" stigma. Assuming the availability of adequate, low cost child care facilities, a much smaller AFDC program might then be needed for families with a dead or disabled parent, or for those suddenly unemployed.

### GROUNDWATER

We take it for granted. About 70% of Wisconsin residents depend on groundwater for their drinking water. The average family of four uses 255 gallons of water for domestic purposes per day. Ever try doing without water for a day?

Our economy "floats" on groundwater. Industry uses 48%, commercial businesses require 7%, and irrigation and livestock watering demand 13% of the approximately 450,000 million gallons of groundwater used in a year. (About 20% of groundwater consumed in a year is for domestic use.)

This precious natural resource is being polluted by human and animal wastes, excess chemical use in agriculture, poor management practices (such as inadequate storage of salt, petroleum products and bulk chemicals), and simple human carelessness. The costs of cleaning up a contaminated aquifer are so prohibitively high that the general practice is just to abandon the aquifer or dedicate it solely for injection of wastes.

Is this what we want? Groundwater protection is the #1 League natural resources legislative priority for 1984. Here's a primer on groundwater, based on the slide show, "Wisconsin's Groundwater," by Joe Yeldman and Ron Hennings of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.

"Wisconsin is blessed with a large supply of groundwater. In fact, there is enough water stored in the ground to cover the state to a depth of more than 30 feet. But more importantly, precipitation adds approximately five inches of new water to the groundwater supply every year, as part of the water cycle. From this yearly recharge, we actually use only a quarter of an inch or 4%. The other 96% ends up in streams and lakes.

"The hydrological cycle includes evaporation of water from ocean surfaces, snow and glaciers to renew rainfall. Gravity makes rain fall to the earth. Where water collects on the surface, it runs downhill as runoff to streams or lakes. Gravity pulls some of the water into the soil and down to the water table.

"All water that soaks into the ground doesn't become groundwater. Some of it is used by plants and some is retained near the surface in the unsaturated zone. This zone is called unsaturated because not all the spaces between soil particles or all the cracks in the rock are filled with water; some contain air. Deeper, where water completely soaks the ground and fills all the cracks or spaces, is called the saturated zone. The water table is the top of the saturated zone.

"The saturated zone that supplies water in a well is called an aquifer. An aquifer is rock or soil material that has enough cracks or spaces connected to each other that it can store and transmit water easily.

"Groundwater flows, but not like a river or stream. It has to move in between and around sand grains or through rock fractures. Because of these obstacles, it moves slowly, only a few inches or feet a day. Gravity is the force behind this flow. Once the water reaches the water table, gravity causes it to flow from higher to lower elevations.

"When water seeps into the water table, this is called recharge. When water flows out of the saturated zone into a stream, well, spring, wetland, or lake, it is called discharge. The groundwater flow from recharge to discharge is called a flow system.

"In a local flow system in a shallow aquifer, it may take only a few weeks or months for groundwater to flow the short distance between the recharge area and a well or discharge area. In regional flow systems, the water must travel much farther and may take years to go from recharge to discharge, such as a city's deep well. However, even deep wells in regional flow systems can get some water from local recharge through the overlying rock formations if large amounts of water are pumped. Monitoring the complex route through which water flows can be difficult.

"Fortunately, Wisconsin has good groundwater quality. Natural water quality is usually measured by dissolved mineral content. A large amount of dissolved minerals may make the water hard or adversely affect the taste and usefulness of the water."

Unfortunately, the list of polluted drinking wells is growing steadily. The state legislature is currently considering legislation to set up groundwater quality standards and enforcement procedures. The LWV-WI considers prevention of pollution to be a primary goal of such legislation. Contact your local NR chair for the latest information on how you can help pass good legislation on this and other issues of importance to the League.

## HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed to assist with voter registration and election reporting. Both will be needed during March. If you can spare an evening or afternoon please call Jodie CoBabe at 731-0049

A BIG thank you to Ginny Rose, Betty Breunig, Stevie Schmidt, Gretchen Bambrick, and Pattee LaFountain for their help delivering the every member publications for the National Security and Social Services studies. If we have missed anyone, please contact Lynn Debbink at 739-8222.





-----JOIN IN-----we need your help for the 1984 Finance Drive!!!!

To those of you who have already responded to this call, THANK YOU.

To those of you who passed us by the first time, we are offering you a second chance! 😊

Help us raise the money we need to fund our projects. Without a 100% commitment from our membership, we will be unable to reach our goal.

Please give league just TWO HOURS of your time. Put a check mark next to the way, or ways in which you feel you can help the best. Then cut off the bottom portion of this letter and return it to:

Pat Schinabeck  
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Appleton, Wi. 54911

Thank You for your time,  
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Finance Chairpersons

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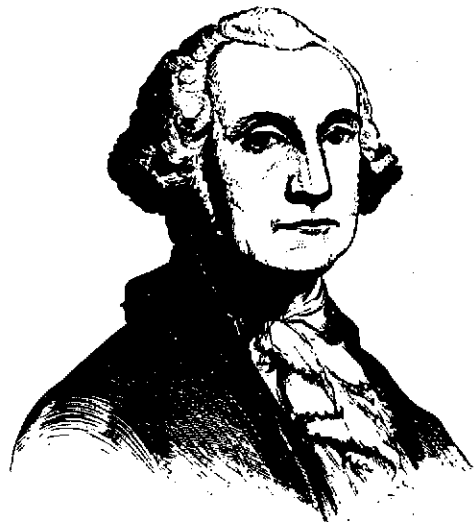
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## MARCH

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                      | <u>EVENT</u>  | <u>LOCATION/HOSTESS</u>                                |
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| March 6<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.         | Social Services Study<br>Unit, "Organization"                                 | Virginia Rosenberg<br>1901 N. Nicholas<br>739-0289     |
| March 7<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.       | Social Services Study<br>Unit, "Organization"                                 | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College<br>Ave. |
| March 13<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.        | Social Services Study<br>Unit, "Funding"                                      | Betty Breunig<br>56 Bellaire Ct.<br>739-2670           |
| March 14<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.      | Social Services Study<br>Unit, "Funding"                                      | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College<br>Ave. |
| March 19<br>Monday, 7 to<br>9:30 p.m. | Candidates Forum<br>More Details Inside.<br>Please use North Street entrance. | Edison Elementary School<br>412 N. Meade               |
| March 20<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.        | Board Meeting   | Marlys Fritzell<br>1015 Nawada Ct.<br>731-0736         |
| March 27<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.        | General Meeting<br>Social Services<br>Mr. Stampp, Speaker                     | Appleton Police Station<br>Room B                      |

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# Presidential Perch

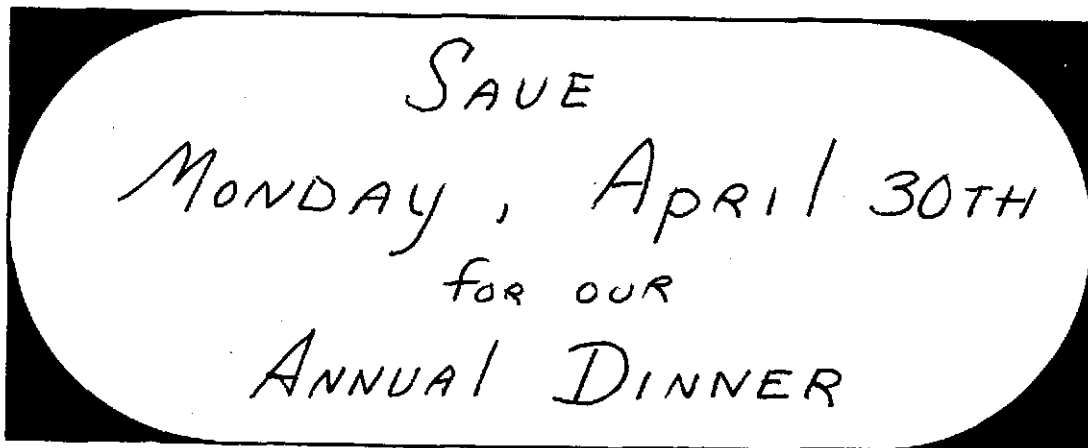
Maybe, just maybe, we may have a SPECTACULAR event at the end of March. We have invited all the major candidates for President of the United States to come to Appleton to discuss "The Future of the Small American City." Invitations were mailed to the eight Democrats and President Reagan, and now we're just waiting to see if they come!! The symposium, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Appleton and Lawrence University, was suggested by the Save Downtown Committee as a method of focusing national attention on the issues common to small cities. We've done a good job of planning up to this point; now all we can do is wait to see if our invitation fits into the campaign strategies of the candidates.

Even if we don't sponsor the above event, we have a month of especially interesting programs. League members will finally have the opportunity to start our education about the Department of Social Services. And, we will have a major Candidate's Forum on March 19. (See other articles for more details.) Meetings this month provide a good opportunity for new and perspective members to see League in action -- and a good time for inactive members to reactivate themselves.

The National Security meetings are all over; there were a total of five different meetings this year on this complex issue. Longtime League member Nusi Ward called it the best study in years, praising the committee members for their extensive background and fairness in presenting materials. I thoroughly agree!! Thanks, Bob Rosenberg, and everyone on that fine committee!!

Our local League is one of two hundred Leagues nationally being queried on various aspects of membership. Because we were identified by our Wisconsin League President as being a "particularly healthy and dynamic local League", we were asked to have ten members (representing different levels of experience and activity) to fill in extensive questionnaires. The answers will be compiled and will emerge as a report by the time of the national League Convention in May. I will keep you posted on this important project.

Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146



SAVE  
MONDAY, APRIL 30TH  
FOR OUR  
ANNUAL DINNER

A STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNDING OF THE OUTAGAMIE  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

We hope to get across to you in two discussion units something of what we have learned in two years. The committee considers this study more of an "education" unit than a guide to intense action although there are certain aspects of the social services about which you'll wish to speak up. We designated the following twelve items as "consensus questions" despite the fact that we can already act on them under state and national support positions. These issues, however, will undoubtedly come up locally in the near future and we would like to focus your attention on them.

The first set of units will concentrate on organization and the second set on funding. We will deal with the consensus questions in the second unit. The committee felt that, contrary to our usual procedure, it would make more sense for us to have a general meeting after the discussion units so that questions brought up in discussion could be further explored. Mr. Stamp, Director of the SSD, tells us he is eager to answer any questions we may have on March 27th. We have not asked him to speak formally, but only to respond and elaborate on our inquiries. We will then have an informal session amongst ourselves to see if there are further issues we would like to take a stand on.

Prepare yourselves by reading the SS information in your November, December and February bulletins which you have so carefully safeguarded for this auspicious moment. Read also "Budget cuts and Block Grants" distributed to your doorstep in January.

COME TO FIND OUT WHAT THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT DOES WITH OVER \$27,000,000 OF YOUR  
NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAX MONIES.

Consensus Questions Social Services 1984

1. Do we support adult day care? Adult respite care?
2. Do we support an elementary school program on the difference between abuse and discipline?
3. Do we support continuing contracts with I and R?
4. Do we support continuing contracts with Outagamie County Youth Services?
5. Do we support compliance with mandate on providing family planning services?
6. Do we support developing a domestic abuse center (tri-county or Outagamie)?
7. Do we support SS giving more attention/local funding to day care training and standards?
8. Do we support child respite care funding (single/young parents)?
9. Do we support Community Options Program?
10. Do we support local funding for adult foster care?
11. Do we support funding for an aftercare house in the county?
12. Do we support more opportunities for public participation in the planning process in the Social Services Department?



## ACTION/OBSERVER CORPS

Gretchen Bambrick responded to my request for a County Jail Committee observer to give support to Berta Churchill and has ended up as a member of the Committee! Helene Iverson is observing the Board of Education and is keeping an eye on the south side overcrowded school situation. Barb Hussin, former co-chair of our VTAE study, is serving on the VTAE committee to further cooperation between the Center and the Tech. Jean King, chair of the social services committee, has been appointed to a United Way committee assessing the needs of the community.

Jeanie Trigg, observer of the Plan Commission, is watching the sticky spot zoning problem in the Oneida industrial flats. The City Council must consider the recommendation of the Plan Commission to spot zone in order to remodel a vacated plant into residential apartments. The League is against spot zoning (we took the county to court on the issue a few years ago) but we also believe we need more housing available in the city. Is the situation in the flats changing fast enough to justify spot zoning? The public hearing will be held on March 7 at City Hall before the Council meeting. Come and listen.

-Betty Breunig  
739-2670

## STATE ACTION

Cynthia Johnson spoke on behalf of the State League at a Legislative hearing urging continued support for the State Public Intervener.

Letters were sent to area legislators voicing our support for Marital Property Reform (see Bulletin article).

A letter was sent to Assemblyman David Prosser indicating our support for his efforts on behalf of a bill calling for the creation of a fifth circuit court for Outagamie County. Letters are being sent to other area legislators urging them to back this bill in the assembly.

## NATIONAL ACTION

Marlys Fritzell met with Congressman Toby Roth to discuss the Clean Air Act now being considered by Congress. He was asked to support the acid rain control bill and possible amendments regarding toxic air pollutants. Nancy Jones distributed information to various League members encouraging them to write letters of support for HR 3400 - the acid rain control bill. See the Report from the Hill in your winter issue of The National Voter for more information.

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## JANE KAPLAN MEMORIAL

Nine individuals have contributed money to the League of Women Voters of Appleton in memory of Jane Kaplan, a longtime League member who died last July. The donors are Helen Heil, Corinne Goldgar, Barbara Hoffman, Minna Weiner (a former member of our League who now lives in Arizona), Cynthia Johnson, Marjorie Koepke, Joan Ross, Betty Breunig, and Joy Povolny.

The money will be applied toward the next edition of THIS IS APPLETON and will be acknowledged in the publication. Any other League members who wish to contribute in Jane's memory may send a check to League Treasurer Joyce Green.



## PRO-CHOICE PROJECT

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to have League participate in a project of visiting the homes of individuals being picketed for their views and activities regarding abortion. For the past few weeks several different staff members of the Fox valley Reproductive Health Care Clinic have had their private homes picketed on Saturdays by more than a dozen people.

The "Home Visit" project is intended to show community support for the pro-choice position and for the individuals who feel harassed by the picketing at their homes. The project is a very informal one in which a person would sign up as being willing to be called to stop in for a visit while the picketing is going on. A specific request for the home visit would be telephoned on short notice and could be accepted or turned down depending on someone's daily plans. One does not have to be personally acquainted with the individuals being picketed in order to participate in the project; rather it is one way to quietly demonstrate your support for those individuals who are being targeted for their personal and professional views on abortion. Any League member wishing to participate in this project should call Cynthia Johnson (739-5146) or Betty Breunig (739-2670).

The Board of Directors voted down a proposal to co-sponsor a public debate on abortion. There was strong feeling that individuals have already made up their minds on the issue and that the community would not be served by such a program.



Nominees to be presented at League of Women Voters' Annual Meeting:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT   | Jan Besta             |
| TREASURER               | Joan Fowler           |
| DIRECTORS (2 year term) | Rose Marie Dercks     |
|                         | Jodie CoBabe          |
|                         | Gretchen Bambrick*    |
| DIRECTOR (1 year term)  | Margaret Gibas        |
| NOMINATING COMMITTEE    | Barb Hussin, Chairman |
|                         | Karen De Young        |
|                         | Helen Nagler          |

\*Note: Ms. Bambrick is not a United States citizen.

Submitted by: Barb Hussin  
Dawn Washatka  
Andrea Tatlock  
Nancy Jones  
Helene Iverson, Chairman

NEWS FROM VOTER SERVICE

A League sponsored Candidate's Forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. March 19th at Edison School. Junior Girl Scout Troop #307 from Edison will open the Forum with a Flag Ceremony. All local opposed candidates for the April 3 election have been invited to speak and address audience questions. This includes those bying for School Board positions, City Clerk, Aldermen, County Supervisors, Mayor and Judge. Following statements by opposed candidates, the moderator will introduce unopposed candidates and elected officials from the audience.

At the close of the formal program, refreshments will be served by the Edison PTA and an informal opportunity to meet office seekers and office holders will be available.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Another current project of the VS/CI Committee and other Leaguers is the move to register voters for the upcoming elections. Seven League members were deputized by Acting City Clerk Jadell Ferge and we will focus our energies on FVII, UW-FV, and Lawrence University in an attempt to register the first time voter.



AN INVITATION TO  
AN EVERYMEMBER EVENT  
A TRAVELING ROADSHOP FOR  
NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN  
(Sponsored by LWV-Greater Green Bay and LWV-WI)

FOR WHOM: .All members of the League - especially those in Appleton, Door County, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Manitowoc, Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh, Ripon, Shawano Co., Sheboygan.  
.All who recognize the need for additional skills and information for all roles.  
.All who enjoy interacting with other League members.

WHEN: Saturday, March 31, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

WHERE: Green Bay - Neville Public Museum

PROGRAM: Ruth Clusen - Past -President - LWV-US, LWV-WI, LWV-Green Bay League  
IT CHANGED MY LIFE - the value of being an involved member of the League

Mary Lou Zuege-VP-Admin., LWV-WI.

MEMBERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE: Building successful discussion participation skills

COST: \$2.00

REGISTRATION: By March 26th with Betty Breunig, 739-2670

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

Proposed Budget April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985

EXPENDITURES:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| A. <u>Operating costs</u>                     |                    |
| 1. General supplies                           | 25.00              |
| 2. Audit                                      | 5.00               |
| B. <u>Board and administrative committees</u> |                    |
| 1. President                                  | 100.00             |
| 2. Secretary                                  | 145.00             |
| 3. Treasurer                                  | 100.00             |
| 4. Board tools and expenses                   | 200.00             |
| 5. <u>Administrative committees</u>           |                    |
| a. finance                                    | 200.00             |
| b. membership                                 | 75.00              |
| c. member services                            |                    |
| 1) directory                                  | 50.00              |
| 2) babysitting                                | 30.00              |
| 3) courtesy membership                        | 23.00              |
| d. unit organization                          | 25.00              |
| e. public relations                           | 45.00              |
| C. <u>Delegates, travel, and affiliations</u> |                    |
| 1. State convention                           | 200.00             |
| 2. National convention                        | 550.00             |
| 3. Workshops                                  | 40.00              |
| 4. Council                                    | 100.00             |
| D. <u>Financial support for the League</u>    |                    |
| 1. ILO support                                | 20.00              |
| 2. Support for state services                 | 1,241.75           |
| 3. PerMember Payment                          | 1,358.50           |
| E. <u>Bulletin</u>                            |                    |
| 1. Supplies                                   | 25.00              |
| 2. Postage                                    | 250.00             |
| 3. Bulk Rate Fee                              | 40.00              |
| 4. Printing                                   | 300.00             |
| F. <u>Educational activities</u>              |                    |
| 1. <u>Publications</u>                        |                    |
| a. members                                    | 357.00             |
| b. to sell                                    | 20.00              |
| 2. <u>Program committees</u>                  |                    |
| a. national                                   | 40.00              |
| b. state                                      | 40.00              |
| c. local                                      | 50.00              |
| 3. Voters service/citizen information         | 80.00              |
| 4. This is Appleton                           | 5,082.50           |
| G. <u>Position support--Action</u>            | 100.00             |
| H. <u>Annual meeting</u>                      | 25.00              |
|   | <u>\$10,942.75</u> |

INCOME:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| A. Dues (97 members @ 19.50)<br>( 5 household @ 33.50) | 2,059.00           |
| B. Contributions                                       |                    |
| 1. Members   | 425.00             |
| 2. Nonmembers  | 2,484.25           |
| C. Publications  |                    |
| 1. Fees (97 mbrs + 5 hshld @ 3.50)                     | 357.00             |
| 2. Sales   | 10.00              |
| D. Election night reporting                            | 250.00             |
| E. Savings for national convention                     | 275.00             |
| F. <u>Funding for This is Appleton</u>                 |                    |
| 1. Transfer From IDS                                   | 3,000.00           |
| 2. Education Fund                                      | 2,000.00           |
| 3. Jane Kaplan Memorial Fund                           | 82.50              |
|  | <u>\$10,942.75</u> |

Submitted by the Budget Committee:

Mary Vandenberg  
Joyce Green  
Cynthia Johnson

Pat Poupore  
Pat Schinabeck

# BLOCK GRANTS



What is a block grant? Certain blocks of funds are granted by the federal government to the states to be used in state and local programs. There aren't too many federal strings attached to the states except that public hearings be held. There are broad categories in critical terms for services and for building related funding that is for social services and for community development.

Recently I attended social services block grant hearings held in Green Bay for N.E. Wisconsin and testified on behalf of League concerning family planning services. I asked what "teeth" there are in the mandate to inform welfare recipients of the availability of services.

Bev Fernandez, Assistant Director of the Indo-Chinese Friendship Association went with me to her first block grant hearing. She testified on some concerns of the refugees in the Fox Valley. Bev found the hearings more interesting and lively than she expected.

While it is hard to see a direct connection between testimony at the hearings and resulting change in policy, it is an important access to decision-making machinery in the state and sometimes local area.

I urge all leaguers to pay attention when our block grant hearings are announced. When an issue important to you and/or League is involved, SPEAK UP.

Berta Churchill

## ENDANGERED RESOURCES FUND

The 1983 State Legislature approved a new opportunity for Wisconsin residents to help protect and care for the state's endangered and nongame (unhunted) wildlife. Called the Endangered Resources Fund, it establishes a line on the state income tax form on which you can donate to help wildlife. The fund is voluntary and the contributions are tax-deductible the following year. It differs from the political campaign checkoff in that your donation is subtracted from your refund or added to taxes due. In this way it does not draw from the existing state treasury, but sets up a separate trust fund just for endangered wildlife.

Beth Wenger-Marsh  
830 East Minor  
734-6299

In addition to keeping busy with her two year old son, Beth is a free lance graphic artist. She interested in League's role in community involvement and enjoys cooking.

Debbie Sage  
1331 E. South River  
733-8452

Debbie is interested in League's local Social Services Study and in becoming better informed in local government and current political issues. Although she keeps busy with work and home, she enjoys horses and crewel work.

Leah Schoenbohn  
902 E. Alton  
731-8059

Leah teaches secondary English in Appleton, and she is also involved in A.B.C. and the Legal Auxiliary. Through the League she hopes to better understand community affairs. Other interests are reading and literature.

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March is a good time for members to become acquainted with each other and our study procedure. The Social Services Study is being presented to the membership this month. A new study, fresh new information, a new beginning, a great time to GET INVOLVED! Our strength as an organization depends on you as individuals. Hope to see you at the units!

--Dawn Washatka



### THE CAUCUS IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin's Presidential primary will be April 3. The voter who goes to the polls will note no difference in the way ballots are cast. For Wisconsinites, however, there has been a significant change. The Democratic Presidential voting will be essentially a popularity contest, and convention delegates will not be bound by the votes cast. Because of Wisconsin's open primary and the rules of the Democratic national party (delegates should be chosen by declared Democrats), our state will participate for the first time in delegate selection by open caucus.

Eighty-nine delegates and 30 alternates will be selected in a two-tier caucus system. The first tier of caucuses will be held in every county in Wisconsin on April 7. (Milwaukee, Waukesha and Dane Counties will hold caucuses on the assembly district level.) Any qualified elector on April 7, 1984, (18 years or older) who is a resident of the county/assembly district, who declares a Democratic party preference and has that preference publicly recorded, may participate.

Presidential preference will be determined. Any preference that reaches 20% will be entitled to elect delegates to the Congressional caucus. Any persons whose preference does not meet 20% may form another caucus, unite together behind one candidate or form an uncommitted caucus. The number of delegates elected to the Congressional-level caucus will be based on the votes cast for Earl in the 1982 General Election. These delegates will then be apportioned to the Presidential preferences proportionately (if the 20% was met).

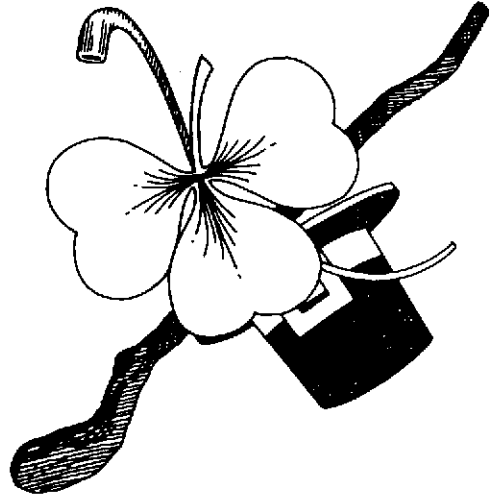
The second tier of caucuses will be held on the Congressional district level on May 5. Participation in this caucus is limited to persons elected in the county/assembly district caucus. Presidential preference will again be determined, and 20% will be the threshold. Participants whose preference does not meet 20% may unite behind one candidate, form another caucus or form an uncommitted caucus. Qualifications for Congressional district delegates include filing a statement of intent by April 13 with the state party, declaring Democratic party affiliation, declaring a Presidential preference, and being a qualified elector.

Wisconsin's Democratic delegation will include delegates elected by this two-tier system, as well as party officials, elected officials, and 18 at-large delegates. These will be chosen at a state caucus on May 26.

General caucus guidelines include the following:

- a. Participation at all levels is limited to qualified electors who declare a Democratic party preference and have the preference publicly recorded.
- b. No cost or fee will be required for participation.
- c. Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic identity or national origin is prohibited.
- d. The delegations will be divided equally between men and women.
- e. Aggressive outreach will be undertaken to include traditionally under- and unrepresented segments of the Democratic electorate, showing special concern for minorities and those of moderate and low incomes.
- f. Financial assistance will be available for delegates and alternates of low and moderate incomes.

Complete copies of caucus plans are available from the Democratic State Party, 126 S. Franklin Street, Madison, WI 53703.



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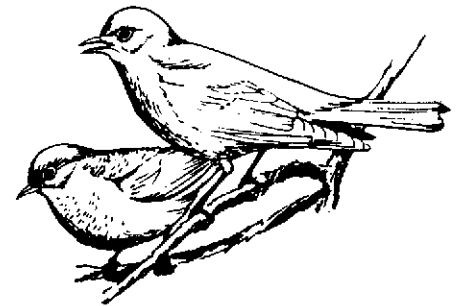
**BULLETIN:**

Margaret Gibas  
1515 N. Durkee St.  
739-7103

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**APRIL**



Tuesday  
April 3, 1984

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
April 17

Board Meeting

Jodie CoBabe  
50 Bellaire Court  
731-0049

The unit meetings on the State Study of Government Financing originally scheduled for April, have been postponed until next fall because the background material is not yet available from the State LWV. We should all put our League time and energy for April into the Annual Meeting and Election Reporting.

Monday  
April 30, 1984

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER  
(Details inside)  
You won't want to miss  
it--SEE YOU THERE!

Lawrence Room  
Paper Valley Hotel

**1984**

# Presidential Perch

The League calendar for April is less full than most months, but a large number of members will be involved in the two featured events. Election night reporting will involve a record number of League members forwarding election data to three separate news services. And, the Annual Meeting sounds so special that we expect most of you to send in your money right away. A chance to combine dinner at the Paper Valley Hotel, and evening with League friends, and the launching of our 1984-85 League year through program selection and election-- doesn't it sound irresistible? Mark your calendar for Monday, April 30!

Well over a dozen League members have volunteered to participate in the Home Visits to individual homes being picketed for their occupant's views on abortion. I thought you might be interested that after this League project was publicized in the Post-Crescent, I received notice that my home would now be picketed. (All picketing within Appleton soon may be banned by recent Council action.) This whole topic remains more time-consuming than I had anticipated. I did want you to know that we have received favorable comments about our involvement -- as well as some new members and contributors.

Kudos are in order for Jodie CoBabe, whose Voter Service-Citizen Information portfolio happened to swamp her with three major projects simultaneously: voter registration, election night reporting, and the Candidate's Forum. On all three fronts, she performed superbly. (The Candidate's Forum will live on in the memory of the 125 people who attended. If you were not there, ask someone who was there for a report!)

Dawn Washatka also deserves the spotlight for the recent surge in membership. May I remind us all to be sure and say hello to anyone you do not recognize? Recently I heard of a perspective member who attended a unit and was not spoken to by anyone -- I was horrified! I tout us as a friendly group and believe that personal contact is essential to continuous membership in the League.

Both the LWV-US Convention and the LWV-WI Council come up in May. Plans are still emerging but please call me if you would like to attend the May 4-5 Council in Eau Claire as an alternate at your own expense. There are several members planning to attend in that category.

--CYNTHIA JOHNSON  
739-5146



Thanks to the generosity and help of our membership we are more than halfway to the finish of the most successful finance drive we have ever had. We have cleared over \$2,000 and are anticipating at least \$1,000 more. A great portion of our success is due to your efforts and contributions. Thank you.

-Pat Schinabeck



The Appleton League of Women Voters Annual Dinner-Meeting is planned for Monday, April 30th and you are cordially invited.

This year the setting is the Lawrence Room in the lovely Paper Valley Hotel in exciting downtown Appleton.

Cocktail "half-hour" will begin at 6:00 p.m. and a delicious Chicken Ala Greque (one-half roasted chicken in lemon fines herb sauce) dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The price for the dinner is \$6.50 and includes appetizer, salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, beverage and dessert.

The business portion of our evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. Those members not wishing to join us for dinner are welcome to come for the business meeting. Coffee will be served.

During the evening we will adopt a new budget and local support positions, elect new officers and directors, hear the president's report and be introduced to new members.

Please come. It's such a good opportunity to meet and socialize with new members and old favorites. If transportation is a problem, call Joyce Green 739-4771 or Dawn Washatka 731-7893. SEE YOU THERE!

Cordially,  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
and  
ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE  
Berta Churchill, Joyce Green,  
Dawn Washatka, & Janet Krueger, Chair

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DINNER RESERVATION

Enclosed is my check for \$6.50 for the Annual Dinner-Meeting.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Return by APRIL 20th to: LWV, Joyce Green, Treasurer  
2118 N. Alexander Street  
Appleton, WI. 54911

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## CANDIDATE'S FORUM A BIG SUCCESS

Those who attended the Forum were able to meet and hear from many of the candidates on the April ballot. Hopefully attendance will make those April 3rd decisions easier and the voters more informed.

Special recognition should go to our president, Cynthia Johnson for her superb job as moderator. Also helping were Win Thrall, publicity; Marlys Fritzell, timekeeper; Betty Breunig, general assistance; Lynn Debbink with publications; and Dawn Washatka--always on the lookout for new members. Not to be overlooked are the efforts of the Voter Service Committee without whose input and guidance this would never have come to fruition.

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### STATE ACTION--

As you no doubt have heard, the Marital Property Reform Bill was successfully passed in both the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly. It now awaits the governor's signature which will occur at a ceremony later this spring. Senator Hanaway was instrumental in putting together a compromise amendment which led to the passage of the bill. A letter of thanks was sent to him from our League. Thanks to all of you who took time to write and call area legislators. We owe a special word of gratitude to our League colleagues in the Wisconsin LWV and the Wisconsin Women's Network who worked so diligently over such an extended period of time on behalf of this bill.

A strong Groundwater Protection Bill was recently passed by the Wisconsin Assembly. It contains, however, an amendment which would transfer animal waste regulation from the DNR to DATCP (Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection). We oppose this amendment and Nancy Jones, our local Natural Resources chair, has sent a letter to our local senators asking them to vote to delete this amendment when the bill comes before the Senate.

### PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL HEARING

The Northern Winnebago Private Industry Council (PIC) will hold a public hearing on April 5th at 8 a.m. (that's morning) at Martine's Restaurant to hear testimony on how the money received from the Job Training Partnership Act should be spent in this area.

The Wisconsin Women's Council has asked League's help in making sure that the concerns and needs of women are presented at the hearings. Since the feminization of poverty is a national problem and since JTPA offers a significant opportunity to address this problem, it is essential that women's advocates monitor the PICs so that the opportunity is not lost. This is your opportunity to speak out on the job training of women in this area.

A bill called the Human Needs and World Security Bill is currently being considered by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which Toby Roth is a member. The local chapter of Bread for the World is working to build local support for the bill. Basically, the bill (HR4440) calls for a capping of security (military) aid at fiscal 1984 levels and spending some of the savings on aid programs focused on basic health, water, and primary education.

If any of our members are interested in taking individual action and need more information, they should contact Nancy Jones at 731-9250.

THANKS to the following member volunteers, our League will be \$400 richer after the April 3rd Election:

|                     |                    |                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Mary Lou Peerenboom | Kathy Knott        | Stevie Schmidt  |
| Mary Vandenberg     | Judy Winzenz       | Lynn Debbink    |
| *Leah Schoenbohn    | Eleanor Brenneke   | Barb Hussin     |
| Barb Grant          | Jan Nordell        | Nancy Jones     |
| *Gretchen Bambrick  | *Diane Seikman     | Ellen Needham   |
| Joan Fowler         | Andrea Tatlock     | Joy Povolny     |
| Barb Hoffman        | *Beth Wenger-Marsh | Dick Sampson    |
| Ginny Rosenberg     | Bonnie Buchanan    | Helene Iverson  |
| Chris Calder        | *Sam Murdock       | Jan Besta       |
| *Marilyn Yeske      | Marcia Hittle      | Marlys Fritzell |
| Sally Bredeweg      | *Peggy Halsey      | Joyce Green     |
| Bev Weickert        | Dawn Washatka      |                 |

We are covering 63 reporting units for the News Election Service, three County Court Houses (Calumet, Waupaca, and Outagamie) for Channel 11, and 2 Key Precincts for ABC. Several outlying precincts are being covered by town or village clerks who agreed to help us in this effort. This is a big help in insuring full coverage.

I would like to give special thanks to the new members who are participating as well as those willing to drive long distances.

JODIE CoBABE  
Voter's Service

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Voter registration in the three local institutions of higher learning netted Appleton well over 100 newly registered potential voters. At the UW Fox Valley Dawn Washatka, Nancy Jones, and new member Beth Wenger-Marsh registered 35 students. Karen DeYoung, Lynn Debbink, and Margaret Gibas were assisted by Lawrence University students organized by Tami Follett in registering almost 80 people. At FVTI Jodie CoBabe and potential member Peggy Halsey registered 30 faculty and students.

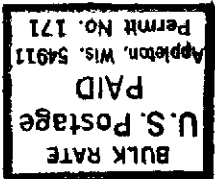
This effort was a big success thanks to the above volunteers, and the cooperation of the City Clerk's office, as well as the administration of the three campuses.

#### CHOOSING THE PRESIDENT 1984

This book is hot off the press. It explains the presidential nomination and election process and makes a wonderful reference. It analyzes the workings of political parties (including third parties), the selection of convention delegates (including a state by state chart), the strategies of political conventions, campaign techniques and finances, and much, much more. We are ordering 15 copies for our members to buy (\$3.00 for members, \$5.95 for others). Please call Lynn Debbink, 739-8222 if you would like to buy one.

Please save your February, 1984, issue of Forward as it contains valuable resource material for our upcoming units on Juvenile Justice and the Wisconsin Tax Update study. The Juvenile Justice update will be the topic discussed at our local units in May. The Tax Update units which had been planned for April will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Margaret Stubb  
1515 N. Duane St  
Appleton, WI. 54911



League of Women Voters.  
Appleton, Wis.

## VOTE

--April 3rd for Mayor, three school board members, city clerk and county judge. There are contested races in the 2nd and 6th wards, and in several different supervisory districts.

Make your presidential preference known by voting in the April 3rd Primary. Those favoring a Democratic candidate should also participate in the Democratic caucus on April 7th. Republican delegates will be chosen on the basis of the Primary results but Democrats will only be named through the caucus process. Since the caucus system is new to Wisconsin, we should explain that you do not have to be a member of the Democratic party to participate in the caucus but must be willing to declare a Democratic party preference. The Outagamie County caucus will be held at the Lawrence Union; registration is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and you must have registered by 1 p.m. to participate.

Note: Those of you who joined in our National Security study should note that the Freeze Campaign recommends choosing uncommitted delegates.

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MAY - JUNE 1984

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>              | <u>EVENT</u>                              | <u>LOCATION/HOUSTESS</u>                               |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| May 4 & 5                     | LWV-WI Council                            | Eau Claire   |
| May 8<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Juvenile Justice<br>Update Study Unit     | 915 N. Kensington Dr.<br>Joan Fowler<br>734-7372       |
| May 9<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. | Juvenile Justice<br>Update Study Unit     | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College<br>Ave. |
| May 13 - 17                   | LWV-US Convention                         | Detroit  |
| May 22<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  | Board Meeting                             | 1515 N. Durkee St.<br>Margaret Gibas<br>739-7103       |
| June 5<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  | General Meeting<br>Dessert Potluck Social | 1117 E. Eldorado St.<br>Cynthia Johnson<br>739-5146    |

Old Board members will bring  
desserts and we'll all hear  
about the State Council and  
the National Convention --  
and we've persuaded Cynthia  
and Marcia to share a "bit  
of Britain" with us.

## PRESIDENTIAL PERCH

I thought I was saturated with news of this extended presidential primary season, but two weeks of being out of touch has whetted my appetite again. It was difficult to find out who won the Wisconsin caucuses from England. . .

In May, Jan Besta and I will go to the LWV-WI Council in Eau Claire as official delegates. (Several other Appleton members will attend as observers.) Dawn Washatka will represent our League at the week-long LWV-US Convention in Detroit later in May. We've planned a social event for Tuesday, June 5, for members to hear about Council and Convention -- and to visit with League friends informally. Please come to my house for dessert, wine, and coffee.

The Annual Meeting marks the half-way point in my presidency. I'm really enjoying the challenges of the job and the opportunity to work with very capable and pleasant people and detesting the paper piles!

Several new Officers and Board members will begin their terms with the elections of the Annual Meeting or their appointments soon after. In the next Bulletin, I'll introduce them and their responsibilities. For this month let me close by thanking the outgoing Board members who have made this 1983-84 League year go extremely smoothly. Thank you, thank you!!

---Cynthia Johnson

# Carrie Chapman



A Wisconsin historical marker will be erected to mark Ripon as the birthplace of Carrie Chapman Catt. The local historical society will contribute money for the project, and the Ripon LWV will raise the rest, primarily through contributions. The marker will be located in a small city park, the Pedrick Wayside, on the corner of Union Street and West Fond du Lac Street (Hwy. 23 West).

For more than fifty years, Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) was among America's foremost leaders in the movements for woman suffrage, political education, and world peace. Born in Ripon, Wisconsin, on January 9, 1859, she went on to serve as

President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association from 1900 to 1904 and from 1915 to 1920. She also served as President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance from 1904 to 1923. When the nineteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote, she founded the National League of Women Voters (now the League of Women Voters of the United States), still one of the most influential and respected organizations of its kind in the world. In 1925 she founded the Committee on the Cause and Cure of War, a forerunner of several contemporary organizations devoted to the development of international harmony.

Contributions in any amount may be sent to Marianne Crowley, Ripon President, LWV Ripon, P.O. Box 131, Ripon, WI 54971. Please indicate that the check is for the Carrie Chapman Catt historical marker.



## UPDATE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Have recent changes in the law benefitted local youth in trouble? What changes still need to take place? Find out what's going on in this area at May unit meetings, and contribute your opinion to this Wisconsin state League update.

A small but intense committee has been visiting schools, the jail, the courts, the Department of Social Services, and many individuals working with and on behalf of juveniles. At the unit meetings the League committee will be supplemented by professionals acting as resource persons.

Your effort to get to a meeting should be rewarded by exciting discussions of a timely topic.

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| Tuesday, May 8   | Guest resources: | Sgt. Terry Carroll, Einstein Jr. High<br>Police School Liason Officer<br><br>Dave Lovejoy, Inc. Director<br>Outagamie Co. Youth Services |
| Wednesday, May 9 | Guest resources: | Jerry Verhagen<br>Police - DSS Liason<br><br>Gordon Underwood<br>DSS youth worker  |

Members should bring their Wisconsin Position Papers (1980 or 1982) and their February 1984 FORWARD to the unit meeting. If possible, have extra Position Papers available.

20 minutes

### I. PREVENTION/DIVERSION.

- A. Since the YFA program disallows use of its funds for prevention of juvenile delinquency, how could prevention activities be funded in your communities and schools?
- B. Because there is a high correlation between the number of youth dropping out of school and the rate of juvenile delinquency, should schools be obligated to provide dropout prevention programs?
- C. The legislative intent of the Children's Code encourages diversion of juveniles from the criminal justice process. What form does diversion take in your community, and what effect do these programs have on juveniles and juvenile delinquency? What prevention activities could your community develop? (Use the "Potpourri of Low Cost Dropout Prevention Activities" included in the packet.)

20 minutes

### II. COURT INTAKE/ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS.

The new juvenile code provides for uniformity in the way youth are treated in the system. Have these written policies reduced biased judgments? Is there enough flexibility allowed professionals to consider differences among children and situations?

20 minutes

### III. DETENTION/JAILS.

Under current law secure detention is used only for children who pose a threat to themselves or others. It may no longer be used for status offenders, e.g., children who run away from home. In some communities the facility is a jail. Is this appropriate? (Sight and sound separation.)

Is this the only option for your community?

What alternatives exist?

What would it take to develop other alternatives?

20 minutes

### IV. ADJUDICATION/DUE PROCESS.

- A. The new juvenile code has attempted to balance the rights of the child with the rights of the community by combining the parens patriae philosophy with due process. Is this balance in the best interest of children? Of the community?
- B. How have police, judges and social workers implemented the merger of the two philosophies in your community?
- C. Have changes gone too far or not far enough?

20 minutes

### V. DISPOSITION.

- A. As part of the YFA program, each community is required to complete a needs assessment on youth problems. Is this done in your community? How is it used in identifying and developing a range of dispositional alternatives to meet those needs?
- B. What alternatives do you see for resolving the problems that have arisen between the state correctional facilities and the community-based programs?
- C. Do you believe that the law should continue to be primarily rehabilitative or should the emphasis be on deterrence? On punishment?

10 minutes

### WRAPUP.

Summarize the points your League wants to report to the state juvenile justice committee.

Assign person who will fill out the report form and return it to the state office.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

ADJUDICATE - to settle a case in court; to determine the outcome of a case.

ALLEGED - (as in alleged CHIPS or alleged delinquent) assumed state; a juvenile who have been charged with being CHIPS or delinquent, but has not yet come to court for determination.

APPREHENDED - equivalent to an adult arrest; a juvenile taken into custody by police.

CHAPTER 48 - the Children's Code; first enacted in 1955, revised in 1978.

**CHIPS** - Children In need of Protection or Services: juveniles who have been determined to be abandoned or victims of abuse, have been given up by the parents because the parents are unable to care for them, are habitually truant, are receiving inadequate care because the parents are unavailable or unable to care for them, are suffering emotional damage that the parents refuse to treat, or are under 12 and have committed a delinquent act.

**CONSENT DECREE** - an agreement reached between juvenile court personnel and the child and family after the petition is filed, but before the dispositional hearing, which states conditions under which the action against the child will be dropped.

**CUSTODY** - literally, under the care and protection of law enforcement or the court in nonsecure (unlocked, generally less tightly supervised) settings or secure (locked) facilities, such as detention centers.

**DAY TREATMENT** - a program, usually an alternative to placement outside the home, that includes four elements: daily contact with the juvenile in a structured setting, parent involvement, at least half-days in school, and crisis intervention capability.

**DELINQUENT** - a child between the ages of 12 and 18 who has violated any state or federal criminal law.

**DETENTION** - the temporary care of children in physically-restricted facilities, pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction or agency. Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha counties are the only counties that have separate juvenile detention facilities.

**DISPOSITION** - the term applying to what the court rules should be done with the child after the case has been adjudicated. Disposition may be formal or informal.

**DIVERSION** - a program agreed upon by court personnel and the child and family before a petition is filed, which sets out conditions and obligations for the child in order to avoid court proceedings.

**GROUP HOME** - a nonsecure (usually), dormitory-like living arrangement for children who need or are ordered into temporary out-of-home placement. The type and amount of treatment vary among group homes.

**HOME DETENTION** - a program in which a youth is placed in her/his own home, but is very closely supervised, often involving daily contact to check on the youth's conduct, school attendance, etc.

**JURISDICTION** - the authority or power of the juvenile court to hear and decide cases involving juveniles.

**JUVENILE COURT COMMISSIONERS** - used in some counties in place of a judge. When assigned to children's court, a commissioner may issue summons and warrants, order release or detention, conduct detention and shelter care hearings, conduct preliminary appearances, and impose informal disposition. S/he may not conduct waiver or dispositional hearings.

**LEAST-RESTRICTIVE MEANS** - phrase referring to the use of dispositional alternatives for children. Preservation of the family unit and retention of custody by the parent is regarded as the least-restrictive disposition. Placement in a correctional institution would be regarded as the most restrictive.

**PARENS PATRIAE** - literally, parent of the country; the legal provision through which the state may assume ultimate parental responsibility for the custody, care and protection of children within its jurisdiction. With the advent of the juvenile court in 1899, the doctrine was applied to the new concept of a court wherein the judge could prescribe a treatment plan "in the best interest of" the juvenile (including correctional commitment) without the due process guarantees of the adult court. Since assistance and rehabilitation, rather than punishment, were the court's intent, procedures for determination of guilt were deemed harmful and unnecessary. The concept became associated with the image of a wise and benevolent judge acting on behalf of the child.

**PETITION** - the formal application to the court to hear a juvenile's case, containing a statement of the alleged offense(s).

**STATUS OFFENSE** - a violation of the law that would not be an offense if committed by an adult, such as truancy, drinking, or curfew violation.

**SUPERVISION** - a program in which a juvenile is assigned by a juvenile judge to a social services worker who contacts the child periodically to make certain that the child is following her/his agreement or court-ordered dispositional program. The type and amount of contact vary from case to case, depending primarily on the child's needs and the social worker's case load.

#### NATIONAL ACTION ALERT

##### Legislative Response to Title IX Supreme Court Decision

Prompt legislative action is needed to overturn the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Grove City College v. Bell. This decision substantially narrows the application of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibit sex discrimination in any educational program or activity receiving federal assistance. The League of Women Voters is responding to this decision by working with legislators and other concerned organizations to draft legislation which would clarify Congress's intent in passing this law.

On February 28, 1984, the Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case of Grove City College v. Bell. Grove City College, which receives federal assistance only through the financial aid given to its students, had argued that it was not covered by Title IX. The League filed an amicus brief in this case, arguing that Grove City College was covered by Title IX and that Title IX applied to the institution as a whole. The Court agreed that Grove City was a recipient of federal funds and was covered by Title IX, but then limited that coverage to the specific program or office receiving the federal funds, in this case the financial aid office.

The Supreme Court reached this decision by narrowly interpreting congressional intent in putting the "program or activity" language into Title IX. The Court determined that Congress intended the statute's prohibition to be limited to the particular program or activity receiving the funds, leaving the rest of the institution free to discriminate on the basis of sex.

Grove City College v. Bell threatens equal access in education and employment in education for many women and girls. The decision substantially narrows the application of Title IX and will result in spotty enforcement of Title IX, depending on the particular institution and the federal funding it receives. The decision may also endanger the protections against discrimination now afforded under federal statutes to minorities, the handicapped and senior citizens because many of the Acts providing this freedom contain language similar to that in Title IX.

Since the decision in Grove City centered on a question of congressional intent, it is now up to Congress to clarify its intent in passing Title IX and related anti-discrimination laws. Legislation will be introduced in both the House and Senate for the purpose of clarifying congressional intent and returning Title IX, Title VI, Sec. 504 and the Age Discrimination Act to the scope and coverage originally intended by Congress.

Please write or call your representatives and senators to urge their support for these bills. For additional information contact Marlys Fritzell at 731-0736.

# Welcome

Karen Kuhn  
5510 Broadway Drive  
Appleton, WI. 54915

734-7746

A few of Karen's close friends are League members and the Appleton League's willingness to take action on local issues are two reasons that prompted her to join up. Other interests include beekeeping and being a county project 4-H leader.

Barbara Murray  
1300 N. Bay Ridge Road  
Appleton, WI. 54915

731-4848

Barbara (Bobbie) gives first priority to her family and is involved in her children's schools. Other areas of involvement include being Chair of the city's Equal Opportunities Commission, serving on the school board's Long Range Planning Committee, and serving on the Housing Task Force. By joining League she hopes to become even more abreast of community affairs.

Diane Siekman  
1100 Green Grove Road  
Appleton, WI. 54911

733-8272

Diane moved here from Dallas, Texas two years ago. She hopes to become more knowledgeable and involved in the democratic process on both the local and national levels. Interests include reading, music, art, knitting, dogs and travel.

Charlotte Sigman  
2410 E. Crestview  
Appleton, WI. 54915

734-2479

Char has been involved in many area volunteer organizations. She was president of Hadassah for 3 years. Presently she is involved with the Hmong resettlement and is on the board of United Way. Through the League she hopes to become a better informed citizen and voter.

Barb Slauter  
229 N. Lawe  
Appleton, WI. 54911

739-0988

New to Appleton from the Chicago area, Barb is presently working towards a career in real estate. Barb is also active in Apple-tree Artisans. Her specialty is making bears. Restoring Victorian style houses is also a hobby.

Carolyn Sullivan  
500 N. Vine  
Appleton, WI. 731-0916

Besides keeping busy with her three boys, she enjoys playing the piano and is involved in a book club. Carolyn is presently on the ABC Board. Through LWV she hopes to better understand issues and government.

Kathy Tulman  
Route 3, Box 329  
Appleton, WI. 54915

734-3480

Kathy's background is in Environmental Studies. She is very outdoor oriented, enjoys camping, hiking and has a small hobby farm. Through her League involvement she plans to be better informed on current political issues.

Emily West  
921 E. Hancock  
Appleton, WI. 54911

733-2754

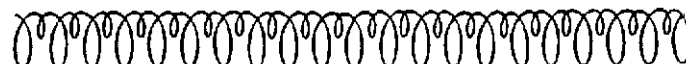
Emily, a longtime Appleton resident, has always followed the League and its studies. She is a counselor at Fox Valley Reproductive Health Care Center. Other interests include swimming, reading and cooking.



## SOCIAL SERVICES STUDY

By the time you read this, the Social Services Report will, we hope, have been approved at the Annual Meeting. A copy will be distributed to every member.

Jean King, Chair  
Social Services Study



Cynthia Johnson  
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739-7103

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## SUMMER 1984

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOESST

June 5  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting  
Dessert Social

1117 E. Eldorado Street  
Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

Everyone's talking about it - our last General Meeting until the Fall. Join us for State Council and National Convention reports, the latest from London according to Marcia and Cynthia plus lots of socializing. "Old Board" members will bring desserts.

However, PLEASE LOOK INSIDE FOR DATES OF SUMMER COMMITTEE MEETINGS. There are many ways to get involved in League this summer because we are producing This Is Appleton and doing several studies that need to be well underway by fall. The energetic chairs of these projects are getting organized NOW, and hope you will want to participate.

July 17th  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Calendar Planning Meeting  
Anyone who is interested  
in scheduling dates for  
the calendar should plan  
to attend

2601 Kesting Court  
Jan Besta  
739-7589

(This date is tentative--Board and Program committee members will be notified if there is a change. Other interested members can contact Jan Besta to confirm date.)

August 21  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
735-9784

407 Canterbury Ct.  
Gretchen Bambrick  
735-9784

# Presidential Perch

About fifty League members gathered for the Annual Meeting at the Paper Valley Hotel and did what all Annual Meetings do: shape the next League year to its wishes. When all was said and done, members had chosen THREE major local projects: 1) School Enrollment Study, 2) Annexation Study, and 3) the 6th Edition of This Is Appleton. Sentiment was clear: what we value most are our projects at the local level, believing that member interest is highest and our organizational influences greatest locally. I was privately reeling under the impact of such a heavy work load until someone had the great idea to pass around sign-up sheets for studies and projects right then and there. All of our choices seem to have strong support and talented members willing to get involved.

One of the main purposes of this issue of the Bulletin is to introduce you to the Board of Directors who are informing you of opportunities for your involvement. The new Board seems to be a winning combination of experience, enthusiasm, and effective members. Please read, reflect, and reach out and touch someone: call to offer your services!

The League typically goes into low gear for the summer, but this year both the Annexation Study and the School Enrollment Study will do the bulk of their work in preparation for early meetings in September. The basic organization for Units will be done during the summer also. Action in League's name slows down because Betty Breunig is absent in the summer, but we do still react to certain issues when they come up.

In late August you will receive a fat Bulletin, tempting you with the offerings of the League for fall. In the meantime I hope that your summer is a nice one, full of the perfect combination of work and play, under warm and sunny skies.

--Cynthia Johnson

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## STATE AND NATIONAL ACTION -- AND YOU!

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The role of the Local League member is readily apparent in state and national program studies. Once the study is completed, however, that role often seems rather unclear or indistinct. What we want to do this year is clarify and emphasize the continuous need for local member involvement in state and national action. A brief look at how this action occurs might be helpful.

The appropriate board determines the priorities for action and initiates a plan for action. A volunteer lobbying corps represents the League by writing letters, testifying at committee hearings, and meeting with groups or individual legislators. Often these same lobbyists become involved in the actual process of formulating legislative bills. As impressed as legislators might be by the information provided to them by the League's volunteer lobbying corps, they still want to know what the voters back home really think about these issues. That is where we come into play.

The state and national Leagues keep local Leagues informed about action issues by sending out Times for Action or Action Alerts. Detailed information is available in the national Report From the Hill (a mini-version goes out to all members) and the state Forward (to all members) and the state legislative summary. Our responsibility is to be sure that our representatives hear directly from us. Only by directly contacting them by card, letter, or phone call will they pay much attention to the League's concerns - our concerns! Generating local community support and initiating individual action is our primary goal.

Although state and national action may at times seem rather remote or nebulous, it doesn't have to be that way. When you are called upon this coming year to participate in state and national action please join in and play your role.

--Marlys Fritzell



# Introducing the Board

President -- Cynthia Johnson

Cynthia is beginning her second year of her two-year term as League President. Active in League ever since she moved to Appleton in 1969, she has specialized in local studies and action, and was President in 1975-77. Her non-League activities include her husband and three children (Bruce, age sixteen; Tad, age fourteen; and Ellen, almost-ten), travel, gardening, the Unitarian Fellowship, and lots of reading (with participation in three different book groups).

1st Vice-President -- Marlys Fritzell

Marlys, a league member for eighteen years, was reactivated last year to serve a two-year term as first vice-president for state and national action. She is a dietetic technician at Appleton Medical Center. Among her likes are wheaties, warm clothing, snowy days, and people who respond to Action Alerts.

2nd Vice-President -- Jan Besta

Jan is a longtime Appleton resident and League member who several years ago served as Treasurer. She is employed fulltime as a Secretarial Science instructor at Fox Valley Technical Institute. She has four children: Bruce, 20; Molly, 19; Mike, 16; and John, 12. In her spare time she enjoys movies and books.

Secretary -- Barb Grant

Barb is secretary for her 2nd year. She works at home with four children, ages seventeen to one year. She is also involved with host families of ABC and church education.

Treasurer -- Joan Fowler

After stops in Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota, Joan Fowler and family arrived in Appleton in late August, 1978, hoping they would stay a long time. She works part-time for her husband, especially enjoys golf, x-country skiing, hiking and travel.

Membership -- Gretchen Bambrick

Gretchen was active in the Albany Co., N.Y. League as chair of Women and the Law and Membership. She also lobbied for Social Policy & Women and the Law for the NY State league. She moved to Appleton with husband Terry (also a member) six months ago and is currently Acting Director of the UW-FV Library.

Units - Beth English

Beth is a newcomer to League as well as to our Board. She will be tackling units this year. Beth is a med. tech. at Appleton Medical Center, and loves camping and canoeing. She and her husband are recent homeowners near Lutz Park. For that reason, the unit on the Fox River will be of special interest to her.

Public Relations -- Corinne Goldgar

Corinne gives full credit (or blame) to the League for her career in public transportation, which began in 1972 when the state LWV recommended her, as president of the Appleton LWV, for appointment to Gov. Lucey's Committee on Urban Mass Transportation. Employed as Marketing Coordinator for Valley Transit, she is a director of the Wisconsin Urban Transit Association and a member of the Advisory Board of the Transit Management Center at UW-Milwaukee.

Human Resources/Social Policy -- Dawn Washatka  
(LWV-Wi Housing Update)

Dawn's past board experiences include units and membership. Besides her involvement in League she keeps busy with her almost-three year old and attends UW-FV Center part time. This summer Dawn hopes to have a prosperous garden and spend many weekends camping.

Local Study: The River -- RoseMarie Dercks

Rose Marie returns to the League and the Board after a few grueling years trying to begin her own real estate firm, RoseMar Realty. Her interests continue to be environmental, and since she was a Fox River study person almost at her entry to League, here is where she'll rejoin us for our updated study of the river.

\* Local Study: Annexation -- Barbara Hoffman

Barb has been a League member since 1955 and has served as President, and on the State and local Boards. She chaired a state study on State-Local Relationships, which included "annexation, consolidation and incorporation". She also chaired a study done jointly by Appleton, Neenah-Menasha and Oshkosh Leagues involving cooperation of local governments. She owns Hoffman Financial Planning Services.

\* Local Study: School Enrollment -- Helene Iverson

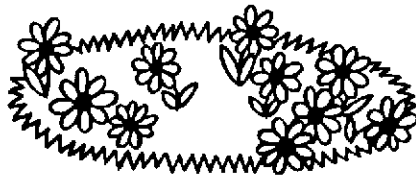
Helene is an elementary school teacher on an "extended" leave to raise 2 children. Besides her 3 years in League, she is an active Girl Scout volunteer and K.I.S.S. instructor. Helene will chair the local study on the need for a new southside elementary school.

Bulletin -- Margaret Gibas

Margaret rejoined the League last year after a long absence to launch The Learning Shop. Doing the Bulletin is a good way to get to know Leaguers involved in all of our activities. Margaret has two daughters, Cynthia, 15 and Jennifer, 11, and now works for Planned Parenthood.

\*Off-Board

Board Bios not included in this issue will be carried in the September Bulletin.



#### OBSERVER CORPS

Thanks to all of you signed up for the Observer corps at the annual meeting. It will give us a good start in the Fall. We will not have a meeting of the observers until September since I'm going to be away a good part of the summer and I suspect it will be much easier to rev ourselves up after vacations. I will distribute city and county directories, if they are available, at our June 5th meeting so that you can find out times and places and attend on your own if you so desire.

--Betty Breunig

# Summer Jobs

You weren't planning to just loaf this summer were you? Just read on and find out about the many fascinating projects League is embarking on -- and then call the Committee leaders and VOLUNTEER!

"THIS IS APPLETON"

Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 12  
7:30 p.m.  
520 N. Bateman St.

There is still time to join the committee. At this meeting we will be mapping out the publication schedule and planning research and writing assignments for the summer. This will be the last meeting until fall, so if you would like to get involved, this is the time to do it. Bring your copy of the previous edition of "This Is Appleton" to the meeting with you, if you have one.

Anyone who would like to participate, but cannot attend this meeting, should phone me (731-8876) after June 5.

--Marcia Hittle

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## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STUDY

Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 27  
7:30 p.m.  
1811 Bradley Lane (off of S. Schaefer, south of Calumet)

We will be studying the school enrollments with an emphasis on the question of the need for a new southside elementary school in Appleton. There will be a city-wide referendum on this issue at the Nov. 4 election. We will study the information over the summer to be ready for a Sept. unit on the question. This is a great study for members who are looking for a short term commitment. New members, this is a good way to get involved and meet others interested in education.

PLEASE COME! Call with any questions. 734-7499

--Helene Iverson

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## RIVER STUDY

That Ol' Fox River, it just keeps rollin' along. And ever so often the League should look at it again. I remember a 'paper' executive telling me back in the '60s, that without citizen pressure none of the cleanup we've witnessed would have been done. And we don't want to backslide! For those of you who want that resource good for your children and grandchildren, here's the time and place to check again if things are going alright or if there's still much to be done. Anyone who wants to join us will be welcomed on a canoe trip down the Fox to see right from its surface the treasure at our doorstep.

--Rose Marie Dercks  
734-4448

## ANNEXATION STUDY

A good number of you signed up to be on this committee at the annual meeting. Most of its work will be completed over the summer so if you would like to join this committee give Barb Hoffman a call SOON. 734-3627

## FINANCE DRIVE

We asked you to "JOIN IN" and that is exactly what you did. Thanks largely to you, the 1984 Finance Drive has been our most successful ever. This year's goal was set at \$3,000. As of May 25th, we have raised \$4,382.00 and consider the drive to be complete.

Thirtyseven members responded to our call for help. Ten members made monetary donations, 11 members made donations of their time, and 16 members donated both time and money. We are most grateful to all of you for this terrific support. It seems to have "paid off".

The mailathon was held on February 28, and 210 letters were sent out. We have received 124 responses as of this writing. Of the 124 donors, 32 are new givers this year.

Again, we would like to thank all of you who have offered your help. Because so many of you did "JOIN IN", it was not necessary to actually contact all the members.

### Member Participation

#### Mailathon:

Joan Fowler  
Betty Breunig  
Marcia Hittle  
Nusi Ward  
Elinore Burdett  
Nancy Jones  
Cathy Boardman  
Cynthia Johnson

Lynn Debbink  
Joan Ross  
Sam Murdock  
Jeanne Gabert  
Helene Iverson  
Dick Sampson  
Stevie Schmidt

#### Thank you notes:

Joy Povolny  
Kris Davis  
Katie McNeil  
Pat Poupore  
Virginia McMahan

Phyllis Dintenfass  
Vivian Harnitz  
Marge Koepke  
Berta Churchill  
Bonnie Buchanan

#### Follow-up calls:

Sharon Meier

Betty Breunig

Pat Schinabeck & Sharon Joswiak  
Finance Drive Co-chairmen



## Publications

The national League has been busy and in the last few months has released a host of interesting pamphlets and booklets. Betty Breunig reviewed the big one recently. "Choosing the President" is now available to members for \$3.00 (non-members \$5.95) We have about a dozen that are not reserved.

Another booklet of particular interest is The Women's Vote: Beyond the Nineteenth Amendment. This publication summarizes the key research findings presented at the June 1983 "Conference on the Women's Vote". It begins with a short review of the history of the women's vote and then continues on to look at the demographics of the women's vote, and the differences which have emerged between the political preferences of men and women. The cost is \$1.25 (\$1.75 for non-members) and the book is an excellent addition to any Leaguer's library and a wonderful gift idea this election year.

Other new publications of interest are:

Pick a Candidate -- How-to tool for evaluating candidates, identifying personal issue priorities, and spotting distorting campaign tactics. Cost 10/\$1.50.

How to Teach the 1984 Elections -- Designed for a loose-leaf binder, the publication provides a practical and useful source of classroom methods and techniques for elementary and secondary social studies teachers. Cost is on a sliding scale. Classroom set is \$1.60.

--Lynn Debbink

## NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

The LWV-US Convention-84 was held in Detroit at the Renaissance Center from May 12th to 17th. We were kept so busy by the caucuses, the training sessions and the general convention that I only got out of the hotel complex twice--once for an urban development tour and the other time I walked downtown for lunch.

During the general convention we covered the budget, the Treasurer's report, the proposed programs, bylaw changes and a lot of time was spent on the Long Range Plan for the League of Women Voters document. My knowledge of parliamentary procedures increased a lot during these five days. The two studies that were adopted at convention were the proposed National Security Study and Financing the Federal Government.

The two training sessions that I attended were the Employment Needs of Women and Government Program Activities. These were presented by the staff from National League and both were very informational.

Caucuses that I attended dealt with using computers in League, the Long Range Plan, and Wisconsin had a caucus on Marital Property.

The selection speakers at the convention was very good. George Schultz, Secretary of State, required very high security. We all had to be in the convention hall a half hour before he was to arrive and then after he entered the room the doors were sealed. Paul Conrad, the syndicated political cartoonist from the L.A. Times, Lee Iacocca, and Judy Woodruff, a national correspondent for Public Broadcasting, were some of the other speakers.

Convention delegates took up a collection for the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Project and raised almost \$1,600.

All in all the experience of attending the convention was very worthwhile, even though I came home to two final exams and to a sick little boy (brought on mostly by anxiety over Mom's absence). Anyway, I did fairly well on my exams and Graham is back to normal. Thank you, Appleton League, for the great experiences.

--Dawn Washatka

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### LOCAL ACTION

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Action, in a timely fashion for the League, has been mostly in the social services. Now that the appointment of three new supervisors has been confirmed, we have urged a serious discussion soon about the relative merits of a regional domestic abuse center versus an Outagamie county center. Call me if you want to be informed when it is put on the Social Services Board agenda. There is a fifteen minute public participation period at every Board meeting. The League, per se, does not favor one site over the other (Neenah-Menasha or Appleton) but wants the decision to be made so that a center can start functioning without more delay. If you, however, have strong feelings about a site, you can speak up as an individual.

Jean King and I spoke up during a Plan Commission meeting in favor of selling land for an aftercare house to Waples Corporation. It is now up to the Council to make a final decision (see the attached memo to the city council).

Our League expert on all things environmental, Nancy Jones, has said that she will observe the county Solid Waste Committee and try to follow the controversy about recycling trash by building a steam plant in the Appleton flats. A tricky question which will need some digging to determine the facts.

--Betty Breunig

## COUNCIL REPORT

Jan Besta and I went to Eau Claire May 4 and 5 to participate in the LWV-WI Council, which meets between the more major Conventions. Our main business was the adoption of a budget for the year, but several other things were accomplished in the process.

In the opening sessions Leagues introduced themselves via a short summary of highlights of the year. Many more Leagues mentioned their local studies and action as high points rather than state and national ones; my impression was that the largest and/or most active Leagues share our enthusiasm for local study and action.

One can't help comparing and contrasting our own League with others in the state. Our challenge of the shrinking volunteer pool is a much graver problem in many other Leagues, leaving me to wonder if we have managed to adapt so much better or if these problems will loom larger here at some later time. One of the things the Appleton League seems to do very well is to attract younger members, offering them opportunities for interesting activities to combine with their non-League lives in the dose that is most appropriate for them. Our League is a very strong League; I know that at some gut level all the time, but contact with other Leagues affirms that again and again.

There was lots of discussion of the LWV-US document of the Long Range Plan for the League. Many individuals shared some of the same concerns about possible futures for the League. Your most recent Voter highlighted some ideas; look for more information and action to be reported in subsequent issues.

Jan and I also heard other speakers and attended workshops, but the most fun part is meeting so many bright women who share concerns for the world of government, united in a fundamental belief in encouraging informed citizens in their efforts to make government wiser and fairer. Thank you for sending us as your delegates to the State Council.

-- Cynthia Johnson and Jan Besta

TO: City Council May 26, 1984  
FROM: Cynthia Johnson, President  
Appleton League of Women Voters  
RE: Aftercare House

The League urges a yes vote on the Plan Commission's recommendation to sell a Rankin street site to Waples Corporation for construction of an aftercare house.

We understand the neighbors' trepidation about the unknown quantity of a "half-way" house but think that their fears are unfounded. These are adolescents who have asked for help. They will already have been through much of their treatment and, with 24 hour care, will certainly be better supervised than many teenage children living at home.

Selling this "scattered site" to the Waples Corporation relates well to the original intent of building low-income housing there. The sale will meet community needs and help the welfare of our young people. The United Way, with extensive community participation, designated alcohol and drug abuse treatment as a high priority need in the Fox Valley.

# Welcome

PATTY COLE  
17 Crestview Court  
734-9098

Patty has lived in Appleton for about 4 years. Through the League she hopes to develop her interests in community and political issues. She is a computer specialist and involved in a book club, FV Symphony Assoc. Board of Directors, President-elect of Outagamie Co. Med. Auxiliary and King's Daughters.

ANNA FAYE DODD  
530 N. Vine  
734-8090

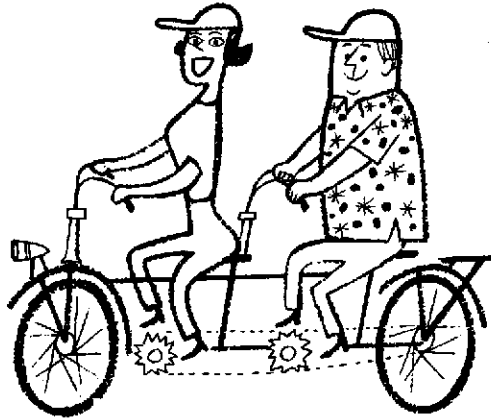
Anna Faye was a League member about 9 years ago and now that she has more free time decided to rejoin. She works parttime as a substitute teacher and tutor. Other interests include reading and cooking.

MARTY HEMWALL  
126 S. Alton Court  
738-0809

Marty is politically active and sees the League as an organization that responds well to community issues. She had been involved in the LWV in Rhode Island. She is an anthropologist and has a special interest in education. Other interests include tennis and canoeing.

DOT VLOSSAK  
1044 E. Eldorado  
739-2789

Dot works as a teachers aide at McKinley school with the kindergarten and primary level children. She also had been a League member about ten years ago and decided to rejoin. Other interests include skiing, gourmet cooking and wine.



Those of you who were not at the Annual meeting will be receiving your report to the membership shortly, probably by special bicycle express.

Mr. Stamp, Director of the Department of Social Services, wishes us to correct the implication in paragraph 4, page 3, that the Department did nothing about a domestic abuse center until general public support emerged. In fact, he says, it was the Department itself which instigated and pushed for the public support. We stand corrected.

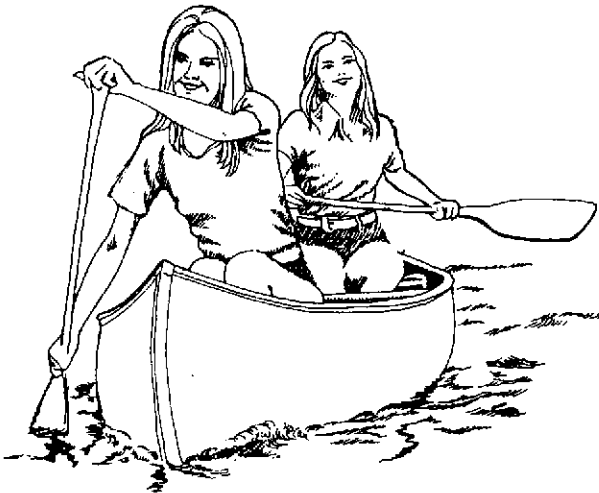
Berta, Jean King and Betty Breunig drove to Green Bay one rainy evening to meet with LWV social service committee members from Door County and Green Bay. The Appleton contingent reports that there were no great revelations but that comparing notes was a helpful exercise for everyone.

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Appleton, Wisconsin 1984

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## September

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOESSTESS

September 11  
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Vote  
Project

UW Center-Fox Valley  
Midway Road

September 18  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

629 E. Frances St.  
Dawn Washatka  
731-7893

September 20  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting  
Schools Study

Appleton Police Station  
Rooms A & B

September 24  
Monday, 6 p.m.

Schools Study Unit

Peppermill Restaurant  
6 p.m. dinner  
7 p.m. meeting

September 25  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Schools Study Unit

738 E. Eldorado Street  
Phyllis Dintenfass  
731-0297

September 26  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Schools Study Unit

All Saints Episcopal  
Church - Drew & College

September 29

OCTOBERFEST  
League will have a  
booth on the Avenue

Downtown Appleton

# Presidential Perch

QUESTION: When is the best time to be active in League?

ANSWER: September 1984!!! This is true if you're one of our valued long-time members, or if you're one of our valued brand-new members.

QUESTION: Exactly how do I begin?

ANSWER: Spend twenty minutes with this Bulletin. Read about the programs scheduled for this month. Go and write dates, times, and places on your calendar. Notice committees and projects that interest you. Make a phone call or two to volunteer to help.

QUESTION: What will I get out of it?

ANSWER: Plenty! You'll be a better-informed citizen about local issues like school enrollment and annexation. Over time you'll become well-informed on issues as diverse as ground water and government finances, human resources and national security. You'll be contributing to a vital community organization. You'll be working side-by-side with what I lable "the highest concentration of interesting people in Appleton". And, aren't these the reasons you joined?

QUESTION: But what if I'm too busy?

ANSWER: Most active League members have had to fit League activities in around their busy lives. We hope you'll try! A favorite slogan of mine is "Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport."

-Cynthia Johnson



!PUT YOUR VOTES WHERE YOUR RIGHTS ARE!



The Women's Vote Project, a nonpartisan effort by the national presidents of LWV, AAUW, and NOW, together with more than 65 other national women's organizations, have set their goal to increase by 15 million the number of women registered and voting in 1984.

Importance of the Women's Vote Project - The Women's Vote Project was started because the Women's vote--an existing political force in 1982--has even greater potential in 1984. The women's vote is a force because of its numbers and because, since at least 1980, significant differences between men and women voters on a wide range of issues have occurred in polling data on voting patterns. American women are thinking and voting differently on issues including national security, the economy, economic equity, the environment, education, as well as women's equity issues. This phenomenon developed at the same time that women voters pulled even with men in the percentage casting ballots for the first time in history. Because more women are eligible to vote than men, 6 million more women voted in 1980. The women's vote could be decisive in the 1984 elections. The 30 million unregistered women and the additional 14 million registered women who did not vote, will be the focus of the Women's Voter Project.

Our local branches of LWV, AAUW, & NOW are urging you, your friends, neighbors, colleagues and potential members to attend the non-partisan educational program "PUT YOUR VOTES WHERE YOUR RIGHTS ARE" on Tuesday evening, September 11, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the UW Center-Fox Valley, on Midway Road. The program will feature Mary Stumpf, of the Attic Theatre, Sarah Harder of the Wisconsin Women's Network, and Oshkosh Mayor Kathy Propp.

Please join LWV, AAUW, and NOW and do your part for the Women's Vote Project. See you there!

Gretchen Bambrick, Women's Vote Project

IT'S A NEW YEAR

DUES ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER

LEAGUE membership year begins each September and that means that dues are due!

In Appleton, the League stands for study and action. We need YOUR ACTION to keep up the momentum. Renew your membership in League. TODAY!

DUES\*

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Regular League Membership   | <u>\$23.00</u>    |
| Household League Membership | <u>\$36.00</u>    |
| Contribution                | <u>          </u> |
| Total Enclosed              | <u>          </u> |

\*Your integrated local, state and national membership dues include subscriptions to local bulletin, state FORWARD, and national VOTER.

Please make checks payable to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

Enclose this statement with remittance and mail to:

Joan Fowler, Treasurer  
915 N. Kensington Drive  
Appleton, Wi. 54915

What's this? You can and do not use your vote? Was it for this I stumped the country wide though they threw eggs and turned a hose on me? They thought me first a novelty, called out "Look at the talking dog, the hen who tries to crow like cocks." But soon the crowds increased. And then the press. They said I smoked cigars and swore! But all the lies brought people out to see and hear, and we wond more support.

I'm Lucy Stone, once called the Morning Star of women's rights. I glowed some forty years, but I was less conspicuous than some. How fortunate you are, you've no idea. My sister's tombstone reads "wife of Ira Barlow." That's all. He owned his wife complete, her person, monies, land. A legal child.

But my man Harry was a special jewel, my partner on the platform and at home. Just before our marriage, when we vowed "love, honor," not "obey"--that dear strong man read aloud a piece we wrote together, protesting women's ownership by men. It was his own idea. Our Stone-Blackwell protest helped to change the marriage laws.

I'd always Tonged to see the Swiss mountains and never did. Instead, I worked to help the women grow. Remember me for this, speak out next time you see that first small star.  
Jean Ackermann

The Christian Science Monitor, June 1984  
and the summer issue of the Oshkosh Voter

LEAGUE DIRECTORIES  
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED  
AT THE  
WOMEN'S VOTE PROJECT MEETING  
ON SEPTEMBER 11TH.

ENERGY SEMINAR

The Gordon Bubolz Nature Center has been given a grant from the State of Wisconsin to install photo-voltaic solar collectors on the roof of the cabin at the Center. On Saturday, September 15, Doug Steege of Solar Specialists will present a seminar on the history, theory and mechanics of photo-voltaics, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Bubolz Nature Center. Literature and light refreshments will be available and you will be able to observe the actual installation of the collectors at the cabin during the early afternoon. You may register by calling 731-6041. A nominal fee of \$1.50 will be charged.

Appleton League will have a booth at the Octoberfest on September 29 on College Avenue. We will be selling flags and buttons and registering people to vote. Call Lynn Debbink, 739-8222 to volunteer some time represent us by working at the booth.

FIRST BENEFIT PEACE CONCERT

featuring

John Harmon with Fire On Ice, the Oshkosh High School Band and Choir, Ken Anderson and the UW Swing Choir and Nancy Stowe.

The concert will support the Appleton-Vichuga Pairing Project, part of a national effort linking 2,000 U.S. and Soviet cities on a community to community basis. For more information or tickets, call: 733-9525.

NATIONAL ACTION

ARMS CONTROL

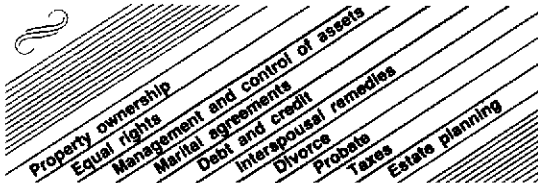
Action in both the House and Senate to limit funds for the administration's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and delete funds for the production of new MX missiles is expected to dominate arms control debate when Congress takes up the defense appropriations bill in September. The League opposes the deployment of the MX missile system and supports a cap on funding for SDI at FY '84 level plus inflation, or approximately \$1 billion. Thus far, the House and Senate have passed authorization bills that would permit a 50-70 percent increase in funding for the SDI program over FY '84 levels and would allow production funds for 15-21 additional MX missiles in FY '85.

The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), commonly referred to as the "star wars" program, has emerged from the defense authorization process largely unscathed. The president's five-year, \$26 billion space weapons research and development program will lead to violations of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty and a destabilizing and costly arms race in defensive as well as offensive weapons. The League recognizes the need for some on-going research in ballistic missile defense technologies, consistent with the ABM Treaty provisions, but opposes the intent and direction of SDI as contrary to the objectives of the treaty.

While we have had more success in blocking the MX missile program, there is still a way to go. The MX program was nearly derailed earlier this year because of public sentiment against deployment of the missile and increasing scepticism about the administration's commitment to arms control. But the president narrowly succeeded in keeping the program alive and will, undoubtedly, oppose efforts in September to eliminate production funds. The League opposes the MX as a destabilizing modernization of the land leg of the nuclear defense triad. The vulnerable basing mode and the increased accuracy and firepower of the MX increase incentives for a first strike by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Please contact your Representatives and Senators. Urge them to support efforts to block funding for the production of new MX missiles and limit funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative when the defense appropriations bill is brought to the floor.

One of the most dramatic law changes in Wisconsin's history, the new Marital Property Act affects:



Attending one of these seminars will give you the background to understand how the changes will affect you, and will enable you to do the early planning necessary to be prepared when the law goes into effect on January 1, 1986.

University of Wisconsin-Extension faculty presenting at all locations include Karen Goebel, the Family and Consumer Economic state specialist who has been active in marital property reform issues and has published materials for county-based programs throughout Wisconsin; and James L. Brown, the director of the Center for Consumer Affairs who has been involved in the evolution of the Wisconsin Consumer Act and has expertise in the money and credit implications of the law. You will also have the opportunity to learn from professionals who provide the services most affected by the law. Program speakers at each session will include an attorney knowledgeable in family law including marital property agreements, divorce and remarriage situations; an insurance specialist to discuss application of the law to life insurance and pensions; and an accountant to cover tax and small business situations.

The schedule is planned to accommodate various interests and circumstances.

- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Registration
- 6:30 pm General Session
- Introduction to the new law
- Basic overview of different aspects by each speaker
- 8:00 - 9:30 pm Choice of two workshops
- Indepth coverage of selected aspects
- Question/answer session

WISCONSIN'S NEW MARITAL PROPERTY LAW:  
WILL YOU BE PREPARED?

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION (check one)

- A Madison 9/10 (#0006)
- B Appleton 9/17 (#0007)
- C Wausau 9/19 (#0001)
- D Stevens Point 9/24 (#0008)
- E Eau Claire 9/25 (#0009)

WORKSHOP CHOICE (check two)

- 1 Marital Property Agreements, Divorce, Remarriage Situations
- 2 Estate Planning, Record Keeping, Property Transfer
- 3 Life Insurance, Deferred Employee Benefits
- 4 Taxes, Business Property Classification and Ownership

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STUDY GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 20      7:30 P.M.

Come and find out why there is a November referendum asking taxpayers to build a new school. What is happening to enrollment figures in Appleton? Are schools overcrowded now? What is expected to happen in the future? Is the quality of education being affected? Will it be? Is a new school needed? What are the alternatives?

Our panel will consist of a school board member, Tom Loveall, Principal at McKinley School, and Bill Brehm, Appleton City Planner. Also on hand will be a representative from Stubenrauch Associates, Inc., the architectural firm retained to draw up plans for the new building. These men will make a short presentation and then answer your question.

Bring your questions and concerns. The material found in this bulleting would be helpful to have on hand. Please come and educate yourself about this important educational issue.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STUDY: BACKGROUND MATERIAL

At the January 23, 1984 meeting of the Appleton Board of Education, the Elementary Secondary Study Committee recommended building a new southside elementary school to ease overcrowding. At a later meeting, the school board concurred and has since scheduled a referendum, hired an architect to draw up plans for the new building, and established a steering committee to act as an information center. There is also a citizen's committee that will organize and finance the campaign to promote a yes vote.

HOW MANY CHILDREN WILL THERE BE?

Projections come from two sources:

1. Principal's best guess (PBG). The principals base their numbers on students already enrolled and actual cards in hand of children born in the district. Their guesses do not take into account projected residential growth. The latest figures were compiled in June of 1984.
2. Dr. George Grey, from UW-Whitewater was hired in 1981 and 1983 to do computer enrollment projections for the school district.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

| Actual Enrollment | <u>ELEMENTARY</u> |                 | <u>JUNIOR HIGH</u> |                 | <u>SENIOR HIGH</u> |                 | <u>TOTAL</u>  |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                   | 5379              |                 | 2513               |                 | 2803               |                 | 10,695        |                 |
|                   | <u>PBG-84</u>     | <u>Dr. Grey</u> | <u>PBG-84</u>      | <u>Dr. Grey</u> | <u>PBG-84</u>      | <u>Dr. Grey</u> | <u>PBG-84</u> | <u>Dr. Grey</u> |
| 1984-85           | 5468              | 5401            | 2500               | 2552            | 2746               | 2730            | 10714         | 10692           |
| 1985-86           | 5697              | 5626            | 2381               | 2454            | 2662               | 2787            | 10740         | 10876           |
| 1986-87           | 5960              | 5844            | 2178               | 2513            | 2537               | 2643            | 10675         | 11009           |
| 1987-88           | 6181              | 5997            | 2250               | 2619            | 2480               | 2660            | 10914         | 11285           |
| 1988-89           | 6409              | 6191            | 2244               | 2690            | 2301               | 2570            | 10954         | 11460           |
| 1989-90           | 6517              | 6283            | 2373               | 2872            | 2235               | 2630            | 11125         | 11794           |
| 1990-91           | NA                | 6414            | NA                 | 2929            | NA                 | 2749            | NA            | 12101           |
| 1991-92           | NA                | 6469            | NA                 | 3128            | NA                 | 2826            | NA            | 12432           |

Growth Forecast

|         |                      |         |                      |         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Current | 5379                 | Current | 2502                 | Current | 2803                 |
| PBG     | <u>6517</u> in 6 yr. | PBG     | <u>2373</u> in 6 yr. | PBG     | <u>2235</u> in 6 yr. |
|         | +1138                |         | - 129                |         | -568                 |
| Current | 5379                 | Current | 2502                 | Current | 2803                 |
| Grey    | <u>6459</u> in 8 yr. | Grey    | <u>3128</u> in 8 yr. | Grey    | <u>2826</u> in 8 yr. |
|         | +1090                |         | + 626                |         | + 23                 |

The kindergarten, Primary I, and Primary II population is significantly higher than the 4 succeeding grades. As these three classes move into higher grades and new classes of larger enrollments enter the lower grades, the total growth will continue.

Other factors that need to be considered in addition to these numbers:

1. Birthrates

| BIRTHRATES/THOUSAND City of Appleton only (App. Dept. of Health) |      |      |      |        |      |      |      |        |      |      |      |     |
|--|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|-----|
| '71  | '72  | '73  | '74  | '75    | '76  | '77  | '78  | '79    | '80  | '81  | '82  | '83 |
| 12.6   | 12.2 | 11.9 | 14.2 | 14.1   | 13.9 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 16.4   | 16.9 | 16.8 | 16.1 | NA  |
| 57,143   |      |      |      | 57,983 |      |      |      | 59,032 |      |      |      |     |

2. Projected residential growth

Land development projections prepared by the city planning department show more units (single family, two family, multi-family) being developed on the southside than on the northside.

|                       |      |     |   |
|-----------------------|------|-----|---|
| 1 -5 yr. (1985-1989)  | 1216 | 484 | According to Bill Brehm, City Planner, development on the southside has tended to be more of the single family started home variety. Northside development has been larger, more expensive homes. |
| 6-10 yr (1990-1994)   | 1098 | 532 |   |
| 11-15 yr. (1995-1999) | 1207 | 330 |   |

% of all new residential building permits issued on the South side (Appleton Dept. of InspectionS)

|      |     |           |     |
|------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 1979 | 69% | PROJECTED |     |
| 1980 | 70% | 1984-88   | 66% |
| 1981 | 65% | 1989-93   | 83% |
| 1982 | 77% | 1994-98   | 76% |
| 1983 | 72% |           |     |

Between 1970 and 1980, the population of Appleton's southside increased by 4000 people while the number of residents of the northside declined by 2500.

Birthrates and residential growth in the towns of Grand Chute, Buchanan, Harrison, and parts of the town of Menasha also impact on this issue since they are a part of the Appleton School District.

3. Possible annexations to the city

If there are annexations to the city, the parties involved must petition separately to become a part of the school district.

WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE SCHOOLS? HOW IS THAT PROJECTED TO CHANGE? See Chart E below

| APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT<br>Enrollment Predictions<br>June 1984 |                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SCHOOL   | ACTUAL<br>1983-84 | 1984-85 | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 | 1988-89 | 1989-90 |
| Badger   | 184               | 175     | 198     | 211     | 218     | 233     | 245     |
| Columbus   | 249               | 215     | 237     | 245     | 246     | 257     | 261     |
| Edison   | 365               | 411     | 418     | 434     | 442     | 459     | 453     |
| Foster   | 256               | 277     | 305     | 326     | 357     | 384     | 390     |
| Franklin   | 534               | 574     | 589     | 598     | 613     | 616     | 620     |
| Highlands  | 622               | 643     | 671     | 703     | 734     | 756     | 777     |
| Huntley  | 636               | 661     | 671     | 692     | 710     | 732     | 740     |
| Jefferson  | 398               | 392     | 394     | 429     | 469     | 489     | 517     |
| Johnston   | 553               | 574     | 567     | 582     | 596     | 601     | 612     |
| Lincoln  | 367               | 370     | 377     | 389     | 387     | 406     | 424     |
| McKinley   | 817               | 815*    | 871     | 944     | 988     | 1044    | 1050    |
| *after boundary change   |                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Richmond   | 270               | 254     | 265     | 266     | 282     | 280     | 278     |
| Twin Willows   | 128               | 107     | 134     | 141     | 142     | 152     | 150     |
| ELEMENTARY TOTALS  | 5379              | 5468    | 5697    | 5960    | 6184    | 6409    | 6517    |
| Einstein   | 628               | 600     | 510     | 506     | 500     | 517     | 530     |
| Madison  | 789               | 729     | 757     | 608     | 627     | 639     | 701     |
| Roosevelt  | 526               | 564     | 550     | 545     | 570     | 590     | 620     |
| Wilson   | 560               | 597     | 554     | 509     | 483     | 488     | 512     |
| Winterhill   | 10                | 10      | 10      | 10      | 10      | 10      | 10      |
| JUNIOR HIGH TOTALS   | 2513              | 2500    | 2381    | 2178    | 2250    | 2244    | 2373    |
| East   | 1312              | 1269    | 1164    | 1119    | 1100    | 1032    | 1017    |
| West   | 1471              | 1457    | 1478    | 1398    | 1360    | 1249    | 1198    |
| Winterhill   | 20                | 20      | 20      | 20      | 20      | 20      | 20      |
| HIGH SCHOOL TOTALS   | 2803              | 2746    | 2662    | 2537    | 2480    | 2301    | 2235    |
| TOTALS   | 10695             | 10714   | 10740   | 10675   | 10914   | 10954   | 11125   |

The capacity of the schools is figured by the administration as 25 students times the number of rooms available. The capacity with Exceptional Educational Needs (EEN) students is lower because these students have a much lower student to teacher ratio per room.

| SCHOOL       | CAPACITY    | CAPACITY WITH EEN | ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM AVAILABILITY REPORT<br>(prepared by E1. Boundary Study Committee)   |                               |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|
|              |             |                   | AVAILABLE ROOMS  | ROOMS THAT COULD BE CONVERTED |
| BADGER       | 300         | 280               | 0  | 1                             |
| COLUMBUS     | 240         | 240 (no EEN)      | 0  | 0                             |
| EDISON       | 500         | 447               | 1  | 0                             |
| FOSTER       | 400         | 350               | 1  | 4                             |
| FRANKLIN     | 630         | 586               | 0  | 1                             |
| HIGHLANDS    | 900         | 755               | 0  | 1                             |
| HUNTLEY      | 864         | 760               | 0  | 1                             |
| JEFFERSON    | 500         | 475               | 0  | 0                             |
| JOHNSTON     | 650         | 575               | 0  | 0                             |
| LINCOLN      | 412         | 473               | 1  | 0                             |
| McKINLEY     | 800         | 755               | 0  | 0                             |
| RICHMOND     | 300         | 285               | 0  | 1                             |
| TWIN WILLOWS | 170         | 170 (noEEN)       | 1  | 0                             |
|              | <u>6666</u> | <u>6221</u>       | <u>4</u>   | <u>9</u>                      |
| EINSTEIN     | 680         | 650               | This is how the school board's committee views availability. We have looked at this issue in depth only for the 4 south side schools. See "Enrollment Status of Southside Schools" report. |                               |
| MADISON      | 900         | 650               |  |                               |
| ROOSEVELT    | 860         | 844               |  |                               |
| WILSON       | 900         | 860               |  |                               |
| EAST         | 1700        |                   |  |                               |
| WEST         | 1800        |                   |  |                               |

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ON THE SOUTHSIDE?

Enrollment status of southside schools

|   | McKINLEY   | JOHNSTON  | FOSTER  | RICHMOND  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Actual enrollment 1983-1984   | 815  | 553   | 256   | 270   |
| Average Class size 1983-1984<br>(# reg. classrooms - # reg.+special child.)   | 28.1   | 27.6  | 23.2  | 30  |
| Projected enrollment in 5 years (P8G)<br>#s expected to continue climbing for an additional 2-4 yrs. Numbers include no new residential growth. | 1050+?   | 612+?   | 390+?   | 282+?   |
| A. No. of regular classrooms 1983-1984  | 29   | 20  | 11  | 9   |
| No. of special classrooms (not included in average class size.)   | 3  | 3   | 1   | 1   |
| Extra rooms not used as reg. classrooms '83-84  | Chapter I<br>Speech<br>Conference<br>Art room<br>A.V. room<br>Teacher's L. | Aide's office<br>Speech room<br>Band<br>Art room<br>Duplicator<br>Music<br>All-purpose<br>Nurse's Room<br>Room 239<br>Teacher's Lnge<br>IMC ref. room | Art Room<br>Chapter I<br>Music<br>Teacher's Lnge<br>2 rooms rented to Plamann | Speech<br>Music room<br>Engineer's room<br>Teacher's Lounge |
| B. No. of rooms that could be used  | 3  | 6   | 5   | 2   |
| School capacity with present classrooms<br>(25,30,35 to a room) determined by LWV study group.  | 29x25=725<br>29x30=870<br>29x35=1015                                       | 20x25=500<br>20x30=600<br>20x35=700   | 11x25=275<br>11x30=330<br>11x35=385   | 9x25=225<br>9x30=270<br>9x35=315                            |
| School capacity with total possible rooms<br>(25,30,35 to a room)<br>(Add lines A and B)  | 32x25=800<br>32x30=960<br>32x35=1120                                       | 26x25=650<br>26x30=780<br>26x35=910   | 16x25=400<br>16x30=480<br>16x35=560   | 11x25=275<br>11x30=330<br>11x35=385                         |
| School capacity as figured by School Board committee (# rms x 25 students)  | 32x25=800  | 26x25=650   | 16x25=400   | 12x25=300   |
| School capacity with EEN students figured in according to School Bd. Comm.  | 755  | 575   |   | 285   |

Don Brown, school board member, says that repeated 5 year forecasts continue to show that elementary enrollments will grow dramatically, and that 70% or more of that growth will occur on the South Side. By 1989, 42% of the elementary students will live on the south side as compared to 35% today.

|          |                            |                                 |                                   |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|          | 6517 PBG for 1989-90       | 6469 Grey total elementary 1991 |                                   |
|          | <u>x.42</u>                | <u>x.42</u>                     |                                   |
|          | 2737 students on southside | 2717 students on southside      |                                   |
|          | Capacity(25 in room)*      | Capacity (30 in room)*          |                                   |
| RICHMOND | 275                        | 330                             |                                   |
| McKINLEY | 800                        | 960                             | *as determined by LWV study group |
| JOHNSTON | 650                        | 780                             |                                   |
| FOSTER   | <u>400</u>                 | <u>480</u>                      |                                   |
|          | 2125                       | 2550                            |                                   |

Again, these figures do not take into account possible new residential growth.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT PLANS FOR A NEW SCHOOL?

The new school would hold approximately 500 students. The building would be designed so that additions could be added at a later date if needed. There would be orthopedic facilities but no pool. Cost estimates are not yet available. Those figures should be available at our general meeting. The site, currently owned by the city but designated as a school site, is located east of S. Schaefer St. on Schaefer Circle in the sotheast corner of Appleton.

WHAT ARE TH ALTERNATIVES TO BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL?

The committee has discussed several alternatives to building a new school. The following pages list each of these, define them where necessary, and present at least the major pro's and con's.

1. Boundary Changes

This alternative involves changing the attendance area of a particular school when needed by moving the boundaries to include students who would have previously attended another school or excluding students who would have attended the school.

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| PRO'S               | CON'S   |
| a. Very inexpensive | a. Upsetting to parents (complaints to board)                       |
| b. Immediate relief | b. Could be annual changes resulting in children shifting annually. |
| c. Flexible         | c. Final attendance not known until the first day of school.        |
|                     | d. REsulting attendance may not match grade pattern needed.         |
|                     | e. If "grandfathering" allowed becomes very complex                 |

2. Leased space

The leasing of space is currently being considered in parochial schools but could be in any appropriate, available facility.

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| PRO'S  | CON'S   |
| A. Less expensive than new school                | a. Not necessarily available where needed       |
| b. Immediate relief                              | b. FAcilities not as modern or efficient as new |
| c. Can be discontinued if attendance falls again | c. Depends on landlord's needs/desires          |

3. Middle schools

The junior highs would be changed to house grades 6,7,8 and the high schools grades 9-12. (Some other groupings can be used, but this has been the configuration considered in Appleton.)

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| PRO'S  | CON'S  |
| a. New facility not needed   | a. Construction to accomodate increased #s at high schools necessary; more costly than elementary level                                      |
| b. Takes advantage of current declining enrollment in upper grades | b. Eventually glut of current elementary students will reach high sch.   |
| c. Some believe it to be a better age grouping                     | c. Larger population than optimum at high school level   |
| d. Flexible use of teachers allowed                                | d. Some feel it is inappropriate to make this change to solve an enrollment problem; it should be done as a result of a change in philosophy |
|  | e. Appears to be only a short term answer  |



4. Mobile classrooms

PRO'S

- A. Can be used where needed
- b. More immediate relief than new school
- c. Less costly than entire school

CON'S

- a. Legal requirements may make them more expensive than other other alternatives and less flexible.
- b. Teacher and student complaints (cold, etc.)
- c. Requires need for entire classroom space not always the case or requires "bussing"\*

5. Intermediate IIIs self-contained in junior highs

Some or all of the Int. III classes of one elementary school would meet in classrooms not used by a nearby junior high but would still be considered elementary school; that is, they would remain separated physically as much as possible and would not participate in school functions of the junior high for the most part.

PRO'S

- a. Immediate relief
- b. Efficient use of space created by declining enrollments of jr. highs
- c. Very inexpensive

CON'S

- a. Some believe combining grades 6-9 in one school will cause social and safety problems.
- b. Hard on 6th graders and teachers who are separated physically from elementary school programs and not included in their building's programs
- c. Bell/PA system problems
- d. Some interference due to hall passage of older group
- e. Possibly requiring "bussing"\*

6. Larger classes with 2 teachers

PRO'S

- a. Cheaper "up-front" costs
- b. Flexible relief by grade
- c. Immediate relief
- d. Booksharing possible
- e. Better grouping possibilities

CON'S

- a. Crowded classrooms
- b. Cause more discipline problems by concentrating problem children.
- c. Potential for long-term expense of added salaries
- d. Personality and philosophy conflicts of teachers affecting students.

7. Kindergartens in separate buildings

PRO'S

- a. Could immediately free up several classrooms at each school
- b. Easily done since Kindergartens are relatively self-contained.

CON'S

- a. Children might have to be transported much further from home
- b. Students would not develop an identity with remainder of school

8. School day in shifts

Half of student body could begin the day at 7 a.m. and end at noon; the other half could begin at 12:30 or so and stay until 5:30.

PRO'S

- a. Efficient use of buildings now avail.
- b. Immediate relief
- c. Less costly than building
- d. Allows a shorter day, desired by many

CON'S

- a. Early start of 1st shift and late end of 2nd require travelling in the dark.
- b. Will not solve locker shortages occurring in over-crowding
- c. 2nd shift not considered good learning times for elementary age students
- d. Problems with work schedules of other family members requiring increased child care needs and expense
- e. Shortened day is perhaps too short lowering quality of education.

9. Transportation on mass basis\*

This can take one of two forms: 1) bussing of students individually from schools of high enrollment to fill in small classes in other schools or 2) bussing of entire classes to another facility from a crowded

PRO'S

- a. Efficient use of current building
- b. Allows filling in small classes with students of overly-large classes and avoids increased personnel
- c. Avoids building cost as long as room is available somewhere in the city school system (or can be leased)

CON'S

- a. Costly and complex to plan and maintain
- b. Students could change almost annually
- c. Takes students away from neighborhood and most appropriate circle of friends.
- d. Could involve bus purchase and cost of driver employees if public demands traditional bussing pattern
- e. Increased dangers of transporting children for larger distances.
- f. Figures indicate that entire system may be overcrowded for some period

PLEASE DON'T BE LIMITED BY THIS LIST OF ALTERNATIVES! There are many variations of the above and undoubtedly new ideas we have overlooked. Bring your thoughts to discussion and consensus in September.

\* The Board's current view is that this will be done by parents or city bus at parent's expense and will not involve district purchase of buses.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STUDY CONCURRENCE

September 24, 25, 26

Please attend the general meeting September 20th and then come prepared to share your ideas about this timely issue.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Is there a maximum number that an elementary school should hold?
2. Should class size ever exceed 30 per room? How is quality and numbers in a classroom related?
3. Are art rooms, music rooms, speech rooms, all-purpose rooms, auditoriums (in addition to gyms), Chapter I, and ECH rooms luxuries of low-enrollment years and not essential to quality education?
4. After looking at both fiscal and educational impacts, what are viable options to building a new school?
  - Boundary changes
  - Leased space
  - Mobile classrooms
  - School day in shifts
  - Massive transporting of students
  - I - IIIs self-contained in Junior highs
  - Larger classes with two teachers
  - Middle schools (How would moving to a middle school concept affect overall long-range school enrollment?)
  - Other ideas
5. How would a new southside school affect education city-wide?
6. Should we build a new school and explore another option? (i.e., middle school, leasing space on northside if possible)
7. Should the school board continue its commitment to the neighborhood concept of schooling?

#### CONSENSUS

1. Should a new southside elementary school be built now?
2. If a school is not built, what alternatives do you favor to deal with the projected enrollments?



BACKGROUND

One of the updates mandated at our 1983 Convention is a review of our position on the selection of judges in Wisconsin. Our position reads as follows: "Support of a system which provides that judges be appointed on the basis of qualifications established by a citizen review, and that they subsequently stand for election on their records." A thorough reading of our consensus reveals that most local Leagues referred to the Missouri Plan as a good model. The Missouri Plan consists of three judicial nominating commissions, nominating candidates for the Supreme Court, the courts of appeal, and for circuit courts. The Governor appoints judges from lists submitted by the nominating commissions. After a probationary period, the judge goes before the people at the next general election to secure their approval for his/her continuance in office. Judicial terms are not for life; they are fixed. All of the elements of the Missouri Plan appeared in our consensus, including the idea that commissions should not be composed entirely of members of the legal profession.

Adoption of the Missouri Plan or something like it would require a Constitutional amendment in Wisconsin, and there have not been any serious legislative efforts to do that in the twelve years since our position was adopted. However, the State Bar of Wisconsin has recently espoused a position in favor of merit selection of judges which includes all the major elements of our position. The Bar's study pointed out that over 50% of all state judgeships are initially filled by appointment, that most judicial candidates run unopposed, and that incumbents are almost always reelected to their positions.

Currently, Governor Earl has chosen to establish a panel to advise him on appointments filling judicial vacancies. Merit selection has also been the subject of editorials and news stories within the past eighteen months and at least one bill has been proposed (although not introduced) that would amend the Wisconsin Constitution to make judicial offices appointive rather than elective.

ACTION WE CAN TAKE

Our position allows us to:

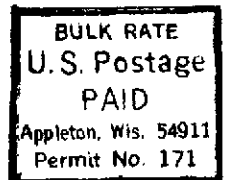
1. Support a Constitutional amendment changing our judicial selection process from election to a commission-nominated, governor-appointed process, providing for future voter approval or disapproval on the basis of performance (a referendum, not an election);
2. Support fixed terms for judges;
3. Support various kinds of nominating commissions, particularly if they are constituted of a mixture of lawyers and qualified non-lawyers, to help the governor fill vacancies;
4. Oppose any changes in our selection process which would further politicize judicial elections;
5. Oppose partisanship of any kind in the process of selection of judges.

Finally, after twelve years, it looks as though we may have some real opportunities to take some of these actions.

# REGISTER & VOTE

**League of Women Voters.**

*Appleton, Wi.*



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## OCTOBER

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOSTESS

October 9  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

"Local Issues" featuring  
Annexation  
Brief Discussion of  
Observer Corps

Room W40  
UW Fox Valley Center  
Midway Road., Menasha

October 15-19

Voter REgistration

FVTI  
UW Fox Valley Center  
Lawrence University

October 16  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

56 Bellaire Court  
Betty Breunig  
739-2670

October 23  
Tuesday noon

Observer Corps meeting  
Brown bag lunch

56 Bellaire Court  
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October 23  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

Eighth District Congressional  
Candidate Forum.

LWV of Greater Green Bay  
Brown Co. Central Library  
Green Bay

## NUSI WARD

Our world is a better place because Nusi Ward lived among us. Her longtime friend Helen Heil wrote of Nusi: "Her efforts and influence in League...have reverberated to the local, state, and national communities...Each member must have a special memory of Nusi's sensitivity...along with remembrance of her many and varied contributions which served the goals of the League of Women Voters."

Sometimes we can look around and clearly see her legacy. There is a real building that houses the Sheltered Activity Center. Only slightly less identifiable is a strong program of community mentalhealth that she influenced on many occasions over the years - on committees, lobbying the County Board, making statements, and in other quiet ways. It is less easy to trace directly her influence in other activities and projects. More than twenty-five years ago she worked with other League members seeking a county health department. Last year she completed work on a two-year study of the organization and funding of the Department of Social Services. And in between she worked on many other League activities. She observed more County Board meetings than any other League member in our history. She worked on all the committees that studied county budgets. And, she was influential in the process of building the new Appleton Public Library.

Year after year Nusi came to nearly all the meetings the League scheduled. She was a solid anchor for the Wednesday morning unit. We admired her way of combining passion and compassion. She could disagree with others so agreeably. And, she contributed the lightest cakes to our meetings.

Nusi was also our conscience. She worked to make her community welcome the Hmong people. She inspired others to support Project Bridges' programs for Among children. She collected mittens to keep little hands warm. And she reminded us all of the unmet needs in housing. She did all this - and much more....

For maybe Nusi's greatest legacy to the world is that her effect will never stop. Within the League of Women Voters, there are countless women who were inspired by Nusi even before we knew words like "role model" and "mentor". She taught us to be more effective, to be more caring, and to be more committed to the important issues that needed attention year after year. Her influence will live on through those of us she influenced.

The League is giving careful thought to what would be an appropriate way to honor Nusi Ward. I believe that it should be something with an outcome we cannot measure directly, something that will begin with our gifts and then ripple out in circles to others. Nusi's life was like that. In League we have a saying, "When I grow up, I want to be like Nusi." Let us each perpetuate our respect and affection for her by trying to "be like Nusi."

Good-bye, Nusi. We will miss you....

Cynthia B. Johnson



# Presidential Perch

Most of the time League studies fit tidily into general League calendar parameters - but not always. The School Enrollment Study has presented some challenges. We had to work backwards from the referendum scheduled for November. In order to take a stand on the referendum, we needed to adopt a position. In order to adopt a position, we had to hold meetings.

We scheduled a general meeting at the earliest time available; we scheduled our unit meetings the very next week; the committee met immediately after the units ended to write up the report with the proposed position; and the executive committee of the Board of Directors met with the School Enrollment Committee in a special meeting to adopt the new position. The Executive Committee can request an extra Board meeting if it is hesitant about the position; otherwise, the Board will ratify the Executive Board decision at its regular meeting on October 16th. League procedures are thorough and time-consuming, but we can move with lightning speed when it is necessary!

I've been enjoying a busy Election year schedule of public speaking for League. I will have spoken to about seven groups of children and adults about our American system of elections, and Jody CoBabe will have been on the circuit too. Two of our splendid League publications have been interesting resources for me: Choosing the President, 1984 and "Pick a Candidate." Diane Siekman is doing a fine job of ordering and distributing publications this year. Ask her about other publications when you see her.

League will be out in force at Octoberfest with voter registration, American flags, League publications, and handsome Vote buttons designed by Beth Wenger-Marsh. All Lynn Debbink to help. And, come by to see us (and buy our wares!)

Elsewhere in the Bulletin, you will see a tribute to Nusi Ward that I presented at her memorial service. League members may wish to honor Nusi with contributions to the League for a special project (to be announced later). You could send checks to Joan Fowler or to me. The League will miss Nusi very, very much.

Cynthia B. Johnson  
739-5146

## STATE AND NATIONAL ACTION

A statement was made before the Planning Council of the Fox Valley Technical Institute about that institution's Proposed Strategic Plan for the future. Our comments were based on the Wisconsin State League consensus position arrived at last year. Letters were sent to Senators Kasten and Proxmire urging them to support S. 431, the bill which reauthorizes the Clean Air Act and S. 2959 which reauthorizes the "Superfund" for the cleanup of toxic waste sites.

Local League members are encouraged to send individual letters of support for these two bills.

Marlys Fritzell  
731-0736

Please make the following corrections in your 1984-85 Local League Directory.

Representing the city of Appleton in the State Senate:

1st District: Alan J. Lasee  
Route 2  
DePere, Wi. 54115

Senator Lasee represents Wards 5,9,10,11,13, and 20.  
SEnator Michael Ellis, 19th District, representts all of the other wards.

## Confessions of a Clinic Escort

On some Monday mornings I head my car toward the Fox Valley Reproductive Health Care Center on Gillet Street in Grand Chute to stand outside in the sunshine with a light blue banner across my chest which does not read "Miss Wisconsin" but says instead "Staff Escort." I pass the white bearded man who looks like Santa Claus standing by his sign saying "Baby Butchers" and am greeted by a chorus of something with a sort of tune "Let me live, let me live, let me walk into the sunshine, let me live," until the picketers see it is only me, not a woman coming to the clinic as a patient.

If I were a patient, they would throw their literature in my car window and tell me the doctor was going to insert a sharp knife into me. "Don't kill your baby. Take your girlfriend out to lunch and talk it over with her. We'll help you."

A toddler in a ruffled dress holds a bunch of dandelions in her little hand. The woman watching her eyes me with mistrust as I walk by on my way to escort a patient from her car to the clinic back door.

"Go home, Victoria, we don't want you here," the picketers yell to the doctor who drives in from Milwaukee for the day to perform a variety of reproductive health care services.

"Victoria stop the killing," grows into a chant as they run to the back of the building with their bull horns. Today, they are not playing the tape of the crying baby.

Across the street the corn is high, a field of luscious green. The tree on the property next door to the clinic waves branches of tiny red ribbons in the wind. The picketers bought this home. I wonder if anyone will ever find out who drilled the holes in the clinic walls one night and inserted noxious smelling chemicals into them so that the clinic reeked the next day.

What has surprised me most is the intense nastiness of some of the picketers. "You're mother should have aborted you," one picketer said to an escort one time. "I'd like to kick your ass," one picketer said to me, and on and on.

When I get in my car and point it toward the clinic, I think about the staff and their commitment to their patients. They always ask how I am and warmly express their appreciation every time I come to make my small donation of time and energy. They are wonderful; humorous and gutsy.

Well, time to go and hear how I am going to burn in hell. I always did enjoy a warm, crackling fire.

Kristina Davis

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### "CLEAN SWEEP"

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If you have any "hazardous wastes" at home and wish to properly dispose of them, a "Clean Sweep" will be held Saturday, October 13, 1984 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Packer Stadium in Green Bay. All chemicals may be turned in including solvents, turpentine, pesticides, lead base paints, banned chemicals, etc.

#### Guidelines for Waste Disposal

1. All items must be packaged separately. Do not mix any chemicals.
2. All items must be properly labelled as to their contents
3. Only households may participate.
4. There is a five gallon disposal limit.



August, 1984

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON ANNEXATION

The subject of incorporation, annexation, and consolidation has received little attention from the legislature in the past few years. In the last session, two bills were introduced but neither moved farther than a first hearing.

The first bill grew out of the court decision in the Fitchburg incorporation case. The court decided that Madison was a first class city even though the city had never requested such designation and, therefore, the "Oak Creek" law applied. That law allows a town adjacent to a first class city to incorporate without approval, if it has at least 5000 people and \$20M equalized valuation. In all other cases, Department of Development approval is required. The bill, SB 531, would have increased the minimum population a first class city must have from 150,000 to 400,000 and would have repealed the "Oak Creek" law.

The other bill had greater statewide implications. SB 462 would have created a 5-member boundary review board in each county to rule on all proposed incorporations, annexations and consolidations. If more than one county were affected by a proposed change, the boards for each county would act as a joint review board. A 3-member state board would be established to hear appeals.

Other provisions in SB 462 included: direct annexation by a municipality with boundary review board approval without referendum of voters to be annexed; repeal of authorization of annexation by ordinance of a town island by ordinance or territory by referendum: the requirement that a 2/3 vote of the governing body of each affected city, village or town approve a detachment; repeal of the "Oak Creek" law.

The bill was supported by the League of Municipalities and the League of Women Voters. Opposition came from the Towns Association and some leaders of municipalities, who objected to the proposal for joint review boards. It is likely to be introduced again in the next session of the legislature.

For action to occur in the legislature, a constituency for change must be developed. Orderly review of boundary changes, that take in the interest of the community as a whole, will work for the benefit of local governments, business and individuals. Leagues can serve a valuable function by publicizing the issue.

### EIGHTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay invites you to observe a non-partisan forum to discuss pertinent issues. We have reserved Tuesday, October 23rd at the Brown Co. Central Library auditorium for the Eighth District Congressional Candidate forum. Channel 26 will be televising the forum. The forum will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m.

Each candidate will have an opportunity for a brief opening statement, a response to all questions addressed to the office you see, and a brief closing statement. The format will be written questions from the audience followed by a short period of oral questions from the audience.

We think the October 9th meeting on annexation will be exciting.  
(Well as exciting as annexation gets.)

Carol Toussaint has agreed to come for the meeting. Who is Carol Toussaint you ask? Over the years I have known her, if I have kept up, she has been State Legislative Chair, State League President, National League Vice-President, Mucky-Muck of DLAD (Department of Local Affairs and Development) and currently with the Strategic Development Commission. More than all of this, she thinks annexation is important! She is a charming, bright lady whom I am anxious for all of you to meet.

Enclosed with this bulletin is the "Citizens' Guide to Annexation... Incorporation...Consolidation" and the August 1984 report Legislative Action on Annexation. Let me warn you about the piece we have written. It is very condensed, and it also covers basic material; however it is not simple. The pamphlet will be distributed to the general public. If you will read these materials carefully and give some thought to the following questions we will shine for Carol.

1. Do you think that the present statutes protect the citizens of both areas well enough or too well?
2. What if anything has changed in the last 20 years to suggest some revisions are necessary?
3. Should the State LWV position remain the same? How do you feel about Boundry Review Boards? Do Towns still perform a useful funtion?

*Barbara Hoffman*

#### HOUSING UPDATE

The purpose of the housing update is to review the state and national housing positions as they apply to proposals to replace federal housing programs with housing block grants to the states and to the proposals resulting from the 1983 State Housing Plan: Housing Wisconsin.

Areas that we will look at include what are the best vehicles for the state to use in trying to meet our projected housing needs. Should the League support state programs designed to benefit all income groups in the effort to increase the state-wide supply of housing? Should the state Open Housing Law be amended to include family status (i.e., families with children) as a protected class against discrimination? Should an exemption be provided for housing designed for the elderly? How should we spend money for public information programs about the fair housing laws? Should condominium conversion rules be regulated?

We will also consider the fair housing issue as it applies to the Fox Valley area, and how it meets our specific needs. We have units planned for mid-November so a committee will be organized real soon. Remember, committees are open to anyone. I will be contacting members who have shown an interest in housing in the past in the very near future. If I don't contact you first, feel free to call me. We are open to ideas for the program.

Dawn Washatka  
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# Single Issue Politics

## A Voter's Guide

One of the fastest emerging developments on the political scene is a phenomenon known as *single issue politics*. Political commentators, active politicians and officeholders, and the academic community have begun to express an interest in and a concern for the effects of modern single issue politics on the U.S. political scene.

### WHAT IS SINGLE ISSUE POLITICS?

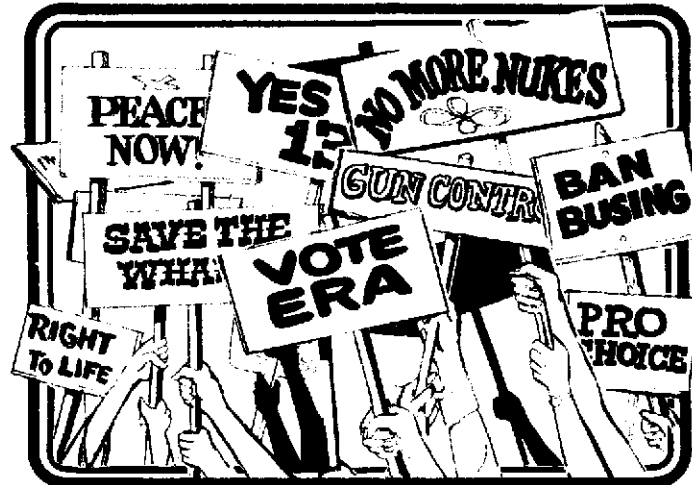
One definition is: "The practice by a group or an individual of narrowing political activity to a single controversial proposition, devoting the mass of their available political resources to the acceptance or rejection of that proposition, excluding from practical consideration all other issues which may exist at that time.

### HOW DO SINGLE ISSUE GROUPS WORK?

1. They concentrate on one issue, ignoring others regardless of importance.
2. They rely heavily on strongly-worded emotional appeals, predicting doom if any position other than theirs is adopted.
3. They borrow freely from the areas of modern communication and media technology. They use computerized mailing lists, advertising, and direct letter-writing campaigns stimulated by targeted mailings.

Whatever the technique, they demand the acceptance of their position without compromise.

4. They judge candidates, parties, and political decision-makers solely on their position on the chosen issue. They tend to accept any candidate or party siding with them on the issue, regardless of position on other issues.



### WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM WHEN SINGLE ISSUE POLITICS IS WIDESPREAD?

1. The spirit of compromise tends to decline.
2. Attention is focused on highly emotional issues. Candidates, lawmakers find that their stand on other issues is ignored, and that little attention is paid to their qualifications for holding office. The government becomes less responsive to the broad problems facing society.

3. The power of the political parties tends to decline. The responsibility of the party to advance a coherent program is diminished. Party members in legislative bodies are less subject to party discipline, and there is a tendency to stalemate on ordinary chores.

Single issue groups do not really care to govern. They do not advance a comprehensive program, but seek only the adoption of their particular narrow viewpoint. Acceptance of their position on that single issue is considered "good government" and an expression of "the will of the people," no matter what else is adopted or advanced.

### HOW DOES ONE IDENTIFY SINGLE ISSUE POLITICS?

1. Look for an uncompromising, demanding stand on an issue, with little or no concern for the other political issues.
2. Historically, examples such as prohibition, anti-slavery movement, and more recently the anti-war movement are generally considered to be in the single issue arena.
3. Single issue politics can be practiced at any political level -- local, state, national. Abortion, gun control, nuclear power, Proposition 13, busing have all been recent examples.
4. All politically effective groups take stands on some controversial issues. Single issue groups concentrate on only one.

5. The phrase *special interest group* is sometimes used as a synonym for *single issue group*. *Special interest groups* (labor, business, professional, civic, farm) usually offer their opinions on a fairly broad range of issues, are usually willing to work at compromising difficult questions, and tend to recognize that our system is interconnected. *Special interest groups* are powerful and effective in our political system, but they are not usually considered to be single issue groups.

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** is a non-partisan organization working to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. League membership is open to all citizens of voting age. Non-citizens may become associate members. You are invited to attend League meetings in any of the communities in which there is a local League.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN  
625 West Washington Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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#### ARE SINGLE ISSUE GROUPS EFFECTIVE?

The jury is still out on this. Politicians, candidates, and officeholders think they are. Political scientists have become increasingly attentive to them. It is very difficult in our system to measure the direct effect of a narrowly based political action group on an election or on legislation.

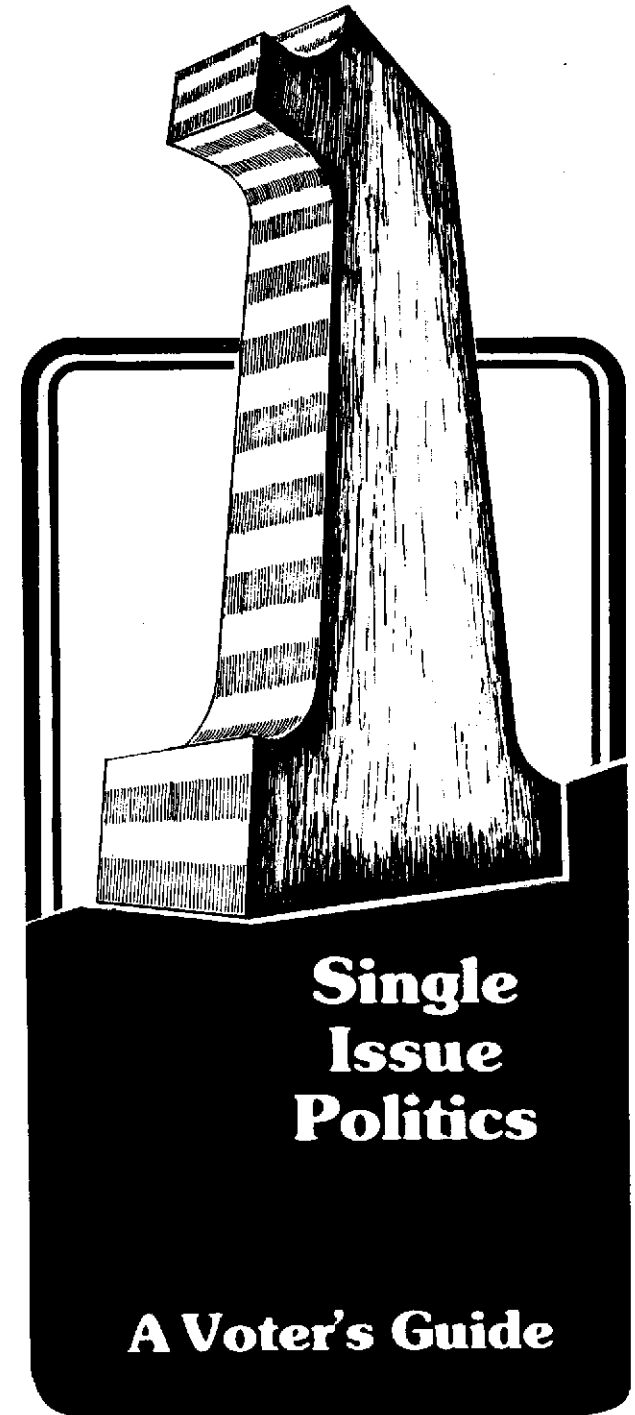
A high proportion of elections are won or lost with a small percentage separating the opponents. Hard data proving that a single issue group made the deciding difference are difficult to find.

So far, the effect of single issue groups is by inference. We do know that candidates and officeholders, fearful of highly charged opposition, are very careful in dealing with single issue problems.

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OBSERVER CORPS

By the time you read this item, I will have gotten in touch with those of you who signed up at the Annual Meeting to be observers. But we need more people!

At the Annexation meeting on October 9, we will talk a little bit about the Observer Corps and why it is important. I hope tha Carol Toussaint (see Barb Hoffman's article) will chine in with her ideas about an active Corps. She, inci-  
dentally, is an intelligent, charming woman whom you all should come to meet. We are very lucky to get her to speak to us.

I am borrowing an idea from Bev Jacques of the Neenah-Menasha League and am instigating a monthly brown bag lunch meeting for observers to get together and talk about what they've heard. I have scheduled the first one for Tuesday, October 23 at my house. All members are welcome to come whether or not you are able to parti-  
cipate in the Observer Corps at this time. I'm not too great at lady luncheon delicacies but I think I can manage to provide coffee and milk and store-bought cookies.

Betty Breunig  
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VOTER SERVICE/CITIZEN INFORMATION NEWS

With the early elections this year, Voters Service was quick to move into high gear. We again participated in election night reporting for WWAY-TV covering Outa-  
gamie, Calumet, and Waupaca counties, Many thanks to Debbie Sage and Corinne Goldgar for helping in this effort.

Very soon, we will again begin the massive job of soliciting volunteers for election night reporting for the presidential election. Please plan to assist in this effort if at all possible.

We will again register voters at Octoberfest in the League booth, as well as working to register students at Lawrence, UW-FV and FVTI.

Wisconsin Women's Vote Project program "Put Your Votes Where Your Rights Are." was a successful evening due to the outstanding support and efforts of our League mem-  
bers. Many thanks to all of you.

We will continue to gather signatures for the full-page advertisement to be published in the Sunday, November 4th Post-Crescent. The ad will list telephone numbers to call for rides to the polls on Nov.6. The cost is \$3.00 per person for the ad. The money will cover the cost of the ad and help to defray the costs of the program "Put Your Votes Where Your Rights Are!"

If you would like to contribute to the ad, please contact Gretchen Bambrick, 735-9781. If you could circulate a signature list in your church or community group, please let Gretchen know.

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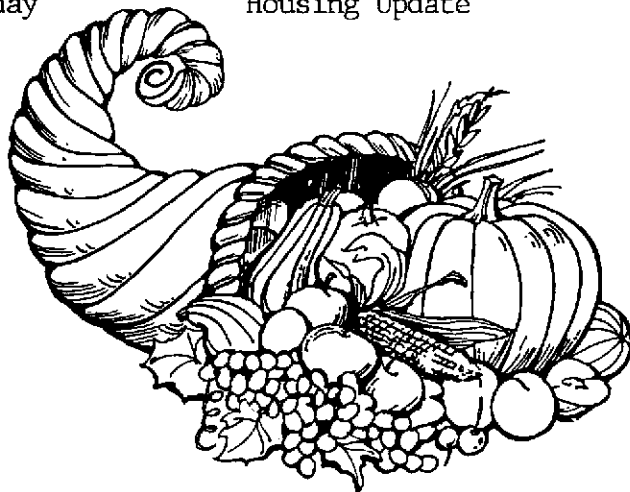
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## NOVEMBER

| DATE/TIME   | EVENT  | LOCATION/HOUSTESS                         |
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| October 29<br>7:30 P. M., Monday  | County budget hearing  | Outagamie Co. Courthouse                  |
| November 3 and 4<br>Saturday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.<br>Sunday 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. | Energy Fair<br>League will have a booth                                    | Fox Valley Tech                           |
| November 5 (all week)   | City finance committee<br>Observers needed--see<br>article inside Bulletin | City Hall                                 |
| November 6  | Election Night Reporting   |   |
| November 12<br>7:30 P.M., Monday  | City Budget Hearing  | City Hall                                 |
| November 20<br>7:30 P.M. Tuesday  | Board Meeting  | 50 Bellaire Court<br>Jodie CoBabe         |
| November 27<br>7:30 P.M., Tuesday   | General Meeting<br>Housing Update  | Early American Room<br>Appleton West High |

Happy



Thanksgiving

# Presidential Perch

While the nation will be busy electing a President during the next few weeks, our city and county will be busy adopting budgets to guide their spending for the next year. The League's appearance at the Public Hearings is one of the most important rituals in late Autumn. Last year, you may remember, our statement was the only one for Appleton's Public Hearing! This year may merit more citizen interest with the decrease in shared revenue funds from the state. If you're available, do come to these hearings and to the one on Grand Chute's incorporation as a village. Your presence will lend credence to my claim to be representing 119 interested citizens.

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Outagamie County Budget Hearing | October 29  |
| Grand Chute Incorporation       | October 29  |
| City of Appleton Budget Hearing | November 12 |

The League assisted the Planning Department with a survey in October. We have another survey to perform in January for Valley Transit. These surveys--along with our huge election night reporting--are significant fundraising opportunities for the League. Our criteria for accepting contracts for service always consider the issue and its relationship to League positions and priorities.

Come learn about the housing situation in Appleton at the General Meeting on November 27. It sounds as if we'll learn a lot about this timely subject from the panel members. Congratulations to Betty Breunig and Dorothy Stillings on their appointments to the Mayor's Advisory Housing Panel for Appleton.

The twelve of us who assembled to learn about annexation from Carol Touissant came away with lots of good information, the complex issues focused more clearly in our minds. Remember, that is what League does best. If that's what you want from the League, it's there. All you have to do is write the date on your calendar and join us for our uniformly informative programs. I hope to see YOU there!!

--Cynthia B. Johnson

NEW NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS CATALOGS ARE HERE, AND CURRENT STATE PUBLICATIONS CATALOGS ARE ON THE WAY. EVERY MEMBER WILL RECEIVE ONE OF EACH SOON. TO ORDER PUBLICATIONS, PLEASE CALL DIANE SIEKMAN, 733-8272

## THE WOMEN'S VOTE: BEYOND THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

Do men and women differ in their political preferences and voting choices? YES! Read this 24 page booklet and find out how.

In June 1983, the League of Women Voters Education Fund convened a Conference on the Women's Vote made up of leaders of more than 40 organizations to study the women's vote. Key research findings presented at this conference, plus additional information and "a discussion of what the women's vote may mean for the future" are included in this publication.

We have 11 copies (\$1.25 for members, \$1.75 for non-members). Please call Diane Siekman, 733-8272 if you would like to buy one.



## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STUDY RESULTS

OBJECTIVE: To study the enrollments in Appleton schools with an emphasis on the need for a new southside school.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is there a maximum number an elementary school should hold?  
-There was no strong agreement on one figure, but the roof was somewhere in the neighborhood of 500-600.
2. Should class size ever exceed 30 per room?  
-LWV already has taken a stand on this
3. Are art rooms, music rooms, etc luxuries of low enrollment years and not essential to quality of education?  
-Facilities are uneven among the schools  
-Specialized programs deserve space  
-Programs should have spaces suited to their need; rooms should be utilized as much as possible though.
4. After looking at both fiscal and educational impacts, what are viable options to building a new school?  
-HIGH SUPPORT: boundary changes, leasing space, bussing  
-MEDIUM SUPPORT: examine middle school concept, mass transportation of classes to leased space, I-III's in Junior Highs  
-LOW SUPPORT: mobile classrooms, school day in shifts, kindergarten magnet school, move school building into city from another district.
5. How would a new school affect education city-wide?  
-EEN students would return to the southside thus freeing up other northside classrooms.
6. Should we build a new school and explore another option?  
-First priority is a new school  
-Important to keep studying the issue to see if additional changes need to be done.
7. Should the school board continue its commitment to the concept of neighborhood schools?  
-Neighborhood school idea should be supported whenever possible, but with the realization that not all students will have a "neighborhood school".  
-Good for the quality of life, but not necessary for quality of education.

### CONSENSUS:

1. Should a new southside school be built now?  
An elementary school should be built now to maintain the quality of education in Appleton.  
Reasoning:  
-LWV supports lower class sizes  
-Elementary schools should not be excessively large to avoid management problems, common area crowding, street congestion, etc.  
-The district is experiencing dynamic growth in the elementary grades which is expected to continue.  
-A new school help all areas of Appleton  
-All other solutions are not educationally sound or are only temporary.
2. If a new school is not built, what alternatives do you favor to deal with the projected enrollments?  
The LWV feels the best solution is to build a new school. After discussing many options, these alternatives were found to be the least objectionable. The following measures are to be considered as short-term, not permanent solutions.  
Boundary changes, leased space, bussing.

Reasoning:

- Some alternatives are not educationally sound
- All options seemed to be only temporary solutions
- Some options (EX: School day in shifts, etc.) would definitely affect quality of education.

The School study Committee thanks each of you who took the time to read our material, attend the general meeting and units, and contribute your ideas to the consensus. Now, don't forget to cast a YES vote on the November referendum.

UPDATE: Since we shared the enrollment information with you, things have changed of course. We have 5566 elementary school children compared to last year's 5379. a growth of 187. Ten of the thirteen elementary schools show growth. there are a number of buildings besides McKinley which are at or near capacity this year: Columbus, Franklin (fastest growing northside school), Highlands, Huntley, Richmond. Twin Willows, an eight-room school, is about to experience a residential development explosion.

Earlier elementary growth forecasts had indicated that we might expect 5697 elementary students in 1985-86. We've now built in this year's unexpected growth and have revised the forecasts, showing 5815 students at this level for 1985-86. Stress capacity is figured at 6118 students.

INFORMATION FROM OCTOBER 9th AASD Board of Education Meeting.

A member of the Citizens for Appleton's New Schools group has informally contacted the Kimberly school district to asses the option of renting space from them. The administrator contacted seemed to think it would be a possibility, but that the maximum space they could rent would be about 12 classrooms, approximately 300 children.

The cost of the new school on the referendum will be \$3.5 million. This will represent an additional 5¢ per \$1,000 to the property owner. So on a \$50,000 home, this will represent \$2.50 for the first year, an amount that will decrease after that.

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

LINDA ROSEBROCK  
1001 N. Kensington

738-0511

Linda is currently teaching high school seniors at FVTI in Oshkosh a course called Exploring Health Careers. She has a B.S. degree in nursing and has been a childbirth educator for 15 years. Her primary interests center around her family, church, and doing free-lance art and studying art at UW-O.

CAROLYN MEWHORTER  
203 N. Union

739-0000

Carolyn is currently a manager at the FVTI in Job Development Services; as well as the district Affirmative Action Officer for FVTI. She has two children: a daughter in training at St. Joseph's Clinic in Chicago and a son who is an Olympic judo contender. Carolyn graduated from Lawrence in 1974.

LINDA BJELLA  
3502 N. Ridge Court

731-8594

Linda has transferred to Appleton from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She has been a member of the LWV for eight years and has served in several capacities. Her professional have included journalism and teaching high school French. She is currently pursuing family interests of her six year old daughter and one year old son.

MARGARETTA VOLK  
909 E. Alton

735-9672

Margaretta moved to Appleton from Chicago in June. She is interested in humane (animals) and environmental issues dealing with recycling and trash management. She is also busy with three year old son Colin.

## LOCAL ACTION

November is a busy month for the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors -- and for Cynthia: the legislative bodies must adopt their budgets and Cynthia has to comment on the budgets at the public hearings. This means that those of us who have been observing meetings and talking to our legislators formally or informally, or who have special concerns and insights about League positions, should call Cynthia or me before the hearings.

The City budget will be available on Friday, November 2. The Finance Committee will start its deliberations on Monday, November 5 and schedule evening meetings through the week and all day Saturday if necessary. The public hearing is November 12 and the Council will adopt the budget at a special meeting Tuesday, November 13.

John Schreiter, County Executive, has invited League and Taxpayer Association representatives to discuss the budget on October 23. The public hearing will be October 29. The county Board will discuss and adopt the budget during the week of November 5.

A Community Development Block Grant hearing is scheduled for either November 26 or December 10. Do you have suggestions for the allocation of these funds? 51% of the funds must be used for activities that benefit low-income groups.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

-October 29, County Budget hearing                    7 P.M. at the Courthouse  
Come and listen to Cynthia

-Week of November 5, evenings...City finance committee discussions  
I need LWV members to cover these meetings - call me if you can attend one evening.

-November 12, City Budget Hearing                    7:30 P.M. at City Hall  
Give support to Cynthia, last year she was the only one speaking

- Betty Breunig  
739-2670

## OCTOBERFEST

Octoberfest, and our booth, were a resounding success and resulted in great publicity for League and 135 voter registrations. Thank you to our deputy registrars, Margaret Gibas, Jodie CoBabe, Dawn Washatka, Nancy Jones, Helen Nagler, and myself, who worked feverishly from about 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Who will forget the exuberant salesmanship of Diane and Char--certainly no one downtown between 10 and 11 A.M. My personal heartfelt thanks to Nancy Pourciau, Bobbi Murray, Cynthia Johnson, Betty Breunig, Diane Siekman, Char Sigman, Helene Iverson, Sam Murdoch, Greta Volk, Jan Besta, Ellen Needham, Sue Kinde, Anna Faye Dodd, Carolyn Sullivan and JoAnn Ross for volunteering an hour to help out at the booth. And thanks to the someone who did a heck of a job selling buttons later in the day. The attractive buttons were designed by Beth Wenger-Marsh who also arranged to have them manufactured at the Sheltered Activity Center. We have had so many compliments on them Beth. Many thanks. A special thanks goes to Dawn Washatka and Jodi CoBabe who continued to woman the booth after 3 P.M. allowing it to remain open until almost 5 P.M. Although we lost \$40.00 on the venture, I feel we greatly enhanced our image as a lively community organization and many new and old community members really appreciated the convenient chance to register to vote.

--Lynn Debbink

# Women and the Vote - 1984

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## The 1920 women's suffrage amendment consolidated women's right to vote.

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Although it wasn't until 1920 that the 19th amendment guaranteed all women the right to vote, many states had passed their own suffrage laws over 80 years earlier.

- Between 1838 and 1910, 25 states passed laws allowing women to vote on school issues. By 1920, 30 states (almost all from the West and Midwest) guaranteed women full suffrage.
- In 1869 Wyoming became the first territory to give women the right to vote; it refused to join the Union in 1890 unless the women of Wyoming could retain their voting rights.

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## Women's votes have influenced elections since the early 1900's.

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- In 1915, women in Illinois gave the reform candidate for mayor in Chicago almost as large a plurality as men gave his opponent, the machine candidate.
- In 1918, Massachusetts suffragists successfully mobilized a nonpartisan coalition to defeat the anti-suffragist Senate candidate John Weeks.
- In 1915, 500 women volunteers in Columbus, Ohio registered 21,000 new voters in 11 key wards. Their candidate beat the mayor, who had held the office for 16 years, by a 19,000 vote margin.

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## New female voting groups have emerged in the past 20 years.

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Black women and women from the South are increasing their voting rates much faster than other groups; in 1980, 20% more Southern women voted than in 1952, while in other regions there was a slight decline.

Since 1980 the voting rate of white women has caught up with that of white men, while black and Hispanic women's voting rates have surpassed that of their male counterparts.

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## Since 1973, the number of women in public office has tripled.

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More women are running for public office today than ever before. Changing public attitudes have resulted in greater acceptance of female candidates and increased financial and party support for their campaigns.

- Since 1789 there have been 10,957 members elected to Congress; 109 (less than 1%) of them have been women. In 1983 women held 22 seats in the House of Representatives (5% of total), and 2 seats in the Senate (2% of total).
- The number of women in state legislatures has more than doubled in the past decade, from 425 (5.6% of total) in 1973 to 989 (13.2% of total) in 1983.
- Thirty-one women in 1983 held top statewide offices (governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer) compared to 16 in 1973.
- In cities with populations over 30,000, there was a six-fold increase in the number of women mayors in the past decade, from 12 in 1973 to 76 in 1983.

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## The gender gap is the difference in the political thinking and behavior between men and women.

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Differences in men's and women's political attitudes first began to appear consistently in the mid to late 1970's. Women have begun to place greater importance than men on government's role in reducing the income gap, helping those in need, and civil rights. Women are also more likely to favor stronger environmental protection regulation, gun control, abolition of the death penalty, and are more worried than men about the threat of war and increased foreign intervention.

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## Personal troubles . . . Public issues

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Women often see their home and work problems as separate from the world of politics and public policy. However, their personal problems are sometimes very strongly linked to public issues. Many working women have difficult lives because of low pay, inadequate child care, little access to education and job training, and lack of respect on the job. These are all public issues and must be addressed as such.

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## One vote does count.

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Many women believe that their votes won't have any effect on the political process. However, the outcomes of most elections, on the national as well as the local level, can be decided by a very small number of votes. Some examples:

- If one person changed his/her vote in every precinct, Richard Nixon would not have been elected President in 1968.
- If women had voted in the same numbers as men during the past two decades, 3 out of the past 6 presidential elections would have turned out differently.
- Congressional elections are frequently won by only 2000 votes. This means that if the votes of one out of every 250 eligible voters in a district are switched, a different congressperson might be elected.
- Local elections are often decided by 50 votes, yet they can have the greatest impact on a woman's life. Local elections determine property taxes, police and fire protection, parks and land use, the quality of elementary and secondary education, and other important issues.

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## It's A Man's World Unless Women Vote.

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With the emergence of the gender gap in the 1980 election, several national women's rights organizations joined together to increase the voting power of women, especially those who have been under-served by the political process. In 1982 the Women's Vote Project was created by 50 groups to raise the number of women registered and voting. Registration drives are targeting low-income women, single parents, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian women. The coalition slogan, "It's A Man's World Unless Women Vote," is part of a massive campaign to increase substantially the number of women at the polls.

September, 1984

QUESTIONS FOR HOUSING UPDATE

I. Recent federal administrative and legislative proposals have suggested replacing remaining housing programs with housing block grants to the state. As the federal government has cut back and eliminated housing assistance programs, many look to the state for assistance.

Given the projected needs for housing assistance for large numbers of low/moderate income households, what are the best vehicles for the state to use in trying to meet that need?

Consider:

- state financed programs for construction of rental units or purchase
- direct payments to households in need
- direct payments to landlords for needy households
- housing vouchers
- very low interest loans for renters to facilitate home ownership
- private/public sector cooperative programs

II. The League's housing supply positions have supported programs that benefit low and moderate income groups. Sometimes legislation is considered that would expand the supply of housing for both higher and low/moderate income households, through creative financing or attracting capital, for example.

Should the League support state programs designed to benefit all income groups in the effort to increase the statewide supply of housing?

Consider:

- the documented need for additional housing units in Wisconsin
- that this would be a broadening or expansion of the League position
- the best interests of the low/moderate income groups
- the expense of supporting these programs
- will it make more housing available for all?

III. The State Housing Plan suggests including family status as a protected class in the state Open Housing Law with an exemption for housing designed for the elderly. Studies show that families are often denied rental housing because of the children.

Should the state Open Housing Law be amended to include family status (i.e., families with children) as a protected class against discrimination? Should an exemption be provided for housing designed for the elderly?

Consider:

- increased availability to low/moderate income families
- other exclusionary methods landlords might use such as, higher rents
- adequacies and effectiveness of penalties (past and present)

IV. The State Housing Plan recommends that adequate state funds be provided to ensure that the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (DILHR) can sustain a reasonable level of public information directed toward fair housing

and equal opportunity goals. No specific programs for the use of funds, if available, are suggested in the Plan, nor was the price tag given.

If you had a pot of money for public information programs about the fair housing laws, how would you spend it?

Consider:

- advertising campaign through TV, radio, print media
- testing programs
- outreach in schools, churches, etc. through dramatization and/or case histories
- training programs for realtors, lenders, etc.
- your own creative ideas and priorities

V. Many communities are concerned that the conversion of apartment buildings to condominiums is seriously affecting the supply of rental housing. Currently, state law controls condominium conversions spelling out the disclosure requirements, tenants rights and the protection of certain groups of tenants, such as the frail elderly.

Should condominium conversion rules be regulated by the state or by each local community?

Consider:

- does each community have the best view of its rental needs? Can it best determine the numbers or percentage of rental units that should be allowed to undergo condo conversion?
- would local condo conversion ordinances be a confusing mish-mash akin to local building codes?
- do condo conversions tend to upgrade housing units involved?
- should there be increased opportunity for home ownership or rentals?

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HOUSING MEETING - NOVEMBER 27

Do you think there are housing problems in Appleton?

If you do -- come to our meeting

If you don't -- come to our meeting

If you have no opinion, that's OK too. We'd like to have you there so that you can listen to the panelists and ask them questions.

The panelists are:

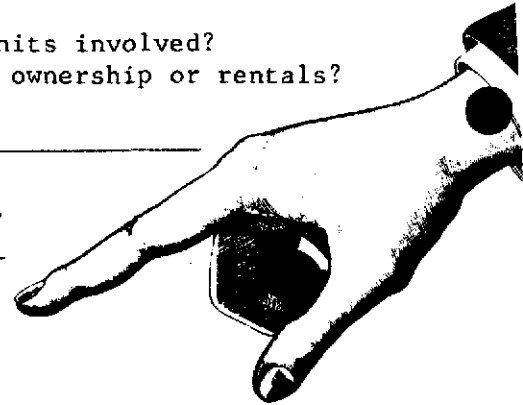
Helen Heil - Executive Director, Appleton Housing Authority

Dick Juengling - Coordinator, Fox Valley Community Housing Resource Board

Phil Snyder - Chair, Mayor's Housing Task Force, Mayor's Advisory Housing Panel

Although our meeting will concentrate on housing in and around Appleton, we urge you read the attached material from the September 1984 FORWARD which will give you an overall view of state legislation. There is more information about federal programs in the April 1984 FORWARD. There will also be more information on what is being done in Appleton available at this meeting. I am also including questions formulated by the Wisconsin LWV Housing Committee which should start you thinking about the many different aspects of housing. THIS IS A TIMELY SUBJECT -- PLEASE COME!

--Dawn Washatka



HOUSING UPDATE

by

Jo Bernhardt, Dane County

"Equal access" best describes the League's positions on housing at the national and state level. This position provides the framework for the state League's actions to insure an adequate and decent housing supply for low and moderate income people and support for fair housing laws.

The League was instrumental in passing the state's fair housing law and many local open housing ordinances. It also supported measures to promote low-income housing opportunities in all communities around the state. The League also worked successfully for a uniform state building code for single family homes and improvements in housing for migrants.

The Wisconsin housing needs in the next decade are many and complex. Housing programs and housing related responsibilities fall under the domain of five major departments of state government making response to housing needs disjointed. To deal with this problem, the Legislature passed an omnibus housing bill in the spring of 1982, Chapter 349. The first step in the process mandated by Chapter 349 was the appointment of a new Wisconsin Council on Housing to advise the Department of Development (DOD) in the preparation of a State Housing Plan. This plan, which provides a framework for dealing with housing needs, was developed by DOD and approved by the Legislature, with some modifications in May, 1984.

The Housing Plan is significant both in what it does and what it does not do. It does address those issues about which the League has been most concerned, but except in some instances, it does not hold any force of law. Each recommendation must be put forth as a separate piece of legislation to be acted on by the full legislature, a long and tedious process. At the very earliest, no changes could be made based on plan recommendations before the winter of 1985.

Before the possible impact of the plan can be appreciated, however, a little background on the current status of Wisconsin's housing needs is useful.

First, the League has always had an emphasis on insuring availability of housing for low and moderate income people. The housing situation is such that not only this group, but also higher income levels are adversely affected as well. There are four situations that limit access to housing for all income levels, all of which currently exist in Wisconsin: 1) inadequate housing production, 2) escalating housing costs, 3) inadequate capital for housing, and 4) the need for rehabilitation.

Wisconsin's current housing production rate is far below that which is required to meet need, primarily due to high interest rates. By 1990, Wisconsin will need an estimated 2,029,413 housing units (houses, apartments, condominiums, mobile homes) or 380,233 new units between 1980 and 1990. This new housing is needed for new owners or renters, to replace deteriorating housing, and to help alleviate overcrowding. The current housing production rate is far less. Between 1980 and 1982 a total of 42,900 units were built (based on permits authorized). For 1983, the total was 20,000. If this trend continues, fewer than 80,000 units will be built in a time (1980-85) when 184,552 units are needed.

Housing production is primarily affected by the cost of construction, the cost of financing (both of which are high), the availability of land, and local development regulations. Low production also hurts the state's economy. There was a 42 percent reduction in construction employment between 1979 and 1982 and a number of other industries are dependent on the construction industry.

The effect of all this is to increase rapidly the overall cost of housing and force some families to double up. This is particularly hard on low and moderate

income households but also on new residents and people entering the housing market no matter what their income.

Many people simply cannot afford to buy a house. Between 1970 and 1983 the median sales price for a single family home increased from \$23,600 to \$74,000 or a 214% increase. At the same time, household income increased by only 156% (from \$8,997 to \$23,000).

While people of some means are being adversely affected, those with low and moderate incomes are reaching the point where they cannot get any sort of decent housing at all without some financial assistance. 38.6 percent of all households are low and moderate income; 36.7% in metro areas, and 42.5% in non-metro areas. Of these, 48% are elderly and 53% of minority households are low and moderate income. Current high interest rates preclude obtaining the capital needed for decent quality housing for this group. In addition, competition between housing and other sectors of the economy for capital is intense. The federal government is one of the biggest competitors for these funds.

To complicate matters even more, much of the state's housing stock, particularly in rural areas, is old and in need of repair. But rehabilitation is out of reach financially for most of the people who occupy such dwellings, and they, too, need some form of financial assistance. Rehabilitation can mean more than just fixing up an old house. Entire neighborhoods can be affected either negatively or positively.

The State Housing Plan has identified the low and moderate income households in need of assistance as those experiencing inadequate plumbing, structural deterioration, overcrowding (more than 1.25 persons per room), or those renter households paying more than 25% of income for rent (overpayment). The Department of Development (DOD) projects that over 212,000 households will be in need of assistance by 1990; that is 10.5% of the projected total households in the state. The five counties with the greatest numbers of households in need of assistance are Milwaukee, Dane, Brown, Racine, and Waukesha amounting to almost half of the state's assistance needs. Had the assistance programs of the 70's been extended through the 1980's, DOD estimates that figure could have been reduced from 10.5% to 8%.

Another major area of concern to the League is discrimination in housing. Housing discrimination closes part of the housing market, imposes unfair costs, and reduces the quality of housing available to some groups. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish discrimination from simple economics. For example, a minority household may not be able to move into a certain neighborhood because of its lower income, not because the family was discriminated against. It could be argued that certain public policies contribute to this "economic discrimination" such as zoning ordinances and land development restrictions which drive up costs of certain housing. But, whenever a person is denied a chance to obtain housing due to factors not related to ability to pay, discrimination occurs.

Federal, state, and local fair housing laws make it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap, marital status, lawful source of income, age, ancestry, or sexual orientation in the sale, rental, financing, and insuring of housing. Family status, e.g. people with children, is not protected under discrimination laws.

Officials are making attempts to enforce these laws but the process can prove to be prohibitive to some people. First, many people are not even aware of the protections of the open housing laws. Second, those aware of the law may be reluctant to pursue a claim for fear of being "blacklisted." Third, complainants often feel that pursuing a complaint will make little difference and, should they decide to pursue a claim, it's not easy. The burden of proof is on the individual alleging discrimination. There are forms to file, hearings, investigations, and even court appearances which are time consuming and expensive. As a result, there are few complaints and little deterrence to those who would engage in discriminatory behavior. Only in the Milwaukee metro area is there a Fair Housing Council which assists people through this process.



One of the difficulties in proving discrimination is that it is frequently neither blatant nor obvious. A growing concern, for instance, is the practice of "racial steering," whereby real estate people steer buyers or renters to or from a particular area on the basis of race. In 1984 legislation prohibiting steering and imposing stringent penalties was enacted. In the Milwaukee area, the Fair Housing Council has a contract with the state to test for cases of racial steering and other housing discrimination. The Plan proposes funds to expand testing to other areas.

Another major area of concern in the current housing situation is the problems of renters. Of all rental units, 46.2% are occupied by low and moderate income households. There has been a 104% increase in median rents with only a 51% increase in renter income in the last 10 years at a time when public programs to provide assisted rental housing are being phased out. Rental housing is often in substandard condition and tenants must rely on property owners to make it livable. In addition, condominium conversion is exerting additional pressure on an already tight rental housing market.

The possible remedies for these housing problems are as varied and difficult as the problems themselves. The State Housing Plan makes recommendations on ways to deal with each of the discussed problems, but their success is dependent on the cooperative effort of all levels of government and the private housing sector. Agreement among such diverse groups is difficult in and of itself and many of the proposed remedies are controversial. To compound matters, the federal government is taking less and less of a role in providing for housing needs, and states and communities will be forced to deal with them,

Detailed information on all the possible remedies to the housing crisis can be found in the 1983 State Housing Plan, but a few of the possible solutions will be highlighted here. It should be remembered that these proposals do not have universal support among legislators, home builders, realtors and local officials among others.

A. To increase the supply of housing to keep pace with household growth and reduce housing production and operating costs to make housing more affordable, the Plan suggests the following remedies:

1. Encourage the availability of capital to finance new housing such as examining methods of attracting mortgage capital to Wisconsin, or reviewing the use of alternative mortgage instruments (i.e., adjustable rate, graduated payment mortgages) for the Wisconsin HOME program and the Veterans Home Loan Program.
2. Modify development related regulations such as zoning ordinances, building codes, taxes, and fees which unreasonably inhibit housing production and increase housing costs. One recommendation is for a uniform state building code for multi-family homes.
3. Encourage the use of innovative approaches to construction technology, building design and use, and housing finance.

B. To improve the energy efficiency of housing, to rehabilitate housing, and to revitalize neighborhoods in decline, the Plan suggests:

1. Lower the cost and increase availability of financing for rehabilitation and energy conservation.
2. Promote compliance with property maintenance codes and provide incentives to improve the quality of investor-owned housing.

3. Increase availability of property insurance coverage at reasonable costs in older neighborhoods.
4. Increase support of community organizations that play a role in revitalization.

C. To provide decent, quality housing at affordable cost to low and moderate income people the Plan suggests:

1. Increasing the availability of financing for housing such as reactivating the deferred payment loans under the Housing and Neighborhood Conservation Program (HNCP) which offers deferred payment loans at no interest, repaid at sale of the house or death of borrower, to homeowners with incomes below 50% of median income of each county.
2. Increase neighborhood and public acceptance of housing for lower income families.
3. Provide an adequate housing allowance for lower-income households receiving public assistance.

D. To eliminate housing discrimination the Plan suggests:

1. Aggressive enforcement of fair housing laws including providing more and better public information on discrimination.
2. Strengthen equal housing opportunity statutes and encourage communities to adopt fair housing ordinances. The Plan recommended that the State Open Housing Law be amended to include family status as a protected class, with a provision for exemptions for housing designed for the elderly, but the Legislature deleted this recommendation from the Plan in May, 1984.

To improve the ability of renter households to secure housing of reasonable cost, quality, and stability of occupancy, the Plan suggests:

- 1) Provide financing to assist lower income renters;
- 2) Insure a balance of rights between renters and property owners.
- 3) Improve the quality of rental housing.
- 4) Minimize effects of housing displacement on low income people.

These recommendations are only a small portion of the possible remedies listed in the Plan and each recommendation has its critics. Some say it goes too far, others say it doesn't go far enough. Most people involved in housing agree that something needs to be done, however, if Wisconsin is to take control of its housing problems.

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# ENERGY FAIR

Saturday, November 3  
Sunday, November 4

10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

## EXHIBITS—FILMS—WORKSHOPS

Fox Valley Technical Institute  
1825 North Bluemound Drive  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54913

Sunspaces & Greenhouses  
Computer Energy Analysis  
Weatherization  
Photovoltaics  
Window Insulation  
Tour of FVTI

Greenhouse Growing  
Domestic Hot/Water  
Home Heating  
Superinsulation  
Landscaping  
Passive Solar Ideas

The Fox Valley Energy Fair will offer workshops, films and exhibits on a wide variety of energy conserving or alternative energy topic. Workshops range from energy conserving landscaping to gardening and aquaculture in solar greenhouses; from weatherizing to home heating; from window insulation to superinsulation. There is accurate up-to-date information for buying an efficient new gas furnace, adding a sunspace, or deciding how to heat home hot water. For those looking ahead, workshops will address wind energy and photo-voltaics. A panel of homeowners and homebuilders will be on hand in a Sunday workshop to show some of their solutions and to answer questions. A full-sized mobile home will be on display outside, showing window and ceiling insulation, how to provide fresh air in a tight home, and more. The Fox River Valley Audubon Club, the Fox River group of the Sierra Club, and the Wisconsin Environmental Decade are among the many volunteer groups concerned about energy who will be represented at the fair.

The Energy Fair is designed for consumers, renters, and home and small building owners who want to save energy and money. Workshops, exhibits of energy-saving products, and continuous showings of award-winning films provide information to enable wise consumer choices. This time of temporarily stable fuel prices may be a very good time to invest in energy-saving projects.

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Fox Valley Technical Institute  
League of Women Voters of Appleton, Neenah—Menasha, and Oshkosh  
WBAY-TV and WHBY Radio



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| Household League Membership | \$36.00  |
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915 N. Kensington Dr.  
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## December

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A HOLIDAY PARTY

December 11  
Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

4815 N. Lynndale Drive

Plan to attend  
and to bring your "significant other"  
to enjoy an evening of socializing  
and an interesting program

on the  
"Legacy of the River"  
presented by  
Carolyn Kellog

of the Outagamie County Historical Society.  
She will give an historical reminiscence on what  
the river has meant to us in the past and what it  
might mean for us in the future.

**Price of Admission:**

A bottle of wine or  
an hors d'oeuvre  
Coffee will be available

**Driving Directions:**

North on Cty Trunk A,  
1.8 miles past 00. Bubolz  
on west side of road. Look  
arrow and reflectors just  
before you'll want to turn.

SEE YOU THERE!



December 18  
Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

Board Meeting

520 N. Bateman  
Marcia Hittle  
731-8876

# *Presidential Perch*

The League has developed a winning formula for the holiday party: a program that is short, informative, and non-controversial, interesting people, and good food. We've planned the program; it's up to you to bring yourself and the food! Come alone or with someone, but plan now to spend the evening of December 11 simultaneously partying and learning about the "Legacy of the River"

What do you want to study next year in League? Right after 1985 begins, League members will assemble to recommend topics for local and state studies and projects for the 1985-86 League year. What government topic needs to be addressed by the League? What are you personally interested in learning about?

Later in January, League has a set of units on Financing the Federal Government, a timely topic on which we all have opinions. Plan now to share your information and opinion with other League members.

It was my pleasure to accompany Jodie CoBabe to the breakfast honoring volunteers hosted by the Post-Crescent. Jodie was nominated by our League for her effectiveness in coordinating League's activities in Voter Service and Citizen Information. Congratulations, Jodie!

Have a lovely holiday season! May I suggest a New Year's resolution of increasing your own effectiveness as a citizen? Write a few more letters, attend a few more League meetings, and try to further the grand and noble cause of good government.

--Cynthia Johnson

## MEMORIAL PROJECT TO HONOR NUSI WARD

The League has selected a project that we think will be an appropriate memorial to Nusi Ward: traveling exhibits about the Hmong for area schools. Joan Fowler is seeking League members to join her on the committee that will coordinate this project. Call her at 734-7372 to volunteer.

We were looking for a project with the potential for a long-range impact on people, in an area reflecting Nusi's personal commitments. There are many unmet needs within the Hmong community, but we thought that trying to make the larger community better informed and more welcoming was an important goal, one best achieved by educating children about the unique history and contributions of the Hmong. We will work with the Friendship Association to assemble a collection of books, pictures, and art work for both the elementary and secondary levels. We intend to have the exhibits circulate among the schools and, hopefully, to contribute a book to each school library.

League members and other friends of Nusi's have contributed more than \$400 in her memory. Now that we have indentified the project, other League members may wish to send a tax-deductible contribution to the LWV Education Fund. Checks should be mailed to the League Treasurer, Joan Fowler, at 915 N. Kensington, Appleton, WI 54915.



Climb Aboard: LWV to Do a Phone Survey for Valley Transit

A project tailor-made for League has tumbled into our laps. Valley Transit has requested us to conduct a telephone survey that will provide answers to the question "How is the transit service perceived by people who do not regularly ride the bus?" This project, somewhat similar to election night reporting, is a perfect one for League because it will provide planning information for a governmental service which we support and, in addition, will net \$450-\$600 for our treasury.

Valley Transit will provide the survey questionnaire, the random sample of telephone numbers to be called, and its seven telephone lines. It will pay League \$1.50 for each completed call. We will need to provide approximately 140 member/hours in 2½ hour blocks for calling. For the most part, the calls will be made from Valley Transit's beautiful new offices from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday nights of the weeks of Jan. 7 and 14.

You are going to want to participate in this project which will be interesting, fun, and profitable. Call me soon to reserve a place on the night (or nights) that fit best with your busy schedule. (While it will be more fun doing the calling from one central location where we can share experiences as we go, members who want to participate by making their calls from their home phones should also give me a call.)

- Stevie Schmidt (733-8782)

THIS IS APPLETON

As part of the Appleton-Vichuga Pairing Project, a copy of the "old" 1977 edition of This is Appleton is on its way to Vichuga, U.S.S.R. It is being carried there personally by Lisa Paul, an Appleton native who currently lives and works in Moscow. She is taking a collection of items about Appleton to Vichuga to help establish contact between the two cities.

Meanwhile, the "new" 1985 edition is making good progress toward publication. We have just received the good news that our request for funding for the project has been approved by the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

The research and writing of the new book are completed and the editing is well under way. This complicated process has been greatly speeded up and simplified by Jan Besta, who put most of the rough copy onto a word processor. Sharon Jozwiak is busy collecting the photographs to accompany the text.

If everything continues to go smoothly, the book will be ready for the printer after the holidays and hot off the presses in time for our finance drive in March.

--Marcia Hittle

## VOTER SERVICE: ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

It is time again to thank all of you who helped with election day and night activities. As returns came in on the 10:00 o'clock news, I felt we were very much a part of it all.

Thanks to:

### NEC Precinct Reporters

Eileen Singler  
Kathy Tulman  
Barbara Slauter  
Sharon Persich  
Nancy Porciau  
Corinne Goldgar  
Margaret Gibas  
Cynthia Johnson  
Helene Iverson  
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Dawn Washatka  
Phyllis Dittenfass  
Joan Fowler

### Exit Pollers

Liz Hoover

\*Terrell Bonnell

Beth English

### County Court Houses

Outagamie County  
Sally Klapper-Randa

Calumet County  
Debbie Sage

Waupaca County  
\*Sandy Wagner

We were also assisted by several town and village clerks.

\*Non-league "friends"

On the positive and wonderful side, my figures show that we earned \$1,030 for our election activities. Some more money may come in from ABC Key Precincts and part of the total goes to State League--so my numbers are approximate.

On the less wonderful side, I've heard reports that several of the volunteers had problems with unpleasant experiences. I would like to hear from you if problems did arise so we can clarify the law and also avoid these conflicts in the future. Please respond as soon as possible.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Jodie CoBabe  
Voter Service

## FOX VALLEY ENERGY FAIR

Our League booth at the Fox Valley Energy Fair was a success again this year. We provided information and directions, sold some buttons and pamphlets, and even signed up one prospective new member.

Many thanks to the Fox Valley Energy Fair workers who made it all possible: Dawn Washatka, Gretta Volk, Beth English, Lynn Debbink, Betty Breunig, Linda Bjella, Dick Sampson, and Cathy Boardman. I enjoyed working with all of you!

Sue Kinde coordinated and supervised the Fair and also did a great job of decorating our booth. Sue would appreciate any reaction and/or suggestions concerning the fair. Her address is:

Sue Kinde - FVTI  
PO Box 2277  
1825 N. Bluemound Drive, Appleton, WI 54913-2277

Thanks again to all who helped.

-Diane Siekman





STUDY COMMITTEE NEEDED FOR JANUARY UNITS  
"FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT"



Are you happy with how the federal government spends your tax dollars? If not, read on and plan to become involved.

Convention '84 approved Financing the Federal Government to examine vital fiscal issues facing the United States and adopted the following criteria for judging the federal tax system as a new League position:

"Action to support a federal tax system that is fair and equitable; provides adequate resources for government programs while allowing for financing future program changes; is understandable to the taxpayer and encourages compliance; and accomplishes its objectives without creating undue administrative problems."

Now League members will:

"Evaluate U.S. fiscal policy: revenue sources, including borrowing; tax expenditures; and the funding of entitlement programs."

This study will be carried out primarily through material sent directly--in several stages--to every League member, and member agreement will be taken via a VOTER tear-off sent by members directly to the national office. However, a discussion outline and bibliography are available for Leagues wishing to conduct a traditional study.

Our Appleton League plans to assist its members in studying and discussing this vital issue at units to be held on January 21, 22, and 23. We need a committee of members interested in this issue to act as resource people. Please contact Jan Besta (739-7589) if you are interested!!

## Welcome

RUTH SWANSON  
129 N. Meade Street  
734-3300

Ruth is the recently elected president of the newly formed chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL). She has spent the last fifteen years working and going to school. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Library Science. Her five children are grown and living independently interesting lives--the youngest a senior at Lawrence, the eldest a n actor in Vancouver, B.C. Ruth characterizes herself as a "book-a-holic."

GAIL HOFF  
610 E. Grant Street  
731-4492

Gail has two children, both girls, who are 3½ and 2 years old. She is originally from Steven's Point. She and her husband both teach CPR at Red Cross. Gail is also active in the Keep Infants Seated Safely Program. Among her pastimes are tennis, skiing and needlepoint.

M. J. WURSTER  
228 N. Park Avenue  
738-0695

M.J. and her family moved to Appleton in August from Tacoma, Washington. She has been very involved in community volunteer activities related to her children and the arts. Her hobbies include skiing, climbing and jogging.

BETTE DEFFERDING  
839 E. Minor  
731-6944

Bette's education covered the three campuses of Hillsdale College, MI; U of Kansas/Lawrence; and the U of Minnesota/Minneapolis. She worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. as a research analyst and editor. While here in Appleton Bette has devoted her time to her family--husband Wayne, and an 8 year old daughter and a 7 year old son; and to her church and school programs. Her hobbies include reading and cross-country skiing.

## LOCAL ACTION

One of the good things about our budget statements this year was how well they dovetailed and emphasized the need for cooperation between city and county governments. Our statements are too long to be included in the Bulletin but will be available at the housing meeting on November 27 and the Christmas Party on December 11th. Highlights are as follows.

On October 29 Barbara Hoffman spoke for the League at the Grand Chute village incorporation hearings. The League opposes this incorporation attempt because it does not conform to legislative and court standards. (see the annexation brochures sent out with the October Bulletin).

At the same time Barb was speaking in Grand Chute, Cynthia was holding forth at the county budget hearing supporting funding for the Domestic Abuse Center and human service programs. She also commented briefly on solid and hazardous waste problems; proposed a city-county health department; summarized Barb's incorporation comments including the suggestion that the county supervise orderly boundary changes; and recommended that the county make more use of citizens' talents in solving county problems.

On November 12, at the city budget hearing, Cynthia praised the budget containment, suggested a more comprehensive budget format, supported the transit budget and urged purchase of the land below Telulah Park for public river front access. She suggested that next year the city should consider hiring another planner and appoint a task force to look into the possibilities of a city-county health department.

These are the very bare bones of the League statements which show the wide range of our interests. Our suggestion of a city-county health department (new members--we bring this up periodically) has sparked some interest in individual members of the county board and the city council. WE MUST FOLLOW UP by bringing our facts up to date -- we last compiled statistics about ten years ago. Who would like to work on this short term health research project? Call me.

--Betty Breunig  
739-2670

*Best wishes for the holidays  
and the coming year.*

### NEW PUBLICATION REVIEW IMPACT ON ISSUES 1984-86

A "where-we-are and how-we-got-here" publication on the League's national program is now available. IMPACT ON ISSUES 1984-86 provides a clear understanding of national positions, of how they interrelate with one another and how they can complement and reinforce state, local and inter-League organization positions. For each program it briefly traces links to the past, identifies major areas of agreement, indicates interlocks between positions, summarizes significant actions and provides detailed statements of positions. Board members will have copies and a copy will be given to the library.

## LIVELY ISSUES MEETING

SUBJECT: ~~Proposed Program 1985-86~~

PURPOSE: To recommend state and local study items

TIME: Tuesday, January 8  
7:30 P.M.

PLACE: 1111 E. Eldorado Street  
Cynthia Johnson, 739-5146

The local Lively Issues Meeting is the start of the local, state, and national planning process and is vital to the selection of good program items. In years such as 1985 when a state convention will be held, the primary focus of the meeting is on discussing proposed state and local issues appropriate for League study. In alternate years when there will be a national convention, attention is directed toward national and local issues.

The selection of study items is the first step toward League action, and the Lively Issues Meeting is the critical starting point for introducing program items. On January 11 suggested study items will be presented, discussed, evaluated and voted upon for presentation to the Board. The Board of Directors will then consider all the selected items and make recommendations for items to be considered and voted upon at the annual meeting. And although non-recommended items may be reintroduced at the annual meeting, study items not proposed and discussed at the Lively Issues Meeting may not be introduced; so it is extremely important that all ideas to be considered be brought to the January 11 meeting.

It is important for every member to voice her opinion at the Lively Issues meeting on the vital issues in the community, state, and nation in order that choices can be made that take into consideration the following questions:

- 1) Does there appear to be a problem?
- 2) Is this a crucial time for the issues?
- 3) Can political action be taken by governmental units at the level of the study to solve the problem? (Local study: by county and/or city government)
- 4) Will League members spend time and effort on the issues?

To prepare yourself for a worthwhile and productive Lively Issues Meeting, first take time to read "Think State Program 1985-87" on page 3 of the November, 1984 Forward and to think about community issues. Then, write down your suggestions for state and/or local study items. At this point, Jan Besta (739-7589) would be most happy to talk with you to either help you focus and word your suggested issue or to let you know if other members are suggesting the same or similar issues. And finally, plan to attend to present your suggested items and to discuss, evaluate and vote on all proposed study items. If you unfortunately cannot be present, please call Jan with your suggestion or arrange to send your proposed study item with a friend.

See you on January 11th!

## NEW NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY



How does national security affect global security? Join us in our National Security study scheduled to begin in January, 1985. We are looking for interested committee members right now. Through the spring we will be examining the intrarelationship of the five different areas of the League's International Relations program (trade, development, international organizations, arms control, and military policy and defense spending) reviewing past League positions and integrating them with new ways to promote global security. This portion of the study involves review and discussion, but no consensus process.

During the second half of the study in the fall of '85, members will "evaluate U.S. economic and military aid to developing countries and its relationship to our international economic and political interests." This does include the consensus process.

Join us now if this sparks your interest. State League is putting together a radio program "How To Think about National Security" which we hope to acquire, and a couple of other meeting-ready exercises have been put together to guide us along our self-education process. It should be an intriguing study, especially with a strong committee. Call soon!

Nancy Pourciau, IR Chair  
734-6296

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1328 W. Pine  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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Appleton, Wisconsin 1985

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## JANUARY

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                   | <u>EVENT</u>                     | <u>LOCATION/HOSTESS</u>                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| January 8<br>7:30 P.M., Tuesday    | LIVELY ISSUES<br>State and Local | 1117 E. Eldorado Street<br>Cynthia Johnson, 739-5146     |
| January 7 - 10<br>& 14 - 17        | Telephone Survey                 | Valley Transit<br>801 Whitman Avenue                     |
| January 15<br>7:30 P.M., Tuesday   | Board Meeting                    | 1100 Green Grove Road<br>Diane Siekman, 733-8272         |
| January 21<br>6:00 P.M., Monday    | Government<br>Financing Update   | Peppermill Restaurant<br>6 P.M. dinner<br>7 P.M. meeting |
| January 22<br>7:30 P.M., Tuesday   | Government<br>Financing Update   | 20 Bellaire Court<br>Marge Koepke, 734-9628              |
| January 23<br>9:30 A.M., Wednesday | Government<br>Financing Update   | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church--Drew and College         |

# Presidential Perch

Happy New Year!! Do come to my house for the Local Lively Issues meeting to plan the local program for next year. What do you think needs a League study to clear it up or straighten it out? Come tell us...

The Holiday Party was a splendid evening, thanks to the organizer, Rose Marie Dercks, and the presentation by Carolyn Kellogg from the Outagamie County Historical Society. I learned a lot about the river and its role in our community's history. Carolyn had prepared the program just for us; I hope she gets to share it with other groups who want to know more about the river.

Last month after the board Meeting, I was talking with someone about the proposal to put a nuclear waste storage site in Waupaca County. Although subsequent announcements of sites seems to have averted the crisis, the conversation reminded me of how individuals begin commitments to issues; by reading and reflecting, and then by understanding that someone has to speak up when something seems awry. Are you doing that, either in conjunction with League or on your own? That kind of active citizenship is surely needed. That wouldn't be a bad generic New Year's Resolution...

Members of the Nominating Committee eagerly seek your input on likely candidates for League leadership for the next year or two. Who would be effective? Interested in League and ready to grow? Call Barb Hussin or others on the committee to recommend someone--including yourself!!

Happy New Year!!

Cynthia Johnson

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

On Tuesday, February 5, League will co-sponsor a meeting with AAUW addressing the issue of how a community can continue to improve a good school system. A panel made up of an administrator, a teacher, a parent, and an involved citizen will discuss how parents and other concerned community members can have effective input relating to curriculum and other school issues.

Marty Henwall of League and Connie Polley of AAUW will coordinate the meeting. Please call Marty (739-0809) if you have suggestions for the meeting or questions which you would like to panel to address.

This should be an interesting and informative evening. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Check your February Bulletin for the location of the meeting or call me.

Jan Besta (739-7589)

## MAKE YOUR MARK ON U.S. TAX POLICY

It's easy to participate in the LWVUS fiscal policy study. Just read your Winter 1985 *National VOTER* and be sure to make your mark by sending the tear-off form to the national League office. Deadline for receipt of responses is February 15, 1985. Remember, the success of this national study depends on you!



The League of Women Voters

## MEMBER PARTICIPATION

### in the FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STUDY

Do you feel the present tax system is fair and equitable? If not, what changes and improvements in the federal tax system and fiscal policy would you support?

Information on the League's position and the scope of the Financing the Federal Government study were included in the December bulletin. As indicated in the boxed ad, background information on the study will reach you in the winter *Voter*. Consensus will be taken by the mail-in tear-off form included in the article.

Our League will hold units on January 21, 22, and 23 to give members an opportunity to discuss the questions to be voted upon. Plan to attend!!

A small study committee has been formed to act as resource people for the units. If you would like to be a member of the committee, please call Jan Besta (739-7589) as soon as possible.

## Looking Ahead

The nominating committee will begin meeting later in the month to prepare the slate of officers for presentation at the Annual Meeting. This year our League will be electing the president, 1st vice-president, secretary and several directors. If you or any of your fellow League members have special interest in Board positions please feel free to let any of us know. The nominating committee consists of Karen DeYoung, Helen Nagler, Gretchen Bambrick, Beth English and me.

Barb Hussin (739-7293)

## Welcome

Heidi Schweizer  
3025 W. Fourth St., Apt. B  
Appleton, WI. 54914

Heidi moved to Appleton four months ago from Dubuque, Iowa. She has taken a new position as the Social Studies supervisor for the Appleton Public Schools for grades K-12. Heidi's interest include running, frequenting the YMCA and following the Vichuga Pairing Project.

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE.

Our League must have an accurate count of our members, AS OF THE FIRST OF JANUARY, to report to National and State for Per Member Payment. If you have not sent your dues in, do so NOW! Send to Joan Fowler, 915 N. Kensington Dr., Appleton 54915.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 734-7372.  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

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Hope you all have been thinking about local and state issues and are ready for a worthwhile and productive Lively Issues Meeting. If you haven't already written down several suggestions for state and/or local study items, be sure to read your newspaper for the next few days with an eye for what seem to be timely and important local issues which the League could include in its program for the coming year.

Remember in considering an issue for study to take into consideration the following questions:

- 1) Does there appear to be a problem?
- 2) Is this a crucial time for the issue?
- 3) Can political action be taken by governmental units at the level of the study to solve the problem? (Local study: by county and/or city government?)

The November, 1984 Forward has a full-page article on page 3 titled "Think State Program 1985-87" and also includes a copy of the 1983-85 state program. The article lists the following areas for consideration:

Mental Health Laws  
Rights of Victims and Witnesses  
Study of Election Laws  
Children and Their Families  
Agriculture

Health Care Delivery  
Is It Really Property Tax Relief?  
Incorporation, Annexation and Consolidation  
Development  
Education

If you cannot locate your Forward and would like more information on any of the areas, please contact me. I plan to have copies of the article available at the meeting, but it would be helpful to read and think about the various areas before that evening.

All the local Leagues have received a memo from the League of Women Voters of Wauwatosa asking each local League to recommend reapportionment as a state program item for 1985-86 and suggesting an expansion of the state's current position to include an examination of the redistricting commission, its organization, membership, function and history to date. We will discuss this proposal at the meeting.

As you know, the Lively Issues Meeting is the critical starting point for introducing all program items for the coming year. (For a review of the process, see your December bulletin.) So please plan to attend the meeting on January 8 with your suggestions and to help discuss, evaluate, and vote on all the proposed study items. If you cannot be present, please call me with your suggestions or arrange to send your proposal with a friend. I will also be happy to talk with you to help you focus and word your issues and to let you know if other members plan to suggest the same or similar issues. See you on the 8th!

Jan Besta (739-7589), Program Vice-President





# REPORT FROM THE HILL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1730 M ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 429-1965

December 1984

Before the 98th Congress closed its doors and members hurried away to be consumed with the final days of election year politics, citizen groups, including the League, scored some important victories--passage of the reauthorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); an Anti-Satellite Weapons Program (ASAT) moratorium; delay in MX missile production; and passage of early projections legislation.

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the only major pollution control bill to be reauthorized, was signed by President Reagan on November 8, 1984. Endorsed by the League, HR 2867 governs handling of hazardous wastes, including generation, treatment, storage and disposal. It closes loopholes in the existing program, particularly those for small generators and for liquids in landfills. Unfortunately, other environmental issues did not fair as well: the Clean Water Act, Superfund, and the Safe Drinking Water Act never saw the light of the Senate floor.

While the League endorsed Brown/Coughlin amendment requiring a moratorium on testing of Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASATS) against objects in space so long as the Soviets continued to observe their moratorium was traded away in the defense authorization conference, arms control supporters, with the aid of Joseph P. Addabbo (D-NY), chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, were able to hold on to an important component: A five-month moratorium on testing against objects in space and a limit of three allowable, as opposed to three successful, tests in FY '85 were won. Additionally, supporters of arms control held the budget for FY '85 for the Strategic Defense Initiative to a minimal \$1.4 billion, getting a major cut in the administration's \$1.63 billion request.

As a result of pressure from the League and other citizen groups, Congress agreed to delay MX missile production by postponing procurement of funds for 21 MX missiles until March or April, 1985. The president is expected to submit a report by March 1, and then only after two votes in both the Senate and the House can procurement actually take place.

Heeding the pleas from the League and voters nationwide, the Senate passed H Con Res 321, in which the Congress asked broadcasters to refrain from making early projections of election results until the polls closed nationally. The networks ignored Congress, however, and President Reagan was projected the winner by CBS at 8:00 p.m. EST; ABC and NBC followed minutes behind. All of the declarations came almost three hours before the polls closed on the west coast.

Proponents of the Civil Rights Act of 1984 put up a noble struggle, gaining more than 100 co-sponsors in the House and 59 in the Senate. Yet, 10 days before the closing of the 98th Congress, the bill was killed when Bob Packwood (R-OR), one of the original co-sponsors, moved to table the bill. The motion came on the heels of four days of procedural maneuverings in which each camp made amendments and perfecting amendments to the Continuing Resolution to which the bill had been attached in order to assure its reaching the Senate floor.

Many of the issues which confront the 99th Congress are leftovers from the 98th. The League's National Board will soon decide our issues agenda for 1985.

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## FEBRUARY

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOESSESS

January 30  
Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

New Member Orientation

407 Canterbury Court  
Gretchen Bambrick  
735-9784

February 5  
Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

Excellence in Education

Appleton Police Department  
Lower Level

February 12

Prospective Member Meeting

See article inside

February 19  
Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

Board Meeting

1015 Nawada Court  
Marlys Fritzell  
731-0736

February 26  
Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting  
Comparable Worth

Hostess Change  
250 River Rd.  
(East of Memorial Dr.)  
Sue Kinde

### COMPARABLE WORTH UPDATE MEETING

What is comparable worth? Why is it an important issue now? Is comparable worth feasible? How can dissimilar jobs be compared? What will it cost to implement comparable worth? Why has Governor Earl included money in the 1985-87 biennial budget to implement comparable worth? How can comparable worth work in a free enterprise system? What role will the League of Women Voters play on this issue?

Come to the general meeting on February 26 where these and other questions will be discussed. See this Bulletin for additional information and watch for your February Forward which will also carry an article about comparable worth.

-Marlys Fritzell  
Action Vice President

# Presidential Perch

This month features programs on two topics that will interest most League members: Excellence in Education and Comparable Worth. Mark your calendars for those dates and inform yourself on these timely issues.

If you were one of the twenty-six people at the Lively Issues meeting, you will know what a thoughtful and extensive list of study topics was proposed, possibly a record number! That meeting and the subsequent Board meeting are described fully in an article by Jan Besta. Read to find out what is being proposed for the next League year.

I found the bus survey fun to do, only a little to my surprise. I found eleven out of twelve people very willing to talk about buses. Stevie Schmidt coordinated the survey, splendidly accomplishing two goals: first, contributing to the data available to Valley Transit as part of its continuous effort to improve service and, second, increasing the treasury of our League. Thank you, Stevie, and everyone involved!!!

Speaking of the treasury and money, next month it's time to contact the community to ask for their financial support of the League. We need YOUR help in making the finance drive a success. Read all about it elsewhere in this Bulletin, and send in your tear-off sheet today!! You may note that as of this time, I am coordinating the Finance Drive. I'm looking for a lot of help and would be incredibly delighted to receive a call from someone who wants to head it up. I would still guarantee lots of help!

Another task that needs doing is contacting the Nominating Committee with your suggestions for next year's officers and Board members. Call Barb Hussin or Karen DeYoung or Helen Nagler or Beth English or Gretchen Bambrick today with your suggestions.

Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

## Local Action

Apparently the recent application for a permit to enclose and cover a tributary of Mud Creek was instigated by Toys-R-Us, a chain that builds next to, but not inside malls. There is still time (until February 6) to ask for a hearing if anyone is interested. Incidentally, Ron Fassbinder of the DNR in Green Bay says that the higher incidence of flooding at Butte des Morts Golf Club and the Racquet Club is not due to the mall but to the wet weather. No comment.

An environmental impact assessment is being issued on February 15 by the Dept. of Development as part of the incorporation request of Grand Chute. The Public Intervener's office insisted on including this step in the decision process. The final decision on the incorporation will be issued March 15.

A League representative will speak at a hearing on January 23 about the preliminary draft of the county's Urban Development Plan. This is the final component of a three part program which will comprise the Overall Land Use Plan for Outagamie County. The other components are the Farmland Preservation Plan and the Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan. This is a very important document which should be of great help to the county in containing urban sprawl - if the county board approves it!

The city is also thinking about planning. The Plan Commission will start shortly to update the comprehensive plan and will take into consideration the North Side Study which should be ready by next fall. Jeannie Trigg will again be observing Plan Commission meetings.

We are trying to keep track of the County's Solid Waste Special Projects Committee which will be making recommendations in the near future about where to set up the operation of a steam plant using county waste. If you have strong feelings that this operation should not be in the flats you should get in touch with your alderman and supervisor now, to alert them to the problem.

-Betty Breunig

How can you, as a member of the community, have an influence on improving your schools?

Come to the discussion/forum, Achieving Excellence in Education, jointly sponsored by the League and AAUW.

Panel members will include -

Mary Scheig, president, Appleton Area School District  
Board of Education

Orlyn Zieman, district administrator, Appleton Area School District

Betty Pontius, elementary school teacher and parent of  
children in school

Lynn Licht, McKinley Community School Association and parent of  
children in school

Each panelist has been asked to answer this question: What do you perceive the role of community members to be in the school system? They will speak to this question and answer questions from the audience.

This is an excellent opportunity to explore the issues in education in our community. We hope to see you!

**\*\*Achieving Excellence in Education  
Tuesday, February 5 - 7:30 P.M.  
Appleton Police Station**

January, 1984

MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPARABLE WORTH  
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Varied comments on comparable worth have made the news in the last few months from Reagan administration "looniest idea", to the Heritage Foundation's urging top priority to fighting the comparable worth theory, to the reports of the preliminary findings of the Wisconsin Task Force on Comparable Worth. In December the Task Force recommended that the Legislature spend between \$31 and \$39 million over the next four years to reduce disparities between the pay of men and women who have comparable jobs. Within days a coalition of conservative organizations announced opposition, members of the Task Force heard moving testimony documenting pay disparities at a Town Meeting in Milwaukee and the fight was clearly joined.

As the state debates the recommendations of the governor's budget to implement comparable worth for state employees, these questions and answers may prove helpful. Much of the material is from the Wisconsin Women's Network and the Wisconsin Women's Council.

Q: WHAT IS COMPARABLE WORTH?

A: Comparable worth is the policy that compensates people by giving equal pay to work of comparable value. It is the principle of basing wages on the level of skill, effort, responsibility, working conditions and education required to perform a job.

Q: HOW IS COMPARABLE WORTH DIFFERENT FROM EQUAL PAY?

A: Equal pay for equal work applies to those relatively few situations where men and women perform identical work. This was addressed by the 1963 Federal Equal Pay Act. Recent U.S. Federal District Court decisions have ruled that employers must eliminate pay inequities under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act finding that there has been substantial discrimination against women in both job segregation and pay.

Q: WHAT IS THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON COMPARABLE WORTH?

A: By executive order in January 1984, Governor Earl appointed a 14 member Task Force with representatives from the private and public sectors, management and unions, from the state legislature and from the Wisconsin Women's Network. In March, 1984, the legislature allocated \$300,000 for the Task Force and for a pilot study. The Task Force was directed to "determine and document the extent to which classification and occupational group gender segregation and a disparity between the wages paid to men and women exists in state service... and recommend to the Governor... a system by which state civil service and unclassified academic staff may be evaluated using the principle of equal pay for comparable worth... and submit to the Governor a preliminary cost estimate for implementing the system..."

Q: WILL THE WORK OF THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE DIRECTLY AFFECT OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES OR PRIVATE INDUSTRY?

A: No. The Task Force has authority only to review and make recommendations regarding employees of the State of Wisconsin.

Q: WHY HAS COMPARABLE WORTH BECOME SUCH AN IMPORTANT EMPLOYMENT ISSUE OF THE 80'S?

A: A number of issues have contributed to the public recognition of the need to achieve comparable worth.

- 1) National policy--the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments and the Vocational Education Amendments--increased education and employment opportunities for women during the 1960's and 1970's. The Equal Pay Act reduced the pay gap in some locations where males and females were doing the same work. But in the 1980's, 80% of all women work in only 20 of the 420 listed occupational categories and on the average women earn 59¢ for every \$1.00 men earn.
- 2) In the 1980's and 1990's, the largest number of job openings will be in the occupational areas traditionally dominated by women--service and clerical jobs. Women entering or trying to advance in the paid workforce will not have as many opportunities to move into nontraditional jobs, since many male-dominated occupations will not experience growth. Affirmative action for women at the current rate could not eliminate the observed pay disparity until 2040 or later.
- 3) There is increasing concern about the feminization of poverty, two out of three adults who live in poverty are women, and 33% of women on welfare are employed, but can't earn enough to support their families. U.S. Department of Labor estimates that if wives and female heads of households were paid wages that similarly qualified men earn, half the families now living in poverty would not be poor.

Comparable worth addresses directly the pay disparity between men and women.

Q: BUT, CAN'T THIS PAY DISPARITY BE EXPLAINED ON THE BASIS OF SUCH FACTS AS WOMEN'S MORE RECENT ENTRY INTO THE LABOR FORCE, THEIR TENDENCY TO DROP OUT OF THE WORKFORCE WHILE THEY ARE RAISING CHILDREN, THEIR LACK OF SKILLS AND TRAINING, AND THE FACT THAT FEW WOMEN'S JOBS ARE UNIONIZED?

A: There are several factors that particularly characterize working women in this country that do account for part of this gap, but even when all these factors and other differences between women and men workers are taken into account, a substantial gap in men and women's pay, amounting to between 15% and 30%, still remains.

Q: IS COMPARABLE WORTH FEASIBLE? HOW CAN DISSIMILAR JOBS BE COMPARED?

A: For years, systems have been in place in both the public and private sector to evaluate the value of jobs to an employer. Traditionally, job evaluation systems measure or evaluate jobs in relation to a set of factors that are important to the employer. Comparable worth builds on traditional job evaluation techniques:

- 1) Comparable worth systems use factors that are important to an individual employer.
- 2) Comparable worth systems evaluate jobs within a single employer's workforce (not comparing one employer to another).
- 3) Comparable worth systems assign points to jobs based on how they measure up against factors and the points become the basis for pay.

Q: HOW DOES A COMPARABLE WORTH SYSTEM DIFFER FROM TRADITIONAL JOB EVALUATION SYSTEMS?

- A: 1) It uses a single set of factors to evaluate all jobs within an employer's workforce (traditional systems sometimes used separate lists of factors for female-dominated and male-dominated jobs).
- 2) It permits all jobs to be assigned any number within the full range of points allocated to each factor (traditional systems sometimes limited the number of points able to be assigned to female-dominated jobs, such as office workers).
- 3) It includes and values characteristics of both male-dominated and female-dominated jobs (traditional job evaluation systems have sometimes not recognized, for example, the specific types of stress or hazards or physical requirements of female-dominated jobs).

Q: DOES COMPARABLE WORTH MANDATE A SINGLE JOB EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR ALL EMPLOYERS?

A: No. Comparable worth reinforces one of the basic principles which has made the Equal Pay Act workable for twenty years. Comparable worth requires comparable pay within a single employer's workforce.

It does not mandate the use of a set job evaluation system or a predetermined set of factors. It does require that however an employer evaluates jobs, the employer should attempt to eliminate sex bias in the system, so that the resulting pay scale does not discriminate on the basis of sex.

Q: DOES COMPARABLE WORTH REQUIRE THE SETTING OF WAGES ACROSS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT?

A: Comparable worth is not a government wage-setting tool, since comparable worth calls for pay equity within an organization, not across organizations.

Q: WHAT DOES IT COST TO IMPLEMENT COMPARABLE WORTH?

A: In other jurisdictions that are similar to Wisconsin's civil service, comparable worth studies have found a disparity in men and women's pay of 15% to 30%. The Governor's Task Force does not have an estimate for Wisconsin yet, but it is assumed that Wisconsin is similar to other states. Wisconsin would not correct this disparity in a single payment, but close the gap over a four year period as other states are planning to do. In Washington, the federal judge threw out the legislature's plan to close the gap over a ten year period.

Q: WHAT DOES IT COST NOT TO IMPLEMENT COMPARABLE WORTH?

A: One of the costs of continuing sex-based pay discrimination is a disproportionate number of women and their families living below the poverty line in the United States and dependent on social services. Another cost to employers paying lower wages for female-dominated work is a higher rate of turnover and higher costs for recruitment and retraining of employees in these jobs.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE FREE MARKET? HAVEN'T CAPITALIST SYSTEMS SUCH AS OURS TRADITIONALLY ALLOWED MARKET FORCES TO SET WAGES? WON'T COMPARABLE WORTH DESTROY AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM?

A: Almost a century ago when women first began to take nondomestic jobs in the public and private sectors, many employers, including the United States



government, set women's wages lower than men's even when they were doing the same job. The rationale for the lower wages was that women did not need as much money as men, since men were heads of households.

Early job evaluation systems perpetuated this wage discrimination by reaffirming a lower base rate for women, regardless of a woman's skill level or the value of the job.

Even with changes in the number of women who head households, with increases in the number of women in poverty and with shortages in female-dominated occupations, "market forces" have not increased women's wages.

Adoption of a principle of comparable worth will correct sex-based wage discrimination in the labor market, but it will not harm our system of free enterprise. Workers will still have to compete for jobs on the basis of skills and abilities and employers will still have to compete for the best workers. Comparable worth will not interfere with the tendency of our free market system to award higher salaries to people, whether they are male or female, who possess skills that are scarce or badly needed.

**Q: HOW CAN COMPARABLE WORTH HELP EMPLOYERS?**

**A:** Introducing gender neutral evaluation systems will improve the ability of employers to determine the wage and salary schedules that best promote the interests of the employer in retaining or rewarding their most productive employees. Comparable worth will encourage more accurate evaluation of the part that various jobs play in achieving the goals of the employer, rather than relying on arbitrary factors, such as gender or race, that are not related to the importance or value of the required work. Employers can pay for jobs as they require the specific skills, knowledge or effort the employer needs.

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#### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We are planning a new member orientation for January 30th (Wednesday) at 7:30 P.M. at Gretchen Bambrick's at 407 Canterbury Court. No matter how long you've been a member, if you feel "new" please plan to attend. We'll help you to understand how the League works.

Tuesday, February 12th will be a social gathering for prospective members. If you have friends, colleagues or neighbors who are League prospects, please plan to bring them. Details about time and place may be obtained by calling Gretchen Bambrick at 735-9784.

#### NEW NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

A strong committee is forming, but we still have room for a few more interested members. We plan to start meeting in early February to prepare for unit meetings in March. After a month of educating ourselves, we will be using a questionnaire from National headquarters on which to base our units. I'm anticipating an endless supply of questions and some invigorating discussions at our meetings and hope that some of you out there might care to join us.

-Nancy Pourciau  
734-6296  
(IR Chair)

## Welcome

Terri (Marie) Loveall 733-8523  
1215 Clara, Appleton 54915

Terri is Program Director at Winnebago Mental Health Institute. She has lived in Appleton for 16 years and has three grown children. Husband Tom is an alderman and Principal at McKinley School. Terri enjoys cross country skiing, hiking, travel and camping.

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"Great Decisions", the nationally known foreign policy discussion series will be taking place in Appleton during February. League member Alberta Churchill is one of those spearheading the program. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library. Because special material will need to be ordered for you if you plan to participate, please call Churchill at 734-4974. "Great Decisions" is based on a 96 page briefing book by the editors of the nonpartisan, nonpolitical Foreign Policy Association and is the largest adult education program on foreign policy issues in the United States.

# Lively Issues

This year's lively issues meeting was just that and more--lively, interesting, and productive. Twenty-six members were present and many others called or sent a total of 19 proposed study items--8 on the state level and 11 on the local level. In addition to debating and discussing these proposals, the group present suggested, discussed, and recommended several additional items as areas for general meetings or action. One of the areas in which there was a great deal of member interest, Comparable Worth, will be the program for our February 26th meeting.

The meeting began with a vigorous discussion of possible state program items. After an "elimination primary" and final vote, the group decided on the following two recommendations for State Program 1985-87:

1. A study of mental health services and care for the chronically mentally ill. (For the complete scope, see the Nov.'84 Forward.)
2. A study of Wisconsin's K-12 public education system and school financing, including the issue of state and local control.

After a short break, the group reconvened with renewed energy to discuss possible local program items for the coming year. The following 11 study items were proposed:

1. Environmental, recreational, and industrial uses of the Fox River as it flows through Appleton, including the locks. (This study was adopted for the current year's program but not completed.)
2. Effect of state and local laws on the Hmong population.
3. Enrichment programs for gifted students.
4. Cooperation between county governments in the Fox Valley in coordinating public services.
5. The appropriate role of government in funding historical preservation.
6. The combination of the Social Services and Community Boards.
7. The middle school concept for Appleton public schools.
8. A City-County Health Department position update.
9. A juvenile detention facilities update.
10. Financing special assessments for sidewalks.
11. Civil harassment of those exercising reproductive rights.

Following the same voting procedure, the first two studies were chosen as recommendations to the Board.

After considerable discussion at the Board meeting, the Board decided to recommend only the first study on "The River" to the membership at the Annual Meeting, believing that the Hmong project currently underway in memory of Nusi Ward has the potential to accomplish all of the educational and action goals intended for the study. The Board felt that the project could culminate in an educational program for our membership and that current League positions allow action on refugee problems.

The final decisions on local program items will be made at the Annual Meeting on April 23. Recommended program items (number 1 above) may be adopted by a majority vote; non-recommended items (numbers 2 - 11 above) may be reintroduced and require a two-thirds vote of those present for adoption. Circle the date on your calendar now and plan to attend.

-Jan Besta



### LWV Telephone Survey for Valley Transit a Resounding Success

Don't you love to be right? Well, let me tell you that I was as right as I have ever been when I insisted that Valley Transit's telephone survey of non-riders was a perfect League project and that League members would make perfect telephone surveyors for Valley Transit! With "League voices and League intelligence," we got an 83.5% response rate, which is nothing short of fantastic. Most of the surveyors were so good and so professional that they would have done credit to Lou Harris or George Gallup.

Forty-six League members (including me) participated to get 307 completed interviews with residents of the Fox Cities who "ride the bus less than once a month" or who never ride it at all. By participating, these 46 members earned \$460.50 for the League and provided Valley Transit with solid information for future planning and marketing. Following tabulation of the data by the Lawrence Public Policy Program, the information collected will be analyzed and a report written.

For the most part, the participating Leaguers spent 2½ hours on the phone getting people who do not ride buses to express opinions, which they hardly knew they had, about Valley Transit's service. They also went through the tortures of asking people such personal questions as their age and household income; and they suffered the frustrations of the phones that were not answered or were answered by recordings and of people who asked to be called back and, when the call-back was made, said they were unwilling to participate.

For all of this, some huge thank-you's are in order. First, to Stevie Schmidt, who did the superb job that one has come to expect from her in recruiting and organizing the callers. Without such a splendid organizer, the project would not have worked. And, not only did Stevie spend days calling to recruit Leaguers, but she also did a 2½ hour stint as a surveyor.

The following Leaguers get double thank-you's for having worked 2 shifts, which made them more productive because, on their second night, they could by-pass the orientation session: Chris Calder, Anna Faye Dodd, Joan Fowler, Marcia Hittle, and Dick Sampson.

Single, but very large, thank-you's to Gretchen Bambrick, Jan Besta, Cathy Boardman, Betty Breunig, Elinore Burdette, Jodie CoBabe, Berta Churchill, Lynn Debbink, Diane Siekman, Beth English, Marlys Fritzell, Margaret Gibas, Kathy Hartman, Barbara Hoffman, Marion Huss, Barbara Hussin, Kathy Isaacson, Helene Iverson, Nancy Jones, Cynthia Johnson, Sue Kinde, Jean King, Marge Koepke, Pattee LaFountain, Sue Lebergen, Ann Long, Bobbie Murray, Joan Ross, Ruth Seager, Diane Siekman, Char Sigman, Carolyn Sullivan, Ginny Swanson, Barbara Tank, Jeannie Trigg, Kathy Tulman, Mary Vandenberg, and Judy Winzenz. Thank you also to Sandra Murdoch and Barbara Slauter, who agreed to be surveyors but took sick, and to Gretta Volk, who was prevented from participating by the birth of her baby. (Congratulations, Gretta!)

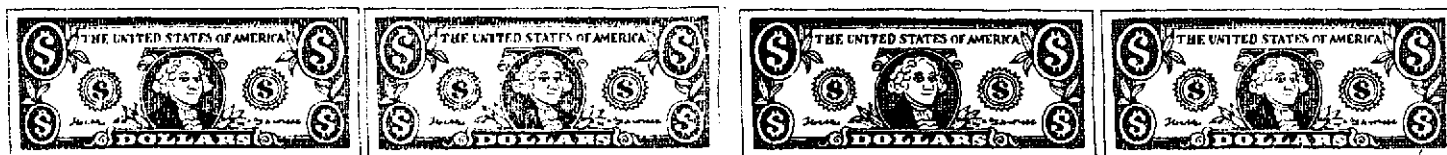
There is no question that, when you want something done and done right, you get the League to do it!

- Corinne Goldgar

BLOCK GRANT HEARING

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services will be holding a block grant hearing on February 6th at the Howard Johnson's Motel in DePere from 3-7 PM. The purpose of the hearing is to help the DHSS determine the best use of funds received by the state from the federal government in social service programs and community development. If you have a particular issue about which you would like to speak (i.e. family planning services, refugee services, child care services) you might want to attend this hearing. The League would like to have several members go as observers. If you would like to attend, please call me at 731-0736 after 2 P.M.

Marlys Fritzell



FINANCE DRIVE

It's THAT TIME of the year again: time to seek the support of the community to continue our work, through the annual FINANCE DRIVE.



The total effort League members will expend during a one month period will be great, but dividing the responsibility will make it most tolerable. HOW WILL YOU HELP?? Below are listed the choices.

Please put a check mark next to one or more ways you will help make this finance drive a SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!! Please cut off the bottom of this page and mail it to me:

Cynthia Johnson  
1117 East Eldorado  
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MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS!!!

I will help by:

- Addressing envelopes and helping with the mailing on Monday, March 4.
- 9:30-11:30       1:00-3:00       7:00-9:00
- Making follow-up phone calls starting March 18.
- Writing thank you letters.
- Donating between \$5.00 and \$50.00; my check is enclosed.

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We are the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON, and we need financing to continue our work.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

The League of Women Voters



It's easy to participate in the LWVUS fiscal policy study. Just read your Winter 1985 *National VOTER* and be sure to make your mark by sending the tear-off form to the national League office. Deadline for receipt of responses is February 15, 1985. Remember, the success of this national study depends on you!

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## MARCH

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                       | <u>EVENT</u>            | <u>LOCATION/HOStESS</u>   |
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| March 4<br>Monday, all day             | Finance Drive           | 1117 E. Eldorado St.<br>Cynthia Johnson<br>739-5146               |
| March 12*<br>Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.        | National Security Units | 15 Bellaire Court<br>Kathy Knott<br>731-1989                      |
| March 13*<br>Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.      | National Security Units | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church<br>Drew and College                |
| March 19<br>Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.         | Board Meeting           | 1100 Green Grove Rd.<br>Diane Siekman<br>733-8272                 |
| March 23<br>Saturday, 10:15-11:15 A.M. | Legislative Forum       | Appleton Police Dept.<br>Lower Level                              |
| March 26<br>Tuesday 7:30 P.M.          | Candidates Forum        | Appleton West High<br>610 N. Badger Avenue<br>Early American Room |

\*Please note that there will no longer be a Monday night unit meeting at the Peppermill.

# Presidential Perch

March will bring a variety of program opportunities and organizational activities. Reading the League material, reflecting upon the printed material--plus all the news that assaults us, attending either the Tuesday night or Wednesday morning meeting, and actively participating in the National Security meetings offers you something worth the price of annual dues. Who could possibly resist this opportunity???

During the entire month of March, League will conduct its annual finance drive. We proudly ask the community to support our presence in the community with a contribution. Many different League members will have been involved in one way or another. If you aren't able to contribute work, please consider sending a check to Joan Fowler, Treasurer.

You must know how close we are to unveiling one of League's most famous and wonderful projects: the sixth edition of This Is Appleton. Marcia Hittle and slews of talented researchers, writer, editors, designers, and photographers have labored for more than half a year. April 15 will be known to some of America as the day to pay taxes, but probably Corinne Goldgar's publicity blitz will make tax deadlines pale in significance beside the arrival of This Is Appleton.

Do, do, do plan to come to the Annual Meeting. it is fun for old members and new ones. Go write in heavy marker on your best calendar that YOU are busy on Tuesday, April 23. More details to follow...

A personal note: my mind is disintegrating with the endless decisions involved in being told that Al's job will be in Dallas by late summer. Others may have discerned other signs of mental fatigue, but I suspect my most visible one was forgetting to submit a column before leaving to look Dallas over. Sorry, Margaret! To my pleasant surprise, initial horror and dismay at the prospect of moving have been replaced by a sense of adventure and opportunity.

--Cynthia Johnson  
739-5146

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Please call Cynthia Johnson or Diane Siekman to volunteer to help during the month on some part of the finance drive. Or, send a check to Joan Fowler (915 N. Kensington, Appleton 54915) if you can better help the League this way. Many thanks!

## WELCOMES TO:

Sandy Hill 739-9370  
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Sandy is working in advertising sales for the Post-Crescent. In her "spare" time she and Chuck are fixing up an old house. They have three children in the Appleton schools and enjoy gardening.

Betty Priebe 734-1014  
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Betty is a reference librarian at UW-O. She moved here 1½ years ago from Milw. Among her many interests are painting and creative writing.

Jane Hillegas-Stommel 731-8784  
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Jane, a Lawrence graduate, has lived in Appleton for ten years. She is currently working at Project Bridges while looking for a teaching job. Jane is active at the "Y" and enjoys running road race.

Jackie Wallace 731-7127  
723 Hawes Ave.

Jackie is working at Brady's clothing store. She is a native of Appleton, married two years and enjoys crafts and athletics.

# Peace Is Possible

Or don't you agree? How do we promote global security? Come to the unit meetings on March 12 and 13 as we begin our 2 year National Security study with an examination of the interdependent nature of our International Relations (IR) program. We will be reviewing briefly League's IR positions in each of the six areas, so please read the following outline of these positions as well as the publication, Promoting Peace: Agenda for Change, mailed with your last newsletter. This is a good opportunity to bring yourself up-to-date on the League's activities in the international arena. Following this review we will be discussing ways to promote global security, both old and new. What are the most pressing international problems facing the U.S. over the next ten years? Everyone has an opinion on that so bring it with you to the March units.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSITIONS

- I. Arms Control - Action to reduce the risk of war through arms control measures
  - A. Limit or reduce quantity of weapons
  - B. Limit proliferation and prohibit first use of nuclear weapons
  - C. Prohibit first use and possession of chemical, biological and radiological weapons
  - D. Reduce tensions which might provoke use of such weapons
  - E. Favors multilateral negotiations to limit spread of nuclear weapons and to protect commonly held nuclear-weapons-free regions such as the seabed and outer space.
  - F. Bilateral (rather than unilateral) efforts also necessary to limit and reduce weapons
  - G. Does not support tying progress in arms control to other issues (i.e. other foreign and military policy goals)
  
- II. Development - Action to support U.S. development assistance policies that improve the quality of life for the people of the developing countries.
  - A. Help less-developed countries reach self-sustaining economic growth with a focus on the human concerns of development and improved quality of life
  - B. Favors greater participation by recipient nation in planning and executing programs
  - C. Supports U.S. assistance to other nations in their population planning programs in accordance with the culture and mores of each country.
  - D. Advocates increased use of multilateral channels through which U.S. assistance is given
  - E. Military aid should be separated from development aid.
  - F. Advocates increasing U.S. assistance thereby reversing the trend of reduced aid.
  - G. Encourages private investment of U.S. capital.
  - H. Favors greater freedom of trade with reduction of trade barriers.
  
- III. Military Policy and Defense Spending - Action to limit reliance on military force and to examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.
  - A. U.S. should protect its interests through use of non-military measures - diplomacy, mediation, and multilateral (indirect) cooperation.
  - B. Believes that military force is a tool of last resort as defense of homeland with conventional weapons preferable.
  - C. Believes nuclear weapons' function is that of deterring nuclear attack and the goal is that they never be used.
  - D. Should vigorously pursue arms control negotiations and eventually eliminate stockpiles.



- E. Does not support unilateral elimination of any leg of the triad (inter-continental ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles and long-range bombers).
  - F. Defense of NATO should be shared and only conventional weapons are appropriate.
  - G. Strongly opposes "first use" policy in Europe and opposes deployment of U.S. nuclear weapons on European soil.
  - H. Opposes defending Japan or any ally with other than conventional weapons
  - I. In examining defense spending readiness should be emphasized over investment and improved accountability is essential.
- IV. Trade - Action to support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and broadlong-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.
- A. Supports a liberal U.S. trade policy, based on the public interest, not on special interests
  - B. Supports multilateral negotiations of trade agreements.
  - C. Supports making special trade concessions to developing countries.
  - D. Opposes any measures that impede trade - quotas, "Buy American" provisions
  - E. Supports reform of the international monetary system
  - F. Supports expanded adjustment assistance to workers
- V. United Nations - Action to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world
- A. Supports U.S. policies that strengthen the UN's capacity to solve problems of global interdependence.
  - B. Supports providing financial contributions to the UN and its specialized agencies.
  - C. Supports reducing international tensions through strengthening UN peace-keeping procedures.
  - D. Supports use of the World Court and a body of international law.
  - E. Supports UN programs aimed at helping developing countries improve social and economic conditions.
  - F. Believes that participating constructively in the UN system should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy.
  - G. Does not advocate revision of the Charter, but would like to increase UN effectiveness.
- VI. National Security - Examine the interdependent nature of International Relations program, including new and innovative ways to promote global security. Evaluate U.S. economic and military aid to developing countries and its relationship to our international economic and political interests.

OUTLINE FOR UNIT MEETINGS - MARCH 12 AND 13

- I. Updating LWFVUS International Relations Positions
  - A. Review of past LWFVUS IR positions
  - B. Discussion of one or two recent LWFVUS actions as examples
  - C. Discussion of historical example as a means of explaining current developments affecting IR program issues.
- II. Interpreting LWFVUS IR position.
  - A. Discussion of the following hypothetical situation: Suppose that Congress were asked in 1985 to appropriate funds for new, sophisticated and expensive conventional weapons for NATO defense. The proposal reflects a new strategy of attacking Warsaw Pact forces behind the line of battle in

in order to delay or stop reinforcements, in contrast to the former emphasis on repelling forces after they have invaded NATO territory. Factors that have led to making this proposal include advances in weapons technology, doubts about NATO's existing ability to wage conventional defense, and growing aversion to NATO's heavy reliance on nuclear weapons for defense.

B. Given LWVUS IR positions, how might it respond?

III. Preparing for the Future

- A. Discuss elements that promote "global security"
- B. Review League process of translating philosophical goals (e.g. promoting peace) into specific actions on trade, development, international organizations, arms control and military policy.
- C. Discuss how LWVUS positions address these issues of global security.
- D. Discuss issues that LWVUS positions do not address.
- E. Discuss any new proposals in IR that could contribute to global security.

IV. Broadening Perspectives

- A. What do you consider to be the most pressing international problems facing the U.S. over the next ten years?
- B. How do you view the issue of U.S. - Soviet relations?
- C. What is the appropriate balance between military and nonmilitary U.S. policy options?
- D. How important are these international issues to you and the community?

V. Opportunities for Advocacy

- A. Review some of the local organizations working on international issues.
- B. What plans could our local league have for mobilizing public opinion through education and action?

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THINK GLOBALLY - ACT LOCALLY

There are many opportunities in the Appleton community for education on the issues surrounding global security. Get involved!

Upcoming Events:

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| March 18-23  | Central American Week - sponsored by:<br>Fox Valley Interfaith Task Force on<br>Central America   |
| March 23, 7:00 P.M.  | Public Meeting - St. Bernard's  |
| April 11,12  | Symposium on Nuclear Armament<br>"Peace and Arms"   |
| April 11, 11:00 A.M.   | Lawrence University Chapel Convocation<br>Dr. Robert J. Lifton, one of the foremost<br>authorities on the effect of the threat<br>of nuclear disaster   |
| 7:30 P.M.  | Panel Discussion-Lawrence U Chapel<br>- Ruth Adams-former editor of Bulletin of<br>Atomic Scientists<br>- Edward Luttwak-Georgetown Center for<br>Strategic and International Studies<br>-Marvin Kalkstein-Harvard University |
| April 29, 7:00 P.M.<br>*call Nancy Jones; for details-731-9250 | Bread For the World<br>General Meeting<br>Speaker: Jay O'Brien, Prof. at LU   |
| May 5  | Offering of Letters-Bread for the World<br>(look for news through your church)  |

## THE MX MISSILE

Funding for continued production of the MX missile will again hang in the balance when Congress reconvenes in late February. According to the terms of an elaborate compromise, struck by missile supporters as a last-ditch effort to save the system from elimination in the 98th Congress, the MX must survive two votes on consecutive days in each chamber, before funding can be approved for the current fiscal year. The votes will be on authorization and appropriation requests, and they must come after March 1 and before April 5. The battle promises to be a heated one.

The League continues to oppose the MX because it is a destabilizing modernization of the land leg of the nuclear defense triad. The vulnerable basing mode and the increased accuracy and firepower of the MX increase incentives for a first strike by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The Administration is expected to try to parlay enthusiasm over the upcoming Geneva arms control talks into increased support for the MX, arguing that it is an important bargaining chip. But there is no indication that the Administration is willing to bargain with the MX, and the League and other concerned organizations believe that the Geneva talks should not be used as a smokescreen for deployment of this strategically unsound budget-buster.

Please contact your Representatives and Senators and urge them to oppose funding for the MX missile.


## CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985

At a January press conference, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Augustus Hawkins (D CA) announced the introduction of HR 700 and S 431, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985, designed to reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's sweeping Grove City College v. Bell decision. The 1984 court decision reinterpreted key provisions of several important civil rights statutes with the cumulative effect of permitting federal aid to institutions that discriminate. The League is once again at the forefront of efforts to restore these statutes to the broad scope and coverage originally intended by Congress.

In its decision, the Court narrowly construed specific language in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. As originally intended by Congress, these statutes prohibited federal aid to institutions that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, disability or age in any of their programs. As reinterpreted by the Court, federal aid is now permissible to institutions that discriminate so long as the aid does not directly support the specific discriminatory program.

In the Senate, another bill, S 272, has been introduced by Majority Leader Robert Dole (R KS). This bill is significantly weaker because it applies only to educational institutions, providing no coverage for other institutions, such as hospitals.

Please contact your Representatives and urge them to support HR 700. More importantly, contact your Senators and urge them to support S 431, and not S 272. Emphasize that the federal government should not be subsidizing institutions that discriminate.



We "missed the bus" on four people, when giving credit to Valley Transit Bus Survey callers, in the last Bulletin. Please applaud wildly Karen deYoung and Sharon Fenlon, who each worked one shift; Pat Schinabeck, who worked two shifts; and Leah Schoenbohm, who had agreed to work, but was hospitalized with back problems. Our apologies for leaving you out of the first list, and a double thank you!

=Corinne Goldgar

## HERE COME THE JUDGES

On March 26th the Appleton League of Women Voters will host a Candidates Forum with the two candidates for judge speaking to interested citizens and league members. Do bring a friend at 7:30 P.M. to the American Room at West High.

NOW HEAR THIS ..... and please read to the end .

Last year the state League received a grant to study and hold a conference on the legislative negotiation process called "consensus." Citizens and public officials were unhappy with the consensus process but it was not clear to us whether the process or the results were at the root of the controversy. Our purpose was to look at previously unexplored issues inherent in the consensus process to see why there was such disagreement over the efficacy of the system.

The League is sponsoring a symposium "Policy by Consensus?" on March 27th in Madison. The registration fee, with lunch and refreshments, is \$15.00 or, without lunch, is \$7.50. The Appleton League has some money to help defray these expenses so don't let cost hold you back from going. Betty Breunig will be driving, so call her if you want to go or want more information (739-2670). Why should you go?  
READ ON.

Hard Sell: League members really will learn about the current legislative process from this conference. The food will be good. Key members of the legislative leadership, both Democratic and Republican, will take part in the conference.

Soft Sell: The conference will help League members crystallize their own views on how and when to participate in negotiations as opposed to a confrontational style of policy-making. This dilemma faces advocates at every level of government. To influence policy, you must decide what you want, how much power you wield and how to wield that power to achieve your goals.

Betty Breunig

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SAVE THIS DATE  
APRIL 23, TUESDAY  
for our ANNUAL MEETING!!!

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for election at the annual meeting on April 23, 1985:

PRESIDENT: Barbara Grant  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Nancy Jones  
SECRETARY: Greta Volk  
DIRECTORS: Linda Bjella  
(2 year terms) Diane Siekman  
Win Thrall  
DIRECTOR: Nancy Pourciau  
(1 year term to  
fill vacated position)  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:  
Marcia Hittle, Chairperson  
Beth English  
Dawn Washatka

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Bambrick  
Karen DeYoung  
Beth English  
Helen Nagler  
Barbara Hussin, Chpn.

APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-1986

| Expenditures                        | Budget             | Proposed Budget    | Actual Expenditu          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|                                     | 1984-1985          | 1985-1986          | as of Feb. 7, 1985        |
| General Supplies                    | 25.00              | 50.00              | ----                      |
| Audit                               | 5.00               | 5.00               | ----                      |
| President                           | 100.00             | 175.00             | 50.00                     |
| Secretary                           | 145.00             | 175.00             | 87.46                     |
| Treasurer                           | 100.00             | 110.00             | 79.88                     |
| Board Tools/Expense                 | 200.00             | 225.00             | 109.88                    |
| Finance                             | 275.00             | 325.00             | ----                      |
| Membership                          | 75.00              | 200.00             | 65.09                     |
| Directory                           | 50.00              | 75.00              | 66.86                     |
| Babysitting                         | 30.00              | 30.00              | ----                      |
| Courtesy Membership                 | 23.00              | 25.00              | ----                      |
| Unit Organization                   | 25.00              | 40.00              | 34.44                     |
| Public Relations                    | 45.00              | 75.00              | ----                      |
| State Convention (to accrue)        | 200.00             | 550.00             | ----                      |
| National Convention                 | 550.00             | 500.00(to Accrue)  | 475.00                    |
| Workshops                           | 40.00              | 50.00              | ----                      |
| ILO Support                         | 20.00              | 20.00              | 20.00                     |
| State Services                      | 1,241.75           | 1,449.50           | 931.75                    |
| Nat'l Per Member Payment            | 1,358.50           | 1,561.00           | 1,145.63                  |
| Bulletin:                           |                    |                    |                           |
| Supplies                            | 25.00              | 25.00              | 9.24                      |
| Postage                             | 250.00             | 300.00             | 185.76                    |
| Bulk Rate Fee                       | 40.00              | 40.00              | 40.00                     |
| Printing                            | 350.00             | 550.00             | 476.52                    |
| Publications                        |                    |                    |                           |
| Members                             | 357.00             | 381.50             | 148.84                    |
| To Sell                             | 20.00              | 20.00              | 25.80                     |
| Program Committees                  |                    |                    |                           |
| National                            | 40.00              | 40.00              | ----                      |
| State                               | 40.00              | 40.00              | ----                      |
| Local                               | 50.00              | 50.00              | 194.22                    |
| Voters Service/Citizen Info.        | 80.00              | 100.00             | 232.38                    |
| Community Projects                  |                    |                    | (213.80 of above amount   |
| (Octoberfest, Energy Fr)            |                    | \$200.00           | was expenses for October- |
| (Pub. to Schools & Gov't Officials) |                    | \$200.00           | fest)                     |
| Nusi Ward Memorial Project          | ----               | 542.00             | ----                      |
| <u>This Is Appleton</u>             | 5,082.50           | 6,092.50           | ----                      |
| Position Support-Action             | 100.00             | 300.00             | 82.90                     |
| Annual Meeting                      | 25.00              | 50.00              | 328.13                    |
| Council                             | 125.00             | ----               | 213.60                    |
| Transportation                      | ----               | 50.00              | ----                      |
|                                     | <u>\$11,092.75</u> | <u>\$14,621.50</u> | <u>\$5,008.42</u>         |
| <u>Income</u>                       |                    |                    |                           |
| Dues                                | \$ 2,054.00        | \$ 2,190.50        | \$1,875.25                |
| Contributions: Members              | 425.00             | 300.00             | 230.50                    |
| Non-Members                         | 2,639.25           | 2,600.00           | 2,714.00                  |
| Publication: Fees                   | 357.00             | 381.50             | 303.25                    |
| Sales                               | 10.00              | 10.00              | 19.95                     |
| Election Reporting                  | 250.00             | 200.00             | 778.25                    |
| Savings for National Conven.        | 275.00             | ----               | 275.00                    |
| Funding for <u>This Is Appleton</u> |                    |                    |                           |
| 1. Transfer from IDS                | 3,000.00           | 3,000.00           | ----                      |
| 2. Education Fund                   | 2,000.00           | 3,000.00           | ----                      |
| 3. Jane Kaplan Memorial             | 82.50              | 92.50              | 10.00                     |
| Special Projects (Survvers)         | ----               | 200.00             | 610.00                    |
| Proceeds from Community Projects--  |                    | 100.00             | 188.45                    |
| (Oct. Fest, Energy Fair)            |                    |                    |                           |
| Surplus Fund 1984-85 Budget         | ----               | 1,805.00*          |                           |
| Nusi Ward Memorial Fund             | ----               |                    |                           |
| Local                               |                    | 432.00             | 432.00                    |
| Education Fund                      |                    | 110.00             |                           |
| From Savings for State convention-  |                    | 200.00             |                           |
|                                     | <u>\$11,092.75</u> | <u>\$14,621.50</u> | <u>\$8,009.38</u>         |

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# Legislative Forum

An exciting new project for the Appleton League will have its premiere engagement on Saturday, March 23rd when we hold our first Legislative Forum.

Five area organizations have joined with the League to form a coalition to sponsor this event which will take place from 10:15 to 11:45 A.M. in the lower level meeting room at the Appleton Police Station, 222 S. Walnut Street.

In addition to the League, the coalition includes AAUW, the Appleton Taxpayers' Association, NOW, Sierra Club and Audubon Society.

This will be a public forum which will provide an opportunity for local citizens to discuss State issues and legislation with the five legislators who represent the City of Appleton and portions of its surrounding area. These Representatives are: Gervaise Hephner, 3rd Assembly District; Esther Walling, 55th Assembly District; David Prosser, Jr., 57th Assembly District; and the Senators are: Alan Lasee, First Senate District, and Michael Ellis, 19th Senate District.

Each coalition group will present a question to the legislators which pertains to that group's legislative agenda. Anyone who attends is encouraged to come with a question in mind to pose to our representatives. We fully expect the ensuing discussion to be lively, often controversial and always fascinating.

This forum will be the first of what we hope will be a continuing project held periodically throughout the year.

It is vitaly important that our membership turns out in force for this first forum in order to get the project off to a strong start.

Linda Bjella 731-8594

## ACTION

The Pro-Choice Coalition (our League belongs!) is asking for names of people willing to have "house meetings" in their homes. These are informal get togethers of neighbors and friends to learn what is happening locally, statewide and nationally on the abortion issue and to find out what legislation is pending. The meetings are primarily for pro-choice people but also for those struggling with this very complex problem. These are low key sessions and have won high marks for reasonableness and the information imparted. Call Emily West (H 733-2754 or O 731-9534) for more information.

Stevie Schmidt has recently been appointed by the Mayor to serve on the task force to study the delivery of emergency medical care in Appleton.

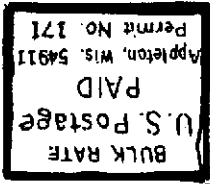
A couple of months ago Marlys Fritzell, Barb Hussin and Bev Wieckert were appointed to a Mayor's committee to make recommendations to the city council on senior citizens.

-Betty Breunig



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# League of Women Voters



Appleton, Wisconsin 1985

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## APRIL

DATE/TIME

EVENT

LOCATION/HOSTESS

April 2, Tuesday

General Election

April 16  
Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

Board Meeting

2601 N. Kesting Ct.  
Jan Bests 739-7589

April 23, Tuesday  
6:00  
6:30  
7:30

ANNUAL MEETING  
Attitude Adjustment  
Dinner  
Business Meeting

Paper Valley  
Convention Center  
Downtown Appleton

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Wauwatosa is the site of the 49th convention of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. May 3 & 4 are the days, and we are looking for a few more delegates to attend. As we can take 8 delegates besides the president, any interested members should contact Barbara Grant (if they haven't already.)

Program items recommended by the State Board, whose members weighed the recommendations of 22 leagues, are for one of the following:

1. Services to children and families at risk in Wisconsin
2. Health care delivery in Wisconsin

The majority of members at the lively issues meeting recommended studies on education and mental health laws, so pass on your preferences to the convention delegates before May.

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# Presidential Perch

WOW!! The Legislative Forum was one of the best meetings I have ever attended. The quality of exchange among the three state legislators present, the six coalitions, and members of the public was substantive and lively. Linda Bjella was the key to its success from the beginning through to the public meeting on March 23. The Forum was undertaken as an experiment. I think it moved instantly into being an institution!

Early returns from the Finance Drive are encouraging. Contributions arrive daily, so totals change constantly. We'll have an almost-final report at the Annual Meeting on April 23.

Annual Meeting...ah! If you only come to one event this year, the Annual Meeting should be it. It's the essence of grass roots League traditions. As president, I personally hope that things go smoothly as anticipated. But, let me assure you that one never knows what effectively-presented ideas will surface and triumph by the end of the meeting. Come and watch the action!

If you bring your coupon for This Is Appleton to the Annual Meeting, you'll have one of the new copies hot off the press!! I can't wait to hold one in my hands, the product of months of effort of Marcia Hittle, Win Thrall, and a staff of dozens. Like good total solar eclipses, this event happens only a few times in your lifetime!

Cynthia Johnson

## ACTION ALERT:

The Joint Committee on Finance which considers all items in the biennial budget will make the first critical decisions on comparable worth. Rep. David Prosser, 57th Assembly District, serves on this committee. At the Legislative Forum on March 23rd, Rep. Prosser stated his opposition to comparable worth. "(Comparable worth) is the highest priority to go in the budget," he said.

Obviously, he needs to hear from comparable worth supporters. Please refer to the January local Bulletin and/or the February Forward for background information, or call Linda Bjella, 731-8594.

Write to: Rep. David T. Prosser, Jr.  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708

You should write to Representative Prosser immediately.

Senator Mike Ellis, 19th Senate District, also expressed vehement opposition to comparable worth at the forum.

Write to him at: Senator Michael G. Ellis  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

(Don't forget you can also use the "Legislative Hotline" (800-362-9696), to communicate a message.)

## TWO GOOD WAYS TO SPEND YOUR MONEY

1. A Fair Housing Council has just been organized in the Fox Valley. This is a private non-profit membership-based organization dedicated to ensuring that all people have equal access to housing opportunities in the Fox Valley.

Most of us think of discrimination as applying only to racial and religious minorities. In Wisconsin there are other protected groups whomay not be discriminated against because of handicaps, lawful source of income sex, age, sexual orientation and marital status.

Government agencies which try to field discrimination complaints havenot been effective because of lack of publicity, lack of an organized testing structure and lack of ability to act quickly. The Fair Housing Council will provide counseling and investigative services to victims of housing discrimination and will work with government agencies and with a panel of cooperating attorneys in actively pursuing complaints of illegal discrimination. Our Fair Housing Council will have a great deal of assistance from the Metropolitan Milwaukee FHC who will provide guidance and training to the administration.

Dick Jengling, whom some of you heard at our League housing meeting, has been elected president. Dorothy Stillings (LWV member) is treasurer. Bobbie Murry, LWV member and Chair of the Appleton Equal Opportunities Commission, is on the board of directors. Please join us by filling out the application on this page!

2. The Pro-Choice Coalition is sponsoring a concert by Susan Savell on May 11. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a songwriter and singer. Her art form is designed to teach as well as entertain and through the blending of music and commentary she explores and expands current discussions of theological, ethical, political and spiritual concerns.

If advance publicity and those who have heard her are to be believed, she is a remarkable woman. Dawn Washatka and I will be selling tickets (\$5.00). Incidentally, this event is not a fundraiser, but we do hope to break even.

Betty Breunig

## FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (work)

Age 16 or over? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please choose a membership category and make a tax deductible contribution.

Individuals may purchase:

- \_\_\_ Individual Membership \$10-24
- \_\_\_ Sustaining Membership \$25-99

Organizations, corporations, religious congregations, labor unions, and other groups may purchase:

- \_\_\_ Sponsoring Membership \$100-1000

Note: Volunteer service in lieu of membership may be arranged upon request.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Fair Housing Council of the Fox Valley is to promote fair housing throughout the Fox Valley by guaranteeing all people equal access to housing opportunities and by creating and maintaining racially and economically integrated housing patterns.

\_\_\_\_\_ subscribes and  
(signature)  
adheres to the purpose of FHCfV.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Send to Dorothy Stillings, Treasurer  
Fair Housing Council  
1323 Oakcrest Court  
Appleton WI 54914]

# Legislative Forum

"Exciting. Overwhelming. Interesting. Emotional. Amusing. Thought-provoking. Gratifying. Highly worthwhile."

A review of the latest Oscar-sweeping movie? No. Just some assessments made following our first Legislative Forum held Saturday morning, March 23rd.

A standing-room-only crowd of 65-70 people assembled to hear Senator Mike Ellis and Representatives Dave Prosser and Gervase Hephner\* discuss such issues as comparable worth, the VTAE boards, toxics in the environment, Governor Earl's budget, soil erosion control, the business climate and tax structure in Wisconsin, and funding for gifted and talented students.

It seemed to all observers a rip-roaring start to what will now almost certainly become a regular, on-going project sponsored jointly by the League, NOW, AAUW, the Sierra Club, the Appleton Taxpayers Association & the Audubon Society.

The date of the next forum will be announced soon. Don't miss it!

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\*Senator Alan Lasee and Rep. Esther Walling were invited, but were unable to attend.

## NATIONAL AND STATE ACTION

**NATIONAL:** Congressman Toby Roth was interviewed by Kathy Tulman, Marlys Fritzell, and a League member from Green Bay. Issues discussed included the Strategic Defense Initiative, Clean Air-Acid Rain legislation, tax policy, and the Civil Rights Act of 1985.

Calls were made to Senators Proxmire and Kasten and Representative Roth urging them to vote against further funding for production of the MX missile. Individual league members were asked to make similar calls.

**STATE:** The league meeting on Comparable Worth was well-attended and provided much-needed information on this complex issue. Gretchen Bambrick and Linda Bjella deserve a big thank you for their thorough research and excellent presentation. Linda will be serving on the Wisconsin Women's Network Task Force on Equity in Employment and will be providing our League with guidance about future action.

Many of you signed the petition concerning the problems of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin. The petitions will be sent to the state legislature to urge that body to back increased support for programs being proposed in the budget bill which address the problems.

I have included in this Bulletin an outline of the League of Women Voters of Wis. positions on the governor's budget proposal. Betty Breunig and I have additional information about the Wisconsin Difference budget proposals referred to in the outline. Each of you are encouraged to take individual action.

Finally, may I remind those of you who have not already filed your state and federal income tax returns to consider the check-off for election campaign financing. The League supports public financing of campaigns to ensure broad-based and adequate financial support free from special interest influence. In Wisconsin, each dollar received from the State Election Campaign Fund means a dollar less can be received from special interests. If the full grant is accepted, no special interest money can be used. The number of people checking off the dollar at the state level has been decreasing in recent years. It is now under 17%. Public information is needed to remind people of the importance of this fund and how it works.

--Marlys Fritzell

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON ANNUAL DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING

Please plan to attend the Annual LWV Dinner and Business Meeting to be held on:

Tuesday, April 23, 1985  
6:00 P.M.  
Paper Valley Hotel - Lawrence Room

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 6:00 Attitude Adjustment
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Business Meeting
  - Budget
  - Election of Officers & Directors
  - President's Report
  - Local Program Discussion

If you are unable to join us for the dinner, feel free to attend the Business Meeting. Coffee will be available.

See you there!!!

Liz Hoover, Annual Meeting Chair  
733-6678 work  
739-8703 home

Please return the following form with your check.....

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LWV ANNUAL DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.25 each

Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to LWV of Appleton

Send your checks & this form to:

Joan Fowler, Treasurer  
915 N. Kensington Drive  
Appleton, WI 54915

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 19, 1985 (Friday)

## LEAGUE POSITIONS ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

1. Based on our positions of supporting an equitable tax structure, strengthening of the income tax based on the ability to pay, decreasing the percentage of reliance on the property tax in the revenue mix, and favoring a school financing system that ensures adequate support for all school districts and increased state funding, we support the following tax provisions:

- a) Reform of the income tax by reducing the number of brackets, reducing the tax rates, increasing the standard sliding deduction, and removal of extensive deductions. While we support the maintenance of progressivity, we would prefer to have progressivity improved.
- b) Our support for the removal of all deductions is qualified by concern for the funding of charitable organizations when they are being asked to do more and, based on our housing positions, a concern that removing the mortgage interest deduction may reduce the overall housing stock to the detriment of the low income at a time when Wisconsin is doing almost nothing in terms of providing adequate housing.
- c) Support for the property tax relief proposals and the accompanying increase in state support for education.
- d) Support for the adoption of a uniform property tax form which details revenue and expenditure sources, as a useful tool for citizen information.
- e) While we support the equitable sharing of tax proceeds between state and local governments, we recognize that the distribution formula may need adjustment. We have no position on the adjustment, but we support the phasing in of any change in the method of distribution to allow local governments time to adjust to funding changes.

2. Based on our VTAE positions, we support increased state funding for the VTAE system, but oppose the election of local VTAE boards.

3. Based on our transportation positions, we support increased funding for mass transit.

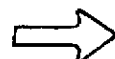
4. Based on our human services and juvenile justice positions, we support additional funding for human services beyond the budget proposals, as expressed in the Wisconsin Difference budget proposals.

5. Support for the governor's proposal on comparable worth, based on our national pay equity in employment positions.

6. Support for the budget proposals for the increase in state support of education through increased state aids, including the counting of low income students as 1.2; increased categorical aids for students with special needs, including the gifted and talented; the Children at Risk proposal providing extra funds for districts with high drop out rates and incentives to elementary schools to deal with potential problem students; programs for improved access to education for employment; statutory language changes to give the DPI more authority to monitor sex equity in the schools; and the day care program for school age parents. Support for these issues is based on our position in support of a greater share of education funding by the state and equal access to education.

7. Support for the natural resources proposals, specifically:

- a) The soil erosion plan in the Dept. of Agriculture budget, based on our state land use positions.
- b) Restoration of the toxic monitoring program, based on our water quality positions.
- c) Restoration of solid waste recycling technical assistance, based on national waste positions.
- d) Retention of the "Clean Sweep" initiative, also based on the national waste positions.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
May General Meeting Topic

A Victim's Testimony from Battered Wives, by Del Martin

"Being beaten is a terrible thing; it is most terrible of all if you are not equipped to fight back. I recall an occasion when I tried to defend myself and I actually tore my husband's shirt. Later, he showed it to a relative as proof that I had done something terribly wrong. The fact that at the moment I had several raised spots on my head hidden by my hair, a swollen lip that was bleeding, and a severely damaged cheek with a blood clot that caused a permanent dimple didn't matter to him. What mattered was that I tore his shirt! That I tore it in self-defense didn't mean anything to him.

My situation is so untenable I would guess that anyone who has not experienced one like it would find it incomprehensible. I find it difficult to believe myself."

Excerpts from Outagamie County Domestic Abuse Program's Hotline calls:

-She's afraid of weekends because of her husband's excessive drinking and potential abuse.

-Caller sounded very shaky, her husband took her ring away, she held on to his tool box, it broke, he got angry and hit her. She stated that she was going to emergency room to get x-rays of her jaw, ribs and face. The abuse has been verbal and physical for 9 years. There are three children.

-Doctor called regarding patient with broken ear drum--injury was abuse related.

-Husband beat her last night. Her parents don't want to get involved. Needs some help to get started on her own.

-A woman called from a friend's house to come to the shelter. Police were called to stand by the house until a taxi arrived to bring her to shelter. The abuser threatened her life, threatens to kill her dog. Caller is worried about the safety of her 11 year old son.

-Woman wanting shelter for herself and two daughter 19 year old son is the abuser.

-A boy who is in the shelter with his mom calls from school, he is scared because his dad has called the school and wants to talk to him, he is afraid of what might happen.

-Woman who has been in an abusive marriage for 20 years calls because husband has started abusing 17 year old daughter.

-Husband beat her last night, she went to hospital and then spent night in a hotel. 33 years of marriage and 33 years of abuse.

-High school counselor called about a 16 year old girl being beaten by 19 year old boy friend.

-A pastor called about a 47 year old woman being abused by children.

What is our role and/or responsibility as individuals, organizations and a community in remedying this problem in our society? Domestic violence is the topic for our general meeting on May 14th. Please plan to attend what promises to be a very informative meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, call Dawn Washatka, 731-7893.

e) Retention of the natural areas match grant program, based on land use positions.

8. The State League Board took no position at this time on issues concerning mandating changes in county administration structures and state educational standards because of a lack of adequate information on the impact of the changes.



## FINANCE DRIVE

"The check is in the mail." Dozens of individuals and businesses can say that about their contributions to the League of Women Voters of Appleton. Joan Fowler dashes to her mailbox every day and rips open the envelopes to see the concrete evidence of community support for the League. By Monday, March 24, the total amount of contributions was \$ 1,215.00. This is a good response at this point in our efforts to raise about \$ 2,900 to support our work for the next year.

The shared responsibilities of this Finance Drive then shifts to Marlys Fritzell, who is organizing the writing of thank you notes to the contributors. Towards the end of April, Pat Schinabeck will coordinate the follow-up contact to any individuals or businesses who have not yet sent in their check.

Other individuals who have been responsible for chunks of the Finance Drive include Diane Siekman, Betty Breunig, and Cynthia Johnson. Next month we'll put in the complete list of all League members who have contributed their time and effort to make this a very successful project.

Elsewhere in the Bulletin is a League member's coupon for a free copy of the new sixth edition of This Is Appleton. We have sent a similar coupon to our contributors. A big thank you goes to the Information and Referral Center for agreeing to be a distribution point for This Is Appleton.

### THINK GLOBALLY--ACT LOCALLY

Events of interest this month include:

- BREAD FOR THE WORLD - contact Beth Lepinski--731-3936
  - April 13, Saturday State Meeting in Madison  
9:00-4:00 \$4.00 includes lunch
  - April 15, Monday Carol Colbeth, Midwest Coordinator from Washington, D.C.  
7:00 P.M. will be at Bonnie Cleveland's home, call Beth if you would like to attend.
  - April 29, Monday General Meeting--St. Mary's  
7:00 P.M. Featured speaker: Jay O'Brien from L.U.
  - May 5, Sunday Offering of Letters--topic-legislation supporting the authorization and appropriation of the 1986 Famine Aid to Africa; and addressing the long-term cause of famine.
- FOX VALLEY INTERFAITH TASK FORCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA - contact Sue Chase, 738-0430 or Jeanne Hanneman, 722-3002.
  - April 21-28 Central American Information Week  
Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization will be available to speak with interested citizens.
  - April 25, Thursday Appleton Public Library -- Ralph McGehee, IFCO  
3:00 P.M. author of Deadly Deceits will speak on "My 25 years in the CIA"

--M.J. Wurster - 738-0695

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| May 3-4                                | State Convention                                | Wauwatosa                                   |
| May 7, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.<br>Tuesday     | Coming Out Party for<br><u>This Is Appleton</u> | 520 N. Bateman<br>Marcia Hittle             |
| May 11, 10:15 - 11:45 A.M.<br>Saturday | Legislative Forum                               | UW-Fox Valley<br>Room W29                   |
| May 14, 7:30 P.M.<br>Tuesday           | General Meeting<br>Domestic Abuse               | Appleton Police<br>Station - Lower<br>Level |



HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!!!

# Presidential Perch

The Annual Meeting has spoken: priorities, and leaders have been selected for the next League year. In some ways the League goes dormant now until September. The coffers are full, and it is time for League members to tend their own gardens. Still, it is also a good time for individual members to look over the choices available for the next twelve months and decide the place League will play in their busy lives. One reminder: the individual member benefits from League in direct proportion to the effort she expends on League.

Many little things conspired to delay the arrival of This is Appleton, but you will note elsewhere in the Bulletin that Editor Marcia Hittle has invited all 122 League members to her house to get our personal copies. I look forward to seeing you there--and you, you, you, and you... I still haven't seen a copy as of this moment, and I can hardly wait. Marcia and Win Thrall (a professional graphic designer who volunteered her time unstintingly) will probably autograph your copy if requested. Thank you for all the effort, Marcia, Win, and everyone else who contributed her time and talents to this ambitious project.

Only time will tell what the new League president, Barb Grant, will call her column. Mine has been labeled "Presidential Perch" for these past two years because I began and end this job well aware that she who holds the presidency is a temporary figure in the history of the League of Women Voters. I have enjoyed my tenure, especially the opportunity to work with so many talented and effective women. I sincerely thank you for the chance to be your League president not only from 1975-77 but again from 1983-85.

Cynthia Johnson

## LOCAL PROGRAM 1985-86

League members who attended the Annual Meeting worked long and hard to select local program items for the coming year. After considerable discussion, two non-recommended program items selected for consideration were voted on and adopted. The local studies for the coming year will be:

1. A study of enrichment programs for gifted students.
2. An update on the City-County Health Department position.

Two other program items were discussed by members at the meeting but not chosen as studies for the coming year. A motion to adopt the recommended program item, a study on the river, was defeated, and although a study of the combining of the Social Services and Community Boards was considered, no motion was made to adopt this item.

A special thanks goes to Judy Winzenz who did a fine job of making sure the meeting proceeded according to proper parliamentary procedures.

Members who are interested in chairing or working on either of the study committees, or on the Nusi Ward Memorial Project, should contact me or Barb Grant.

-Jan Besta, Program Vice President

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES ACTION UPDATE

### THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985

House committees have completed a series of regional hearings on HR 700, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. The bill would reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's sweeping Grove City College v. Bell decision, which significantly weakened several key civil rights statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in institutions receiving federal funds.

Prospects for passage in the House are very good: the bill already has over 180 sponsors. A floor vote is expected in late April or early May and the bigger the margin of victory in the House, the greater the pressure on the Senate to follow suit.

In the Senate, two very different bills have been introduced, and a real battle is expected. The League-endorsed bill, S 431, is identical to HR 700. The second bill, S 272, introduced by Majority Leader Robert Dole (R KS), is an unacceptable substitute. S 272 would address only educational institutions, leaving federally-funded hospitals, transportation and housing programs and other federally-supported institutions and programs free to discriminate provided the specific unit of the institution receiving funds is not discriminating. For example, under the Dole bill, even if a given ward in a hospital were operating with federal support, the hospital as a whole would be free to discriminate against would-be patients provided that the federally-supported ward was not discriminating.

Please contact your Representatives and urge them to support HR 700. Contact your Senators and encourage them to support S 431. Tell them that S 272 is unacceptable because it would leave too many institutions free to discriminate at the taxpayer's expense.

### FINANCE DRIVE

We have received \$1,739 from the community and League members to support our work for next year. We have good reason to believe that two large contributions will soon arrive. These checks and the dollars we attract through our follow-up efforts should bring us close to our goal of \$2,900.

In addition to being about money, the Finance Drive is also a story of people. The following people have made this a successful Finance Drive:

Organization: Cynthia Johnson, Diane Siekman, Joan Fowler, Marlys Fritzell, Pat Schinabeck, and Betty Breunig.

The mailing (including preparation): Jan Besta, Diane Siekman, Joan Fowler, Barbara Murray, Dot Vlossak, Cynthia Johnson, Marcia Hittle, Pat Schinabeck, and Betty Breunig.

Thank you letters: Marlys Fritzell, Phyllis Dintenfass, Barbara Murray, and Marge Koepke.

Follow-up: Betty Breunig and Pat Schinabeck

Contributors (including those who sent specific checks to the Finance Drive and those who added a contribution to their dues): Anna Fay Dodd, Joan Ross, Sharon Fanlon, Betty Breunig, Bev Wieckert, Pat Schinabeck, Barb Hussin, Ruth Seager, Fannie Ruth, Lynn Debbink, Elizabeth Hoover, Helen Nagler, Dorothy Olson, Janet Krueger, Marcia Hittle, Pat Danford, Nancy Pourciau, Anderea Tatlock, Eleanor Burdett, Dot Vlossak, Cookie Fielkow, Barb Tank, Cynthia Johnson, M.J. Wurster, and Joyce Green.

Thank you all very much !!! If we missed your special way of contributing, please call Cynthia Johnson or Joan Fowler so we can thank you next month, when we hope to have final numbers for our Finance Drive.

# Partisan? No. Political? You Bet

By ESTHER B. FEIN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 11 — With pride, if not precision, Dorothy S. Ridings tells how the desk she sits behind here as president of the League of Women Voters belonged to one of the early sisters of the suffragists' movement.

"I can't remember which one," she admitted, bashfully, as she smoothed her hand over the mahogany. "I lost the piece of paper that had her name on it. But it's a wonderful connection to our history, and I love having it in my office."

Mrs. Ridings is quick to note that the link to the early days of the league is more substantial than a piece of Victorian furniture.

Though she fondly traces the desk's serpentine curves, she just as affectionately recounts the history of the league and the women who banded together 65 years ago to form it. She uses words like "controversial" and "progressive" to describe the issues they undertook then — words, she said, that people are attaching now to the league's recent decision to oppose the MX missile and the "Star Wars" space-based missile defense plan.

"We have always taken on hard issues," she said, discounting the thought that the league was ever a soft organization. "Now a lot of people are surprised to hear us denouncing destabilizing weapons, but if you look back at our history, that's where we belong."

The league was born of the suffragists' movement, in the months preceding the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. From its inception in 1920, its legislative goals were not exclusively women's issues, though its first great struggle was winning passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act, a bill that provided Federal aid for maternal and child-care programs.

In the ensuing decades, the league supported passage of the Social Security and Food and Drug Acts, opposed the McCarthy blacklists, en-



Associated Press

Dorothy S. Ridings as she announced 1984 Presidential debates.

couraged normalization of relations between the United States and China and supported civil rights.

The league is probably best known now for sponsoring the Presidential debates, which it undertook in 1976. The visibility the debates provide, say league members and some of its observers, has perhaps focused more attention on its positions.

Last week, as the Reagan Administration began campaigning for Congressional approval of the MX, the league issued a statement saying it was "fiscally irresponsible to fund this destabilizing and unnecessary first strike weapon" and calling on Congress to cancel the MX system.

Mrs. Ridings dismisses those who label the league's decision on that issue as partisan. She says the

league, whose main goals are political education and advocacy, comes to its positions by a consensus of its members on a given issue. And, as she is wont to do, she drew on the league's history to prove her point.

"The very first president of the League of Women Voters," she said, referring to Maude Wood Parks, "once said that 'To be political without being partisan in a country where the two words are nearly synonymous has always been a delicate undertaking.' And you know she was right. A lot of people confuse being political, which we surely are, with being partisan, which we surely are not."

She finds it amusing that some say the league is partial to Democrats, since demographically its average member is a moderate Republican. In fact, she said, she fits the profile.

"I'm a well-educated woman," said Mrs. Ridings, who is president of her own communications concern in Louisville. "I've got a master's degree. I have an above-average income. I'm married and I have a family. I'm 45, which is a tad under the average of 50. And I'm white."

Mrs. Ridings said she was disappointed that the league's membership has not diversified over the years. Men, who were first admitted in 1976, constitute only 2 percent of the membership. And there is still very little minority group representation.

"It's interesting that we have kept up with the times on the issues," Mrs. Ridings said, "but we have not done very well at keeping the makeup of our membership as current. As much as national security is an issue now that we have to speak up on, we also have to make sure that our voice is one that is representative of the society we are trying to protect."

*To: State and Local Leagues  
From: Roz McGee  
I know you will be interested in this New York Times article. This is just the image we want to project!*

## The League AT A GLANCE

### History

The league was founded in 1920 in Chicago. It has its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### Membership

There are 110,000 members, who pay \$30 a year and are expected at least to attend a weekly meeting, and 160,000 friends of the league. Any citizen, male or female, at least 18 years of age, is eligible to join.

### Basic purposes

The organization works to in-

crease citizen participation in the political process on the Federal, state and local levels; to educate citizens about public policy issues; to establish consensus opinions on public policy issues; to lobby for public policies consistent with league positions.

### Structure

The league is organized to parallel the three levels of government: national, state and local. There are 1,200 local leagues and 50 state leagues that make up the national league. The national league has a yearly budget of \$4 million and has 70 paid employees.

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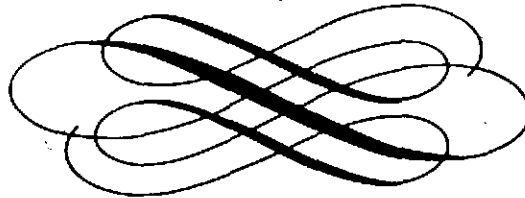
# Taking Flight

Even as the geese fly, each leader taking turns at the point of the V and, by cutting the air, pulling the next along in her airstream, so I hope to lead our League. Sometimes my spot will be at the front, easing other's flight; sometimes you will ease mine.

There is room in League for all flyers: those new flyers finding their spots and finding new routes, those older flyers who have experienced years of flight, those who steadily feel the pull of our common goal, those who alternately lead and fall back, and even those who stop along the way to follow an individual goal, knowing they will return.

All of you make our League. Thank you for making room on the "Presidential Perch" for me. I plan to enjoy the challenges of flying with you all for the next two years!

Barbara Grant



## Legislative Forum

The next Legislative Forum will be held Saturday, May 11th from 10:15 - 11:45 A.M. at the UW-Fox Valley in Room W29. (Turn into the driveway opposite the United Pentecostal Church on Midway Road. Go into the West building, turn left and go down the hall to Room W29 - a lecture hall.

The first Forum was extremely interesting and well attended. We expect the discussion to be equally lively and informative at this next forum. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your state representatives.

Linda Bjella, 731-8594

### GENERAL MEETING ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

#### Agenda:

Time Out Abuser Film Series  
3 - 12 minute films

#### Panel discussion

- Abbie Casper-Curtis  
Outagamie County Domestic Abuse  
Program Director
- Pete Helein  
Appleton Police Department
- Margaret Ann Leischow  
Victim Witness Coordinator

Join us for an informative meeting. Abby will discuss the abused women, the shelter, and program policy. Pete will touch on how the police department handles domestic disturbances. Margaret Ann will cover how the court system handles these cases.

Mark May 14th on your calendar!!

-Dawn Washatka

## STATE CONVENTION

I realize that by publication time the State Convention will be a fait accompli, but today I am still looking forward to sharing the experience with ten wonderful women:

Nancy Jones

Jodie CoBabe

Barb Hussin

Jan Besta

Gretchen Bambrick

Helen Nagler

Joan Fowler

Dawn Washatka

Stevie Schmidt

and of course Betty Breunig, member of the State Board.

I know that in the past I saw the State Convention as separate from what I thought Appleton League's sphere of interest and influence was. However, I'm excited about weighing the worth of the two recommended studies, Families in Crisis and Health Care Delivery, against the worth of a non-recommended study of the agricultural sector of our economy (an area of study which appeals to me and an increasing number of you and other League members).

We plan to talk to many of you before May 3-4. State studies can be such an important part of making effective change. I hope the decision we make will meet your individual needs.

-Barbara Grant

## Welcome

Reverend Jacqueline Collins

716 W Spring St

733-8982

Jacqueline is the new minister for the Fox Valluey Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. She moved to Appleton 2 months ago from California where she lived for 28 years. Her four daughters are adults now and on their own in California. Jacqueline was involved with the Monterey County Social Services, appointed to the Social Service Commission for Monterey County, and a founding member of the Child Care Council in the late '70s. She is interested in social issues pertaining to her community.

## NON-RIDER SURVEY REPORT OUT

During mid-January, more than fifty League members served as telephone interviewers in the Survey of Non-Riders, which the LWV conducted for Valley Transit. Most interviewers worked one two-and-a-half hour stint, but several gave two evenings to the project. Over all, the quality of the interviews was excellent.

Two copies of The Report of the Telephone Survey of Non-Riders have been deposited with the Appleton Public Library. Two were sent to the League for circulation among the membership; they are available from the President and Action Vice-President. In recognition of her superb organizing of the interviewers, Stevie Schmidt was given her own personal copy.

THINK GLOBALLY -- ACT LOCALLY

May 1 and May 8 (Wednesdays) at 7:00 P.M. This will be an introduction to the Beyond War Concept. This has been spearheaded by Armaments Awareness. This will be held at Carol Rohrbach's home. Please call Bonnie Cleveland if you are interested in attending (733-4203 after 5 P.M.)

May 7 and 14 (Tuesdays) There will be two follow-up Orientations to Beyond War for those who have taken the introductory program. These sessions will be held in the Catholic Diocese, Bona Hall, 1825 Riverside Drive in Green Bay. For more information call Bonnie Cleveland.

May 5 (Sunday) Offering of Letters will be made by Bread for the World. The offering topic will be legislation that supports the authorization and appropriation of the 1986 famine aid to Africa and that addresses the long term cause of famine. Call Beth Lepinski for information at 731-3936.

May 11 (Saturday) Bread-for the World will have a booth at Celebrate at Lawrence University. Donations of money or bread are welcome.



## ANNOUNCING

It's finally here -- the book we've all been waiting for! The new 6th edition of This is Appleton is hot off the presses, and League is having a party to celebrate its arrival. You're all invited to Marcia Hittle's, 520 N. Bateman Street on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Bring the coupon from your April Bulletin, pick up your copy of This is Appleton, and then enjoy looking through it with your League friends. Feel free to drop in anytime and stay as long as you like. Let's all share this happy occasion together.

If you're unable to join us on May 7, you can claim your copy of This is Appleton at the Information and Referral Center in the Conway Building in downtown Appleton during business hours.

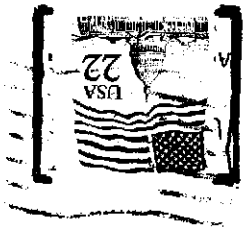
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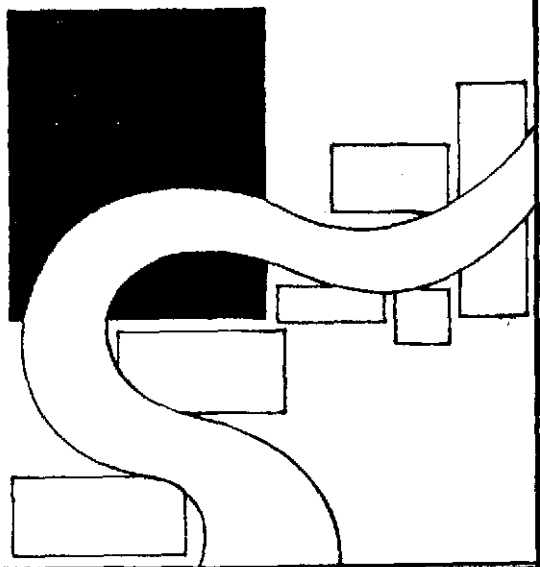
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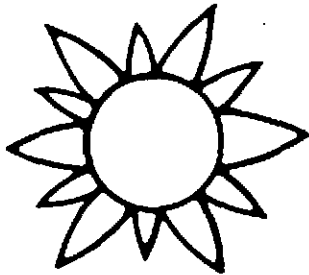
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| DATE/TIME   | EVENT  | HOSTESS   |
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| June 4<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  | General Meeting<br>Summer Social   | 1117 E. Eldorado<br>Cynthia Johnson<br>739-5146 |
| July 16<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Calendar Planning<br>(anyone who is inter-<br>ested in scheduling<br>dates for the<br>calendar should plan<br>to attend) | 2601 Kesting Ct.<br>Jan Besta<br>739-7589       |
| [this date is tentative--Board and Program committee<br>members will be notified if there is a change. Other<br>interested members can contact Jan Besta to confirm date] |  |   |
| August 20<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.   | Board Meeting  | 520 N. Bateman<br>Marcia Hittle<br>731-8876     |

# Taking Flight



Many opportunities for taking flight with League are presenting themselves. Under the guidance of our enthusiastic new Board, I expect the League offerings to be as varied, appealing, and well-prepared as usual when we gather again in the fall.

The Gifted & Talented Study Committee has begun defining its goals and gathering its materials. Public relations work for the Legislative Forum will be prepared well in advance of September 21st. The membership committee is hot on the track of a fine kick-off event. I'm busy finding a chair and committee members for the City/County Health Department Update. As at least some of the activities wind down for the summer months, remember to keep your eyes open for opportunities to serve yourself and your community through activities with the League.

The Board wanted me to thank Betty Breunig for them and for all of the Appleton League. Her recent tenure on the State Board was a real boon to all of us. Betty served to remind us that the State Board is made up of real women, bright women, dedicated women who want us involved in all levels of government, not just the local scene. And then, as an added bonus, she's been our mentor for staying active in local governmental action. Thanks, Betty, from all of us.

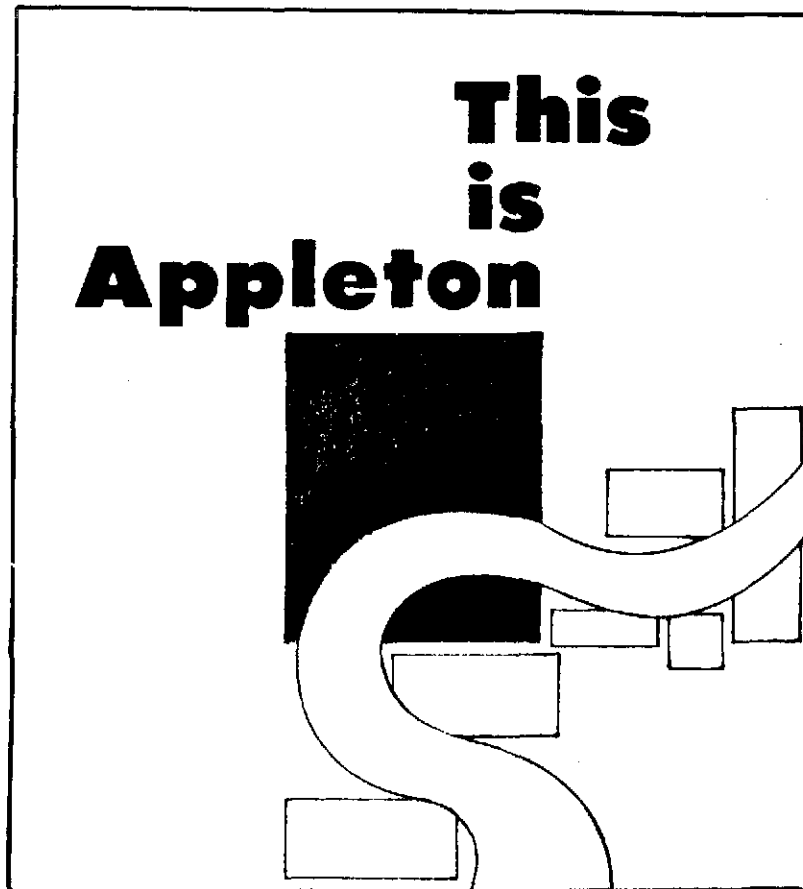
Marcia Hittle has accepted a State Board post as Government Chair. Her portfolio will involve overseeing the two State Task Forces, one on re-apportionment and one on election laws. How lucky we are to have such gifted women willing to serve on more than one level of League!

After my picture was in the paper recently, many people in the community have asked me about upcoming League studies and activities. Men and women have been interested in the history of the League and have been consistently supportive of League's role in study, education, and action. Several have joined, and I expect the trend to continue. League has a lot to offer to those who are willing to join the flight!

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

- Barb Grant

# This is Appleton



What do you do when the printer arrives with a truckload of books and tells you that if you insist on storing them in the unused upstairs bedroom as you had planned, your 85-year-old ceilings will surely collapse? Answer: You arrange the 50 cases of This Is Appleton around the edges of your dining room, abandon all thoughts of entertaining for the next year, and distribute your house plants decoratively amongst the stacks of cartons. And you find yourself very motivated to get those books out into the community as fast as possible. Maybe if you're a really effective salesperson, you can reclaim the dining room for Thanksgiving!

Actually, distributing This is Appleton has been easy and rewarding because everyone who sees the book is very excited and enthusiastic about it. It does literally sell itself. In the first month since the book was published, 2140 copies have been distributed. Of these 400 copies are on consignment to the bookstores and I&R; about 155 have been given free to local League members, and contributors, State League presidents and State Board members, Appleton Common Council members and the mayor; and 1585 have been sold to educational institutions, realtors, businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce. Ideas for marketing the book and names of persons to contact at businesses in the community are very welcome. Call me and help liberate my dining room!

Any League member who has not yet picked up her copy of This is Appleton can stop in at I&R; or if you have mislaid your coupon, call and arrange to get a book from me (731-8876).

- Marcia Hittle



## Legislative Forum

Why are Assemblyman Prosser and Senator Ellis against lowering Wisconsin's sulfur dioxide emission cap and yet are firmly against acid rain? What way may the domestic abuse shelter get additional funding without increasing monies in the grant program? Why did Ellis say, "The government can't protect people from being stupid!"? If you can't answer these questions, where were you May 11? Where were legislators Hephner, Lasee and Walling?

The League, along with AAUW, ATA, NOW, The Sierra Club, and the Audobon Society, sponsored a second Legislator's Forum on May 11. The attendance of 25 was lower than the first forum's of 60-70, but the questions were no less direct and the answers no less informative. As I expect these meetings to continue on a regular basis, let me tell you of some things I learned, and maybe I'll inspire you all not to miss the next forum on September 21st!

Appleton Taxpayers were interested in the process of a bill requiring that a meaningful local budget be published before levy monies are set. Such a bill seems to be wending its way through the system and may require more uniform format and timing across the state. (It seems League needs to increase its public education service, and that more taxpayers need to attend budget hearings!)

The Sierra Club asked why Wisconsin was not lowering its nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide levels. Sen. Ellis proudly pointed out co-sponsorship of Wisconsin's program of a state emissions cap, "an achievable goal," while it makes progress to reduce emission levels through private sector responsibility. Further, both men are firmly convinced that Wisconsin must stay competitive in the industrial market and strongly feel that the federal government should further legislate controls on all states.

NOW questioned the funding of domestic abuse shelters and battered wife programs. Assemblyman Prosser felt responsible for modest budget increases and reported that a proposed increase in marriage license fees could raise \$200,000 for shelters. Ellis, while supporting the concept of shelters, felt that a cost-of-living increase was all that programs should be given in order to control the tax climate in Wisconsin.

The Audubon Society was concerned about reported progress of the "Saturn Bill", which would speed passage of permits for industrial investments of over \$150,000 and 1000 jobs by by-passing judicial review and DNR study. Both men reiterated concerns about Wisconsin's competition in the job market. They also pointed out that the bill was still in draft stage, not final form.

AAUW's question addressed alcohol and driving legislation. (From here came Ellis' quotation!) Both men hesitated to legislate control of "Happy Hour" and felt the barrel of the federal gun forcing them to vote for a 21-year-old drinking law. (The gun is loaded with a 5% cut in federal funds by 1986 and 10% by 1987.)

Finally, League asked about their support of the Child Support Initiative designed to increase payments of non-custodial parents. Both legislators were uncomfortable with mandatory payroll deductions but were supportive of payments truly being made. Ellis suggested "going after non-payers with a meat ax," and changing non-payment from a misdemeanor to a criminal act.

Questions from the audience solicited more informal clarification of the issues, and all had a good chance to meet their legislators and maybe have an impact. This is really what League is all about: gathering facts, checking political progress, influencing legislation, and making the government more accessible to the public.

Mark September 21 on your calendar and join us!

- Linda Bjella

## Convention Report

The 1985 LWV of Wisconsin convention was lively! The program (state study for next two years) was completely up for grabs, with three recommended and three non-recommended items on the floor for consideration. The Appleton League, represented by Barb Grant, Jan Besta, Stevie Schmidt, Joan Fowler, Gretchen Bambrick, Jody CoBabe, Barb Hussin, Helen Nagler and Nancy Jones, lobbied for a study of "Agriculture as a Wisconsin Industry", a non-recommended item.

The first non-recommended item considered was a task force to examine reapportionment with a view to updating members throughout the state and expanding our current position on apportionment. This item was adopted.

Next came consideration of the agriculture study which lost on a vote of 97 yes, 57 no - since a two-thirds majority was required to pass.

A non-recommended proposal to adopt a position addressing services to children and families at risk without study rather than adopt the recommended study of the same topic, failed.

Next came consideration of recommended items requiring a majority vote. The study of services to children and families at risk was not adopted. Many delegates felt this was "old territory" and expressed a preference to study a new topic.

The study of health care delivery in Wisconsin was adopted, with the following scope:

A study of the role of state government in implementing public policy in the areas of -

- 1) cost containment
- 2) access to health care
- 3) preventive health/wellness programs
- 4) identifying gaps in the health care delivery system

Also adopted was a task force on Wisconsin election laws.

The agriculture study lost again in a motion for reconsideration 89-63.

All this made for lively debate and underlines the importance of our local lively issues meeting and our taking a full slate of delegates to convention. It also points out the strong advantage those working for recommended items have. Though we "lost" the program vote, the Appleton delegation enjoyed working closely with the Dane County League, had the opportunity to get in on some parliamentary maneuvering and be active participants in the convention. All of which made the convention an interesting way to spend two days.

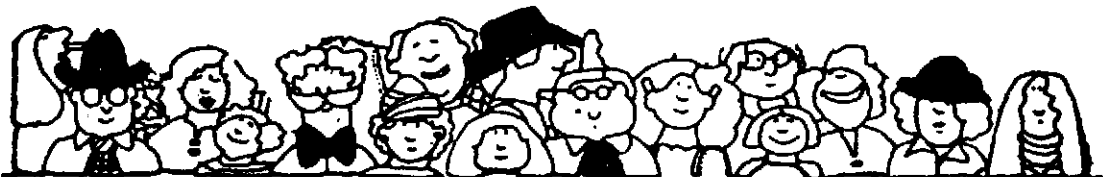
The state League bylaws had been reworked to conform with national bylaws. Substantive changes approved include adding a 3rd vice-president to the state board and having two state board members on the five-member nominating committee. There were no major budgetary issues.

On Saturday we listened to a very interesting panel discussion of election reporting issues. Exit-polling is becoming a controversial activity within our state League and one we'll be hearing more about in the next few years.

Our delegation also saw how hard Betty Breunig has worked as secretary of the state League - especially in the last two days of her term! We've been fortunate to be represented by Betty on the state board, as well as on our local board. Thanks, Betty!

If you have never been a delegate to convention I recommended it as a good way to learn more about League. You'll come home feeling proud to be part of a unique organization.

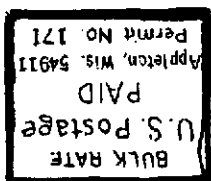
- Nancy Jones





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**CALENDAR MEETING**

A meeting to set up the calendar for 1985-1986 year is planned for Tuesday, July 16, at 2601 N. Kesting Ct.

All those who need program time during the coming year should get their input to Jan Besta (739-7589) by July 1 and plan to attend the meeting. (Should it be necessary to change the date, all those who have indicated that they are coming will be called.) Between the 1st and the 16th a tentative calendar will be put together for discussion and revision at the meeting.

**DON'T FORGET**

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## September 1985

### DATE/TIME

### EVENT

### HOSTESS/location

September 10  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Membership Kick-off

Unitarian-Universal-  
ist Fellowship  
800 N. Superior St.

September 17  
Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Board Meeting

2613 S. Schaefer  
Nancy Jones

September 21  
Saturday, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Legislative Forum

UWV-Center, Rm. W-29  
1478 Midway Rd.

September 24  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

\* Water Transfer from  
Great Lakes Units

1515 N. Durkee  
Margaret Gibas

September 25  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

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All Saints Episcopal  
Church Drew and College

September 28

Every Member Program  
Briefing

Madison

\*(background information included in this bulletin)

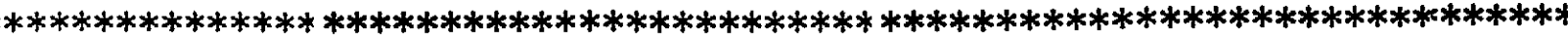




Final Report 1985 Finance Drive

We are very happy to report a VERY successful finance drive thanks to our supporting Community and League members! Contributions totaled \$3835.00 including \$800.00 for League of Women Voters Education Fund. We acknowledge our membership participation and support; thanks to everyone for your efforts!

Joan Fowler, Treasurer



# The LWV Wants You!



A new corps of Politically Active Leaguers (PAL's) is being recruited in this issue. PALs will be advised throughout the legislative session when their own legislators need to be contacted about bills on which the League has positions. Timely information will be provided by the Legislative Committee and PALs can select the program item(s) they feel most knowledgeable about and/or committed to.

Full-time employment, retirement, or acceptance of additional community responsibilities all reduce members' opportunities to stay abreast of current legislation. Long-time Leaguers are especially invited to enlist in this new program. Their understanding of positions arrived at years ago will strengthen the Leagues lobbying effectiveness.

Members who have recently joined will have the opportunity to increase their own political efficacy. So...come on, be a PAL.

I'd like to be a Politically Active Leaguer (PAL). (Check the program item(s) you would like to lobby for.)

- Administration of Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- County Government
- Education
- Apportionment
- Voting Rights/Campaign Finance
- Transportation
- Government financing
- Women's Issues
- Human Resources
- Urban Policy
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Come to Madison to testify

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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State Assembly District/Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, PAL, 625 West Washington Avenue, Room 209, Madison, Wisconsin 53703-2691



## Taking Flight

It's time to leave your summer habitat and choose your spot in League's formation! Already members have chosen a short flight with Barb Hussin over the Great Lakes waters, investigating water transfer policy. Linda Bjella is gathering those who want to travel the international waters of foreign policy toward 3rd World nations. Barb Hoffman is organizing "junkets" into the federal government deficit and budget cuts. Nancy Pourciau has gathered a sizable flock to ponder the merits of programs for the academically gifted, and needs others to travel with the School Board and the Hmong Project committee. Helen Nagler's flight will lead a group into the City and County Health Departments, a timely and very needed flight. Diane Siekman is seeking members to gather at the Octoberfest Booth and provide an educational service to the community as well as visibility for League. Jodie CoBabe needs cohorts to develop flight plans in the broad plains of social policy. All of these formations have openings for fellow travelers, and you need not be knowledgeable to apply, only interested in exploring.

There will be a separate flight to Madison on September 28th for the Every Member Program Briefing. There will be workshops on Wisconsin's health care, community drinking water supplies, handling the Federal deficit, and the feminization of poverty. We're hoping to take 2 or more carloads to meet and exchange ideas with other fascinating Leaguers. Contact Jan Besta, flight leader.

Please use your Forward tear-off or the Bulletin copy to indicate state level issues on which you would like to have updated information for the purpose of your own education and political action. This is LWV-WI's outreach to its members, trying to more efficiently do the job of education and action. (Aren't computers wonderful!)

In September the Appleton League Board will be contacting individual League members to gather information on personal interests and expertise within our League. Rather than targeting mailings, however, our lists will be used to develop more efficient communication within our League, enabling all members looking for fellow fliers to go to one source of membership information. These flight manifests are hard to maintain, so please think ahead and be ready to let us know what League can do for you (and vice versa!).

As training in government is a traditional League function, the Board has decided to offer a flight into the world of government budgets, a labyrinthian area full of challenges and surprises. I hope it will fall together for a single October 9th meeting, readying many of us to understand the early fall city and county budget hearings, but this is yet definitely a proposed flight, rather than a booked one.

So remember to pay your dues and actively seek a spot or two for yourself in the fascinating areas of study and action that League has to offer!

*Barbara Hart*



# REPORT FROM THE HILL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1730 M ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 429-1965

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## THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

The League's major arms control challenge this fall is to convince Congress to significantly reduce and restrict funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the President's massive defensive weapons research program, more commonly known as the "Star Wars" program. In September the Appropriations Committees of both houses of Congress will send Fiscal Year '86 defense appropriations bills for the SDI to the floor. The League will mount a major effort to reduce SDI funding, and grassroots lobbying and letter-writing will be a big part of that effort.

Although not opposed to defensive weapons research, the League is strongly opposed to the SDI. The program is contrary to the purpose and provisions of the 1972 U.S.-Soviet Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. It is an extremely costly and destabilizing program that undermines arms control. If pursued, it will lead to a tremendous acceleration of the arms race.

Please write your members of Congress and tell them to STOP THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE NOW! If we can stop the program in the early research stages, we will have our best chance of protecting the heavens from a dangerous arms race. Tell your member to support amendments to the defense appropriations bill to kill SDI funding beyond the level of defensive weapons research prior to the SDI.

## THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT

After committee maneuvering by opponents of the bill, a House vote on the critical Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985 (CRRA) is now expected in September. Progress on the bill slowed dramatically in June and July because of two damaging amendments added to the bill in the House Education and Labor Committee.

The amendments deal with abortion and religion. The Tauke amendment would repeal current Title IX regulations preventing recipients of federal funds from discriminating against women who have abortions. The Jeffords amendment would effectively exempt hundreds of institutions from coverage by civil rights laws because of ties -- even if they are very loose ties -- to religious organizations.

The CRRA has one simple purpose: to restore vital civil rights protections to where they were before the Supreme Court's tragic Grove City College v. Bell decision, which left institutions receiving federal funds free to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in all but the specific programs receiving federal money. The two amendments violate the restoration principle by substantively changing the law, and the League strongly opposes them. Please write your members of Congress and urge them to SUPPORT HR 700 IN THE HOUSE AND S 431 IN THE SENATE, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS. Tell House members to vote down the Tauke and Jeffords amendments. Remind them that the issue is civil rights, not abortion.

## NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

(informational articles on this study will appear in this bulletin each month through December)

### America in the Third World: Collision or Cooperation?

"The Third World is enormously complex and often confusing. But it is also where the new industrial powers of the future will be located. It is where the great market opportunities of the future wait to be developed. It is where the majority of mankind lives, and the great potential for good or ill resides. It is neither our charge nor our possession. But it is not in the national interest to ignore it or to deal with it randomly."

-John K. Wilhelm  
Executive Director  
Commission on Security  
and Economic Assistance

Did you know that

\* U.S. direct investment in the developing world has increased five-fold since 1960?

\* Developing countries are the fastest growing market for U.S. goods and services?

\* Most of the crises since World War II have occurred in the Third World?

\* Developing countries are key suppliers of important strategic metals and minerals?

(from LWVEF publication  
"America in the Third  
World: Collision or  
Cooperation?")

In short, the Third World is enormously important to the United States and must figure prominently in our foreign policy. Coherent, consistent, and concrete policies towards Third World countries is, many believe, a gaping hole in U.S. foreign policy.

LWVUS also lacks any definite policy statement on U.S. foreign policy toward the Third World as part of its International Relations positions. We, as members, are therefore in a most strategic position to formulate this position and, in turn, influence governmental policy decisions. IF EVER THERE WERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON AN EXTREMELY CRUCIAL ISSUE, THIS IS IT!

Our local study committee will be researching and meeting throughout the fall to prepare CONSENSUS UNITS set for January 7 & 8. Our study will address three broad areas:

1. Determining U.S. international and political interests.
2. Evaluating U.S. foreign aid, both economic and military, and involvement of U.S. forces abroad.
3. Evaluating the role of U.S.-Soviet relations with respect to the Third World.

This study promises to be fascinating, challenging and vitally important in terms of REAL ACTION. You CAN make a difference. Call Linda Bjella, 731-8594, to get in on the ground floor.

Next month: What is a "developing country"?

## WATER DIVERSION FROM THE GREAT LAKES

The West may have mountains, the South sunshine, the East "Bosston", but we in the Great Lakes states have over 90% of the nation's surface fresh water. Other areas of this nation want that water and this has prompted governors of the Great Lakes states and Canada to pass resolutions objecting to inter-basin transfer.

Despite objections, water diversion proposals WILL continue to increase and they will be dealt with by someone - Congress, the Supreme Court, International Joint Commission or a special commission. Criteria are going to have to be established for judging proposals and that's what is important about our concurrence.

Our primary task will be to discuss and participate in a concurrence on inter-basin water transfers that consist of nine criteria proposed by the LWVUS Water Resources Task Force and five more proposed by Lake Michigan Inter-League Group as an amplification of the national criteria. The LMILG has been studying the subject for three years with emphasis on developing criteria.

Come to the meeting and decide whether these criteria are adequate for the problem. Take the time to read the information in this bulletin on water rights and then bring the bulletin with you to the concurrence meeting. If you have a copy of the concurrence in hand it will make the discussion more understandable.

- Barb Hussin 739-7293



### LMILG Study of Inter-basin Transfers Statements for Member League Concurrence

#### INTRODUCTION

Interstate and interbasin transfers of water have been made in the past to serve municipalities, industries, energy development and agriculture. However, approval of those transfers was based on less complete information about their effects on aquatic ecosystems than is now available. It is inevitable that requests for such transfers will be made in the future and will require carefully considered responses.

HOWEVER,

- \* Construction costs of large-scale water transfers are high and economic losses in the basin of origin may also be high;
- \* Environmental costs of water transfers may include quantitative and qualitative changes in lake levels, wetlands and related fisheries and wildlife, diminished aquifer recharge and reduced stream flows;
- \* Lowered water tables may affect ground water quality and cause land subsidence.

THEREFORE, ANY DIVERSION PLAN

- \* Must include an understanding of the fragility and the incomplete knowledge of the ecologic, economic, and social nature of the area of origin, the area through which the water must pass, and the receiving area;
- \* Must contain methods for reviewing and adapting the plan to protect the affected areas during all stages of development, operation, termination, and post-termination of the inter-basin transfer.

As we look to the future, water transfer decisions will need to incorporate the high costs of moving water, the limited availability of unallocated water, and impacts on the affected ecosystems.

#### CRITERIA

Criteria for evaluating both the decision making process and the suitability of a proposed interbasin transfer project should include:

- \* Ample and effective opportunities for informed public participation in the formulation and analysis of proposed projects;
- \* Evaluation of all economic, social and environmental impacts in the basin of origin, the receiving area and any area through which the diversion must pass, so that decision makers and the public have adequate information on which to base their conclusions;



~~United States that you...~~ I'm going to tell you about the legal questions involved in the transfer of water out of the Lake Michigan basin. Some questions to consider are these: Is water a commodity? A free commodity? An article of commerce? A possession? Who "owns" the water in Lake Michigan? The property owners abutting the lake? The states adjoining Lake Michigan? The midwestern region? Canada? Can we tax water shipped out of the basin? Who settles disputes involving water? How do we balance states' rights vs. national concerns? Is Great Lakes water only for use by states and provinces surrounding the lakes or do other states and provinces have any legal rights?

To understand these questions, we must go back to the roots of water law. Ancient Chinese law, Talmudic law and the Code of Hammurabi all contain water laws. The transfer of water on a gigantic scale was practiced by the Romans through their intricate aqueduct system. Historically, in our own country, as water problems developed, water law followed. The East and the Midwest have operated under the "Riparian Rights" concept, which means that those whose land abuts the water can use all they want so long as they don't deprive their neighbors. Western Water Law grew out of scarcity and is based on the doctrine of Prior Appropriation, meaning that the first person to use water can take all he wants and then the second can take what he wants and so on until the water is all gone. It is not determined by who owns the land touching the water. A major criticism of western water law is that it's "use it or lose" doctrine discourages conservation. As you can see, we in this area are governed loosely by Riparian Rights concept, meaning those whose land touches the water control the right to the reasonable use of the water. But what is reasonable?

Historically, all of the diversions from the Great Lakes so far (Chicago River, Erie Canal, Welland Canal and others) have satisfied the tenets of the Riparian Rights doctrine; namely, they provide direct benefits to the riparian Great Lakes States and Provinces. These diversions have benefitted and will continue to benefit the economic vitality of the Great Lakes Region. Actually, in Illinois, we have legally defined riparian owners loosely so municipalities have access to water.

However, other states are beginning to want to share our wealth. Recent proposals to provide diversions to other regions of the country (through coal slurry pipelines, irrigation schemes, etc.) have been labeled "Carpet Bagger State" diversions by the Great Lakes Governors, who agreed at the 1982 Mackinac Island conference to oppose such diversions. Any proposed "Carpet Bagger diversion" would quickly draw the Attorneys General of the Great Lakes States to join forces and request the United States Supreme Court to enjoin the diversion. I quote from former Governor William Milliken of Michigan: "If one state breaks ranks and begins thinking about selling its resources, there will be chaos". The Great Lakes Governors agreed: "Our water is not for sale".

What happens when states have disputes over water? Federal intervention! A recent Supreme Court decision held that water is an article of commerce and therefore subject to regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission; further, that state ownership is a "legal fiction". Authority to allocate water is a federal responsibility, even though it hasn't been used. So far, the states have squabbled among themselves, but, in light of the Supreme Court decision, the Great Lakes Governors feel that the Supreme Court has expressly recommended the Compact as a mode of settlement of controverted rights. We do indeed have a Great Lakes Governors' Council, though not a formal compact, among the 8 Great Lakes States. The Governors Council meeting in June 1983 was told that "Governors waiting for federal solutions were akin to turkeys waiting for Thanksgiving". The federal courts will not get involved unless there is conflict that cannot be settled locally. Some examples where the federal court has gotten involved are: 1. The oldest case still active before the Supreme Court is a 1920 suit by Wisconsin against Chicago for the Chicago River Diversion. 2. Illinois has also sued Milwaukee and Hammond to stop their sewer discharges into Lake Michigan. 3. The Lake Michigan Diversion into the Chicago River is held at 2,068 million gallons per day or 3,200 cubic feet per second by a federal court decision. This decision was based partly on international policies: partly on water quality needs of the lakes, and partly on the amount of water returned to the Lake.

The Great Lakes Governors agree that they must act together to face the question of when, not if, Lake diversion will be seriously proposed. The decisions made on this question are extremely important to the future of the Midwest.

Now, as if the legal questions involved in state vs. state, and states' rights vs. federal concerns were not enough, we are dealing here with the possibilities of international disputes, since our Great Lakes are bordered by Canada as well as the United States. Our Canadian representative will tell us something about the U.S.-Canadian water relationships.

Canadian: These relationships are handled by the International Joint Commission, which settles questions about the use of boundary waters between Canada and the US for water power, navigation, sanitation, and irrigation. The IJC acts on matters affecting the welfare and interests of persons living along the frontier. In 1972 the Commission was given the responsibility of coordinating efforts to reduce pollution of the Great Lakes. The Commission has three members appointed by the President of the US and three appointed by the Canadian Government.

The International Joint Commission was established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It has provided a forum for the discussion of water problems and has contributed to friendly and effective cooperation between the United States and Canada.

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If interested, contact Jan Besta.

AN INVITATION  
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1985

- 9:00-9:30 am Registration (\$4) Coffee and tea available. NO CHILD CARE
- 9:30 Introductions - Sally Phelps, President, LWVWI  
What's Going On....in the League?....in the Legislature?....today?
- 10:00-11:30 SESSION ONE (Choose one)

What IS the State's Role in Health Care?

How does Wisconsin implement a role in health care costs, planning, etc.? Is it effective or appropriate?

Speakers: Kathryn Morrison, Director, Division of Health, DHSS  
Carol Huber, Research Analyst, Center for Public Representation

What Are You Drinking These Days?

A hands-on Natural Resources Workshop with emphasis on community drinking water supplies and revised national NR positions.

Leader: Caryl Terrell, member of LWVUS Water Resources Task Force

- 11:45-12:15 LUNCH - Bring your own brown bag - coffee, tea and soda available.  
Local League Publications Table available - Prepare to buy & sell!!
- 12:15-12:35 SELLING LEAGUE - Margot Bouchard, LWVWI Membership Chair
- 12:40-1:25 Making the Most of Program Locally - A SHARING  
Divided by size of Leagues into three groups with state board facilitators. Come prepared to share and listen!!
- 1:30-3:00 SESSION TWO (Choose one)

Handling the Federal Deficit

Is it possible to reduce the deficit without decimating the social and environmental programs of major concern to LWVWI?

Speaker: Donald Nichols, University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics Chair

Feminization of Poverty (limited to 30 persons)

How does an AFDC mother budget? What happens when she gets a job or enters a job training program? What can you do?

--an AFDC game - Employment Options, Inc.

--the JTPA Monitoring Guide - Dotty Juengst, LWVWI and Chair, Feminization of Poverty Committee of Brown County

- 3:00 Publications Pick-up and New Member Sign-up

For your convenience in planning your calendars, dates for fall League events are:

| <u>OCTOBER</u> |     | <u>NOVEMBER</u>  |             | <u>DECEMBER</u>                        |       |               |
|----------------|-----|--|-------------|--|-------|---------------|
| 1              | Tu  | Joint Meeting with AAUW on Gifted and Talented Education | 2-9         | Tentative City Budget Hearings         | 3 Tu  | Holiday Party |
| 5              | Sat | Octoberfest  | 4- adoption | County Budget Hearings                 | 17 Tu | Board Meeting |
| 8              | T   | General Meeting - Budget Training                        | 5 Tu        | General Election                       |       |               |
| 15             | T   | Board Meeting  | 12-13 T-W   | Financing the Federal Government Units |       |               |
| 22 or 29       | T   | Board Training - Paper Handling                          | 19 Tu       | Board Meeting                          |       |               |

# HAPPENINGS:



## GIFTED & TALENTED

During June, the committee on gifted and talented programs got underway. Over the next few months, we will be studying various alternatives in this area, culminating in April unit meetings. To start off our year, Dr. Robert Clasen from the UW extension in Madison, will be speaking on this controversial subject to both LWV and AAUW. Dr. Clasen is responsible for the program "Simple Gifts" on public television and has worked for many in the gifted and talented area. No matter what your attitude toward gifted programs, we encourage you to come, ask questions, and discuss the issues on October 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appleton Police Station. It should be an extremely interesting evening.

## LEGISLATIVE FORUM

The first Legislative Forum of the season will be held Saturday, September 21st at 10:15 a.m. in room W29 at the UW-Fox Valley Center (west building).

The forum has been expanded to an area-wide event by including the Neenah-Menasha chapters of AAUW and LWV as sponsors, and by inviting Rep. Gary Schmidt, 5th district (Kaukauna) to be a member of the panel of legislators. (Also included as before will be Senators Ellis and Lasee and Representatives Prosser, Hephner, and Walling.)

This will be the first of three forums set for the "League year," with the other two scheduled after the first of the year.

The September forum will provide an opportunity to tune in on and influence the fall legislative session. REMEMBER, THERE IS NO MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO LOBBY A LEGISLATOR THAN FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT.

Come with your questions and concerns on the 21st. And bring a friend, too!

Membership directories will be distributed at the Sept. 10 Kick-off Membership Event if the copying is completed by then. If the directories are not ready at that time, they will be distributed at other September meetings as soon as they are completed.

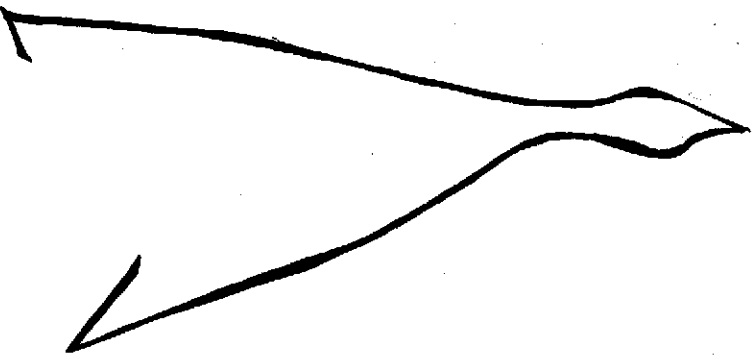
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## october



| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                 | <u>EVENT</u>  | <u>HOSTESS/LOCATION</u>              |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| October 1<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  | General Meeting:<br>Gifted and Talented Education<br>Speaker: Dr. Robert Clasen<br>(Combined meeting with AAUW) | Appleton Police Dept.<br>Lower level |
| October 5<br>Saturday            | Octoberfest Booth   | Downtown Appleton                    |
| October 8<br>Tuesday             | Budget Training Session   | See accompanying article             |
| October 15<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. | Board Meeting   | 59 Bellaire Ct.<br>Win Thrall        |





## Taking Flight

September has been an exciting month for League activities!

Dottie Juengst, State League Vice-president, and Jan Nordell, City Council representative, inspired those at the Membership Kick-off Event to reach out to our government representatives. Jan pointedly reminded us that representatives NEED us to talk to them. Even though it's easy to feel we're imposing or that someone else is taking care of it for us, the people we elect need a phone call, a post card, or a short letter from EACH ONE OF US, THE PEOPLE. Do it! You'll feel so GOOD!

I'd like to publicly announce and thank Jodie CoBabe for agreeing to sit on the Domestic Abuse Shelter Board, for Jacqueline Collins sitting on the Youth Aids Advisory Committee, and for Berta Churchill for filling two slots for League, one on the Fox Valley Water Quality Commission and one on the Youth Forum. I watch for these committees in the paper now and it's surprising how much policy they affect!

On October 8, join me with Ginny Swanson, Jan Nordell, and Betty Breunig (plus some other knowledgeable ones if I can recruit them!) to learn the ins and outs of the proposed city and county budgets. Remember, policy is created through budget decisions, and if I can attend and learn, you certainly can too!

Please pay attention to and fill out the interest survey. Our membership records are woefully outdated and we can't pull together as a group unless we know each other's interests, strengths, and limitations. I'm really hoping that a thoughtful perusal of the sheet may not only help me to know a small part of each of you, but will also open up new worlds for you to explore. And please, if League hasn't found how to fit you into its varied needs, don't give up on us. We need each of you, and League has so much to offer in return!

*Barbara Grant*

## budget training

### BUDGET? WHO, ME?

Are your expenses larger than your budget, and do you wonder where you can make cuts without sacrificing too much of the "good life"? Then you, City Hall, and Outagamie County have something in common!

Come to Barb Grant's, 832 Cambridge Ct., on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. We'll roll up our sleeves and learn about the City and County budgets from Jan Nordell, Ginny Swanson and Betty Breunig. Then when the cutting comes, we'll be able to choose the sacrifices we'd be willing to make.

## new MEMBER

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# Bio Brief

Terry is a graduate of Lawrence University, as an art major. She taught art K through 12 and developed the art program at UWFV before retiring to have children. Currently she teaches, part-time, needlework at the Little Mermaid. Her interests include educational, environmental and cultural issues. She has already become an enthusiastic member of our Gifted and Talented Education Study.

## CITY AND COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS

Your help is needed!

City Budget Hearings are scheduled for November 2-9 and Outagamie County Budget Hearings are tentatively scheduled for November 4th until adoption. County hearings alternate days and evenings. The Appleton League has been observing the budget process and commenting on both the budget process and document for many years. Observing budget hearings is a valuable experience for any League member or any taxpayer. If you can devote an evening of afternoon the week of November 2-9, call Nancy Jones 731-9250.



## IMPORTANT....LETTERS NEEDED ON "STAR WARS"

If you haven't taken the time to write or call your Congressman about Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), also known as "Star Wars", please do so TODAY! Rep. Roth and Rep. Petri, while voting against the League-backed amendments (which would have frozen funding at last year's levels), also voted against increasing SDI funding above the Armed Services Committee recommendation. LWVUS considers Rep. Roth and Petri to be possible swing votes.

The defense appropriations process is taking place now and amendments will be offered to reduce SDI funding from the \$2.5 billion authorized. Write to your representative and tell him to STOP SDI NOW! Tell him to support amendments to the defense appropriations bill to kill SDI funding beyond the level of defensive weapons research prior to the SDI.

\*Please refer to your September bulletin and Spring '85 VOTER for more background information.

-Nancy Jones

## Legislative Forum

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE,  
BUT IF YOU WEREN'T

Recreational use of the Fox Locks, the problem of teenage pregnancy, the formation of holding companies by Wisconsin utilities, juvenile justice legislation and the Wisconsin "business climate" were issues addressed by three\* area legislators at the September 21st Legislative Forum. A summary of the views of Representatives Esther Walling (55th District - primarily Neenah/Menasha), Dave Prosser (57th District - north Appleton and Grand Chute) and Gary Schmidt (Kaukauna, Little Chute, Combined Locks area) are as follows:

### -Teenage Pregnancy:

Walling: wants to see parents of teenagers (both boys and girls) assume more responsibility in the case of teenage pregnancy.

Prosser: Supports funding for family planning -- "reluctant" to mandate sex education in the schools -- wants to see AFDC system revamped to discourage teenage pregnancy -- favored giving the state greater power to take children from their natural mother (in the case of teenage pregnancy) to be put up for adoption.

Schmidt: Strongly supports state mandated sex education in the schools to also include courses in parenting and education to neutralize influence of television on teenagers concerning "casual sex".

### -Juvenile Justice:

Both Prosser and Schmidt agreed that the juvenile justice system needs to deal more severely with repeat offenders and that it should provide more options for the court system to use in dealing with juveniles.

### -Fox Locks:

Prosser: Favors developing the Fox Locks and surrounding area as a recreational area which can be used by more people than just boaters - specifically favors development of camping areas along the Locks - - an ultimate goal would be creation of a state or regional park.

Schmidt: Noted that many constituents opposed tax support of Fox Locks. Favors county zoning to preserve natural area surrounding river along Locks system.

Walling: Defended her negative vote on Fox Locks funding because of constituency opposition and cost to taxpayers. Favors private management of Locks system.

### -Holding Companies

Schmidt: Favors utility companies as a subsidiary rather than holding company. Favors using utility companies' profits for consumer benefit, e.g. making homes more energy efficient.

Prosser: Strongly disagreed with Schmidt here, arguing that utility companies profits are the property of the shareholders, not the rate payers. Favors holding company idea.

Walling: Also favors holding company idea because she believes more jobs would be created with this alternative.

### -Business Climate

Walling: Favors elimination of inheritance tax to discourage retirees from leaving Wisconsin. Also wants to see permitting process speeded up. Encouraged legislators to evaluate all legislation in terms of the impact that legislation would have on jobs and business development.

Schmidt: Supports GAP tax.

Prosser: Also supports GAP tax. Inheritance tax should be phased out gradually.

The next two forums will be February 1 and March 22. Mark your calendars now!

\*Senators Mike Ellis and Alan Lasee and Assemblyman Gervase Hephner were unable to attend.

-Linda Bjella

# Study Material

## AMERICA IN THE THIRD WORLD: COLLISION OR COOPERATION?

After reading the September Bulletin article on the subject of U.S. foreign policy toward the Third World, we hope your interest has been piqued and that you are now aware of the profound importance of this national study/consensus.

In preparation for units January 7 and 8, the International Relations Committee will be meeting and researching this topic. You can prepare yourself by reading (and keeping for later review) these Bulletin articles, the article in the summer National VOTER, "Central America: A Conflict of Interests." In addition, an excellent LWVEF publication which specifically addresses the consensus questions that we will consider in January has been ordered for distribution to the membership. (Details on distribution will be forthcoming.)

Finally, now that we are all paying special attention to foreign policy issues, keep your eyes and ears tuned to the media reports on the subject.

What is a Developing Country and how important are these countries to the U.S. in terms of trade?

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## Geography and Economics: An exercise in finding and defining the term "developing country"

Can you find the following countries on the map (see reverse)? Saudi Arabia, Chad, Venezuela, Turkey and Indonesia?

How does the PQLI (Physical Quality of Life Index) for each of these countries compare with their per capita Gross National Product (GNP)? (See below.)

The following list of countries is based on per capita GNP (income).

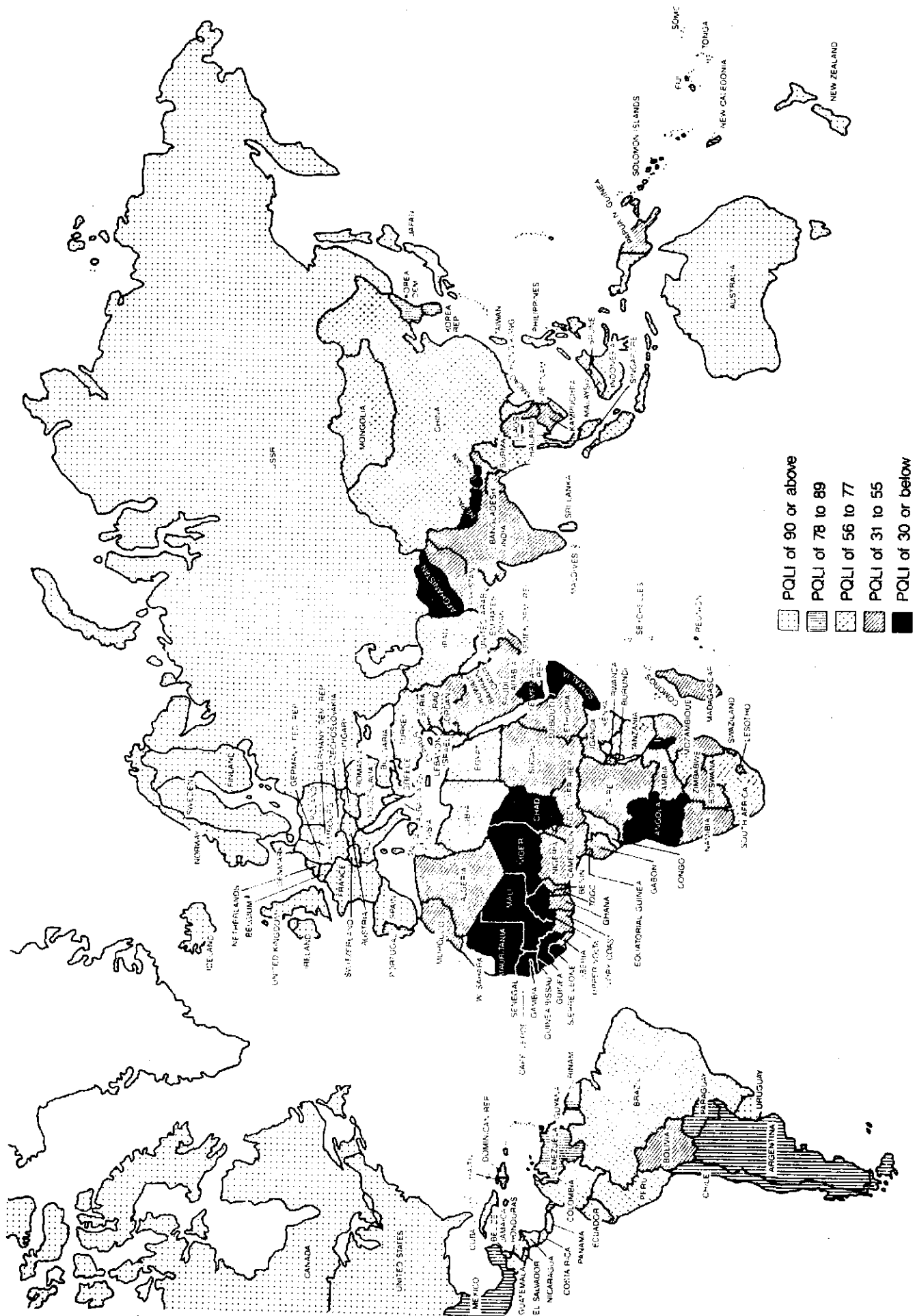
| Low income<br>\$420           | Lower Middle Income<br>\$420-1069 | Upper Middle Income<br>\$1,070-3,699 | High income<br>\$3,699 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chad                          | Angola                            | Congo                                | Israel                 |
| Ethiopia                      | Egypt                             | South Africa                         | Kuwait                 |
| Ghana                         | Nigeria                           | Iran                                 | Saudi Arabia           |
| Kenya                         | Sudan                             | Lebanon                              | Venezuela              |
| Mozambique                    | Indonesia                         | Taiwan                               | France                 |
| Tanzania                      | Philippines                       | Brazil                               | Greece                 |
| Uganda                        | Bolivia                           | Chile                                | Spain                  |
| Afghanistan                   | El Salvador                       | Costa Rica                           | USSR                   |
| Nepal                         | Honduras                          | Guatemala                            | United States          |
| Sri Lanka                     |                                   | Mexico                               |                        |
| Haiti                         |                                   | Turkey                               |                        |
| People's Republic<br>of China |                                   |                                      |                        |

Various national and international agencies such as the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) do not always agree on whether to call a particular country "developed" or "developing." For example, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Israel are variously defined. UNCTAD considers all but Turkey to be developed countries. The World Bank designates all but Spain to be developing.

Two measures of developing and developed countries may be helpful in making judgments about developing countries. The Overseas Development Council (ODC), an independent, nonprofit organization devoted to research and analysis of developing country issues, classifies countries as "developed" or "developing" on the basis of their per capita GNP and their PQLI — Physical Quality of Life Index. The PQLI was developed by the ODC as a nonincome measurement that summarizes many aspects of "well-being." It is a composite index of three indicators — infant mortality, life expectancy at age one and literacy. The "developed countries" are those having both a 1982 per capita income of \$3,700 or more and a PQLI of 90 or above. ODC considers Israel a developed country because it meets both the income and PQLI criteria.

The World Bank uses per capita GNP as the basis of its classification of countries. Using its system, developing countries are divided into: low-income economies, with 1982 GNP per person of less than \$410; and middle-income economies, with 1982 GNP per person of \$410 or more. Middle income countries are also divided into oil exporters and oil importers.





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## Problems and Prospects of Developing Countries

The 120 countries that are classified as developing vary substantially in per capita GNP, living standards and basic social conditions. It is useful to classify them into four general groups (in accordance with the World Bank classification of November 8, 1984), though the boundary lines between the different categories are admittedly arbitrary:

The Low-Income Countries: The poorest of the developing countries or LDCs are the low-income countries, defined in terms of a per capita GNP of \$400 or less (in 1983 dollars.) This group is characterized by the worst malnutrition and the highest rates of illiteracy, disease and mortality. Typically, life expectancy is less than 50 years; children between the ages of one and four die at 20 times the rate of those in industrial countries; only 40 percent of persons aged 15 and older can read and write; and impaired physical and mental capacity is widespread. In addition, the infrastructure is deficient, housing is dilapidated and primitive, and for a substantial proportion of the population, there is no adequate sewage or access to clean water. While these conditions characterize the living conditions of the lower income groups in the LDCs generally, they are at their worst in these "low income" countries.

Lower-Middle Income Countries: This group can be defined as countries having a per capita GNP in the range of \$400 to \$790. Their living standards are only slightly above that of the low-income economies. This group includes countries such as Egypt, Liberia, El Salvador, Honduras and Bolivia. Along with the "low-income" countries described above, countries in this category are eligible to receive concessionary credits from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's soft-loan window. They are also eligible to receive concessionary loans (40 year terms) under AID's Development Assistance program. With some exceptions, these countries do not significantly benefit from foreign investment or commercial loans from abroad. Historically, their economic growth has been comparatively slow.

The population in these two categories together (i.e., all countries with a per capita GNP of less than \$791) accounts for about half of the world population. (Without China, they would account for about 1.6 billion people or 31% of the world population.)

Middle-Income Countries: A third group of LDCs has a per capita GDP ranging from \$791 to \$1635, and can be characterized as "middle income." This group includes countries such as Colombia, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Turkey. While people in these countries are generally better off than those in the "low-income" and "lower-middle income" categories, the overall per capita average of this group conceals the substantial inequality in the distribution of incomes which prevails in most LDCs. Thus, a significant proportion of the

population in this category is no better off than the average person in the first two groups.

**Upper-Middle Income Countries:** This group comprises countries with per capita GDP ranging from \$1636 to \$2500, and includes countries such as Jordan, South Korea, Argentina and Brazil. The category includes most of the NICs (Newly Industrialized Countries). Countries in this group have grown very rapidly -- in fact, faster on the average than the industrialized countries during the past two decades. There are encouraging signs that, along with this growth, the incidence of poverty has fallen sharply. The need for concessionary financing for the upper middle income countries is much less than that of the other three categories. Still, some of them face substantial debt service obligations (Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Algeria) and have required debt rescheduling and balance of payments assistance.

(Adapted from U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency Congressional Presentation, FY 1986)

### Economic and Social Indicators of Development

|                            | Popu-<br>lation<br>mid-<br>1984<br>(mil.) | Physical<br>Quality<br>of Life<br>Index<br>(PQLI) <sup>a</sup><br>1981 | Per<br>Capita<br>GNP<br>1982<br>(\$) | Per<br>Capita<br>GNP (Real)<br>Growth<br>Rate<br>1960-1982<br>(%) | Share<br>of Labor<br>Force in<br>Industry<br>1980<br>(%) | Popu-<br>lation<br>Growth<br>Rate<br>(%) | Life<br>Expec-<br>tancy<br>at Birth<br>(years) | Infant<br>Mortality<br>per 1,000<br>Live<br>Births | Liter-<br>acy<br>(%) | Per<br>Capita<br>Public<br>Education<br>Spending<br>1980<br>(\$) | Per<br>Capita<br>Military<br>Spending<br>1980<br>(\$) |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|----------------------|--|---|
| WORLD (171)                | 4,718.1                                   | 69   | 2,842                                | 3.2   | 23.0   | 1.7                                      | 62   | 74   | 66                   | 128  | 119   |
| DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (141) | 3,602.6                                   | 61   | 787                                  | 3.1   | 17.5   | 2.1                                      | 59   | 92   | 56                   | 31   | 33  |
| DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (30)   | 1,115.5                                   | 96   | 9,477                                | 3.4   | 39.9   | 0.6                                      | 74   | 15   | 99                   | 440  | 398   |
| AFRICA (53)                | 530.6                                     | 46   | 801                                  | 1.8   | 16.0   | 2.9                                      | 51   | 116  | 39                   | 38   | 27  |
| ASIA (40)                  | 2,692.6                                   | 63   | 959                                  | 3.5   | 17.7   | 1.8                                      | 60   | 89   | 57                   | 44   | 38  |
| LATIN AMERICA (36)         | 393.8                                     | 77   | 2,062                                | 3.3   | 23.7   | 2.3                                      | 65   | 63   | 79                   | 74   | 25  |
| OCEANIA (10)               | 23.8                                      | 88   | 8,618                                | 2.2   | 29.0   | 1.2                                      | 70   | 26   | 88                   | 472  | 192   |
| EUROPE (30)                | 815.9                                     | 93   | 7,343                                | 3.4   | 40.6   | 0.7                                      | 72   | 25   | 96                   | 328  | 337   |
| NORTH AMERICA (2)          | 261.4                                     | 97   | 12,983                               | 2.3   | 31.7   | 0.7                                      | 75   | 11   | 99                   | 591  | 590   |

a. The Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI) is a composite index based on life expectancy at age one, infant mortality, and literacy.

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# League of Women Voters



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## NOVEMBER

| <u>DATE/TIME</u>                                  | <u>EVENT</u>                                | <u>LOCATION/HOSTESS</u>                          |
|---|---|--|
| November 2-9                                      | City Budget Hearings                        | City Hall  |
| November 12<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. <i>Carissa</i>  | Units--<br>Financing the Federal Gov't      | 20 Bellaire Ct.<br>Marge Koepke                  |
| November 13<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.* <i>Sally</i> | Units--<br>Financing the Federal Gov't      | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College   |
| November 19<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. <i>Rachel</i>   | Units--<br>Gifted & Talented Students       | 1015 Nawada Ct.<br>Marlys Fritzell               |
| November 20<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.* <i>Jane</i>  | Units--<br>Gifted & Talented Students       | All Saints Episcopal<br>Church, Drew & College   |
| November 26<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.                 | Board Meeting                               | 530 S. Fairview<br>Barb Hussin                   |
| December 10<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.                 | Holiday Party<br>Program--National Security | The Art Gallery<br>UWV-Center<br>1478 Midway Rd. |

\* Babysitting is available at the affordable price of \$1.50 per child for the length of the meeting.





# Taking Flight

Thanks to all who are attending County and City Budget Hearings! Nancy and I need your input to present an effective statement before these local governing bodies. Any of you who haven't yet "flown" with this group, the City Council Budget hearings will be held November 2-9 in the City Council Chambers. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your city governmental system!

I am excited that the Gifted and Talented Study Committee has agreed to present information to the League on November 19 and 20. It seems that with the change in superintendent there is already movement toward designing some sort of G/T plan for 1986-87. The more knowledgeable we each become, the more influential we can be in determining the shape of any proposed program.

So, see you in November for the study of two very timely issues, federal deficits and education, and for budget action for the City Council. Herein lies the strength of League: study and informed action!

*Barbara Grant*

Congratulations to EVERYONE who participated in the Inter-Basin Water Transfer concurrence! You did a fantastic job of grappling with these timely public policy questions. Your decisions sent a firm message that in addition to agreeing with all the statements, you also want to see rigorous, unbiased assessments of the economic, social and environmental impacts of water transfer; these should include not only benefits, but also costs of water depletion and loss of incentive for industry to locate in the basin of water origin. Further, you felt primary emphasis should be placed on conservation and alternatives to water transfer. Keep your eyes and ears open for the continued development of Lake Michigan water policies.



DO YOUR DUES!

Half of our members have paid their dues and we'd like to increase that to 100% by November 15. After that time, Board members will have to call reminders, as December marks the due-date for LWVUS's count of our members. The more members, the more votes at convention and the higher the per member payment our League sends to Washington. As your dues covers that payment, WE NEED YOUR CHECK! PLEASE DELAY NO LONGER!



## new MEMBERS:

# Bio Briefs

### Education Committee

A large group was on hand to hear Robert Clasen's enthusiastic and articulate talk on October 1 on the necessity of gifted and talented programs. According to Dr. Clasen it is not a question of IF something is needed, but how soon can something be implemented. Start anywhere and everywhere was his advice. Don't wait for the perfect program. With that in mind...

Among the many gifted programs in existence, the Education Committee has been focusing on the Renzulli Triad Model as a possibility for the Appleton Public Schools. Though by no means experts on the subject, we are becoming as familiar with it as we can. In contrast to many gifted programs that use test scores as their sole criterion, the Renzulli Model encourages a more open and flexible method for selection based on the motivation of the student. Following a planned visit to some schools in the Milwaukee area which are applying the Renzulli Model in their curriculum, we will be having unit meetings on November 19 and 20 to discuss this model. We hope to see many of you there.

-Nancy Pourciau  
Education Chair

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten  
1736 S. Lee  
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Mary is a long time resident of Appleton and is extensively involved in volunteer activities which include the Christmas Home Tour, church functions and Appleton Public Schools. She co-chaired the drive for the new school. Her B.A. is from Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio. She taught elementary and middle school for five years and is a nationally certified LaMaze teacher. Mary has two children: one who is a preschooler and one in elementary school.

Susan Westphal  
1212 E. South River  
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734-4830

Susan teaches the K-6 emotionally disturbed program at Hortonville Elementary School. Her experience of teaching various handicaps in Special Education spans twelve years. She is a graduate of UW-Oshkosh in Emotional Disturbance Education.

Susan moved to Appleton from Houston, Texas in June '84. She is a volunteer parent in the Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association. Her husband Rolf is on the Art Faculty at Lawrence University and they have a six year old son.

Susan's interests include educational, cultural and foreign policy issues.

ATTENTION: Cable TV Viewers:  
November 17 is the date for LWVEF  
issue debate on "Star Wars"  
(Strategic Defense  
Initiative)....C-SPAN will  
broadcast the debate during  
prime-time hours....check your  
local listing for the exact time...

## TEEN PREGNANCY

League positions will be reviewed by the state social policy committee to prepare action guidelines to insure coordinated delivery of prevention, intervention, and treatment services for children and families. One of the problems to be addressed is teen pregnancy. Leagues are encouraged to examine programs for prevention of adolescent pregnancy in their communities and communicate their findings to the state social policy committee. The committee is especially interested in innovative and effective approaches to this problem such as the La Crosse Teen Health Center or Milwaukee Urban League's Responsibility Night for young black males.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) estimates that there may be as many as 16,000 pregnancies a year to young Wisconsin women, 10,000 to 12,000 of which are likely to be unplanned. Although the pregnancy and birth rate are still highest among older adolescents, there are significant numbers of pregnancies and births to younger teens in our state. More specifically, in 1983, 2,495 Wisconsin women under the age of eighteen years gave birth.

Over 90% of these young women will keep their children and become single parents. Eight out of ten will drop out of high school and many will spend a good part of their young adulthood as welfare recipients; Wisconsin's April, 1984, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) statistics show over 6,000 young mothers receiving welfare.

The groups most at risk for early pregnancy are adolescents with low self-esteem, low aspirations, poor academic achievement, low income families, and poor relations with their parents. Although most pregnancies are unplanned, there is often a lack of motivation to prevent pregnancy. The likelihood of early pregnancy is exacerbated when an economic climate offers little opportunity for young people. The majority of pregnancies and births are occurring to young women from socially and economically deprived backgrounds where the birth of a child can have particularly negative consequences on the mother, the father, the grandparents and the child.

During the past several weeks the efforts of the Legislative Council's Special Committee on Pregnancy Options have been in the news, signalling a public recognition of the problem of teen pregnancy and a determination to provide some solutions. Objectives established by the DHSS include increasing adolescents' access to and use of health and family planning information and services; coordination of services both within the department and with other state departments, particularly the Departments of Public Instruction and Industry, Labor and Human Relations. At the local level, objectives include providing assistance to communities interested in preventing adolescent pregnancies and improving adolescents' knowledge of life options and skills for entry into and success in the job market.

In January, 1985, DHSS funded thirteen demonstration projects aimed at reducing the number of adolescent pregnancies in Wisconsin. Approximately \$650,000 of Social Service Block Grant funds and \$1,100,000 of Wisconsin Education Opportunity Program dollars were allocated to prevent both first and second teen pregnancies. Basic requirements for all projects were to assure local coordination of services and broad community involvement. These two and one-half year pilot pregnancy prevention and economic self-sufficiency projects will be monitored and evaluated for effectiveness and replicability in other sites.

The 1985-87 biennial budget included in in-school day care program for teenage parents, a continuation of the "Choices" project to aid young women in decisions on parenthood and funds for school based children at risk programs. Watch to see which of these programs are utilized in your counties.

Now that you know what and where "developing countries" are, here are some questions on another topic which we will address at our National Security Consensus meetings January 7 and 8: U.S. FOREIGN AID

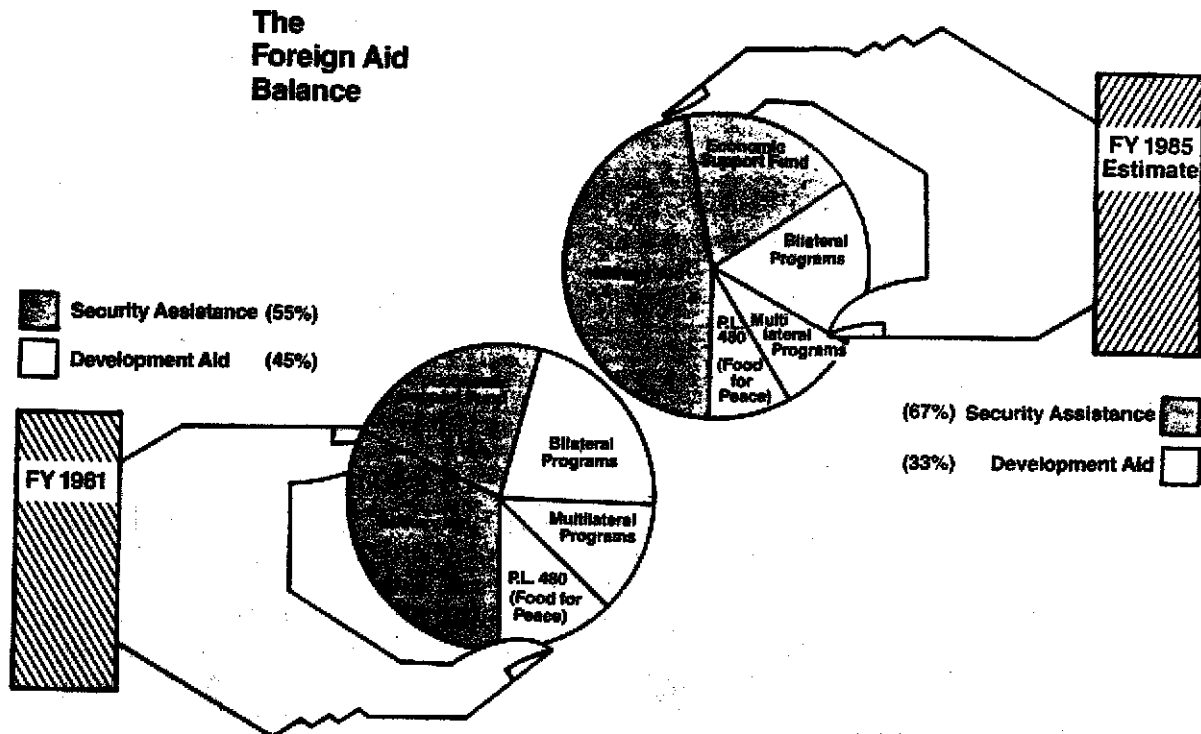
1. When did the U.S. begin appropriations for foreign aid? Why?
2. In the 50's and 60's what was the focus of U.S. aid programs?
3. What is the basis for U.S. aid programs today?
4. What is development aid? Security assistance?
5. Do these forms of foreign aid accomplish what they are intended to accomplish?
6. Fun with acronyms: Define AID / FMS / IMET / ESF / HELP! (You will find all the help you need to answer these and many other questions in the excellent LWVEF publication, "America in the Third World: Collision or Cooperation.")

Every member has received (or soon will receive) membership packets containing this publication. (Contact Jan Besta, 739-7589)

In addition to preparing for consensus units in January, the International Relations Committee is also preparing some enjoyable (we hope!) and informative (to be sure!) games related to U.S. foreign policy and the Third World. You'll get a chance to play them at the annual League Christmas program set for December 10 in the Gallery at the UW-Fox Valley Center. These games will involve TEAMWORK with substantive REWARDS for the winners. If you've done your homework\* you and your team will make it to the winner's circle.

Next month: Summing up for consensus

- \*Read: 1. The fascinating Bulletin articles on the National Security Study  
 2. The comprehensive LWVEF publication, "America in the Third World: Collision or Cooperation."  
 3. The summer National Voter article, "Central America: A Conflict of Interests."



*Data adapted by LWVEF from Overseas Development Council*

**IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE,** how would YOU divide the foreign aid budget? Learn why the United States gives foreign aid and why people disagree on how it should be used. Also find out about the problems facing developing countries today, what the United States can do about it, and how U.S.-Soviet relations affect U.S. policies in developing countries by attending our discussion. Now is your opportunity to participate in the League's national study of U.S.-developing country relations.



# FEDERAL DEFICIT

Stage 2 of the FFG study deals with the deficit--what the federal government borrows to match its income to its spending decisions. Leaguers know that the United States is currently running an unprecedented deficit for peacetime. Stemming largely (but not totally) from the 25-percent federal tax cut enacted in 1981 and aggravated by a recession, high unemployment, a tight money policy and a rise in federal interest payments, the deficit--projected at \$210 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 1985--is having an impact on many facets of the U.S. economy. It looms over members of Congress as they make choices about taxing and spending. It dominates policy discussions, pushing decision makers to consider spending restraint rather than what is the proper level of services that citizens need. The federal budget deficit has driven the value of the dollar very high, making American goods expensive to sell abroad and is thus a significant factor in the U.S. trade deficit. It is causing an influx of foreign capital into the United States and forcing rates to rise, as foreign investors respond to our government's need to borrow.

In order to position the League to act on fiscal policy decisions, League members will want to learn about all these deficit-related issues and more. An informative article in the Fall 1985 National Voter gives full background on the federal deficit--what it is, why we have it, what its implications are and what the policy choices are for responding to it.

The Voter also included questions for member agreement and a tear-off response form for members to use in sending their views to the national office. The national office wants to hear from you!

*The Appeton League will have units on the deficit in November. Come share your thoughts - but if you can't come Don't forget to send your responses. Bart Hoffmann*

## FORUM ON THE FEDERAL DEFICIT--October 28, 1985

We are very pleased to announce that the League of Women Voters Education Fund will sponsor a one-hour televised forum on the federal deficit on Monday evening, October 28, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. C-SPAN (a cable television network) has agreed to carry the event, which will last one hour. The following have been invited to be panelists on the forum: the Hon. Pete Domenici, U. S. Senator from New Mexico and Chair of the Senate Budget Committee; Dr. Alice Rivlin, Director of the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution and former director of the Congressional Budget Office; and Dr. John Makin, Director of Fiscal Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute. The forum will feature Sander Vanocur of the ABC television network as moderator.

*for those of you who Don't watch football! B.A.*

Outagamie County Domestic Abuse  
Program - Benefit

ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE VIOLENCE-FREE LIVES. However statistics show that danger lurks in the homes of many women. Every 18 seconds a woman is beaten by her partner in this country.

Domestic abuse crosses all socio-economic barriers and its costs affect all areas of our lives. It is most devastating for families, who end up shattered and live with a heritage of violence passes from generation to generation.

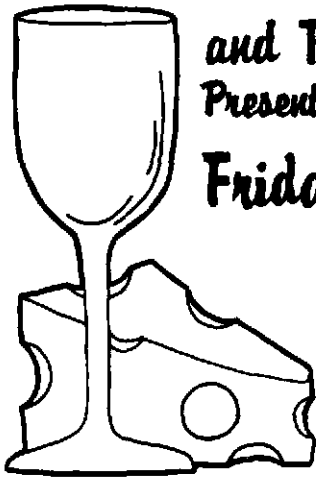
The Outagamie County Domestic Abuse Program (OCDAP) offers safety and support to battered women and their children in a secure, non-judgmental environment.

As the first anniversary of operation approaches, the OCDAP Board, made up of representatives from county agencies and community organizations, is more than ever convinced of the need for the Shelter and its services for women and children.

The annual budget to run the program is \$100,000. It is the mission of the OCDAP Board to raise 40% of this sum. The balance is funded by Outagamie County. As you read this letter, OCDAP is in need of \$9000 to meet its fiscal commitment by December 31, 1985.

# "AN EVENING OF WINE AND CHEESE"

Sponsored by: Outagamie County  
Bar Association  
and The Legal Auxillary  
Presented by: Sunset Liquors



Friday, November 15<sup>TH</sup>  
\$1000 per person  
7:30-10:30 P.M.

PAPER VALLEY  
HOTEL BALLROOM  
Music by: Fire and Ice

Tickets available at Sunset Liquors and  
Lawrence University Ticket Box Office

A Silent Auction for premium wines, fine art, and  
other gifts will be held.

for information call 731-8988

Proceeds benefit  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY  
DOMESTIC ABUSE  
PROGRAM



It is our hope that you will join us for a unique evening of tasting fine wines and cheese. Between 50 and 100 wines will be served, with experts available to discuss the merits of each. You will receive a booklet listing the wines and a rating chart to record preferences.

The Paper Valley Hotel and the music of Fire and Ice will provide a fine background for what promises to be a delightful experience.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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| Sunday   | Monday          | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday              | Friday   | Saturday                      |                                 |
|--|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | <u>November</u> |  |  |                       |  | 1                             | 2<br>City Budget Hearings Begin |
| 3  | 4               | 5<br>General Election                              | 6  | 7                     | 8  | 9<br>City Budget Hearings End |                                 |
| 10   | 11              | 12 UNITS -<br>Federal Gov't Financing<br>7:30 p.m. | 13 UNITS -<br>Federal Gov't Financing<br>9:30 a.m. | 14                    | 15<br>Wine & Cheese BENEFIT<br>for Domestic Abuse Program<br>7:30 p.m. | 16                            |                                 |
| 17 Watch "Star Wars" Issue Debate on C-SPAN (prime time) | 18              | 19 UNITS -<br>Gifted & Talented<br>7:30 p.m.       | 20 UNITS -<br>Gifted & Talented<br>9:30 a.m.       | 21                    | 22   | 23                            |                                 |
| 24   | 25              | 26<br>Board Meeting<br>7:15 p.m.                   | 27   | 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING | 29   | 30                            |                                 |

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## December

| DATE/TIME                     | EVENT                      | HOSTESS/LOCATION                                   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Dec. 10<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. | Holidays Int'l.            | The Art Gallery*<br>UWFV Center<br>1478 Midway Rd. |
| Dec. 17<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. | Board Meeting              | Jodie CoBabe<br>50 Bellaire Ct.                    |
| Jan. 7<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  | Units--<br>Nat'l. Security | Gretta Volk<br>909 E. Alton                        |
| Jan. 8<br>Wednesday, 9:30a.m. | "                          | All Saints Episcopal<br>Drew & College             |
| Jan. 28<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. | LIVELY ISSUES!             | M. J. Wurster<br>228 N. Park Ave.                  |

\* THE ART GALLERY DIRECTIONS:

On Midway Rd. between S. Oneida St. and Memorial Dr.

Use the entrance near the theatre.

There will be a lovely stained glass exhibit on display!



MAKE A PRESENT TO LEAGUE:

PAY YOUR \$23 DUES TODAY!

Joan Fowler, Treasurer, 915 N. Kensington, 54915



# Taking Flight

Happy post-Thanksgiving! I am thankful for the many opportunities that League has provided for my personal growth. I took this job with great trepidation, knowing all too well my limitations. But I am thrilled at the feelings of accomplishment that I have each time I meet a job deadline and THE JOB DONE IS BOTH IMPORTANT AND FINISHED! (So much in Mothering is important but so unfinished!) I am also very grateful for the individuals who share that feeling of accomplishment and importance and who pass on the thanks to me, even if I am not the key actor in the play.

I'd like to pass on thanks I've had from community leaders when we spoke out against zoning being handled by the towns. There was also plentiful praise when League spoke at the the City Council Budget Hearing and when League members attended the Finance Committee hearings. And as for the County Board hearing, though praise was not as plentiful and we were certainly not the only ones to speak here, I'm still pleased that we said enough important things to be quoted in the paper twice since then. So, I'd like to share the glory with you all, and thank you for the opportunity to make a difference.

For those of you out there who want yet to make a difference and share in the thanks, start watching the newspaper, etc. for timely topics in areas which the local League can make a difference thru study and action. What comes out of the Lively Issues meeting in January is what is presented to members before and at the Annual Meeting in April. Some criteria to judge a study are: Is it timely? Would it hold member and community interest? Does it need League involvement? Would a study permit effective action? We will also talk about national program suggestions that come in the VOTER. (Dane Co. is interested in a national level agricultural study...anyone interested here?)

The December 10th party sounds fascinating. The January international relations units and the Lively Issues meeting should herald a fine start to 1986. Maybe the snow will even let up by then...anyone for 70° to even things out?

*Barbara Grant*

## HOLIDAYS INTERNATIONALLY!

The perfect way to kick off your holiday season at the annual League Holiday Party, Dec. 10!

- \* Dress casually \*
- \* Bring a spouse or friend \*
- \* Bring wine or hors d'oeuvre \*
- \* Brush up on your homework \*
- \* Unpack your team spirit \*
- \* COME at 7:30 p.m. at the UW-Fox Valley Center Gallery

Our gifts to you will include:

- ^ Stimulation ^
- ^ Amusement ^
- ^ Study in a painless fashion ^
- ^ Celebration when the games conclude ^

LOVE,  
The International Relations  
Committee

Homework (n.) preparation before "classy" activities; readings to include "America in the 3rd World..." (LWVEF) and "Central America: A Conflict..." (VOTER)

## LIVELY ISSUES ALERT!

Mark January 28 on your calendar for LIVELY ISSUES and plan to attend! This meeting is your opportunity to be involved in deciding which local issues League should tackle during 1986 and which national studies should be programmed for 1986-88.

NOW is the time to start collecting topics for local study. All ideas should go to Jan Besta by December 20 to be included in the January Bulletin. Then members can do some advance thinking on the topics!

Information on national program issues will be published in the winter VOTER, scheduled to reach you in mid-January.

Jan Besta 739-7589



**THANKS  
A MILLION**

Thanks to Jan Nordell and Ginny Swanson, who helped introduce us to the new budget documents.

Thanks to all League members who observed during the city and county budget hearings, and who then helped to formulate the League's public statements:

Lynn Debbink, Beth English, Barb Grant, Kathy Hartman, Barb Hussin, Nancy Jones, Helen Nagler, and Gretta Volk.

Special thanks to Betty Breunig for doing all of the above plus writing the Block Grant statement.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED UNITS

Discussion was lively at the unit meetings on gifted and talented programs. The Tuesday night unit was particularly fortunate in that Al Schroeder, the interim co-ordinator for a G & T program in the Appleton Public Schools, was present. He listened to the various concerns, answered questions, and commented on Appleton's present plan for this year and the following year.

Following a general discussion of the strengths and weaknesses in the Appleton public schools, and how they could be improved, the committee members presented the Renzulli Enrichment Triad Model as a possibility for a G & T program. It was greeted favorably at both unit meetings with one of its major attractions being its relative lack of "elitism," especially when compared with other gifted and talented programs. Although 20% of the school population are eligible for this plan, there are usually only about 5% participating at any one time. This demonstrates another one of its advantages. Children may withdraw from the program when they wish and re-enter when they are again motivated with an idea for a project. Hence Renzulli's label - revolving door policy. The amount of flexibility in this plan is one of its most appealing features.

For those of you who missed these meetings and may have questions, the list of committee members follows:

Sharon Fenlon (734-0864)  
Terry Flom (731-0155)  
Sue Kinde (734-5759)  
Ann Lindstrom (735-0534)  
Ellen Needham (734-5521)  
Ginny Rose (731-3558) - ~~W~~  
Andrea Tatlock (734-7119)

Please call if you have questions or opinions to offer.



Nancy Pourciau (734-6296)

# **ACTION** in your name

BECAUSE OF LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL STUDY, WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- LOCAL:** \* statements at Outagamie Co. budget hearing, City of Appleton budget hearing, and Community Development Block Grant hearing;
- \* letter to the Outagamie Co. Board of Supervisors and to the Post Crescent on zoning and planning;
- \* letter to the editor of the Post Crescent on sex education support.
- STATE:** \* letter to the editor on Marital Property Reform correcting misinformation in P.C. articles.
- NATL.:** \* Superfund letters to Rep. Roth and Rep. Petri;
- \* Strategic Defense Initiative letters to members of Congress.

Oct. 29, 1985: OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 1986 BUDGET HEARING:

- in favor of alternatives to landfilling and recycling; therefore, interested in incineration project;
- in favor of adequate funding and consistent enforcement of disposal ordinances;
- in favor of water quality goals and groundwater study;
- in favor of additional personnel for the Huber Law section of the County Jail, separate juvenile detention, the jail expansion at the present site;
- in support of social service programs;
- in favor of funding for the Domestic Abuse Center with warnings that volunteer funding is short-sighted;
- in favor of more active compliance with the family planning mandate;
- with concern with the proposed county sales tax, supporting taxes that are based on ability to pay; in last resort support, if other funding for services we support cannot be found;

- informing the Board of our upcoming Health Care Delivery Study.

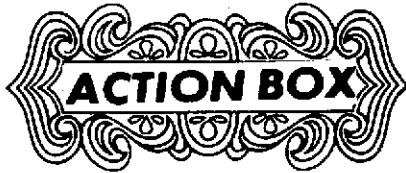
November 11, 1985: CITY OF APPLETON BUDGET HEARING:

- in excited anticipation of the Avenue Mall;
- in support of hiring principal planner, advising that he/she have expertise in housing needs;
- in favor of additional downtown police officers;
- in support of DPW's good environmental planning;
- in favor of the Newberry River Path, Houdini Plaza, and the Pierce Park ball diamond's placement;
- in favor of VT's expansion of service area;
- informing the Council of our upcoming Health Study;
- suggesting ways to clarify the budget and accompanying documents.

November 25, 1985: CITY PLAN COMMISSION (BLOCK GRANTS):

- in favor of central city rehabilitation monies, Fair Housing Council monies, and housing needs study, to include frail elderly, handicapped, and low income.





IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TAKE TIME TO WRITE TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS!

Please take the time now to write about tax reform and Title X, (information in this Bulletin), Superfund (see VOTER), and Star Wars (see VOTER and September Bulletin).

If you welcome marital property reform, write a letter to the editor expressing your delight and/or write to Sen. Hathaway thanking him for his work to bring about the passage of the bill. The new law has been getting a lot of bad press, and we need to get the good news out!

**IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED!**

Contact Sen. Kasten, Sen. Proxmire, and Rep. Roth in support of the re-authorization of Title X WITHOUT RESTRICTIVE AMENDMENTS.

Ask them to vote YES for TITLE X, the National Family Planning Act, and to vote NO to any restrictive amendments.

DECEMBER 12th is scheduled as the day for their vote. Call Jodie CoBabe (731-0049) if you have further questions.

## Create RESULTS

### TAX REFORM

Though the timing is uncertain, tax reform legislation is almost certain to come to the floor of both houses of the 99th Congress. The League is lobbying hard to ensure that whatever legislation emerges meets the League's three fundamental criteria:

- o Reform should produce a broad-based and progressive income tax structure with minimal preferences. Specifically, the two major ways corporations avoid paying their fair share of taxes should be addressed. Congress should substantially modify the Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS) and repeal the Investment Tax Credit (ITC).
- o Reform should be fair to all taxpayers at all income levels and fair across industries. Specifically, reform should reduce taxes for the poor and tax the wealthy more heavily than under President Reagan's proposal.
- o Reform should not result in a loss of revenue.

The League is lobbying at full tilt to counter special interest pressure on Members of Congress (MC), but grassroots pressure is our strongest weapon. Please write your MC and tell him or her to enact fair and equitable legislation, meeting the League's three criteria.



And in summary....

How do you summarize U.S. foreign policy? After hours of reading and pondering in preparation for our League's all-important consensus on this extremely complex issue, I have concluded that a summary--some kind of all-encompassing philosophical basis which can govern all U.S. foreign policy decisions--is not only impossible but also extremely dangerous.

If it seems that U.S. foreign policy is haphazard, even inconsistent and capricious, it is because consistency is not within the nature of the beast. In dealing with an increasingly complex and ever-expanding theater of world affairs, we must resist the urge to oversimplify--to reduce each incident to the black hats vs. the white hats. We must maintain historical perspective, but we must not let it mire us within the constraints of applying old solutions to new, vastly different problems.

This is not to say that U.S. foreign policy doesn't need improvement. Indeed, some would argue that we don't even have a discernible foreign policy.

We can examine trends. We can find common threads. We can hold up laudable goals and guiding principles and look for ways to realize those goals and live by those principles.

And, as much as is humanly possible, we must look at our world through a crystal ball, mustering all of our collective imagination to envision the possibilities for future world dynamics. How will our alliances and our enemies evolve by the next century? How will technology change world politics? How will the world's diminishing resources affect us in the future? And the question of the hour: How will the emergence of the Third World alter the delicate balance of power?

The following editorial, written in response to the Achille Lauro incident, provides excellent food for thought as we all attempt to galvanize our opinions in preparation for consensus.

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We conclude by presenting the consensus questions which we will address at the January 7 and 8 units. We have tried to present as much information as possible through these bulletin articles and through the other study materials because we must not only discuss this enormously complex issue but also take consensus in one meeting.

The League has asked a lot of its members in this study. The factual material is hard to interpret and the moral issues pertaining to foreign policy are nearly impossible to resolve. This is an arena in which, perhaps more than in any other, the liberal and the conservative part company.

But this study and the resulting League position will become an indispensable part of our national program. It is something we cannot ignore if we want to continue to be heard and heeded by our elected representatives who respect us because of our broad base and our grassroots structure.

So to you, the grassroots, the questions:

# There's a limit to what U.S. can do about world crises

By James Reston



Like the managers of the World Series in Missouri, the managers of world diplomacy in Washington concentrate on one game at a time.

They deal with immediate things as fire departments and police departments do,

not with the causes of the prevention of fire and crime, but, as best they can, with its extinction and punishment.

Thus, if terror is one day's foreign policy problem, Washington approves Israel's bombing raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunisia, or sends U.S. military planes over the Mediterranean to intercept an Egyptian plane carrying the Palestinian thugs who hijacked an Italian ship and killed an American citizen.

This type of response is standard operating procedure for a police or fire department, and is popular at home. But not in Egypt, which is vital to the administration's larger objective of peace in the Middle East, or with the Italian government that took chances to support U.S. nuclear defense against Moscow's threat to the security of Europe.

The State Department is now trying to deal with the consequences. It has sent Deputy Secretary of State John C. Whitehead to Cairo and Rome to ease the tensions that have resulted from these military actions.

At the same time, the president has sent his personal friend, Sen. Paul Laxalt, to Manila to try to put out a smoldering fire in that country. In both cases, the result has been to minimize the influence and authority of U.S. ambassadors in Manila, Cairo and Rome.

Nobody will blame the president for trying to put out the fire, and many even admire

him for the military skill that brought about the arrest of the hijackers of the Italian ship. But the larger problem remains.

For years, long before President Reagan, U.S. governments have been minimizing the causes of foreign policy crises, dealing with military insurrections in Latin America, in the Philippines and the Middle East, trying to deal with every crisis whenever or wherever it breaks out.

You can admire this attempt, but not the judgment that Washington can intervene in every conflict in every quarter of the world — in short, that America can be not only the fireman but the policeman of the world.

We have known for a long time that the Palestinians had a valid grievance in the Middle East, that the Marcos regime in the Philippines, apartheid in South Africa and hunger in Central America and particularly in Mexico were the causes of rebellion and a threat to order and even to the vital interests of the United States. But we went along until these human disasters broke out into

violence.

This is not hard to understand. Even if you don't deal with the causes of the fire, you have to try to put it out.

But it is increasingly clear that there is a limit to what the United States can do to deal with human tragedy all over the world. The United States needs a philosophy and a sense of priority about what it can reasonably do in its own interests and in the present crisis of world political, economic and military affairs. And on this point, there is confusion here in Washington within the Reagan administration and also in the Congress.

It might be useful to listen to the advice of George Kennan, probably our most thoughtful and experienced foreign policy philosopher, at least on Soviet affairs.

Now in his 80s, Kennan wrote, as a duty and maybe, as he said, "in one last breath," about his long experience in U.S.-Soviet affairs:

"We should approach the problems of foreign policy with a relative humility,

bearing in mind that our resources are finite and that we are faced with certain urgent and difficult but limited tasks, the successful accomplishment of which is essential to world security and to our own; that we must concentrate on the performance of these tasks if we are to have any chance of completing them; that we cannot, for this reason, afford to dissipate our attention, our energies and our resources on those dreams of world betterment, that pursuit of global involvement and authority and that moralistic posturing which are so congenial to the American political temperament and to the rhetoric of our public life."

This may be, as Kennan would concede, a voice from the past. But he insisted that we should be thinking about the causes of human conflict and not about the militaristic ways of dealing with the consequences.

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I. Past, present and possible U.S. International economic and political interests in developing countries on the list below. Select UP TO FIVE interests that should be PARAMOUNT in determining U.S. policies toward developing countries and FIVE that should be ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDED in determining U.S. policies toward developing countries. (We will tabulate only the first five listed.) Additional comments elaborating your choices should be attached to this form.

| PARAMOUNT | ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDED                                      |
|-----------|--|
| _____     | stimulating economic growth _____                        |
| _____     | promoting stability _____                                |
| _____     | promoting peaceful change _____                          |
| _____     | fighting communism _____                                 |
| _____     | containing the Soviet Union _____                        |
| _____     | limiting U.S. involvement abroad _____                   |
| _____     | protecting U.S. access to resources and markets _____    |
| _____     | maintaining U.S. preeminence _____                       |
| _____     | maintaining U.S. leadership _____                        |
| _____     | ensuring self-determination _____                        |
| _____     | fostering democratic values _____                        |
| _____     | protecting human rights _____                            |
| _____     | promoting sound management of global resources _____     |
| _____     | protecting U.S. business interests _____                 |
| _____     | reducing the risk of military conflict _____             |
| _____     | supporting allies _____                                  |
| _____     | improving the quality of life _____                      |
| _____     | protecting U.S. territory, institutions and people _____ |
| _____     | Other: _____   |

No consensus \_\_\_\_\_ No response \_\_\_\_\_

II. The United States has a variety of means to promote its economic and political interests in developing countries. Among them are development aid, the Economic Support Fund, military aid and direct military involvement of U.S. forces. The LWVUS has evaluated development aid in previous studies. For the following questions, please indicate YES, NO, NO CONSENSUS or NO RESPONSE on this form and attach narrative responses on a separate, identified sheet.

- A. Is the Economic Support Fund (ESF) an appropriate means to promote the paramount U.S. interests you listed in Question I?  
 YES    NO    NO CONSENSUS    NO RESPONSE  
 If YES, for what purposes should ESF be used?  
 If NO, why not?
- B. Is military aid an appropriate means to promote the paramount U.S. interests you listed in Question I?  
 YES    NO    NO CONSENSUS    NO RESPONSE  
 If YES, for what purposes should military aid be used?  
 If NO, why not?
- C. Is the direct military involvement of U.S. forces an appropriate means to promote the paramount U.S. interests you listed in Question I?  
 YES    NO    NO CONSENSUS    NO RESPONSE  
 If YES, for what purposes should direct military involvement of U.S. forces be used?  
 If NO, why not?
- D. Of the following means to promote U.S. economic and political interests in developing countries, is there one or more that is preferable to the others? Do NOT check all four.  
 Development Aid    Economic Support Fund    Military Aid    Direct military involvement of U.S. forces  
 WHY?    NO CONSENSUS    NO RESPONSE

III. Please respond to Parts A and B of this question on a separate, identified sheet. We ask that your responses to Part B be in *list form*. Comments may follow.

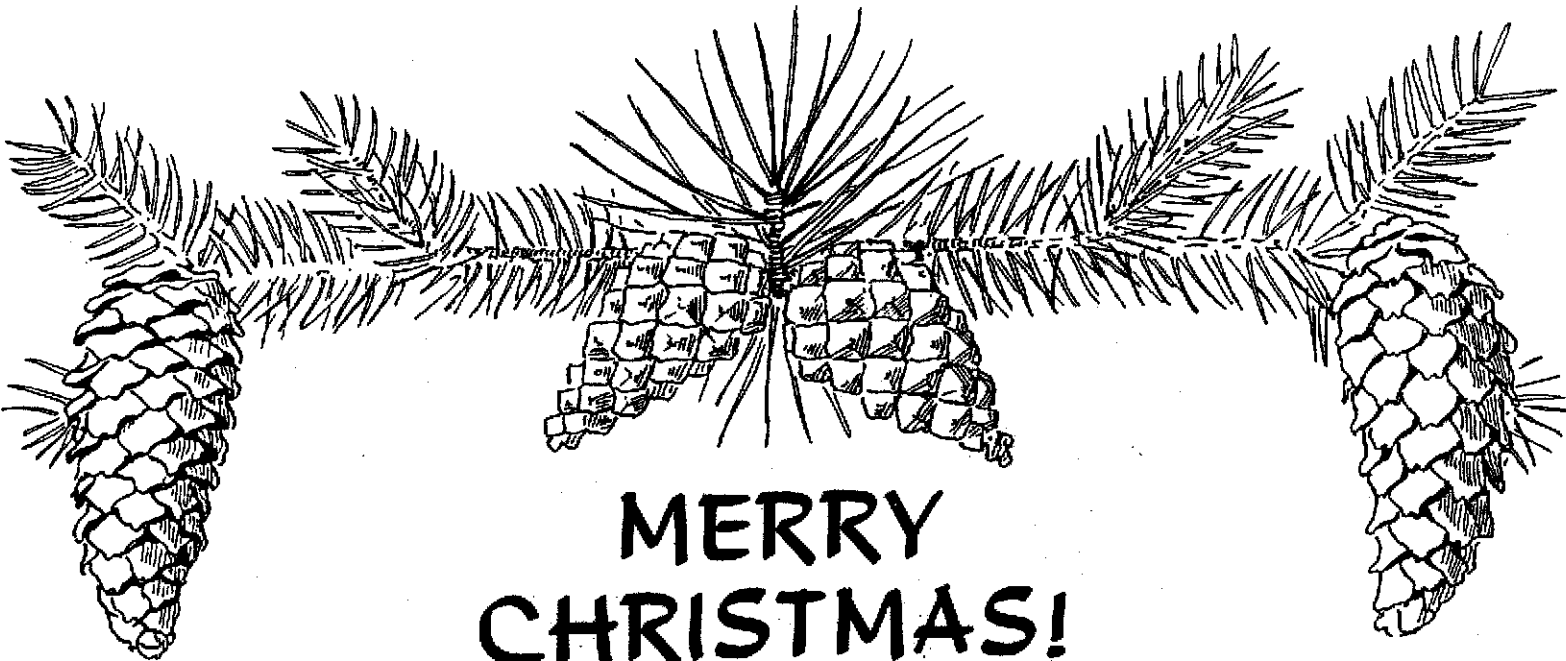
- A. What role, if any, should U.S.-Soviet relations play in influencing U.S. policies toward developing countries?  
 B. What efforts could reduce U.S.-Soviet competition in developing countries?

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| January 7<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.    | Units--<br>National Security   | 909 E. Alton St.<br>Greta Volk           |
| January 8<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.  | Units--<br>National Security * | All Saints Episcopal<br>Drew and College |
| January 14<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.   | Board Meeting                  | 1328 W. Pine St.<br>Beth English         |
| January 28<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.   | Lively Issues I                | 228 N. Park Ave. ✓<br>M.J. Wurster       |
| February 1<br>Saturday, 10:15 a.m. | Legislative Forum              | UWV-Center Rm W-29<br>1478 Midway Rd.    |

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# Taking Flight

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R ! ! !

I've not much to report, yet I'm looking forward to activities in 1986. Make a note of the front calendar dates and make a resolution to join in. You'll be glad you did!

*Barbara Grant*

JANUARY 28 - - LIVELY ISSUES MEETING

Since ALL OF YOU will decide what local and national items will be studied during '86-'87, we need YOU to participate in suggesting and discussing the most timely and appropriate items for both local and national League program. Please plan to attend this meeting to share your input and help in this important discussion of program items.

Some of the issues that have been suggested to date for local program are:

- 1) A school study on the need for a new northside school
- 2) An extension of the study on gifted and talented
- 3) A study of the proposed Tri-County expressway
- 4) A study on the need for an incinerator at the County sanitary landfill
- 5) A study on the problems related to the local wastewater treatment facility

Be sure to watch for the information on national program issues which will be published in the winter VOTER, scheduled to reach you in mid-January.

Remember in thinking about possible program items, to keep in mind the four following criteria:

- 1) Does there appear to be a problem?
- 2) Is this a crucial time for the issue?
- 3) Can political action be taken by governmental units at the level of the study to solve the problem? (Local study: by county and/or city government)
- 4) Will League members spend time and effort on the issue?

Please think over the suggested issues and bring your own ideas for program items to M.J. Wurster's on January 28. The more of you who participate, the livelier the discussion will be and, the more the selected items will reflect what each of you want to put your efforts into next year for League program. If you cannot attend the meeting and have an idea you would like to have presented, please call me.

- Jan Besta (739-7589)

Note: This is the best summary of the law I have seen. I thought League members would like to see it in the Bulletin. We need to be reminded of what we fought for!

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-Barb Hoffman

## Wisconsin's New Marital Property Law\*

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### OVERVIEW

On January 1, 1986, Wisconsin will become the nation's first "Marital Property" state. Marital property is a form of "community property" similar in many respects to the Spanish- and French-based systems currently in effect in California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Texas, New Mexico, Idaho, and Louisiana. At the present time, Wisconsin is a "common law" property state. Under a common law system, property rights of married persons are based on judicial and legislative rules that can be traced to the English legal system of titles.

The new Wisconsin law is based on the Uniform Marital Property Act. This Uniform Act was recommended for adoption by individual states in 1983 by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Wisconsin version contains many modifications and adjustments and is the product of several years of debate in the Wisconsin Legislature. The law is long and complex.

The following summary and analysis is intended to give a basic understanding of the new marital property law and to alert readers to areas where changes in planning should be considered, and perhaps more importantly, where changes must be made in the way Wisconsin residents think about their planning. This summary and analysis is not intended to be a specific application of the law to the individual situation of any person.

### MARITAL PROPERTY LAW

After January 1, 1986, all property owned by a married couple will be *presumed* to be marital property unless the person claiming otherwise can prove it is something else. Marital property is a type of property owned by a married couple where each spouse has a present, undivided one-half interest in the property, regardless of how title to the property is held or how either spouse feels about "ownership." One spouse acting alone cannot terminate this marital co-ownership. Under a common law system, title or possession determines ownership and control rights. That will not be the case under the new marital property law. Title will have a bearing on day-to-day management and control rights, but the fact that title is in one spouse's name will *not* affect whether the property is marital. Despite the statutory presumption, it should be emphasized at the outset that not all property of a married couple will be marital property.

### CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

Under the new law, the classification of different types of property will become very important. A married person can have the following types of property interests after the new law goes into effect:

(1) Marital Property,

- (2) Predetermination Date Property,
- (3) Individual Property, and
- (4) Mixed Property.

Property is classified on an item-by-item basis. The easiest way to get a basic understanding of the new law is probably to list types of property that fall into each of the four categories.

#### Marital Property

Marital property under the new law consists of:

(1) *Income* from all sources, including wages, certain retirement and employee benefits, in-kind payments for services, interest, dividends, and rents. Income from non-marital property is marital property under the law unless the owner spouse elects in writing to classify that income as his or her individual property. This election is discussed below. Another important exception to the income-as-marital-property rule is that income distributed to a spouse from a trust created by a third person is the individual property of that spouse unless the trust provides otherwise.

(2) Appreciation in the value of or gains realized upon the disposition of marital property.

(3) Appreciation in the value of non-marital property to the extent that appreciation is attributable to the *substantial, uncompensated* physical or mental efforts of either spouse. This is an aspect of the new law that will probably lead to a great deal of confusion. The rule is intended to get at situations where, for example, one spouse works in a business the stock of which is his or her individual property and, rather than receiving a normal salary, permits all of the profits to be held in the business, thereby causing it to appreciate in value. Had that spouse been working for a public company, he or she would have received a higher salary which would have been marital property. This rule attempts to prevent the spouse who owns the business from converting what would otherwise be marital property into non-marital property. However, its potential effect is much broader.

(4) Property specifically classified as marital property by a married couple in a written agreement.

#### Predetermination Date Property

Predetermination date property is property acquired before a couple's "determination date." One married couple's determination date can be different from that of another married couple. The determination date is defined as the last to occur of

- (1) marriage,
  - (2) establishment of marital domicile in Wisconsin,
- or



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(3) the effective date of the new law, January 1, 1986.

For those who are currently married and live in Wisconsin, the effective date of the new law, January 1, 1986, will be the determination date. Predetermination date property falls into two basic categories: property that would have been marital property if it had been acquired after the determination date, and property that would have been individual property if it had been acquired after the determination date. The new law has little effect on the second type of predetermination date property. As to the first, it has a potentially retroactive effect in the event of the death of the owner. During the marriage, however, all predetermination date property is treated as if it were the individual property of the owner spouse.

#### Individual Property

Individual property is property acquired before marriage but after January 1, 1986, and the following property if acquired *after* the determination date:

- (1) Inheritances,
- (2) Gifts,
- (3) Distributions of income or principal from trusts created by third parties,
- (4) Appreciation in the value of and gains realized on the disposition of other individual property (except where attributable to substantial, uncompensated effort by either spouse),
- (5) Property acquired with the proceeds from or in exchange for other individual property,
- (6) Property specifically classified as individual property by a married couple in a written agreement, or
- (7) Certain kinds of personal injury damage awards and settlements.

As explained earlier, the *income* from non-marital property is generally marital property. One very important exception to this rule permits one spouse acting *alone* to classify future income on all or part of his or her individual property, predetermination date property, and the non-marital component of any mixed property as his or her individual property. This election must be in writing and is subject to several other formal requirements. Another exception applies to interspousal gifts. Spouses can reclassify marital property as the individual property of one spouse by gift. Unless a contrary intent is expressed at the time the gift is made, income on the gift property will be the individual property of the donee spouse without further action.

#### Mixed Property

As its name implies, mixed property is property that is a combination of two or all three of the other categories of property. It generally results from the mixing or commingling of different categories of assets or the reinvestment of income.

As noted earlier, a basic principle underlying the new law is that all property is presumed to be marital

property unless someone can prove otherwise. In addition, if marital property is mixed with individual property or predetermination date property and the components cannot be clearly traced, the property will be converted entirely into marital property. Tracing of assets will become an important concept and a difficult task under the new law. If a spouse wants to preserve his or her non-marital property after the law becomes effective without a marital property agreement, meticulous records for asset purchases and dispositions of income will be necessary.

#### SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY

Life insurance and deferred employment benefits are given special treatment under the new law. Life insurance policies issued after the determination date where one spouse is the insured and also the owner of the policy will be marital property regardless of the source of premium payments. Pre-existing policies will become mixed property if marital property (e.g., salary) is used to pay a single premium. The proration between the marital and non-marital elements will be done on the basis of the length of time the policy is in force before and after the first payment of a premium with marital property. Once a premium is paid with marital property, the source of subsequent premiums is irrelevant. If a spouse owns a life insurance policy insuring the life of the other spouse, that policy will be the individual property of the owner spouse, regardless of the source of premium payments. Policies owned by one spouse on the life of a third party will be classified like any other asset. The source of the premium payments will determine whether the policy and, ultimately, its proceeds are marital, individual or mixed.

Deferred employment benefits include pension, profit sharing, stock purchase, and similar qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans other than insurance. Deferred employment benefits attributable to employment occurring during the marriage and after the determination date will be marital property. If the term of employment spans the determination date, the benefits will be mixed property, with the proration done on the basis of time. Deferred employment benefits differ from other kinds of marital property in that, if the *non-employee* spouse dies first, his or her one-half marital property interest in those benefits evaporates at death. This rule preserves the benefits for the surviving, employed spouse so his or her retirement is not disrupted or jeopardized.

#### DEFERRED MARITAL PROPERTY

At the death of the first spouse to die, predetermination date property that would have been marital property if the new law had been in effect throughout the marriage becomes "deferred marital property." This concept is intended to protect the surviving spouse from being disinherited and is the main area where the new law can have a retroactive effect. The surviving spouse has the right to elect to take up to one-half of each item of deferred marital property in the deceased spouse's probate estate. A further elective right is granted with respect to the "augmented marital

property estate," which consists of certain life insurance and retirement plan proceeds payable to third parties and other non-probate transfers by the deceased spouse to third parties. These two elections replace the present statutory right allowing the surviving spouse to elect to take one-third of the deceased spouse's probate estate.

### MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

The right to manage and control marital property depends on how the property is "held." Property is held by one or both spouses if there is a written document of title naming one or both of them as owners, as we traditionally understand that term. Examples of title documents include stock certificates, bank accounts, car titles, and real estate deeds.

Each spouse has the right to manage and control all marital property "held" in that spouse's name alone. The right to manage and control includes the right to sell, trade, lease, consume, encumber and pledge. Marital property with a title document naming both spouses as owners, using "and" or "or," may be managed and controlled by either or both spouses as indicated on the title.

Marital property that is not "held," i.e., property that is not titled, such as furniture, clothing, and cash, may be managed and controlled by either spouse. As a practical matter, possession will be the determining factor regarding control of these kinds of assets.

The new law imposes a good faith obligation on each spouse in exercising management and control rights over marital property. It also protects bona fide purchasers of marital property from a spouse with apparent or actual management and control rights.

The law places practical limits on gifts one spouse can make to third parties with marital property. Any gift of marital property up to \$1,000 per donee per year is permitted. Gifts in excess of that amount are permitted if they are "reasonable" in light of the couple's financial circumstances or the spouses "act together" in making the gift. If one of these exceptions is not applicable, the non-donor spouse can recover the gift property itself from the donee or the value of his or her marital interest in the gift from the donor spouse.

The one significant exception to the "held" concept of management and control arises in credit transactions. Each spouse acting alone may manage and control *all* marital property other than certain kinds of closely held business interests for purposes of obtaining credit and entering into other contractual arrangements. Creditors, in fact, are required by the new law to acknowledge this fact and make credit decisions accordingly.

### SPOUSAL LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

In addition to establishing a marital property system, the new law establishes a marital liability and obligation system and sets priorities for the satisfaction of those liabilities and obligations out of marital and non-marital property. The basic rules are as follows:

(1) Obligations incurred by either spouse in the interest of the marriage or the family, may be satisfied

from all marital property and from the individual and predetermination date property of the incurring spouse in no particular order. This is the so-called "family purpose" doctrine. All activities of either spouse are presumed to be undertaken in the interest of the marriage or family. As a result, obligations or liabilities arising out of those activities are deemed to be marital and all of the couple's marital property can be reached to satisfy those claims, regardless of whether both spouses are personally liable.

(2) Obligations incurred by either spouse before marriage may be satisfied out of the incurring spouse's non-marital property and that portion of the couple's marital property that would have been the property of the incurring spouse had there been no marriage. This rule protects the wages and other income of the non-incurring spouse from claims of premarriage creditors of the incurring spouse.

(3) Obligations incurred during the marriage but before the new law goes into effect are not affected by it. An obligation incurred by one spouse before January 1, 1986 can be satisfied out of that spouse's non-marital property and that portion of the couple's marital property that would have belonged to the incurring spouse had the new law not been enacted.

(4) Tort obligations (car accident, malpractice and similar claims) can be satisfied only out of the non-marital property of the spouse who committed the tort and that spouse's one-half interest in the couple's marital property, in no particular order.

(5) Obligations incurred by a spouse during marriage that are not in the interest of the marriage or family can only be satisfied out of the incurring spouse's non-marital property and his or her interest in the couple's marital property. In addition, the one-half interest in marital property can be reached only after the incurring spouse's non-marital property has been exhausted.

### MARITAL PROPERTY AGREEMENTS

The new law specifically authorizes married couples to implement, alter or negate the provisions of the new law as it applies to their marriage by a signed written agreement meeting certain requirements. As a general rule, for a marital property agreement to be valid the law requires that there be fair and reasonable disclosure by each spouse of assets and liabilities. It is possible, by marital property agreement, to classify all property as marital property, regardless of its source, to establish that no property is marital property and that the property rights of each spouse be determined as if the marriage had not taken place, or to classify only certain assets as marital or non-marital. Although it is not a requirement for a valid marital property agreement, because the spouses will oftentimes have conflicting interests in connection with executing a marital agreement, it may be necessary for each spouse to have independent legal counsel.

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## DEATH OF A SPOUSE

Upon the death of one spouse, the surviving spouse and the deceased spouse's personal representative own all marital property subject to probate as equal tenants in common. The deceased spouse's Will controls only his or her one-half interest in the couple's marital property. This rule applies to marital property titled in the name of the deceased spouse as well as marital property titled in the name of the surviving spouse. This aspect of the new law will require a major adjustment by lawyers and clients alike. Marital property is owned equally by the spouses so the deceased spouse's Will controls his or her half, regardless of what the title documents say and regardless of who dies first. Of course, the deceased spouse's Will continues to control the disposition of his or her individual and predetermination date property.

The surviving spouse will also have the right to elect to receive one-half of the deferred marital property owned by the deceased spouse. It is important to remember that the deceased spouse's Will cannot affect any non-marital property owned by the surviving spouse.

Although the survivor's marital property interest is not technically subject to the probate process, the personal representative and surviving spouse must determine the nature of the decedent's debts and obligations and allocate them between the marital estate and non-marital estate.

One distinct advantage of a community or marital property law system over the common law system is that at the death of a spouse, the tax cost basis of *all* (not half) of the couple's marital property is adjusted to its date of death market value, regardless of the name in which the property is held. A married couple with substantially appreciated assets and a stable marriage might decide to classify all assets, including inherited assets, as marital property in order to obtain this basis adjustment and reduce future capital gain taxes. Such an agreement would also have the effect of equalizing the spouses' estates for death tax purposes. In certain situations, that can produce death tax savings. Couples considering such an agreement must understand that the desired basis adjustment may be unavailable due to future tax law

changes. The classification of property as marital, however, will be permanent unless it is altered by another marital agreement. As discussed throughout this summary, marital property is subject to different rules regarding disposition at death and creditors' claims than individual and predetermination date property. Also, if property acquired by gift or inheritance is reclassified as marital property, it is clearly subject to division by the court in a divorce. These other, permanent consequences must be considered carefully in light of the somewhat uncertain nature of the tax benefit to be derived.

## TRACING OF ASSETS

The ability to trace assets and properly classify them will become extremely important after the new law becomes effective, particularly for a spouse who wishes to preserve some or all of his or her property as non-marital. The law specifically leaves the evolution of tracing rules to the courts. Certainly it will be helpful to know when property was acquired, how it was acquired (purchase, gift, inheritance or otherwise), the source of funds used to acquire the property, how income from the property was invested, consumed or otherwise handled, how the property was titled, how prior property was disposed of and the proceeds reinvested. If these details cannot be established clearly, the property will be presumed to be marital. Difficulties may arise in the event of the death of either spouse because the personal representative of one spouse will often have the task of sorting through inadequate records.

## DIVORCE

The new law is not intended to have any direct effect on divorce. All property owned by either spouse (individual, marital, predetermination date and mixed) with the possible exception of property acquired by gift or inheritance will be subject to equitable division by the court as it is at the present time. The law affects how much of the total each spouse "owns" prior to its division, but not the division itself.

— Footnote —

\* As of October, 1985.

## GETTING INTO THE MARITAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

The imminent change to the marital property system is causing considerable consternation among many people because of the confusing and misleading information which has been provided through the media and through advertizing by some professional groups. It has been called a "full-fledged fiasco" and a "tangled web." Lost in the controversy are the reasons for the change and recognition of the problems with the separate property system. Let's take a closer look at some of the major questions and criticisms.

Why did Wisconsin adopt the marital property system For a long time there has been growing recognition that there were serious inequities for married couples under the separate property system. The homemaker has no property rights except to the extent that she receives inheritance or gifts, including those from her husband. If couples wish to share property in marriage, the burden of taking an affirmative, legal step to do so rests with the asset owner. The protections to the surviving spouse under the separate property system are inadequate because these protections can be easily avoided, if a spouse so wishes. If the homemaker has received no gifts of property from her husband, she has no right to will any of the property since her contribution to the marriage is not recognized in the law. Because she owns no assets, she cannot get credit in her own name.

Couldn't these changes have been made in the separate property system Extensive study showed that the inequities could not be corrected within the present system. The marital property system for Wisconsin was developed, but it is not a new idea. It is a form of community property, currently in effect in eight states which have had the system in effect since their beginnings. Wisconsin is only the first state to change from one system to the other.

Why should the state dictate how property is held during marriage The state has always set the rules for property ownership in marriage and in business. This change gives the marital partners greater freedom to set their own rules for handling property arrangements within their own marriage.

Won't the implementation of the act be costly in terms of recordkeeping and attorney fees Our laws have always required precise recordkeeping to track ownership of assets. Spouses (especially non-wage-earning wives) have always needed detailed records to prove ownership of property acquired through gift and inheritance. Most couples already operate as if they own everything equally. For them, no changes may be needed at all. If a spouse wishes to keep some property individual, a notarized statement the owning spouse delivered to the other spouse within five days of signing is all that is necessary. If partners have complex assets or children by a previous marriage, they will probably want to make a marital agreement. Costs may be fairly high if the agreement is complex, but as lawyers learn to use the new law, costs should decline.

Won't couples get divorced because of the marital property law The marital property law does not deal with divorce. It only concerns a ongoing marriage. The divorce laws were changed in 1977 to establish the presumption of equal ownership of assets in the property division at divorce. This equal ownership at divorce is now being applied to the ongoing marriage by the adoption of the marital property system.

Local League presidents have been and will be provided with resources for more information about the new system. Members are encouraged to help to disseminate this information so that the public will be well informed about the new system.

Sally Phelps  
LWVWI

..City-County Health Study -  
Open committee meeting on January  
23 at 7:00 p.m. at Helen Nagler's  
home - 932 E. Commercial. We'll  
discuss health issues with heads of  
Calumet, Appleton and Outagamie  
Health Departments. Anyone is  
welcome.

..For the next two Legislative  
Forums, both at 10:15 a.m. on  
February 1 and on March 22 in room  
W-29 at the UW-Fox Valley Center.

MARK YOUR '86 CALENDARS NOW...

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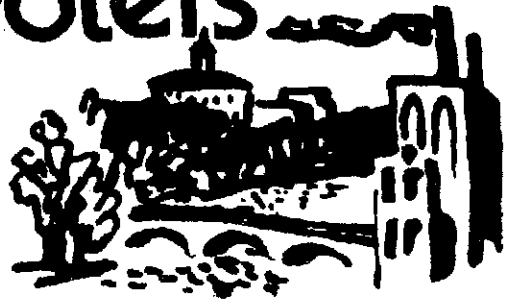
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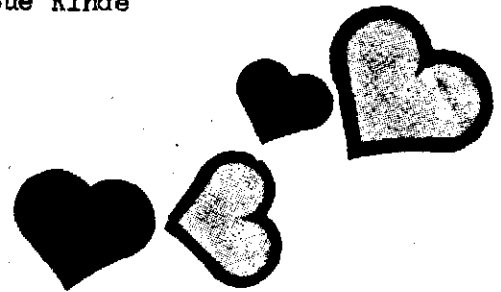
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## FEBRUARY

| <u>Date/Time</u>                      | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Hostess/Location</u>                                 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| February 1<br>Saturday, 10:15 a.m.    | Legislative Forum  | UWFV-Center Rm W-29<br>1478 Midway Rd.                  |
| February 11<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.     | Units--<br>Gifted and Talented<br>Students                         | 1136 Moorpark Ave.<br>Ginny Rose                        |
| February 12<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. * | Units--<br>Gifted and Talented<br>Students *                       | Unitarian Universalist<br>Fellowship<br>800 N. Superior |
| February 18<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.     | Board Meeting  | 804 E. South St.<br>Sam Murdoch                         |
| February 25<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.     | Get to Know the League!<br>A special event for you<br>new members. | 250 River Road<br>(East of Memorial Dr.)<br>Sue Kinde   |

\*Babysitting available for \$1.50 per child.





# Taking Flight

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Board has made a resolution for 1986 to:

- 1) increase efficient use of members;
- 2) increase membership and member retention.

We have particularly targeted those people who have joined since 1983, hoping to integrate those members more effectively into the longer-standing membership. As League has no required activities, we want people to find what they want and to feel welcome within League. Help us pay particular attention to those newer to our group in 1986!

Mayor Johnson has invited League to be on her talk program "Appleton Access," which will probably air Feb. 5 or 12 at 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 8. The Legislative Forum will be taped on February 1st to air at 7:00 p.m. (ch. 8) on February 3rd. Last fall the newspapers; this winter Cable Channel 8; this spring...?



Remember the Legislative Forum at 10:15 on February 1st and make a resolution to attend and to bring a member of the "Public". If the legislators are going to feel that they are reaching enough people at this forum, they will continue to make time in their schedules to come.

Lively Issues will have an additional task in targeting which national program items should get national board attention. It's VERY important that we take this time to let national know what we want them to do in order to retain the grassroots structure of our organization. Come with some priorities in mind so we can influence the national board now and again in June when Nancy Jones and I go to national convention.

Helen Nagler has agreed to be the League appointee to the Task Force on Revenues and Expenditures for Outagamie County. They will be helping to set priorities for spending in our county as the monies available tighten. When you hear about this group, remember that League is there!

RESOLVE TO MAKE LEAGUE ONE OF YOUR PRIORITIES IN 1986. YOU, APPLETON, WISCONSIN, OUR COUNTRY AND LEAGUE WILL ALL BE BETTER FOR IT!



Linda B. and I are going out for lunch afterward to celebrate my birthday - Save some time & come along with us!  
BT

Barbara Grant

PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING

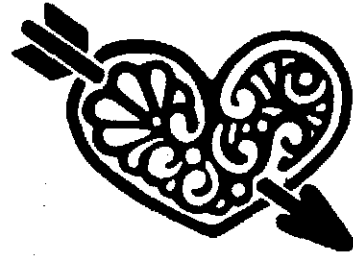
YES  NO

When you sit down to prepare your tax return, remember to check "yes" for a \$1.00 contribution to public financing of state campaigns.

The League has supported public funding of campaigns for many years and it is essential that the campaign fund be adequate if public funding is to be effective. As campaign costs rise, there is less incentive to use public money since candidates are limited in how much they can spend as the amount available decreases. If candidates do not accept public money, the courts have ruled that they may not be limited in expenditures. Reliance on private sources of funding means that candidates must seek more PAC money as the most readily available source of funds.

Challengers who already have the disadvantages of name recognition and access to the press, have another handicap in seeking PAC funds. PAC's will generally support an incumbent financially - just to be on the safe side, even though they may also give to a challenger. Incumbents also have access to more PAC's and can raise money from them through fund-raisers held over their entire term of office. Thus a large pool of public funds is needed if there is to be real competition for elective state office.

Remember, checking "yes" will not increase your taxes or reduce your refund.



Needed:

Do you know a League member who would like to join the Board of Directors next year? Someone with interest in and enthusiasm for League? How about you yourself? The Nominating Committee will be meeting early in February to choose a slate of officers for next year. We will be choosing a new Program Vice-President, Treasurer, and three Directors. Call any member of the committee with your suggestions.

Marcia Hittle,  
chairman  
Beth English  
Sharon Fenlon  
Pat Schinabeck  
Dawn Washatka



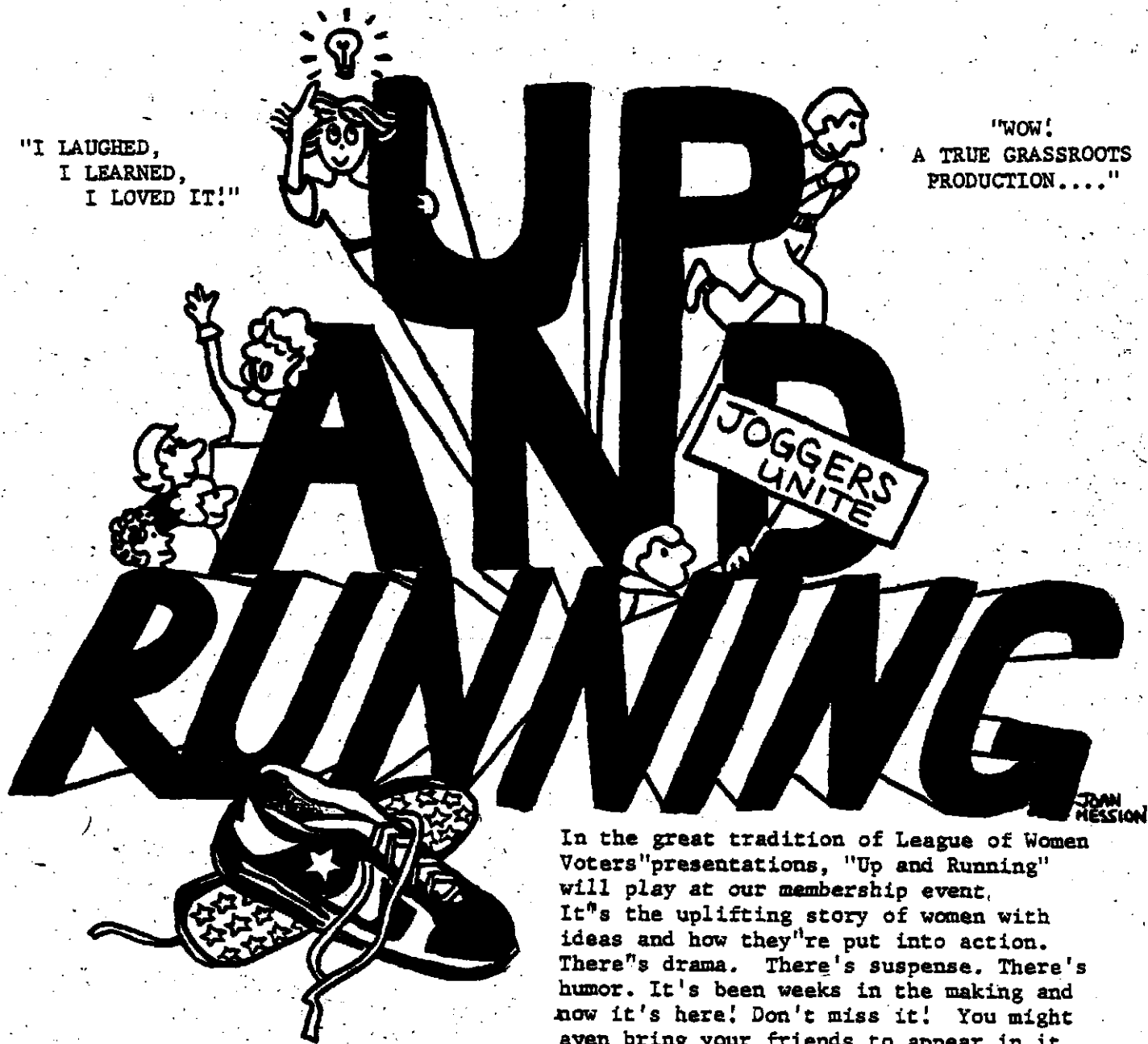


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"REAL, ZANY,  
MAKES ME WANT TO JOIN LEAGUE"

"I LAUGHED,  
I LEARNED,  
I LOVED IT!"

"WOW!  
A TRUE GRASSROOTS  
PRODUCTION...."



In the great tradition of League of Women Voters presentations, "Up and Running" will play at our membership event. It's the uplifting story of women with ideas and how they're put into action. There's drama. There's suspense. There's humor. It's been weeks in the making and now it's here! Don't miss it! You might even bring your friends to appear in it. Join in! You'll be glad you did.

Membership event to be held: Tuesday February 25, 1986  
At the home of: Sue Kinde  
250 River Rd.  
Appleton 734-5759

Refreshments will be served.

# Legislative Forum

NOTE: Find access to Midway Road off Memorial Drive NOT Oneida Street if construction is still in progress.

The Legislative Forum opens doors...

...to the headline issues - you'll get a better grasp of Wisconsin news and newsmakers.

...to your elected representatives - you'll become more than an anonymous return address on his/her pile of incoming mail.

...to a network of people who can join with you to increase your political clout.

...to life inside the Capitol's dome - you'll gain a better understanding of the legislative process.

...to the fascination of politics - you can't help but be fascinated by the sometimes heated, often comic, NEVER boring debate of the issues.

...to your mind - you'll think more analytically, more provocatively, more effectively about current topics of debate in Madison.

Open some doors for yourself at the next Legislative Forum on Saturday, February 1 -- 10:15 a.m. in room W-29 (west building) at the UW-Fox Valley Center.

-Linda Bjella  
(731-8594)

**Don't just  
lie there  
collecting  
birds.**



**Why don't YOU  
get involved!**

UPDATE

FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF THE FOX VALLEY

Fair Housing has been on the League's national agenda since 1968 but Congress has failed to pass legislation with strong enforcement provisions. During 1983-85, the Wisconsin League Housing Update focused on the 1983 State Housing Plan and its recommendations, particularly as it applied to fair housing enforcement.

Some of you may have seen the recent interview on NBC Today with Martin Sloan of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. He commented that one of the most important recent developments in fighting housing discrimination has been the establishment of Fair Housing Councils of which there are now about 75 across the United States. Only racial discrimination was discussed on the TV program, but, please note that it is also illegal to discriminate in housing because of age, sex, religion, handicap, national origin, marital status, income source or sexual orientation.

Fair housing laws are easily ignored by local, state and federal governments because the private citizen does not know how or where to complain, is leary of government red tape and may not be able to substantiate the complaint. The Fair Housing Council is a private organization which investigates and verifies housing complaints of illegal discrimination and initiates action to redress the situation usually through government agencies and sometimes in the courts.

Since July, the fledgling FHC has processed 14 formal complaints which are divided among six of the above categories. This may seem to be few, but it is almost a 100% improvement over the total complaints registered during the last five years.

The financial status of the FHC at the moment is precarious. The United Way feels "it should not fund an activity which is the principal responsibility of government." There still may be funds forthcoming from Appleton and Neenah Community Development Block Grants although prospects are somewhat dim at the moment since the cities have been advised that those funds may be cut by 30%. CDBG funds are a logical financing source since one of the stipulations of receiving these monies is evidence of fair housing affirmative action. Your help may be needed soon to call your aldermen and perhaps members of the Plan Commission. In the meanwhile, if you have a couple of spare hours a week, call me.

Betty Breunig 739-2670



NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

THANKS to all of you who participated in the National Security Consensus on U.S. Foreign Policy. The results of the consensus and comments have been forwarded to the national board where a position statement will be drafted on this vitally important issue.

The committee which researched this study deserves an enormous commendation for hours of reading and pondering and for attending numerous committee meetings: Nancy Jones, Joy Povolny, M.J. Wurster and Jean King. Thanks to you all!

-Linda Bjella



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE...

State Superintendent Grover has just sent to all school districts his list of high priority items mandated for the fall of 1988. Among these is Item T which states that a school district must "provide access to an appropriated program for pupils identified as gifted or talented." This further emphasizes the timeliness of our local study. Consensus units will be held on February 11 and 12 regarding gifted and talented programs. A brief background of the study as well as the consensus questions follows.



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#### A STUDY OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

At present the Appleton League can act in support of education for gifted students under a Wisconsin League of Women Voters position which supports additional help and monies for children with "special needs," specifically including gifted students.

This local study, to augment the state study, was initiated in April, 1985, because of several promising developments in gifted education in the Appleton schools: the selection of a new superintendent, and the pending report of a parent-teacher-administrator study committee.

In fact, our League study is timely. The superintendent intends to begin a program for highly gifted students ("the academically talented and creative and productive thinkers") in the third and fourth grades of all elementary schools in the fall of 1986, to be expanded systematically into other grades. A director and two teachers will be hired this spring. A committee of administrators and teachers has been influential in these proposals.

The Appleton League is supportive of these proposals under our Wisconsin League of Women Voters position, but we anticipate this consensus will articulate our long range goals.

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#### CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

##### I. STUDENTS

- A. What should be the criteria for including a student in a program for the gifted?
- B. What grade levels should be included?

##### II. PROGRAM

- A. What should be the goals of a program for gifted students?
- B. What features of a program would be desirable?
  1. What kinds of activities would be recommended?
  2. How should time be gained for a program?
  3. What resources, such as building space, materials or community resources, would be desirable?
- C. Should all schools at the same level have similar offerings?
- D. Should different levels of schools have different approaches?

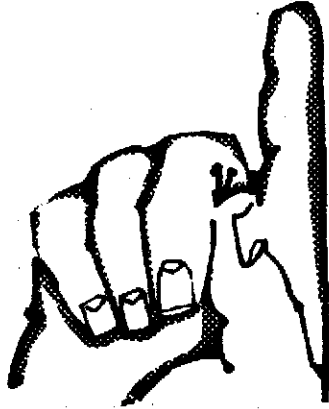
##### III. STAFF

- A. What should staff qualifications include?
- B. What training opportunities should be available?
  1. For staff of the gifted program?
  2. For all staff?

(If you can't be a part of the  
action, you can catch all the lively  
discussion of headline issues on  
Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m. on cable  
channel 8.)

*Legislative Forum!*

**action packed  
POLITICS**



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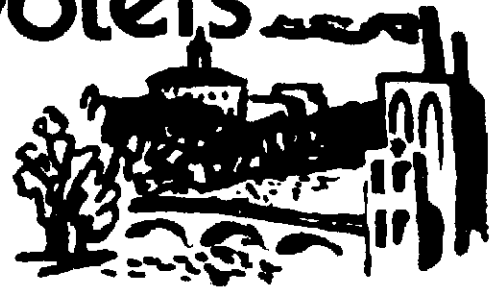
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| DATE/TIME                         | EVENT                        | LOCATION   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| March 11<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.    | Units-<br>City/County Health | 1901 N. Nicholas<br>Virginia Rosenberg                     |
| March 12<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.* | Units-<br>City/County Health | All Saints Church<br>Drew and College                      |
| March 12<br>Wednesday, 7 p.m.     | Referendum Forum             | Einstein Jr. High<br>Auditorium<br>324 E. Florida Ave.     |
| March 15<br>Saturday, 10:15 a.m.  | Legislative Forum            | UWV- Center Rm. W-29<br>1478 Midway Road                   |
| March 17<br>Monday, 7:00 p.m.     | Candidates Forum             | Edison Elementary<br>Multipurpose Room<br>412 N. Meade St. |
| March 18<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.    | Board Meeting                | 2601 Kesting Ct.<br>Jan Besta                              |

\*Our regular sitter Helen Hutson will be off having her baby this month. Chris Maass will take her place Wednesday morning.

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March 12 and March 17: What do they have in common? Both dates will prepare you to vote on April 1st, and one may not do without the other.

March 17 is our regular Candidate's Forum, a time to meet and hear the views of 20 aldermanic candidates from the 10 evenly-numbered wards and of 4 school board candidates for 2 board positions - - so traditional but so important.

March 12 is an additional event to clarify a thoroughly confusing issue: provision of emergency medical services for Appleton. The upcoming April 1st referendum (no matter which form it will eventually take) will be debated at 7:30 p.m. at Einstein Jr. High's auditorium. We need you there not only for your own education, but also to lend a calming influence to a sometimes emotional crowd. The event will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 8, but do come and be "where the action is"; don't wait to see it on the news!



# Taking Flight

If ever there were a time for pulling our formations together and supporting parallel paths of flight, **THE TIME HAS COME!**

March's offerings are rich with potential for making a difference in all levels of government, and fraught with peril if there are not enough of us willing to be involved. This is NOT a time for letting others do it. Look again at the calendar of offerings and choose 3 to do; settle for 2 if personal crisis is imminent; choose 1 if you're in the middle of one. Our League has made its name by being involved, and this time a Board of Directors and a handful of others are not enough to cover 5 difficult and important events in 8 days and make a difference in Appleton!

**ALL OF THESE EVENTS NEED YOU WHO HAVE BEEN PULLED BY THE STRENGTH OF OTHERS' FLIGHT. BOOK YOUR TIME; YOU ARE NEEDED NOW!**

The city/county health department study, the paramedic forum, the candidate's forum all serve to educate the public not only through the events and subsequent media coverage, but also through the opinions of members who have BEEN there and are willing to give a measured opinion when asked. Although the Legislative Forum is less crisis-oriented, it serves the same three-fold function in the community: direct public information, secondary education through the media, and that personal consultant information that a League member can give a non-member.

**COME TO BE INVOLVED, TO BECOME INFORMED, TO SPREAD THE WORD INTO THE COMMUNITY. DEMOCRACY IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS PEOPLE MAKE IT!**

*Barbara Grant*

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for election at the annual meeting on April 22, 1986:

- 2nd Vice President: Beth English
- Treasurer: M.J. Wurster
- Directors(2 year terms): Jane Hillegas-Stommel  
Sam Murdoch
- Nominating Committee: Marlys Fritzell, chairman  
Gretchen Bambrick  
Nancy Pourciau

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth English  
Sharon Fenlon  
Pat Schinabeck  
Dawn Washatka  
Marcia Hittle, chairman

## LIVELY ISSUES UPDATE

A good turnout of enthusiastic members joined together on January 28 for an interesting and productive meeting on proposed local and national items. The meeting began with a consideration of local items.

Eight local studies were proposed and vigorously discussed. After a vote was taken, the following two studies were recommended to the Board:

1. An education study on the long range plan and enrollment projections--to include need for a northside school and district facility planning (i.e. the middle school concept)
2. A study on the size and structure of the county board

At the Board meeting the same two studies were chosen for recommendation to the members at the Annual Meeting. The non-recommended items are:

1. A study of the proposed Tri-County expressway
2. A study on prioritizing county and city services
3. A study on after-care programs and services for latchkey kids
4. A study on regional cooperation and shared municipal services
5. A study on a united health plan for local hospitals
6. A study on restructuring the Appleton elementary school day schedule

Following a short break, the members reconvened to consider national program. This year our members were asked not only for program recommendations for the Proposed National Program 1986-8 but also for member direction on the implementation of program positions.

This portion of the meeting began with a discussion of national positions. Our members voted to recommend the retention of all current positions and voted against the proposed dropping of the Urban Policy position, which would consolidate the separate statements of the position into one position-in-brief.

Each member of the group then voted for 4 of the 19 issues suggested by the National League for the Advocacy Agenda. Next, the entire group reviewed results of the voting, discussed reasons for supporting various issues, and voted again. Those issues selected were: Deficit Reduction, Defense Spending, Hazardous/Nuclear Waste, Civil Rights.

The group voted adoption of the suggested Human Needs Study and of the Nationwide Survey on Drinking Water although there was a strong dissenting vote on the human needs study. The proposed program would include:

- Study and evaluation of existing and proposed federal policies and programs to meet the needs of the nation's poor.
- Collection of community-based data on quality of drinking water

Our local League also recommended a national study on agriculture which would include study of government involvement and control of the agriculture industry.

The meeting was a productive one but all the final decisions are yet to be made. Plan now to be at the Annual Meeting on April 22nd when the final decisions on local program will be made by the entire membership.

-Jan Besta, Program V.P.

**Lively Issues**



## EXPENDITURES

## TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET, 1986-1987

|  |                   |   |
|--|-------------------|---|
| General Supplies                         | \$ -              |   |
| Audit                                    | -                 |   |
| President                                | 175.00            |   |
| Secretary                                | 125.00            |   |
| Treasurer                                | 75.00             |   |
| Board Tools & Expenses                   | 175.00            |   |
| Finance                                  | 250.00            |   |
| Membership                               | 100.00            |   |
| Directory                                | 100.00            |   |
| Babysitting                              | 50.00             |   |
| Courtesy Membership (offer 2)            | 46.00             |   |
| Unit Organization                        | 30.00             |   |
| Public Relations                         | 50.00             |   |
| State Convention                         | 300.00            | TO ACCRUE FOR 1987-88                         |
| National Convention                      | 1,050.00          | TO SPEND 1986                                 |
| Workshops                                | 50.00             |   |
| State Council                            | 250.00            | TO SPEND 1986-87                              |
| ILO Support (Lakes)                      | 20.00             |   |
| State Services                           | 1,383.25          | (1985-86 Charge was \$11.60 for 114 Members.) |
| Nat'l Per Member Payment ((98 Reg. 3 HH) | 1,293.50          | (\$13 Reg.+ 3 HH at <u>\$6.50 each.</u> )     |
| Bulletin: Supplies                       | 25.00             |   |
| Postage                                  | 350.00            |   |
| Bulk Rate Fee                            | 50.00             |   |
| Printing                                 | 650.00            |   |
| Publications: Members To Sell            | 343.00            |   |
| Program Committees: National             | 40.00             |   |
| State                                    | 40.00             |   |
| Local                                    | 40.00             |   |
| Voter Service/Citizen Information        | 100.00            |   |
| Community Projects                       | 100.00            |   |
| Nusi Ward Memorial Project               | 531.74            |   |
| Postition Support - Action               | 150.00            |   |
| Annual Meeting                           | 50.00             |   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                | <b>\$8,022.49</b> |   |

INCOME

|                                   |                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dues                              | \$1,950.00        |                               |
| Contributions: Members            | 250.00            |                               |
| Non-Members                       | 3,587.75          |                               |
| Publications: Fees                | 343.00            | (\$3.50 for 98 Reg. Members.) |
| Sales                             | 10.00             |                               |
| Election Night Reporting          | 200.00            |                               |
| Proceeds from Community Projects  |                   | (Survey)                      |
| Surplus Fund 1985-86 Budget       | 500.00            |                               |
| Nusi Ward Memorial Fund           | 421.74            |                               |
| " " Education Fund, LWVEF         | 110.00            |                               |
| From Savings for Nat'l Convention | 500.00            |                               |
| Annual Meeting                    |                   |                               |
| Interest from Savings             | 150.00            |                               |
| Speakers Bureau                   |                   |                               |
| <b>TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME</b>     | <b>\$8,022.49</b> |                               |



It's that time of the year again! Time for ALL League members to pitch in and help make our annual finance drive a success. Take a look at our proposed budget for next year, which is included in this bulletin. It's based on a very ambitious goal, but the League needs 100% commitment from our membership if we are going to be able to fund all our projects for next year.

Because March has turned out to be such a busy month for League activities, the Finance Drive has been postponed until April when all should have more time available. Please give League just TWO HOURS of your time, either addressing envelopes or making follow-up calls.

And, this year we have two wonderful free bonuses for you!!

Bonus #1: The addressing sessions on April 3 will give you a chance to discuss the results of the controversial April 1 spring election with your League friends.

Bonus #2: Member contributions are tax deductible if the check is made out to the "LWV Appleton" with "Contribution to the LWV Education Fund" noted at the bottom. This helps you with your taxes and helps the Appleton League with our per member payment to the National LWV. We can use your contributions to LWVEF to pay up to 25% of our League's annual national assessment. Please keep this in mind when making your own contribution and be as generous as you can.

Check the way or ways that you feel you can best help League to reach it's goal. Then cut off the bottom portion of this page and return to:

Marcia Hittle  
520 N. Bateman Street  
Appleton, WI. 54911

Thanks for joining in and helping,  
Win Thrall and Marcia Hittle, Finance Chairpersons

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I will help by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Addressing envelopes on Thursday, April 3, 1986

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30-11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
at Marcia Hittle's, 520 N. Bateman St.

\_\_\_\_\_ Making follow-up phone calls starting April 21, 1986.

\_\_\_\_\_ Donating \$5.00 to \$25.00, my check is enclosed.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_



# REPORT FROM THE HILL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1730 M ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 429-1965

February 1986 -- The following action updates on tax reform and acid rain are provided for Leagues to reprint in state and local Voters. The information will be current through May, 1986.

## TAX REFORM CLEARS HOUSE; BATTLE LOOMS IN SENATE

League-endorsed tax-reform legislation cleared the U.S. House of Representatives in the waning hours of Congress's December, 1985 session, setting the stage for a major battle in the Senate this Spring and Summer.

The House bill would:

- bring the corporate share of taxes closer to where it was before the 1981 tax cuts,
- broaden the tax base by instituting a minimum tax for corporations and the very wealthy,
- take the poor off the tax rolls.

That's what the League has been fighting for all along. But Senate passage is expected to be more difficult. Please write your Senators and tell them to support tax reform along the lines of the House bill.

## ACID RAIN LEGISLATION TAKING SHAPE

The League is launching a major campaign to push acid rain legislation through Congress in 1986.

Though acid rain has been a major environmental problem for years, Congress and the President have failed to move legislation to fight it. Meanwhile, the nation's forests, streams, lakes, buildings and wildlife suffer. New reports indicate that the pollutants that cause acid rain may also play a role in respiratory disease.

It's time to put an end to acid rain. Please write your senators and your representative and tell them to support efforts by Rep. Henry Waxman (D CA) and Sen. Robert Stafford (R VT) to control acid rain.

## EDUCATION CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON GIFTED AND TALENTED

### I. STUDENTS

A. What should be the criteria for including a student in a program for the gifted?

The identification of students for a gifted program should involve a multifaceted approach. Input from peers, parents and teachers in tandem with an objective test of creativity, aptitude and academic ability. The possibility of self-identification should also be available. A constant re-evaluation, at least yearly, should be performed.

B. What grade levels should be included?

The gifted program should begin no earlier than second grade with the possible referral of younger into the group, and continue through high school level.

### II. PROGRAM

A. What should be the goals of a program for gifted students?

A gifted program should seek to allow each child to develop his/her own individual potential and it should consider the total development of the child. It should strive to maintain motivation within the children, work towards building self-esteem, and allow them to develop within their own interests wherever appropriate. Certainly a gifted program should offer opportunities beyond the regular curriculum, emphasizing enrichment rather than acceleration (though acceleration is appropriate in certain areas, e.g. mathematics.)

A long term goal would be to produce creative and productive adults.

B. What features of a program would be desirable?

1. What kind of activities would be recommended?
  - a. extensive reading
  - b. student initiated projects, both individual and group, guided by a resource person
  - c. problem-solving activities
  - d. field trips and speakers in association with classroom study
  - e. practical application outside the classroom
  - f. mentor program

2. How should time be gained for a program?

For a pull-out program at the elementary level time could be gained by consolidating a unit of time on a weekly basis. For example, all gifted students could be pulled out on Friday afternoons either within the building or sent to a separate building to be with their peers. As an alternative students could "buy time" by testing out of daily math or reading lessons, using this "free" time to go to a gifted and talented resource center.

At the junior high and high school level a mentor program would be appropriate. In addition at the junior highs a regular class hour could be used for a gifted program, while at the senior highs advanced classes in each academic area should be offered making use of an exchange program between the two high schools. A restructuring of the class day should be considered in which some classes are not offered everyday.

3. What resources such as building space, materials or community resources would be desirable?

Each school should have its own space and staff member which could include volunteers. If students are bussed to a separate building on a weekly basis, then space in a building and bussing must be available. A strong minority favored the concept of a magnet school.

A budget for materials should be established so children with limited financial resources can be served. Community resources should be utilized with a paid employee to organize this.

C. Should all schools at the same level have similar offerings?  
Yes.

D. Should different levels of schools have different approaches?

Yes. Strong minority opinion suggested a pull-out program on the elementary level, a magnet school for the middle school level (6th-8th), and advanced academic courses in all areas combined with good guidance counselors for high school level.

### III. STAFF

A. What should staff qualifications include?

The director should have a special graduate degree in the area and the staff should have specialized training as well as prior experience. They should also have a good working relationship with their peers.

B. What training opportunities should be available?

1. For staff of the gifted program?

The staff should attend frequent seminars, view tapes, get to know the community well, and develop excellent communication with the regular classroom teachers.

2. For all staff?

Extensive in-service training is essential and should include pointing out the advantages of a gifted and talented program to them.



Public health services are basic services provided by governmental agencies which are intended to protect and promote health in communities. Public health services include such things as environmental sanitation inspections, follow-ups on people exposed to certain communicable diseases, collection of vital statistics and epidemiological data, open immunization clinics, public health nursing services, policy planning, etc.

Currently such services are provided in Appleton by the Appleton Health Dept., by city employees and the Visiting Nurses Association under a contract to the city. In addition, school health services are provided by nurses employed by the Appleton Area School District. Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago counties also provide some public health services to areas of the county not covered by the city. The specific services each agency offers and their staffing and budgets are compared below and on the chart on the next page.

Come to units for more detailed information on public health services. What services do we expect our government to provide and what is the most efficient and effective way to provide them? Come to learn a lot and to share your ideas!

1984 Budget Comparison

|               | Appleton | Outagamie Co. | Calumet Co. | Winnebago Co. | Green Bay |
|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| Expenses      | 108,946  | 397,099       | 183,591     | 449,519       | 849,438   |
| Revenue       | 14,441   | 191,671       | 48,344      | 225,815       | 35,887    |
|               |          | Staff FTEs    |             |               |           |
| Nurses        | 1.5      | 4             | 3.25        |               | 11        |
| Sanitarians   | 2.5      | 1             | 0           |               | 4         |
| School nurses | 5        |               |             |               |           |
|               | (3/4 yr) |               |             |               |           |



# **ACTION** in your name - JANUARY/FEBRUARY

State:

- letters in support of SJR 38 calling for a Legislative Council study of the redistricting process.
- letters asking legislators to protect the 2% increase in AFDC during state budget repair.

National:

- letters to Senators Kasten and Proxmire in favor of House version of tax reform and opposing value-added tax\*
- thank-you to Representative Petri for tax reform votes
- letters to Senators Kasten and Proxmire and Representatives Roth and Petri in favor of acid-rain legislation.\*

\*Please write letters on tax reform and acid rain as individuals. See information elsewhere in this bulletin.

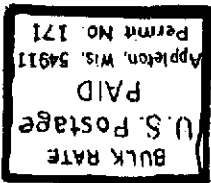
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
offered by governmental unit

| SERVICES                                 | City of<br>Appleton | Outagamie<br>County | Calumet<br>County | Winnebago<br>County | City of<br>Green Bay |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Vital Statistics Record                  | X                   | Cnty Clrk           | Reg.Deeds         | Cnty Clrk           | X                    |
| Communicable Disease Record              | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Issue Licenses                           | X                   | Htl,MoXRest         |                   |                     | X                    |
| Immuniz info for foreign travel          | AllXCnty            |                     | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| T B Tests                                | X                   | If cont w/actv      |                   | X                   | X                    |
| <b>FOOD &amp; SANITATION</b>             |                     |                     |                   |                     |                      |
| Restaurant Insp.,Hotel, Motel            | LicX                | Hot/MotX only       |                   |                     | X                    |
| Food Sellers                             | LicX                | X                   |                   |                     | X                    |
| Environmental Hazards                    | Complaint basisX    | Xexisting*          |                   | Zoning              | X                    |
| Housing Inspections                      | Complaint basisX    | XCo. Nurse          |                   | Town Chair          | X                    |
| Weights & Measures                       | Separate Dept.      |                     |                   |                     | XIncl in Hlth        |
| <b>CHILD HEALTH</b>                      |                     |                     |                   |                     |                      |
| Pre & Post Natal Health Classes          |                     |                     |                   | XLo inc             | X                    |
| Home Visits                              | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Infant Car Seat Program                  |                     |                     | X                 | X                   |                      |
| Single Parent Pre Natal                  |                     |                     | X                 |                     |                      |
| Parenting Classes                        |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Pregnancy Tests                          |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Child Health Clinic                      |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Hlth Screening/Family Planning           |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Early Periodic Screening/Diag & Treat    |                     |                     | X                 | X                   |                      |
| Lazy eye screening                       |                     |                     | X                 |                     |                      |
| Immunization Clinics                     | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Hearing, Vision, Scoliosis Screening     |                     | ParocXSchls         | X                 | PreXSch             | X                    |
| Adolescent Grwth & Development Classes   |                     | ParocXSchls         | OnXreq            | OnXreq              | X                    |
| Class Room Presentations                 |                     | ParocXOn req        | X                 | onXreq              | X                    |
| School Fluoridation                      |                     | X                   | X                 |                     |                      |
| WIC                                      |                     | X                   | X                 | X                   |                      |
| <b>ADULT HEALTH</b>                      |                     |                     |                   |                     |                      |
| Home Visits                              | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Hypertension Screening                   | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Diabetes Awareness                       |                     |                     | X                 |                     | X                    |
| Group Health Classes                     |                     | onXreq              |                   | X                   | X                    |
| Follow up Communicable Disease           | X                   | X                   | X                 | X                   | X                    |
| Refugee Health                           | X                   |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Employee Screening                       | X                   | X                   |                   | X                   |                      |
| Flu Shots                                |                     | X                   |                   | X                   | X                    |
| Diabetes Screening                       |                     |                     | X                 |                     | X                    |
| Cancer Education & Detection             |                     |                     | X                 |                     |                      |
| Glaucoma Screening                       |                     |                     | X                 |                     |                      |
| Home Health Care                         |                     | X                   | X                 | X                   |                      |
| Community Supp for Chronically Ment. Ill |                     |                     | X                 |                     |                      |
| COP                                      |                     | X                   | X                 |                     |                      |
| Jail Service                             |                     | X                   | X                 | X                   |                      |
| Equipment Loan Closet                    |                     | X                   | X                 |                     |                      |
| Older Adult Clinic                       |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Hospice                                  |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| <b>LABORATORY</b>                        |                     |                     |                   |                     |                      |
| Milk Testing                             | X                   |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Water Testing                            | X                   | X                   |                   |                     | X                    |
| Food Analysis                            | X                   |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Frozen Desserts(Counter freezer)         | X                   |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Food Preparation Surfaces                |                     |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| River Chloride Analysis                  |                     |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Pollen Count                             |                     |                     |                   |                     | X                    |
| Sexually Transmitted Diseases            |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |
| Stool Cultures                           |                     |                     |                   | X                   |                      |

\*New septic systems and ordinance violations are handled by the Zoning Department sanitarian.

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*Appleton, Wis.*  
League of Women Voters.

## Legislative Forum

If politics is anything, it is certainly unpredictable. Just try to plan an event around politicians' schedules and that adage will inevitably ring true.

Such was the case on February 1st when our carefully laid plans for the Legislative Forum quickly fell victim to a special legislative session for the budget repair bill. Following two sessions into the early morning hours, legislators had to cancel their appearance at our Legislative Forum. The icy roads all over Wisconsin that weekend sealed the forum's fate.

But only temporarily! We have rescheduled the forum for SATURDAY, MARCH 15 - same time, same place: 10:15 a.m. in room W-29 at the UW-Fox Valley Center.

The questions raised by the coalition groups include the proposed joint custody bill, the local government collective bargaining law, the proposal to locate a nuclear waste repository in Wisconsin and several questions concerning educational issues under consideration in the legislature. League's question concerns redistricting.

At this writing, cable TV has been unable to definitely commit to broadcasting the forum. Watch the TV listings for the week following the forum on cable channel 8.

Due to this rescheduling, the March 22nd forum has been cancelled.

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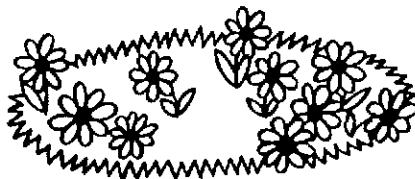
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## APRIL

| DATE/TIME  | EVENT   | LOCATION                                  |
|--|---|---|
| April 3, Thursday<br>9:30-11:30 a.m.<br>1:30-3:30 p.m.   | Finance Drive Kickoff   | 520 N. Bateman St.<br>Marcia Hittle       |
| April 8, Tuesday<br>7:30 p.m.                            | * Units-<br>City/County Health                                      | 56 Bellaire Ct.<br>Betty Breunig          |
| April 9, Wednesday<br>9:30 a.m.                          | * Units-<br>City/County Health                                      | All Saint's Episcopal<br>Drew and College |
| April 15, Tuesday<br>7:15 p.m.                           | Board Meeting   | 909 E. Alton St.<br>Gretta Volk           |
| April 22, Tuesday<br>6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | ANNUAL MEETING<br>Attitude Adjustment<br>Dinner<br>Business Meeting | Paper Valley Convention<br>Center         |

\*(background information included in this bulletin)







## *Taking Flight*

My congratulations to everyone who took part in the multiple voter service events of the past week! My heartfelt sympathies to those who couldn't make the time. Face-to-face contact with representatives and candidates helps develop that feeling of being in the know and being able to make an impact. My 19 year old son has become a true convert and has penned his first letter to the editor. He's even begun to take interest in voting, following issues, and generally becoming a better citizen. (Not bad to convert such a raggy-looking character!)

I'd like to publicly thank all of the Leaguers willing to help fill in the gaps of the enormous job we've just completed. Thanks to Nancy J., Jodie C., Betty B., Pat S., Marcia H., Marlys F., Helen N., Diane S., Greta V., Rosie G., Nancy P., Freddie D., and Bobbie M. On-going kudos go to Linda B. for her continued organized support of the rescheduled legislative forum and an extra stint as questions screener at the EMS debate. Enormous public debt is also owed to Karen deYoung, who agreed to coordinate AND moderate a very difficult debate. Such help makes my job manageable...and I do need help!

If League is to continue to be a force in Appleton, we need help from people willing to get informed and to help inform others. WE NEED A VOTER'S SERVICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE! Filling this very important Board position has eluded me this year, as has finding a person to chair or co-chair the state health care study and the Hmong Project. Some of the people on the Board are spreading themselves very thin to try to do all that the League members seem to want to be done.

If I haven't called you and you have an interest, I plan on returning from my leisurely Easter vacation and beginning chair and committee recruitments for next year. (Ah yes, this soon it begins!) PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY OF LEAGUE'S MANY ACTIVITIES. I promise that I will find you a niche that fits your strengths and interests. I made a real leap of faith to take on this job and have yet to regret it. TAKE A LEAP WITH ME!

*Barbara Grant*

# INTRODUCING

Karen Laws  
818 E. College Ave.  
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733-3812

Karen moved to Appleton with her husband and six year old son in 1985. Although she grew up in the area she spent the last 18 years in New York City as a producer for NBC news. She has expressed an interest in Women's Issues.

Vickie Milde  
114 Alton Ct.  
Appleton, WI 54911  
730-0596

Vickie moved to Appleton with her family in September of 1985 from Milwaukee. She has four children ages 10, 6, 4, and 2. They keep her very busy. She enjoys outdoor activities - cross-country skiing and swimming. Her interests lie in environment issues.

*Welcome* NEW MEMBERS



## ANNOUNCEMENT:

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

One candidate's name was inadvertently omitted from the slate of officers presented in the March Bulletin. Bette Defferding is a candidate for a two year term as a director. Terry Flom also has been nominated to serve as a director to fill a vacancy for one year.



If you are going to miss a League function this year, THIS IS NOT THE ONE TO MISS! The meeting is lively, often unpredictable, and very worth EVERYONE's time. League is not structured to be an organization where all decisions come down from the Board, and this is where the direction is formalized.

The meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, April 22, 1986  
6:00 p.m.  
Paper Valley Hotel (room to be posted there)

The agenda for the evening will be as follows:

6:00 Attitude Adjustment  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Business Meeting  
    Budget  
    Election of Officers & Directors  
    President's Report  
    Local Program Discussion

The menu will include Chicken a la Greque, fruit cup, salad, vegetable, potato, roll and beverage. For those unable to join us for the dinner, feel free to attend just the business meeting. Coffee will be available.

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 16  
(the following form and check will be your reservation)

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LWV ANNUAL DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: LWV of Appleton

M.J. Wurster

Send your checks and this form to: 228 N. Park

Appleton, WI 54911

# FINANCE DRIVE !!!

April is Finance Drive month for League this year. Now that the voters' forums and the spring election are behind us, let's turn our energy to raising the funds we need to continue our service in the community next year.

Finance Drive Kick-off is Thursday, April 3 when we'll get together to address envelopes. Call Marcia Hittle (731-8876) if you can come and help during either the morning or afternoon. If you would rather participate by making follow-up phone calls after April 21, call Win Thrall (home 733-4889 or work 735-6591) to volunteer.

And don't forget to make YOUR OWN CONTRIBUTION to League. Remember that our dues do not cover the cost of the per member payments that the Appleton League must send to state and national LWV each year. Currently these annual assessments cost our League \$3.50 per member above the amount covered by our annual dues. You can make your contribution tax deductible by making your check out to "LWV Appleton" and designating it for "LWV-Education Fund." These contributions will be used to meet our national per member assessment of \$1293.50.

Let's all pitch-in to make this Finance Drive the most successful one ever!

-Win Thrall and Marcia Hittle,  
Finance Chairpersons



PUBLIC HEALTH CONSENSUS

April 8 and 9 will give you an opportunity to again look at the services which are provided by the city and the counties in public health. League has had a long standing position that the county should deliver public health services. Help us decide if this position is still valid!

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS:

1. What public health services should be offered by a <sup>local</sup> tax supported health department?
2. What unit or combination of units of government should deliver public health services in Appleton? (city, county, city/county, multi-county, multi-city, other?)
3. If Outagamie County provided public health services in Appleton, how should the Winnebago and Calumet portions of the city be provide services?
4. If public health services were provided by a city/county, a multi-county, or or a multi-city public health department, how should the department be governed and funded?
5. If the city were to continue to support a city health department, should Appleton taxpayers be exempt from county taxes levied for public health services not available within the city limits?
6. If a change in the unit of government which provides public health services is made, what procedure should be followed to insure an orderly transition with a continuity of service?

PUBLIC HEALTH BACKGROUND 3/5/86

Population of Appleton

| <u>County</u>                    | <u>1980 Census</u> | <u>1985</u>   | <u>1990</u>   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Outagamie                        | 53,531             | 54,002        | 54,473        |
| Calumet                          | 5,484              | 7,617         | 9,750         |
| Winnebago                        | 0                  | 92            | 184           |
| <b>Total City Appleton</b>       | <b>59,015</b>      | <b>61,711</b> | <b>64,407</b> |
| <b>% out of Outagamie County</b> | <b>9%</b>          | <b>12%</b>    | <b>16%</b>    |

1984 Tax Information

Calumet County portion of Appleton was 14% of the assessed value of the total city.  
 Appleton was 38% of the assessed value of Outagamie County.

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1984 Health Department Budgets

|                  | <u>Appleton</u> | <u>Outagamie County</u> | <u>Calumet County</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expense          | 108,946         | 397,099                 | 183,591               |
| Revenue          | 14,441          | 191,671                 | 48,344                |
| Population       | 60,000          | 60,000                  | 31,000                |
| nurses(FTE)      | * 1.5           | 4                       | 3.25                  |
| sanitarians(FTE) | 2.5             | 1                       | 0                     |

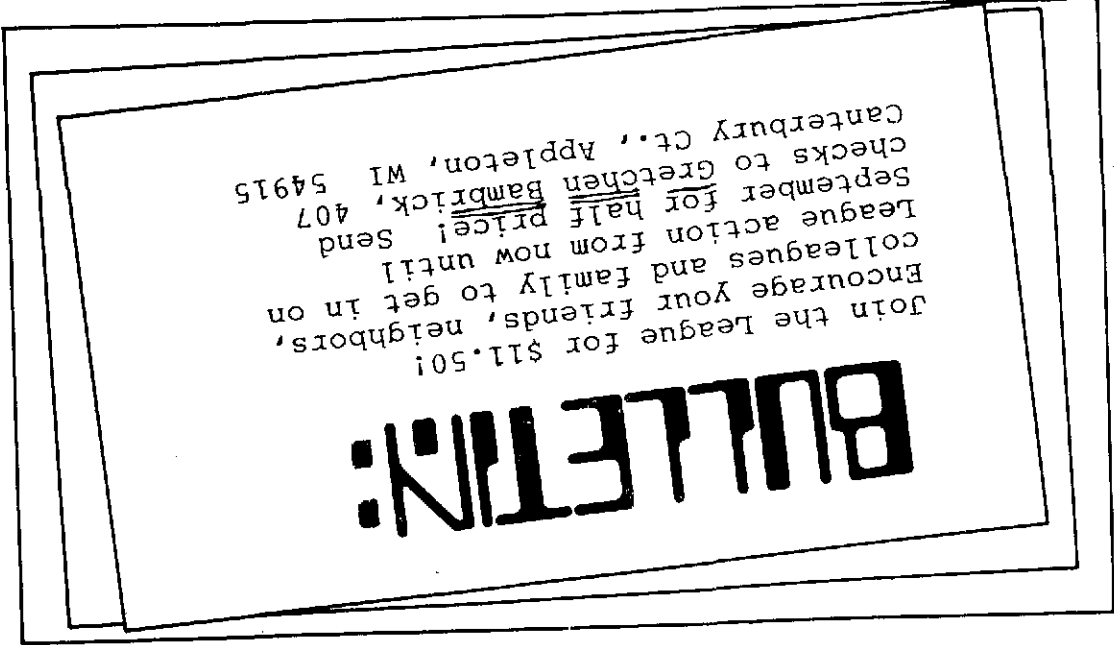
\* 5 school nurses working the school calender

Mandated Services

- Follow up on communicable diseases
- Immunization check point
- Provide immunization clinics if serum is available

Public Health Services Suggested From  
"A Public Health Services Guide" of DHSS

- To prevent, control, or eradicate communicable disease.
- To protect the community from environmental hazards.
- To prevent the onset or limit the disabling effects of chronic diseases.
- To increase the capabilities of families to promote the health of their family members and cope with health and illness problems.
- To prevent disability and death due to accidents and injuries.
- To reduce the adverse health consequences associated with the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- To maintain vital records and provide other statistical support for program development and management.
- To detect disease agents and potential hazards and diagnose diseases of public health consequence.
- To provide a system of public health which is responsive to public health service needs.



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## JUNE

| DATE/TIME                       | EVENT  | LOCATION/HOSTESS                |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| June 6                          | Milwaukee Zoo Fundraiser                     | (details in this Bulletin)      |
| June 11<br>Wed., 9:30-1:00 p.m. | Board Training                               | 228 N. Park<br>M.J. Wurster     |
| June 13-18                      | National Convention                          | Washington D.C.                 |
| June 24<br>Tues., 7:30 p.m.     | PARTY -<br>Council and Convention<br>reports | 832 Cambridge Ct.<br>Barb Grant |







## Taking Flight

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR A YEAR WELL DONE!

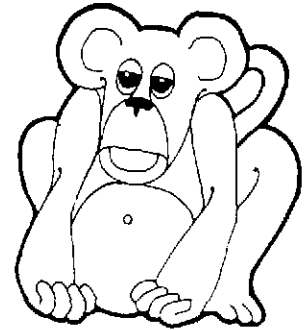
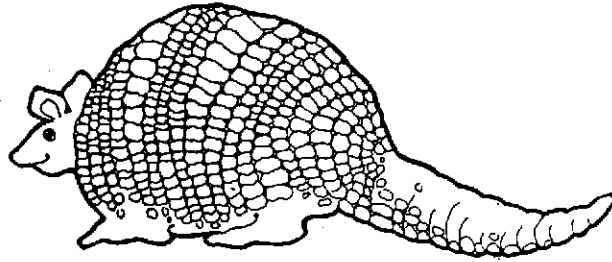
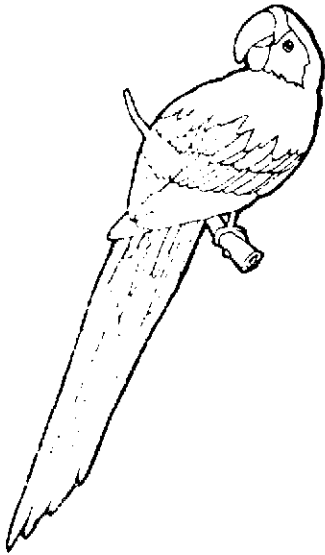
After comparing our problems to those of other Leagues around Wisconsin at State Council, I'm very proud of the FIRST CLASS FLIGHTS we've done as a group. Jan Guinlan represented us well in a Council workshop on print media (our Bulletin starred!). All of your efforts to choose good local studies at our very "Lively" Issues meeting and our always stimulating annual meeting made it easy for me to speak at a workshop on finding local program. With very little effort on my part, you all choose and pursue very worthy local issues. Thanks for making my part so easy!

As many of League's activities wind down for the summer (after our fantastic June 24 meeting, of course), make sure that:

- SAM MURDOCH knows if you want to be involved in the study of the 5-Year plan for our local school system, or in observing the school board meetings and helping to comment at the budget hearings;
- DENISE PETERSON knows if you'd be willing to work on developing our membership; plans need to be ready to roll in September;
- GRETA VOLK, our new County Chair, knows of anything going on in Outagamie County (especially solid waste and incineration and groundwater, her specialties);
- BETTE DEFFERDING knows if you're interested in the CHOICES mentoring project, in monitoring JTPA or PIC, in seeing that female athletes in our schools get equal treatment to males, or in marital property, women in poverty, housing, comparable worth...Seems that she is going to need some help!
- SHARON FENLON knows if you want to be involved in the Nusi Ward Hmong Memorial Project in the coming year.

I'm still looking for people interested in getting involved in voter service, in finance drives and projects, and in city council meetings and committees. MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR LEAGUE NOW...THEN RELAX DURING THE SUMMER KNOWING THAT WE'LL BE THERE IN THE FALL TO OFFER LEAGUE'S SPECIAL BRAND OF COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENT.

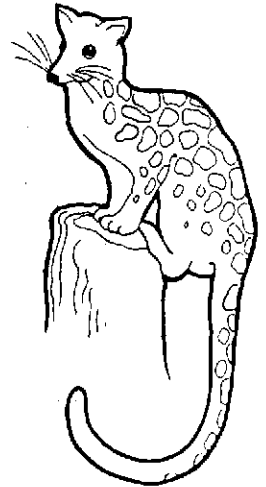
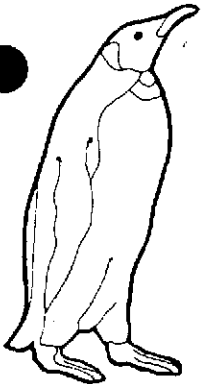
*Barb Grant*



DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE LIVING IN A CAGE,  
SURROUNDED BY MONKEYS?  
ARE THE KIDS DRIVING YOU BANANAS?

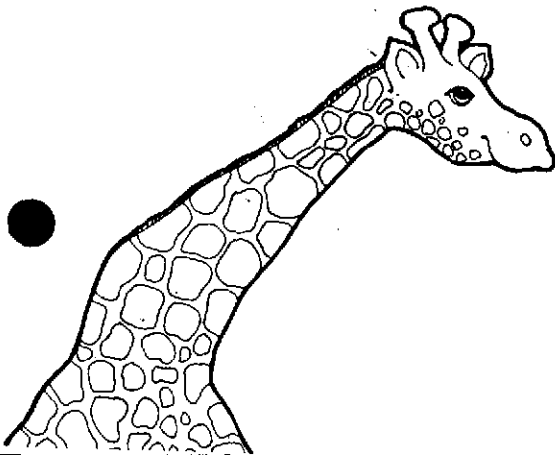
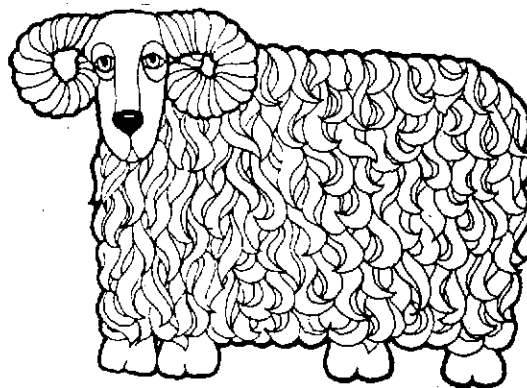
GET AWAY with us on June 6. to the Milwaukee County  
Zoo where monkeyshines stay where they belong!

The LWV of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Caucus of the  
Wisconsin Women's Network and the Task Force on  
Battered Women are co-sponsoring a fundraiser on  
Friday, June 6. The event price will include  
admission, parking, social hour, dinner and  
speeches honoring 7 women for their outstanding  
role models for women. The cost is \$12 for adults  
and \$5 for children under 12. (The usual price  
for admission and parking alone is \$5 per person!)



Even with the \$1 raise in per member assessment  
for the state League, the State Board is pinning  
high hopes for additional fundraising such as this  
to cover the costs of services to Wisconsin's  
Leagues and action on state platforms.

PLEASE JOIN US!! Call Barb Grant 735-0336 for  
details.





# **ACTION** in your name

National - letter to the Editor in support of tax reform

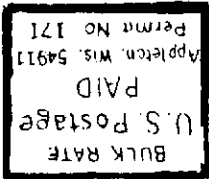
- letters thanking Senator Kasten, Representatives Roth and Petri for cosponsoring acid rain control legislation; letter to Senator Proxmire urging him to cosponsor S2203, acid rain legislation.

Local

- statement at Outagamie County's Strategic Planning Task Force hearing, May 7, 1986. We encouraged them to keep county and regional planning, public health department and the domestic abuse shelter as county spending priorities.
- we are trying to follow the proceedings of the Private Industry Council (PIC). PIC is the policy-setting board for Human Resources Services (HRS) which implements the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA, formerly CETA). If you are interested in serving as League observer of PIC please call Nancy Jones. PIC meetings are normally the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8 a.m. at the HRS office on College Avenue.
- after getting a sneak preview of the Board of Education's proposed 5-year plan, Barb Grant and Sam Murdoch made a statement at the May 19 Board meeting. They stated we are watching with interest and are organizing to study the plan, making our formal recommendations in early fall. Based on our 1982 study and positions, they supported investigating a magnet school, for classrooms of 30 students maximum, and for equalizing educational opportunities (ie. IMC, gymnasium use).

**BULLETIN**

Beth English  
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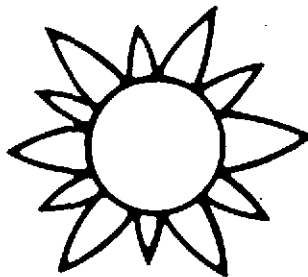


Appleton, Wisconsin **1986**

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**summer**

| DATE/TIME                       | EVENT   | LOCATION                         |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| July 14<br>Monday, 7:00         | Appleton Board of Education Meeting                                 | Morgan Building<br>120 E. Harris |
| August 19<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. | Board Meeting   | Sam Murdoch<br>804 E. South St.  |
| August 26<br>Tuesday            | League-sponsored Debate<br>Republican candidates<br>for Governor    | Green Bay                        |
| September 3<br>Wednesday        | League-sponsored Debate<br>Democratic candidates<br>for U.S. Senate | Wausau                           |



If you're interested in learning about, discussing and acting on issues of local, state and national importance, JOIN US : Appleton's League of Women Voters. We welcome all interested persons at any meeting to explore the work of the League. Contact Denise Peterson 738-0294 for more information.

**\*\*\*URGENT - EVERY MEMBER ACTION NEEDED! (yes, this IS important enough that you should do it even though it is summer!)**

We were very pleased that the school board responded to League's request to postpone budget adoption in order to consider public input for the budget hearing as a procedural matter. However...due to public pressure to reduce the budget (which now call for an 11.4% NET increase) the board is considering proposals to cut staff up to 10%. The board voted on June 26th to freeze hiring and may not adopt the budget until August.

BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU AS INDIVIDUALS. Tell them to support:

- 1) staffing to maintain student/teacher ratios of 30:1 or less;
- 2) a strong district-wide K-12 guidance program;
- 3) staffing to make IMCs accessible at all times;
- 4) the gifted and talented program; and
- 5) ongoing building maintenance.

League members should -

- 1) take the time now to write a note to or call board members:

|                        |                      |          |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Kenneth Sager          | 315 W. Prospect Ave. | 733-2370 |
| Mary Scheig            | 1151 S. Oneida St.   | 734-3569 |
| Eugene Lillge          | 506 N. Durkee St.    | 731-2903 |
| John Parker            | 618 E. McArthur St.  | 733-5987 |
| Donald Brown           | 2617 N. McDonald St. | 739-2544 |
| Martha Hemwall         | 126 Alton Ct.        | 738-0809 |
| Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten | 1736 S. Lee St.      | 731-7235 |

AND

- 2) Come to the July 14th school board meeting at 7 p.m. in the Morgan Building. There will be an opportunity for public input at the beginning of the board meeting.

Let's let the school board know ... it doesn't make sense to build new facilities to relieve overcrowding; then cut staff and have overcrowded classrooms anyway!

-Nancy Jones





# Taking Flight

WASHINGTON WAS WONDERFUL!

The LWVEF film premiere on the judicial branch of the federal government which featured Mr. Justice Brennan was fantastic, and hearing him speak and answer questions from League members will linger in my mind forever. It gave me the same feeling as walking on Lexington Square when I was a teen-ager. THIS IS HISTORY AND I'M LOOKING AT REAL PIECES OF IT!

If you've never been to a convention, take it from a Doubting Thomas: it is indeed an unforgettable experience. Many of the women and men are outstanding, the conversations are exceedingly stimulating, the limited sight-seeing we did was very worthwhile (stop and see the Phillips Art Museum if you're in Washington), and the work both necessary and rewarding.

Nancy and I ate lightly, talked to anyone who would listen, slept a bit, voted when possible, caucused until our minds folded (especially Nancy's!), listened, walked, talked some more, made new friends and liaisons, saw a museum or two, rode the Metro, lobbied on The Hill (it's great that tax reform passed the Senate, terrible that contra aid passed the House, and who knows about the future of acid rain legislation?) attended workshops, met national board members, including Nancy Neuman, president, laughed, listened, and authorized action letters from the delegate body.

Did you know that they weigh the voting cards to take the count total and still could tell the vote for an agricultural study was 3 short of victory on the first round?

Thanks for the opportunity to represent your interests at National Convention. I'm proud of the work done there, ours included. If you want any of the gory details and missed the June 24 reporting party, give either of us a call. We're still both wired in high gear and would love to spread the energy around!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Barb*



# CONVENTION '86

*A Capital Idea!*

## ACTION TAKEN AT CONVENTION:

Approved National Positions, including the amended Natural Resources statements;

Approved a study item on Agriculture with the scope as:  
A study to review, evaluate and establish criteria for U.S. agricultural policy and programs;  
(Motion #7664, LWV Appleton, WI; YES: 866 No: 456)

Approved a study item on Human Needs with the scope as:  
Evaluate public and private responsibilities for providing food, shelter, a basic income level and access to health care;  
(recommended by National Board; YES: 643 No: 467)

Approved a LWVUS budget, including the PMP increase;

Approved recommended by-law to change LWVUS Fiscal Year to June 30-July 1;

Elected the proposed Slate of Officers.

Thank you all for sending us! We had a fantastic time and feel that we accomplished some important things for League. Appleton, Wisconsin has gained some national recognition from Nancy's untiring efforts to pass a study that will reaffirm the fact that LWV is not an organization committed to only women's issues. We are voters who want to be informed and informative and active; many of us are also women. SO SPREAD THE WORD...

**LWVUS / JUNE 14-18, 1986 / WASHINGTON, DC**  
The League of Women Voters, 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 429-1965

# ACTION in your name

## **NATIONAL** "Day on the Hill" at Convention '86

On June 17th delegates to the national LWV convention began a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill with a rally for tax reform on the west terrace of the Capitol. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood (R-OR) and Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) addressed League members about their efforts to pass the Senate tax reform bill and the "no amendment" strategy for ensuring passage. The LWV of WI delegation met with both Senator Proxmire and Senator Kasten to discuss the tax bill. As you know, the bill passed the Senate on June 24th on a 97-3 vote. Tax reform now moves to conference committee.

*VICTORY!*

Convention delegates also met with representatives to lobby for HR4567, the Acid Rain Control Act of 1986 and against Contra Aid. [League opposition to Contra Aid is a result of our new position on US relations with developing countries. See June/July National Voter] Barb and I and delegates from Greater Green Bay LWV and Door County LWV met with Toby Roth. Though Mr. Roth had to leave for a House vote, we had a very productive interview with Thomas Matty of Mr. Roth's personal staff.

Contra Aid passed the House by a narrow margin on June 26th. Mr. Roth voted in favor of the \$100 million aid plan.

*defeat...*

Lobbying follow-up letters have been sent thanking our members of Congress for meeting with us. YOUR LETTERS TO MR. ROTH ARE ALSO NEEDED!! Mr. Roth signed on as a cosponsor of HR4567 after acid rain control measures were passed in the Wisconsin legislature. He needs to be encouraged to work for the strongest possible controls. Please write and thank him for cosponsoring HR4567. Urge him to work to get the bill to the floor of the House and to vote for strong acid rain controls.

## **LOCAL** School Budget Hearing

On our way home from convention Barb and I started work on the Appleton Area School District budget. Barb made a statement at the budget hearing on June 23rd. This statement follows in its entirety:

### STATEMENT MADE TO APPLETON'S SCHOOL BOARD JUNE 23, 1986

I am Barbara Grant, president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. I'm very pleased to represent the League's interest in education and its funding.

We are sympathetic to the pressures on you for devising a quality educational program in a year that school aids have decreased faster than tax credits have increased. Mandated state programs, increasing elementary enrollments, increased graduation requirements, and spiraling insurance costs all add to the pressure. All this we understand, and we sympathize.

However, we don't understand why the budgeting process relegates public input to the slot of time immediately before the budget is to be passed, nor why citizens are not actively invited to watch the process unfold before publication of the budget document. It is to everyone's benefit that citizens know about and feel they are a part of government's "mysterious" processes. Sympathy for the mysterious forces at work is not as helpful to you as a public which understands and affirms your decisions.

*(over)*

(cont.)

What can be done to rectify this?

- 1) Active invitation of the public to attend, and even ask questions at, the budget committee meetings;
- 2) Budget's public hearing separated in time from the Board's passage of the budget;
- 3) Use of mission statements for fund objectives, much like county departments' mission statements;
- 4) Clearer explanations of expenditures that are offset by revenues elsewhere in the budget;
- 5) More explanatory notes within the budget document that would clarify fund categories and justify decisions of large line item increases or decreases.

Now let me comment on some categories of expenditure that we WERE able to ferret out.

First, we applaud your efforts to provide adequate staffing in order to maintain reasonable student/teacher ratios and to provide education for our community's gifted students.

Second, we applaud the addition of 1.2 additional guidance personnel and additional IMC staff. We are told, though this is unclear in the budget document, that these additions make guidance available at all schools, though not all full-time, and all IMC's are staffed, at least part-time. We would like to see all IMC's accessible at all times.

Third, we applaud the energy conservation measures taken at Horizons school which will cause no increase in the utility budget.

In our 1982 study of items to be included in a core of common learnings, the League's consensus was to support computer awareness in the early elementary years. It is unclear in the budget document where the \$100,000 for computer hardware will eventually rest, but we do support elementary computer awareness so that students will be able to adapt to continuing technological changes in the 80's.

Finally, we would like to address the issue of planned building maintenance. League is very supportive of planning and budgeting for regular building maintenance projects. The amount of money being set aside in this budget for expected maintenance projects is not adequate. Leaving major roofing projects out of the budget process may look good on the tax levy, but maintenance does not belong on a referendum question.

Thank you for your time and your consideration. Good luck in your deliberations.

\*\*\*URGENT MEMBER ACTION NEEDED!! Please see article on school budget elsewhere in this Bulletin.\*\*\*

-Nancy Jones

**ACTION** in your name

The Education Committee for the study of the five-year long range plan is underway. This preliminary information was given to us by Superintendent Dewar. The item of information is a memo to the Board of Education from Jerry Boettcher on Student Distribution for 1986-87.

Study Material

FIVE YEAR PLAN  
 APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 PREPARED APRIL 1986

FY 86-87 FY 87-88 FY 88-89 FY 89-90 FY 90-91

I. ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

|                                      |         |       |        |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| RENTAL OF CHURCH SPACE*              |         | 20000 | 20000  | 20000 |       |
| DISTRICT MAINTENANCE GARAGE          |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 |         |       | 85000  |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       |        | XXXXX |       |
| EINSTEIN CLASSROOMS                  |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 |         |       | 500000 |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       |        |       | XXXXX |
| MADISON CLASSROOMS                   |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 | 400000  |       |        |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       | XXXXX  |       |       |
| NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL          |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 | 3700000 |       |        |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       | XXXXX  |       |       |
| BADGER SCH. CLASSROOMS               |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 | 250000  |       |        |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       | XXXXX  |       |       |
| COLUMBUS SCH. CLASSROOMS/GYM         |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 |         |       | 800000 |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       |        |       | XXXXX |
| N. CENTRAL OR S. CENTRAL ELEM SCHOOL |         |       |        |       |       |
| SITE ACQUISITION                     |         |       | 150000 |       |       |
| AHSE IMC                             |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 |         |       | 150000 |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       |        |       | XXXXX |
| FOSTER SCHOOL CLASSROOMS             |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 |         |       | 100000 |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         |       |        | XXXXX |       |
| WILSON SCIENCE LAB                   |         |       |        |       |       |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE                 | 100000  |       |        |       |       |
| OCCUPANCY                            |         | XXXXX |        |       |       |
| ROOSEVELT TRACK STRAIGHT-AWAY        |         |       | 25000  |       |       |

II. REMODELING/RENOVATION PROJECTS

|                                   |         |  |       |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--|-------|--|--|
| AHSW 1938 ADDITION/PHY ED COMPLEX |         |  |       |  |  |
| REFERENDUM/BOND SALE              | 2700000 |  |       |  |  |
| OCCUPANCY                         |         |  | XXXXX |  |  |
| ROOSEVELT AUDITORIUM SEATING*     |         |  | 40000 |  |  |
| MADISON STAGE LIGHTING*           |         |  | 50000 |  |  |
| AHSE STAGE LIGHTING               | 75000   |  |       |  |  |
| WILSON PLUMBING*                  | 25000   |  |       |  |  |
| ROOSEVELT PLUMBING*               | 25000   |  |       |  |  |

|                       |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| ROOF REPLACEMENTS     |        |        |
| TWIN WILLOWS A,B,C*   | 28000  |        |
| LINCOLN B*            | 1000   |        |
| AHSE J,K-1            | 120000 |        |
| RICHMOND A,D*         | 14000  |        |
| FOSTER A,E,H,G*       | 38000  |        |
| ROOSEVELT A           | 65000  |        |
| JEFFERSON A,B*        | 32000  |        |
| AHSE B,D,E,F,G,H,I    |        | 350000 |
| LINCOLN A,C*          |        | 28000  |
| HUNTLEY W,Z           |        | 62000  |
| EDISON A,B,CANOPIES   |        | 135000 |
| JEFFERSON D,E,F,G,H,K |        | 65000  |
| MC KINLEY (ALL)       |        | 160000 |
| BOILER REPLACEMENTS   |        |        |
| AHSW                  | 100000 |        |
| OTHERS                |        |        |

III. ENERGY CONSERVATION

|                                  |       |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| AHSE VESTIBULE                   | 12000 |       |
| MADISON VESTIBULE                | 12000 |       |
| EINSTEIN CONVERSION TO GAS       |       | 60000 |
| WINDOW REPLACEMENT/REDUCTION     |       | 40000 |
| FOSTER                           |       | 40000 |
| HUNTLEY                          |       |       |
| MADISON                          |       |       |
| TWIN WILLOWS                     |       |       |
| ROOSEVELT                        |       |       |
| WILSON                           |       |       |
| JEFFERSON                        |       |       |
| LOCAL SHARE OF DOE ENERGY GRANTS | 97000 | 30000 |

|                               |         |       |         |       |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| PLAN TOTAL (BUDGET & BONDING) | 7794000 | 20000 | 2890000 | 20000 |
| *LESS ANNUAL BUDGET ITEMS     | 163000  | 20000 | 163000  | 20000 |
| TOTAL BOND REFERENDA          | 7631000 | 0     | 2727000 | 0     |

ITEM OF INFORMATION

**TOPIC:** A Question You Are Bound to be Asked: Where will you put all the children next year?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** A summary of the status of each elementary school follows:

**BADGER:** The EMR class will be moved to Edison. A teacher and class has been added for next year. The class sizes are good right now, but since there are only seven primary-intermediate classes, growth will cause the numbers to rise.

**COLUMBUS:** Two classes have enrollments of 29 at this time. There is room at the other levels. Using this option area, help can be obtained by sending new people moving there to Edison.

- EDISON:** Adding the EMR class from Badger, Edison employs its last available room. Except for two intermediate levels, there is room for children.
- FOSTER:** The ECH classes from Twin Willows and an added teacher and class will use the last two available rooms. The class sizes currently expected for next year are good.
- FRANKLIN:** Primary 2 and intermediate 1 and 2 class sizes are 27 or over. There is no way to accommodate growth other than higher class sizes. Dick Goree doesn't expect much growth next year. Help will soon be needed.
- HIGHLANDS:** Moving the two EMR classes to McKinley will make a room available for the primary teacher who has been added. The other room is available and may be needed to add an intermediate teacher in August if numbers grow. Cancelling the sitter exception will give some relief to the school. The second EMR room will be needed the following year. Highlands will be crowded, no matter what.
- HORIZONS:** Looking good, and growing, Horizons should have a couple of empty classrooms next year to which we could transport kids.
- HUNTLEY:** Moving an ED class affords a room for the added teacher. Primary 3 classes are at 29 and 30. The other levels are good. Another influx from parochial schools will cause all numbers to rise. Help is soon needed.
- JEFFERSON:** Having added the rooms in the cafeteria area the school should make it another year. Most class sizes are already at 25-26 for next year.
- JOHNSTON:** Moving an ECH class from the building gives the school a safety valve. For next year there are nine classes of 27 or more students. Though we don't like the idea of causing children to cross John Street and Calumet, a boundary change which sends children from Johnston to Horizons is an option.
- LINCOLN:** The move of an ED class to Horizons, the room created in the cafeteria, and the added teacher have combined to put Lincoln in quite good shape for next year. Most class sizes will be 25 or less.
- MCKINLEY:** Relief
- RICHMOND:** The [redacted] (26-28), but there is no growth [redacted] surprised from parochial or [redacted] as possible, sending children [redacted]
- TWIN WILLOWS:** Help! The ECH classes will be moved, freeing a room for the recently added teacher for 1986-87. It's a thumb in the dike. We could transport a full class to Horizons, if need be.

READ THIS BULLETIN TODAY!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS INCLUDED WHICH CALLS FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION.

**★ Please ★**

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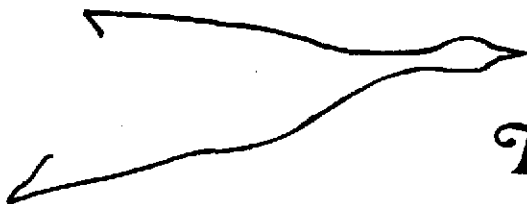
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## September

| DATE/TIME                             | EVENT  | LOCATION  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| September 9<br>Tuesday, til 8:00 p.m. | General Election -<br>Reporting and Pollwatching                             |   |
| September 11<br>Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.  | Board meeting  | Linda Bjella<br>3011 Heritage<br>731-8594       |
| September 16<br>Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.    | General Meeting<br>5-year Facilities Plan-<br>Appleton Board of<br>Education | Horizons School<br>All-purpose room             |
| September 20<br>Saturday, 8:30-4:00   | All member -<br>Issues briefing  | Midway Motor Lodge<br>Madison, Wis.             |
| September 23<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.    | Unit - Education:<br>5-year Facilities Plan                                  | Sam Murdoch<br>804 South St.<br>731-1128        |
| September 24<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.  | Unit - Education:<br>5-year Facilities Plan                                  | All Saints Church<br>College & Drew<br>Appleton |
| September 27                          | Octoberfest<br>LWV-sponsored booth   | Downtown Appleton                               |







## Taking Flight

NANCY JONES IS GOING TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!

Yes, it is true. Nancy was so outstanding in Washington that they want her back on the national agricultural study committee. TALK ABOUT TAKING FLIGHTS!!! We believe she is the first from Appleton ever to take part in guiding a national study, so shake her hand and congratulate her when you see her next. Nancy, we are so proud of you!

I'm planning to go to Madison September 20. Give me a call if you are willing to share the ride. It is not as prestigious as flights to Washington, but it looks GREAT!

Watch for LWV-Wisconsin debates around the state. Some of them will be taped for re-broadcast on Green Bay stations. If you can't get there in person, catch it on the tube.

Members who are not on the Board will be called soon for our first telephone survey of member interests. Please look over the year's opportunities and tell us where your interests lie; you WILL NOT be expected to DO all because you are interested in all of our areas. But please let us know what time you have available and when because we need involvement to enable us to keep on doing things for the community.

Speaking of doing things... Check out how busy we've been over the summer in the "Action In Your Name" column. The PIC reorganization hearing, the county "Wheel Tax" hearing, more school board statements, the transit center... I've explained to my son that I get quoted so much because so few people do speak out to their governmental representatives!

The PIC, the county board, the city council, the school board, some key committees of them all need League's eyes and ears in attendance. If you're willing to watch them at all and report what you hear and see to someone else, call me. PIC, Inc. is a good example of why government needs to feel that it is being watched and evaluated.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR YOUR YEAR-LONG TICKET ON ALL LEAGUE FLIGHTS (EXCEPT NANCY'S). REMEMBER THAT ALL MUST PAY IN SEPTEMBER. IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT YEAR!

*Bark*

GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: SEPTEMBER 16

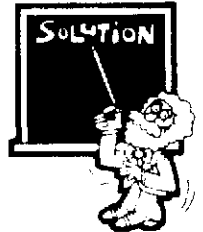
A League public meeting will be held at 7:00 on September 16th at Horizons Elementary School.

This will be a informational meeting, with time for questions concerning the Five-year Long Range Facilities Plan proposed by the Appleton Board of Education. This plan, once approved by the school board, will be put on a referendum in November.

Resource persons scheduled to appear include Randy Dewar, Superintendent of Public Schools; Myron Huth, Assistant Superintendent, Business; and a facilities expert from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

For anyone interested in joining League, there will be an information table. So, please try to join us and bring a friend. It promises to be informative and interesting.

-Sam Murdoch



# HAPPENINGS:

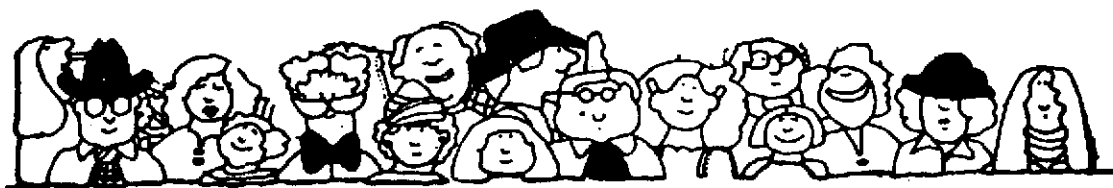


## Treat Yourself to

### OCTOBERFEST

Octoberfest in downtown Appleton will be on Saturday, September 27. As in the past, the theme for the day is ethnic food fair, entertainment and arts & crafts. League of Women Voters of Appleton will again sponsor a booth. This year we plan for the first time to sell food. We are seeking to offer something unique that will help in our fundraising efforts AND add to the general atmosphere of fun for the whole family.

If you can help by spending an hour and a half working in our booth, please call Mary Vandenberg at 739-0777.





PROGRAM HELP NEEDED!!!

I'm looking for League members interested in working in the following areas:

1.Redistricting Study - a State Task Force has identified gaps in our existing positions on redistricting. Therefore each local League is asked to come to member agreement by mid-December. All materials and questions will come to us from State. I'm in need of someone looking for a short term project to lead the October 28 and 29 units on this topic.

2.Health Care Study - The second year of our study will address cost containment and regulation. The focus will be on hospitals, health care professionals, and bioethical issues. I'm looking for someone to take the ball and run with this one from now until March.

Any contributions, suggestions or self-nominations would be greatly appreciated.

-Helene Iverson  
734-7499

HELP KEEP LEAGUE CURRENT AND INVOLVED:  
VOLUNTEER FOR A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
OBSERVE THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
IN COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY/ WILL TRAIN

DUTIES: Remind officials that someone is concerned and is monitoring their actions \* Gather information for League action and future studies\*Learn how the governmental process works, see priorities being set, watch policy being made\*Get ready for County budget time, and for the 1986-87 local League Study, :Size and Structure of the County Board.

MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING HOURS AVAILABLE (Babysitting co-op a possibility)

TIME COMMITMENT: 1½ - 4 hours a month

AVAILABE OPENINGS: Zoning and Land Conservation, Human services, Solid Waste, Social Services Board, County Board

FOR MORE DETAILS: Contact Gretta Volk, 735-9672  
For Solid Waste, contact Vickie Milde, 731-1128

FROM THE SOCIAL POLICY AREA:  
Help Needed!!!

Women who work OUTSIDE THE HOME are needed for the Mentor Program for Teen Women. This program is being organized in Outagamie County by the Children's Service Society of Wisconsin with a grant from the state's Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Pregnancy Services Board. Volunteers will be matched with a teenage girl to act as her role model, helping her to see a variety of life choices and to establish and pursue goals. Each volunteer will be asked to commit 6-8 hours per month for one year. Call Bette Defferding, 731-6944.....Anyone interested in monitoring information and improving scheduling towards more equality for girls' sports (in compliance with Title IX statutes) in our area, please call Bette Defferding 731-6944.....NEEDED QUICKLY: Some League members to monitor various early morning (8 a.m.) meetings of the Northern Lake Winnebago Private Industry Council (PIC) held at 426 W. College Ave. League position supports what PIC is set up to do - provide increased education and training and equal employment opportunity to assist disadvantaged people in becoming self-supporting. Now that PIC has been ordered to have open meetings, it is imperative that we provide proper monitoring to assure they meet the needs of the people they represent. If you're interested in this timely issue, call Bette Defferding, 731-6944.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, INC.

ISSUES BRIEFING

September 20, 1986  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Issues

Midway Motor Lodge  
(Intersection of Hwys. 51 & 151)  
Madison, Wisconsin

Issues

8:30-9:25 REGISTRATION,  
GATHERING & INTRODUCTIONS

3 SESSIONS

9:30-10:50

I. "MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS"

Speakers:

- Maurice MacDonald, Institute on Poverty  
-Who needs assistance with food, shelter, income level and access to health care?
- Mary Ann Cook, Dept. of Health and Social Services  
-Who are Wisconsin AFDC recipients?
- Donald Sykes, Social Development Commission-Milw.  
-How is Wisconsin doing in meeting those needs?

10:55-12:15

II. "WISCONSIN HOSPITALS-PROGNOSIS FOR THE FUTURE"

Speakers:

- Katherine Kiedrowski, Wis. Hospital Rate Setting Comm.  
-What is the role of the Rate Setting Commission?
- Peter Peshek, Counsel for Wis. Hospital Association  
-What are key factors in health care environment?

2:10-3:30

III. "AGRICULTURE POLICY AND PROGRAMS"

Speakers:

- Howard Richards, Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture  
-What U.S. programs are in force? What's needed in future?
- Caryl Terrell, LWVWI Natural Resources Chair  
-How does League promote wise use of resources and international development?

12:30 - 2:00 - LUNCH

AND

SPECIAL FEATURE-CANDIDATE'S FORUM

Meet the candidates for Lieutenant Governor  
and Attorney General

3 WORKSHOPS

(limit-30 people each)

Redistricting Locally --

Will we meet in court  
in 1990?

Wildfire Game -- The

Spread of Nuclear Weapons

Sex Equity in the Schools

A case study in  
monitoring & observing



Pre-registration deadline: 9/16/86  
(regis. accepted 9/20 for program only)

Fee enclosed:

\_\_\_ \$10 (includes lunch)

\_\_\_ \$5 (program only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ please check here if you  
prefer vegetarian meal.

Make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Wisconsin  
RETURN TO: LWVWI, 121 S. Hancock St., Madison, WI 53703-3447

# **ACTION** in your name

Local action has continued with League statements in favor of further consideration of the transit center/parking ramp idea. League is a long-time proponent of mass transit as an environmentally sound means of managing transportation. Moreover, we support the weather-proofing for elderly and other weather-sensitive passengers wanting to go downtown or needing to transfer downtown, to say nothing of others who would use the bus even more if it were more convenient. (Washington's metro system is so convenient and parking such a hassle you'd be a fool NOT to use it.) Call your local councilperson to encourage them to pursue this opportunity if at all feasible.

At a special July board meeting, your local board decided not to support the proposed county vehicle user fee of \$25 based on our support of progressive rather than regressive taxes. We do appreciate John Schreiter's creative approach to moving the total burden of taxes from the property tax, and we do support the concept of user fees. We also appreciate the decreasing federal monies and the increasing needs for services in areas we DO support, such as those in the human services area. However, we did not feel that this was a true user's fee, as would be a toll road system, and we also felt that it made no real concessions to ability to pay or actual use of roads. A League statement will be made at the public hearing, and we encourage individuals to contact her/his county supervisor.

The school board is being encouraged to maintain maintenance items as regular items in the budget rather than as additions to referenda. This is being done in light of our local support position for regular, ongoing building maintenance. An argument can be made that large roof repairs, etc. can be better financed through bonding, but if we were to support maintenance planned and executed through similar referenda ad infinitum, that hardly seems like sound budgetary planning as League defines it. Call Don Brown and other school board representatives if you feel the same.

That brings us to PIC, the Private Industry Council. They will be responding to our criticism of new by-laws that do not ensure public accountability, and they will also forward our comments to the state bureaucracy. Ask Barb Grant or Bette Defferding for more in-depth details, and let Bette know if you are interested in following this organization as it uses public funds to provide job training for women, minorities, handicapped, and economically disadvantaged members of a three-county area.

EDUCATION STUDY: UPDATE

The Education committee has arrived at the following consensus questions:

1. Do you support the referendum for the Five-year Long Range Facilities Plan?

2. If not, what are the possible alternatives?

A general meeting open to the public is scheduled for September 16 to answer many questions concerning this study. (See details elsewhere in this Bulletin.)

-Sam Murdoch

Study Material

LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING

Five Year Project Time Line  
Projects' Starting Years

NOTE: The Columbus School Addition is being studied and will become an item for 1986-87 or 1987-88.

FY 1986-87

Begin Construction of Northwest Elementary School

West Renovation, Office, Commons Addition, Physical Education Facilities and Boiler

Options on Two Elementary Sites

\*\*Roof Projects

One-Half of Energy Projects

Review Multi-Year Plan

FY 1987-88

Madison Classroom Addition

Badger Addition

Wilson Science Lab, \*Plumbing in Building

East Stage Lighting,

\*Roosevelt Plumbing

\*Leased Space

\*\*Roof Projects

Review Multi-Year Plan

FY 1988-89

Einstein Heating Plant Replacement

Columbus Addition

\*Roosevelt Auditorium Seating, Track Straight-Away

\*\*Roof Projects

\*Madison Stage Lighting

Review Multi-Year Plan

FY 1989-90

Foster Addition

Maintenance Garage

\*\*Roof Projects

One-Half of Energy Projects

Extend Multi-Year Plan to 1993

FY 1990-91

East I.M.C.

Einstein Addition

Boiler Replacements

\*\*Roof Projects

Review Multi-Year Plan

\*Paid through regular annual budget, not by referendum.

\*\*Projects less than \$60,000 financed through annual budget.

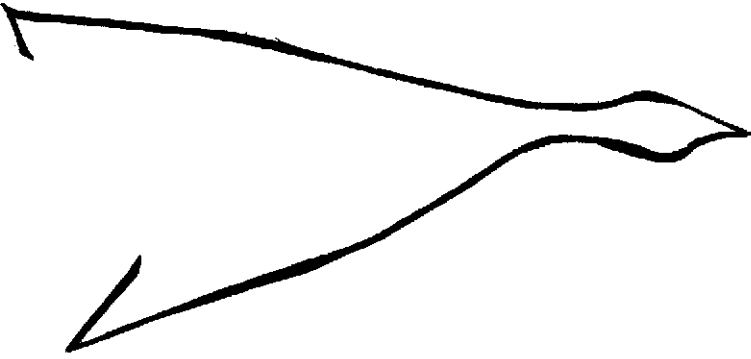
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DUES\*

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
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| Contribution                | _____   |
| Total Enclosed              | _____   |

\*Your integrated local, state and national membership dues include subscriptions to local bulletin, state FORWARD, and national VOTER.

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Appleton, WI 54911

\*\*The increase in dues was approved at the Annual Meeting contingent upon the \$1.00 increase in financial support per member at both the state and national levels.

*Handwritten scribbles or signatures.*

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## october

| Date/Time                                 | Event  | Location   |
|---|--|--|
| October 2<br>Thursday, 7:15 p.m.          | Local County Study -<br>organizational meeting       | Gretta Volk<br>909 E. Alton St.                    |
| October 8<br>Wednesday,<br>7:00-8:30 p.m. | "Position Perusal"                                   | Appleton Public Library<br>Downstairs meeting room |
| October 14<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.          | Candidates' Forum                                    | Einstein Jr. High                                  |
| October 17,18<br>Friday, Saturday         | Lake Michigan<br>InterLeague Group<br>Annual Meeting | Holiday Inn City Centre<br>Green Bay               |
| October 21<br>Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.          | Board meeting  | Vickie Milde<br>114 Alton Ct.                      |
| October 28<br>Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.          | Unit -<br>Redistricting Study                        | Jodie CoBabe<br>50 Bellaire Ct.                    |
| October 29<br>Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.        | Unit -<br>Redistricting Study                        | All Saints Church<br>400 E. College                |

[See additional calendar notes including LWV sponsored debates and county and city budget meetings inside this Bulletin]







# Taking Flight

As many of you expected, the Issues Briefing in Madison was stimulating and informative. I WISH YOU ALL COULD HAVE COME!

I learned that RE-DISTRICTING is not the dry subject I thought it was when I heard Ripon's League president talk about going to court when new wards were drawn for their county board's reduction from 40-odd to 29. (Could we be there in the future?) The workshop made learning about the politics of redistricting fun, and we hope to use it for our units. PLAN TO BE THERE!

I also learned a great deal about the economics of health care provision from Katherine Kiedrowski from the Wisconsin Hospital Rate Setting Commission, (Boy, did she know her stuff!) and Peter Peshek, Wisconsin Hospital Association.

I missed Howard Richards, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, to catch part of the workshop on Sex Equity in the Schools; all audience members, Nancy included, seemed to think I'd missed a great deal. However, I did learn 3 or 4 definitions of "parity", a key term in agricultural policy, and I heard Nancy speak about the emerging scope of the agriculture study. And, by the way, Green Bay has made some real progress in sex equity just by becoming involved.

Nancy and Dick Sampson played the "WILDFIRE" game, and they reported that it's a potent weapon in the area of nuclear weapon education.

Over lunch we listened to all the candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general. Not a very relaxing lunch, but an excellent way to rate the candidates! BE SURE TO CATCH OUR OWN CANDIDATE'S FORUM on OCTOBER 14th.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MARY VANDENBERG for organizing the Octoberfest booth; as we have a shortfall from our spring fundraiser, the Board decided to do more than make our name visible and to raise some money this year in alternate ways.

Nancy Jones is developing an excellent general meeting for October 8th to cure those feelings of who we are and what we are about as a group. It will be a marvelous lead-in to following the budget processes of our city council, county board, and school board this year. AS THIS YEAR AND NEXT ARE KEY YEARS IN SETTING POLICY THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS, come to this meeting and/or sign up with Nancy for observing budget hearings. THE REPRESENTATIVES NEED YOU!

EVERYTHING IS SWINGING INTO GEAR FOR THE YEAR. PAY YOUR DUES (IT'S DUE IN SEPTEMBER, REMEMBER) AND JUMP ABOARD!

*Barb*

NOTICE\*NOTICE\*NOTICE\*NOTICE  
TO OLD AND NEW MEMBERS!

Rosie Grabner  
2030 Berry Drive  
Appleton, WI 54915  
734-3195

NEW MEMBER!!

"The Size and Structure of the County Board" study committee is forming. The first meeting will be Oct. 2 (see calendar). If you're interested in becoming part of this exciting and timely study (even if you can't attend the Oct. 2 meeting), please call Gretta Volk: 735-9672

Rosie Grabner is a busy Appleton native with four children ranging from 6th grader to college grad. Her volunteer activities include acting as Treasurer for the St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary and as a member of King's Daughters Charity Circle. Rosie is already doing her share in League, as a member of the new education study committee.

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LAKE MICHIGAN INTER-LEAGUE GROUP : ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 17 AND 18

Make plans now to attend the Annual Meeting of the Lake Michigan Inter-League Group. The focus of the meeting will be on toxics in Lake Michigan. The lower Fox River, with its high concentration of pulp and paper mills, along with discharge from seven major municipal treatment systems, is significantly related to this topic. Over 100 chemicals have been identified in its waters. Fox River communities and industries have helped to clean up traditional pollutants through commitment of more than 300 million dollars, and LMILG hopes to learn from this and from the Lower Green Bay Remedial Action Plan. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn City Center in Green Bay on Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18. The agenda is to include the following:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 11:00 a.m. - noon | Registration   |
| Noon - 5:00 p.m.  | Boat tour of Lower Green Bay<br>(cost:\$10 includes bag lunch) |
| 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  | Registration   |
| 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  | Social hour  |
| 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | Banquet (cost:\$10)  |
| 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.  | Guest speakers   |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 7:00 a.m.        | Optional - birdwalk  |
| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Registration   |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Workshop - review of Lower Green Bay<br>Remedial Action Plan   |
| 10:15 a.m.       | Workshop - review of experiences of the<br>other three Lake Michigan states and<br>Toxic Task Force Report |
| Noon             | Lunch (cost: \$5.50)   |
| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Business meeting   |

Registration fee for the entire meeting is \$9.00. Saturday only: \$6.00  
Preregistration is requested before October 10 by mail or telephone to:

Caryl Terrell  
19 Red Maple Trail  
Madison, WI 53717  
(608) 833-8828

For further information contact Caryl at the above number or call Vickie Milde at 730-0596. Hope to see you there!

## POSITION PERUSAL

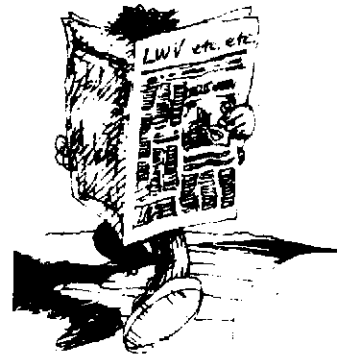
OCTOBER 8, 1986; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.;  
APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
[note: this is a date change from the 1986  
League calendar that you received with your  
directory]

LWVUS Advocacy Agenda...statements  
before the county board, city council, board  
of education...letters to state  
legislators.... What is the basis for League  
lobbying? Our members know action is based  
on careful study and consensus. However, the  
League has 66 years of history and the  
Appleton League has over 45 years of local  
study behind it. The result of all those  
years of League work is a fairly massive set  
of local, state and national papers.

So, whether you are a brand new member,  
unfamiliar with any League positions, or a  
long-standing member who hasn't quite kept up  
with newer positions, you're invited to  
"peruse the position papers", October 8, 7:00  
- 8:30 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library -  
downstairs meeting room.

We will have a series of group  
activities so noone will be put on the spot.  
If possible, review local positions in your  
directory. Also, bring along state position  
papers if you have them. [State position  
papers were distributed to every member last  
fall.] This exercise should help us discover  
what League members stood for in the past and  
what League stands for today. It may also  
give us ideas to consider for lively issues!  
Please plan to attend!

-Nancy Jones



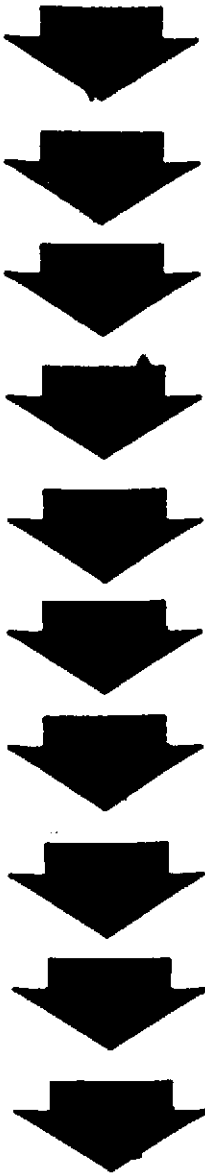
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ONCE AGAIN...LEAGUE SPONSORS STATE CANDIDATES' DEBATES

(watch your TV listings for the time and channel)

Wednesday, October 1 in Madison, the Gubernatorial Debate  
Friday, October 10 in Milwaukee, the Senatorial Debate  
Thursday, October 23, the Gubernatorial Debate continues...



REDISTRICTING UNIT STUDY :  
October 28 and 29

"The political thicket". That's the way Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter characterized reapportionment in 1946. Although times have changed, the process of reapportionment and redistricting is just as political a thicket now as it was then.

LWVWI has determined gaps in our 1981 position due to recent court cases, failure to define how the commissions should be made up, etc. In order to refine our position, local leagues will be asked to come to member agreement on the issue. Our units on the subject will be October 28 and 29. Read the background material WHICH WILL ARRIVE WITH YOUR DIRECTORY, and come prepared to help "untangle the thicket".

-Helene Iverson



CITY BUDGET HEARINGS

It's budget time again! And budgets seem to be more controversial than ever with the loss of state and federal revenue sharing. Help the League keep current with the budget process and problems by volunteering to observe the finance committee review of the mayor's budget. The committee will be working on the budget October 27 through November 1st. All the meetings will be at 7 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday morning session. Call Nancy Jones, 731-9250 if you are willing to help.

## THE MAKING OF A BUDGET: A CONSEQUENTIAL PROCESS

This year's promise of reduced state and federal aids to Outagamie County (approximately 4.2 million dollars over 1986, according to County Executive, John Schreiter) makes the 1987 budget process especially challenging for the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors. They will make difficult decisions which are bound to affect, one way or another, the lives of many, if not all, county residents.

Leading the list of questions soon to be answered: should the jail expansion be postponed?; what should the County's role be in the running of River-view and the County Health Center?; will the proposed budget cuts in the Department of Social Services and the Community Board affect the quality and quantity of services provided to County residents? (for instance, will the elimination of the Youth Services, Inc.'s contract with the Outagamie County Department of Social Services for the restitution program result in a poorer quality program for those who need it?); should the proposed \$25.00 "wheel tax" be approved to offset the loss of Federal Revenue Sharing funds which, in the past, have been applied to the County Highway Department's budget?; and, will the proposed 3% across-the-board departmental budget cuts affect the delivery of other County services?

Sometime between October 14th and the 24th, the Outagamie County Finance Committee will conduct a series of evening meetings at the County Court House; different sections of the budget will be presented for consideration each night. On October 27th at 7:00 p.m., the Finance Committee will hold a public hearing for citizen response to the proposed 1987 County Budget; the County Board is expected to vote on the budget on November 3rd.

Traditionally, LWV-Appleton members observe the series of Finance Committee meetings which precede the public hearing. Then, pooling their information, the observers assist the LWV-Appleton's president and vice-president for action in formulating League's response to the budget for presentation at the public hearing.

This is an important year for LWV-Appleton's input during the County budget process. How will the proposed budget cuts affect programs and services supported by LWV-Appleton? if cuts are necessary to keep taxes under control, have they been done equitably? Are there certain budgets which League believes should not be reduced, no matter what the circumstances? LWV-Appleton has already spoken out publically against the proposed "wheel tax" (see Sept. Bulletin), but support for the tax may be growing among supervisors because money is scarce. More issues will undoubtedly arise once the proposed budget is in hand. This is a crucial time for elected governmental officials to realize that their actions are being observed and evaluated. It is a crucial time for them to receive public opinion.

League members' participation can make a difference in this year's county budget; the very least it will do is to demonstrate that citizens are concerned about how Outagamie County raises and spends tax dollars. That is a valuable message to send to the County Board and to the County Executive. With a strong showing of League observers, who knows where League can go from there?

Nancy Jones will be organizing the schedule for League observers during the Finance Committee's budget hearing. Please plan to participate. Call her at 731-9250.

- Gretta Volk

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### CITY AND COUNTY BUDGET - CALENDAR DATES

|                    |                       |                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| October 14-24      | County budget review  | at County Courthouse |
| October 27, 7 p.m. | County budget hearing | "                    |
| October 27-Nov. 1  | City budget review    | at City Hall         |
| November 3         | City budget hearing   | "                    |

LMILG Concurrence  
on  
Inter-basin Transfer

INTRODUCTION

Interstate and interbasin transfers of water have been made in the past to serve municipalities, industries, energy development and agriculture. However, approval of those transfers was based on less complete information about their effects on aquatic ecosystems than is now available. It is inevitable that requests for such transfers will be made in the future and will require carefully considered responses.

HOWEVER,

- \* Construction costs of large-scale water transfers are high and economic losses in the basin of origin may also be high;
- \* Environmental costs of water transfers may include quantitative and qualitative changes in lake levels, wetlands and related fisheries and wildlife, diminished aquifer recharge and reduced stream flows;
- \* Lowered water tables may affect ground water quality and cause land subsidence.

THEREFORE, ANY DIVERSION PLAN

- \* Must include an understanding of the fragility and the incomplete knowledge of the ecologic, economic, and social nature of the area of origin, the area through which the water must pass, and the receiving area;
- \* Must contain methods for reviewing and adapting the plan to protect the affected areas during all stages of development, operation, termination, and post-termination of the inter-basin transfer.

As we look to the future, water transfer decisions will need to incorporate the high costs of moving water, the limited availability of unallocated water, and impacts on the affected ecosystems.

CRITERIA

Criteria for evaluating both the decision making process and the suitability of a proposed interbasin transfer project should include:

1. Ample and effective opportunities for informed public participation in the formulation and analysis of proposed projects;
2. Evaluation all economic, social and environmental impacts in the basin of origin, the receiving area and any area through which the diversion must pass, so that decision makers and the public have adequate information on which to base their conclusions;
3. Examination of all short and long term economic costs including, but not limited to, construction, delivery, operation, maintenance, and market interest rate;

4. Examination of alternatives including, but not limited to, supply options, water conservation, water pricing, and reclamation;
5. Participation and review by all affected governments;
6. Accord with international treaties;
7. Procedures for resolution of intergovernmental conflicts;
8. User and/or state financial responsibility, with no federal subsidies, federal loan guarantees, or use of the borrowing authority of the federal government;
9. An enforceable inter-governmental agreement with supervision separate from implementation and with assurances that any mitigation offered to alleviate adverse impacts can be financed.

As the water of the Great Lakes Basin are interconnected, the present and future condition of the Great Lakes' ecosystem should be a primary consideration when weighing the water needs of other areas. LMILG recommends that:

10. Water conservation should be a goal of all concerned governments in the Great Lakes region;
11. All concerned governments in the Great Lakes region should have water accounting systems and should adopt water use plans as a basis for prudent management of the Great Lakes;
12. Canadian interests must be considered in Great Lakes resource decision making. At a minimum, existing mechanisms for these United States/Canadian discussions, such as the International Joint Commission, Great Lakes Commission, and ad hoc technical task forces should be strengthened;
13. Because the Great Lakes are international, future investment and development in the region should include cooperative United States-Canadian management of the water resource;
14. Since the waters of the Great Lakes are currently used for multiple and competing purposes, any proposals for additional diversion must take into account the potential impact on ecological, economic, aesthetic, navigational, energy-generation, national security and general welfare values.

VOTER SERVICE; AN UPDATE

With the date of the General Election approaching, November 4, 1986, we are all reminded about why we joined League of Women Voters. This time of year provides many opportunities to get involved. There will be a Candidates' Forum on October 14, 1986, 7:30 p.m. at Einstein Jr. High. This will help you make an informed vote on local issues. The candidates invited include David Prosser, Kathleen Hartman, Forrest Weber, Mike Ellis, Al Ott, Terry Fox, Thomas Tomasczewski and Alan Lasee. In addition to providing accurate voting totals for the T.V. stations, we get \$ paid \$ for doing this. If you happen to be one of the few people I didn't speak with or you are now available, we still need five (5!) more election reporters for November. Please call me if you're able to help out. THANKS! Also, if you reported for the primaries, assume that you will be reporting the same ward on November 4th. THANKS!

Finally, this year the board OK'd purchasing a public service announcement to be aired on local TV stations. Its purpose is to encourage people to vote and to plug us, Appleton LWV. As you can see by these activities, each of us has a chance to help make a democracy work---VOTE, NOVEMBER 4, 1986.

-Ann Lindstrom, 735-0534

**VOTER**

The Outagamie County Domestic Abuse Program Board of Directors (which has a League representative--Dawn Washatka) announces the second annual "Evening of Wine & Cheese," fund-raising event.

Please join us for this gala event;

DATE: Friday, November 7, 1986  
PLACE: Paper Valley Hotel Ballroom  
TIME: 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
PRICE: \$10.00 per person

The music will be provided by The Janet Planet Trio, a silent auction of fine wines and fine gifts will be held, and wine experts will be on hand to answer your questions. Alternative non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

All proceeds to benefit the desperately needed services provided by the program and the shelter.

TICKET OUTLETS:

- Club Liquor, Menasha
- Crowe's Liquor, Appleton
- Marine Bank, Appleton
- Lawrence University Box Office (located in Brokaw Hall)
- Little Professor Book Center (located in Marshall Field's)
- Fox River Mall Shopper's Aid Center

Tickets also available from Dawn Washatka and Gretchen Bambrick. For additional information call 735-1667.





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## NOVEMBER

**DATE/TIME**

**EVENT**

**LOCATION**

November 4  
Tuesday

Election Day -  
election reporting

Local polling place

November 11  
Tues., 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting -  
Bioethical Issues

Appleton Police Dept.  
Downstairs meeting rm.

November 18  
Tues., 7:15 p.m.

Board meeting

Denise Peterson  
1041 E. Nawada

December 2  
Tues., 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY BASH

Barb Grant  
832 Cambridge Ct.

# VOTE



# Taking Flight

If we can only all make it through the election...

I know that this time of year makes time precious to some League members. I'd like to THANK ANN LINDSTROM for her work in organizing election night reporters, for carrying out the candidate's forum, for dispensing candidate information to many by phone and in person, and for helping to coordinate printed candidate information. It's a large job, and one that often gets little thanks, so thank her (and volunteer to help her in the spring!).

THANKS also to ALL OF YOU who have agreed to do election night reporting; it's an interesting exercise in watching democracy work, as well as a valuable service to the television stations and a needed money-maker for our League.

Nancy Jones' schedule has also picked up as she has coordinated observers for both the city and county budget hearings and has gathered all observers in her home to give me direction in writing League's public statement. THANKS TO NANCY AND TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE WILLING AND ABLE TO OBSERVE AND PASS THEIR EXPERTISE ON TO ME!

SAM MURDOCH, HER COMMITTEE, AND WILLING WORKERS ALSO DESERVE OUR THANKS for taking League's candidate information, referendum information, and membership information to the public at tables at the YMCA and the Library October 28-29. It's a busy time of year for you all to take that extra time for League, and we thank all of you who were there!

NANCY AND BRUCE POURCIAU: Thanks for your commitment to getting the candidate forum on TV and were willing to videotape it yourself to get it. YOU ARE BOTH GREAT!

GRETA VOLK's committee has kicked into action, and, judging by the blizzard of returned envelopes in Box 1281, their work has only just begun! If you are still looking for a niche to jump into League, this new committee is going to be doing some fascinating work... (Greta proved her depth of commitment to me the night she read the county budget cover-to-cover and demonstrated her competency in the county executive's conference room the following morning.) GO FOR IT, GRETA!

Through all of this, Terri Flom has needed to keep the information flowing to all League members and to all media sources. It is an interesting but frustrating job, so we need to THANK TERRI FOR COMMUNICATING FOR US ALL.

And speaking of communicating... Thanks to all of you who have read this far and are still at it. Finish the rest of the Bulletin today there's much more I'd like to point out but am running out of space... KEEP ACTIVE! WE NEED ALL OF YOU!

*Barb*

GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 1986  
7-9 P.M., APPLETON POLICE DEPT.  
FOCUS ON BIOETHICAL ISSUES

This fall and winter mark the second year of a two year study addressing the question: "What role, if any, should the State take in controlling health care costs?" Watch for a four-page supplement on health care in Wisconsin planned for the November 1986 FORWARD, published by LWV of Wisconsin.

Our Appleton League is especially fortunate to have two knowledgeable professionals in Appleton who are well prepared to offer insight and information relative to our current LWV of Wisconsin health care study at our general meeting, Tuesday, November 11th, 7-9 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Appleton Police Department. Dr. John Stanley, PhD. and Dr. Terry Meece, M.D. are both members of the Bioethical Study Group at Appleton Medical Center and have a broad background of knowledge and experience in biomedical ethical issues.

This summer Dr. Terry Meece, Director of the Fox Valley Family Practice Residency, was reelected Chairperson of the AMC Bioethical Study Group when he returned from a year in Pittsburgh. Both he and Dr. Stanley were members of the organizing committee that established the Bioethical Committee at Appleton Medical Center January, 1985.

"Ethical Decision Making", an article written by Dr. Meece, was published in the May, 1983, Wisconsin Current Practice. Some of the presentations Dr. Meece has given since 1984 are: "Hospital Ethics Committees", "Geriatric Ethics - Treatment vs. Nontreatment Decisions", and "The Malpractice Crisis - An Ethical Dilemma."

Dr. Stanley is the Ellen C. Sabin Professor of Comparative Religion and Ethics at Lawrence University and the Director of the Lawrence University Program in Biomedical Ethics. Since 1983, Dr. Stanley has arranged several public programs funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Committee. These seminars and forums brought nationally known speakers to Appleton who were experts in the field of biomedical ethics. He personally has spent time at the Hastings Center in New York researching ethical issues related to treatment of handicapped newborns.

Read over the questions for unit discussion found in "LWVWI Health Care Study Focus for 1986-87," that are found elsewhere in this Bulletin. Come to the general meeting ready to ask questions, especially about the "Bioethical Issues." Drs. Meece and Stanley also have information and ideas about some of the other subjects to be addressed in the health care study.

-Jean King, R.N. Intensive Care Unit  
Appleton Medical Center  
Member of the Biomedical Ethics Study  
Group, AMC

# **ACTION** in your name

STATEMENT TO THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD  
OCTOBER 24, 1986  
RE: PROPOSED COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

I am Barbara Grant, president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. I'd like to talk with you tonight about the proposed county vehicle registration fee.

Though League supports developing alternatives to the property tax as sole support for provision of services, we cannot support a county vehicle registration fee for several reasons.

First, we firmly support progressive rather than regressive tax structures. Because this fee is a flat fee for each personal vehicle, irrespective of even size or age of vehicle or necessity of use, we feel that this tax will fall disproportionately harder on those less able to pay. Thus, we cannot support the regressive nature of this fee.

Second, though we do support the concept of user fees, we do not feel that this is a true user's fee, as would be a toll road system, not does it truly reflect actual use of county roads.

Third, we feel that the exemption for larger vehicles, which actually wear out a road faster than smaller vehicles, makes such a vehicle fee even more unfair.

Fourth, we are uncomfortable with the "wheel tax" funds being restricted to highway use. If the fee were to raise \$2,000,000 and only \$1,000,000 were actually needed this year, or next, or the next, designating these funds to highway use only could lead to some unnecessary highway funding and may not ease the totality of the budget decisions that face you in the coming years.

We understand your difficulty in budgeting with decreasing federal and state dollars, but we do not feel that this vehicle fee is a fair means of assessing citizens and a long-term solution to the total budget squeeze that you are working to control this year.

## NOMINATION FOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The League of Women Voters of Appleton is proud to nominate Nancy Jones as nominee for the Volunteer of the Year.

Nancy Jones has been an active advocate of citizen participation in government decision-making, battling citizen apathy and encouraging many to learn how to effect change for the greater public good.

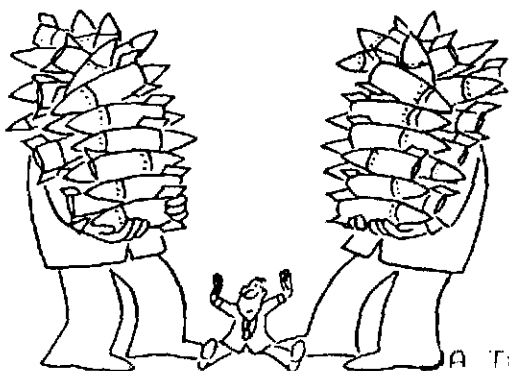
Since joining LWV-Appleton in 1980, she has participated in 8 separate studies, learning about and then lobbying policy-makers in such diverse areas as energy conservation, hazardous waste, water diversion, radioactive waste, national security, U.S. policy with developing countries, local school enrollments, and agriculture.

Nancy now has the honor of being 1 of 3 League of Women Voters of the U.S. members to take part in a national study committee on federal agricultural policy; when in Washington, this committee will guide the research and publication of information for League members over the next 2 years. Because League is known for its thorough study and thoughtful publications, we are very proud that Nancy will have such a prominent role in this study's development.

Nancy believes that government can be responsive to citizens if only they will take the time to become informed and to contact their representatives. We honor Nancy Jones for her commitment to making government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" a reality for us all.

*(a portion of an article)*

Submitted by Barbara L. Grant, President  
League of Women Voters of Appleton  
November 1986



### SATELLITE SUMMIT

A Trans-Atlantic Dialogue on Nuclear Arms Issues

November 16. 7:30-9:30 P.M. Lawrence University, Riverview Lounge  
VIDEO CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON SDI. Union of Concerned Scientists brings together a panel of experts from the U.S.A., Britain, West Germany and the USSR. Hodding Carter is moderator.

November 17. 7:00-9:00 P.M. Lawrence University, Riverview Lounge  
BEYOND WAR, peace organization from Green Bay, will present issues of concern for peace and SDI.

November 18. 7:00-8:45 P.M. Lawrence University, Riverview Lounge  
Representatives from the NATIONAL SDI OFFICE will engage in discussion and/or debate.

Sponsored by the LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

UPDATE - APPLETON'S GIFTED/TALENTED PROGRAM

This summer the Appleton School District hired Paula Sefkow as Director of the new Gifted/Talented Program. Paula invited me to continue to represent League on the Gifted/Talented Committee, which met on Sept. 30 to discuss this year's program.

In concurrence with the administrative cabinet, she has decided to do a pilot program with P3-II students in 5 schools this first year. Participating schools (whose names were literally drawn out of a hat) will be Johnston, McKinley, Franklin, Highlands, Badger and Edison. (as Badger is a small school, a 6th name was drawn. Badger students will be bused to Edison for the G/T program.)

Paula will work with each student group one half day per week, leaving time for administrative tasks, inservice, and developing programs for the other schools. Gifted/talented students at the P3-II levels will be selected by a screening committee in each school, using teacher, peer and parent identification forms. The G/T committee representative in each school will chair the screening committee.

Qualified students will also be identified at non-participating schools, in the hope that the program can be expanded next year by hiring more staff. Paula also hopes to offer alternative services to these students, including: 1) Olympics of the Mind (not restricted to G/T students;) 2) mini-courses on Saturdays; 3) an expansion of the Invention Convention developed at Lincoln School; 4) grouping G/T students to work with counselors in areas of affective educating, involving values and self-esteem; and 5) Creative Problem Solving. Subcommittees were formed to work on these alternative programs and to evaluate this year's formal G/T program.

Paula is especially enthusiastic about getting Olympics of the Mind going. Four schools are already planning to participate--Lincoln, Richmond, Jefferson and Franklin--and she hoped to get more principals interested at an Oct. 7 meeting. She would welcome League members as volunteer coaches for OM groups. Call your principal today! Remember, these groups are not restricted to G/T students. Paula expects most participation at the P3-I3 levels.

The G/T program has already won a \$13,000 grant from Chapter II (federal funds to supplement district money) and Paula is working on a district-wide competitive grant for more funds.

She asked me to thank League for our help in getting a G/T program started in Appleton and hopes we'll continue our interest and involvement. In this crucial first year the program will need community support--and it looks like she's going to do a super job!

Sharon Fenlon

Members of the G/T Committee are:

|                      |                        |                           |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pat Behm (JEF)       | Gloria Johnson (LIN)   | Julie Walsh (BAD)         |
| Sue Chase (BAD)      | Cathy Kortendick (EDI) | Jim Woller (BAD)          |
| Joanne DeGroot (JOH) | Anne Kreul (MCK)       | Jim Westphal (MOR)        |
| Ellie Eggener (RIC)  | Anne Lingelbach (JOH)  | Tom Phillips (Winterhill) |
| Marcia Engen (FRA)   | Gerry McDermot (HOR)   | Paula Sefkow, Director    |
| Sharon Fenlon (LWV)  | Mary Murphy (TWI)      |                           |
| Becky Filz (COL)     | Kelly Nelson (JEF)     |                           |
| Robin Huiras (HUN)   | Doris Phillips (AAUW)  |                           |
| Jerry Hummel (MOR)   | Dave Schmidt (FOS)     |                           |
| Elsie Johnson (MAD)  | Al Schroeder (LIN)     |                           |

CONSENSUS  
APPLETON L.W.V. EDUCATION STUDY  
1986

Objective: To study and come to consensus on the written recommendations of the Appleton Board of Education's first phase of the Five-Year Facilities Plan.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

- I. Should the League support the first phase of the Five-Year Facilities Plan?
  - A. There was a general acceptance of the Five-Year Facilities Plan as stated.
  - B. There was strong support for each of the following referendum items:
    1. We felt the urgent need for a new Northwest-side elementary school to be built.
      - a. The grade school population is increasing in that area and is expected to continue growing.
      - b. The Twin Willows facility is inadequate to meet this growth.
    2. There was support for the Appleton High School-West renovation and additions.
      - a. Title IX made a big impact on the needs in the Physical Education area.
        - 1) There are inadequate facilities for present physical education classes.
        - 2) Additional space is expected to provide equal access to facilities for both sexes.
      - b. Science areas are outdated and inadequate for present class use.
      - c. The office lay-out is inefficient.
      - d. Much of the present heating, electricity and plumbing is inadequate.
      - e. The Commons area cannot handle the expected increase in student numbers due to state-mandated closed campuses.
    3. There was strong support for the Columbus Elementary School addition and renovation.
      - a. Lack of fire safety features makes some renovations necessary.
      - b. An elementary school in the central city area is desirable.
      - c. Adequate gymnasium and IMC space is presently unavailable.
    4. There was strong support for an addition to Badger Elementary School.
      - a. Additional classroom space is needed to meet increases in student population as projected by city and county planners.
      - b. A permanent IMC is a desirable asset at Badger.
  - C. There was strong consensus that enrollments are increasing rapidly enough to justify the referendum's elementary school projects.
  - D. There was strong consensus that a bond referendum is the best way to pay for the projects.
    1. Bonding spreads out cost of projects over a longer period.
    2. Since a quality school system is the responsibility of the community over a long period of time, it is unfair to expect taxpayers to assume unreasonable tax increases for only a few years.
  - E. We strongly support the fact that maintenance items are not included in this referendum.



F. Minority views:

- There were reservations about the West High School's championship gymnasium, the expansion of the Commons area, and the renovation of present gym facilities. It was felt more emphasis should be placed on human resources (teachers) than on facilities.

II. If the League does not support the first phase of the Five-Year Facilities Plan, what are the possible alternatives?

A. There was consensus that the alternatives of split-shifts, mobile classrooms and extensive leasing would diminish the quality of education and provide no long term solutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
1986 Education Study Committee,  
Sam Murdoch, chair  
Terry Flom  
Nancy Pourciau  
Linda Bjella  
Jan Quinlan

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LWWI HEALTH CARE STUDY  
FOCUS FOR 1986-87

WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, SHOULD THE STATE TAKE IN CONTROLLING HEALTH CARE COSTS?

Subjects to be addressed:

Hospitals

How effective is the Certificate of Need program?

What is the appropriate role for the Hospital Rate Setting Commission in Wisconsin?

Will regulations relating to community care in hospitals improve access for residents without unduly burdening hospitals in a competitive environment?

Do current regulations in government programs like Medicaid and Medicare require treatment in hospitals when more cost effective services might be provided in other settings?

Health Care Professionals

Does the current process of licensing health care professionals provide for safety of the public?

Should professional non-physicians be allowed to expand their practices in order to provide more cost effective services?

Should reimbursement systems define covered health care services without reference to types of providers except to require credentialing?

Would new regulations for health care professionals allow more competition in Wisconsin?

Biethical Issues

Are tax dollars being spent for costly procedures like organ transplants while preventative programs like prenatal care are underfunded?

Where do we want to spend government money?

Does state government have a role to play in helping residents to avoid costly dying?

Should legislation on living wills include refusal of nutrition?

HOLIDAY BASH!!!

DECEMBER 2, 1986  
TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.  
GRANT HOME - 832 CAMBRIDGE CT.

Price of Admission: An hors d'oeuvre to share  
Wine will be served



Plan to attend and to bring your favorite companion to enjoy an evening of socializing and a tragic-comic look at a family farm in the 1980's. Lee Bock and her husband have been farmers since the early 70's. She will share her insights on agriculture from a background as teacher, author, and librarian.

See you there!

League of Women Voters.  
*Appleton, Wis.*

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## December

| DATE/TIME                       | EVENT                               | LOCATION                        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| December 2<br>Tues., 7:30 p.m.  | HOLIDAY BASH                        | Barb Grant<br>832 Cambridge Ct. |
| December 15                     | LAST DAY TO PAY DUES TO BE A MEMBER |                                 |
| December 16<br>Tues., 7:15 p.m. | Board meeting                       | Gretta Volk<br>909 E. Alton     |





# Taking Flight

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As I write this, I am anticipating a grand Christmas Party/Agriculture Program at my home on December 2nd. If you've missed the other reminders and see only this one, promise your spouse he/she will have a great time, pick up some cheese and crackers at the store, and you both join us for a very fascinating speaker, some excellent company, and some good wines. I'm especially hopeful that both new members and old members I haven't met before will come to this stimulating general meeting; League meets as a whole so few times during the year that I'm really hopeful that this party will motivate you to get here and get acquainted.

Classrooms over 30 and Block Grant funds are really weighing on my mind this morning. PIC is completing its reorganization, the county is struggling with Citadel's proposal, the state is grappling with proposed AFDC benefit cuts...there are so many important issues facing our community that need attention.

Make a resolution this year to move one issue up to a top priority in your life in 1987. You can do it within League or outside of League, but if all 100+ of us track one issue in this community, what a difference we all will have made!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN ALL DO IN 1987!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Barb*



**THANKS  
A MILLION**

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION...

Thanks to our city and county budget observers:

County - Betty Breunig, Bobbie Murray, Vicky Milde & Helen Nagler

City - Bobbie Murray, Betty Breunig, Dick Sampson, Pat Schinabeck, M.J. Wurster and Barb Grant.

We couldn't have managed without you! Thanks for your help!

-Nancy Jones

Barb Folb  
525 W. Park Ridge Avenue  
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Barb plays the french horn in the Fox Valley symphony; a subject she received her Masters in from the University of Chicago. Barb is also looking at a possible career change and is taking a computer class. She spends her time gardening, quilting and playing with her two small daughters.

Beth Phillips  
209 Appleton Street  
Menasha, WI 54952  
725-9168

Beth is a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant who is working on a career change. She will be starting back to school next semester, and will have a busy schedule with her three children, volunteer work at Rape Crisis, and bowling.

Harvada Elisberg  
1106 E. Nawada St.  
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Harvada was a Medical Librarian at a large hospital in Milwaukee before she married an Appleton physician and moved here. She has an MS in Library Science and another in Psychiatric Social Work. For now, Harvada is staying at home and enjoying some time with her three children.

Karen Riley  
1517 S. Fidelis  
Appleton, WI 54915  
738-0828

Karen is originally from Indiana, and moved to Appleton just a few months ago from Louisville. While living in Louisville Karen was a travel agent, but has decided to stay home fulltime pending the imminent arrival of her second child.



PROGRAM CHAIR NOTES:

I. Thanks to Jean King for organizing the Nov. 11th General Meeting on Bioethical Issues with Dr. Terry Meece and Dr. Jack Stanley. We had a very stimulating discussion that touched on many topics. Questions concerned DRGs, living wills and advance directives, societal priorities with respect to various ailments, HMO's, and even artificial heart transplants. What an interesting way to start our second year of study on health care!

II. Please read and hold on to your "Health Care in Wisconsin" that came as a supplement in your November FORWARD. Margaret Gibas is chairing this study and is still looking for committee members. Give her a call if you are interested.

III. Meeting Basic Human Needs Study

...And we're off. The main purpose of this first is for local leagues to become familiar with their own communities--what the make-up of the community is, what programs are available and how local officials and service providers view the social welfare system.

The community profile consists of four parts:

1. Demographic data
2. Program participation and availability of services
3. Interviews with public officials, program administrators, caseworkers, etc.
4. Case studies



The data we compile will provide a basis for comparison with other areas and will also support future advocacy efforts.

Does this sound like something you'd like to learn about?  
Contact Helene Iverson at 734-7499.

# Legislative Forum

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE,  
BUT IF YOU WEREN'T

Representatives David Prosser, Alvin Ott, Esther Walling and Gary Schmidt were on hand to respond to questions from the eight organizations which sponsor the forum as well as fielding questions from audience members. Here is a brief summary of the issues raised and the responses given.

\*On implementing new state regulations of "bogus" pregnancy counseling centers (asked by Fox Cities NOW):

Legislators all seemed to feel that since these counseling centers didn't charge for services there was not much that could be done to regulate them. Some defended the free speech rights of these centers.

\*On increasing state aids to local school districts (asked by AAUW):

All legislators agreed that relief to property taxpayers was an absolute necessity. Reservations were expressed about how soon to bring about increases in state aids and the impact a change in the aid formula might have on municipalities. There seemed to be more support for Gov.-elect Thompson's proposal to increase state support to 50% rather than the 66% level proposed by State Supt. of Schools Herbert Grover which legislators judged to be far too costly to the state. The idea of factoring in gross income along with equalized value was brought up as well as requiring arbitrators to consider ability to pay in cases of binding arbitration.

\*On proposals to cut back on Wisconsin's welfare benefits (i.e. Is Wisconsin a welfare magnet?) (asked by LWV and Appleton Taxpayers):

Prosser questioned validity of studies which indicated that welfare benefits were not a major factor in recipients moving to Wisconsin. He would support a freeze or possible cutbacks in benefits. Walling would concentrate on getting unwed mothers off welfare by providing state assistance in education, job training and child care. She felt these women should be required to complete high school or a GED and receive job training. Gary Schmidt also favored job training but brought up the issue of sex education in the schools as an attempt to break the cycle of poverty.

\*On new environmental initiatives for the upcoming legislative session: (asked by Audubon Society):

Schmidt said he would concentrate his efforts on water quality in the Fox River. Ott felt clean up of toxic materials should be a priority. Prosser said in his position on the Joint Finance Committee he would review all environmental proposals, supporting funding for good programs always with an eye on state spending and economic development.

\*On the newly enacted 21 drinking age and new drunk driving legislation: (asked by a member of MADD in audience):

Legislators all agreed that the bill passed in too much haste and needs to be reviewed.

If you missed the forum, you really missed an outstanding learning experience. But you do have a second, even a third, chance! The forum will be broadcast on cable channel 8 at noon on Sunday, Dec. 14, then again at noon on Sunday, Dec. 28. The next forum is scheduled for March 14.

\* Senators Ellis and Lasee were unable to attend.

## MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Is everyone who is eligible for food stamps receiving them? Where do the homeless spend the night? How much red tape is involved in obtaining emergency assistance? Where could you turn for assistance if faced with sudden unemployment, large medical bills and no health insurance? These are just a few of the many questions posed by the League's Meeting Basic Human Needs (MBHN) study.

The League is not a newcomer to these issues. In 1971 the national League adopted its current position on income assistance, which over the years has been the basis of advocacy efforts on a wide range of critical issues for low-income people, including federal standards for income assistance programs, child care for low-income families, employment and training programs and medicaid funding for abortions for poor women. League members can continue to address Social Policy concerns while the study is underway, using existing LWVUS, state or local positions.

Delegates to the League's 1986 national convention had the foresight to realize that welfare reform is once again looming large on the nation's domestic policy agenda and adopted the MBHN study as a means of positioning the League to address the critical issues that will be raised in the upcoming policy debates.

The study will focus on meeting four basic human needs in the United States: food, shelter, a basic income level and access to health care. The study will address the following:

- \* What skills and resources must individuals have to provide for these basic needs?
- \* Who requires assistance?
- \* What resources are currently available to them?
- \* What are roles of each level of government and the private sector and what should they be?
- \* What are the merits and/or drawbacks of proposals for change?

The MBHN study is taking an innovative approach for a national League study. During the first year, state and local Leagues will be developing profiles of their state or community designed to provide Leagues with information about unmet needs. In addition, the profiles will provide League members with an opportunity to discuss suggestions for improving the delivery of social services with elected officials, program administrators and caseworkers.

The material gathered for the completion of the profiles will be sent to the national League office, where it will be analyzed and a report



will be written summarizing the important conclusions gleaned from all of the profiles.

League members do not have to read volumes to bone up on meeting basic human needs. Newspapers and weekly news magazines have been publishing a steady stream of articles presenting the full range of perspectives on what is wrong with the current social welfare system and what needs to be done to "fix it." For an overview of the MBHN study, be sure to read "A Dream Deferred" in the September/October 1986 issue of The National Voter.


As the political debate intensifies, be on the lookout for discussions of some of the key critical issues:

\* the welfare-to-work debate: Should recipients of welfare and/or food stamps be obligated to work for their benefits?

\* the vouchers-versus-cash benefit debate: Should programs such as medicaid and low-income housing be turned into voucher programs?

\* the "mega-block grant" debate: Should federal social welfare programs be turned into large block grants to the states?

\* the "how-to-count-the-poor" debate: Should calculations of the poverty level take into account noncash benefits in determining a family's "income" for purposes of counting the number of poor people in the country?



You can make the MBHN study come alive by volunteering to help complete our League's community profile. Our League has until March 31, 1987 to gather demographic data, information on programs and program participants, conduct interviews with public officials and program administrators, and complete some fascinating case studies.

You can be part of the grassroots process to make sure the League's voice is heard when the nation once again takes up the issue of how to ensure that everyone's basic human needs are being met.

Contact Helene Iverson at 734-7499 if you are interested.

PROGRESS REPORT -LWV COUNTY STUDY

**SCOPE OF STUDY:** an examination of the functioning of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors in terms of its size and committee structure.

**COMMITTEE:** Karen DeYoung, Ann Long, Bobbie Murray, Helen Nagler, Nancy Pourciau, and Gretta Volk, chair.

**STATUS:** On October 9, 1986, the study committee mailed questionnaires to the 44 Outagamie County Board Supervisors; the 6 State Assembly Representatives of Outagamie County; the 4 Mayors, 8 Village Presidents and 18 Town Board Chairpersons in Outagamie County; 29 Outagamie County Officers (the dept. heads, directors, etc. as listed in the County Directory), 1 Board Program Director and 1 Board Chairperson; and 9 former Outagamie County Supervisors. The following questions were asked:

- 1.A. What are the advantages to the present size (44 supervisors) of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?
  - 1.B. What are the advantages to the present committee structure (11 standing committees: Committee on Committees; Agriculture, Extension, Education, Zoning and Land Conservation; Airport; Finance; Highway; Human Services; Law Enforcement; Legislative; Personnel; Property, Building and Recreation; Solid Waste)?
  - 2.A. What are the disadvantages to the present size of the Out. Co. Board of Superv.??
  - 2.B. What are the disadvantages to the present committee structure of the Out. Co. Board of Supervisors?
  - 3.A. What recommendations do you have for changes in the size of the Outagamie Co. Brd.?
  - 3.B. What recommendations do you have for changes in the committee structure of the Outagamie Co. Brd. of Supervisors?
- Additional Comments:

As of November 21, 1986, the number of people responding (acknowledging receipt of the questionnaire) and answering the questionnaire is as follows:

SUPERVISORS: 19 responded (43%); 18 answered (41%)  
STATE ASSEM. REPS: 4 responded (67%); 3 answered (50%)  
MAYORS, VILLAGE PRES., TOWN BRD.: 22 responded (73%), 21 answered (70%)  
CNTY OFFICERS, BRDS(2): 18 responded (58%); 12 answered (39%)  
FORMER SUPERV: 1 responded (11%); 1 answered (11%)

Answers cover a wide range of opinion and are definitely thought provoking. For instance, the County Supervisors' answers to question 1.A. include: a) each supervisor represents the smallest constituency possible, b) there is safety in numbers, and c) there are no advantages; answers to question 1.B. include: a) allows committee members to become well informed in their arena, b) all areas of county government are reviewed and decisions made on a timely basis, and c) there are no advantages; answers to question 2.A. include: a) the debate is monopolized by a few and the majority do not speak out, b) too many people, and c) in some ways too large. This size allows some supervisors to be pretty inactive and poorly prepared. However, decreasing may not take out the "dead wood" due to re-districting procedures.

In addition to the questionnaire, letters were written to Rock, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Waupaca, and Brown counties asking several questions about the size and structure of their county boards (Rock Co. has recently reduced the size of its board substantially while other counties are satisfied with their present board size and still others have considered a reduction in the size of their county board in the past).

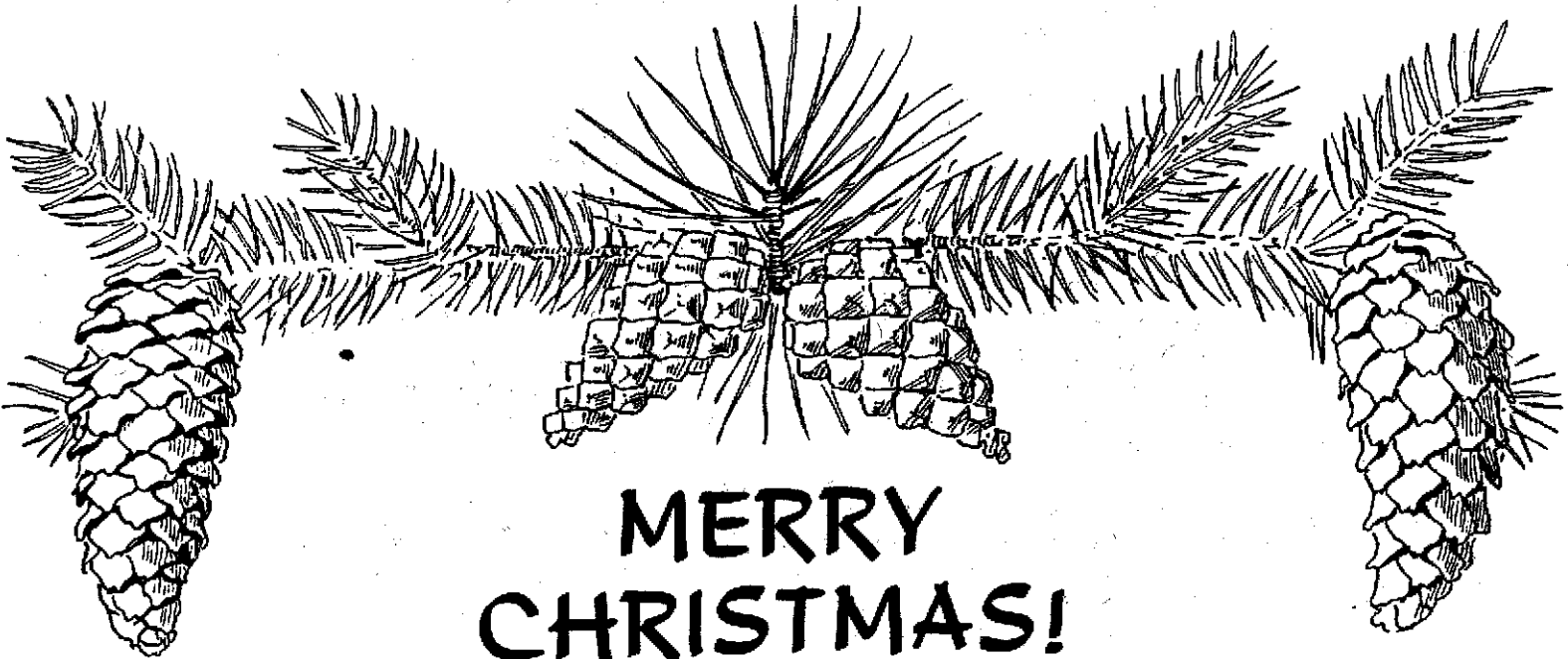
Forthcoming study committee reports will include a detailed analysis of the questionnaire responses, a review of county boards in other Wisconsin counties, and a brief history of Outagamie County Government. The committee will also be examining reapportionment as it pertains to any change in size of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors.

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## JANUARY

January 15  
Thursday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

County Study -  
General Meeting

Appleton Police Station  
222 S. Walnut

January 20  
Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Board meeting

Helene Iverson  
1811 Bradley Lane

January 27  
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

LIVELY ISSUES

M.J. Wurster  
228 N. Park



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I HEREBY RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE IN MY LIFE, remembering that my value as an informed citizen is worth enhancing this year through more deliberate study of and action on (yes, you heard that right, an action postcard or phone call from ME!) an issue beyond the local issues that are important to me. I will not let the mechanics of my jobs at home and within the organization of League deter me. Knowledge is power and I will use that power in 1987!

Mike King of the Post Crescent pricked my presidential conscience 2 weeks ago when he interviewed Nancy and me for an article about women and League membership. He pursued for a while the commonly-held notion that there is less time for volunteer activities traditionally done by women, and I found myself falling into the same mindset easily. Numbers of members attending units, non-traditional means of taking consensus, general meeting attendance...all rushed to mind as ways to evaluate how active our membership is.

When he asked for actual membership figures now and 10 years ago, the numbers taken by themselves are stunning: 100 in 1986, 151 in 1976. Conclusive, right? Well-1-1-1-1-1... Look at these facts:

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| <p><b>Membership Figures</b></p> <p>Spring 1969- 115<br/>         1970- 114<br/>         1971- 106<br/>         1972- 117<br/>         1973- 130<br/>         1974- 120<br/>         1975- 139<br/>         1976- 151<br/>         1977- NA<br/>         1978- 155<br/>         1979- 122<br/>         1980- 118<br/>         1981- 113<br/>         1982- 111<br/>         1983- 120<br/>         1984- 114<br/>         1985- 122<br/>         1986- 100</p> | <p>Of 93 members (of 100) surveyed in September:<br/>         69% work, attend school or hold public office</p> <hr/> <p>61 (66% of total) wish to be active<br/>         38 (62%) of these 61 have been<br/>         VERY ACTIVE*</p> <hr/> <p>38 (62%) of these 61 work or<br/>         attend school</p> <hr/> <p>24 (26% of total) wish to be inactive now<br/>         3 (13%) of these 24 have been<br/>         VERY ACTIVE</p> <hr/> <p>22 (92%) of these 24 work,<br/>         attend school, or hold<br/>         public office</p> <hr/> <p>8 (8% of total) foresee no personal<br/>         activity in League</p> <hr/> <p>* VERY ACTIVE: on board or an active<br/>         committee within last three years</p> |
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Are women becoming less active or more selective where they'll put their time? Is League a lifetime task? a stepstone to or from somewhere? a window of opportunity?

MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO GROW PERSONALLY AND TO FILL A NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING YOUR NICHE, I HAVE SEVERAL, LARGE AND SMALL, LEFT TO FILL IN 1987!

*Barb*

## ACTION IN YOUR NAME

November 24: Community Development Block Grant Hearing: Barb Grant made a statement urging the Plan Commission to weigh the various options carefully, especially since the proposal for a complex of housing and services for the elderly was requesting the entire CDBG allocation. The League supported funding the Fair Housing Council and spending the rest of the money where there was a documented, rather than perceived, need of access to housing.

November 24: Jan Quinlan made a statement at the Appleton Board of Education meeting expressing League's concern about the 16 elementary classrooms in the district with over 30 students. League urged the board to reduce the student-teacher ratio where possible. (The Board subsequently decided to hire two full-time teachers for second semester - one at Highlands, one at Horizons.)

Legislative Interviews: Local leagues are asked by LWV-WI to interview legislators before the start of the new legislative session in January. Barb Grant, Helene Iverson, and Nancy Jones interviewed Al Ott, newly-elected 3rd Assembly District Representative, on December 17th. Mr. Ott was most gracious in making time to meet with us at a busy time of year. The Appleton League has an interview scheduled with Senator Alan Lasee on January 8th.



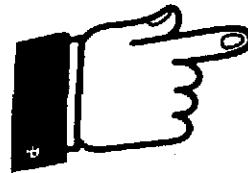
## EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS FORMING

The Appleton Area School District has begun its budget process for next year. The League will follow their step-by-step procedure. Anyone interested in following this procedure and observing the meetings should contact Sam Murdoch, 731-1128.

## NUSI WARD PROJECT - UPDATE

We are in the early stages of planning a unit on the Hmong which could be included in the elementary social studies curriculum. The Appleton Area School District is revising that curriculum this year and will possibly include our unit in the History of Appleton-Present. We will also meet with Hmong Arts Council and the Indochinese Friendship Association in order to coordinate our efforts with projects that they may develop.

-Sharon Fenlon, chairman  
Phyllis Dintenfass  
Joy Povolny



## NEWS Briefs

### Nominating Committee!!!

The League of Women Voters of Appleton nominating committee is gathering suggestions for members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year. Positions to be filled include president, 1st vice-president, secretary, and three directorships. All positions are for two-year terms. Serving on the Board provides League members the opportunity to develop and use organizational and creative skills while directing the League's program of study and action. Long-lasting friendships and associations cultivated within the League and the community are an added benefit derived from League Board service. If you would like to serve, or if you would like to suggest another's name, please call any member of the nominating committee.

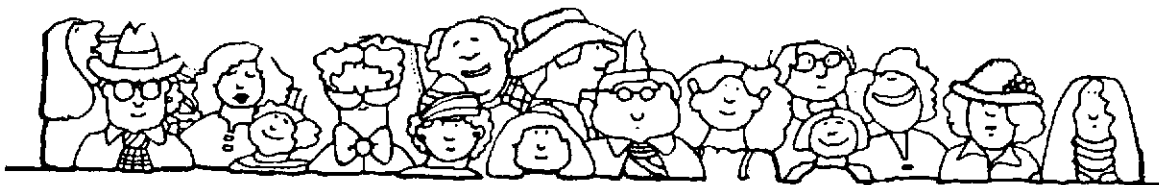
-Gretchen Bambrick (735-9784)  
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Marlys Fritzell, Ch.  
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**Vital To Us All!**

??????HAVING PROBLEMS IDENTIFYING WITH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT??????

Come to the informational forum: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1987, 7:30-9:00 P.M., APPLETON POLICE STATION. Find out about the COUNTY BOARD. Listen to four supervisors: GEORGE SCHROEDER (District 38), JOSEPH HARVATH (District 17), GLENN THOMPSON (District 16), and JOSEPH GRIESBACH (District 15) answer questions about the size and structure of the OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. Learn about reapportionment from ROBERT STADEL. Watch League's own KAREN DE YOUNG moderate the forum. Bring friends, neighbors, relatives, and significant others. It's open to the PUBLIC. Get prepared for the FEBRUARY CONSENSUS UNITS. Don't miss this UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY to listen, learn and ASK QUESTIONS.



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## LWV-APPLETON 1986-87 COUNTY STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The following pages contain a condensed version of the answers to the questionnaire on the size and structure of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors. Similar answers were combined whenever possible to reveal trends in responses. However, singular responses were not eliminated in order to preserve the diversity of expressed viewpoints. All answers are valuable in terms of what they tell about the functioning of the County Board and how those associated and involved with the Board view it.

-Gretta Volk



1.A. What are the advantages to the present size (44 supervisors) of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?

| GROUP   | SUPERVISORS    | BRDS(2)/<br>COUNTY<br>OFFICIERS | MAYORS/<br>TOWN BRD/<br>VIL. PRES. | STATE<br>ASSEMBLY<br>REPS | FORMER<br>SUPERVIS. |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| #answering/#sent  | 18/44<br>(41%) | 12/31<br>(39%)                  | 21/30<br>(70%)                     | 3/6<br>(50%)              | 2/9<br>(22%)        |
| <b>ANSWER</b>   |                |                                 |                                    |                           |                     |
| REPRESENTATION<br>-smallest constituency<br>-closer to the people<br>-broad respresentation<br>-easy to redistrict<br>-provides rural representation                            | 6 (33%)        | 3 (25%)                         | 9 (43%)                            | 2 (67%)                   | 1 (50%)             |
| INPUT<br>-to committees<br>-to presenting information to the Board  | 3 (17%)        | 2 (17%)                         |                                    |                           |                     |
| RESISTANT TO PRESSURE FROM SMALL GROUPS   | 3 (17%)        |                                 |                                    |                           |                     |
| SAFETY IN NUMBERS   | 2 (11%)        |                                 |                                    |                           |                     |
| NO ADVANTAGES OR VERY FEW   | 4 (22%)        | 5 (42%)                         | 7 (33%)                            |                           | 1 (50%)             |
| SUPERVISORS DON'T HAVE DUAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS   | 1 (6%)         |                                 |                                    |                           |                     |
| DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANOTHER SUPERVISOR HOLDING A GRUDGE/NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT   | 1 (6%)         |                                 |                                    |                           |                     |
| PROVIDES ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE AT REASONABLE RATES   |                | 1 (8%)                          |                                    |                           |                     |
| THE PRESENT SIZE WOULD BE FINE IF ALL SUPERVISORS CARRIED OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES (but theirs is a part-time job which has gotten increasingly more complex in recent years) |                | 1 (8%)                          |                                    |                           |                     |
| CAN BE PART-TIME  |                |                                 | 1 (5%)                             | 1 (33%)                   |                     |
| DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCE, THOUGHT, PERSONALITY POLITICAL VIEWPOINT   |                |                                 | 1 (5%)                             |                           |                     |
| ALDERMANIC/SUPERVISORY ARE THE SAME   | 1 (6%)         |                                 |                                    | 1 (33%)                   |                     |
| COST  |                |                                 |                                    | 1 (33%)                   |                     |

**Study Material:** PLEASE SAVE\*\*FORUM 1/15/87\*\*CONSENSUS UNITS 2/23-24/87\*\*PLEASE SAVE



1.B. What are the advantages to the present committee structure of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?(Committee on Committees [5 members]; Agriculture, Extension, Education, Zoning and Land Conservation[5]; Airport [3]; Finance[5]; Highway[5]; Human Services[5]; Law Enforcement[5]; Legislative[5]; Personnel[4]; Property, Building and Recreation[3];Solid Waste[3])

|   |         |         |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FITS SIZE OF CNTY BOARD   | 2 (11%) | 2 (17%) |         |         |         |
| ENHANCES IN DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF DEPTS., ENCOURAGES POLICY/DECISION MAKING. COVERS ALL AREAS IMPORTANT TO CNTY GOVERN | 9 (50%) | 2 (17%) | 2 (10%) | 2 (67%) |         |
| DISTRIBUTES WORK LOAD   | 4 (22%) |         | 1 (5%)  |         |         |
| GETS SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS   |         |         | 1 (5%)  |         |         |
| NO ADVANTAGES   | 3 (17%) | 4 (33%) | 5 (24%) |         | 1 (50%) |
| BETTER INPUT/COMMITTEES REPORT TO FULL BOARD  |         | 1 (8%)  |         |         |         |
| NARROWS ISSUES TO A SPECIFIC GROUP WHICH ONLY HAS TO HANDLE THOSE ISSUES/TASKS  |         |         | 2 (10%) | 1 (33%) |         |
| ECONOMY AND INVOLVEMENT   |         |         |         | 1 (33%) |         |
| DISTRIBUTES LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE  |         |         |         | 1 (33%) |         |

2.A. What are the disadvantages to the present size of the Out. Co. Brd.?

|  |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| TOO EXPENSIVE  | 2 (11%) | 1 (8%)  | 2 (10%) |         |         |
| CUMBERSOME, UNWIELDY   | 4 (22%) | 2 (17%) | 6 (29%) |         |         |
| SIZE DOESN'T DETERMINE QUALITY OF BOARD  | 1 (6%)  |         |         |         |         |
| TOO MUCH DISCUSSION/DIFFICULT TO REACH CONSENSUS OR TO MAKE DECISIONS IN TIMELY WAY  | 5 (27%) | 5 (42%) | 4 (19%) | 1 (33%) | 1 (50%) |
| NO DISADVANTAGES   | 4 (22%) |         | 3 (14%) |         |         |
| ILLPREPARED SUPERVISORS/TOO MUCH RELIANCE ON FEW PREPARED ONES                       | 3 (16%) | 2 (17%) |         |         | 1 (50%) |
| HIGH ABSENTEEISM   | 1 (6%)  |         |         |         |         |
| PART-TIME CITIZEN SUPERVISORS MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE CHECK ON EXECUTIVE OR DEPT. HEADS |         |         |         | 1 (33%) |         |
| TOO FRAGMENTED   | 1 (6%)  |         |         |         |         |

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| ANSWER           |                |                                |                                    |                           |                     |

3.A. continued

|  |        |        |        |         |  |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| DEVELOP WAYS TO ATTRACT MORE QUALIFIED AND DEDICATED SUPERVISORS   | 1 (6%) | 1 (8%) | 1 (5%) |         |  |
| LIMIT # OF YEARS OF SERVICE ON BOARD   | 1 (6%) |        |        |         |  |
| MORE CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY THAN JUST SIZE=COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD REPRESENT THOROUGH STUDY AND CARRY MORE CLOUT WITH BOARD | 1 (6%) |        |        |         |  |
| SIZE ISN'T RELEVANT ISSUE  |        | 1 (8%) |        |         |  |
| ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO BE SUPERVISOR (G.E.D; POLITICAL SCI.)  |        | 1 (8%) | 1 (5%) |         |  |
| COUNTY BOARD SHOULD STUDY OWN SIZE AS IT RELATES TO POSSIBLE COUNTY REORGANIZ  |        | 1 (8%) |        |         |  |
| HAVE APPLETON ALDERMEN ALSO SERVE ON COUNTY BRD- WOULD IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN CITY/CNTY                                      |        |        |        | 1 (33%) |  |
| MAKE SURE ALL IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE HEARD/RUN GOVERNMENT AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE  |        |        |        | 1 (33%) |  |

\* 5 said "None" because they want to insure adequate rural representation + Appleton and each area/municipality would have only 1 supervisor each

3.B. What recommendations do you have for changes in the committee structure of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?

|   |           |           |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NONE  | 4 (22%)   | 1 (8%)    | 3 (14%)   | 2 (67%)   |           |
| REDUCE  | 10 (56%)  | 5 (42%)   | 8 (38%)   | 1 (33%)   |           |
| -reduce   | [1 (6%)]  | [2 (17%)] | [4 (19%)] | [1 (33%)] | [1 (50%)] |
| -reduce to 5 committees with 5 members each: Administrative Serv.; Planning/Property; Social/Human/Health; Public Works; Judicial/ Law Enforce/Safety | [2 (17%)] |           |           |           |           |
| -reduce to 3 Super Com.   | [1 (6%)]  |           |           |           |           |
| -reduce to 6-8 committees   | [1 (6%)]  |           | [1 (5%)]  |           |           |
| -if and when county depts are reorganized, comm. structure should be re-organized to reflect 5 major divisions  | [2 (11%)] | [1 (8%)]  |           |           |           |
| -2 super committees: Legislative and finance  | [2 (11%)] |           |           |           |           |
| -combination/consolidat. e.g. solid waste/highway   | [1 (6%)]  | [1 (8%)]  | [3 (14%)] |           |           |
| -with 10 supervisors, operate as com. of whole  |           |           | [1 (5%)]  |           |           |
| RE-EVALUATE IN LIGHT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT STRUC.  | 1 (6%)    | 1 (8%)    |           |           |           |
| COMBINE SMALL COMMITTEES AND SPLIT HUMAN SERVICES INTO 3 COMMITTEES   | 2 (11%)   |           |           |           |           |
| INCREASE COMMITTEE MEMBS WHILE REDUCING BRD SIZE  | 1 (6%)    |           |           |           |           |
| COUNTY BOARD SHOULD RESPECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS   |           | 1 (8%)    |           |           |           |
| REORGANIZE  | 1 (6%)    |           |           |           |           |
| REDUCE SIZE OF COMMITTEES   |           | 1 (8%)    | 1 (5%)    |           |           |
| ESTABLISH COMMISSION FOR AIRPORT  |           | 1 (8%)    |           |           | 1 (50%)   |
| ADD MORE COMMITTEES: 1 FOR ZONING + PLANNING, 1 FOR LAND CONSERVATION, 1 FOR AG + EXTENSION EDUCATION   | 1 (6%)    |           |           |           |           |
| ESTABLISH COMMISSION FOR SOLID WASTE  |           |           |           |           | 1 (50%)   |
| HAVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OTHER THAN CHAIR GET TO KNOW AND BECOME SPOKESPERSON FOR EACH DEPT.   |           | 1 (8%)    |           |           |           |

2.A. continued

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| ANSWER  |                |                                |                                    |                           |                     |
| INTERFERES WITH ADMINISTRATION  |                | 2 (17%)                        |                                    |                           |                     |
| TOO MANY SUPERVISORS FOR DEPT. HEADS TO KNOW/HARD TO COMMUNICATE WITH ENTIRE BOARD                              |                | 2 (17%)                        |                                    |                           |                     |
| SUPERVISORS DON'T REPRESENT CONSTITUENCY/INCLUDING DUAL DISTRICTS WHICH BY DISAGREEING CANCEL EACH OTHER'S VOTE |                | 2 (17%)                        |                                    |                           |                     |
| FAILS TO RECOGNIZE RURAL AREAS  |                |                                | 1 (5%)                             |                           |                     |
| INEFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT DEBATE MONOPOLIZED BY FEW  | 2 (11%)        | 1 (8%)                         | 1 (5%)                             |                           |                     |

2.B. continued

|   |         |        |         |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| SUPERVISORS DON'T EXPERIENCE EVERY COMMITTEE DUE TO LENGTH OF TERM                              | 1 (6%)  |        |         |         |
| NO DISADVANTAGES  | 3 (17%) |        | 4 (19%) |         |
| A COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF OVERSEEING CERTAIN DEPTS. OR AREAS |         | 1 (8%) |         |         |
| SUPERVISORS DON'T KNOW THEIR COMMITTEES/DEPTS./DEPT. HEADS/PROBLEMS                             | 3 (25%) |        | 4 (19%) |         |
| TOO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES   | 1 (8%)  |        |         |         |
| TOO EXPENSIVE   |         |        | 1 (5%)  |         |
| INEFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT  |         |        | 1 (5%)  |         |
| TOO MUCH URBAN REPRESENTATION TRYING TO SOLVE URBAN PROBLEMS AND VICE VERSA                     |         |        | 1 (5%)  |         |
| POWER VERY MUCH DISPERBED   |         |        |         | 1 (33%) |

2.B. What are the disadvantages to the present committee structure of the

Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?

|   |         |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| WORKLOAD/POWER/RESPONSIBILITY UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG COMMITTEES                                   | 3 (17%) | 1 (8%)  |         | 1 (50%) |
| OVERLAP OF AUTHORITY/JURISDICTION BETWEEN SOME COMMITTEES   | 5 (27%) | 1 (8%)  | 1 (5%)  |         |
| PREVENTS SUPERVISORS FROM BEING CONVERSANT IN ALL AREAS OF GOVERN. CONCERN                            | 5 (27%) | 2 (17%) | 1 (5%)  | 1 (33%) |
| BOARD DOESN'T TRUST COMMITTEES' DECISIONS WHICH ARE REDISCUSSSED AT MTGS.                             | 1 (6%)  | 2 (17%) |         | 1 (50%) |
| TOO MANY COMMITTEES/SOME TOO SMALL, DIFFICULT TO REACH QUORUM/SOME TOO SMALL BUT WITH GREAT AUTHORITY | 5 (27%) | 1 (8%)  | 2 (10%) | 1 (50%) |
| SOME TRY TO ADMINISTER RATHER THAN SET POLICY   | 2 (11%) |         | 1 (5%)  |         |
| SOME SUPERVISORS ARE FIXTURES ON COMMITTEES   | 1 (6%)  |         |         |         |
| TOO FRAGMENTED  | 1 (6%)  |         |         |         |
| TOO MANY PEOPLE   | 1 (6%)  | 1 (8%)  | 1 (5%)  |         |

3.A. What recommendations do you have for changes in the size of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?

| ANSWER  |           |           |           |           |            |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| NONE  | 5 (28%)   |           | 6 (29%)*  | 1 (33%)   |            |
| REDUCE  | 10 (56%)  | 7 (58%)   | 12 (57%)  |           | 2 (100%)   |
| -reduce   |           | [1 (8%)]  | [2 (10%)] |           |            |
| -reduce, go to full time  | [1 (6%)]  | [1 (8%)]  |           |           |            |
| -reduce 30-35   | [1 (6%)]  |           |           |           | [1 (50%)]+ |
| -reduce to under 25   |           |           | [1 (5%)]  |           |            |
| -reduce to 22   | [5 (28%)] | [2 (17%)] | [5 (24%)] | [1 (33%)] | [1 (50%)]  |
| -reduce to 22 with appointed positions  |           |           | [1 (5%)]  |           |            |
| -reduce to 21   | [1 (6%)]  |           |           |           |            |
| -reduce to 20   |           |           | [1 (5%)]  |           |            |
| -reduce to 11   |           | [1 (8%)]  |           |           |            |
| -reduce to 10   |           |           | [2 (10%)] |           |            |
| -reduce to 7 full time, qualified professionals with appropriate degree                         |           | [1 (8%)]  |           |           |            |
| -eliminate dual districts   | [1 (6%)]  |           |           |           |            |
| INCREASE FOR RURAL REP.   |           |           | 2 (10%)   |           |            |
| CONSIDER APPORTIONMENT BEFORE DETERMINING NUMBER  | 1 (6%)    |           |           |           |            |
| EVALUATE SIZE OF BRD IN TERMS OF ITS FUNCTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO REST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT | 1 (6%)    |           |           |           |            |

# **lively issues**

SUBJECT: Proposed Program 1987-88  
PURPOSE: To recommend state and local study items  
TIME: Tuesday, January 27  
7:00 P.M.  
PLACE: 228 N. Park  
M.J.Wurster 738-0695

The local Lively Issues Meeting is the start of the local and state planning process and is vital to the selection of good program items.

The selection of study items is the first step toward League action and the Lively Issues Meeting is the critical starting point for introducing program items. On January 27 suggested study items will be presented, discussed, evaluated and voted upon for presentation to the Board. The Board of Directors will then consider all the selected items and make recommendations for items to be considered and voted upon at the annual meeting. And although non-recommended items may be reintroduced at the annual meeting, study items not proposed and discussed at the Lively Issues Meeting may not be introduced; so it is extremely important that all ideas to be considered be brought to the January 27 meeting.

It is important that every member voice their opinion in order that choices can be made that take into consideration the following questions:

- NEED: Is there a problem?
- LEAGUE POLICY: Does the proposal fall within League principles?  
Can the problem be solved by governmental action?
- TIMELINESS: Is this a hot issue? Is the political timing right?  
Will the study lead to effective action? Can League make a difference?
- MEMBERSHIP: Will this issue attract new members? Will it increase member interest and involvement? Will it showcase what League does best?

To prepare yourself for a worthwhile meeting, review and bring along the following materials:

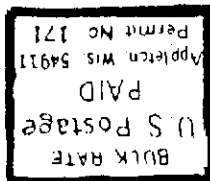
- 1-January FORWARD
- 2-Local position papers (Found in your Directory)
- 3-Wisconsin POSITION PAPERS (yellow cover)
- 4-League Principles (Position papers p.2)

THINK about what you would like to suggest for study items. And finally, plan to attend to present your suggested items and to discuss, evaluate, and vote on the proposed study items. If you cannot attend, please call me with your suggestion or arrange to send your proposed study item with a friend.

See you on the 27th of January!

Helene Iverson 734-7499

Beth English  
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## FEBRUARY

February 4  
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.  
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Candidates Forum  
Judge candidates  
School Board candidates

UWV Theater  
Midway Road

February 17

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

VOTE!!!!

February 17  
7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Ann Lindstrom  
118 River St.

February 24  
7:00 p.m.

County Study Unit

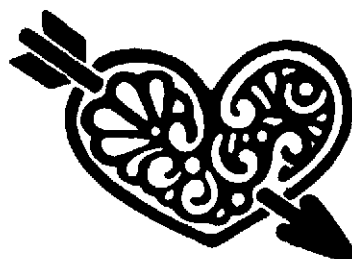
Sharon Fenlon  
207 N. GreenBay Rd.

February 25  
9:30 a.m.\*\*

County Study Unit

All Saints Church  
Franklin & Drew St.

\*\*[Babysitter service will be provided]



HEALTH CARE STUDY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

The Health Care Study Committee is busy interviewing local health care professionals and hospital administrators about their views on the state's role in licensing health care professionals, controlling hospital rate setting, and involvement in ethics issues with an eye to controlling costs and protecting patients. Copies of the State questionnaire for the study will appear in next month's Bulletin and unit meetings will be March 10 & 11. Read your November supplement to the Forward on Health care for information specifically aimed at the state's role and the January 23rd issue of Newsweek for a comprehensive report on health care issues that face us today.



LEAGUE EXCELLENCE ↔ COMMUNITY SUPPORT

FINANCE DRIVE - 1987

It's that time of year again! Time for all League members to pitch in and help make our annual finance drive a success. Please give League just TWO HOURS of your time by either addressing envelopes or making follow-up phone calls.

Check the way or ways you feel you can best help League to reach its goal. Then cut off the bottom portion of this page and return to:

Mary Vandenberg  
1207 Wisconsin Court  
Appleton, WI 54911

Or call Mary at 739-0777. Please respond by February 21.

Thanks for joining us!!!

I will help by:

\_\_\_\_\_ addressing envelopes on Tuesday, March 3, 1987

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

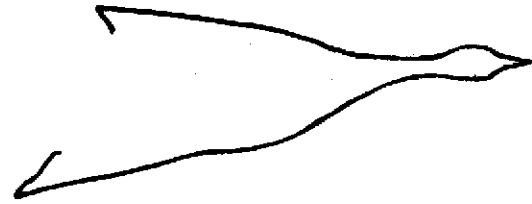
at Mary Vandenberg's, 1207 Wisconsin Court

\_\_\_\_\_ making follow-up phone calls starting March 30, 1987

\_\_\_\_\_ donating \$5 to \$25. My check is enclosed.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

# Taking Flight



I AM SO EXCITED I CAN HARDLY CONTAIN MYSELF!

If any of you are wondering if it is worth it all, give me a call soon; this euphoria may pass as quickly as it's come! The UWFV-Center's willingness to tape live candidate forums/debates and both their and AAL's willingness to copy the 3/4" tape onto regular, household type Beta and VHS tape makes it possible for us to have our candidate information accessible to the public in their OWN HOMES and WORKPLACES.

Now you can gather a few interested friends around your VCR at home and/or at work and debate the pros and cons of the candidates. Or, if you feel particularly lazy but still wish to be informed, call Ann at 735-0534 and check out a personal copy just for use overnight...and then tell a few friends what you heard and saw.

Then, when April has cleared, we hope to have some programming on human needs, county government, or the agricultural study on deck for your perusal. We'll get you information even if we have to come to you to give it!

CAUTION: STAYING IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME PRODUCES SOME UNDESIRABLE SIDE-EFFECTS! Lethargy, depression, and paranoia are commonly reported among those members who fail to venture into the public on a regular or at least a semi-regular basis.

And, speaking now as your president, I do not wish to see you become one of those statistics representing members who have LOST that feeling of ONE-NESS WITH THE GROUP that I have come to appreciate so much these last 2 years.

This is a wonderful "flying" option for the public and for some members. Just remember to keep up your personal motivation for the other flights that GIVE so much more in return!

*Bob*

## NEW MEMBERS!!

Sara Ensley  
421 Circle Street  
Appleton, WI 54911  
738-6701

Eileen Rence  
1008 E. Eldorado Street  
Appleton, WI 54911  
735-9680

Sara is a native of Wisconsin who has lived and worked in Appleton for more than ten years. Sara is employed as a supervisor in the histology lab at Appleton Medical Center and is married to a local attorney. She loves sailing, skiing and snorkeling.

Eileen is a teacher at Roosevelt Junior High, with classes in English and English as a Second Language. She has two daughters, ages 8 and 16, and her husband is a professor at Lawrence University.



Bulletin Page - Legislative Day

Making Future History - Influencing Legislation

March 7, 1987

The Inn on the Park

Madison, Wisconsin

\$15.00 for League members                      \$25.00 for non League members  
for the first day's sessions, including lunch and materials.  
\$5.00 for the second day's session, including briefing papers.

Celebrate Women's History Week by participating in the League's legislative days. You will have the opportunity to hear exciting speakers and participate in several workshops that will help you become effective as you try to influence government.

Our key note speaker will be  
Gary Goyke, former Wisconsin senator  
and presently a prominent lobbyist.

Our luncheon speaker will be  
Timothy Cullen  
former Wisconsin senator,  
currently the secretary for the  
Department of Health and Social Services.

Please indicate and rank four workshops in which  
you are interested:

- How the Legislative Process Works
- Technique of lobbying                       Lobby Laws  
     executive branch  
     legislative branch
- Coalition Building                               Reading Budgets
- Presenting Your Case
- How to write and present testimony
- How to work with the media
- How to develop a speaker's bureau
- A Working Tour of the Capitol

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

League member  One Day  Both Days  Fee enclosed   
                                    March 7                      March 7 & 18

Return to: Mona Steele, Legislative Day, League of Women Voters of  
Wisconsin, 121 Hancock Street, Madison, WI 53703-3447.

# Lights! Camera! Action!

## IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

It might not seem like it to those of you who aren't involved in someone's race for public office, but the Voter's Service Chair is busy again arranging for candidate's forums, with a new twist this year: live debates/forums will be held at the UWFV-Center, will be taped for rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at noon, AND.....copies will be available for more personal use on VCR's at home, at work, and in the public library. We're contacting some local businesses to see if they have equipment to show candidate information at their work site/s, and all have been extremely receptive. If you'd like to arrange for VHS or Beta copy's use at home or business, call ANN at 735-0534 and she'll coordinate it all.

- FEBRUARY 4: 6:30 p.m. Judge Candidates  
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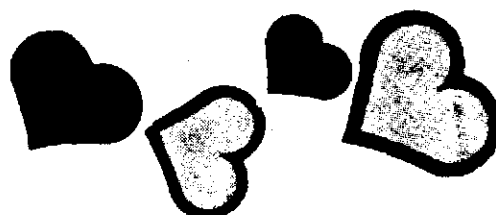
- FEBRUARY 17: VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

Some tentative dates to be confirmed in the March Bulletin:

- EARLY MARCH: 12:15 p.m. Aldermanic Candidates
- MARCH 31: 7:00 p.m. County Executive Candidates  
8:00 p.m. Some County Board Candidates
- APRIL 7: VOTE FOR FINAL CANDIDATE SELECTION

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Background for Women's Issues Legislation and Action  
by Connie Threinen -State Legislative Committee

EMPLOYMENT

....Pay Equity: You will remember that in the last session about \$19 million was passed in the Governor's budget for an initial effort to implement a study committee's recommendation for pay raises for women employed by the state. Unfortunately, during the "Budget Readjustment", the legislature reduced the amount to a token \$2.6 million.

Pay Equity (or comparable Worth) is expected to be a controversial matter again as some legislators attempt to ignore the study recommendations completely and refuse to fund any further adjustments. Although the first phase of the three part plan to implement pay equity was put in place, the second and third phases are in jeopardy. At best there will be efforts to keep the funding to a minimum. We will need to press legislators very hard on the basis of both justice and the benefits to the economy of putting income into the pockets of people--relatively low-paid women--who are likely to spend their increases very quickly for groceries, clothing, and household goods, thus stimulating the retail economy.

....Child Care for employed mothers: The state has begun a daycare center for employees in the State Capitol. As an experiment, it will be watched carefully by both advocates and opponents.

We will also be watching the funding that goes to counties for child care. We will support provisions to require counties to use their "community aids" for child care services rather than distributing it all to other programs as many counties have done in the past.

....JTPA: Federal funds for the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) program are dispensed to individuals and groups through regional "Private Industry Councils" (PICs). The league and other women's groups can play a useful role by watching the PICs to see that a fair portion of the funds are used to assist women who need job training.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, FAMILY PLANNING, AND SEX EDUCATION

....Anti-abortion: As always, this is expected to be the most emotional issue of the session. There are likely to be some efforts to undo the prohibition on using public funds (medicaid) for abortion. There will probably also be the usual efforts to extend the attack on reproductive rights by calling for a Constitutional Amendment (a "Human Life Amendment") of a Constitutional Convention, prohibiting abortions in public hospitals, and other nuisance legislation.

....Parental Notice: A requirement that parents be notified by medical people when their children request contraceptives or abortion services is perennial in the legislature, and will probably be there again.

....Pregnancy Options Programs: We will watch to see whether there will be continued funding of the programs developed by the Pregnancy Options Committee appointed in the last session. Some very good programs are being funded now, programs that assist

young people to develop skills in decision-making and career planning. Both the departments of Public Instruction (DPI) and Health and Social Services (DH&SS) are involved in those programs.

The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Services Board was created to implement one of the Pregnancy Options Committee recommendations. Composed of three pro-choice and three anti-choice advocates plus 7 people from relevant state agencies, that Board has had little difficulty in making decisions and most of its votes have been unanimous. Each side watches the other carefully but, since the funding is for primary pregnancy prevention, differences among the members have been few.

....Violence at Abortion Clinics: We will be supporting any reasonable efforts to reduce violence at abortion clinics.

....Rights of the Unborn: There is considerable concern over anti-choice efforts to have injury to a pregnant woman extended to mean injury to the fetus as a "person". Pro-choice advocates are trying to develop legislation that would increase penalties for injury to a pregnant woman and ignore anything about "rights" of the fetus.

....Human Growth and Development: DPI is asking for a new position for a staff person to coordinate both the Human Growth and Development program and the School-Age Parents program (SAPAR).

Decision-making and career planning are also being funded through the "Choices" program of the Wisconsin Women's Council. The Council may change the name of this program because so many other groups are using the word "choices".

EDUCATION

....119.13, the revised statute on equal rights in educational institutions, and its administrative rules is in effect. "Sex equity" is the term used in the matter of equal treatment of girls with boys. Local Leagues can play an important role in the successful implementation of this law, by letting school administrators and Board members know that there is strong public support for sex equity. We can also be watchdogs over school policies and practices, and can inform school people of violations and even make a formal complaint if necessary.

....Athletics will be an emphasis in the league's work on sex equity in schools this year. We are working with the regulatory body, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), to promote such changes as better playing schedules for girls.

MARITAL PROPERTY

....The new Marital property law that took effect on January 1, 1985 is likely to be under attack by the most extreme of its opponents and perhaps even the governor's office. It will need to be watched carefully and defended if needed. While it is difficult to believe that it could be overturned at this point, it could be seriously weakened.

FEBRUARY 24 and 25. FEBRUARY 24 and 25. FEBRUARY 24 and 25. FEBRUARY 24 and 25.

Plan to attend the consensus units. Take part in forming LWV-Appleton's position on the size and structure of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors - a position which most likely will be used as the basis for ACTION in the coming years (1990 is only 3 years away). To prepare for the units, read and ponder the consensus and discussion questions. Review the results printed in January's Bulletin and the report on the county forum in this month's Bulletin. But most importantly, come - your input is needed!!!

#### LWV-APPLETON 1986-87 COUNTY BOARD STUDY CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Do you think a change in the current committee structure of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors is warranted? Why or why not? List any specific changes desired. (Please consider rotation-seniority, minimum-maximum size, and the reorganization of committees.)
2. a) Do you think a change in the current size of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors is warranted? Why or why not?  
b) Should there be a minimum size? Please elaborate.  
(Please consider apportionment, full time/ part time, and cost for 2a. and 2b.)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the disadvantages to the size of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors?  
What are the advantages?
2. What are the advantages to the present committee structure of the Out. Co. Brd. of Sups.?  
What are the disadvantages?
3. What is the relationship between 1. and 2.? For instance, which disadvantages in committee structure lead to disadvantages in board size?  
Would changes in committee structure alone significantly improve board functioning- if a problem is perceived?
4. What would the ramifications be of going to a significantly reduced board of supervisors ( for instance, one with 22 supervisors as has been recommended by the Statigic Task Force)? Please consider full time/ part time, cost, responsibility, and work load.
5. If the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors were to be decreased in size, what procedure would be followed? How could public input/pressure come into play?
6. What other changes in the County Board and committee structure as listed in the LWV-questionnaire results would improve board functioning (for instance, limiting years of service on board, developing ways to attract qualified supervisors, establishing commissions to replace some committees)?

The LWV- Appleton County Forum was held January 15, 1987 at the Appleton Police Station. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. Robert Stadel gave a 15 minute presentation on the problems experienced during the last county redistricting in 1982. Some highlights: - the census data was late. - once it arrived, the county had 60 days to devise a tentative plan for the supervisory districts. - Appleton requested that the supervisory districts and the aldermanic wards be coterminous, the planning dept. made the other co. wards - state statutes set the maximum number of supervisors, based on the county population (>100,000<500,000), at 47. - County Board did not request reduction in size of board (42 in 1982). - test numbers of supervisors were used: 38,40,42, and 44 (didn't go above 44 because of Appleton's coterminous request. - block census data wasn't available for some rural areas of the county. If a village wanted to change a configuration of a ward, an aerial photo had to be taken of the area, the houses counted, and the # of houses multiplied by 2.3 (assuming 2.3 people lived in each house) to arrive at the population figures. Then the lines had to be redrawn. One change might entail redrawing all the district lines throughout the county. Each time a change was considered, the lines had to be drawn by hand. - 39 districts, 5 dual, was what was finally settled on (the planning department didn't want to split communities, and they were successful except for Greenville which was bisected.) - looking ahead to 1991, planning dept. hopes to have process computerized and to have block data available for the entire county.

Supervisors Griesbach, Harvath, Schroeder, and Thompson gave answers to four questions which were provided prior to the forum. What follows is a capsulation of their responses. 1. What special considerations or problems arise from having both urban and rural areas in the same county? Harvath and Griesbach said there are not many problems. Schroeder agreed except for zoning. Thompson said the biggest problems between the two areas are zoning and planning. Are urban and rural interests always in opposition? Please explain. Schroeder and Harvath said, "No". Schroeder mentioned that while most committees have supervisors from both urban and rural areas, decisions coming out of those committees are often unanimous. Harvath mentioned solid waste, snow removal, human services, airport, roads, and bridges as areas of interest common to both urban and rural sections. Griesbach called for the elimination of political boundaries, saying the county has changed and no part is truly rural anymore. Thompson said there is a need for stronger county zoning and planning but that these are hard areas to sell to rural residents. Why do some rural residents think they would lose representation in comparison to urban areas if the county board were reduced in size? Schroeder and Thompson said there wouldn't be a difference. Neither said why some residents think there would be. Harvath said the county map showing the districts illustrates the problem. 22 supervisors would mean that some of the northern counties would be twice as large. People would be further away from their supervisors and from local meetings. 2. How would you respond to an Advisory Referendum on a subject as sensitive as determining the size of the county board? Griesbach said he is opposed to referenda because they can be pushed either way. He said voters might vote to reduce the board size for the wrong reasons (e.g. to reduce taxes). Harvath said he would like the county to have more referenda - 8-10 each election. He would follow his constituency in his voting on the issues. Thompson is in favor of referenda. They help inform the public about county government. He said a referendum might be the only way to get a change in board size. Schroeder is opposed to a referendum to determine the size of the county board since the average voter doesn't know the problems involved with redistricting (you can't just combine districts). 3. Does the current county board committee structure allow the supervisors to develop both a specialized and a generalized understanding of issues? Please elaborate or suggest modifications. Thompson said supervisors can be specialists in their own committee area - and if they go to all the other committee meetings, they can be aware of what else is going on as well. However, he thinks there are too many committees to follow. [supervisors do receive minutes from every committee meeting.] Griesbach was in favor of reducing the number of committees if the size of the board is also reduced- 4 committees with 6 or 8 members. Then, if membership were changed every year, a supervisor would be on every committee after 4 years. He said committee meetings are well attended by board members, but the most important thing is for the supervisors to do their homework. Schroeder said supervisors specialize in the departments under their committee's jurisdiction, and they can pick up other things from attending other committee meetings and listening to debate on the board floor. He is in favor of rotating at least 1 person per year on each 5 member committee. Harvath said the present committee structure is horrible - suggesting 3 or 4 committees with 14 members each with supervisors serving 2 years on each committee as a way to promote good understanding of the county board. He said committees should be picked by seniority. Schroeder said that the committee on committees assigns membership and that he usually gives people the assignment they want since it is what they are interested in. 4. The results from the LWV's October questionnaire showed that the current size of the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors is viewed as both advantageous and disadvantageous to the board's functioning. For example, advantages listed included: allowing each supervisor to have the smallest constituency possible, increasing input to the board as a whole, and making the board resistant to pressure from small groups. On the other hand, disadvantages listed included: creating problems for decision making, contributing to high absenteeism, and discouraging supervisors from being prepared for board meetings. On what side of this issue do you stand? Please elaborate. Schroeder agreed with all the advantages except he wasn't sure board size had anything to do with making it resistant to pressure groups. He favors small constituencies. He disagreed with the disadvantages listed. Absenteeism and preparedness are not influenced by board size, but by the individual supervisor. He wouldn't object to a small reduction in board size, but not to 22. 44 supervisors have better contact. Thompson said if you cut the number of committees, it is logical to cut the size of the board. Size does affect preparedness and absenteeism. There are too many committee meetings to attend; too many are during working hours. Having 3 or 4 committees would reduce board floor debate which is ridiculous. There is no magic number of committees or supervisors - what matters is that the supervisors do a good job. Harvath agreed with the advantages but not with the disadvantages. He said reducing the size of the board wouldn't reduce costs - if you went to a full time board of 11 every supervisor would need a secretary. Griesbach said the board size could easily be reduced to 22-30. He said a smaller board would attract better supervisors who would have to do their homework. -- Gretta Volk

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

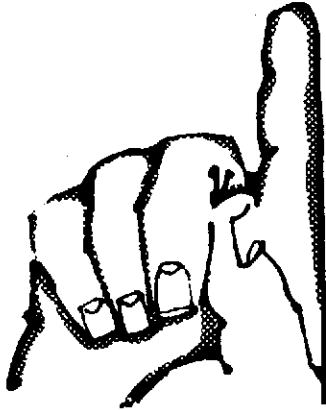
Our 1986-87 Directory did not include committee assignments for state legislators pending their announcement this January. Please save this list for future information needs.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Alan Lasee     | Energy, Environmental Resources, Urban Affairs and Elections; Joint Audit; State Capital and Executive Residence Board; State Supported Programs Study and Advisory Committee; Transportation Projects Commission           |
| Joseph Lekan   | Labor; Business; Veterans Affairs and Insurance; Transportation, Tourism and Conservation; Joint Audit; Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions  |
| Michael Ellis  | Senate Rules and Organization Committee; Joint Committee on Legislative Organization; Energy, Environmental Resources; Urban Affairs and Elections Committee; Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs Committee |
| Alvin Ott      | Agriculture; Natural Resources; Transportation  |
| Cathy Zueske   | Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Trade, Industry and Small Business; Tourism, Recreation and Forest Productivity  |
| Gary Schmidt   | Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Housing and Securities; Judiciary   |
| Francis Byers  | Government Operations and Aging; State Affairs; Veterans and Military Affairs   |
| Esther Walling | Labor; Retirement Systems; Transportation; Ways and Means   |
| Gordon Bradley | Excise and Fees; Highways; Natural Resources  |
| David Prosser  | Joint Finance   |

Remember: The Legislative Hotline number is 1-800-362-9696

# action packed POLITICS

DON'T FORGET TO:  
1) Attend Candidates Forum, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>  
(check local listing for TV airing)  
2) Send Valentines... Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>  
3) VOTE!!! Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>



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## MARCH

March 4  
Wednesday, 12:00

Alderman's Forum

UWFV-Theater  
Midway Rd., Menasha

March 10  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

State Health Care-  
Unit

Rosie Grabner  
2030 Berry

March 11  
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

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All Saints Church  
Washington & Drew St.

March 14  
Saturday, 10:15-12:00

Legislative Forum

UWFV-Theater  
Midway Rd., Menasha

March 17  
Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Board Meeting

Marilyn Yeske  
1401 Cloverdale

March 31  
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County Executive  
Forum

UWFV-Theater  
Midway Rd., Menasha

VOTE....Tuesday, April 7.

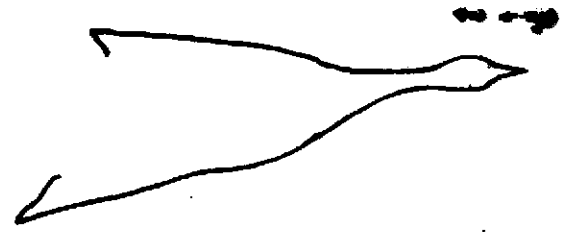


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# Taking Flight



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE! The committee's job is a crucial one for the continued strength of our local League, and I feel that they've served you all well. Make sure that you thank them.

I've agreed to join the slate of directors for the state League board, and Marcia Hittle has agreed to join as a vice-president this time around. If people are as willing to help at the state level as you've been at the local level, our job should be fairly easy! (Does this mean that the Fox Cities area will "get better representation in Madison"?)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS WELL! By putting time and effort into thoughtful consideration of the League's financial future, the committee has assured that all members will have an easier time setting the 1987-88 budget at the annual meeting. Thank you all!

FURTHER THANKS SHOULD GO TO ANN LINDSTROM, voter service chair, for arranging THREE candidate forums/debates for four separate spring elections: judge, school board, alderman, and county executive. It's not a small job, and co-ordinating all 3 with our new videotape format was sometimes frustrating. If you haven't seen any of the tapes yet, get a group together and call her at 735-0534.

GRETA VOLK, WE'RE ALL PROUD OF THE JOB YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE DID developing a local study of county board size and structure. You did an excellent job of presenting both sides of the issue and not letting us equate administrative re-organization with board re-organization. Thanks for all your hard work!

LINDA BJELLA continues to put time and effort into developing the Legislative Forum. Her new baby at home certainly hasn't interfered with her nurturing this 2 year old program. Thank her by coming on March 14! we have a good time and learn a great deal!

SO MANY THANKS NEED TO GO TO SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I THOUGHT THAT IF I DID HALF THIS MONTH, MAYBE NEXT MONTH I'LL HAVE ROOM FOR THE MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED OUT THE LAST TWO YEARS. (I still need more members to study material and guide the national agricultural study!) If you've been in the "rest mode," the time is coming for you to plan where you'd like to work and for who'd like to work with you. Bring along a friend to the annual meeting! what better way to get to see League plan for its future!

SEE YOU MARCH 7, 10, 11, 14, 18, OR 31!

*Barb*

January 16, 1987

Dear Barb,

When I volunteered to call the other day for the LWV-County meeting I felt that it served a really good purpose.

Most of us have very little energy left for evening meetings because of social, family and business/volunteer commitments. It is easy to forgo League meetings because 1) you've discussed the problem before (30-year memberships will do this); 2) it is a subject which sounds boring; 3) you haven't done the reading; 4) improving your grasp of county government or military spending seems too depressing.

I say, however, (and I keep repeating it to myself) that once you pull yourself together to go, you usually get something out of a League meeting and are glad you went. It oils the wheels in your head.

Is there a way we can get League members to make commitments?

How about asking every member to attend three meetings and/or be on a committee, and then take attendance? If you want the dollars from members who don't want to be active, put an i for inactive by their names and raise their dues. Sometimes high expectations create commitment, not to mention members.

Why don't you put this letter, or something like it, in the Bulletin? You might even get a reaction.

Hastily,

Betty Breunig

Finance Drive kickoff is Tuesday, March 10. This is a change from the date (March 3) announced in the February bulletin. Please check your calendar to see whether you can help address envelopes or personalize letters to potential contributors on March 10.

You may prefer to participate by making follow-up phone calls in your home to potential donors who haven't responded by March 30.

And don't forget to make your own contribution to League. Remember that our dues do not cover the cost of the per member payments that the Appleton League must send to state and national LWV each year. You can make your contribution tax deductible by making your check out to "LWV Appleton" and designating it for "LWV-Education Fund." These contributions will be used to meet our national per member assessment of \$1392.

Check the ways you can help meet our ambitious goal of \$3500. Then cut off the bottom portion of this page and return to:

Mary Vandenberg  
1207 Wisconsin Court  
Appleton, WI 54911

Or call Mary at 739-0777. Please respond by Monday, March 9.

I will help by:

\_\_\_\_\_ addressing envelopes on Tuesday, March 10, 1987,  
from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Mary Vandenberg's,  
1207 Wisconsin Court.

\_\_\_\_\_ Making follow-up phone calls starting March 30, 1987.

\_\_\_\_\_ donating \$5 to \$25. My check is enclosed.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCE DRIVE



# - lively issues -

This year's lively issues meeting kept the 24 members in attendance busy debating and discussing the various proposals presented on the state and local levels.

The meeting began with a review of our current state positions. We recommended that the state advocacy agenda include the financing of the state government, water issues, transportation of hazardous wastes, and equal access to education, employment, and housing.

After an "elimination primary" and much discussion, the group decided on the following recommendation for state program:

A study of deinstitutionalization of the chronically mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. (A more complete scope will be given at the annual meeting).

After a short break, the group reconvened to discuss possible local program items for the coming year. The following 7 items were proposed:

1. A survey of county delivery of services.
2. Regional coordination/cooperation in the Fox Valley.
3. County Administration study.
4. Defining essential services.
5. County police services study.
6. Publication of a new "Know Your Public Schools" booklet.
7. A study of airport management.

Study #1 was chosen as recommended to the Board. The rest of the studies are listed in decreasing order of preference.

The Board voted to adopt number one as recommended study choice for next year also. So it will be up to the membership to decide at the annual meeting with these recommendations.

The final decisions on local program items will be made at the Annual Meeting on April 29. Recommended program items may be adopted by a majority vote; non-recommended items may be reintroduced and require a two-thirds vote of those present for adoption. Circle the date on your calendar now and plan to attend.

Helene Iverson

The nominating committee is pleased to present in nomination the following slate of officers, directors, and nominating committee members:

President - Helen Nagler  
1st Vice President - Jan Quinlan  
Secretary - Margaret Gibas  
Two-year Directors - Terry Flom  
Mary Vandenberg  
Marilyn Yeske  
Nominating Committee - Betty Breunig, Ch.  
Nancy Jones  
Dawn Washatka

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Bambrick  
Linda Bjella  
Denise Peterson  
Nancy Pourciau  
Marlys Fritzell, Ch.

APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

|   | <u>1986-7</u><br><u>Budget</u>  | <u>Proposed</u><br><u>1987-8</u><br><u>Budget</u> |             |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                      |                                 |   |             |
| <b>A. <u>Operating Costs</u></b>          |                                 |   |             |
| 1. Audit                                  | ---                             | 50.00   |             |
| 2. Gen. Supplies                          | ---                             | 145.00  |             |
| <b>B. <u>Board &amp; Admin. Comm.</u></b> |                                 |   |             |
| 1. President                              | 175.00                          | 175.00  |             |
| 2. Secretary                              | 125.00                          | 80.00   |             |
| 3. Treasurer                              | 75.00                           | 50.00   |             |
| 4. Admin. Comm.                           |                                 |   |             |
| a. Board Tools                            | 175.00                          | 100.00  |             |
| b. Finance                                | 250.00                          | 250.00  |             |
| c. Membership                             | 100.00                          | 75.00   |             |
| d. Unit Organ.                            | 30.00                           | 25.00   |             |
| e. Public Relations                       | 50.00                           | 85.00   |             |
| 5. Courtesy Memb.                         | 46.00                           | 25.00   |             |
| 6. Babysitting                            | 50.00                           | 50.00   |             |
| <b>C. <u>Delegates trav/affil.</u></b>    |                                 |   |             |
| 1. State conv/council                     | St.Coun. 250.00<br>accr. 300.00 | 500.00  | State conv. |
| 2. Nat. conv.                             | 1,050.00                        | 600.00  | to accrue   |
| 3. Ann. Mtg.                              | 50.00                           | 50.00   |             |
| 4. Workshops                              | 50.00                           | 50.00   |             |
| 5. Transportation                         | ---                             | 25.00   |             |
| <b>D. <u>Financial Support</u></b>        |                                 |   |             |
| 1. Lake Mich. ILO                         | 20.00                           | 20.00   |             |
| 2. State Services PMA                     | 1,343.25                        | 1,370.00  |             |
| 3. Nat. PMP                               | 1,393.00                        | 1,421.00  |             |
| 4. LWV Ed Fund (25%PMP)                   | ---                             |   |             |
| <b>E. <u>Bulletin</u></b>                 |                                 |   |             |
| 1. Supplies                               | 25.00                           | 25.00   |             |
| 2. Postage                                | 350.00                          | 375.00  |             |
| 3. Bulk Rate Fee                          | 50.00                           | 50.00   |             |
| 4. Printing                               | 650.00                          | 750.00  |             |
| <b>F. <u>Educational Activities</u></b>   |                                 |   |             |
| 1. Publications                           |                                 |   |             |
| a. Members                                | 353.50                          | 100.00  |             |
| b. to sell                                | 30.00                           | 20.00   |             |
| c. directory                              | 100.00                          | 100.00  |             |
| 2. Program Committee                      |                                 |   |             |
| a. Nat.                                   | 40.00                           | 100.00  |             |
| b. State                                  | 40.00                           | 35.00   |             |
| c. Local                                  | 40.00                           | 35.00   |             |
| 3. Voter Service                          | 100.00                          | 100.00  |             |
| 4. Community Projects                     | 100.00                          | 100.00  |             |
| <b>G. <u>Position Support</u></b>         |                                 |   |             |
| Action                                    | 150.00                          | 100.00  |             |
| <b>H. <u>Other</u></b>                    |                                 |   |             |
| Nusi Ward Memorial Proj.                  | 531.74                          | 543.00  |             |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$8,092.49</b>               | <b>\$7,579.00</b>                                 |             |

*Budget, continued*

|   | 1986-7<br><u>Budget</u> | Proposed<br>1987-8<br><u>Budget</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| INCOME                                  |                         |                                     |
| A. <u>Dues</u>                          | 2,135.50                | 2,538.00                            |
| B. <u>Contributions</u>                 |                         |                                     |
| 1. Members                              | 250.00                  | 500.00                              |
| 2. Non-members                          | 3,461.75                | 3,000.00                            |
| C. <u>Publications</u>                  |                         |                                     |
| 1. Fees                                 | 353.50                  | ---                                 |
| 2. Sales                                | 10.00                   | 10.00                               |
| D. <u>Other</u>                         |                         |                                     |
| 1. Election Night Reporting             | 200.00                  | 100.00                              |
| 2. Proceeds Community<br>Spec. Projects | ---                     | 100.00                              |
| 3. Surplus Fund                         | 500.00                  | 338.00                              |
| 4. Ann. Mtg.                            | ---                     | ---                                 |
| 5. Speakers Bureau                      | ---                     | 25.00                               |
| E. <u>Reserves</u>                      |                         |                                     |
| 1. Interest                             | 150.00                  | 125.00                              |
| 2. Accrued Nat. Conv.                   | 500.00                  | ---                                 |
| 3. Accrued State Conv.                  | ---                     | 300.00                              |
| F. <u>Memorials</u>                     | ---                     | ---                                 |
| G. <u>Nusi Ward Memorial Fund</u>       |                         |                                     |
| 1. Locally held                         | 421.74                  | 433.00                              |
| 2. LWVEF                                | <u>110.00</u>           | <u>110.00</u>                       |
| GRAND TOTAL                             | \$8,092.49              | \$7,579.00                          |



LAST LEGISLATIVE FORUM OF THE SEASON!

The second and final Legislative Forum of the League year will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 10:15 a.m. in the Theater at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley. (The Theater is located in the west building, just down the hall from the room used for previous Forums.)

Find out what your state representatives think of the wide gamut of issues raised--questions concerning proposed changes in requirements for the GED, medical benefits for part-time employees, tax code changes such as the capital gains exclusion and inheritance tax and questions concerning environmental issues in Wisconsin. Better yet, bring your own question to present to the legislators.

If you can't make the Forum, you can still catch all the lively discussion on cable channel 8 on either Monday, March 16 or March 23 at 7 p.m.



Please list other licensed providers whom members agree should have access to direct payment of services \_\_\_\_\_

5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Bioethical issues are extremely difficult for society and policy makers. For some, state involvement may not be appropriate. Remember, we are focusing on the cost containment factors of these issues.

What is the appropriate state role in controlling costs related to bioethical issues?

1. Wisconsin is one of 39 states that have statutes on living wills. Please check categories where members agree changes can be made.
  - A.  Legislation on living wills should be expanded to include nutrition and hydration as medical treatment which can be refused in advance.
  - B.  Legislation on living wills should be extended to allow for withdrawing/withholding life sustaining treatment in the event of permanent vegetative state.

2. In this section, please check the role members believe is most appropriate for state action.

Regulatory means legislation and/or development of regulations, through the Department of Health and Social Services

Financial means use of tax dollars to pay costs

Limited financial means use of tax dollars to pay partial costs

Educational means informing residents or institutions of available services

No role means no role

- A. Access to extraordinary treatment (i.e., organ transplants)

Regulatory       Financial       Limited financial       Educational  
 No role

- B. Allocation of transplant organs

Regulatory       Financial       Limited financial       Educational  
 No role

- C. Payment coverage in catastrophic situations if private funds and/or insurance are insufficient.

Regulatory       Financial       Limited financial       Educational  
 No role

- D. Hospital no resuscitation codes

Regulatory       Educational       No role

- E. Hospital ethics committees

Regulatory       Educational       No role

3. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Medical costs associated with premature births and the ensuing care required are one of the fastest growing areas of health care costs. Good prenatal care could reduce this dramatically but it is difficult to 'sell' such programs to legislators.

How strongly should the state emphasize preventive programs (like prenatal care and wellness initiatives) in its allocation of health care dollars?

No priority       Low priority       High priority

## **A REPORT ON THE 1986-87 COUNTY STUDY CONSENSUS UNITS**

The County Study Consensus Units were held Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 25, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. Nine League members were present at each meeting; a total of 18 members participated in consensus.

The committee provided additional information about the county-County Board attendance figures, how Outagamie County compares to other county boards in terms of its size (in Wisconsin and throughout the country), what other select Wisconsin County Boards have done or considered about changing their size (Rock and Racine Counties have some interesting stories....), how a zoning request travels through board committees, what the Strategic Task Force Report and Minority Report had to say about the county board and committee structure, and much more. If you missed the units and need to know, call a committee member.

Besides addressing the discussion and consensus questions, each unit found other lively aspects of county government to discuss. Tuesday night's unit considered the desirability of having aldermanic wards and supervisory districts coterminous. While Wednesday's unit pondered the advisability of reducing the County Board size to less than 20 supervisors, Tuesday's unit felt minimum board size shouldn't be specified. But then Wednesday's Unit wasn't concerned about coterminous wards and districts - in fact, there was discussion about the benefits of non-coterminous wards and districts. Fortunately, there was agreement around the central issues, and consensus was reached!

Thank all of you who attended the units ( especially Sharon Fenlon who allowed the charts and maps to invade her home - and Marlys Fritzell and Beth English who were discussion leaders), and a big THANK YOU to the study committee: Karen de Young, Ann Long, Bobbie Murray, Helen Nagler and Nancy Pourciau -it surpassed great, you all did a superlative job, and eating popcorn has never been so interesting! --Gretta Volk

### **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON 1986-87 COUNTY STUDY ON THE SIZE AND STRUCTURE OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: CONSENSUS REPORT**

The League of Women Voters of Appleton supports the following changes in the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors in order to promote a more efficient and effective County Board structure:

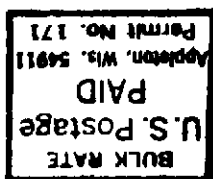
1. a reorganization and a reduction in the number of standing committees (currently there are 11) with no fewer than 5 members per committee.
2. a reduction in the current size (44 supervisors) of the County Board and encourages a significant reduction.

--approved by the LWV-Appleton Board, February 25, 1987



# BULLETIN

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



Everyone is  
Welcome!

A forum for Outagamie County Executive will be held on March 31, 7:00 p.m. at UW-Fox Valley Center. Pam Bellis and John Schreiter will discuss important county issues. If you have the winter blahs or you're just too busy to attend, Cable TV will be taping this forum. Check for it on Sunday, April 4 at 12 noon on channel 8.

See you there



# League of Women Voters



Appleton, Wisconsin

1987

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**APRIL**

Tuesday, April 7  
7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

General Elections

Local polling  
place

Tuesday, April 21

Board Meeting

Nancy Jones  
2613 S.Schaefer

Wednesday, April 29  
6:00 Social hour  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Business meeting

Annual Meeting

Michiel's Inn  
111 E.Kimball  
Appleton



# Taking Flight

Thanks to MARGARET GIBAS for agreeing to coordinate the health care study. We missed you who did not attend; discussion was informative and brisk. (Ask me some day about promissory notes for health care, and Sen. Ellis' stand on growing health insurance needs in Wisconsin.) Watch the Forward for the state board's consensus report!

Please note SAM MURDOCH'S invitation to follow the school board's budget-making process before the budget is completed...a much better time to understand the whys and hows. THANKS, SAM!

THANKS ARE DUE TO THE VERY EFFECTIVE HUMAN NEEDS STUDY GROUP HEADED BY ANNA FAYE DODD. They've gathered some interesting material for our use (to say nothing about national's). I expect the best place to see that information will be at the annual meeting.

THANKS TO BOBBI MURRAY for filling the term for secretary this year. It's not a fascinating job, so Bobbi used it to decide where else League needed her loyal support and branched out onto many study committees. Thanks, Bobbi!

THANKS TO TERRI FLOM for coordinating our public image both in the media and in our Bulletin. JAN (yes, I'll go to a workshop with you) QUINLAN, Bulletin producer, deserves many thanks for putting this all together for 2 years. JAN and TERRI, WE LIKE YOUR STYLE!

MARY VANDENBERG has worked preparing the budget, raising money at Octoberfest, and organizing the finance drive. She should now be busy tabulating the monetary results. Anything you can do to help increase those final figures will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the quiet porfolios this year, too. VICKI MILDE AND BETTE DEFFERDING may not have had such active local portfolios this year, but their overseeing the Citadel Project and PIC's reorganization was quietly necessary and important. THANK YOU BOTH!

Finally, just in case I miss the chance to write another "Taking Flight," very special thanks should go to NANCY JONES. She's been a reliable source of sound advice, a wonderful traveling companion, an excellent lobbyist for good ideas, and an inspiration to get involved. THANKS NANCY! LEAGUE ON ALL LEVELS OWES YOU A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

PLAN ON BEING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 29th TO CATCH UP ON OLD FRIENDS, MEET NEW ONES, PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, WELCOME THE NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD, SAY THANKS TO THOSE FINISHING THEIR TERMS...

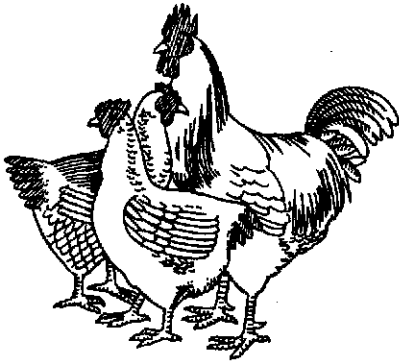
P.S. *To all of you out there not on the Board, remember, we're all in this together. I couldn't have done it without you!*  
*Love to you all! Barb*

STATE HOTLINE NOTE: 1-800-362-9082



Don't use it to register an opinion without a request for a call-back from your legislator! Like mass-produced post cards, opinions without at least some factual support to a legislative aide is considered ineffectual in Madison.

SO: CALL AND TALK or WRITE A POSTCARD/ONE-PAGE LETTER, but don't just register an opinion and expect equality in effectiveness (except for last-minute calls of support).



DOWN ON THE FARM....

Meanwhile back in the city we're looking for members to join the National Agricultural study. The material is starting to arrive and we need to get started. Call Helene Iverson at 734-7499 to express interest. Join us as we learn about the country business of our dairy state.

APRIL 7, THE DATE of the spring general election is approaching. If you need more information to make an informed vote for school board, county executive, judge or alderman, tapes of these forums are available for overnight check-out at the Appleton Public Library and will be shown there on April 3, 4, 5, and 6th. They are also available by calling me at 735-0534.



If any of you were wondering...we just got paid for election night reporting - \$625. Your efforts paid off!

-Ann Lindstrom

I would like to reply to the proposal made by Betty Breunig in the March Bulletin. I oppose her plan to charge inactive members more than active members. The League has always been a free organization with each member deciding whether or not she wants or is able to be active. It is her business and not that of the organization. If the plan were instituted I think a good number of members would drop out and also prospective members would hesitate to join under such a coercive arrangement. Finally, calculating Brownie points for each member would be a nightmare, a nightmare that would have to be gone through each year. I, therefore, hope such a proposal is never seriously considered and if it is I would oppose it strongly. Again, the League is a free organization in which there are no second class citizens. I hope it stays that way.

Joy Povolny

DEBATES '88!

Did you know that the Republican and Democratic parties are again making a strong bid for sponsoring presidential debates in 1988? (Talk about a Media Event!) Did you know that LWVEF is firmly committed to retaining control? Did you know that LWVUS is soliciting bids from cities in the US to host 1 of 4 presidential primaries? DO YOU LIKE THE IDEA OF THE FOX CITIES BEING A SITE? We do meet the physical criteria according to reports from the Convention Bureau. The Board was excited about the possibilities and have directed me to make the application by May 1st. If you'd like to help, call me, Barb, at 735-0336!

action packed  
**POLITICS**

THE APPLETON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
ANNUAL DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th.  
Plan on getting together with old  
friends and meeting new members.

The cocktail hour will begin  
at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will  
follow at 6:30 p.m. The  
business portion of our  
meeting will begin at  
7:30 p.m. For those members  
not wishing to join us for  
dinner, coffee will be  
served at this time.

Annual meeting agenda includes:

- Budget
- Election of Officers and Directors
- President's Report
- Local Support Discussions

Dinner will be held at:

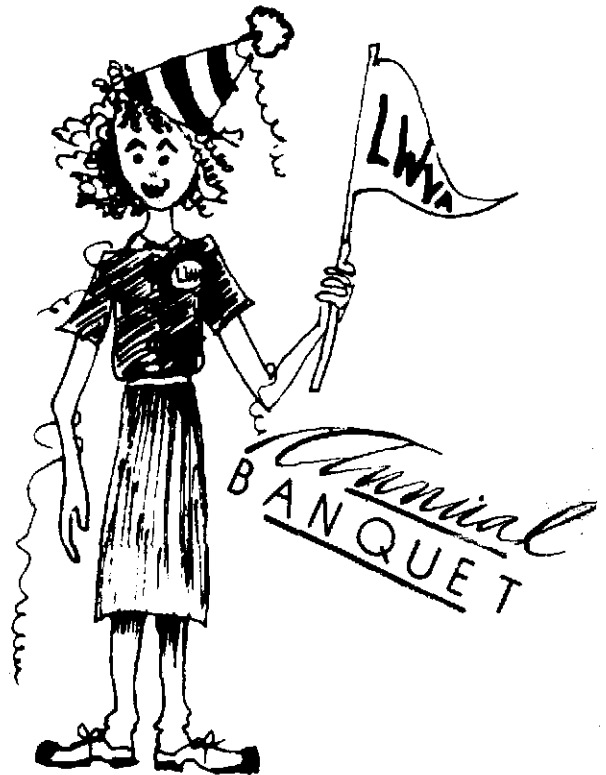
Michiel's Inn  
111 East Kimball Street  
Appleton, Wisconsin

Cost: \$7.80, tax and tip included  
Full country style dinner--chicken and beef tips, dessert

See you there!!

Beth English, Annual Meeting Chair  
735-9917

Please return the following form with your check



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN

APPLETON

BULK RATE  
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Appleton, Wis. 54911  
Permit No. 171

**NOTE:** *before you*



SPRING 1987 LOCAL CANDIDATES FORUMS  
are all on videotape loan at the  
Appleton Public Library. They'll  
be shown in the library all day on  
April 3rd through April 6th.

SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!!!

# League of Women Voters



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## may

May 8,9  
Friday, Saturday

State Convention

Green Bay

May 19  
Tuesday, 7:30

Board Meeting

Jan Quinlan  
322 South Ct.

May 30  
Saturday

Leadership Day

Brookfield







NOTES: from Helen

County Delivery of Services will be our study next year. It's a big bite! Start thinking of county services which interest you: police protection, solid waste, human services, road repairs, etc., etc., etc., For a meaningful study we're going to have research carefully so we can come to meaningful conclusions about the equity of the allocation of county resources and services.

The Presidential Debate continues to be an exciting possibility. Another big bite. Barb Grant has started the ball rolling and I'm anxious, as many of you are, to be involved. If the Fox Valley site is chosen for a site visit, I'm convinced that the debate will be at Lawrence Chapel.

With all the work ahead, start thinking of people you might ask to join League. Don't limit your invitations to those who have proven leadership experience -- expand to those people who are looking (whether they know it or not) for an organization to train them to be leaders.

It goes without saying, that I'm looking forward to working with all of you during the next two years.

*Helen*

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DEBATES '88

We're back from Washington D.C. and feel the trip was well worth our time and effort. The trip was made possible thanks to Tim Hoeksema, president of Midwest Express.

For those of you not at the annual meeting...you missed an excellent opportunity to view the impressive debate site proposal put together with help of the Fox Cities Convention and Tourist Bureau, Lawrence University and AAL.

We met with the debates staff at the national office on April 30th and they seemed impressed with our proposal and our visit. Now we wait for a summertime visit after getting the initial screening.

Until then, thank people at Lawrence, AAL and Midwest Express -- and spread your enthusiasm for League-sponsored presidential debates everywhere! Voter information is our job and we're good at it!

-Barb Grant

## NUSI WARD MEMORIAL PROJECT

For newer members information, Nusi Ward was a long-time League member admired for her strong opinions on justice and equality. At her death, a memorial fund was established in her name under League's control. The Board at that time decided to use the approximate \$500 to help start/fund a project dedicated to educate the community about the Hmong population, one of Nusi's interests.

Sharon Fenlon, Phyllis Dintenfass, and Joy Povolny have met with AASD officials, and at this writing have tentatively gotten a project off of the ground. Peter and Connie Roop, local teachers and authors, have agreed to write a text and teacher's guide for use in the 4th grade Social Studies Curriculum. It will deal with SE Asians in general: who they are, why they are here, etc. The money will either be used to help fund the publication of this material, or will be used to buy supplementary materials in this subject area.

Thank you Sharon, Phyllis, and Joy for your work getting this project off of the drawing board!

Helene Iverson



## SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECT:

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is beginning its Safe Drinking Water Project, a three-year citizen education effort on community drinking water systems. The project will begin with a 2-part survey, the first portion focusing on public perceptions of drinking water and the second portion dealing with the quality and management of drinking water systems. The survey's first part consists of the following one page form, WHICH EACH LEAGUE MEMBER IS BEING REQUESTED TO FILL OUT. It should take only a few minutes to complete. Please mail to:

Vickie Milde  
W5465 Mielke Rd.  
Menasha, WI 54952

Thank you in advance for your prompt responses.

LWVEF DRINKING WATER PERCEPTIONS SURVEY

April 1987

1. Is your home tap water provided by:

Utility  Private Well  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know

2. Does this water originate from:

Surface Water  Ground Water  Both  Don't Know

3. What is the average monthly cost of your tap water?

<\$5  \$6-10  \$11-20  \$21-30  \$31-40  Don't Know

4. Consider this cost together with the quality of your tap water. Do you consider your water a good value? Yes  No  Don't Know

5. Currently, water utilities are required to meet a number of federal and state drinking water standards for various substances in finished water. How confident are you that your utility is meeting these standards?

Very Confident  Confident  Somewhat Confident  Not Confident  Don't Know

6. Do you regularly use bottled water or a water purifier (other than a water softener) as an alternative to tap water for drinking? *NO*

Bottled Water  Purifier at Point of Use (tap)   
Purifier at Point of Entry (home)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you regularly use bottled water or a water purifier, why do you do so? If you have more than one reason, please rank your response, 1-most important, 5-least.

It is safer, better for my health  It tastes better  It is odor free   
It is free of chemicals/contaminants  It is clearer  Don't know  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What do you consider the most serious health parameter in drinking water?

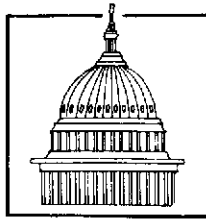
Flouride  Bacteria/Viruses  Lead  Radionuclides  Trihalomethanes   
Don't Know

9. If a substance suspected of causing cancer over a lifetime but not yet proven of it were detected in your water, how much per month would you be willing to pay to remove it?

\$0  \$1-5  \$6-10  \$11-15  \$16-20  >\$20

10. The EPA must prioritize its work in environmental health. Please rank these issues in order of their national and local importance to you (1-most important, 6-least).

|   | <u>Nationally</u> | <u>Locally</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| a. Cleaning up hazardous waste sites                              | 6                 | --             |
| b. Cleaning up waterways; reducing water pollution                | 3                 | --             |
| c. Ensuring the safety of community drinking water supplies       | 1                 | --             |
| d. Reducing groundwater contamination from agricultural chemicals | 5                 | --             |
| e. Reducing acid rain   | 4                 | --             |
| f. Disposing of solid wastes                                      | 2                 | --             |
| Other: _____  |                   |                |



# REPORT FROM THE HILL

April 1987 -- This action update on arms control and clean-air issues is provided for Leagues to insert in state and local Voters. For more on these and other issues, see April 1987 Report from the Hill.

## ARMS CONTROL

After intentionally overstepping the SALT II numerical limits on long-range offensive nuclear weapons, the Reagan administration is poised to nullify the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty's key limits on missile defenses. The White House has "reinterpreted" the ABM treaty in favor of early deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or "Star Wars."

Congressional efforts to force compliance with existing arms-control agreements will come with consideration of the FY 1988 defense authorization bill in May. The League is strongly backing current legislative initiatives to:

- \* reduce FY 1988 funding for Star Wars below last year's level of \$3.5 billion.
- \* uphold the ABM treaty and the SALT II limits.
- \* extend the moratorium on antisatellite (ASAT) weapons testing for another year.

The defense authorization bill is on its way to the House and Senate floors. Write your senators and representative today.

## CLEAN AIR

Years of inaction and debate over the fine points of a control program have side-tracked previous legislative efforts to address acid rain. In the coming months, the League will be working for congressional action on acid-rain bills introduced by Sens. George Mitchell (D ME) and Robert Stafford (R VT).

On other clean-air issues, the League is lobbying for Hill action on comprehensive legislation to:

- \* pressure cities with unhealthy levels of air pollutants to clear the air as soon as possible.
- \* limit the release of toxic air pollutants.
- \* control emissions of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), industrial compounds that are depleting the earth's protective upper-ozone layer.

Note: Action updates are excerpted from Report from the Hill, the action-packed legislative newsletter published six times a year by the League of Women Voters.

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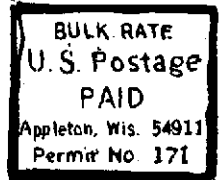
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in learning about,  
discussing and acting on issues of  
local, state and national importance,  
Join us : Appleton's League of Women  
Voters.

Contact Denise Peterson,  
738-0294 for more information.

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## summer

|                        |                   |                                  |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| June 22<br>Monday      | Debates Reception | Paper Valley Hotel               |
| August 19<br>Wednesday | Board Meeting     | Helen Nagler<br>932 E Commercial |



### A DEBATE IN APPLETON? WHY NOT!

You are invited to a reception in honor of Natalie Testa, LWVEF Debates Staff, on JUNE 22, from 4-6 p.m. at the Paper Valley Hotel.

Help us to show the volunteer spirit of the Fox Valley Leagues by setting this time aside and joining us.

WE NEED YOU ALL!

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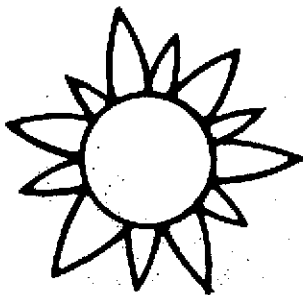
### A Note from the Treasurer...

Please make the following change on the Financial Report in the Annual Packet:

Under INCOME in the "(Over) or Under" column, the total amount should be (\$349.47) instead of \$1008.87. This change does not affect the actual income and expenditures recorded in the report.

Any questions may be directed to MJ Wurster- 738-0695.

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NOTES FROM HELEN. . . . .

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES IN APPLETON ??????? WHY NOT ????  
As you will read in Barb Grant's article, we are a GIANT  
step closer to hosting a '88 debate. Mark June 22nd on your  
calendar and stop in at the reception - Bring a friend who  
is interested in joining League - what better way to sign up  
a new member.

Meanwhile the day to day activities go on at a good  
pace. Those who have agreed to chair studies are:

|                             |                 |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| National Ag Study           | Denise Peterson | 738-0294 |
| National Needs Assessment   | Anna Faye Dodd  | 734-8090 |
| State Education Study       | Sam Murdoch     | 731-1128 |
| County Delivery of Services | Beth English    | 735-9917 |

All of these people are interested in your being a  
member of their committee. Call to join the committee(s)  
you are interested in.

Others who have accepted portfolios are:

On Board

|                |                  |          |
|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Communications | Ann Lindstrom    | 735-0534 |
| Social Policy  | Bette Defferding | 731-6944 |
| Units          | Debbie Maatz     | 731-1129 |
| Bulletin       | Barbara Murray   | 731-4848 |
| Local Action   | Terry Flom       | 731-0155 |

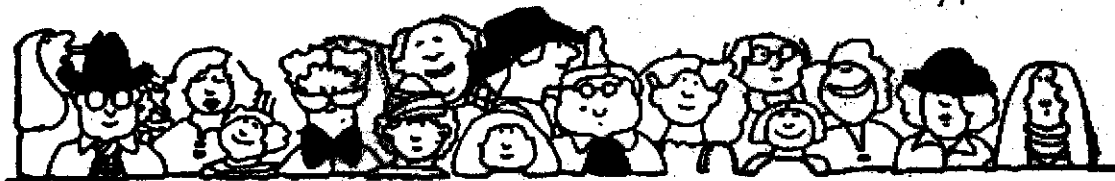
Off Board

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| Natural Resources | Vickie Milde | 730-0596 |
| Octoberfest       | Sue Lebergen | 739-7028 |

We still have jobs to be done. If you are interested  
in being more active, give me a call!!! (739-8053)

It looks like next year will be a great year.

*Helen*



COUNTY DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The study committee is forming now to look at county  
delivery of services. Do you feel that Appleton is paying  
for services that it already provides for itself? Are there  
some services that could be provided jointly by the combined  
city-county provider? The committee will take a look at  
just why services the county offers and who is receiving  
those services. If you are interested in studying this  
topic, please call me soon.

Beth English  
735-9917

DEBATES '88: WE CAN DO IT!

A debates steering committee has been appointed which includes Jan Nordell, Marlys Fritzell, Helene Iverson, Barbara Grant, and Helen Nagler from Appleton; and Debi Kennedy (immediate past president LWV-N/M) and Bev Jacques (long-time LWV-N/NM who you may have met at the Legislative Forums))

Barb, Bev, and Nancy Jones' flight to Washington on Midwest Express to present the proposal you saw at the annual meeting has paid off in a visit by National's debates staff on June 22. Natalie Testa is expected to arrive at 9 a.m.. You are welcome to help greet the plane if you can't make the reception from 4-6 p.m. (Or come to both!)

We are being considered for both a primary or a general election debate in 1988. Two primary sites have been chosen: Manchester, NH and Nashville, TN; two remain to be chosen. Three presidential and one vice-presidential sites have yet to be chosen. We have been told that 11 site visits are being made.

June 22 is the time to show your personal support for the Fox Cities' hosting a primary or general election debate. The work has been done to get LWV-US to here--Let's make sure they want to come back!

ATTENTION: HELP WANTED !!!

We will be assembling the OBSERVER CORPS in July. This is a unique opportunity for League members, especially new members, to participate in the most amusing aspect of League.... Watching the Government.

No experience is necessary; we will train.

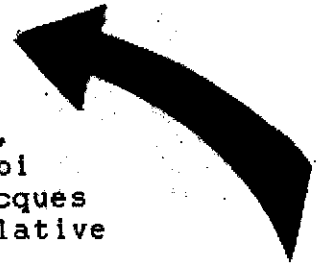
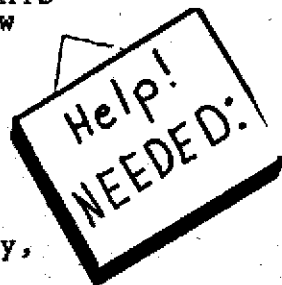
We will be observing the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors and their standing committees such as Property, Building and Recreation, Law Enforcement, Finance and the ever popular Committee on Committees.

We will be observing the Appleton Common Council and its standing committees and commissions such as Appleton Redevelopment Authority, Board of Zoning Appeals, City Plan Commission and Finance Committee.

We will also be observing the Appleton Area School District Board of Education.

Time commitment involves up to 2 meetings a month plus attending an Observer Corps meeting once every two months. You can observe with a friend, in fact, invite a non-League member to go with you. Observing is fun!

Call Terry Flom at 731-0155 to sign up.





## GIFTED AND TALENTED UPDATE

Last April the Appleton Board of Education had concerns about the initial phase of the Gifted and Talented Program. Some members questioned the merits of the pull-out program and the potential for the G&T program to benefit a wider circle of students.

There was considerable response from concerned citizens to urge the Board to retain the program. League responded with a letter to the Board. (see letter)

The Board received information on long term goals from the staff. After extensive debate from the Board during subsequent meetings, the Board unanimously approved the following motion to:

1. Add three full-time teaching positions for 1987-88.
2. Equalize the program at all elementary schools.
3. Develop understanding between staff and classroom teachers and to limit the co-ordinator's teaching load to approximately 10%
4. Give the program an appropriate name that reflects the educational position of the Board.

Sam Murdoch



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

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RANDY L. DEWAR Ed. D.  
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Appleton League of Women Voters supports programming for the gifted child on all levels from Primary II thru high school.

The Lwv encourages the Board to take this time to evaluate the program now in place and to establish long range goals for the future of Gifted and Talented education in the district.

The LWV urges the Board to expand on the present program to serve more students in the 1987-88 school year.

Sincerely yours

Terry Flom  
Director Local Action  
Appleton of Women Voters

## STATE AID FORMULA VARIABLES

This is the first in a series of articles explaining the funding of a school district.

The amount of state aid a school district receives is determined by a formula. The State Aid Formula has three variables: District Equalized Variation; Average Daily Membership; and Guaranteed Valuation Per Member.

In order to understand the State Aid Formula the definitions of the variables must be understood.

### DEFINITIONS OF 3 VARIABLES

#### I. Districts Equalized Valuation

Equalized Valuation is the dollar value the state places on the property in the district.

The State Department of Revenue determines this figure. This figure is reached with the help of local fact finding committees. It is determined annually and attempts to reflect the current year's real estate value.

The figure is NOT NECESSARILY the same value assessed by the county and city.

#### II. Average Daily Membership

The Average Daily Membership is the number of students enrolled in the local school districts. This reflects enrollment of the previous year.

This figure is not always accurate due to yearly enrollment fluctuations in the districts.

#### III. Guaranteed Valuation Per Member

The Guaranteed Valuation Per Member is a fixed dollar amount (sum certain) set by the State Legislature behind each student. This amount multiplied by the membership comprises the total education budget for the state.

This figure is subject to the fiscal health of the state and politics; the local district's needs are not taken into account.

SAVE THIS ARTICLE

Next Month: The State Aid Formula

Sam Murdoch  
Jan Quinlan  
Terry Flom

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## September

### CALENDAR



#### SEPTEMBER

|                        |    |           |   |
|------------------------|----|-----------|---|
| Wednesday              | 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Meet the Mayor<br>Sharon Fenlon<br>207 N. Green Bay Road                          |
| <i>Wed</i><br>Thursday | 16 | 6:00 p.m. | Board Meeting<br>Terry Flom - 218 N. Drew   |
| Thursday               | 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Meet the County Executive<br>F.V.T.I. Room E-111<br>Entrance 9 - West parking lot |
| Saturday               | 26 |           | Issues Briefing<br>Milwaukee  |
| Saturday               | 26 |           | Oktoberfest<br>League Booth   |

*See you there*



#### OCTOBER

|           |    |      |  |
|-----------|----|------|--|
| Tuesday   | 6  |      | Membership Coffee<br>(See October Bulletin for<br>further details) |
| Wednesday | 21 | 6:00 | Board Meeting  |
| Saturday  | 24 |      | Legislative Forum  |
| Thursday  | 29 |      | General Meeting<br>Agriculture                                     |



# NOTES FROM HELEN

A Presidential Primary Debate in Appleton?? Why Not??

National League staffer Natalie Testa has been in contact with Barb Grant and myself to indicate that if the Wisconsin Presidential primary is moved to March 15th, the Appleton and Neenah/Menasha leagues are still in the running as a primary debate site. Ms. Testa made it clear to us that, based on her visit to Appleton, she is convinced that we have the ability to host a debate. That's a pat on the back for all of you who participated in her visit as well as our business community of the Fox Valley who work with us. Again we are anxiously awaiting the National's decision!!!

At Board training this year, Heidi Selberg, State League Development Chair conducted a goal setting activity. The Board agreed unanimously that we needed to work to encourage new members to "hang in there" until they developed an understanding of League lingo and process. Think back in your League experience and identify not only your reason for joining but your reasons for continuing your membership then corner a Board member and tell them. This will help us to work on encouraging new members to continue.

League studies are off and running ! Study committees have been formed for Agriculture, Meeting Basis Human Needs, County Delivery of Services and State Education. They have held organizational meetings this summer about .....THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN!!!

ACTION is off and running. An Observer Corp has been formed and an organizational meeting held but.....THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN!!!

I am very please to say that the Board has been filled with Marilyn Yeske doing Voter Service; Mary Vandenberg with Video Productions and Frederica Doeringer doing Membership.

BUT....still needed for the smooth running of our League are two off Board position. One is Finance Drive Chair to organize and run our major fund raising event. Work begin January, 1988. and a Publication Chair to inventory, organize, review and order state and national League publications.

I'd like to have the opportunity to discuss these positions with any interested Leaguer. If you would like more information, call me at 738-7766.

The Board training reaffirmed that the Appleton League has a Board ready to work and the start they've made will guarantee an interesting year.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Helen



# HEAR YE, HEAR YE.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS YOU WOULD ASK THE MAYOR OR COUNTY EXECUTIVE IF THEY WERE IN YOUR LIVING ROOM ????

Save those questions until September 16 and 17th !!!

On September 16th Mayor Dorothy Johnson and on September 17th County Executive John Schreiter have agreed to not only answer your questions but to discuss their goals, achievements and frustrations. You and your guests will have the opportunity for an informal candid discussion.

Plan to attend one or both units. It's a provocative kick-off for our year in which county services are being evaluated. Certainly Mayor Johnson and County Executive Schreiter will have strong opinions (possibly divergent) on the delivery of services

The program on Wednesday, September 16th with Mayor Johnson will begin at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday, September 17th with County Executive Schreiter will be at 7:30 p.m.

## DEBBIE MATZ

Debbie moved to Appleton from Chicago last December. Her interest in politics brought her to League where she is already involved as Units Chair.

Debbie is a curling enthusiast. She has been curling since she was 12. She hopes to activate greater interest in the sport locally. Curling anyone???

## Bio Briefs

### MARGIE VOSTERS

Margie joined League because she is "concerned about the state of our nation." League studies, she feels, will help her to understand issues that have impact on the nation's problems.

Margie loves cross-country skiing and reading.



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LEAGUE PHONE NUMBER

738-7766

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# Special Request



ATTENTION ALL LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBERS!!!!!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!

We are attempting to pull together, date and organize all local position papers since 1972. You may be able to provide us with vital information to help accomplish this. Please respond to this questionnaire and return it to:

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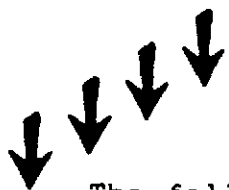
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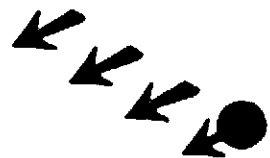
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If so, which ones?

3. Do you have any other information or ideas to help us "track down" local positions since 1972?



## ---NOTICE---



The fall LWV-Appleton directories are ready and will be at the general meetings on September 16 and 17. Please make an attempt to pick yours up so that Board does not need to hand deliver them. You can also call Helene Iverson at 734-749 to make arrangements to pick yours up.



## FINANCE DRIVE

A BIG THANK YOU to all members who helped with the finance drive this past spring and summer. Thirty five members helped raise \$3022 as of this writing. Twenty three members donated money; eight members donated their time and four members gave both time and money.

### Mail-A-thon

Beth English  
Barb Grant  
Marcia Hittle

Helene Iverson  
Sam Murdoch

### Follow-up Calls

Betty Breunig  
Phyllis Dintenfass  
Barb Grant  
Denise Peterson

Pat Schinabeck  
Gretta Volk  
M. J. Wurster

### Money Contributions

Gretchen Bambrick  
Linda Bjella  
Betty Breunig  
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Berta Churchill  
Bette Defferding  
Sharon Fenlon  
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Fannie Ruth  
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Bev Wieckert

IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT YOU....  
THANKS AGAIN !!!!!

Mary Vandenberg  
Finance Chairman







The League of Women Voters of Appleton  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

League membership begins each September and that means DUES are due!

In Appleton, the League stands for study and action. Now, we need YOUR ACTION to keep up the momentum. Renew your membership in League. TODAY!

DUES\*

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
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| Household Membership      | <u>\$38.00</u> |
| Contribution              | \$             |
| TOTAL enclosed            | \$             |

Please make your check payable to:  
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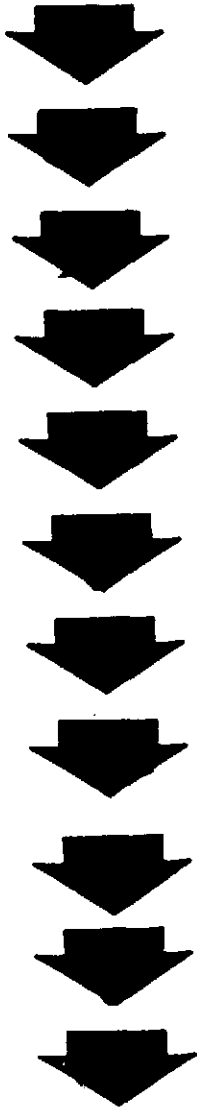
FROM THE EDITOR.....

We are trying something NEW. The calendar will be published covering a period of approximately 6 weeks. We hope that this look ahead is helpful in planning for all our busy lives.

In addition you may want to know the deadline for items to be included in the monthly Bulletin is the Saturday after the Board meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month). If you have a problem meeting this time line, call me and I'll try to be flexible. There will be an envelope attached to my front door at Bulletin time so feel free to stop by and put your article into it. If you need to discuss something, then call me.

Thanks !! I'm looking forward to this new challenge. If you have helpful comments, I'd welcome them.

Bobbie Murray

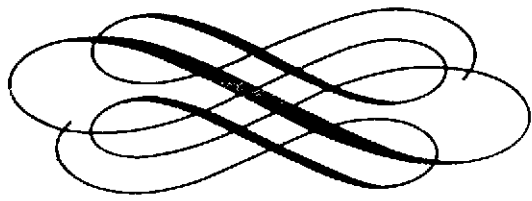


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## OCTOBER

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| Tuesday   | 6  | 7:30 | Membership Coffee              | Freddie Doeringer<br>304 River Drive                           |
| Wednesday | 21 | 6:00 | Board Meeting                  | Marilyn Yeske<br>1401 Cloverdale                               |
| Tuesday   | 27 | 7:00 | Agriculture<br>General Meeting | Secura<br>2401 S. Memorial<br>Auditorium 1<br>(front entrance) |

\*\*\*New date and time\*\*\*

\*\*\*The Saturday, October 24th Legislative Forum has been cancelled\*\*\*

## NOVEMBER

|           |    |      |   |  |
|-----------|----|------|---|--|
| Tuesday   | 3  |      | City Referendum                                 |  |
| Tuesday   | 10 | 7:30 | Meeting Basic Human<br>Needs<br>General Meeting | First Cong. Church<br>724 E. South River<br>Chapel |
| Friday    | 13 |      | State Board                                     | Fox Cities   |
| Saturday  | 14 |      | State Board                                     | Fox Cities   |
| Wednesday | 18 | 6:00 | Board Meeting                                   |  |



Notes From  
Helen

SHE SHOULD BE A LEAGUE MEMBER !! If you know someone (he or she) that fits this statement make sure they know about the Membership Coffee at 7:30 p.m. on October 6 at Freddie Doeringer's home. It will be an opportunity for experienced, new and prospective League members to explore how great League is.

Fortunately our League membership has remained stable; but those of you who were able to meet Mayor Johnson on September 16th remember her pride in Appleton's growth. Help us insure that our membership follows the trend of the city. Bring friends and neighbors to the meeting or give their names to Freddie.

Our League has along standing position that the city assessor, city clerk and city attorney be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. In reviewing the position I found the following 1965 study material which is still pertinent. (The following is a quote.)

Of the 43 Wisconsin municipalities over 10,000, a total of 26 appoint and 17 elect the clerk; 31 appoint and 12 elect the assessor; 21 appoint and 22 elect the treasurer, and 28 appoint and 15 elect the attorney. Of the 18 Wisconsin cities over 25,000, a total of 10 do not elect any of these four officials - Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, Beloit, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Janesville, Manitowoc, Oshkosh and Superior. Five of these are cities of the second class, like Appleton.

Listed below are the most often cited reasons for supporting election:

1. These elective officials are free to act to curb excessive power of the mayor.
2. The will of the people will be better served if all officials are required to stand for election periodically.
3. Elected officials can help maintain the system of checks and balances with the common council.
4. The electorate has an opportunity to become well enough acquainted with the qualifications of all the candidates to make a wise choice. (it elects the mayor and the council).
5. Appointment vests too much power in the mayor and council.

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Listed below are the most often cited reasons for supporting appointment:

1. Efficiency of operation is increased by vesting full responsibility in the hands of the mayor for the co-ordination of the four offices. Greater continuity is possible if an appointee can train a replacement before leaving office rather than the abrupt transition of an election.
2. Elections are frequently only popularity contests. The ballot box does not automatically assure qualified personnel, and indeed may deter qualified persons from seeking the job. Appointment for an indefinite term would have greater appeal to the well-qualified applicant and provide a larger number from whom to select. Elected officials may have to devote time to campaigning which should be used instead for improving their job effectiveness.
3. The mayor is more accountable to the electorate if he is fully responsible for all his administrative appointees. Thus he has no one to blame if things go wrong.
4. Elective officials may operate at cross purposes with the mayor and council, thus causing delays and inefficiencies of operation.
5. The trend throughout the nation is to professionalize local administration, which is impossible when these offices are elective.

Students of public administration and local government seem to agree that there are few advantages to electing administrative personnel besides the mayor. All of the state and national authorities on municipal government who were consulted agreed that the question of electing or appointing these officials was a closed matter. "It is a general principle that if the officer has a non-policy making function to perform he should be appointed." said Andrew Bullis, director of urban studies for the National League of Cities, formerly the American Municipal Association. (all underlined added for emphasis)

REMEMBER THAT THE METHOD OF SELECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL BE DECIDED ON NOVEMBER 3rd.

*Helen*

#### HELP WANTED

#### COORDINATOR FOR LEGISLATIVE FORUMS

Two years ago our League initiated Legislative Forums. At these meetings the legislators who participated answered questions submitted by League and other groups.

Time required: Approximately 4-8 hours

Skills required: Patience and enthusiasm  
(Linda Bjella, past coordinator will give you tips)

If interested call 738-7766 (League phone)



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3. Do you have any other information or ideas to help us "track down" local positions since 1972?

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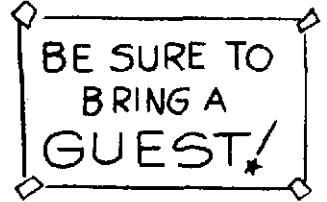
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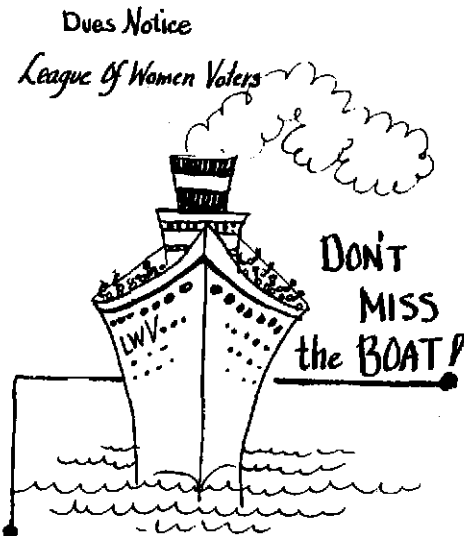
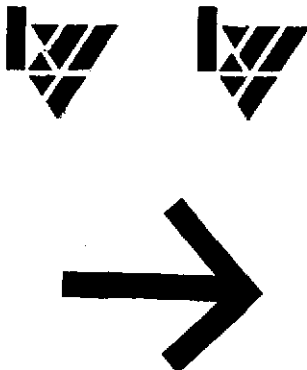
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## AGRICULTURE STUDY MEETING

On Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 Mr. Joe Rickert of the U.S. Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation Office will speak on the subject of government farm programs and the local farm situation.

Mr. Rickert has already met with the Neenah-Menasha League and the members enjoyed a lively discussion.

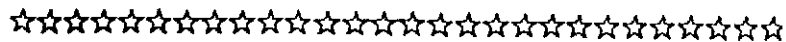
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... that as of 1978 30% of U.S. farm land was owned by 1% of farm title holders?

... that agriculture related soil erosion causes more than \$3 billion in off-farm damages per year?

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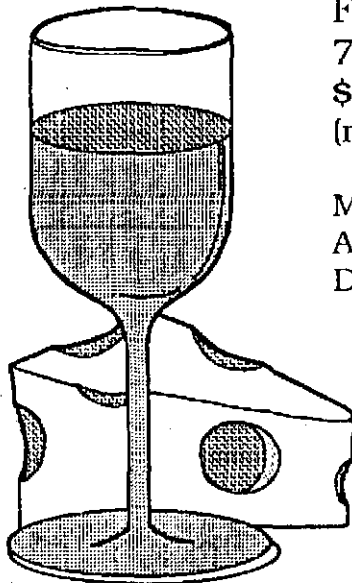
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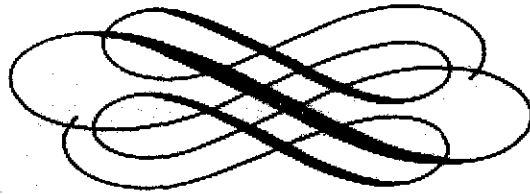
This "welfare quiz" is excerpted from one circulated by Rep. Thomas Downey (D NY) acting chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Assistance.

1. Under which American president was the poverty rate the lowest?  
Nixon                      Ford                      Carter                      Reagan
2. Today, how many American children live in poverty?  
1 out of 20                      1 out of 10                      1 out of 5
3. What percentage of all American are long term (8-10 years welfare dependent)?  
15 percent                      7 percent                      Less than one percent
4. What is the most common reason a woman with children ends up receiving AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)?  
Unmarried woman becomes a parent  
A married woman separates or divorces  
The mother's earnings decline
5. What percent of all first-time adult AFDC recipients worked during the previous two years before receiving welfare?  
15 percent                      37 percent                      66 percent
6. In most states, AFDC benefits are adjusted annually for inflation.  
True or false
7. Federal benefits such as cash assistance, food stamps and subsidized housing can help a family escape poverty. In 1985 these benefits removed more families from poverty than in 1979.  
True or false
8. Three-quarters of all AFDC families are composed of two or fewer children?  
True or false

ANSWERS

1. Nixon. The national poverty rate was at its lowest in recent history (11.1%). In 1985, the latest year data is available, the overall rate was 14 %.
2. One out of five. In 1985 the child poverty rate was 20.1 %.
3. Less than 1%. Researches found that only 0.7% of all Americans were long-term dependent.
4. A married woman separates or divorces. According to a study, 45% of AFDC case opening occur because of divorce or separation. An out-of-wedlock birth to an unmarried woman with no other children is the reason for 30% and only 12% of families turn to AFDC because the mother's earnings decline.
5. 66%.
6. False. Since 1970 AFDC benefits have kept pace with inflation in only 3 states. (Wisconsin, California and Maine. Benefits have declined an average of 33% in all other states since 1970.
7. False. Even with in-kind benefits considered, fewer families with children were removed from poverty in 1985 than in 1979. 5.3 million vs. 3.9 million.
8. True. The average AFDC family consists of a mother and 2 children. Data indicates that in 1984 44.2% had one or no children and 29.9% had 2 children.

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## CALENDAR NOVEMBER

|           |    |              |  |  |
|-----------|----|--------------|--|--|
| Tuesday   | 3  |              | City Referendum                              |  |
| Tuesday   | 10 | 7:30         | Meeting Basic Human Needs<br>General Meeting | First Cong. Church<br>724 E. South River<br>Chapel |
| Friday    | 13 | 5:00         | State Board<br>Dinner                        | Houdini's<br>100 W. Lawrence                       |
|           |    | 6:00         | State Conference                             | Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S. Allen                   |
| Saturday  | 14 | 8:00<br>3:00 | State Conference                             | Trinity Lutheran                                   |
| Wednesday | 18 | 6:00         | Board Meeting                                | Denise Peterson<br>1041 E. Nawada                  |



## DECEMBER

|           |    |      |                                     |  |
|-----------|----|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday | 2  | 7:30 | County Study<br>(Jail Tour)         | 410 S. Walnut<br>Rm. 2 Courthouse<br>Annex |
| Wednesday | 16 | 6:00 | Board Meeting/<br>Holiday Gathering |  |

# President's Message

At last count, five League members are considering running for public office. I hope the count goes higher!! Our non-partisan policy states "League encourages it's members as individuals to be active. . . in finding and supporting candidates for public office." So if you are considering running for office -- DO !!!!! If you know someone who would be effective in office -- HELP THEM !!! A participatory democracy needs participants !!! Let's make this year the year that all races will be contested.

The other side of our non-partisan policy is "As an organization it (the League) does not support or oppose candidates for public office.... Members of the League are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors while seeking or holding elective public office."

To insure that the public recognizes our non-partisan policy the Board of Directors has set additional guidelines. Members will not act as League spokespersons while seeking or holding public office. Let me emphasize that as individuals, we hope they are very vocal.

Helen

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## CITY ATTORNEY REFERENDUM

The Board of Directors reaffirmed League's long standing position supporting an appointed city attorney at the October meeting.

As action we are supporting a "YES" vote to the referendum "Shall the City of Appleton change the method of selection of the City Attorney from elected by the voters to appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of the Common Council." Representatives of League, supportive council members and the Chamber of Commerce will be distributing a flyer before the Special Election on November 3rd which outlines the advantages of an appointed city attorney.

(Issues in League history have a way of coming around again. In the late 60's League also worked on a referendum to change to an appointed city attorney. Hopefully, this time a change will be made so we can move on to other issues.)

## NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Freddi Doeringer

The prospective member coffee was a great SUCCESS!!!! Helen Nagler gave those 26 who gathered a thorough understanding of the League of Women Voters. She also told everyone about our Appleton League - how we succeed each year.

Karen deYoung, Corinne Goldgar and Marlys Fritzell each shared their frustrations, successes and a few of their personal League stories. Their tales captured an exciting feeling about League.

## W E L C O M E   T O   L E A G U E

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Joanne Dull, Susan Silton, Kathy Hartzheim, Susan Riley, Ann Mead, Kathleen Sprenger, Nancy Mieliulis, Betty Gorsky, Margaret Walsh, Ruth Friedman, Stevie Schmidt, Gail Bickel.

Next month we will include biographical sketches of new members.

“THANKS  
A MILLION”

## OCTOBERFEST BOOTH SUCCESSFUL

Penny candy 1980's style (nothing priced over 50 cents) was League's product this year at Octoberfest, September 26th. With a great location right in front of the Paper Valley Hotel and beautiful weather, LWV took in \$367.95,\* mostly in crumpled dollar bills offered by the moist hands of Appleton's youth. A best seller was pop rocks.

While no profit was realized, the idea could be used next year and possibly be profitable, based on this year's experience.

Volunteers who helped staff the booth were Helen Hell, Beth English, Dick Sampson, Helene Iverson, Mary Vandenberg, Betty Breunig, Kathy Isaacson, Linda Bjella, Ellen Needham and Karen Riley. Sue Lebergen chaired the booth.

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL which provided, free of charge, tables, chairs, banner rack and the setup and takedown. "What help that was!" says Lebergen.

(\* Candy that was unable to be returned for credit is at I&R and available for sale at cost. Stop by for lunch box treats for the kids...or yourself! Ed.)

Sue Lebergen

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## GENERAL MEETING

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STUDY

Anna Faye Dodd

These are a few of the programs which are part of the low income/welfare program. Some of these may be familiar, many may not. In January our League will be joining Leagues all over the United States in reaching consensus on such questions as, "Is access to health care a basic human need, if so, how much and what kind?" "What are the roles of each level of government in providing for basic needs, what is the role of the private sector?" To prepare for consensus we are asking you to read the attached material to get some general background, then join us at 7:30 on November 10th when we will give you some idea of what is happening in the Fox Valley. We need your input and your questions....so please come.

## A REPORT FROM

***Vital To Us All!***

MEET YOUR MAYOR AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Beth English

Mayor Dorothy Johnson and County Executive John Schreiter provided us a candid look at their administrations at the September units. As was predicted, their visions were certainly different.

Mayor Johnson is working quite regularly with Town of Grand Chute Chairman John Stevens to formulate a plan for consolidation of services. She, quite candidly, explained that one of the major thrusts of her administration has been annexation for the good of the City of Appleton.

County Executive Schreiter, on the other hand, is working toward county based services. He explained his administrative reorganization plan that is before the County Board. In it five department heads would be in charge of the county operations, directly responsible to the County Executive. He sees the reorganization as an important prerequisite to a move to offer more county based services such as police protection.

Both executives shared the frustrations of bureaucracy which keeps a good idea from getting off the ground.

# Meeting Basic Human Needs:

## A Crisis of Responsibility

Most of us take for granted that the American dream includes—at a minimum—food, shelter, medical care and an income sufficient to purchase these necessities. But what happens to that dream if you never finished school, or the father of your children can't or won't pay child support, or the only job you can find pays the minimum wage, or you can't afford child care or health care, or the factory where you worked for 15 years shut down and you can't find another job?

**T**hese are the dilemmas that face more than 13.6 percent of America's population—those living in or near the fringes of poverty. And their unanswered questions raise broader ones for our society at large. Where can people turn when their own resources fail them?

Where does the responsibility lie for helping those in need? With the federal government? With state and local governments? With the individual alone? With religious and charitable organizations? While politicians grapple with the politically charged questions of whom to help, and what and how much assistance to provide, 32.4 million people—11 million of them children—struggle to meet their basic needs.

Why is the problem of unmet need so great? Shifts in the economy, including lost jobs in manufacturing and farming, are part of the problem. Dramatic social upheaval, resulting in the world's highest divorce rate and sharp increases in single-parent families, also contributes to the problem. So do changes in federal spending priorities that have meant tremendous cuts in social programs since 1981. Although the federal "safety net" of income assistance, housing, food and health care remains, programs do not reach all of those having difficulty in meeting their basic needs, nor do they offer enough assistance to lift people out of poverty.

The League of Women Voters is examining four aspects of this crisis in meeting basic human needs—income assistance, food, housing and access to health care. This report outlines who needs help, and what kind of help is available and presents some of the current proposals for restructuring the existing social welfare system.

## Income: Inadequate to Meet Basic Needs

A growing number of Americans are having difficulty earning enough to support themselves and their families. Despite the longest sustained period of economic growth in 20 years, seven million more people live in poverty today than eight years ago. Those in trouble include:

- more than eight million Americans who are counted among the officially unemployed, another 5.6 million people involuntarily working part-time, and 1.1 million "discouraged" workers who have stopped looking for work because job prospects are too bleak.
- 6.7 million workers who are paid the minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour or less and whose annual incomes no longer keep their families above the official poverty threshold. An additional 11.5 million workers who earn between \$3.35 and \$4.50 per hour hover near poverty. Of the minimum wage workers, two-thirds are women and 31 percent are teenagers.

**W**omen and minorities are disproportionately represented among the poor. Thirty-four percent of female-headed households, compared with 11.4 percent of male-headed households, have incomes below the poverty level. In 1986 female-headed families accounted for more than one-half of all impoverished families. And while the poverty rate for whites hovers near 11 percent, the rate is 31 percent for blacks and 27 percent for Hispanics.

## Income Assistance Programs

Three federal programs currently provide the bulk of income assistance to those in need: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Unemployment Insurance (UI). AFDC and SSI are means-tested programs—that is, recipients must have no or very low income to qualify for

assistance. UI is not means-tested; benefits are available to unemployed workers based on their previous salary and duration of employment.

**A**FDIC is designed exclusively to provide financial assistance to poor families with children. In 1986, the federal government spent \$8.2 billion on the program, about one-half of the total cost. State and local governments picked up the rest of the tab. Although AFDC now serves 10.8 million people, (7.2 million of them children), the program inadequately covers poor families' needs. Because the federal government does not require indexing AFDC for inflation, the value of benefits in most states has eroded 30 percent since the 1970s. States also have the discretion to set benefit levels based on their own "needs standards." As a result, benefits vary from state to state, from a low for a family of three of \$118 per month in Alabama to \$617 per month in California. Moreover, half of the states do not participate in the AFDC-UP (unemployed parents) program; destitute two-parent families are ineligible for benefits in these states.

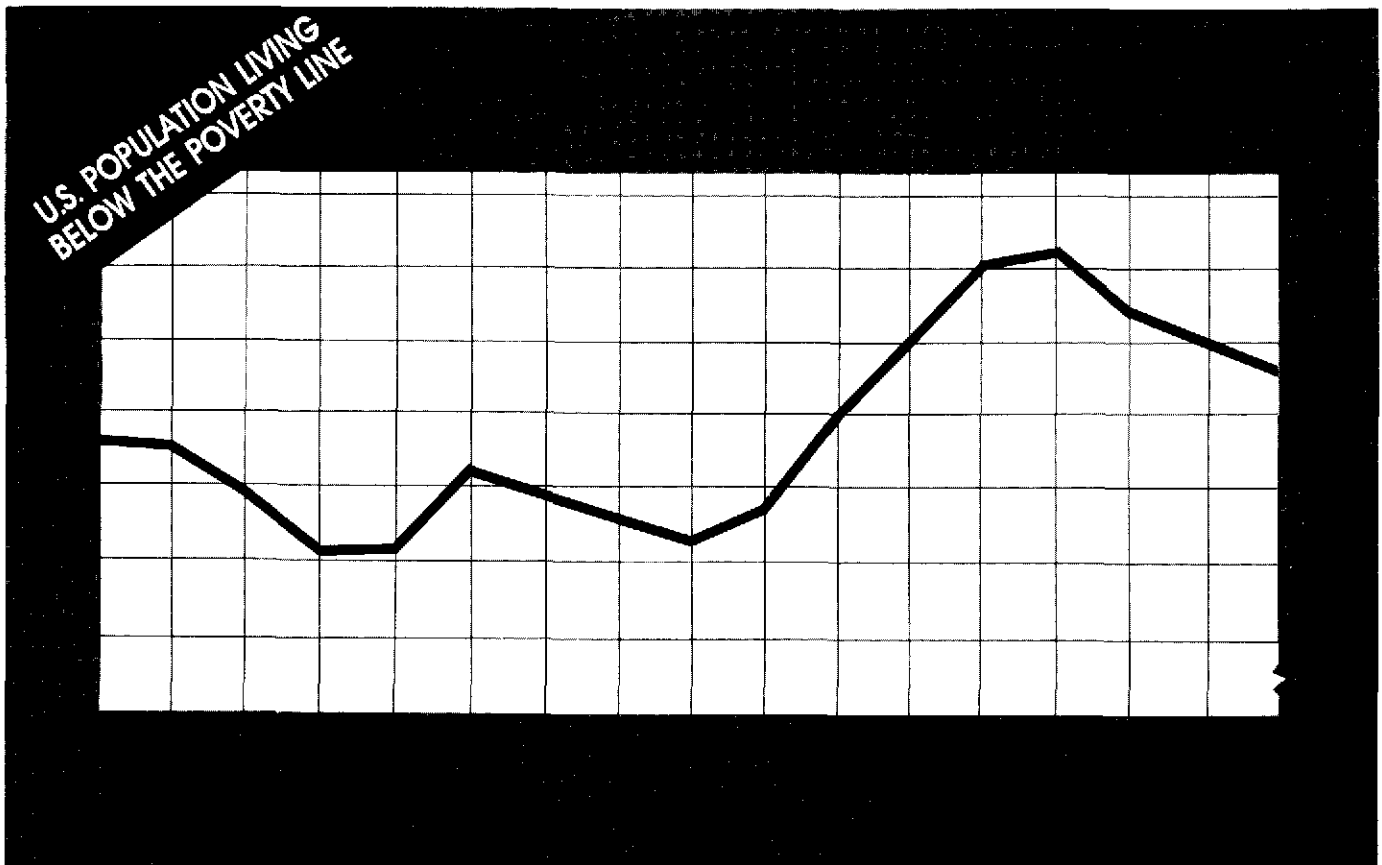
Benefit levels under the Supplemental Security Income program, serving between 4 and 4.5 million elderly and disabled poor, are somewhat higher and more uniform. SSI benefits averaged \$336 per person in 1986, compared with the average AFDC payment of \$118 per person that year. In FY 1987, the federal government, which primarily funds the program, appropriated \$10.9 billion for SSI.

Unemployment Insurance—a federal/state program that provides short-term assistance—serves only a small percentage of unemployed workers (35 percent in December 1986). Because benefits typically last only 26 weeks, many of the unemployed no longer receive them. Other workers do not even qualify for UI due to short or spotty employment histories.

### *Proposals for Reform*

For the last 25 years, the AFDC program has been under attack from all sides of the political spectrum. Welfare system critics have long argued that long-term assistance makes recipients dependent and unable to move ahead

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## Work Programs for Welfare Recipients

A 25-year debate over the entitlement nature of welfare programs may be headed for resolution in the near future. The question no longer seems to be "Should welfare recipients be required to work in exchange for their benefits?" but rather "How should work programs for welfare recipients be structured?"

Two factors are primarily responsible for this philosophical shift. First, the AFDC program has grown dramatically. Between 1960 and 1970 the number of families receiving assistance rose from 800,000 to 2.2 million. Total payments increased from nearly \$1 billion to \$5 billion during that decade alone. Second, the tremendous influx of women into the paid labor force has changed societal norms about the relationship of mothers to work outside of their homes.

The shift in policy direction began with the enactment of the Work Incentive (WIN) Program in 1967, which in 1971 began requiring all adult recipients of AFDC without preschool age children or other specific problems that kept them at home to register with the state employment service, to participate in job training or job search activities and to accept offers of employment.

The 1981 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) authorized three new work programs for welfare recipients: (1) WIN Demonstrations, which allowed states more flexibility in designing their WIN programs; (2) Community Work Experience Programs (CWEP)—often referred to as "workfare"—which allowed states to establish programs requiring participants to work off their benefits in unpaid work assignments and (3) work supplementation or grant diversion programs, where the participant's welfare grant could be used to subsidize a job in either the public or private sector. In 1982, job search programs were added to the list.

By January 1987, 42 states were operating a total of 92 new programs offering a variety of services, including individual and group job search, direct job placement assistance, unpaid work experience (CWEP), WIN work experience (limited to 13 weeks), on-the-job training, remedial or basic education, subsidized work experience, vocational skills training or post-high school education. In practice, however, the emphasis has been on low-cost programs, such as job search services, which do not increase the skill levels of participants.

The most publicly acclaimed of these programs is the Massachusetts ET Choices program, which

offers voluntary participants career planning assessments, education and training, supported work, health insurance, subsidized child care and transportation subsidies. It's important to note that in FY 1986, Massachusetts spent approximately \$18 million, or nearly one-half of its ET budget, on child care.

Another experimental program, the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program in California, is just getting under way. Initial evaluation data has found that a substantial number of enrollees need extensive remedial education, pointing out another roadblock for low-income people seeking to enter the paid labor force.

Historically, only a handful of work programs required women with preschool-age children to look for work or enter job training programs. Now, there is increased pressure to require mothers—sometimes those with children as young as six months—to participate, because of data that suggests that young, unmarried women who enter AFDC when their children are less than three are at greatest risk for becoming long-term dependent. But child care and other support services are costly and, as a result, many state and local agencies have developed formal or informal screening mechanisms, which have the effect of serving the most "job ready" recipients—those without preschool children or with demonstrated work skills.

Because of this so-called "creaming," many observers question whether those actually receiving services would have found jobs on their own without assistance from an AFDC agency. There is increasing pressure to change the programs so that the least job-ready recipients—that is, long-term welfare recipients—receive assistance first. Legislation pending in the U.S. Congress—known by its acronym JEDI (Jobs for Employable Dependent Individuals)—would provide bonuses to states that have successful job placement rates for long-term welfare recipients.

None of the work program proposals being debated in Congress seem to acknowledge that most adult welfare recipients are single parents who bear the dual burdens of providing both the emotional and financial support for their families. Few politicians are proposing programs that would offer more options to welfare recipients, such as part-time work supplemented by welfare benefits or an increase in the minimum wage, that would help parents meet both their financial and parenting responsibilities.

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on their own. Supporters of social programs have increasingly criticized the federal government for allowing AFDC benefit levels to sink so low that poor families cannot even afford basic necessities.

In the past two years, a number of proposals to overhaul the AFDC system have been debated widely. Building on an apparent consensus that AFDC recipients should be required to participate in work or work-related activities, most of the proposals call for:

- increasing AFDC benefit levels and making payments more uniform nationwide;
- enforcing child support requirements more stringently;
- requiring mandatory work or job-training in exchange for benefits (see box on Work Programs for Welfare Recipients);
- extending support services such as subsidized child care and medical insurance to former welfare recipients for a limited amount of time after they begin employment.

To date, disagreements over the shape of work programs, the extent to which child care should be subsidized and the high price tag of many of the proposals have cast doubt on whether Congress will pass meaningful reform. In addition, there are differing opinions about which level of government should be primarily responsible for family income assistance programs. Some welfare advocates want the federal government to have more control to ensure uniform benefit levels. Others maintain that the states should have maximum flexibility to design their own programs. How these "responsibility" issues get resolved could very well determine the adequacy of income assistance programs in the years to come.

## Hunger in America

Increasing poverty in the 1980s coupled with cuts in federal food programs have dramatically increased the number of Americans who need ongoing or emergency food assistance, reversing almost 20 years of progress in reducing hunger and malnutrition in this country. New evidence of widespread hunger is mounting:

- A 1985 study by the Harvard School of Public Health estimated that about 20 million Americans experience hunger at some point each month and that almost 500,000 children may be malnourished.
- In December 1986, a U.S. Conference of Mayors survey reported that requests for emergency food assistance had increased by an average of 25 percent

in 22 of 25 major U.S. cities, with many noting a sharp rise in the number of families with children requesting assistance.

The impact of increased hunger is striking. Progress toward reducing America's infant mortality rate has slowed and the number of infants born at very low birth-weights has risen—partly due to poor nutrition among mothers during pregnancy and to poor infant nutrition. Public health workers also have noted increasing cases of stunted growth, anemia and abnormal weight in children.

## The Status of Federal Food Programs

The largest food assistance program in this country—the federally funded food stamp program—helps feed 19 million people and will cost \$11.7 billion in FY 1987. Despite the high price tag, however, it is estimated that 11 to 13 million eligible people do not participate in the program; underparticipation is particularly acute in rural areas. Recent federal budget cuts have exacerbated the problem by eliminating one million people—primarily the working poor—from the food stamp rolls and by reducing benefits.

Other federal food programs—the school breakfast and lunch program, child care food programs and summer food programs—were cut 29 percent between 1982 and 1985. As a result of budget cuts in the school lunch program alone, two million fewer children receive reduced-price or free meals.

Two nutrition programs that have remained virtually intact in the 1980s are the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and emergency food programs. Congress has provided for moderate growth in WIC. Still, although the program reaches 3.4 million people, the Children's Defense Fund estimates that this is fewer than one-half of those eligible. Since 1983, Congress has allocated \$50 million each year for emergency food programs, helping charities and soup kitchens store, distribute and transport surplus food to the needy.

## Feeding the Hungry: Whose Responsibility?

With the glaring gaps in federal food programs in the 1980s, new questions have been raised about who should take responsibility for feeding the poor. Federal food programs always have been supplemented by emergency

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food programs run by religious and other nonprofit organizations. However, the Reagan administration has pressured for more private efforts to feed the poor and has argued that food programs, especially food stamps, should be de-federalized, with the states taking over funding and administration. The interest in turning such programs over to the states reflects a broader Reagan administration philosophy favoring less centralized government.

Food policy experts, however, have opposed transferring food programs to the states, fearing even more drastic cuts in benefits, especially in poor states. A 1985 report from Bread for the World, a Christian anti-hunger advocacy group, also points out that many private food programs do not have the resources to provide for long-term food needs. Thus, although local governments and private groups can play an important role in alleviating hunger, a clear consensus has not emerged that they should assume responsibility for food programs.

## Housing: Unaffordable and Unavailable

It's been nearly 50 years since Congress proclaimed the goal of "a decent home and living environment for every American." Yet as we move into the 1990s, symptoms of the failure in U.S. housing policy abound—none more striking than the multiplying numbers of the homeless, now estimated at between 350,000 and two million. Recent surveys show that the homeless are not just "skid row bums" or "bag ladies." Families and children represent as many as one-third of the homeless nationwide.

What has caused the housing crisis? Experts point to the decreasing supply of affordable housing as well as to drastic cuts in federal housing programs over the past six years.

Like other economic problems, the housing crisis most severely affects the poor, many of whom have relied on low-cost rental housing. However, between 1970 and 1980, the median rate for rent in this country rose 120 percent while renters' median income rose only 66 percent. As a result, by 1983, 6.3 million low-income households were paying more than half of their incomes for rent and utilities, up from 3.7 million in 1975. More than half of renters earning under \$7,000 a year spent more than 60 percent of their income on housing in 1983. Such families, in many cases, are only one catastrophe away from homelessness.

The future promises little hope for easing the situation. Between 1985 and 1986, rents climbed another

6 percent, compared to an overall 2 percent rise in the consumer price index. A 1987 study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology projected these trends into the future and concluded that by 2003 there could be 7.8 million fewer low-rent units than the number of households that need them.

## Federally Assisted Housing Programs

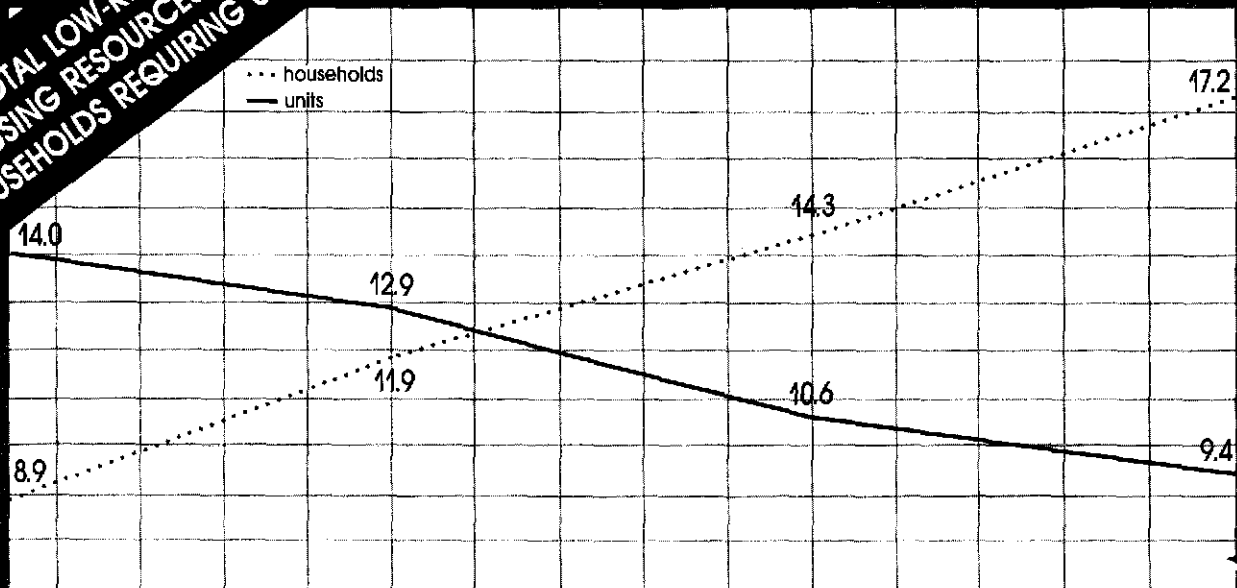
Since 1937 the federal government has played a major role in providing affordable housing, financing the construction of 1.35 million low-cost, public housing units. Another 2.7 million low-income units have been provided through private owners, who contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under several subsidized-rent programs, including the Section 8, Section 236, Section 221(d)(3) and Farmers Home Administration Section 515 programs.

Since the early 1980s, funding for these federal housing programs has been cut 60 percent, virtually halting the construction of new public housing and subsidized-rent projects. Meanwhile, growing demand has swelled the waiting lists for the few low-cost units available. Several other factors threaten to compound the problem. Roughly 70,000 public housing units are now abandoned each year, victims of neglect and slashed rehabilitation budgets. Many privately owned, subsidized-rent projects also are reaching the end of their contract periods; as many as 900,000 units could be sold, demolished or rented at higher rates over the next decade.

The Reagan administration has favored an approach to housing assistance based on demand rather than supply. Under an experimental program, eligible families are given "vouchers"—a housing subsidy equal to the difference between 30 percent of their incomes and the "fair market rents" in their areas. The administration has strongly backed the program as less costly than public housing construction programs and a way to integrate low-income people into mainstream rental housing.

The voucher program has been criticized for failing to address the dwindling supply of low-rent housing. Also, many landlords are either reluctant to participate in the program or unwilling to rent to low-income families, especially those with children. HUD's own data suggests that many low-income families, particularly minority families, that hold voucher certificates have trouble finding housing on the open market. As a result, each year about one-quarter of the vouchers provided through the program are not used.

## TOTAL LOW-RENT HOUSING RESOURCES AND HOUSEHOLDS REQUIRING UNITS



### New Housing Initiatives

Without any major new federal housing initiatives in the 1980s, much of the emphasis for providing low-cost housing has shifted to state and local governments.

Responding to the growing ranks of homeless, many states and cities have poured millions of dollars into temporary shelters. A handful of states also are establishing programs to finance the construction of new public housing. Fifteen states have set up housing "trust funds"—pools of low-interest money to assist developers to build low-cost housing. Seven states have raised money for housing projects from surplus bond revenues. Still other states and cities have tried public/private partnerships, donating the land and other resources if developers and nonprofit agencies construct the housing.

**W**hile low-income housing advocates applaud these efforts, many question whether states and localities can meet housing needs without federal help. Yet given current budget constraints, it is unlikely that the federal government will increase funding for recently slashed public housing construction programs. Thus, many national housing experts support greater cooperation among all levels of government and the private sector to provide future low-cost housing. One new idea calls for the creation of a federal housing block grant, with

states contributing matching funds. Other proposals include a national housing trust fund, modeled after state programs, and a national housing partnership—an alliance of governments, corporations and nonprofit entities that would build low-cost housing. Agreement appears to be emerging that a new housing strategy is needed, one that builds on the lessons of past housing programs and takes advantage of recent innovations in states and cities around the country.

### The Crisis in Health Care

The crisis in health care continues to dominate headlines and the policy agendas of national, state and local governments. Recent statistics dramatically portray the problem's increasing magnitude:

- In 1986, nearly 37 million Americans, one-third of them children, had no private or public health care insurance, a 31-percent increase since 1980. Seventy percent of the uninsured are workers and their dependents.
- In 1987, a study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that nearly 40 million Americans were having difficulty affording necessary health care.

Rapidly escalating health care costs—consistently running double the general inflation rate during the 1980s—have played a major role in the crisis. But two other factors also have contributed: the declining scope of Medicaid—the joint federal/state health care program for the poor—and changes in the job market.

**T**ighter federal eligibility requirements for Medicaid have reduced the number of program participants, while state income limits for would-be recipients have not kept pace with inflation. As a result, Medicaid coverage of low-income individuals dropped from 63 percent in 1975 to 50 percent in 1985. Medicaid coverage is now virtually limited to AFDC and SSI recipients.

Recent changes in the workplace have only exacerbated the problem. Studies show that nearly half of the full-time jobs created since 1979, many in the service industries, pay little more than the minimum wage and offer few benefits, including health insurance. Moreover, many employers who do provide health insurance are reducing their insurance premium contributions or refusing to contribute to the cost of family premiums, forcing workers to pay more for insurance or to drop their coverage.

## **Health Care: A Basic Human Need?**

Ironically, the health care crisis arises at a time when health care access and coverage had been improving. The private sector's provision of employee health insurance as well as the creation of Medicaid and of Medicare (the non-means-tested federal program providing health care to the elderly) have dramatically increased the number of Americans receiving regular health care. Before these programs existed, routine medical care was often considered a luxury.

Today, few people would want to deny basic or emergency medical care to those who cannot afford it. However, debate continues around what kind of medical care ought to be available to the medically indigent. Some believe only emergency care should be provided, through public hospitals and clinics. Others argue that preventive care, such as immunizations and prenatal care, should be offered to everyone. Even less agreement exists over the widespread availability of counseling, sex education and alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs as well as costlier medical treatments, such as liver or heart transplants.

The price tag may be the pivotal consideration for offering any of these services to the poor. But equal

## **Social Policy in Europe**

While social welfare programs in the United States were drastically cut in the 1980s, many western European nations were increasing assistance to their populations—especially families and children. These countries now provide a variety of income supplements—family allowances, housing assistance and government-generated child support—to buttress widely available job, job training, child care and health care programs.

The United States offers a patchwork of income assistance programs to low-income people and uses tax deductions as a means of providing some across-the-board relief to all taxpayers. In practice, however, those with little or no income reap the smallest benefits from tax breaks. In contrast, many European nations provide universal family or child allowances—cash benefits provided monthly or weekly—which are supplemented if one or both parents are unemployed. These programs ensure that all families—regardless of income or work status—receive benefits.

Because more people can qualify for government help, European families tend to be better off than their American counterparts. The rate of child poverty in the United States is 60 percent higher than it is in Great Britain and more than double the rate in West Germany, Norway and Sweden.

European nations have developed income support systems without creating disincentives to work. The country most known for its generous social policies—Sweden—has the highest labor force participation rate in the western industrialized world. This has been accomplished in two ways: income assistance payments typically don't exceed what families can earn in the workplace (minimum wages are set high) and state-supported parental leaves and child care ensure that neither male nor female workers have to leave the labor force for extended periods.

Single mothers and their children also fare better in most other industrialized nations. In France, for example, a newly divorced mother is eligible for a special social security payment for a year, reimbursement for health care expenses, a family allowance, a variety of special tax deductions and government training programs.

American politicians have tended to view European social welfare programs as unworkable here. As the current debate over social welfare reform continues, perhaps the European approach can provide guidance on how to prioritize welfare expenditures and develop successful programs in this country.

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importance must be given to the potential costs and repercussions to our society if the ranks of the medically indigent continue to grow and no cost-effective solutions are found.

## **Relieving the Health Care Crisis**

Because America's health care delivery system is a hodge-podge of public/private providers and insurers, responsibility for relieving the crisis lies in many hands, including those of government officials, hospital administrators, doctors and nurses, private employers and the consumers themselves. Nevertheless, government may continue to be the primary initiator of health care programs for the poor.

**R**ecent federal legislative initiatives have focused on three health care fronts: (1) expanding Medicaid coverage by uncoupling eligibility from AFDC and SSI; (2) developing a catastrophic national health care plan to limit liabilities during health care emergencies; (3) requiring more employers to offer basic health insurance plans to their employees. In addition, Congress is working on a catastrophic health plan for the elderly that would include a cap on out-of-pocket expenses for medication and hospital care but would provide only limited coverage for nursing home care.

Meanwhile, state governments have launched a number of new programs designed to spread health care costs among as many parties as possible. One popular plan has been to develop indigent care financing pools, with providers, employers and local governments contributing to the costs. Some states also have established "risk pools"—financed by surcharges on private insurance plans—to offer coverage to high-risk, uninsurable persons. Other states have allowed small employers to jointly buy affordable group insurance.

These developments hold out the promise that health care coverage may improve. None of the options would be as comprehensive as national health insurance, which was on the U.S. legislative agenda in the 1970s and is offered in many other western democracies. However, health care providers and policy makers in this country remain opposed to the idea of a centralized health care system, in which the federal government would regulate access and costs. In the absence of a nationwide system, it will take a variety of programs and options to decrease the vulnerability that far too many Americans face during health care crises.

## **The Crisis of Responsibility**

Social welfare policy in the United States has always reflected a kind of national schizophrenia about both the causes and cures for poverty. Americans want to be generous, but not too generous for fear of discouraging initiative and responsibility. Shifting federal policies and priorities, budget constraints and an uncertain economic picture have heightened the social welfare crisis. How we as a nation resolve the crisis of responsibility in meeting basic human needs in the next year or so may well affect social policy—and the quality of life for many people—in the 1990s and beyond.

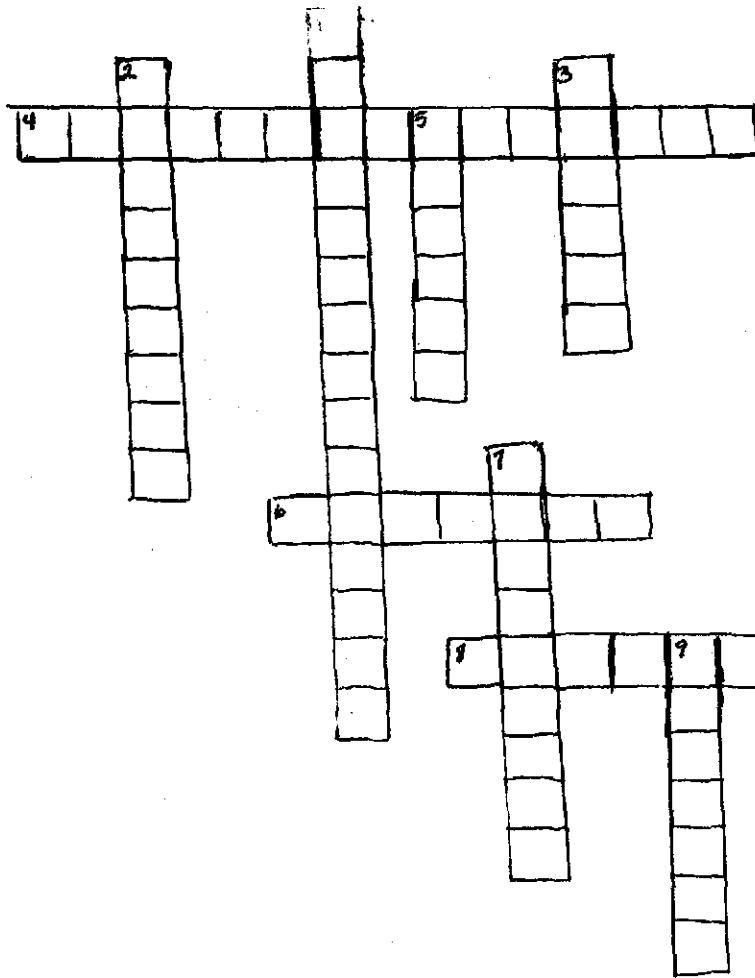
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| 5. dumping           | 1. whole herd buyout |
| 6. dumping           | 2. soduster          |
| 8. set aside         | 3. target            |



WHY SHOULD I ATTEND A UNIT MEETING?

Unit meetings (discussion groups) are the backbone of League activity and enables members to take part in the whole League process. Through discussion at unit meetings we gain knowledge, becoming better educated about our government and a particular issue. In turn, the information shared will help us reach a consensus or non-agreement about what action we want to take.

A unit meeting is a time for a free flowing exchange of information, questions, and viewpoints. Knowledge is shared by those verse on the subject and questions are encouraged. Every member's point of view is important, so we need to hear from you.

Unit meetings will be on Tuesdays (Jan.12th, Feb. 23rd, April 5th, & May 10th) at 7:30pm and on Wednesdays (Jan. 13th, Feb. 24th, April 6th, & May 11th) at 9:30am. A babysitter will be provided on Wednesday morning if one is needed. We may also hold an additional evening meeting on Wednesday. Please let me know which you prefer.

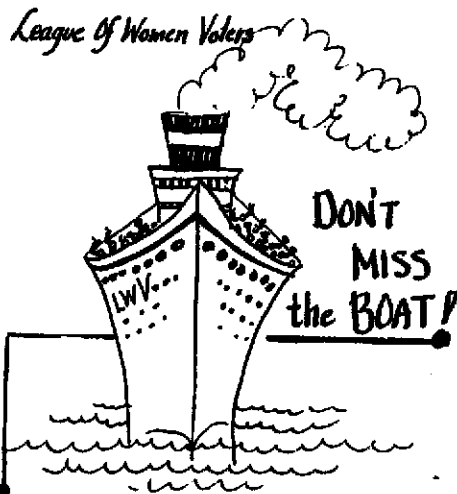
Each of you has something to give a group discussion, so I hope you will share two hours of your time with your fellow Leaguers.

Any question? Just call.

Deb Matz  
Unit Chairman  
731-1129



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## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

|           |    |                 |  |  |
|-----------|----|-----------------|--|--|
| Wednesday | 3  | *7:00           | County Study<br>(Jail Tour)            | 410 S. Walnut<br>Rm. 2 Courthouse<br>Annex<br>6th & Elm Sts. |
|           |    | *Change in Time |  |  |
| Tuesday   | 15 | *****           | Last day to pay<br>dues to be a member | M. J. Wurster<br>228 N. Park St.<br>Appleton 54911           |
| Wednesday | 16 | 6:00<br>7:00    | Board Meeting<br>Holiday Gathering     | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge                              |
| Monday    | 21 |                 | Bulletin Deadline                      |  |
| Friday    | 25 |                 | HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!                      |  |



### JANUARY

|           |    |      |                   |   |
|-----------|----|------|-------------------|---|
| Friday    | 1  |      | HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! |   |
| Tuesday   | 12 | 7:30 | Human Needs Unit  | Trinity Lutheran<br>Fireside Room<br>209 N. Allen |
| Wednesday | 13 | 9:30 | Human Needs Unit  | All Saints Epls.<br>400 E. College                |
| Wednesday | 20 | 6:00 | Board Meeting     |   |
| Sunday    | 24 |      | Bulletin Deadline |   |
| Wednesday | 27 |      | LIVELY ISSUES     | M. J. Wurster<br>228 N. Park                      |

Notes From  
Helen

Lawrence Chapel will not be the site of a Presidential Primary Debate (I think the selection committee made a mistake by not taking the community up on its offer !) In a phone conversation with Natalie Testa, she again assured me that the Appleton Neenah/Menasha proposal was well received but that the timing of the Wisconsin Primary was too near Easter and Passover which are traditionally times when candidates limit campaigning. An eastern site has been chosen which will tie in with the Pennsylvania and New York primaries. We're disappointed but will move on to more local issues.

Marilyn Yeske has begun to develop a coalition to draw attention to the Appleton races for Mayor, City Attorney (no, we haven't put this issue to rest) and Alderpersons as well as the Outagamie County races for Judge and Supervisors.

We would like to make sure candidates for county supervisors are highlighted since they are the only ones who can reduce the size of the County Board. Beth English summed up the general feeling of those who observed the budget hearings when she said "they need work". Public recognition of the elected officials who set policies for the administration of a budget in excess of 75 million dollars is essential for good government.



COME ONE.....COME ALL !!!!  
HOLIDAY GATHERING

As part of a trip to the Soviet Union 3 years ago, Char Sigman made contact with "Refusniks" (Jews who are refused permission to leave the Soviet Union). Since that time she has attempted to maintain contact.

Char will not only share the slides of her trip, but her views of the effect of the current Soviet policy on the Refusniks.

Bring yourself, a friend and a beverage or snack to Bobbie Murray's home on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.



# INTRODUCING

JEANNE BEHN is a Customer Service Representative for Cablevision and a disc jockey for "Magic 104". She has a passion for music and theatre and loves to read. Jeanne joined League because she likes the idea of women doing something together on an interesting topic. She hopes to learn more about how government works. Specifically, she is anxious to see what effect we can have on the law.

GAIL BICKEL loves cross-country skiing and cooking. She is an on-call lab assistant at AMC. She hopes to become more informed and involved in the community through her work with League.

JOANNE DULL teaches Chapter 1 reading at Horizons School. She plays tennis and bridge and also likes gardening and reading. She has been a resident of Appleton for 11 years. She says now that her children are all in college she finally has found the time for League.

RUTH FRIEDMAN is a native New Yorker who recently moved to Appleton from Boston. She is an Instructor of American History at Lawrence with a special emphasis in Environmental history. Other special interests include cross-country skiing, biking, hiking and cooking. Through League Ruth hopes to become involved with social action, human needs, environmental issues and politics.

BETTY GORSKY recently retired from a very full career as an educator. Her last assignment was as a guidance counselor along with two english classes at Einstein. Since her retirement she has been able to spend more time in the community. She is a Board member of the Salvation Army and the Attic Theatre. She also keeps busy volunteering at Keen Agers and with the AMC Auxilliary and Senior Showcase. Betty loves golf, football and basketball. She is looking forward to election work and study group with League.

KATHY HARTZHEIM fulfilled a long-standing personal goal by returning to school recently. She is a member of PBW and an avid boater. Kathy hopes to gain a better understanding of government by participating in League.

ANN MEADE is editor of University publications and Associate Director of Public Affairs for Lawrence University. She is a graduate of Beloit College and moved to Appleton in 1982. She enjoys skiing, sewing and knitting.

NANCY MIELIULIS moved to Appleton last April from Chicago via Westerville, OH. Nancy, by profession, is an elementary teacher who currently is having a great time with her 4 year old.

SUSAN RILEY is an Instructor of Developmental Psychology at Lawrence. She is a sports enthusiast who particularly enjoys volleyball. Reading is also a favorite pasttime of her's. As a League member she hopes to become involved with area education and human needs issues.

*Welcome* NEW MEMBERS \*





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SUSAN SILTON is the Assistance Director of Computer Services of Lawrence University. She loves to cross-country ski and is an avid bridge player. Susan hopes to gain some new intellectual stimulation through her work in League.

KATHY SPRENGER is a returning League member after a 6 year hiatus. She and her husband own and operate Kitchens II by Interior Specialists. Reading is one of Karen's main interests as well as her 2 children Jessica (16) and Tyler (10). Welcome back!

NANCY SUKE is a native of this area who recently returned from 2 years in South Carolina. Her special interests include interior design, literature and animals. In League she hopes to explore human needs, politics and the community.

MARGARET WALSH is Chairman of the Board of Tel-Sec, Inc. which she founded in 1949. She is an active community volunteer and serves on the Boards of United Way, Associated Bank and CLASP, which she spearheaded. Margaret loves bridge and reading.

STEVIE SCHMIDT returns to League after a few years off. She is an Alderperson and a Meal Site Manager for the Commission on Aging. She is also a thespian, a swimmer and an artist. Over the years, Stevie has been a Board member for ABC and League. She has also had a great involvement with the school system. While away she missed League's educational opportunities, stimulating conversations and the chance to be in touch with people of "different ages, minds and stages of life." She's glad to be back and we're glad she's back.

JOYCE SCHULTZ is a native of Appleton who has lived all over the country. A retired nurse, Joyce plans to begin nursing full-time again soon. Music, writing and "Senior Showcase" fill her spare time. She is happy to be a member of League where she says she can be a part of an organization that makes things happen.



# THANKS

As Unit Chairman I have called on many of you for your assistance. Now I would like to publicly thank you.

- Thank you Cathy Boardman, Virginia Rosenberg, Bev Wieckert, Nancy Pourciau, Marge Koepke, Dawn Washatka, Harvada Elisberg  
for hostessing League meetings
- Thank you Sharon Fenlon  
for opening your home for our Meet the Mayor meeting.
- Thank you Leonard & Donna Weis, Win Thrall, Barb Grant, and Helen Nagler  
for graciously opening your homes to State Board members
- Thank you Linda Bjella, Martha Hemwall, Joy Povolny, Virginia Rose, Joan Ross, Betty Breunig, Elizabeth Hoover, Denise Peterson, Marcia Hittle and Ann Long  
for offering their homes to State Board members if needed
- Thank you Anna Faye Dodd  
for helping with Friday's board meeting
- Thank you Helen Nagler  
for making my confirmation calls
- And THANKS To everyone I spoke to over the phone  
for being so polite and friendly and making my job enjoyable.

Sincerely, Deb Matz

UNIT AND DISCUSSION LEADERS!!!

The time has come for us to get together. The following people have mentioned they would be a Unit or Discussion leader.

Mary Vandenberg, Gretchen Bambrick, Linda Bjella, Betty Breunig, Karen de Young, Linda Dinus, Barbara Folb, Marlys Fritzell, Corinne Goldgar, Barb Grant, Marcia Hittle, Nancy Jones, Sue Kinde, Jean King, Carolyn Mewhorter, Marian Ming, Ellen Needham, Jan Nordell, Nancy Pourciau, Joy Povolny, Virginia Rose, Virginia Rosenberg, Dick Sampson, Win Thrall, Jeanie Trigg, Dawn Washatka, and Bev Wieckert.



On Thursday, December 17th at 7 pm we will have a training session at 2200 N Nicholas. The people listed above and interested new members should call me to let me know if you will be at this meeting and which unit (1/12 pm, 1/13 am, 2/23 pm, 2/24 am, 4/5 pm, 4/6 am, 5/10 pm, 5/11 am) you will lead.

Deb Matz 731-1129



COUNTY DELIVERY OF SERVICES--General Meeting  
Wednesday, December 3 7 p.m.

Our committee will attempt this evening to present two fascinating adjuncts to our study of Outagamie County. Beginning at 7 p.m. we will receive a tour of the County Jail to see first hand it's needs and some of the remedies that are before the County Board at this time. Then, at 7:30 p.m., we will return to Courthouse Annex Room 2 to talk with Kenneth Theine, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's Executive Director. The Commission's primary activity is long range planning. It's most recognizable function has been it's role, along with the WI-DOT, in the Tri-County Expressway. The Planning Commission acts as a clearing-house for federal and state programs, completes sewer services area plans, and provides technical assistance to member jurisdictions on such diverse subjects as solid waste disposal, city transit, and park site planning. It should be a very informative evening. Bring yourself, a friend, and your ideas. See you there.

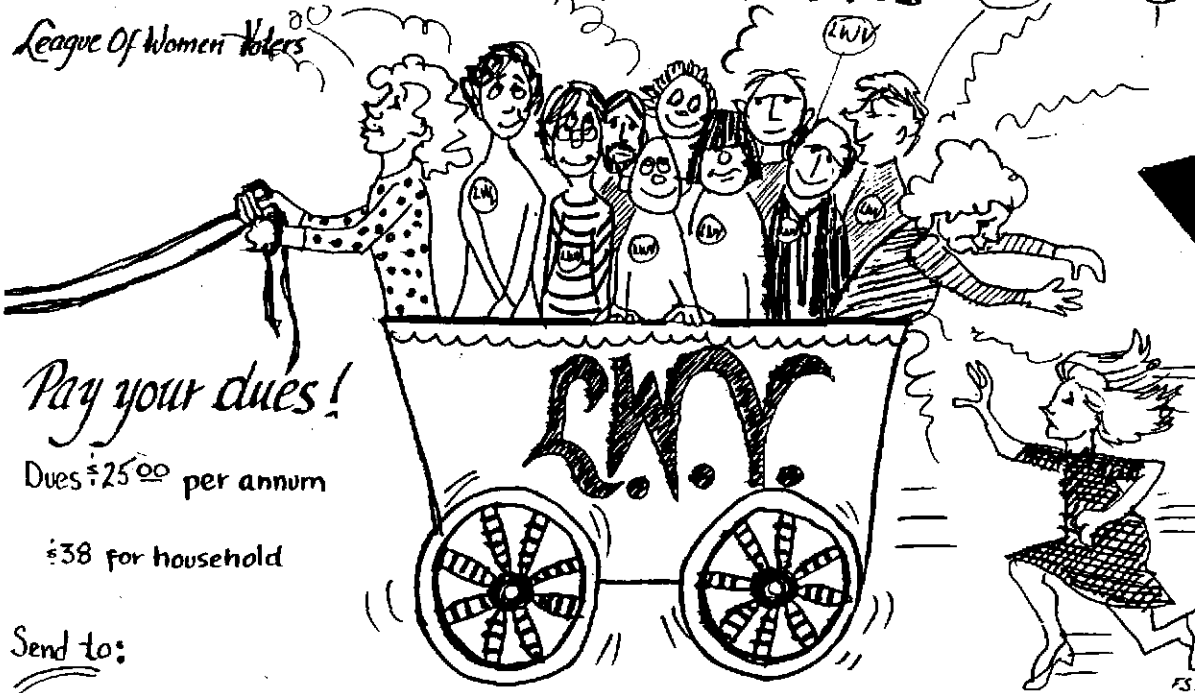
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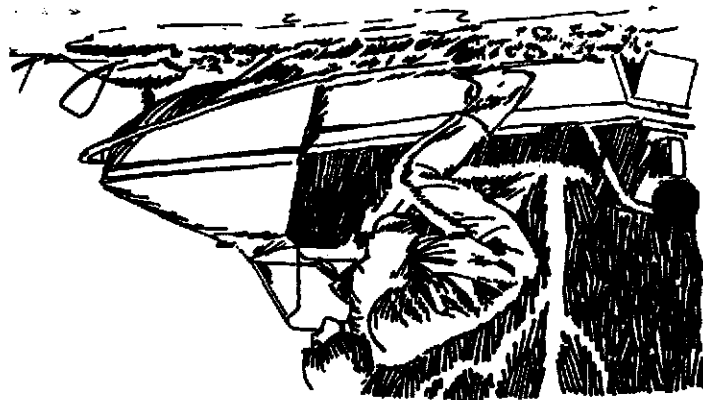
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## JANUARY

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|-----------|------|-----------|--|---|
| Friday    | 1    |           | H A P P Y N E W Y E A R ! ! !                                      |   |
|           | 5-12 | 6-8:30    | Bus Survey   | Valley Transit<br>801 S. Whitman                  |
| Tuesday   | 12   | 7:30      | Human Needs Unit<br>Kathy Sprenger<br>733-1229                     | Trinity Lutheran<br>Fireside Room<br>209 N. Allen |
| Wednesday | 13   | 9:30      | Human Needs Unit*<br>Deb Matz<br>731-1129<br>*Babysitter available | All Saints Epis.<br>400 E. College                |
|           | 13   | 7:00      | Human Needs Unit<br>Bobbie Murray<br>731-4848                      | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge                   |
| Wednesday | 20   | 6:00      | Board Meeting  | Helene Iverson<br>26 Sunray Court                 |
| Wednesday | 27   | <i>7p</i> | LIVELY ISSUES  | M. J. Wurster<br>228 N. Park                      |

## FEBRUARY

|            |       |      |   |                                    |
|------------|-------|------|---|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday ** | 9     |      | ***Education General***<br>(has been rescheduled to 3/24) |                                    |
|            | 13-14 |      | LWV-US Primary Debates                                    | New Hampshire                      |
| Tuesday    | 16    |      | Primary Election  |                                    |
| Wednesday  | 17    | 6:00 | Board Meeting   |                                    |
| Tuesday    | 23    | 7:30 | County Services Units                                     | Memorial Presby.<br>803 E. College |
| Wednesday  | 24    | 9:30 | County Services Units                                     | All Saints<br>400 E. College       |

# President's Message

November was saddened by the death of Ann long the week of Thanksgiving. Ann was an active League member for most of her adult life not only as a Board member but also as a committee member. Most recently she worked on the study committees that looked at county government.

My affection for Ann stems from my initial meeting of her when, as a relatively new League member, I chaired a two year state Juvenile Justice study. Ann was one of the long term League members of that committee who took me by the hand and led me through the county social service and court systems. Not only did she instruct me but she stuck with the committee for two years.

County government intrigued Ann. She understood it !!! She also understood my impatience with county government and before my last statement took me aside and cautioned me to be "gentle" (her words) with them because the County Board would not respond to strident statements. Ann was a politician in the very best sense.

League and the community will need to fill the void left by Ann. She quietly helped many to grow in understanding and tolerance.

I GOOFED.....



*Helen*

The calendar for December on the Bulletin listed the correct day of the week for the county study jail tour but the incorrect date. (Evidently when I proofed it I must have glanced at the wrong month and "corrected" the correct date with the wrong one. If this error caused you to miss the excellent meeting, my apologies. Beth English has graciously agreed to set up another jail tour if there are any interested members. If you would like to tour the jail, please contact her. Those who were able to attend were quite interested in the facilities at the jail and to hear what they would like to have in a new facility.

*Bobbie*



## RE M I N D E R

The Human Needs Study will have their units on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12th and 13th. This committee has done a lot of work on this subject and has a lot of information to share. Please read the hand-out attached to your November newsletter to get a good background. We NEED a large turn out in order to reach consensus. As noted elsewhere, there will be 3 unit meetings for this study... one of them should fit your schedule.



UNIT MEETINGS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN!

Our first unit meetings will be January 12th & 13th. Please note we will have three (3) unit meetings on human needs, since many people requested a Wednesday evening group. If interests continues in the Wednesday evening unit we will have another in February.

If you are planning to attend one of the units, we would like YOU to call the hostess of that meeting by Jan. 10th. Please call so we know how many people to expect at each unit.

Jan 12 7:30PM Kathy Sprenger 733-1229  
Trinity Lutheran

Jan 13 9:30AM Deb Matz 731-1129  
All Saints

7:30PM Bobbie Murray 731-4848  
1300 N Bay Ridge (The Murray Home)

\*\*\*There will be a babysitter available on Wednesday mornings at the church.

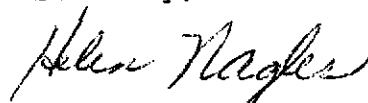
Try to make one of these meetings. We'd like to see and hear from everyone.

**ACTION** in your name

The League of Women Voters of Appleton supports an off-street transfer center for the buses. We urge that the Appleton City Council take action on the current scaled down proposal. As Appleton's elected officials we feel that you have thoughtfully studied the feasibility of a transfer center. The current proposal which addresses the needs of the city for a downtown transfer center in an economical manner, is a result of the past years' discussions.

A decision by the council on this matter is essential. Of course we support the plan and hope that you, too, have driven downtown; observed the hazardous transfer situation that currently exists; and will, with your vote, move to correct the situation.

Sincerely,



Helen Nagler  
President  
League of Women Voters  
of Appleton

December 16, 1987

# - lively issues -

IF IT'S JANUARY....IT MUST BE LIVELY ISSUES TIME

Date: Wednesday, January 27th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: M. J. Wurster's home, 228 N. Park

## LOCAL LEVEL

The selection of local study items is the first step toward local League action. On January 27th suggested study items will be presented, discussed, evaluated, and voted upon for presentation to the Board who will then make recommendations for items to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Only those items discussed at this meeting may be introduced at the Annual Meeting.

## NATIONAL LEVEL

We have 2 responsibilities on the national level:

1. To decide which national positions should be retained and which positions should be dropped. NOTE: We will only discuss those which members feel should be dropped.
2. To choose program priorities for '88-90.  
Which 3 issues will LWV-US prioritize in the next 2 years?
  - an issue under current League positions?
  - a new issue to League which would require study and member agreement?

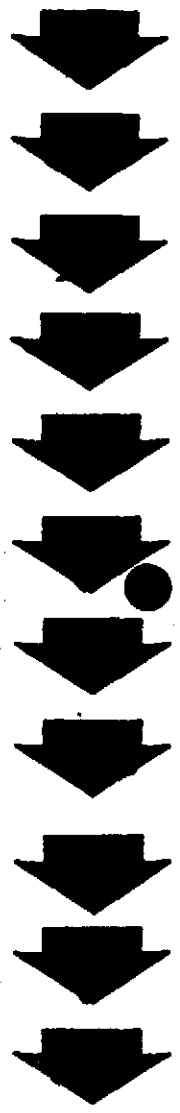
\*\*\*\*To prepare yourself for the meeting, review and bring along:

1. Impact on Issues (We will not review these at the meeting)
2. Local position papers (Found in your directory)
3. Worksheets from this bulletin

THINK about what you would like to suggest for local study items. Attend the meeting and help decide what our new study items should be

See you on the 27th.

Helene Iverson



# NATIONAL PROGRAM 1986-88

## GOVERNMENT

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

### CITIZEN RIGHTS

**Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation**  
Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

**Individual Liberties** Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

**Public Policy on Reproductive Choices**  
Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

### CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

**Congress** Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

**The Presidency** Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

### ELECTION PROCESS

**Apportionment** Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

**Campaign Finance** Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

**Election of the President** Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

### FISCAL POLICY

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax; promote responsible deficit policies; support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

### VOTING RIGHTS

Protect the right of every citizen to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

### DC SELF-GOVERNMENT AND FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both Houses of Congress.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

### ARMS CONTROL

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

### MILITARY POLICY AND DEFENSE SPENDING

Work to limit reliance on military force; examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

### TRADE

Support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

### UNITED NATIONS

Support measures to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

### U.S. RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Promote U.S. policies that meet the long-term social and economic needs of developing countries and that minimize U.S.-Soviet competition.

# NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POLLUTION CONTROL

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

# SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.

## EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

## EQUAL RIGHTS

Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

## INCOME ASSISTANCE

Support a federalized system of income assistance, with uniform standards, to meet the basic needs of all persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available.

## TRANSPORTATION

Promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that improve the well-being of cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

## URBAN POLICY

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

# NEW STUDIES

## MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Evaluate public and private responsibilities for providing food, shelter, a basic income level and access to health care.

## AGRICULTURE

Consider the role of the federal government in agriculture. Scope: Review, evaluate and establish criteria for U.S. agricultural policy and programs.

LWVUS \* Worksheet for members \*

*Before coming to lively issues, review your copy of Impact on Issues for complete position information.*

*Using this worksheet, decide what positions you think we should retain or drop.*

1988-90 NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

SECTION I.A. RECOMMENDATIONS TO RETAIN OR DROP CURRENT NATIONAL POSITIONS

Retain Drop

GOVERNMENT

- CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/  
RIGHT TO KNOW
- INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES
- REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES
- CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY
- DC SELF-GOVERNMENT AND  
FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION
- APPORTIONMENT
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE
- ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
- FISCAL POLICY
- VOTING RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- ARMS CONTROL/MILITARY POLICY  
AND DEFENSE SPENDING
- TRADE
- UNITED NATIONS
- U.S. RELATIONS WITH  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Retain Drop

NATURAL RESOURCES

- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AND POLLUTION CONTROL
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SOCIAL POLICY

- EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION,  
EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING
- EQUAL RIGHTS
- INCOME ASSISTANCE
- TRANSPORTATION
- URBAN POLICY

Studies In Progress as Adopted by  
Convention '86

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS  
(position to be based on  
member agreement & announced  
April '88)

AGRICULTURE  
(position to be based on  
member agreement & announced  
Fall '88)



*Check 3  
priority areas  
for LW-US.*

SECTION I.B.

CHOICES OF 3 NATIONAL PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR '88-90

| PROGRAM PRIORITIES BASED ON CURRENT POSITIONS<br>(1-15 LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)<br>OTHER OPTIONS (16-17) | MARK WITH X<br>(NO MORE THAN 3) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Agriculture (study in progress)   |                                 |
| 2. Arms Control  |                                 |
| 3. Basic Human Needs (study in progress) <i>Health + Nursing</i>                                       |                                 |
| 4. Civil Rights  |                                 |
| 5. Defense Spending  |                                 |
| 6. Elimination of Sex Discrimination   |                                 |
| 7. Energy Policy   |                                 |
| 8. Federal Deficit Reduction   |                                 |
| 9. Pollution Control   |                                 |
| 10. Relations with Developing Countries  |                                 |
| 11. Reproductive Choices   |                                 |
| 12. Trade  |                                 |
| 13. United Nations   |                                 |
| 14. Voter Participation  |                                 |
| 15. Waste Management   |                                 |
| 16. Other Program Priority Based on Current Position   |                                 |
| 17. Program Priority for Study and Member Agreement  |                                 |

New national study → ideas.

*N4. Turnout Turnaround  
How to encourage more people to vote.*

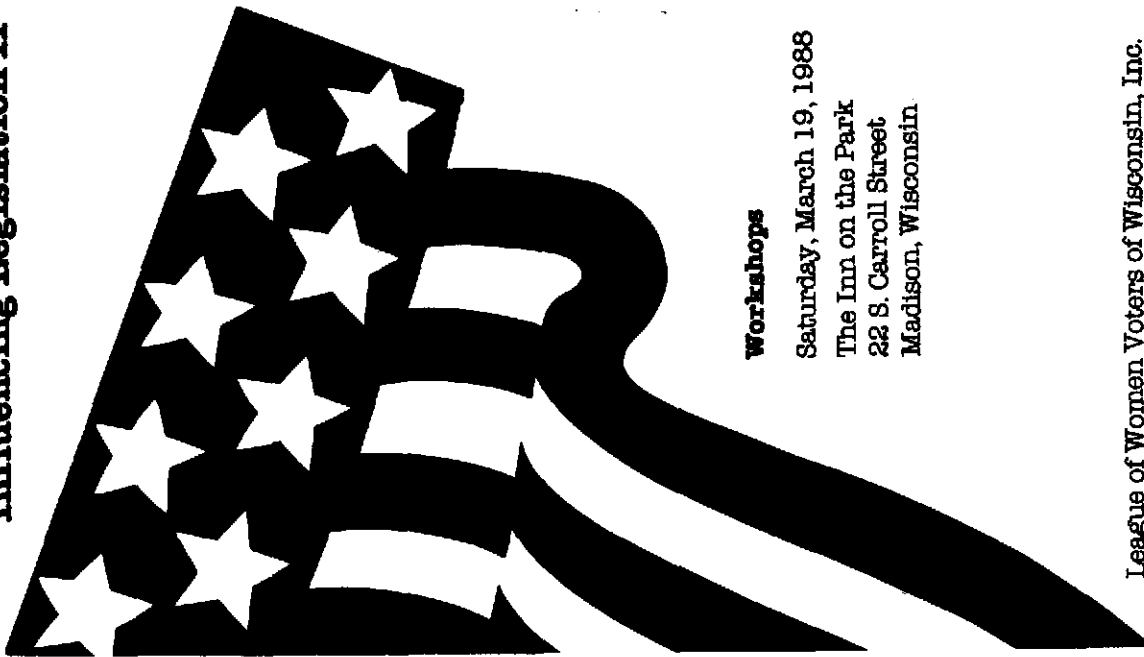
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WI* family Policy + Women's Issues  
*update on topics  
chance in device Law*

*- World Population - assessment of interactions of eco.  
feed + support population control*

*- economic conversion  
military → civilian + human need  
Main - Nuclear Power + Nuclear Waste*

League of Women Voters  
of Wisconsin

**Making Future History:  
Influencing Legislation II**



**Workshops**

Saturday, March 19, 1988  
The Inn on the Park  
22 S. Carroll Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, Inc.  
121 South Hancock Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703-3447  
(608) 256-0827



**Making Future History:  
Influencing Legislation II**

Celebrate Women's History Month by participating in the second annual League of Women Voters legislative training days. On Saturday, March 19, you will hear exciting speakers, participate in a variety of workshops and receive materials on how to monitor and influence public policy.



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
Influencing Legislation II  
March 19, 1988

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshops**  
(Give 1st and 2nd choice)

**Work Shop I**  
A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Shop II**  
F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Shop III**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ J \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

**Issue Update**  
M \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ Q \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration:** (Lunch and materials): \$20.00 for League members,  
\$30.00 for non-members      \$12.00 for lunch only

**Luncheon Selection:**  Chicken a la King     Vegetarian Salad

League member    Fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: League of Women Voters and send them with this form by March 14, to Legislative Days, LWVWI, 121 S. Hancock Street, Madison, WI 53703-3447



## Making Future History: Influencing Legislation II

### Program

- 8:15 a.m. Registration**
- 8:45 Welcome**
- 9:00 Court's Role in Public Policy**  
Shirley Abrahamson,  
Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice
- 10:00 Work Shop 1** (choice of one)  
A. Marketing & Choosing  
Candidates  
B. Voter Registration  
C. Working With Print Media  
D. Writing Testimony  
E. How to Lobby
- 11:00 Work Shop 2** (choice of one)  
F. Coalition Building  
G. How to be on TV  
A. Marketing & Choosing  
Candidates (repeat)  
D. Writing Testimony (repeat)  
H. The Legislative Process
- 12:15\* p.m. Lunch**  
**Key Issues in the Legislative  
Arena**  
Thomas Loftus  
Betty Jo Nelsen
- 1:45 Work Shop 3** (choice of one)  
I. Work with Electronic Media  
J. Reading Budgets  
K. Litigation  
L. Working with Bureaucrats  
E. How to Lobby (repeat)
- 2:45 Issue Update** (choice of one)  
M. Environment  
N. Social Policy  
O. Property Tax Outlook/  
Education  
P. Juvenile Justice  
Q. Redistricting

\* Busy? Come for lunch only

## Biography

### Shirley Abrahamson

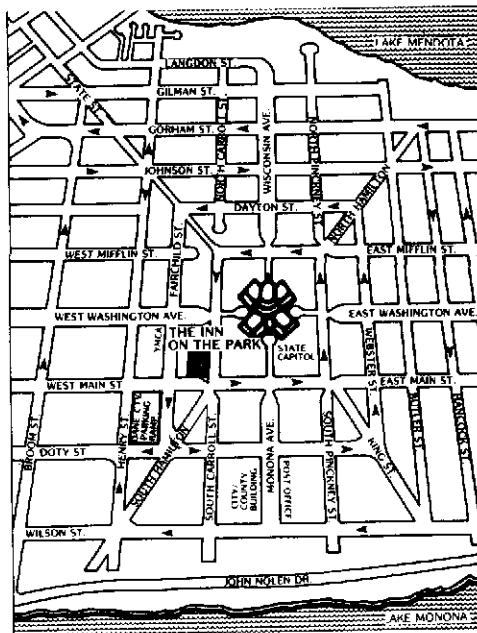
Keynote speaker Shirley Abrahamson was appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1976 and won election for a full term in 1979. She has been active in many civic organizations including the League of Women Voters, serving as a director of the Dane County League Board.

### Tom Loftus

Representative Loftus began his career as an assistant to the Assembly speaker and was elected to that body in 1976. He has served as the majority leader since 1981 and speaker of the Assembly since 1983. Outside of his legislative duties, he is an adjunct professor of political science at the UW-Whitewater. He also serves as the chair of the National Committee of State Legislators.

### Betty Jo Nelsen

Representative Nelsen was a volunteer in the Milwaukee area before her election to the Assembly in a special election in 1979. Now in the midst of her fifth term in office, she served as Republican floor leader prior to being chosen as minority leader in the current session. She is the first woman from either party to be chosen for these leadership positions.



- Hear the views of a Supreme Court Justice
- Hear the majority and minority leaders of the Assembly discuss the key issues
- Get practical advice on influencing legislation from successful activists
- Participate in work shops
- Receive materials to aid you in monitoring and influencing public policy.

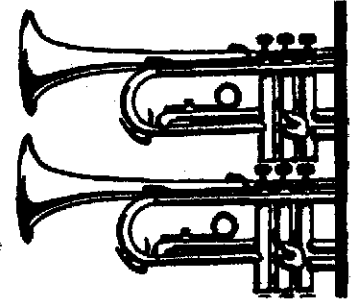


### The League of Women Voters:

We put laws on the books . . .  
turn rights into realities . . .  
register millions to vote . . .  
and keep politics a process  
for the people.



# THANKS A MILLION



AREN'T DOOR DROPS FUN ???

A belated thank you to ALL of those who helped with the City Attorney referendum door drop in November. We covered about three-quarters of the city! A special thanks to Betty Breunig for her well-written

brochure. Also thanks to the families and friends who "pitched-in". Following is a partial list of those who helped:

Karen Riley  
Pat Schinabeck  
M. J. Wurster  
Andrea Tatlock  
Marilyn Yeske  
Ann Dudley  
Dick Sampson  
JoAnn Ross  
Gretta Volk  
Judy Winzenz  
Barb Grant  
Helene Iverson  
Ruth Seager

Jan Quinlan  
Anna Faye Dodd  
Helen Nagler  
Bette Defferding  
Margaret Gibas  
Betty Breunig  
Sam Murdoch  
Jan Nordell  
Jim Smits  
Sharon Fenlon  
Stevie Schmidt  
Mary Lowe  
Ann Long  
Joyce Richman

( For those of you who don't know, the reason this note is belated is that it's writer (who is usually very prompt - knowing the timing constraints of a newsletter editor) has been hospitalized for surgery. We are glad to learn that Jan is home again and doing well. ed.)

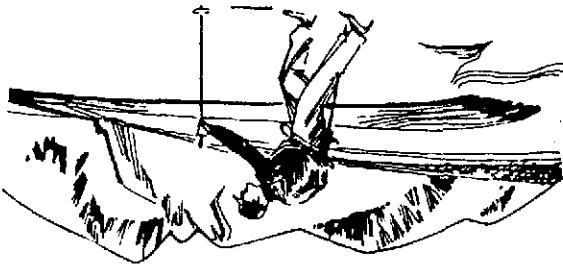
## Bio Briefs

Welcome New Members.....

Charles and Mary Klasen are co-Presidents of the Foster School PTA. Charlie is an attorney with American Family Insurance. Mary is a former teacher who has also worked for the Consumer Services Division of the Higher Education Board.

Mary enjoys ceramics and needlework while Charlie is an outdoorsman who particularly likes hunting and fishing.

The Klasens have joined League because of their interest in League's reaching out into the community with information, especially the debates. They hope to learn more through League.



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Appleton, WI.  
1328 W. Pine Street  
Beth English

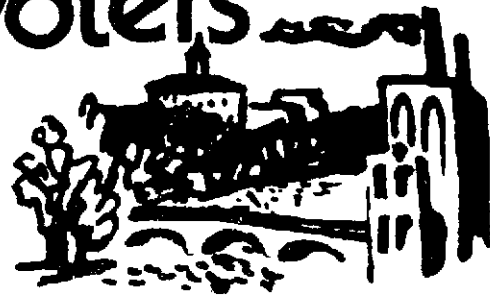
**BULLETIN**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
APPLETON, WISCONSIN**

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Appleton, Wisconsin 1988



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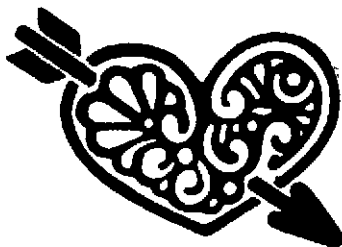
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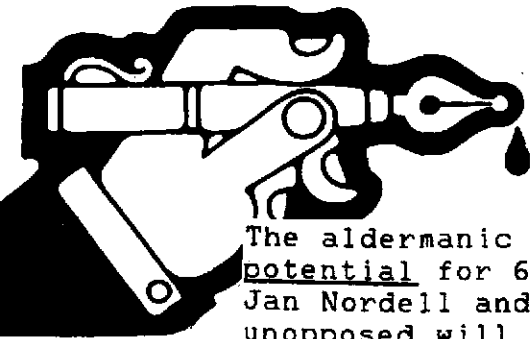
## F E B R U A R Y

|           |       |        |  |                                      |
|-----------|-------|--------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday  | 11    | 7:00   | Judicial Forum                         | UW-Fox Valley<br>Studio              |
|           | 13-14 |        | LWV-US Primary Debates                 | New Hampshire                        |
| Tuesday   | 16    |        | Primary Election                       |                                      |
| Tuesday   | 16    | 7:30   | New Member Coffee                      | Freddie Doeringer<br>304 River Drive |
| Wednesday | 17    | 6:00   | Board Meeting                          | Ann Lindstrom<br>118 River Drive     |
| Tuesday   | 23    | 7:30   | County Services Units                  | Memorial Presby.<br>803 E. College   |
| Wednesday | 24    | 9:30   | County Services Units                  | All Saints<br>400 E. College         |
| Wednesday | 24    | *7:00* | County Services Units<br>(non-smoking) | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge      |



## MARCH

|           |     |      |                         |                                  |
|-----------|-----|------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|           | 5-6 |      | LWV-US Primary Debates  | Nashville, TN                    |
| Thursday  | 10  | 7:30 | Agriculture Study       | Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S. Allen |
| Wednesday | 16  | 6:00 | Board Meeting           |                                  |
| Thursday  | 24  | 7:00 | State Education General | Secura<br>2401 S. Memorial       |



## President's Message

The aldermanic races this year are exciting because there is the potential for 6 League members to be on the Appleton Common Council. Jan Nordell and Stevie Schmidt are already serving; Terry Flom who is unopposed will begin her term in April and Barb Grant, Ginny Rose and Pat Schinabeck are running in contested races. All six have, at one time or another, served on the League Board of Directors and I'm pleased at the potential for their skills to be used to manage the city. There will also be a side benefit since all 6 have very different approaches, their presence on the Council will repudiate the myth that "ALL League members came from the same mold."

Speaking of elections, we will be sponsoring a forum for the candidates for judge on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Center Studio. (see further information in the bulletin).

A mayoral candidates forum jointly sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce and individual house meetings for the candidates in each of the contested wards and supervisory districts is in the planning stages for March. WE NEED HELP!!! If you are willing to help, please call Marilyn Yeske at 733-8899 (after 5) or me at 738-7766.

Finally.....A big THANK YOU to Char Sigman who presented a wonderfully informative presentation on the Refuseniks in Russia for our League Holiday get-together. He gave all of us who heard her another piece in the puzzle of the politics of the Soviet Union. I've thought about it often since her talk.

Y O U ' R E I N V I T E D

To an evening all about LEAGUE

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 p.m.

304 River Drive Appleton

A group of League members will be on hand to tell us what makes League tick and the ins and out of League operation. What we do, how we do studies and how we arrive at positions.

This is for New Members, Potential Members and Current Members. If you know of a prospect, let Freddie know.

Please RSVP to Freddie at 739-3997 (after 7:00 p.m.)

# Welcome

## Charles Newhall

Charles joined League as a way of finding out more about local politics.

Charles, a native of Boston, came to Appleton to attend Lawrence. A 1986 graduate with a major in philosophy, he continues at Lawrence as it's Assistant Director of Admissions.

In his spare time, Charles works on the Mike Dukakis for President campaign. Anyone interested in this candidate should contact Charles

## Jane Costello

Jane came to Appleton from Madison about a year ago. She is a chemist at Appleton Papers where she works in Product Development and Research.

Her interest in politics brought her to League where she hopes to meet other women with similar concerns. Jane will be the League's representative on the Water Quality Commission.

Jane's other interests include aerobics and gardening. She is also a tutor at the Margaret Mead House.

## Anne Fahrenkrug

Anne is a Product Developer in Kimberly Clark's Home Health Care Division. She came to League because of her interest in environmental issues. She hopes to work on citizen participation to affect environmental decisions with the Fox and Winnebago.

Free time finds Anne sculpting and taking courses.



# ANNOUNCEMENT:

STATE EDUCATION STUDY  
GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 24

SECURA

7:00 P.M.

Financing Public Education in Wisconsin, K-12 system, is the first part of the League's two-year state study. The second part of the study will focus on the University of Wisconsin system.

Lyle Martin, superintendent of the Green Bay Public Schools, will be the speaker for the information general meeting. The September, November and January FORWARD articles on education will be helpful as background material.



FEBRUARY NEWS FLASH: LOCAL AND COUNTY ELECTIONS  
HEATING UP !!!!!

...and Appleton League's Voter Service moves into high gear.

Upcoming primaries (February 16) and final elections (April 5) have us scrambling to educate and inform the voting public.

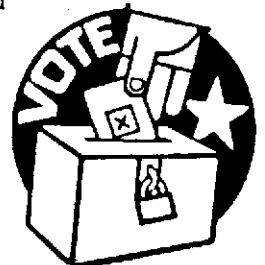
Mark your calendars and catch our JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM - Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. at UW-Fox Valley Center, Auditorium - west building, Midway Road, Menasha. (Cable TV channel 8 plans to broadcast the forum the following evening...and we will again have copies of this tape available for distribution to the public)

This year our format for the Judicial Candidates Forum promises that sparks will fly. All three candidates will respond to questions put forth by press representatives invited from throughout the county. The answers will be off-the-cuff and should provide us with insight on the candidates' judgement and personalities, as well as their views on issues.

The taped show will last thirty minutes but we plan to include another thirty-minute question/answer session from the live audience following the taping...an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Watch for the times and dates of our ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES and COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES COFFEES, and our MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM in the March Bulletin.

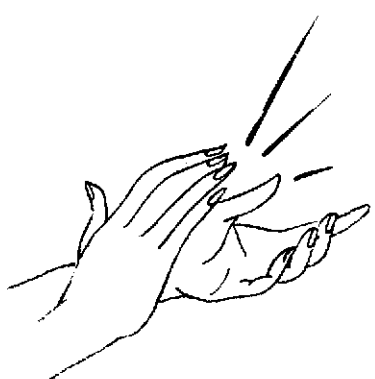
Educate yourself, your friends and neighbors...and above all, VOTE on February 16!!!!



## NOTICE

MEMBER IN THE NEWS !!!

Did you notice that Debbie Reinhart was featured in the January 1988 issue of the National Voter on pages 22-23. The entire issue deals with agriculture and Deb and her farm are mentioned and pictures. CONGRATULATIONS Debbie! (thanks to Anna Faye Dodd for calling the editor's attention to the article)



\*Court System- Appleton municipal cases go through county court. Many of these are "paper appearances" as opposed to actual court cases. Appleton was charged back \$83,000 in 1986. By state statute the Circuit Court Clerk assesses a \$5.00 fee for every citation processed through the Circuit Court for a municipality.

### COUNTY DELIVERY OF SERVICES STUDY

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1) Are there significant areas of county service that are being paid for by taxpayers who are not utilizing the service?
- 2) Are there services which are provided by the county and various municipalities in the county which could be consolidated to better serve the taxpayer?
- 3) How can services be more equitably distributed and assessed?

#### Consensus Questions:

- 1) Should League encourage equitable assessment for services provided by the county?
- 2) Should League encourage municipalities to consider using existing county services in lieu of creating new municipal service units?

### COUNTY STUDY

Our committee has worked hard to make county government intelligible. This will be a good study for new members to "get their feet wet" in county government. We hope the material will serve as a building block for further study and action by League.

Please bring this study material and your November BULLETIN to the units February 23 and 24.

**HAVE A ☺ HAPPY DAY!**

## COUNTY DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Outagamie County's 32 towns, villages, and cities pay for services at a tax rate of \$3.94 per thousand for a total tax levy of \$13,391,295. in 1988. In return the county provides services area wide. These are most of the services we get from Outagamie County:

\* Health Department- provides immunizations, WIC screenings, home visitations, health inspections. Receives fee for service and federal funding.

\*Public Safety-

Sheriff Department-(please refer to November BULLITEN)

County Coroner-

Emergency Government- 911

Jail- in addition to those arrested by the sheriff's Dept.

the jail is used by those arrested by the Appleton Police.

Hazardous/Radioactive Waste Review Board-

Humane Society-

\*Education- includes UW-Fox Valley Center, UW-Extention, Outagamie-Waupaca Library System, Historical Society, and County Fair.

\*Recreation- Plamann is really the county's only general use park. Tri-County Ice Arena is jointly owned with Winnebago Co. Probably not widely used by the northern part of the county.

\*Zoning, Inspections, and Planning- exclusively non-city. Zoning affects 17 of the 20 towns. Much of the planning is internal such as the jail needs study. Inspections are partially offset by fees.

\*Social Services- our committee steered clear of social services since we have a recent study and because the department is being reorganized to include Community Board. The programs, however, are county-wide.

\*Solid Waste/Landfill- user fee.

\*Airport- Benefits the entire county, although, northern part of the county is closer to Austin Straubel. Brings in economic benefits. On going reevaluation of use and county involvement.(Co. building a hanger to lease back to Air Wisc. on land set aside for industrial park.)

\*Highway- County trunk system is maintained at county expense. Any work done on town or state roads (plowing or summer maintenance) is reimbursed 100% by the town or state. County Aid Bridges is a program under which county as a whole automatically picks up one-half the cost of a bridge upon request of local community. Community can opt out and not be assessed, but then is not eligible for aid either.

# FINANCE DRIVE



FINANCE DRIVE 1988

The finance drive begins February 17 and a number of Leaguers are needed to get it off to a good start and make it a success. Please give League just two hours of your time by stuffing envelopes, making follow-up calls or writing thank-you notes.

Check the way or ways you feel you can help League to reach its goal. Then cut off the bottom portion of this paper and return it to:

Joy Povolny  
31 S. Meadows Dr.  
Appleton, Wi. 54915

Or call Joy at 739-3846. Please respond by February 10. Thanks for whatever help you can give.

I will help by

\_\_\_\_\_ stuffing envelopes on Wednesday, February 17  
\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30-3:30 P.M.  
at Joy Povolny's, 31 S. Meadows Dr.

\_\_\_\_\_ thank you notes

\_\_\_\_\_ making follow-up calls starting March 1, 1988

\_\_\_\_\_ donating a contribution to League. My check is enclosed.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_



An update membership list is included in this Bulletin.

# We need YOU!

YOUR  
OPINION  
COUNTS

That's right! We need to see and hear from each and every league member at unit meetings. We need to hear your opinions. We need to hear your questions. We need to hear your concerns. We need to show the study committees that their efforts were not in vain. By taking some time out of our busy schedules to attend one of the unit meetings, we can show the committee people some appreciation.

As you may have noticed, we are having three unit meeting again in February. Won't you check your schedule now and see if you can spare two hours to participate in one of these discussion groups? Our study committees have worked hard over the months researching issues and providing us with information. They will truly appreciate the time you give to participate in a unit meeting.

## Coming Events



|   |      |        |   |   |
|---|------|--------|---|---|
| T | 2/23 | 7:30pm | County Service Unit<br>Memorial Presb.<br>803 E College | Hostess: Betty Gorsky<br>Unit Leader: Susan Riley<br>Discussion Leader: Corinne Goldgar |
| W | 2/24 | 9:30am | County Service Unit<br>All Saints<br>400 E College      | Hostess: Jean King<br>Unit Leader:<br>Discussion Leader: Betty Breunig                  |
| W | 2.24 | 7:00pm | County Service Unit<br>Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge  | Hostess: Ruth Friedman<br>Unit Leader: Joanne Dull<br>Discussion Leader: Bev Wiekert    |
| R | 3/10 | 7:30pm | Ag Study - General<br>Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S Allen   | Hostess:  |
| T | 3/24 | 7:30pm | Education - General                                     | Hostess: Gail Bickel  |

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## TRANSIT SURVEY

Once again, the Appleton League has done a significant service for the community -- and this time it reaped some bucks for its good works. For five nights\* in mid-January, on behalf of Valley Transit, Leaguers phoned people who "do not ride the bus or ride infrequently" to gather opinions and perceptions of the local transit service.

The contract (oral) between the League and Valley Transit was a "win-win" arrangement. Valley Transit got League voices, League intelligence, and the League's name on its survey. The League got a learning experience for its participating members and an opportunity to assist a public service on which it has a support position. After the responses have been tabulated, the League will also get a payment of \$1.50 per completed non-rider call and a copy of the survey report.

On behalf of Valley Transit, I thank the League for its participation and the following League members who gave their time, effort, and "smarts": Gretchen Bambrick, Cathy Boardman, Eleanore Burdett, Karen de Young, Anna Faye Dodd, Freddi Doeringer, Beth English, Terry Flom, Barb Folb, Ruth Friedman, Joyce Green, Barb Grant, Marcia Hittle, Kathy Isaacson, Hélène Iverson, Sue Kinde, Jean King, Marge Koepke, Nancy Mielius, Sam Murdoch, Bobbie Murray, Helen Nagler, Nancy Pourciau, Helen Proctor, Jan Quinlan, Joan Ross, Pat Shinabeck, Stevie Schmitt, and M.J. Wurster.

\* The survey was scheduled to run a sixth night, but the birth of my first grandchild disrupted the schedule. While I -- and Valley Transit -- would have liked having one more night's responses, I am certain that sufficient data for a valid survey was collected in the first five nights. I thank the Leaguers, scheduled to be surveyors on the night eliminated, for their willingness to serve; and I apologize to them for their not getting to participate.

Corinne Goldgar  
Valley Transit Marketing Coordinator



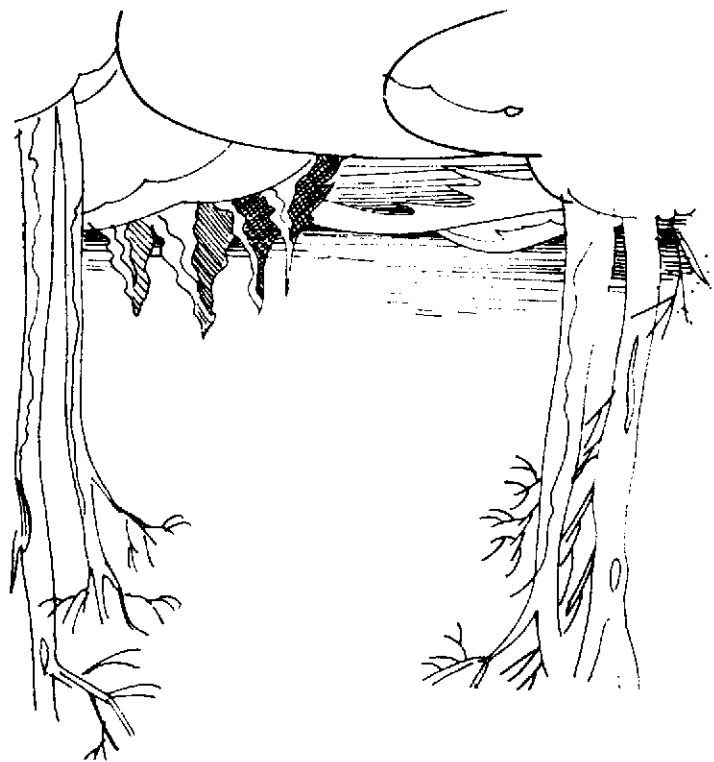
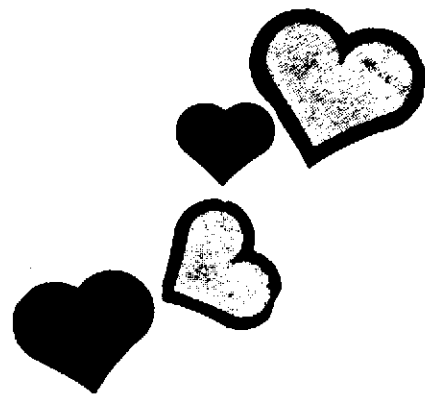


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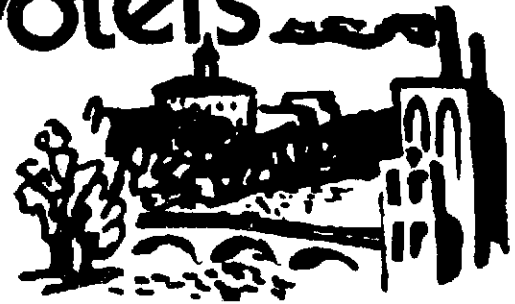
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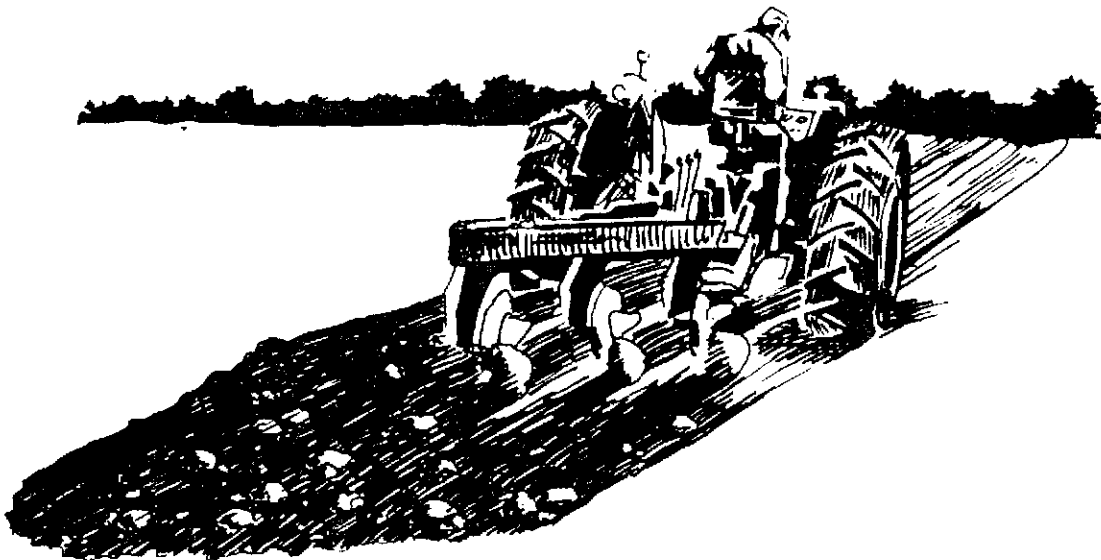
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| Thursday  | *3<br>*date change* | 7:30         | Agriculture Study  | Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S. Allen                 |
| Thursday  | 3                   | 3:00         | Ward 8 Aldermanic<br>Candidates Forum                              | Peabody Manor<br>720 W. 5th                      |
|           | 5-6                 |              | LWV-US Primary Debates   | Nashville, TN                                    |
| Monday    | 7                   |              | District 19 Supervisory<br>Candidates Forum                        | Helene Iverson<br>26 Sunray Ct.                  |
| Tuesday   | 8                   | 5:45         | School Board<br>Candidates Forum                                   | UW-Fox Valley<br>West Bldg.<br>Video Tape Studio |
| Wednesday | 9                   | 7:00         | District 2 Supervisory<br>Candidates Forum                         | Debbie Matz<br>2200 N. Nicholas                  |
| Tuesday   | 15                  | 7:00         | Mayoral Candidates<br>Forum  | City Hall<br>Council Chambers                    |
| Wednesday | 16                  | 6:00         | Board Meeting  | Joy Povolny<br>31 S. Meadows                     |
| Thursday  | 17                  | 7:00<br>8:00 | Ward 20 Aldermanic<br>District 17 Supervisory<br>Candidates Forums | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge                  |
| Saturday  | 19                  |              | Legislative Day  | Madison  |
| Tuesday   | 22                  | 7:00<br>8:00 | Ward 12 Aldermanic<br>District 12 Supervisory<br>Candidates Forums | Betty Breunig<br>56 Bellaire Ct.                 |
| Thursday  | 24                  | 7:00         | State Education General  | Secura<br>2401 S. Memorial                       |

(APRIL CALENDAR ON BACK)

# VOTE

## APRIL

|           |       |      |                                       |                                     |
|-----------|-------|------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 5     |      | Election                              |                                     |
|           | 16-17 |      | LWV-US Debates<br>(Check CNN listing) | Rochester, N.Y.                     |
| Tuesday   | 19    | 7:30 | State Education Units                 | Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S. Allen    |
| Wednesday | 20    | 9:30 | State Education Units                 | All Saints Epils.<br>400 E. College |
| Wednesday | 20    | 6:00 | Board Meeting                         |                                     |
| Thursday  | 28    |      | ANNUAL MEETING                        |                                     |

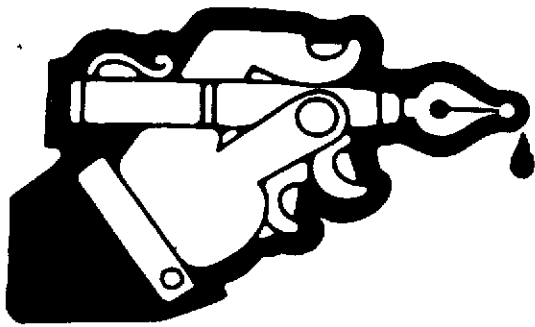


### IMPORTANT MEETING!

A panel of 4 local people directly involved in agriculture will be available to talk to you! (Now that you've read the Agriculture issue of The National Voter I know you have plenty of questions.) Representatives from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Women Involved in Farm Economics, the Farm Credit Service and our own Deb Reinhart will address the role of the federal government in agriculture.

This meeting was rescheduled from March 10 to March 3, so please double check your schedule and make time to come to Trinity Lutheran Church on March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. The issues facing farmers and consumers are complex, and to make intelligent choices this Spring when we have unit meetings, members need to spend some time becoming familiar with existing programs and various possibilities for future farm legislation.

Denise Peterson, Ag Committee



## President's Message

With the local primary election behind us, we're looking forward to the April 5th general election. Many of you as individuals are actively campaigning for the candidate of your choice, but let your "League" loyalty move you to come to the education units and to a forum or two ....or three.

Your help is particularly crucial in insuring good attendance at the ward meetings for the supervisory and aldermanic candidates. Our hope is to have 20 people at each meeting to hear the candidates discuss issues on their own turf. League will have 2 questions for the candidates to "break the ice" and then it will be an open floor. Each hostess will moderate.

At the mayoral forum news media personalities will ask the questions during the first part and the audience will ask the questions during the second part. (This format worked very well during the Judges Forum. The spontaneity of the answers provided a lively forum.)

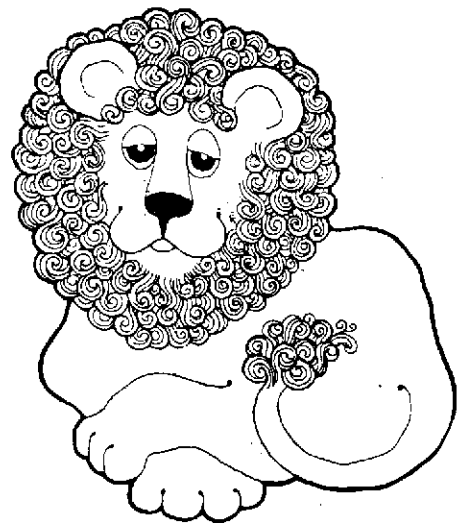
Representatives of the Parent-Teachers Association, Appleton Education Association, Appleton Aldes Association and League will ask questions of the 4 candidates for the 3 positions for School Board on March 8th.

When scheduling the ward forums we discovered that we have no current League members living in the 18th ward. If you know of someone who should be a member of League, give Freddie Doeringer as call.

And when Ann Lindstrom calls.....SAY Y E S!!!. She is coordinating election night reporting. I've always enjoyed it and it's great to know that the national news early returns are being called in by League members from across the country. And besides, it's a revenue producer for the Appleton League.

There is A LOT happening in March and League is very active and involved. Mark your calendars and make a commitment to attend as many forums as possible.

*Helen*



# NOTICE!!

## LIVELY ISSUES

This year's Lively Issues meeting kept the 19 members in attendance busy debating and discussing the various proposals presented on the national and local levels.

The meeting began with a review of our current national positions. We recommended that LWVUS place their program priorities in three areas: Basic Human Needs, an update and concurrence on "Family Policy and Women's Issues", and an Economic Conversion study.

The following items were presented for local program suggestions, listed in order of amount of support from the group:

1. A study of how annexation affects Appleton
2. A study of cost effective delivery of services by governmental bodies in the Fox Cities.
3. A study to explore the mechanics of redrawing county lines in Wisconsin.
4. A study of housing codes.
5. A study of funding of city and county police services.
6. A study of local property tax funding of non-profit agencies.
7. Publish a new "This is Appleton".
8. A study to create League criteria for City Council initiated referenda.
9. Study the issue of "costly trials".
10. Study of prioritization of city services.

Two issues were proposed that seem more appropriate as directions to the board.

1. Implement a fall "local" priorities for action vehicle.
2. Action goal: a full slate for all non-partisan offices and a reduction in the size of the county board.

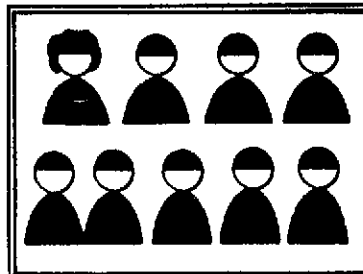
All of these issues will be presented in greater detail at the Annual Meeting.

The Board voted to adopt #1 as the recommended program choice for 1988-1989.

The final decisions will be made at the Annual Meeting on April 28. The recommended program item may be adopted by a majority vote; non-recommended items may be reintroduced and require a two-thirds vote of those present for adoption.

Reserve this datenow and help decide what your League will study.

Helene Iverson



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM



WHEN: Tuesday, March 8  
5:45 p.m.  
WHERE: University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley Center  
West Building  
Video Taping Studio  
WHAT: Half-hour interview of the candidates for School Board.

AUDIENCE WELCOME

(FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - SEE PRESIDENT'S NOTES)



LEGISLATIVE DAY

MADISON

MARCH 19

Tom Loftus, Assembly Speaker; Betty Jo Nelsen, Assembly Minority Leader and Shirley Abrahamson Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge are featured speakers at the INFLUENCING LEGISLATION II Conference.

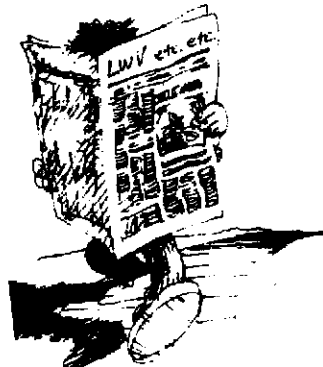
These speakers along would make the trip worthwhile but along with the speakers there will be four workshops with topics ranging from "Working with Bureaucrats" to "Marketing and Choosing Candidates".

Let the Appleton League pick up the tab !!! (Hopefully 2 cars will go). Contact Helen Nagler if you would like to attend at 739-8053 (home) or 738-7766 (answering service).

SPEND SATURDAY, MARCH 19th IN MADISON (at the conference, of course!)



PUBLICATIONS!!!!



Harvada Elisberg is now organizing and maintaining the League publications file. Please contact her at 733-3397 is you come across items that you think should be added to the collection.

Thank you

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| March 5  | Republican candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |
| March 6  | Democratic candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |
| April 16 | Democratic candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |
| April 17 | Republican candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |
| June 4   | Republican candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |
| June 5   | Democratic candidates | 5:00-6:00 p.m. EST |

The schedule for the remainder of the series follows:

All of the Leagues' primary debates will be broadcast live nationally on the Cable News Network (CNN). They also will be broadcast on many PBS stations and National Public Radio stations. Check local listings for times and dates.

LWV-US DEBATE

**UPDATE**

# League of Women Voters

Appleton, Wisconsin 1988

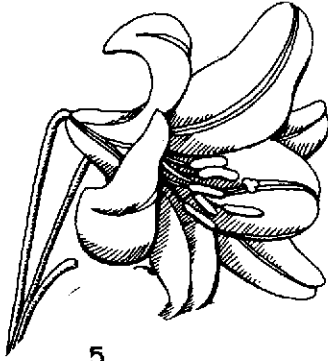


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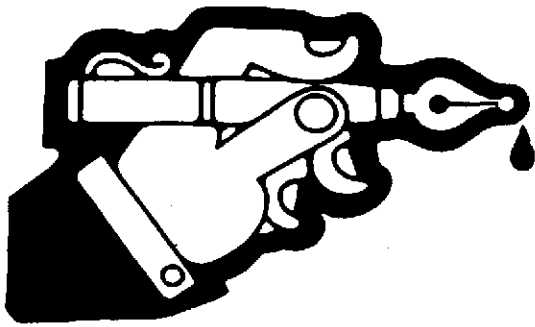
|           |       |                      |  |                                     |
|-----------|-------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 5     |                      | Election                               |                                     |
|           | 16-17 |                      | LWV-US Debates<br>(Check CNN listing)  | Rochester, N.Y.                     |
| Tuesday   | 19    | 7:30                 | State Education Units                  | Trinity Lutheran<br>209 S. Allen    |
| Wednesday | 20    | 9:30                 | State Education Units                  | All Saints Epis.<br>400 E. College  |
| Wednesday | 20    | 6:00                 | Board Meeting                          | Freddi Doeringer<br>304 River Drive |
| Thursday  | 28    | 6:00<br>6:30<br>7:30 | ANNUAL MEETING<br>(See article inside) | Downer Commons<br>Lawrence Univ.    |

## MAY

|           |    |      |                  |                                    |
|-----------|----|------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 10 | 7:30 | Agriculture Unit | Deb Matz<br>2200 N. Nicholas       |
| Wednesday | 11 | 9:30 | Agriculture Unit | All Saints Epis.<br>400 E. College |







## President's Message

THANKS APPLETON LEAGUE MEMBERS !!!

Your responses to requests to help and to attend meetings throughout March let the community know that the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is a force in the community! (At a new member coffee one of the prospective members thought that our membership was much larger.)

The Mayoral Debate, March 15 was so successful that we had to turn some of you away....SORRY!! Hopefully you were able to see the rebroadcast on Channel 8. If not, tapes can still be viewed at Cablevision in Northland Mall.

Encourage everyone you know to vote on Tuesday, April 5th. If they have not registered, remind them that they can register at the polls if they have proof of their address or a person to vouch for them.

April will be calmer. Make plans now to attend the Education consensus and the Annual Meeting. Mark your calendars!

*Helen*

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

The nominating committee is recommending the following slate of officers and directors for the 1988-89 LWV of Appleton board.

2nd vice-president: Debbie Matz  
Treasurer: Marlys Fritzell

Directors:

1 year term: Bobbie Murray, Jane Costello  
2 year term: Ruth Friedman, Kathy Sprenger, Ann Mead

Nominating Committee: M.J. Worster, Freddie Doeringer,  
Ann Lindstrom

Continuing on the board: Helen Nagler, president; Jan Quinlan, first vice-president; Margaret Gibas, secretary; Marilyn Yeske, director.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bruenig, Freddie Doeringer, Jan Quinlan, Dawn Washatka  
and Nancy Jones

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS



Chris Calder has joined League again after a few years absence. She says that she has always been active in politics. League, she feels, will help her to gain a greater scope of political facts.

Chris enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities, particularly in northern Wisconsin. Among other hobbies, Chris and her husband love "building" houses.

A busy community volunteer, Christ delivers meals to home-bound individuals for the "Meals on Wheels" program, gives time to the Red Cross and is a charter member of FISH. She is also involved with her church's activities.

And a TRANSFER member.....

Lila Waldman has moved to Appleton from the Madison area.

Lila was very involved with the Verona League. Their message to us was "Our loss is your gain!".

## CORRECTIONS !!!!!!!!

The following are corrections to the membership listing published in February. Please take note.

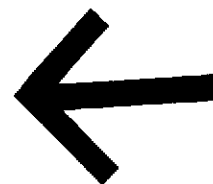
Cathy Boardman's phone number is 731-4010

Jan Quinlan is in Ward 2

Bette Defferding 43 S. Meadows, Appleton 54915 Ward 11

Add Diane Seikman, 1100 Green Grove Rd., Appleton 54911  
733-8272 Under ward would be G.C.

Gail Bickel, 1508 S. Clara St., Appleton 54915



## ANNUAL MEETING

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Gretchen Bambrick has arranged our ANNUAL MEETING which will be at Nelson Downer Commons in the Barber Room on Thursday, April 28th. Punch will be served at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7:30. If you are unable to attend the dinner, please come at 7:30 for the meeting and vote on the program for the next League year. As noted elsewhere in the Bulletin, reservations are due by Wednesday, April 20th.

PLEASE BRING THESE SHEETS WITH YOU TO UNITS!

FINANCING K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN  
Terms and Definitions

STUDY MATERIAL

1. Categorical aid - State or federal aid which is intended to finance or reimburse some specific category of instructional or supporting program. The district may use the aid only for the purpose for which it is paid.
2. Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) - A grouping of school districts, headed by a board of control, charged with implementing and operating cooperative programs between member districts and insuring proper school-district organization. Each district in Wisconsin is in one of the CESA areas.
3. Equalization - (1) The process by which the Wisconsin Department of Revenue places all property assessments on any equal footing across municipal boundary lines. (2) The process of insuring a minimum tax base (the guaranteed valuation) for the support of education for each pupil in Wisconsin, so that school districts which spend at the same level will tax at the same rate.
4. General aid - State aid which is not limited to any specific program or purpose but which may be used in financing the general education program as seen fit by the recipient district.
5. Guaranteed valuation - The tax base set by the legislature as the minimum required for the adequate support of a pupil's education.
6. Levy rate - In property taxation, the amount of tax to be raised divided by the value of property to be taxed. Often expressed in mills of the tax per dollar of property value, hence the term "mill rate."
7. Property valuation - The dollar value placed on land and buildings for purposes of administering property taxes. There are two commonly used methods of describing property valuation - assessed and equalized. In addition, equalized valuation may either include or exclude a TIF increment.
  - A. Assessed valuation - The property valuation determined by a municipal (city, village, town, or county) assessor as of Jan. 1 in any given year. It is important that property of equal value be assessed at equal amounts, but it is not necessary that the amounts reflect the true sale value of the property.
  - B. Assessment ratio - The ratio of assessed to equalized valuation.
  - C. Equalized valuation - The assessed valuation multiplied by the adjustment factor computed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for each type of property in each taxing district, designed to cause each type of property to have comparable value regardless of local assessment practices. The objective is to have equalized valuation reflect the fair market value of each piece of property (i.e., the value that would be agreed on between a willing buyer and a willing seller.)
8. School aid credit - An appropriation by the state under statute 20.835(3)(c) which is paid to municipalities to be school aid credit - applied as school tax relief to taxpayers. The factors used to determine the amounts provided to municipalities in each school district are pupil membership, net costs of the school and equalized values.
9. Cost - In general, an expenditure for goods (supplies, land, buildings, etc) or services (salaries, benefits, utilities, professional services, etc.)
  - A. Primary ceiling cost - 110% of the prior-year state-averaged shared cost per member multiplied by the district's general-aid membership.
  - B. Primary cost - That portion of the shared cost which is below the primary ceiling cost and in which the state shares using the primary guaranteed valuation per member.
  - C. Secondary cost - That portion of the shared cost which is above the primary ceiling cost and in which the state shares using the secondary guaranteed valuation per member.

f FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN, PART I  
 Elementary and Secondary Public Education Finance  
 CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Should "equitable access to educational opportunity" be defined in broad terms of: (Divide 6 pts. among these 3 possible choices to indicate your priority(ies).)

equalizing funds raised at similar tax rates? \_\_\_\_\_  
 equalizing school tax rates statewide? \_\_\_\_\_  
 equalizing spending per student? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. How important is it that the state promote equality in:

|                                     | VI    | SI    | NI    | No Cons. |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| a. total cost per student?          | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| b. instructional cost per student?  | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| c. total cost per weighted student? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| d. total cost without capital/debt? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____    |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Should an equitable system make adjustments for:

|                            | yes   | no    | no cons |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| a. special needs students? | _____ | _____ | _____   |
| b. integration costs?      | _____ | _____ | _____   |
| c. transportation costs?   | _____ | _____ | _____   |
| d. other _____             | _____ | _____ | _____   |

4. Should Wisconsin's system limit spending growth:

|   | yes   | no    | no cons. |
|---|-------|-------|----------|
| a. in the highest-spending districts?       | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| b. in all school districts?                 | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| c. in no school districts?                  | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| d. by requiring overriding local referenda? | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| e. other _____                              | _____ | _____ | _____    |

5. Should Wisconsin's system set spending ceilings:

|  | yes   | no    | no cons. |
|--|-------|-------|----------|
| a. in all school districts?              | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| b. in no school districts?               | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| c. yet allow overriding local referenda? | _____ | _____ | _____    |
| d. other _____                           | _____ | _____ | _____    |

6. Should the state fund any disequalizing aids? yes no no cons.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. In LWV's 1972-73 study, members supported "an educational aids formula which provides that the state will assume a significant amount of educational financing," interpreted to mean more than 30% and less than 100% of total school costs. To clarify, change, or reaffirm support of this position statement, please mark how much of total school costs you feel that the state should support.

- a. no change needed in wording \_\_\_\_\_
- b. % shouldn't be a factor \_\_\_\_\_
- c. no more than 40% \_\_\_\_\_
- d. no more than 50% \_\_\_\_\_
- e. no more than 60% \_\_\_\_\_
- f. no more than 70% \_\_\_\_\_
- g. other \_\_\_\_\_

8a. Do you accept the principle of state funding over half the costs of K-12 public education? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ no cons. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Would you accept state funding over 50% if the state controlled more spending authority? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ no cons. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Would you accept state funding over 50% if the district retained spending authority? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ no cons. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENSUS

### APPLETON L.W.V. COUNTY SERVICES STUDY MARCH, 1988

OBJECTIVE: A survey of payment for and distribution of county services among municipalities of Outagamie County.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Are there significant areas of county service that are being paid for by taxpayers who are not utilizing the service?

It was felt that, yes, especially in the area of police protection, the county is underwriting a significant amount of sherriffs' department services for the urbanized areas of the town of Grand Chute. There was also discussion concerning the Outagamie/Waupaca Library System and County Health Department with no consensus of opinion.

- 2) Are there services which are provided by the county and various municipalities in the county which could be consolidated to better serve the taxpayer?

All three units felt a county assessor's office would more uniformly deliver service to municipalities and eliminate the need for every municipality to have its own assessor. A county sewer-water commission with service districts would eliminate parallel service and influence county planning.

A county wide 911 service was endorsed as a necessity. Although a county wide police department was considered politically impractical, it was felt some areas of police service could be consolidated; a) A central communications set-up would result in more efficient investigative work, b) Drug investigation and enforcement should be consolidated but not necessarily strictly along county boundaries, c) In some localities, certain arrangements could be made to consolidate municipal services (ie, Grand Chute could contract with Appleton to deliver police protection). County wide planning was considered desirable. But, given the County's reluctance to enforce ordinances in effect, the group felt consolidation of planning departments under the county not beneficial at this time.

- 3) How can services be more equitably distributed and assessed?

Efforts at equity should include cooperation and consolidation. the discussion included user fees and charge backs such as landfill tipping charges and use of county highway department to service state and town roads for a fee. It was felt that these are not classic user fees, as municipalities pass costs along to residents through property tax. A county sales

tax was endorsed as an equitable means to charge for services. The possibility that the sales tax could be earmarked for county highway and sherriff's departments was supported. One unit suggested a credit to municipalities for services not used.

A strong minority felt this study did not lend itself to consensus, but was intended to be a survey of county services. Views of this minority are, however, represented in the discussion.

Another minority held that the most equitable services are minimal services. In an effort to maintain equitable assessment we might have to settle for minimal service from the county.

#### CONSENSUS:

League should encourage equitable assessment for services provided by the County.

League should encourage municipalities to consider using existing County services or consider arrangements with adjacent municipalities or counties in lieu of creating new municipal service units.

If there are services that could be better consolidated at the county level, League should encourage municipalities to use those newly consolidated services.

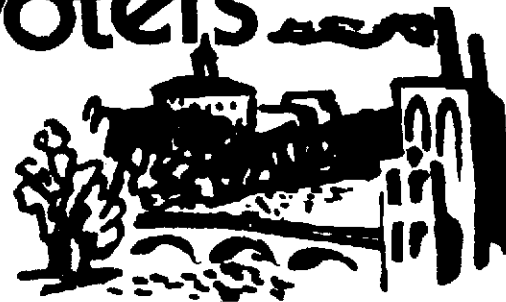
Respectfully submitted by;

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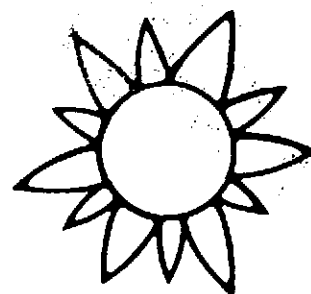
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Tuesday 10 7:30

Agriculture Unit  
(Non-Smoking)

Deb Matz  
2200 N. Nicholas

Wednesday 11 9:30

Agriculture Unit  
(Non-Smoking)

All Saints Epis.  
400 E. College

Wednesday 18 6:00

Board Meeting  
(Old & New)

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H A V E A N I C E S U M M E R ! ! !





# President's Message



THANK YOU to all of you who helped us carry on the tradition of activity of the Appleton League.

This year's accomplishments were -

- A well publicized attempt led by Barb Grant to attract a national presidential debate -- and then an attempt to attract the primary which brought us notice. (I still think the selection committee made a mistake but as Helene Iverson pointed out, the one we would have hosted would have been cancelled.
- A campaign to change the selection of city attorney to appointed.
- All state and national committees were covered.
- Our local study brought additional information on county government.
- A successful Mayoral Debate which was covered by the media and played frequently on cable television.

In addition we hosted judicial, school board, city clerk and city assessor forums as well as six neighborhood meetings of aldermanic and supervisory candidates.

- Members were active in local government, agencies, school board, state board and national committees.
- A membership drive that saw an increase of 20 new members and the return on 3 former members.
- The following of a directive to the Board to review our support papers.

Thanks to all of you that responded with willingness to requests for door drops, food, phone calling, hostessing, attending, advice and in particular a Board whose greatest accomplishment might be keeping the meetings to under two hours.

Seriously, you've been lucky to have the Board --

Helene Iverson kept us on track and the one time I didn't reach her, my statement "grated" the Country Board and I was not allowed to finish.

Jan Quinlan filled in wherever there was a hole. She set up the Mayoral Debates and along with Terri Flom organized the Position Papers.

M. J. Wurster kept track of our finances and suggested and expansion of our funding of the Nusi Ward memorial.

Margaret Gibas has been patient with our conversational diversions at Board meetings and only recorded the pertinent.

Bobbie Murray has not only gotten the Bulletin out on time but has gotten state acclaim.

Debbie Matz took the unit chair job and ran - making us wonder how we ever got along without her.

Freddie Doeringer was the membership chair whom people around the state asked us how she recruited so many.

Anna Faye Dodd kept her committee together for two years working on the national Human Needs Assessment.

Denise Peterson allowed herself to be coerced into taking on the Ag study.

Beth English pared the County study down to a workable format.

Sam Murdoch finished the Education study even with an imminent move to San Francisco.

Ann Lindstrom not only did publicity but coordinated the election night reporting.

Joy Polvony took on the finance drive this year when the potential for contributions was down because of our efforts to get a primary debate.

Marilyn Yeske moderated the Mayoral Debate so that it was non-partisan.

Sue Lebergen did a great job on our Octoberfest booth.

Vickie Milde kept us up-to-date on the natural resources issue and did our Action when necessary.

Ginny Rosenberg chaired our Budget committee.

Barb Grant spearheaded our Presidential Debates efforts.

Next year there will be other challenges in which we will need help.

First - to keep our new members. We need to make them feel comfortable in participating at the level they choose.

Second - to find meeting times and topics which will encourage greater participation in units and general meetings. (I am open to your suggestions!)

Third - to continue our visibility in the community.

Fourth - to use our position in favor of a reduction in the size of the County Board. We need to bring the issue forward as we approach the reapportionment which will follow the 1990 census.

Fifth - to continue our program of training leaders to our community benefits.

Sixth - to find qualified candidates to run so that each race next year will be contested. Participatory democracy needs participants!

A SPECIAL WORD OF CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO VIRGINIA SWANSON WHO JUST COMPLETED 10 YEARS AS A COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR!!!!!!

*Helen*

## AGRICULTURE AT THE CROSSROADS

"The demise of the independent farmer will not mean the end of farming in America; rather America's breadbasket will eventually be efficiently farmed by larger, competitive private industries, in much the same way all of the old, independent 'Mom and Pop' general stores of 50 years ago have replaced by powerful national chains like Cub Foods. And just as the great buying power and efficient national management of grocery chains have lowered costs for the consumer, so will competition among corporate farms reduce consumer expense. "

This opinion appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch. The following is a different viewpoint from The Alliance Eagle, the publication of the Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance.

"... We are told that this is the natural consequence of technological advancement and that while there may be some temporary hardship and displacement, we will all be better off in the future with a stronger and more efficient agriculture. ... we are seeing a trend toward larger and more concentrated operations-from owner-operator to absentee ownership-tenant type farms ... The results of these policies (gov't) are already apparent. Five percent of the country's farms are glean- ing 75% of all farm income. Small processors are being swallowed up by larger concerns; mergers and takeovers are becoming commonplace."

As League members we need to make a decision in May - is the day of the family farm over? Will large industrial model farms better suit our needs in the future? Or is the small to mid-size farm too vital to rural economy to be allowed to slowly fade away?

Read your January issue of National Voter. Attend a unit meeting in May and voice your opinion. In the meantime, here are a few facts to think over.

In 1985 the top 4.1% of farms earned 49% of the cash receipts.

Every year new research makes it easier to grow abundant crops, with chemicals to fight pests, more prolific seeds, chemicals to add to soil so crop rotation is unnecessary, etc.

Huge surpluses exist here and in Europe, costing enormous amounts for storage and destabilizing world prices.

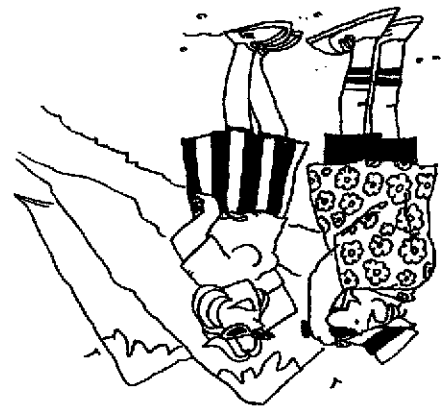
Many existing programs have encouraged overproduction.

As many as 30 million acres would need to go out of production to equalize supply and demand.

In 1986 45% of farmers under age 34 had dept/asset ratios greater than 40%, with 10% insolvent - 33% of farmers 35-44 had the same debt/asset ratio problem.

In the last 5 years the price of a box of Wheaties went up 36%. The price of wheat went down 43%.





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All the candidate forums are finally over. Many member worked hard to make them go. Attendance at the gatherings varied greatly, but on a whole I think they went well.

Before the elections, I received several phone calls from people (not league members) who attended the Mayoral, Aldermanic and County Supervisor forums. They wanted me to thank the League of Women Voters for the opportunity to meet and hear the candidates. Although some felt the gatherings were rather formal, they found the forums interesting and informative.

If one of our League goals is to educate the voter, this is truly viable means to do so. I hope to see us try this again in the future.

- Debbie Matz

# League of Women Voters

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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

|           |    |      |                                       |                                    |
|-----------|----|------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 1  |      | Oktoberfest                           | College Avenue<br>Appleton         |
| Tuesday   | 11 | 7:30 | Annexation Study                      | Sue Kinde<br>250 River Road        |
| Wednesday | 12 | 9:30 | Annexation Study                      | All Saints Epis.<br>400 E. College |
| Tuesday   | 18 | 5:00 | Board Meeting                         | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge    |
| Friday    | 21 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline                     | Bobbie Murray                      |
| Thursday  | 27 | 7:00 | General Election<br>Senatorial Debate | Milwaukee                          |
| Thursday  | 27 | 7:00 | Debate House Party                    | Gretta Volk<br>909 E. Alton        |

### NOVEMBER

|          |    |      |                            |                               |
|----------|----|------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesday  | 8  |      | General Election           |                               |
| Thursday | 10 | 7:00 | Housing<br>General Meeting | Linda Bjella<br>3011 Heritage |
| Tuesday  | 15 | 5:00 | Board Meeting              |                               |
| Friday   | 18 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline          | Bobbie Murray                 |



# President's Message

Voter service activities have occupied the month of September. Kathy Sprenger has registered voters at AAL and Employers Mutual. She will need your help October 1st at the League booth at Oktoberfest. She'll gladly accept your offer of help at 733-1227.

Thanks to all of you who did election night reporting on September 13. If you weren't contacted or you were unable to help, don't despair...you'll have another chance on November 8th for the general election. We need even more helpers than in September! It's not too early to call Nancy Jones at 731-9250 to volunteer.

Our Board project this summer was organizing the LWV-Wisconsin U.S. Senate Debates. The first in the Stansbury Theater at Lawrence got statewide coverage because it was one of only two debates at which all six major candidates appeared. We are now in the midst of plans for the October 27th debate which will be held at WITI's studio in Milwaukee. We will be meeting at the home of to watch.

The program planning committee made an effort to limit League meetings this year. Last year we got carried away and sometimes had 3 to 4 activities in a month. We felt this hurt attendance.

When and what parcels to annex is controversial. In Appleton's City Hall there are wide ranging views. Then add in the views of town officials and middle ground is hard to find. Mark the dates of the units on your calendar. The committee has planned a meeting that promises to give us background but will also be fun.

See you at the meetings.

*Helen*



## Remembering DOROTHY STILLINGS

We note with sorrow the death of Dorothy Stillings. The first woman to serve on the Appleton Common Council, Dorothy more than held her own with her fellow aldermen by being well prepared, by doing her homework and having the facts. Although breaking a trail for women in government was probably not her major purpose when she sought public office, she set a high standard for the women who were to follow her as elected officials.

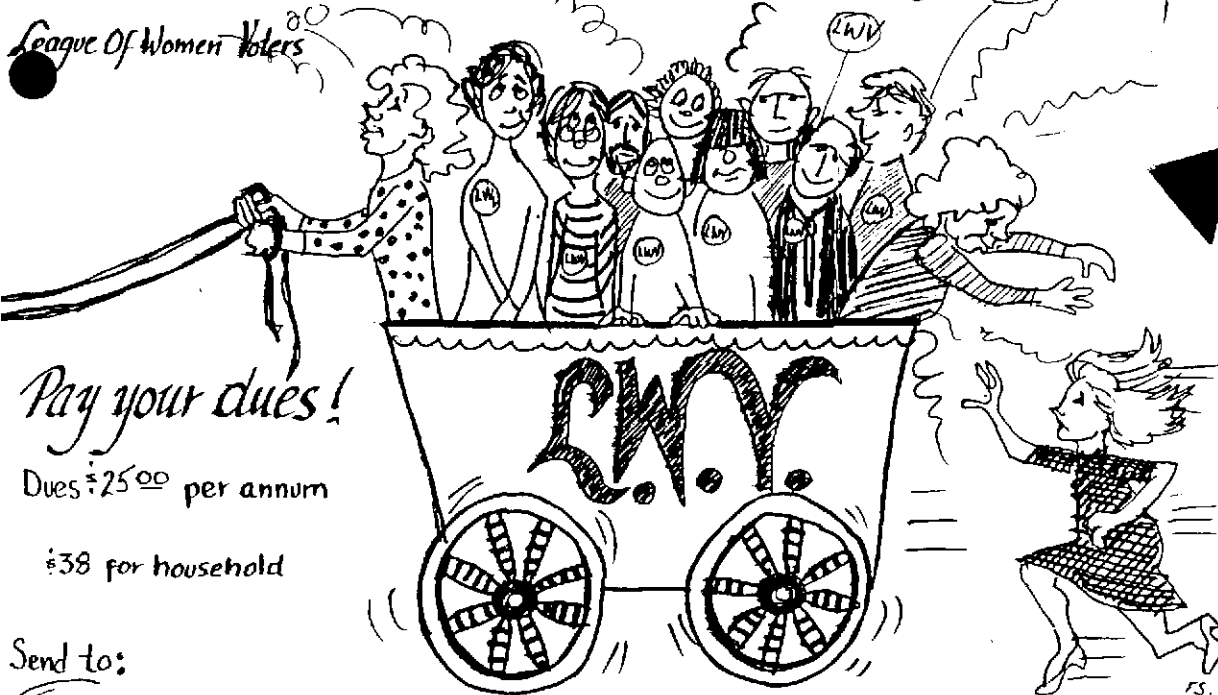
After leaving the Council, Dorothy pursued a business career, successfully heading her own real estate firm. She understood the local community and cared deeply and actively about its needs. She was a mainstay of the Chamber of Commerce, and it is hard to think of a worthy civic enterprise to which Dorothy did not contribute her time, her energy, and her financial support. At one point, she was a dues paying member of both the Democratic and Republican parties. When asked about this, she responded, "Why not? I believe in the party system."

Dorothy was a true community leader, a real grassroots organizer. Her absence will be keenly felt, and her leadership, sorely missed.

--Corinne Goldgar

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## OPEN HOUSE

YOU'RE INVITED ! ! ! !

While Helen, Jan, Terry and Bobbie are in Milwaukee running the senatorial general election debates on October 27th, we thought it would be fun to get together as a group and watch them. Gretta Volk has generously opened her home. The debates begin at 7:00 so if you should plan to arrive about 6:45. So that we can make adequate plans, call Debbie Matz at 731-1129 if you plan to attend. It would be nice if you could bring some munchies or something to drink while we watch Mrs. Engeleiter and Mr. King debate.

## NOTICE

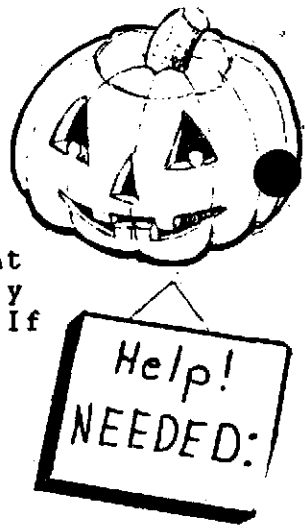
LEAGUE HAS A COMPUTER.....

The computer than Leota Ester donated to League is an Apple II Plus with a Silentyper printer. Operator manuals have now been located and purchased by League. The computer will be "housed" at Debbie Matz's home and will be used to store our membership list as well as our position papers.



## OKTOBERFEST

League will be sponsoring a booth at Oktoberfest. We will be registering people to vote in Appleton as well as selling candy. At press time our precise location had not been determined but probably will be in front of or near the Paper Valley Hotel. Look for us! If you are willing to help, please call Sue Sprenger at 733-1227.



# CHECK OUT ■

## ANNEXATION UNIT MEETINGS

Would you annex FOGGY BOG PLAT if you had to extend sewers and put in a lift pump? What about FABULOUS FUN SUBDIVISION if you need to build a new fire station? Can your existing police force serve MELLOW PLAT or EXPANSION HAVEN? Will the MUD FLAT ANNEXATION bring into the city some desirable taxpaying commercial development?

Our annexation study committee will be "petitioning" you for annexation, and we hope to introduce you to some of the issues that are involved in such a decision.

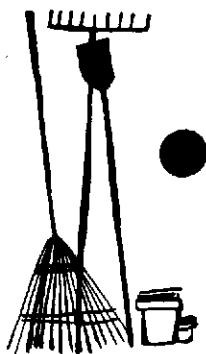
Bring friends or potential new League members Tuesday, October 11 or Wednesday, October 12. We'll let you know what we've learned.

Sue Kinde  
734-5759

## LOCAL HOUSING STUDY

It's not too late to get involved with a local study!!!  
How does Appleton measure up housing-wise?  
How are low income and elderly housing needs being met?  
What role does government play?  
Help our local league find out. We need your expertise!!

Cathy Boardman  
731-4010



APPLETON - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
 UNIT REPORT FOR THE 1987-1988  
 CHAIRWOMAN: Debbie Matz

The responsibilities of the Unit Chairwoman has been outlines quite a few times so I will refer the next chairwoman to review the past chairwomen's reports. (These reports are located in the notebook under Chrm. Responsibilities.

During the 1987-88 year we had meetings at the following locations:

- Secura 2401 S Memorial Dr
- 1st Congregational 724 E South River Road
- County Court Bldg 410 S Walnut
- Trinity Lutheran 209 S Allen
- All Saints 400 E College
- Memorial Presbyterian 803 E College
- Fox Valley Technical College, Bluemound Road
- and various member's home.

A babysitter was provided for the Wednesday morning unit meetings at a cost of \$1.50 per child. All Saints allowed us to use their nursery as well as a meeting room.

During this term the Unit chairperson was responsible for organizing local candidate forums for the aldermanic and county supervisor races. This was an excellent means to reach the community and inform them about the candidates. It took a lot of work and should have its own chairperson separate from Units.

The attendance during the year was low by standards, but said to be average by some seasoned members. I believe we need to find a way to get more League members to actively participate.

The attendance statistics for General meetings and units are outlined below.

| <u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u> |                |          |          | <u>UNIT MEETINGS</u> |              |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| <u>Date</u>             | <u>Topic</u>   | <u>#</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Date</u>          | <u>Topic</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>%</u> |
| 9/16                    | Meet the Mayor | 19       |          | 1/12                 | Human Needs  | 4        | 3%       |
| 9/17                    | " Cty Exec.    | 8        |          | 1/13                 | " "          | 9/7      | 8%/6%    |
| 10/27                   | Agriculture    | 15       |          | 3/23                 | Cty Services | 6        | 5        |
| 11/10                   | Human Needs    | 19       | 16       | 3/24                 | " "          | 10/5     | 9/4      |
| 12/2                    | Cty Service    | 11       | 9        | 4/19                 | Education    | 10       | 9        |
| 1/27                    | Lively Issues  | 15       | 13       | 4/20                 | "            | 11       | 9        |
| 3/3                     | Agriculture    | 4        | 3        | 5/10                 | Agriculture  | 6        | 5        |
| 4/28                    | Annual Meeting | 33       | 28       | 5/11                 | "            | 8        | 7        |

## PROGRAMS & STUDIES

### LOCAL PROGRAMS 1988-89 (adopted at the Annual Meeting, April 1988)

- 1) Update our publication of "This is Appleton."
- 2) Housing Study- A study of housing codes, enforcement, and complaint procedures.
- 3) Annexation Study- A study of the local impact of annexation. The study will explore the positive and negative issues related to annexation, including how much it will cost, how it will effect the delivery of services, taxes, shared revenues, etc., and what criteria should be set for annexation.

### STATE PROGRAM (adopted at Convention, May 1987)

The second year of the 2-Year State Education Study will focus on the University system.

### NATIONAL PROGRAMS (adopted at Convention, June 1988)

No new national study will be undertaken the next two years. Instead, emphasis will be placed on information gathering, member education, dissemination of information to the public, and the development of action strategies on the following three topics.

- A) CAMPAIGN FOR A SAFER WORLD.  
The Campaign for a Safer World combines our positions on the federal deficit, arms control, defense spending, and economic conversion. The National Board believes that by looking into these positions as a group we will find connections between national security and our fiscal policies.
- B) CHILD CARE & HOUSING: MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.  
This program was designed to encourage local Leagues to focus on educating our members and the public concerning federal, state and local government programs, as well as private industry's involvement, related to child care and housing. Local Leagues are urged to promote an increase in availability and improvement of services by these groups. (Recommended action: support the Act For Better Child Care, or working with a coalition to reach League goals.)
- C) TACKLING TOXICS.  
The third program links pollution control and waste management (solid and hazardous) concerns. Topics under this heading include the i) reduction or control of toxic contamination to the air, groundwater, and surface water, ii) the transportation of hazardous materials, and iii) the disposal of toxic wastes.



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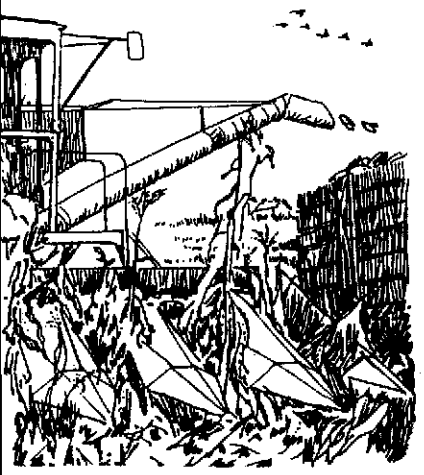
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# Lend a hand!

## COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS.

The county budget hearings will be held October 24th and November 7th. If you are interested in going to these hearings please contact  
Jan Quinlan 734-4808



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## NOVEMBER

|          |    |                         |                            |                                    |
|----------|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday  | 8  |                         | General Election           |                                    |
| Tuesday  | 15 | 5:00                    | Board Meeting              | Marlys Fritzell<br>1015 Nawada Ct. |
| Thursday | 17 | *7:00*<br>(date change) | Housing<br>General Meeting | Linda Bjella<br>3011 Heritage      |
| Friday   | 18 | 6:00                    | Bulletin Deadline          | Bobbie Murray                      |

## DECEMBER

|           |    |      |                          |                                  |
|-----------|----|------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 6  | 7:00 | Annexation Study<br>Unit | Margaret Gibas<br>1515 N. Durkee |
| Wednesday | 7  | 9:30 | Annexation Study<br>Unit | All Saints<br>400 E. College     |
| Tuesday   | 13 | 5:00 | Board Meeting            |                                  |
| Friday    | 16 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline        | Bobbie Murray                    |

Happy



Thanksgiving



## HMONG BOOK UPDATE

The Nusi Ward Memorial project, "Hmong in America: We Sought Refuge Here" is currently at the typesetter. Win Thrall selected type style and size, and we should see the galley proofs soon.

Helped by a grant from the Hmong Arts Board, Phyllis Dintenfass and I purchased about 25 textiles last spring. I will continue to add to the collection and will seek funds from other sources to fund the display/storage of the textiles, musical instruments and toys, which will add cultural enrichment to the book.

At the annual meeting we suggested to League members who may not have contributed to this project that we would welcome donations. New contributions were received this summer from Kyle Ward, Shirley Cherkasky, and Helen Heil. The original contributors were Eileen Singler, Bonnie Buchanan, Jan Besta, Catherine Gramatzki, John Hankey, Marlys Fritzell, Arthur Kaplan, Marge Koepke, Marcia Hittle, James Stewart, Joy PovoIny, Marian & James Ming, Helen Heil, Joyce & Sumner Richman, Corinne Goldgar, Al & Cynthia Johnson, Sue Kinde, Barb Tank, R.B. & Vivian Valley, John Edwards, M.D., Jack & Minnie Weiner, and Bob & Sue Chase. (If your name does not appear on this list, it's not too late to become part of this project! Call me for further information.)

I'd like to share with you this note from one contributor: "Words cannot express the affection and respect I felt for Nusi, and still revere in memory. They cannot describe either the contribution she made to my life. I wish that my gift could be larger than one dollar for each year of my membership in the Appleton League of Women Voters---a total of forty."

Sharon Fenlon  
734-0864

HOUSING - An issue whose time has come?

There seems to be movement from a number of quarters to do something about Appleton's tight housing supply.

Come to the general meeting on housing in Appleton and learn what the Mayor's Task Force on Housing discovered the housing situation is and what they recommended be done.

Come to the general meeting on housing and hear local experts asked questions about creative solutions.

Come to the general meeting on housing and ask the experts questions you have about housing in this community.

The following experts have already agreed to come:

- Father Janssen - transitional housing
- Jim Wenner - housing solutions
- Charles Magnette - city housing inspection department
- Helen Heil - housing for elderly

Housing Study Committee

- Cathy Boardman
- Betty Breunig
- Anna Faye Dodd
- Paulette Laffin
- Bobbie Murray
- Jan Nordell

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Ever wonder what the housing options are in Appleton for families when the wage earners have been laid off?

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Ever wonder what the housing options are in Appleton for elderly, who can no longer manager to keep up their homes, but do not need the nursing care of a nursing home?

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Ever wonder how the housing standards in Appleton are maintained? How the enforcement of housing codes works?

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? ?  
Ever wonder what the Mayor's Task Force on Housing in Appleton found out?



The many questions raised at the October unit meetings will keep your local annexation committee busy as we search for answers. You may be interested to know that both units decided to annex the ThreeBears-Goldilocks parcel, after many comments about cost, benefits to the community, and environmental concerns. The costs of the hypothetical lift pump and fire station had to be weighed against those failing septic systems, and the possible park.

Our fictitious petition for annexation was by Direct Annexation, Unanimous, where all of the owners and all of the electors in the parcel petitioned directly to Boom City. There is also Direct Annexation, Majority, where a majority of the owners and a majority of the electors petition. This requires a notice of intention to circulate an annexation petition, and adherence to strict timetables.

Annexation by Referendum may be by a petition signed by 20% of the electors residing in the area, and the owners of 50% of the real property either in area or assessed value. The outcome of the Referendum would determine if the parcel wished to be annexed. The Common Council has 60 days after the filing of a petition to either accept or reject the petition.


-Sue Kinde, Beth English, Anne Fahrenkrug, Marlys Fritzell, Barb Hoffman, Vickie Milde, Sharon Persich, Bev Wieckert, and M.J. Wurster.



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## CALENDAR

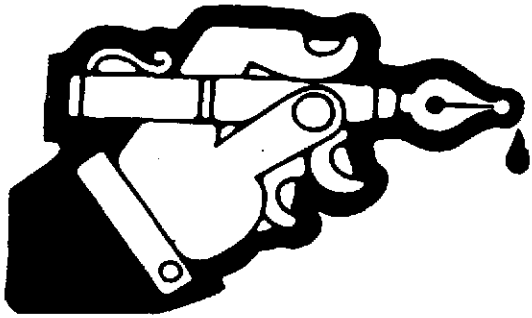
# December

|                           |    |      |   |                                    |
|---------------------------|----|------|---|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday                   | 6  | 7:00 | *Annexation Study Unit<br>Speaker: Mayor Dorothy Johnson                        | Margaret Gibas<br>1515 N. Durkee   |
| Wednesday                 | 7  | 9:30 | *Annexation Study Unit<br>Speaker: Rick Stadelman, Exec. Dir. Wis. Towns Assoc. | All Saints Epis.<br>400 E. College |
| * See article in BULLETIN |    |      |   |                                    |
| Tuesday                   | 13 | 5:00 | Board Meeting   | Jan Quinlan<br>322 South Ct.       |
| Friday                    | 16 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline   | Bobbie Murray                      |

## JANUARY

|         |    |      |                   |                                  |
|---------|----|------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wed.    | 11 | 7:00 | Redistricting     | Sue Kinde<br>250 River Rd.       |
| Tuesday | 17 | 5:00 | Board Meeting     |                                  |
| Friday  | 20 |      | Bulletin Deadline | Bobbie Murray                    |
| Monday  | 23 | 7:00 | Lively Issues     | M. J. Wurster<br>520 River Drive |





## President's Message

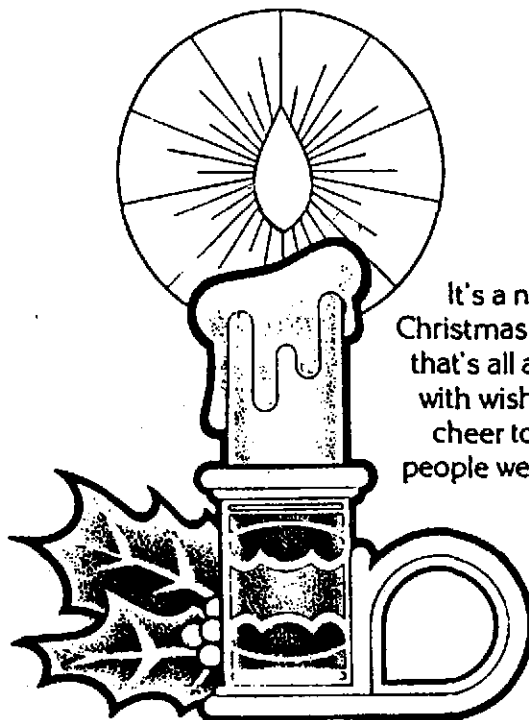
This past Friday I had an opportunity to attend part of a State Board meeting. It is refreshing to see the state League's governance similar to our local league.

Barb Hussin (formerly of Appleton), Voter Service chair, had good news and bad news. The good news was that Wisconsin moved from 5th to 2nd in the nation for percentage of eligible voters who actually voted in the Presidential election. Unfortunately, the state percentage dropped from 63% to 61%. She was, however, pleased with the state-wide voter registration efforts.

Barb Grant (Appleton), Financing the State University System chair, presented proposed consensus questions for Board approval. More information will be coming shortly to follow the recent supplement in the Forward. Locally, Ruth Friedman is still forming her committee and would welcome your participation. Give her a call!

In the course of Board training last week your current Board discovered that they all, when they were new members, had the misconception that you had to be an expert to joint a committee. **WRONG!!!!!!** Committees are staffed by members who want to learn.

Mona Steele, Legislative chair, said that questions will be coming soon to be used to interview state legislators. We'd like an experienced and a new League member to participate in each interview. The legislator interviews was one of the most interesting first experiences I had in League. Call Jan Quinlan if you'd like to participate.



It's a nice  
Christmas feeling  
that's all aglow,  
with wishes of  
cheer to the  
people we know.

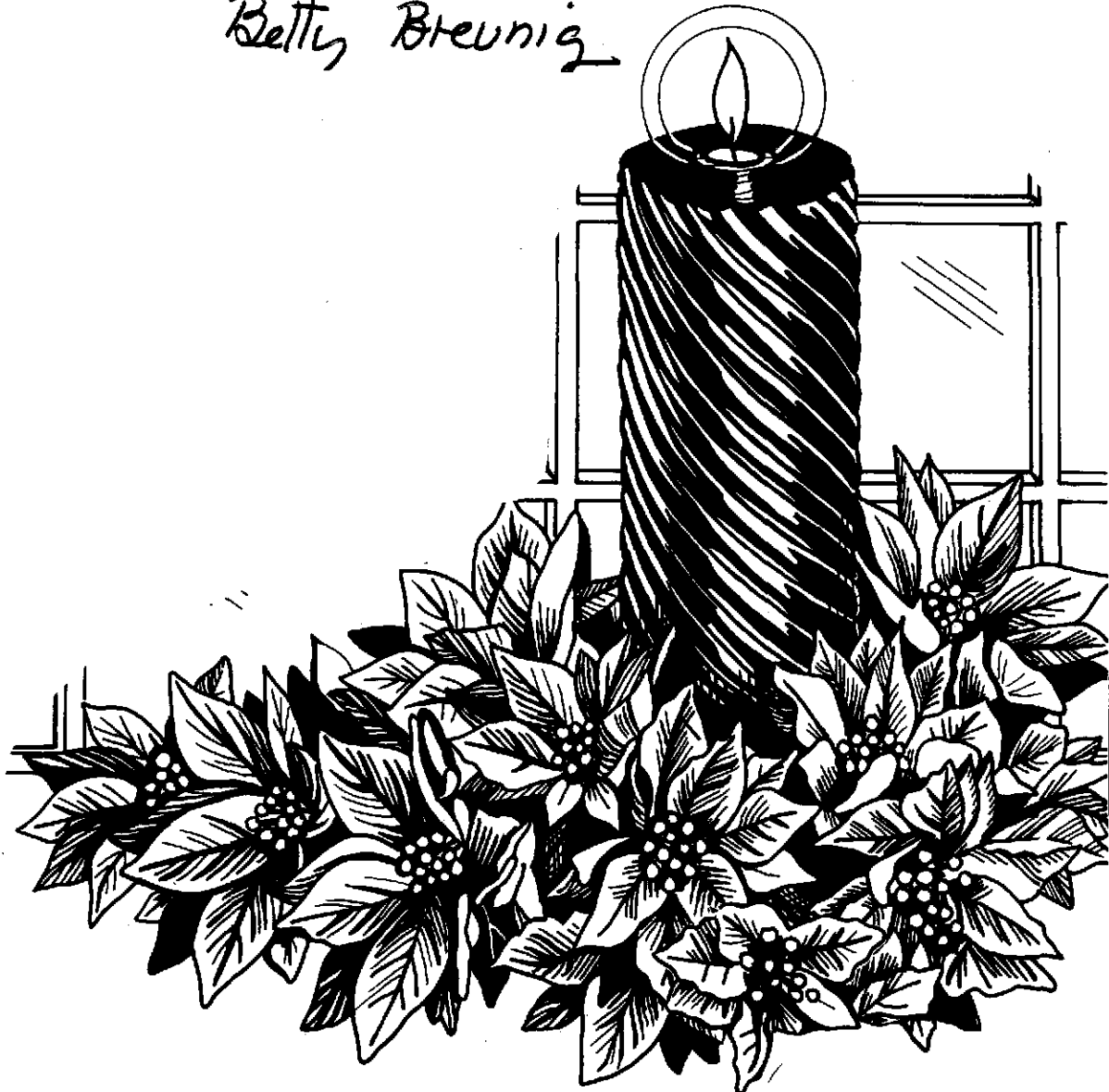
To the Editor:

I want to congratulate Helen Nagler who was asked by the State Board to handle the senatorial LWV debates in Wisconsin. She and her committee\*\* did a superb and time-consuming job raising funds, negotiating, organizing, dealing with candidates, dealing with TV studios and MCs, arranging for statewide coverage, selecting questions, holding firm and attending to detail.

The committee members say that even at the most stressful times when it would have been easy to let down, Helen kept faith with League objectives and priorities. Helen says each member of her committee was indispensable. The TV producer in Milwaukee says he would never put on a debate without the League because of its expertise in coping with all the headaches.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| ** Helen Nagler - Mastermind & Fund Raiser          | Deb Matz - Publicity                      |
| Terry Flom - Negotiator                             | Pat Schinabeck - Usher Organizer          |
| Jan Quinlan - TV Coordinator                        | Rosie Grabner - Page Organizer            |
| Bobbie Murray - Letter Writer & Ticket<br>Dispenser | Freddi Doeringer - Reception<br>Organizer |
| Anne Mead - Publicity and Facility<br>Coordinator   | Win Thrall - Graphics                     |

Betty Breunig



J A N Q U I N L A N  
LEAGUE'S NOMINEE FOR  
POST-CRESCENT  
V O L U N T E E R O F T H E Y E A R

Below is the resume' of Jan submitted with her nomination.

This is what makes this nominee so special:

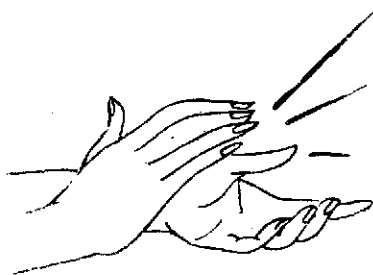
Anyone who gets 51 phone calls in one day, is a committed volunteer.

This year Jan, in her position as Action VP, has recruited an Observer Corps; coordinated all political action including the campaign for an appointed city attorney; and organized, for the first time since 1974, all the positions taken by the Appleton League.

Beyond her local responsibilities, she was the Media Coordinator for the U. S. Senate debates presented by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. In that position she was responsible for arranging statewide commercial and public television and radio coverage of both the primary and general election debates. Jan arranged, for the first time in LWVW history, statewide commercial television coverage of the general election debate. In addition, she arranged for national coverage on C-span.

Other community activities Jan is involved in are:

Appleton Nursery Inc.: Board of Directors in charge  
of the open house  
Edison School: Arts Ambassador Chairman, kindergarten  
volunteer aide, PTA Board secretary  
United Way: Commercial/Retail coordinator  
First Congregational Church: Home Tour Board, Church  
Scheduling Chair,  
Substitute Sunday  
School Teacher  
Lawrence University: Reunion Committee, Caller for  
Alumni donations.  
Meals on Wheels: Summer worker  
Childcare Co-Op: Founder and Manager



# **ACTION** in your name

## **ACTION IN YOUR NAME:**

Statement read at City Budget Hearings  
October 31, 1988

My name is Janice Quinlan, 322 South Court, Appleton, and I am vice-president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

League's local study this year concerns the impact annexation will have on our city. We feel that many questions arise when a city experiences both growth within its boundaries and growth through annexing adjacent areas. Some of these questions are unanswered in the city's 1989 budget.

First, considering Appleton's unprecedented growth: Does the city budget reflect the increased cost of operational expenses or are we cutting delivery of services to some areas to pay for growth in other areas? Second, has the city anticipated the impact of possible state-mandated spending caps on a city growing as quickly as Appleton? If so, does the 1989 budget prepare for such an event? Third, how would Appleton cope with a more than 5% reduction in its share of state revenue should the "hold-harmless" clause be eliminated from the shared-revenue formula? In short, what long-range planning did Appleton use in preparing this budget?

Finally, the League has an additional concern - the timing for this public hearing. We wonder why the Outagamie County public budget hearing and the City of Appleton budget hearing were scheduled on the same date and time. Besides showing an apparent lack of cooperation between city and county, scheduling public hearings at the same date prevents public access to both meetings. (Helen Nagler is presenting this same criticism to the county supervisors as we speak.)

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on our concerns.



## **---NOTICE---**

If you have not already done so, please pay your \$25.00 membership dues for 1989 to:

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## STATEMENT TO OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD

The shift of responsibility for funding of many programs by the federal and state to local government will give you as County Board members great challenges this year.

Surely the greatest challenge will be funding federal and state mandated programs. An example of this is the requirement to move developmentally disabled and chronically mentally ill from institutions into the community. Outagamie County is required to develop group homes to meet these mandates. This mandate makes the approved cut in the Human Service budget unrealistic. We realize that funding mandates puts a strain on local government. We hope your reaction to mandated programs is not to fund them by eliminating prevention programs which are not mandated, thus are only shifting the cost to the future. As you review the county budget, we urge you to consider long range benefits and savings in effective prevention.

The timing of the Budget Hearing concerns us for two reasons.

1. It is on the same evening as the Appleton public hearing. This makes it impossible for Appleton taxpayers (the largest contributors to the county budget) to attend both hearings. It is, we feel another sign of the inability of Outagamie County government and Appleton government to work cooperatively. In fact, even though it is Halloween, I am unable to be in two places at once so Jan Quinlan is presenting the League statement at the Appleton hearing.

2. Since the public hearing is being held before all of the department budgets have been reviewed by the Finance Committee, the rationale for budget requests is not readily available to those who are interested in making comments on the budget.

We hope that next year these concerns will be addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Outagamie County Board.

Helen Nagler  
President  
League of Women Voters of Appleton  
October 31, 1988





# THANKS

Thanks to the efforts of the following volunteers, we were able to complete election night reporting for both the primary and general election:

Gretchen Bambrick  
Linda Bjella  
Elinore Burdett  
Berta Churchill  
Jane Costello  
Mark deYoung  
Anna Faye Dodd  
Beth English  
Sara Ensley  
Anne Fahrenkrug  
Terry Flom  
Barb Folb  
Ruth Friedman

Barb Grant  
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Gretta Volk  
Lila Waldman  
Bev Wieckert  
M. J. Wurster  
Marilyn Yeske

Marlys Fritzell  
Margaret Gibas

Bobbie Murray  
Helen Nagler

A special thanks to those who helped for both elections. This project provides valuable funds for our local league.

In November we were also helped by 19 town, village and city clerks in outlying areas.

THANKS TO ALL!!!!

Nancy Jones

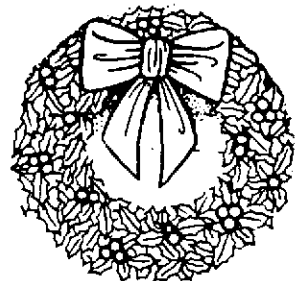


## GENERAL MEETING

### HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 25 people at the Housing Meeting on November 17 got an inkling of local housing problems as our experts (Helen Heil, Appleton Housing Authority; Father Janssen, Emergency Shelters; Jim Wenner, Housing Partnership; Chuck Magnette, Appleton Inspection Dep't) answered questions. In addition, we got a very helpful point of view from Renee Riederer and Earl Hokenson of the Landlords' Association. No solutions were offered for making affordable housing available to all who need it BUT STAY TUNED -- perhaps we can come up with a course of action in our February unit meetings. In the meanwhile, turn to page 5 in your August National Voter and read "The Search for Low-cost Housing." Many thanks to Linda Bjella for opening her home to the group.

Housing Committee: Cathy Boardman, Ch. Bobbie Murray  
Betty Breunig Jan Nordell  
Anna Faye Dodd Paulette Laffin



**Orderly growth  
of area needed**

**tax rate**

**budget...**

**valuation**

A wonderful opportunity to learn more about annexation will be yours if you come to units Tuesday evening, December 6, or Wednesday morning, December 7.

Mayor Dorothy Johnson has a vision of what a city must do to be healthy, and it involves soundness in the tax base and good long range planning. She will speak to us December 6 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Margaret Gibas, 1515 N. Durkee.

Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m., will bring another fascinating speaker. Rick Stadelman, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association, will address the issues of towns, their powers, and annexation.

Look for shared revenues and state aids to enter the discussions, since money collected by the state and redistributed to villages, cities, towns, and counties is a large revenue source for them.

Naturally, you are welcome to come to both meetings, and be sure to ask a friend or new member to join you. Having been tantalized by the fictional Goldilocks-ThreeBears Annexation, you may be even more fascinated by the real.

**Annexation gets final OK**

**sewer**

**streets**

**water rate**

**Population  
growth is  
strong here**

**Shared revenue**



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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

|         |    |      |   |  |
|---------|----|------|---|--|
| Wed.    | 11 | 7:00 | Redistricting<br>(See article in<br>Bulletin) | Sue Kinde<br>250 River Rd.               |
| Tuesday | 17 | 6:00 | Board Meeting                                 | Helen Nagler<br>932 E. Commercial        |
| Friday  | 20 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline                             | Bobbie Murray                            |
| Monday  | 23 | 7:00 | Lively Issues                                 | M. J. Wurster<br>* 520 River <u>ROAD</u> |

### FEBRUARY

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# President's Message

January holds two important events.

With December activities behind all of us, you certainly will want to make time for the League's Holiday Party on January 11th at Sue Kinde's home. Debbie Matz looked over the main event - The Reapportionment Game - and pronounced it entertaining. Of course, in League tradition, it will also be informational, but don't let that put you off. COME AND PARTY !!!! Personally, I like nothing better than the wit and conversation of long-time and short-time League members.

The month ends with the LIVELY ISSUES meeting at M. J. Wurster's home (520 River ROAD). It is the most significant meeting of the League year. It is the meeting which distinguishes League from most other groups. It is the meeting which reaffirms our long-standing grass roots tradition. Come, be a part of that tradition! Come with a suggestion for a local topic that our League should study. Come with your opinions on a state study from the suggestions in the Forward or a topic not mentioned. Come ready to discuss the suggestions of other members. Come ready to lobby for your favorite topic. Come to listen and get a feel for the organization. Next year's direction could be set at Lively Issues. Come have a say in it !!!!

Everyone is asked to bring a snack or a beverage to share BUT if you forget to shop or forget to get it in the car when you start out or if you find at the very last minute that you can come after all...COME and simply share your fellowship, conversation and ideas. There will be plenty of food, I'm certain!

HELEN



The League of Women Voters of Appleton must complete a 1988-89 membership count to file with National and State offices. Memberships begin each September and run for one year. If you have not paid your dues, please take a moment now to renew your membership. Your support helps to make our local League a strong force in the community.

## Dues:

Regular Membership . . . \$25.00

Household Membership . . \$38.00

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Appleton and send to: Marlys Fritzell  
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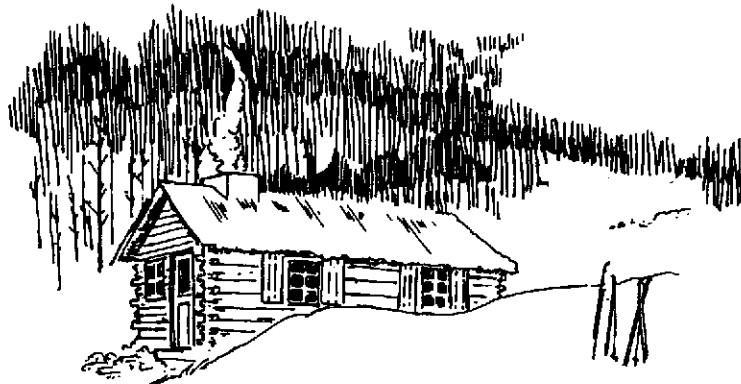
We have a big night planned on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00pm. Not only has Sue Kinde opened her home to us and offered to give us a tour of her energy-efficient, solar home, but we will experience how easy it is to manipulate district boundaries.

We will begin with the home tour at 7 o'clock and follow with the redistricting meeting at 7:30pm. The meeting will center around a game which came to Wisconsin via a former Connecticut league member. Everyone I've talked to, who has played the game, has enjoyed it. I think we all will be surprised at just how easy it is to manipulate boundaries to support or strengthen special interests.

So don't miss this fun evening out. It's a perfect evening to introduce a friend to our organization in a social atmosphere and learn something about a continuously debated issue.

If you have any questions, please call Deb Matz at 731-1129.

*cc: storn*



**ENERGY**

Don't miss -

Lively Issues.

Monday, January 23rd, 1989  
at  
MJ Wurster's  
520 River Drive  
7:00 PM Sharp!

It's time for LIVELY ISSUES again. This year we need to make recommendations to the state league concerning what state study(ies) we would like it to develop for the next two years. We will also consider recommendations for local studies, which will be presented to the membership at our annual meeting in April. In order to have a local study idea presented at the annual meeting, it must be brought up at LIVELY ISSUES.

Please come prepared. This means you will need to review your local Position Papers (yellow cover) and your November issue of the Forward. The November issue contains suggestions of possible state study topics (page 1) and a listing of current programs (page 3). If you did not receive this issue of the Forward, please contact me and I will get you a copy of the information you will need. If you have some ideas, questions, or suggestions but cannot attend the meeting, feel free to call me so I can present your ideas for you.

I hope each of you will try to attend this meeting. We want to hear from everyone, so that we can conclude our LIVELY ISSUES meeting with recommendations which reflect a majority of our member's opinions. Everyone's point of view is IMPORTANT.

Consider these questions: Should the state fund the programs it mandates local govt. to provide? Is there undo delay in the court system? Is adequate health care provided for all people? Are the schools or juvenile justice system meeting the young people's needs? Should recycling be mandatory? Should Appleton provide more low-incoming housing? What actions can we take to limit the size of the county board? What state study should we pursue? Where should we direct our local energies?

This is just a sample of what we might be discussing at LIVELY ISSUES.

Remember, "whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- adequate financing,
- effective enforcement, and
- well-defined channels for citizen input and review." (LWV-WI Position Papers, Pg 5)

LIVELY ISSUES is a meeting for the members to voice their opinions and concerns. I hope to see you on January 23rd.

Debbie Matz, Program-VP  
731-1129

# LOCAL HOUSING STUDY



At the general League meeting on housing in November many issues were raised. The following highlight some possible solutions to some of the major local issues.

- \* Spotcheck of Rental Units
- \* Housing Ombudsman
- \* Transitional Housing

Brief explanations of each of these follow along with a summary of the recommendations made by the Mayor's Housing Task Force 1984 and the subsequent Mayor's Housing Panel 1985.

You may want to save this information for the units in February. Ponder the suggested solutions and bring your feedback and suggestions to the units! Help the Appleton League formulate creative solutions to housing problems.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK



Transitional Housing - As we talk to people, who are most directly involved with the homeless in our community, there seems to be a need for transitional housing.

There is an emergency shelter, but this has a 2 week limit and then what? People need an address in order to take care of themselves. Without an address it is difficult, if not impossible, to find employment, or to receive various kinds of welfare. It is also dehumanizing to have no place to live. The person who needs this kind of housing may be young or old. They can be people who are facing crisis such as unemployment or illness or they can be people who lack the skills necessary to become independent in our society. However, the one thing they have in common is a lack of resources. Therefore they need something basic and inexpensive.



## OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN

The office of ombudsman, used in Scandanavia for 100 years, is a unique adjunct to government which can deal impartially and quickly with citizen complaints. The ombudsman is an independant, unbiased, well-regarded member of the community, who is appointed by the administrator and approved by the legislative body to receive, investigate and recommend action on citizen complaints. "His main power is to get at the facts, his influence is based upon his objectivity, competence, superior knowledge, and prestige. He cannot, of course, reverse any legislative decisions but he might, through complaints received, influence later public policy." (1)

The City of Dayton and Montgomery County in Ohio have operated, very successfully, a combined Information and Referral and Ombudsman office since 1971. Annual Report for 1982 says, "As local governments are faced with the challenge of responding to an ever increasing demand for service, we in the ombudsman's office will continue to act as a buffer for the frustrations of citizens and government by providing accurate information and reasonable mediation."

(1) Donald Rowat, Canadian Professor of Political Science

In Appleton or Outagmie County, where does the average unsure citizen lodge a housing complaint? Is the system(s) now in place perceived by the public as being unbiased and efficient? DO WE NEED A HOUSING OMBUDSMAN? Can you envision a retired person, of some repute in the city, appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Council, who would work part time for a low salary under the aegis of a citizens' board of directors? (Dayton's board consists of nine members three each appointed by the county, the city and the school board).

### SPOTCHECK OF RENTAL UNITS

One possible positive step toward having decent, safe and sanitary rental units available in our community would be a spot-check system. The Appleton Housing Authority, City of Appleton's Inspections Dept. or an Ombudsman could randomly pick units to be inspected each week/month. An appointment would be made approximately 1 week in advance with the landlord who would arrange for the unit to be available. The inspector would check for safe wiring, adequate plumbing, ability of the heat source to maintain the mandated temperature of 67 degrees. If a deficiency is found, the landlord will have a reasonable time (about 2 weeks) to correct the deficiency or face a fine. The revenue created from these fines would go into a fund to help in the legal defense of this program or to aid tenants living under sub-standard conditions to move or to make available the funds for the City or designated authority to make the necessary repairs and recover from the landlord. Any leftover funds would go to purchase units to recondition and increase the housing stock.

In order to have all rental units listed for inventory purposes as well as for the inspection system, all rental units except those in which the landlord himself resides must be listed with the city. In the case of apartment complexes, they must be listed even if the resident manager resides there.

The City of Appleton MUST begin to take a more visible leadership role in housing for her citizens.

Recommendations of Mayor's Task Force on Housing, April 23, 1984

1. Establish a permanent Appleton Housing Council, comprised of volunteers initially but eventually requiring paid staff to focus exclusively on short and long term housing issues and to administer many of the activities listed below.
2. Publish an annual Resource Guide to include legal information, advocacy contacts, assistance programs, sample forms and documents.
3. Organize a Community Housing Repair Program utilizing retired skilled workers to help repair houses of low income and elderly.
4. Organize a voluntary Rental Inspection Service to help landlords and tenants document existing conditions for future security deposit use.
5. Initiate a Rental Occupancy Permit Program to enhance the state Energy Efficiency Rules to help eliminate substandard housing conditions.
6. Approve a storm window-door mandate.
7. Define Appleton Neighborhood Revitalization Areas where the city can target incentive programs such as:
  - a. Using available funds or raising money to leverage or reduce interest rates on home improvement loans and mortgages.
  - b. Encouraging home and rental renovation by adopting a multi-year freeze on property reassessment.
  - c. Requiring city inspection for building code violations before transfer of ownership titles.

Recommendations of Mayor's Housing Panel, June 20, 1985

That a full-time housing planner position be created in the Planning Department. The housing planner would be responsible for researching and analysing existing housing problems, developing new programs, building and nurturing coalitions on housing-related issues between the private and public sectors, preparing grant applications and acting as the liaison between local government and voluntary neighborhood interest groups.

Mayor Johnson began her presentation to the Tuesday night unit by describing the types of local government in Wisconsin - cities, villages, and towns. According to Mayor Johnson, towns are organized to rely on the county and only cities and villages can annex property.

Mayor Johnson said that cities must be strong to remain a healthy entity. The way a city can maintain strength is by growth - growth in equalized value by maintaining commercial, industrial, and residential property in a healthy or growing state or by annexing property and adding to the three bases.

Mayor Johnson stated that all the annexations that have taken place in her regime have been carefully evaluated to assure they were in the best interests of the city. She also stated it is in the best interest of Appleton and all cities not to let borders be closed to further growth. This could happen by the surrounding towns incorporating into cities or villages as has occurred around Milwaukee.

The Mayor also spoke about the inequities in taxing for services at the county level. The city of Appleton pays 40% of the county levy and the Mayor feels Appleton receives very little service for that money.



Thanks to Warren Utecht, city of Appleton Planning Department, for providing the following information on methods of annexation.

Certain requirements exist before annexation to the city of Appleton can be considered:

1. The land in question must be contiguous to the city.
2. The annexation cannot create a "Town Island."
3. If a peninsula of town land is created by the annexation, it should be wide enough to be defensible in court.
4. A majority of electors (either owners of homes or renters, 18 years of age or older) residing in the land to be annexed need to sign the petition and, in addition, either one of the following:
  - a. The owners of one-half of the land in area within the proposed annexation.
  - b. The owners of one-half of the real property in assessed value within the proposed annexation.
5. If no electors reside in the area to be annexed, then only (a.) or (b.) as outlined above are required.

A petition for annexation to the city of Appleton can be done several ways:

1. Direct Annexation - Unanimous: All of the owners and all of the electors of the area in the proposed annexation can petition directly to the city without waiting for publication of the notice of intention to circulate. This is the fastest method of annexing land to the city.
2. Direct Annexation - Majority: A majority of the owners and a majority of the electors shall petition not less than ten days nor more than twenty days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to circulate. The annexation petition shall be filed within six months of the date of publication of the notice in order for it to be valid. This method is slightly more time consuming than the Unanimous Direct Annexation.
3. Annexation by Referendum: A petition for a referendum on the question of annexation may be filed with the city or village clerk signed by 20% of the electors residing in the area, and the owners of 50% of the real property either in area or assessed value. This method would be the most time consuming.

Other methods of annexation are as follows:

1. Town Island Annexation 66.021(15): The city can annex town islands on its own motion without petition. However, after December 2, 1973, no city may create a town island.
2. City Property Annexation 66.025: The city may annex territory which it owns whether it is contiguous or not. If it is not contiguous, the city annexation must not be contrary to County Zoning Regulations.
3. Annexation by Court Order Referendum 66.024: A city may petition circuit court for an annexation by referendum for contiguous unincorporated territory.

The Common Council has 60 days after the filing of the petition to either accept or reject the petition.

## Summary of Comments by Rick Stadelman

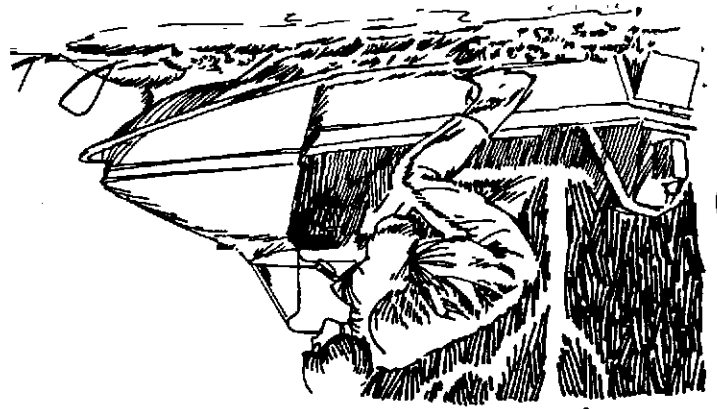
The powers of town government, the town view of annexation and the potential for effectively managing urban growth were the subject of comments by Rick Stadelman, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association, at a recent Annexation Study unit meeting. A summary of his remarks follows.

Towns were originally established as a units of government for very specific administrative and service purposes in rural areas. Over time, towns have evolved in powers as a result of population growth and a general trend toward urban outmigration. As growth has occurred, the demand for services has increased.

In recent years, town powers have been significantly broadened to allow town boards the ability to exercise village powers. While limited to the exercise of only those village powers specified in the statutes, there is some ability to go beyond specific statutory grant when adopting regulatory powers in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. In larger, more urban towns such as Grand Chute and Menasha, an array of municipal-type services services are provided, including police and fire protection, zoning and building regulation, provision of water and sewers, health regulation, and others.

Annexation, intended to be the process whereby municipalities add territory to accommodate future growth, has been complicated by the expansion of town powers and population, particularly in towns surrounding urban areas. For the most part, towns oppose annexation because it is an erosion of their tax base. As a result, the annexation process is marked by controversy and counter efforts by impacted towns to defeat the annexation. Under current annexation procedure, this is focused on the residents of the area being annexed, who by referendum or petition approve the annexation.

A proposal to change annexation law is currently being discussed by the Wisconsin Towns Association and League of Municipalities. The proposal calls for a shift in power from the electors and property owners to elected officials. Rather than the petition for annexation, boundary delineations would be resolved by the respective governing bodies. The intent is that governmental units reach agreement on a plan for future growth boundaries. Such an agreement would be binding although amendment would be possible. In the event agreement on boundary delineations cannot be reached, an arbitration panel would be formed to review boundary disputes and make a binding decision in favor of one or the other parties.



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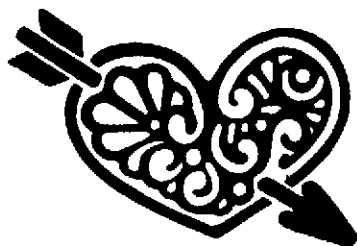
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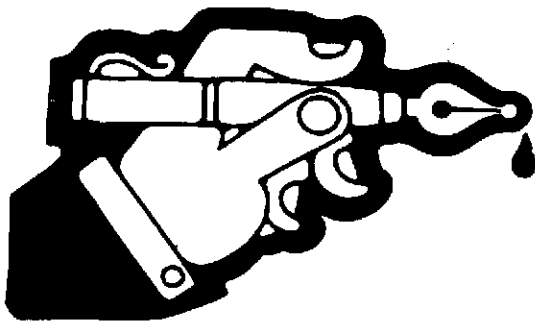
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### MARCH

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## President's Message

The Redistricting Party will be rescheduled later in the year. Sue Kinde commented that the meeting demonstrated perfectly the Appleton League's attitudes. League members with responsibilities for the meeting braved the ice and came; and others had the good sense to stay safely at home.

February brings to conclusion the study phase of our two local studies. Action will follow. Both the Annexation and Housing studies will come to consensus. Come and influence the League's official opinion so it is representative of the membership. Since units for both studies have been well attended, I'm sure there will be interest in taking action after consensus is approved.

The nominating committee will be meeting. If you have suggestions for next year's Board or would like to serve on the Board yourself, call one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Those members are Freddie Doeringer, Ann Lindstrom, Anne Mead, Bev Wieckert or M. J. Wurster.

With consensus discussions in February, I'm looking forward to an interesting month.

*Helen*

# Please



### FINANCE DRIVE

The Finance Drive is coming up. I've been culling the record cards which is a slow job because I stop to read the comments that the solicitors have put down like "don't mention downtown," or "won't give but wants five free copies of This is Appleton," or "likes Sue Kinde, send her next time."

Years ago we used to visit every potential contributor individually knowing that it's harder to refuse a contribution eyeball to eyeball. Now we do our fund raising by mail and follow up by telephone. Our list of contributors grows each year as more of the community appreciates the unique services we offer to the voter and to the community at large. Good government is not just the League's responsibility.

I need your help to:

1. Give me names of potential contributors.
2. Write thank you notes.
3. Make follow up phone calls to former contributors .

Call me.

Betty Breunig  
739-2670



## LWV ANNEXATION STUDY 1988-89

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss short- and long-range advantages and disadvantages of annexation. What criteria might govern annexation decisions?
  - A. Cost (providing services, tax base, financial impact on surrounding areas, legal costs, state aids and shared revenues, avoided costs)
  - B. Efficiency (economies of scale, shared services)
  - C. Fairness (users of a service pay for it, environmental costs shared fairly)
  - D. Environmental Impact (water quality, flood control, land use and zoning)
  - E. Long range good of the area (social, long range planning)
  - F. Other
2. Outline the legal procedures for annexation. What are benefits and problems with the current methods? What possible changes might be made in state legislation?
3. Is there anything "proactive" a city can do to prevent problems in areas later annexed?
4. Is it always in the best interests of a city to pursue annexation?
5. How do state revenue sharing and aid formulas affect annexation decisions?

### CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. What criteria should influence annexation decisions?  
Consider short and long term impacts.
2. Should city services be provided without annexation?
3. Would you recommend any changes in state legislation on annexation? Any changes in revenue sharing or aid formulas?



# LOCAL HOUSING STUDY



## Discussion Questions

- 1) What do you think about the housing inspectors conducting spot checks for code violations as a possible partial solution to landlord-tenant conflicts over security deposits?
- 2) What action can the Appleton League support that would relieve the housing shortage for low income families? Would you support the League advocating for more low income and special needs housing (transitional housing for elderly, handicapped, etc.)?
- 3) Would a housing Ombudsman mediating between tenants and landlords; educating tenants of their rights and possibly how to manage budgeting for housing payments be called for?
- 4) For those who are living on the street and need to learn the basic skills of living in and maintaining a home, would you support transitional housing?
- 5) Would it be in the best interests of those being served for agencies providing services for low income families to be located together?
- 6) Do you support inclusion of minimum standards for weatherization, such as storm windows, in the housing codes?

## Consensus Questions

- 1) Would you support spot checks of rental units by housing inspectors and if so, under what guidelines?
- 2) Would you support League advocating for programs for low income and special needs housing to relieve the housing shortage?
- 3) Would you support a city housing Ombudsman?
- 4) Would you support a transitional housing effort?
- 5) Would you support a centralized location of agencies serving the needs of low income families?
- 6) Would you support inclusion of minimum standards for weatherization, such as storm windows, in the housing codes?

Be sure to bring along your January Bulletin for reference during the housing study unit meetings!

# Legislative Day

## Legacy of Leadership



**February 18, 1989**  
**The State Capitol**

"Men their rights and nothing  
 more  
 Women their rights and  
 nothing less"

**Susan B. Anthony**



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**"Legacy of Leadership"**  
**Saturday, February 18, 1989**

### REGISTRATION FORM

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**Workshops**(Mark 1st and 2nd Choice)  
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 Workshop Two    F. \_\_\_\_\_ G. \_\_\_\_\_ H. \_\_\_\_\_ I. \_\_\_\_\_ J. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workshop Three    K. \_\_\_\_\_ L. \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workshop Four    N. \_\_\_\_\_ O. \_\_\_\_\_ P. \_\_\_\_\_ Q. \_\_\_\_\_ R. \_\_\_\_\_

Costs include lunch and materials: League members - \$20.00, Nonmembers - \$30.00, \*

Lunch only - \$12.00, if reservations made before *February 4, 1989*.

Late Registration: League members - \$25.00, Nonmembers - \$35.00, Lunch only - \$12.00, if reservations made by February 13, 1989.

Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters. Send them with this form: LWVWI, 121 South Hancock Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703-3447, by February 4, 1989.  
 \*Vegetarian lunch available upon request.

**Legislative Day**  
**February 18, 1989**

**8:15** Registration - Coffee  
(Assembly Chambers)

**8:45** Welcome

**9:00** "A Citizen's View of  
Government Service"

**Helen Jacobs**

Ms. Jacobs currently chairs the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. A Milwaukee League member, she has served on a variety of environmental and public affairs oriented committees. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Ms. Jacobs holds a masters of science degree in nursing administration.

**10:00** Workshop One

- A. The Legislative Process
- B. How to Lobby
- C. Writing Testimony
- D. Working with Print Media
- \*E. Coalitions/Networking

**11:00** Workshop Two

- F. Issues Update: Taxes
- G. Issues Update: Redistricting
- H. How to Produce Video
- I. Working with Bureaucrats
- \*J. Refining New Laws

\* Signifies advanced workshop

**12:00** Lunch  
The Concourse Hotel  
1 West Dayton Street

**"The View From the East Wing"**

**Bruce Hagen**

Mr. Hagen, Chief of Staff for Governor Thompson, served as Mayor of the City of Superior for 12 years. He served as Director of the Bureau of Inter-Governmental Affairs. Mr. Hagen was also an assistant principal.

**1:45** Workshop Three

- B. How to Lobby (repeat)
- C. Writing Testimony (repeat)
- K. Work with Electronic Media
- L. How to Run for Public Office
- \*M. Tracking with Computers

**2:45** Workshop Four

- N. Issues Update: Environment
- O. Issues Update: Social Policy
- \*P. Action into Jobs
- Q. Reading Budgets
- \*R. Action through Litigation



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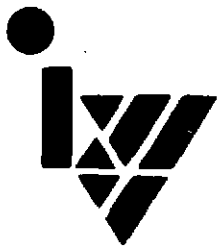
\*Registration in Assembly Parlors, West Wing.

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\*Parking in Dane County Ramp is free on weekends. City ramps 35 cents an hour.

\*If you need special assistance, please call the LWVWI office in advance (608/256-0827).

\*At the end of the day, gather in the Assembly Parlors for coffee and evaluation.

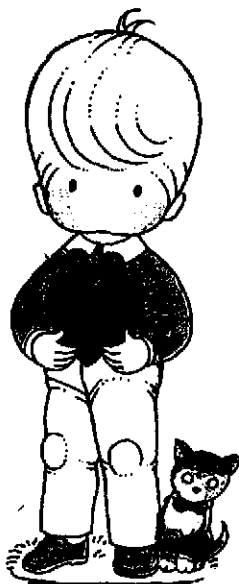


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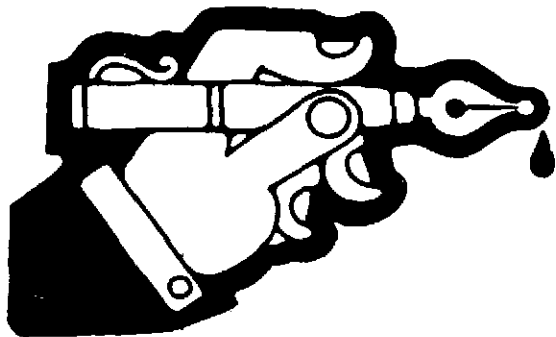
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| Thursday | 9  | 8:00 | Wl. Supreme Court<br>Candidates Debates                                   | Channel 2                         |
| Tuesday  | 21 | 6:00 | Board Meeting   | Deb Matz<br>2200 N. Nicholas      |
| Friday   | 24 | 6:00 | Bulletin Deadline   | Bobbie Murray<br>1300 Bay Ridge   |

### APRIL

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| Tuesday | 4  |  | Spring Elections  |  |
| Tuesday | 11 |  | University Study<br>General Meeting<br>(Units moved to May) |  |





## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Bring yourself and a snack or beverage to the rescheduled Reapportionment Party on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Fenlon. This is an issue which both the state and local Leagues will need to devote time to before and after the 1990 census.

Do you wish to suggest changes for League organization? March is the month to contact Board members with suggestions or bring suggestions to the March 21st Board meeting.

Recommendations must be published in the April BULLETIN if they are to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

A suggestion was made at Lively Issues to change our name, League of Women Voters of Appleton to a name which reflects the broader area in which our members live. The Board discussed the suggestion at the February Board meeting but did not come up with a satisfactory name. If you have suggestions, call one of us.

Only Wards 5 and 17 will have contested races for alderman in the Spring election. Kathy Sprenger is pulling together neighborhood meetings to hear the views of the candidates. Watch for further information if you live in Ward 5 or 17.

INCLUDED IN THIS BULLETIN IS AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST. If there are corrections, please contact Bobbie Murray at 731-4848 so she can correct the records.

Helen



February 6, 1989

The League of Women Voters announced today its campaign to change the process of redistricting in Wisconsin. The League supports a constitutional commission to redistrict and would limit the legislature's role to ratification of commission plans.

The legislature now has the responsibility to redraw legislative and congressional district lines after each federal census.,

"The League has made the change to a commission a top priority," said state president Dotty Juengst, Green Bay. Citing a history of political upheaval and judicial involvement under the present system, Juengst predicted that if the legislature has the authority to redistrict after the 1990 census, Wisconsin will probably have as much chaos as in previous decades.

"The temptation to gerrymander is overwhelming," noted Juengst.

The League wants a constitutional amendment to establish the commission, set forth appointment and membership criteria and fix time-tables for completion of redistricting plans.

She pointed out that a federal court panel had to draw its own plan for legislative redistricting in 1982 when the legislature and governor could not reach an agreement. The court plan had the lowest population deviation among districts in the state's history.

"The League knows that good plans can be drawn because we've seen it done," said Juengst. "But, the legislature didn't do the job so the court was forced to do it. Judging from past experience, we're fairly certain that it won't be any better after 1990."

Amending the constitution would require approval of this session of the legislature and the one elected in 1990. Wisconsin voters would then have to ratify the change if the commission is to be in place to redistrict in time for the 1992 elections.

The League is in the process of building support among groups and individuals interested in changing the process and expects the amending legislation to be introduced in this session.

In addition to the difficulties surrounding legislative redistricting, Juengst noted the potential problems in redrawing congressional districts before 1992.

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"There was litigation the last time. If Wisconsin loses a congressional seat, the job of carving new districts will be enormous because partisan politics and political self-interest will simply take over the process. The mound of litigation that occurred after the 1980 census may look tame in comparison to what is likely to occur this time around," said Juengst.

Juengst stated that many legislators want to keep the redistricting power and view it as just another part of the political process best left to politicians.

"The League doesn't believe the voters view it this way. Each vote should count as much as anyone else's and voters do not take kindly to political manipulation at their expense. History has shown that political compromise is virtually impossible when it comes to redistricting. The courts always become involved. The present system doesn't work and is costly and time consuming.



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# What's Happening.

## OUR LOCAL LEAGUE IN ACTION:

### Hot Lunch in Appleton Public Schools?

Mary Klasen has been League's representative to the Appleton Area School District's Hot Lunch Advisory Committee since it formed in September. She reports that the committee chaired by Mark VanderZee, AASD Supervisor of Business Services, is comprised of community members, parents, teachers and administrators that represent all opinions on the "hot lunch" issue.

The committee first visited and studied three other school districts in Wisconsin currently offering hot lunch programs. Then in January the larger committee split into three subcommittees.

The first subcommittee chaired by Jim Murphy reviewed the School District's history of studying the issue of Hot lunches: the 1955 Hot Lunch Study, the 1976-77 Hot Lunch Study, the 1988 Noon-hour Study, the limited programs offered at one time at Jefferson, Richmond and Franklin schools. A second subcommittee chaired by Mark VanderZee is studying, summarizing and reporting on delivery alternatives: space in buildings, service options, costs. The third subcommittee chaired by Mary Klasen designed and will report on the parent survey offered to each AASD parent in February.

Our League felt it was vital to encourage parents to take this opportunity to actively participate in this decision-making process. That's why we called League members who had school age children and reminded them to turn in their completed surveys. League members with preschoolers were asked to post information on the issue at day-care centers and preschools to provide those parents with an opportunity to express their opinions as well.

Mary reports that the response has been great. The subcommittee is tabulating the totals presently. The committee will conclude its findings in March to present to the Board of Education in April.

Our thanks to all League members for their input and especially to Mary for her active involvement in League's name.

We've got your interests covered.

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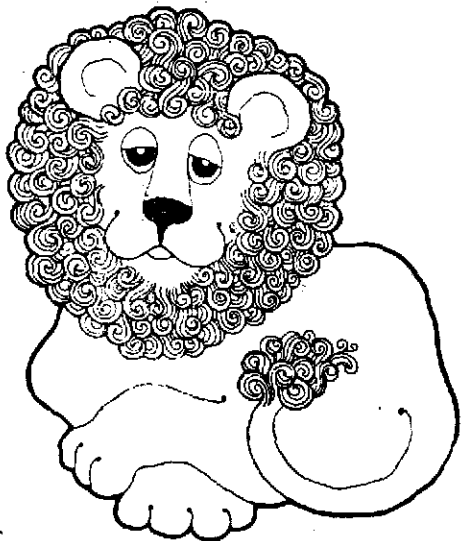


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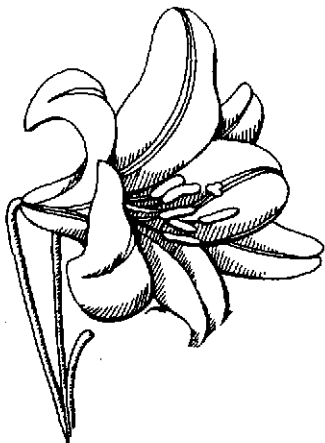
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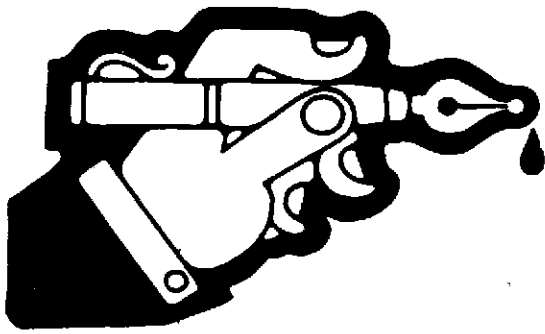
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| Tuesday | 4  |      | Spring Elections                            |  |
| Tuesday | 11 | 7:00 | University Study<br>General Meeting         | Helen Nagler<br>932 E. Commercial                    |
| Monday  | 17 |      | Deadline for Annual<br>Meeting reservations | Gretta Volk<br>909 E. Alton                          |
| Tuesday | 18 | 6:00 | Board Meeting                               | Anne Mead<br>3424 Whip-poor-will                     |
| Friday  | 21 |      | Bulletin Deadline                           | Bobbie Murray  |
| Tuesday | 25 |      | <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>                       | Lawrence University<br>Barber Room<br>Downer Commons |
|         |    |      | 5:30 Social Hour                            |  |
|         |    |      | 6:00 Dinner                                 |  |
|         |    |      | 7:00 Business Meeting                       |  |

*Call Ruth  
- about meeting*

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| Tuesday   | 9  | University Units |
| Wednesday | 10 | University Units |
| Tuesday   | 16 | Board Meeting    |





## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The Appleton League is 1,127 dollars richer because of your efforts in election night reporting in the fall and spring elections. Thanks to all of you who helped!! Special thanks to Nancy Jones who invested \$10.00 in post cards requesting officials in outlying polls to report. Her efforts led to 100% of the precincts reported and a bonus of over \$75 because of Appleton's high percentage of reporting.

The Bulletin this month is filled with information for the Annual Meeting so my message concerning that will short....COME!!!!

The Appleton League is entitled to 8 delegates to League's State Convention in La Crosse on May 5 and 6. Call Jan Quinlan (734-4808) or myself (739-8053) if you are interested in going.

Helen

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1989 - 1990

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3. Jodi Kacer

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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2. Anne Mead
3. M. J. Wurster

Respectfully submitted,

Freddi Doeringer, chair  
Ann Lindstrom  
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# GENERAL MEETING

STATE STUDY - "FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION - THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN"

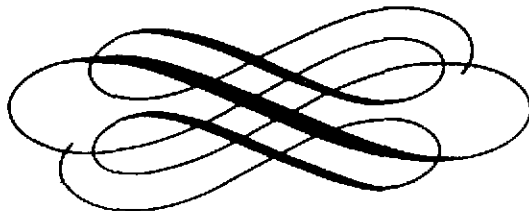
Please join us on Tuesday, April 11 for a general meeting on this year's state study, "Financing Public Education." This year's study focuses on questions pertinent to all interested in both educational and financial matters: how should the system be financed, (locally, or through the state,) who should be admitted to the system (should every Wisconsin citizen have a right to an education through the UW system, should all Wisconsin citizens be admitted before any out-of-state applicants, etc.,) and what should the goals of the system be - at each level? Dr. Robert Young, Campus Dean of the UW-Fox Valley Center, will address these issues at the April general meeting, focusing on issues pertaining directly to the Fox Valley Center and the local community. A graduate of Drake University (B.A. sociology) and Michigan State University (M.A. education and philosophy, Ph.D. education,) Dr. Young has been Campus Dean of the Fox Valley Center since July 1, 1987, after previously served as Director of Office of Instructional Development and Associate Professor of Education at the University of North Dakota from 1980-1987. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative session.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: April 11

Place: Helen Nagler's, 932 E. Commercial

Questions: please call Ruth Friedman (h) 734-0335 (w) 735-6675.



# THANKS!



THREE CHEERS FOR MARGARET WALSH

For the past two years, Margaret Walsh, Chairman of Tel/Sec, Inc. (and a League member) has provided us with an answering service free of charge -- a most generous gift. Margaret's contribution, which she is renewing for a third year, would cost at least \$52.50 a month. Multiply by twelve and it comes to \$630!

We don't have to tell you how important this service is to the effective operation and dissemination of information for the League. It's a stunning contribution. THREE CHEERS FOR MARGARET.



# **ACTION** in your name

## LEAGUE LAUNCHES FIRST STEP IN "ADVOCATE FOR THE VOTER" CAMPAIGN

Voting is the most basic and most important act that a citizen performs in a democracy. Yet in the last election, barely half of all eligible voters voted. Why? One of the key reasons was that restrictive voter registration laws and procedures prevented people from voting. When people are registered, they do vote. Fully 80% to 90% of registered voters exercise their right to vote in presidential elections.

What can be done to increase voter participation? Voter registration reform is the key. The League of Women Voters of the United States is pushing to enact HR 15, Rep. Al Swift's (D WA) National Voter Registration Act.

The key element of HR 15 is the "motor voter" provision. Whenever an eligible voter applies for, renews or changes address on a driver's license or nondriver ID card, the person will automatically be registered to vote. To include those who are less likely to have a driver's license, such as people with low incomes or disabilities, HR 15 also provides for mail registration and for registration at governmental and nongovernmental agencies.

HR 15 is not perfect legislation. But it is a vital step in breaking down barriers to voting. The League will continue to work to prohibit states from purging voters from registration lists for merely not voting and to institute election day registration.

Access to voting differs greatly from state to state and even from locality to locality. Citizens can register by mail in more than half the states. But in others, a citizen must go to a certain location during specific hours to register in person. In many areas, League members and others cannot register voters.

It is time to enact legislation that will put government in the business of helping people to exercise their right to vote rather than erecting barriers to voting.

Please write a letter or note to your member of Congress. Urge your member to cosponsor HR 15. Say that the bill is a vital step in increasing voter participation. Also encourage your member to support efforts to strengthen the bill.

Nonvoting is a national embarrassment. Voting is the basis for our democracy. You can help strengthen that base by writing to your member of Congress and urging support for HR 15.

*Make a  
difference  
in your  
community*

**VOTE**

Our ANNUAL MEETING is coming up at the end of this month - April 25th to be exact! Look for Gretta Volk's letter for making your reservations. I hope everyone will attend this meeting since we will be discussing some possible position paper revisions, adoption of the annexation and housing studies, the 1989-90 proposed budget, and of course, our programs of study for 1989-90.

I have enclosed our position papers in this newsletter for your review. Read through them carefully and bring them to the annual meeting, so you will be able to follow any discussion on changes or deletions.

The members present at the Lively Issues meeting made the following non-recommended and recommended proposals, which the board has approved. As you can see, the members did not lack ideas. The non-recommended proposals are listed in order of support from the group.

- a) Advocacy of reapportionment.
- b) Advocacy of a smaller county board.
- c) Study the effects and possibilities of changing the county boundaries to put Appleton in one county.
- d) Study the current school health care program.
- e) Study what supervision is needed of the homeless after they leave the shelters.
- f) Study what the city's roles should be in providing low income housing.
- g) Study the school district's upcoming plans and needs for additional facilities. Including the middle school issue.
- h) Study where the financial burden should fall to support UW-Fox Valley if the state decides to discontinue its funding. Is such support in the communities' best interests?
- i) Study the pros and cons of a county sales tax.
- j) Study the feasibility of limiting the total annual increase of property taxes.
- k) Study the pros and cons of hiring vs. contracting city health nurses.
- l) Study whether fire prevention emphasis should be more proactive.
- m) Study the need, costs, requirements for implementation of school hot lunch programs.
- n) Study the coordination of street maintenance programs.

The recommended program and scope as approved by the board is as follows:  
The study of the condition of solid waste management and recycling programs with emphasis on;

- i) The state and condition of current landfills,
- ii) How effective are current recycling programs,
- iii) What is the most effective way to get compliance, and
- iv) What effect will yard waste laws have on the residents.

The issue of changing our name to include a broader geographic area has been directed to the board for consideration and possible By-Law changes.

These items will be discussed at the meeting. The recommended program may be adopted by a majority vote; non-recommended item(s) may be

considered by a majority vote and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption.

See you April 25th!

Debbie Matz  
Program V.P.

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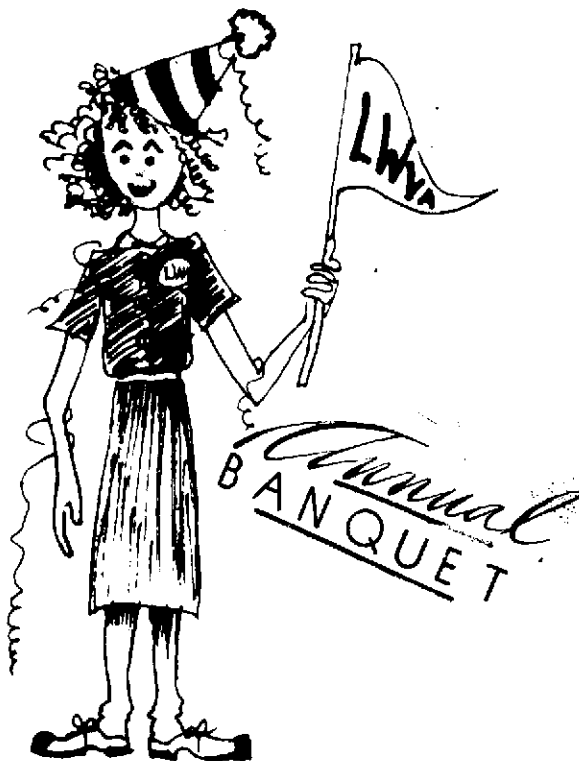
#### REVIEW OF PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES

We will use the following procedures to keep our meeting moving efficiently.

- STEP 1: A member will address the presiding officer.
- 2: The member will be recognized by the presiding officer.
- 3: The member proposes a motion ( "I move that....")
- 4: Another member seconds the motion.
- 5: The presiding officer reads/repeats the motion to the group.
- 6: The assembly then discusses the motion. The member who made the original motion is the only one who may amend the motion before the vote is taken.
- 7: A member "Calls for the question" and the vote is taken.
- 8: The presiding officer announces the results of the vote.

If you have any questions or concerns related to these procedures, feel free to give Deb Matz a call at 731-1129.

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## Proposed 1989-90 Operating Budget

### EXPENDITURES

|    |                                |         |
|----|--------------------------------|---------|
| A. | Operating Costs                |         |
|    | 1. General Supplies            | 100.00  |
|    | 2. Telephone                   | 700.00  |
| B. | Board & Admin. Committees      |         |
|    | 1. President                   | 180.00  |
|    | 2. Secretary                   | 60.00   |
|    | 3. Treasurer                   | 50.00   |
|    | 4. Board Tools                 | 100.00  |
|    | 5. Admin. Committees           |         |
|    | a. Finance                     | 250.00  |
|    | b. Membership                  | 100.00  |
|    | c. Unit Organization           | 30.00   |
|    | d. Public Relations            | 75.00   |
|    | 6. Courtesy Membership         | 27.50   |
|    | 7. Babysitting                 | 50.00   |
| C. | Delegate Travel & Affil.       |         |
|    | 1. State Convention            | 300.00  |
|    | 2. National Convention         | 400.00  |
|    | 3. Annual Meeting              | 50.00   |
|    | 4. Workshops                   | 80.00   |
|    | 5. Transportation              | 50.00   |
| D. | Financial Support              |         |
|    | 1. Lake Mich. ILO              | 20.00   |
|    | 2. State PMA                   | 1616.00 |
|    | 3. National PMP                | 1718.00 |
|    | 4. LWV - Ed. Fund (25% option) | 100.00  |
| E. | Bulletin                       |         |
|    | 1. Supplies                    | 50.00   |
|    | 2. Postage                     | 300.00  |
|    | 3. Printing                    | 750.00  |
|    | 4. Bulk Rate Fee               | 60.00   |
| F. | Educational Activity           |         |
|    | 1. Publications                |         |
|    | a. Members                     | 100.00  |
|    | b. To sell                     | 20.00   |
|    | c. Directory                   | 200.00  |
|    | d. Consumer Use Tax            | 10.00   |
|    | 2. Program                     |         |
|    | a. National                    | 25.00   |
|    | b. State                       | 35.00   |
|    | c. Local                       | 50.00   |
|    | 3. Voters Service              | 111.00  |
|    | 4. Oktoberfest                 | 50.00   |
| G. | Position Support               |         |
|    | 1. Action                      | 100.00  |
| H. | Other                          |         |
|    | 1. Election Night Reporting    | 15.00   |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$7932.50

INCOME

|    |                                 |         |
|----|---------------------------------|---------|
| A. | Dues                            | 2777.50 |
| B. | Contributions                   |         |
|    | 1. Member                       | 950.00  |
|    | 2. Non-member                   | 3000.00 |
|    | 3. Member Ed. Fund              | 250.00  |
| C. | Publications                    |         |
|    | 1. Sales                        | 10.00   |
| D. | Other                           |         |
|    | 1. Oktoberfest                  | 150.00  |
|    | 2. Community Service Activities |         |
|    | a. Election Night Reporting     | 250.00  |
|    | b. Speaker's Bureau             | 25.00   |
| E. | Reserves                        |         |
|    | 1. Interest                     | 120.00  |
|    | 2. Accrd. State Convention      | 300.00  |
| F. | Memorials                       | 100.00  |

TOTAL INCOME

\$7932.50

Members of the 1989-90 Budget Committee:

M.J. Wurster,  
Jan Quinlan  
Helen Nagler  
Joyce Green  
Marlys Fritzell

## LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### I. CITY GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE:

- A. Centralized purchasing. (1958, 1968)
- B. Short Ballot: selection of city clerk, attorney, assessor and treasurer by appointment; based on a competitive examination. (1965)

*DELETE* \* Reorganization of the Common Council;

- 1. Smaller Council (but no fewer than 10 members). (1980)
- 2. Election of Council members by wards. (1980)
- 3. Nominal salaries.

4. Part-time council members. (1967)

*DELETE* \* 5. ~~Strengthen the office of the~~ mayor as chief administrator. (1980)

- 6. Strengthen the policy-making functions of the council by reducing committees and administrative detail. (1967)
- 7. Vacancies on boards and commissions should be filled within a specified period of time and should be publicly advertised. (1980)
- 8. Adequate supporting personnel and equipment for the mayor and council. (1967)

#### D. Financing practices:

- 1. Judicious use of bonding to protect the borrowing power of the city.
- 2. Continuation of bonding authority vested in the elected body with recourse to citizen petition for referenda.
- 3. Executive budget - procedures spelled out by ordinance to include:
  - a. Executive budget message.
  - b. Consultation with department heads.
  - c. Concept of program budgeting.
  - d. Timing calendar.
  - e. A complete and accurate budget summary.
  - f. Local governmental unit should include all revenues received from the federal government in the budget, so the impact of federal funds is apparent.
  - g. Availability of the budget to the public. (1969)

#### II. LAND USE PLANNING IN APPLETON:

##### A. Planning Process:

- 1. Citizen involvement throughout the planning process.
- 2. Comprehensive planning based on community goals and objectives.
- 3. A strong, coordinating role for the city planning commission.
- 4. A strong, centralized city planning department.
- 5. Communication and cooperation in planning functions between the city, counties, surrounding towns and municipalities, and the region.
- 6. Final accountability for the planning process to rest with elected officials.

##### B. Basic concerns in planning for the city's future design.

- 1. Citizens participation.

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Local Government

II. B. continued.

2. Availability of choices.
  3. Accessibility.
  4. Preservation of unique features.
  5. Prevention of non-reversible damaging actions.
  6. Conservation of energy.
- C. Priority goals for the city's future design.
1. Economic goals.
    - a. Sustain a viable and diversified economic base.
    - b. Maintain the central business district as the main commercial center.
    - c. Strive for long range government economic policies which lead to the fulfillment of the goals of the community.
  2. Human resources goals:
    - a. Encourage citizen participation in government and in planning the future design of Appleton.
    - b. Discourage boundless and unplanned population growth.
    - c. Encourage a wide range of housing choices.
  3. Environmental goals:
    - a. Anticipate the impacts of proposed programs and projects to prevent irretrievable damaging to natural, human, or man-made resources or damaging the community itself.
    - b. Relate estimated impact of specific developments to the community at large.
    - c. Provide adequate parks and recreation, particularly in unique areas like ravines and the riverfront.
    - d. Provide alternatives to automobile transportation.
    - e. Consider aesthetics in decision-making. (1976)
- D. Downtown development (~~November, 1979~~)
1. Retain the diversity of retailing and other services.
  2. Retain the traditional character of the downtown as much as possible.
  3. Relate new development to existing structures and businesses.
  4. Prefer development which will not close College Avenue, but will be focused behind existing structures, possibly tied together by skyways. (1980)

III. REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

- A. Policy Body: Maximum of 20 members; rural and urban interests.
- B. Implementation: Responsibility of policy body.
- C. Priorities and direction: Set by policy body; priorities based on community needs as the primary criterion and without regard to the availability of state and federal governmental aids. (1971)

Dates?

IV. ENERGY CONSERVATION.

- A. Local government's role in energy conservation:
  1. Review and revise local codes, policies, and ordinances to encourage energy conservation.
  2. Meet energy standards in its own buildings.

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Local Government

IV. A. continued.

3. Consider energy implications of its actions.
  4. Support transportation measures:
    - a. Transit system.
    - b. Energy-efficient vehicles for government use.
    - c. Bicycle use through safe and convenient routes and conditions.
  5. Support solid waste disposal:
    - a. Recycle whenever possible.
    - b. Promote recycling in a positive way.
  6. Public education on energy:
    - a. Provide technical assistance.
    - b. Provide energy information.
- B. Make information on energy available at the time of sale of buildings.
- C. Solar access:
1. Legislation supported at state and local level.
  - Delete* \* 2. Existing areas need more flexible standards:
    - a. No building or vegetation should be required to be removed in order for solar equipment to be made usable.
    - b. General support to protect solar equipment from subsequent building or vegetation.
  - Delete* \* 3. New development should have stricter solar access standards:
    - a. Street and building siting.
    - b. Selection and planting of street trees.
    - c. Solar access guaranteed for the building itself. (1981)

V. STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA:

The League of Women Voters of Appleton, Neenah-Menasha and Oshkosh believe there is a community of interest in the Appleton-Oshkosh SMSA that goes beyond the statistical value of the designation and offers a potential for orderly development and improved quality of life.

- Keep in use in future*
- A. The following areas could be dealt with cooperatively:
    1. Environmental concerns - ie, land use planning, solid waste management, and air and water pollution.
    2. Areawide recreation.
    3. Public communication and mass transit.
  - B. Existing governmental structures concerned with SMSA problems must meet the following minimum criteria:
    1. Representation based on population.
    2. Direct accountability to the people.
    3. Equitable funding.
    4. Political feasibility. (1974)

VI. OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FINANCIAL PLANNING.

- A. Budget procedures which include:
  1. Executive budget:
    - a. Consultation with department heads.
    - b. Executive budget message.
    - c. Review of Executive budget by Finance Committee members
      - i. Flexible schedule to all for maximum attendance



LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Local Government

VI. A. 1-c, i continued.

- by committee members and other supervisors.
- ii. Meeting agenda posted in advance.
- iii. Availability of department heads and the county executive for consultation during review session.
- 2. Adequate time for consideration by the County Board of Supervisors and the public.
- 3. Budget listed by total revenues and expenditures with all categories comparable.
- B. Long range planning of expenditures. (1974)

VII. OUTAGAMIE COUNTY GOVERNMENT: ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION:

- A. County Board ~~Delete~~
  - \* 1. ~~Increasing~~ emphasis on legislating policy, ~~decreasing~~ attention to administrative detail. <sup>RETAIN</sup>
  - 2. Allowing time for County Board, Executive, and public to study resolutions prior to action.
  - 3. Limiting time for study of referred material by committee. (1975)
  - 4. Reduction in the current size of the County Board (44 Supervisors) and encouragement of a significant reduction. (1987)
- B. County Board committees:
  - \* 1. Restructuring county committees, with well-defined responsibilities; grouping related services under single committee jurisdiction, with title denoting responsibilities.
  - 2. Holding regularly scheduled posted meetings, with published agendas, and subsequent published minutes.
  - 3. Minimizing administrative function. (1975)
  - 4. Reorganization and reduction in the number of standing committees (currently there are 11) with no fewer than 5 members per committee. (1987)
- C. County Executive:
  - \* We continue to support the executive form of government as set forth in the statutes, believing the county executive performs a valuable function in administering county government and in use of the veto power.
- D. County Services:
  - \* Reorganizing County departments by grouping related services and establishing a Department of Public Works.
- E. Improved communications between citizens and their county government:
  - 1. Making all meetings and information available and open to the public unless excluded by statute.
  - 2. Providing limited time for citizen input at county board and committee meetings.
  - 3. Educating the public about county government. (1975)

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS continued

HEALTH, WELFARE AND EDUCATION

*RETAIN*  
I. JUVENILE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTION SYSTEM: *RETAIN* Expanding and strengthening city and county law enforcement agencies and facilities.

- \* A. Upgrading the Appleton Police Department juvenile section ~~to the division level.~~
- \* B. Hiring more personnel ~~(including clerical) in the Juvenile Division to allow for~~ the availability of juvenile specialists around the clock.

*Direction to Board: Investigate correct police practice which pertains*

II. LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION.

- \* A. Developing specific written policy, proposed by the police department and approved by ~~local elected officials, such as~~ the Public Safety Committee of the Common Council.
- \* B. Having a flexible recruitment policy, reflecting the composition of the community.
- \* C. Requiring more specialized in-service training for police officers. *Required*
- \* D. Continuing promotion policies to be based on merit, ability, and qualifications, with effort being made to fill positions from within the police department.

III. REGIONAL POLICE PROTECTION.

- A. Consolidating the support services on a regional level.
- B. Providing direct police services on the local level by each municipality.
- C. Introducing a single telephone number for emergency services. (1973)

*Delete all Public Health Services*

IV. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Improvement of city and county facilities; measures leading to a full-time county health department.

V. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

- A. Regional cooperation to solve solid waste disposal problems.
- B. Support of minimum standards as proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for solid waste disposal sites. (1969)

VI. BUS SERVICE.

- A. Preserving bus service.
- B. Improving bus service. (1972)

VII. APPLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

- A. Develop programs to meet needs of special groups; elderly, ~~and~~ handicapped, children, high school students and new patrons.
- B. Bring staffing and funding up to levels recommended by the American Library Association.
- C. Encourage the Library Board to aggressively communicate its needs to both the Common Council and the public. (1975)

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Health, Welfare and Education

VIII. EDUCATION.

A. Teaching quality.

- (2) Delete \* 1. Improved and more effective hiring procedures with closer observation of the teacher during probationary period.
2. Competitive salaries and consideration of a "merit pay" system. (1967)
- Delete \* 3. Continued need to improve <sup>RETAIN IMPROVED</sup> inservice programs.
- Delete \* 4. Better teacher evaluation by principals with parental input.

B. Administrative quality.

1. A Formal system of evaluation for both the central administration and school principals with teachers and parental input.
2. Periodic evaluation by outside consultants.

C. Remedial programs.

1. Remedial programs taught by a special teacher should be available on a regular basis to all children needing them.
- ? 2. Present Title I funding should not be jeopardized, but priorities should be set for remedial programs in every school.

D. High school requirements.

1. Competency testing with appropriate curriculum for those in need.

E. Curriculum.

1. The Appleton Area School District core curriculum as adopted in 1982.
2. Guidance services made available to every school especially at the elementary level.
3. User fees to supplement extra-curricular programs, but no fee for lunchroom usage. Fees should be nominal and should not exclude those who cannot pay.
- DELETE \* 4. Continued alternative education programs for students. Winterhill should be maintained but not considered as a program for the academically gifted. (1983)
- OBSOLETE
5. A Gifted and Talented Program with the following parameters:
- a. Students selected for the program through a combination of the following: peers, parents, teachers, self-identification and objective testing.
  - b. The program should start in second grade and continue through high school.
  - c. Its goal should be to allow each child to develop his/her own individual potential to the utmost, leading to creative productive adults.
  - d. All schools at the same level (ie. all elementary schools) should have similar offerings. All schools involved in a gifted program should have their own space and staff.
  - e. The director should have a graduate degree in gifted education and the staff members should have specialized training.
  - f. Extensive in-service training and on-going training opportunities such as seminars and videotapes must be a-

→ Nancy will check on this.

HAS THIS BEEN REPLACED IN SCHOOL DIST.?

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LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Health, Welfare and Education

VIII. E. 5 continued.

available to regular classroom teachers. (1986)

6. Family life - Growth and development curriculum with the following parameters.
  - a. There should be ongoing parental involvement throughout planning and implementation to assure a reflection of the diversity of family values.
  - b. Ongoing parental and community education should be provided and input sought throughout the development, adoption and implementation of the program.
  - c. The program should be required, but with a mechanism included for parents to remove their child from portions of the program. (1982)

F. Staffing.

1. A 30:1 maximum student:teacher ratio for class size without an aide. (This does not apply to special education aides nor to elementary schools with unitized systems.)
2. Class size should not be increased for fiscal reasons.
3. A class should be offered at the secondary level if a minimum of 15 students indicate interest.
4. Supervisory aides at all levels.
5. Each full time media specialist to serve no more than two schools.
6. Open and staff the IMC by a media specialist or aide during school hours.
7. The concept of a building-centered volunteer program. (1983)

G. Organization.

- DELETE\**
1. The present junior high (7, 8, 9) structure. *DELETE*
  2. Modifying school boundaries as a means of balancing enrollment. *ENROLLMENT REASONS*  
Boundary changes should include consideration of traffic and geographic problems, the importance of school loyalty, and the need for continuity which would allow a student to start and finish in the same school. (1983)
  3. Avoidance of a piecemeal approach to solving organizational problems.

H. Sites and Facilities.

- DELETE\**
1. Ongoing maintenance program established and retained with money being set aside in the budget. (1983)
  2. The first phase of the Appleton Area School District's 5-year facilities plan including:
    - a. A new northside elementary school.
    - b. Renovation and addition to Columbus Elementary School.
    - c. An addition to Badger Elementary School. (1987)

IX. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

- A. Adult day care, adult foster care and the concept of the Community Options Program.
- B. Respite care.
- C. A system of maintaining and updating information in a professional manner. (Information and Referral mandate.)
- D. Early intervention and restitution programs.
- E. Additional efforts to comply with the Family Planning mandate.

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Health, Welfare and Education

IX. continued.

- \* F. ~~Development of~~ a domestic abuse center.
- \* G. ~~More~~ publicity given to day care options, and ~~more~~ attention to training and standards.
- H. A teen AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) aftercare house.
- I. ~~More~~ effective publicity of opportunities for public participation in the planning process in the Department of Social Services.
- J. Consideration of cost effectiveness, transportation <sup>and</sup> needs of the linguistically handicapped when any services are planned. (1984)

*Delete*  
*Delete*  
*Delete*

*RETAIN*

*personnel in (non-English speaking)*

X. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:

- A. Public Health Services which include:
  1. Collection and analysis of vital statistics.
  2. Communicable disease control.
  3. Environmental sanitation.
  4. Maternal, infant, and child hygiene.
  5. Public health education.
  6. Laboratory services.
  7. Chronic disease control.
  8. Short term home health care visits.
- B. Public health services provided to city residents by the City Health Department and to Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet county residents living outside Appleton by the county health departments except for those services which the counties provide to all residents. Strengthening existing departments through local, state and federal budgets.
- C. In the event the city should choose to eliminate its public health department, the transition to the provision of public health services by the counties should be done in an orderly fashion so continuity and the existing level of service is maintained. Such a transition should contain:
  1. A one-year notice by the city that it intends to eliminate the public health services.
  2. An agreement with the counties which specifies the level of service will provide
  3. Contract arrangement with Outagamie County by Calumet and Winnebago Counties to provide services to Appleton residents.

*X = exists now*

PARKS AND RECREATION

I. PARK AND RECREATION HIERARCHY.

- A. The Park and Recreation Department should be responsible to a Park and Recreation Commission. *X*
- B. The Commission should be responsible to the Common Council. *X*

II. STRUCTURE OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

- A. Reduce the size of the Commission to five (5) members - one (1) alderman, one (1) school board member, and three (3) citizen members.

*now* {  
*3 Aldermen*  
*1 school board*  
*3 citizen*

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS - Parks and Recreation

II. continued.

B. The Commission should report to the Common Council and function like a council committee. X

C. The Commission should show leadership by concentrating on formation of policy and long range planning. *not quite to my liking*

~~DELETE~~ CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

A. ~~DELETE~~ The Park Department and the Recreation Department should be combined into one Park and Recreation Department under one director. X

A recreation specialist should be hired with overall responsibility for the supervision of recreation programs. He would report to the director. X

\*C. A park specialist should be hired with overall responsibility for the supervision of parks. He would report to the director. X

~~DELETE~~ Evaluate the lines of authority and job responsibility to eliminate duplication of duties. X

IV. MEASURES TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

~~DELETE~~ A. As a combined department, combine the two budgets into one. *Residents*

B. Program expense and revenue should be removed from the administrative portion of the budget. X

~~DELETE~~ C. A more detailed budget is needed to reflect actual costs of individual programs. X

D. Develop guidelines to report data in annual reports that will insure accuracy and consistency.

E. Prepare quarterly financial statements and bill lists to be approved by the Commission. X

F. Commissioned by the Park and Recreation Commission, an independent audit should be done annually. *not done now*

~~DELETE ALL~~ G. A new accounting system should be developed by an outside consultant. *I don't know how new it is but system is OK by me*

V. USER FEES.

A. Strive to have user fees cover 50% of the operating costs of Recreation programs; the remainder should be covered by taxes. X

B. Adult programs should recover 100% of the operating costs. X

C. Fees for children should be low enough to insure maximum participation. X

D. Non-taxpaying participants <sup>(non-residents)</sup> should pay a substantially higher user fee. *not done think so*

VI. PROGRAMS AND PARKS.

A. Programs.

1. Increase publicity. *not enough*

~~DELETE~~ 2. Increase the number of non-competitive programs so persons of all ages and abilities can participate. *not enough*

3. Increase coed participation in competitive and non-competitive programs. *not enough*

4. Publicize programs in advance to determine interest. *not enough*

5. Each year new programs should be introduced on a trial basis. *some*

6. Evaluate the summer playground program.

LOCAL SUPPORT POSITIONS -Parks and Recreation

VI. A, 6 continued.

~~REMOVED~~  
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REMAIN

- a. Develop quality orientation and training for playground leaders.
- b. Increase supervision of playground leaders.
- c. The supervisor of the playground should have a recreation background.

B. Parks.

1. An effort should be made to develop natural areas, as well as manicured areas, in our parks. The goal should be to have variety. *Definitely a high priority now w/ Dept.*
2. Duplication of facilities should be avoided near school areas. *Major problem*
3. Encourage continued development of mini-parks and green areas in and near the downtown. *Definitely being done*
4. Parks should be evenly spaced throughout the city. *can*

VII. JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

DELETE

all done  
I think

- A. Job descriptions should be written to facilitate efficient management of the department.
- B. Educational requirements, specific duties, and experience should be included in the job description.
- C. The Personnel Department should screen applicants based on standards developed by the Park and Recreation Commission; the Park and Recreation Department should do the actual hiring.

ANNEXATION CONSENSUS 1988-89  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON

The Appleton League of Women Voters adopted a local study on annexation policies in April, 1988. Consensus was reached February 21 and 22, 1989, with twenty-three members participating.

The study committee included representatives from the cities of Appleton and Menasha; the towns of Freedom, Grand Chute and Harrison; and the counties of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago. The committee held two sets of units, heard from city and town speakers at two general meetings, and interviewed widely.

League members recommend:

I. The following criteria should be applied to annexation decisions:

A. Overall Good of the Area:

Improving the long range good of the area was emphasized over shorter range issues of current costs and benefits. Growth was viewed, not as a good in itself, but as an inevitable pressure on the area, with annexation a method for managing growth.

1. Actions should be taken to prevent future problems, to include:
  - a. Areawide planning, particularly for sewers, drainage, and transportation.
  - b. Comprehensive city planning and strengthened extraterritorial zoning powers.
  - c. Cooperative planning among governmental entities, including municipalities and special districts, such as schools and sanitary districts.
2. The ability of a city to support diverse community resources which enhance the quality of life of the area should be strengthened by maintaining a strong city tax base (parks, library, museums, cultural activities).
3. Education of the public on long range issues is vital.

B. Environmental Quality:

Preserving and protecting the environment was emphasized. The manmade boundaries of municipal or county lines were seen as barriers to addressing environmental or public health problems.

1. Comprehensive land use planning is needed to protect health and safety.
2. Adequate services should be provided to maintain and/or improve the quality of air and water.
3. Sanitation and zoning laws should be enforced.



### C. Fairness:

Fairness in paying for services is crucial. Those who benefit from services should be expected to share the cost, perhaps through user fees or applying the cost to a wider tax base. The services were seen as a package, and it is unfair to select parts of the package without supporting the whole.

1. Costs of services should be equitably shared by users, to include:
  - a. User fees, often a fair way of distributing costs.
  - b. Fully allocated costs, including capital and administrative expenses, as well as operating expenses.
  - c. Exploration of tax exempts paying for services, or costs distributed on a wider tax base.
  - d. Strengthening county government services, as a means of sharing costs fairly.
  - e. Requiring minimum service levels in urbanized areas (adequate drainage, sewer, and street standards)
2. Services should generally not be provided without annexation.

### D. Efficiency of Urban Services:

Areawide and comprehensive city planning were supported to prevent costly duplication and proliferation of urban services. Strengthened extraterritorial zoning powers might prevent future expense.

1. Urban services should be provided economically and efficiently, with planning for possible future annexations.
2. Duplication of urban services should be avoided.
3. Service levels for existing residents are not to be weakened because of annexation.
4. Annexation is desirable when development will result in intensive uses or densities requiring urban services.

## II. Action at the State Level:

The Appleton League continues to support the Wisconsin League of Women Voters position of strengthening county government rather than adding new powers to town government.

- A. Appleton League members recognize the difficulties caused by the city being in three counties, and would support exploring county boundary revisions.
- B. Members would like to see changes in state legislation relating to annexation, but would not favor legislation which weakens open meeting requirements or citizen rights, or which strengthens town powers.
- C. Fairness should be addressed through state legislation.
  1. Requiring minimum levels of urban services.
  2. Exploring the possibility of tax exempt institutions paying for services, or being supported on a wider tax base.
  3. Reviewing the effects of the state's revenue sharing policies.

Study Committee: Sue Kinde, Linda Bjella, Beth English, Anne Fahrenkrug, Marlys Fritzell, Vickie Milde, Sharon Persich, Bev Wieckert and M.J. Wurster

Appleton League of Women Voters

Local Housing Study 1988-1989

1. Advocate feasible programs for low income and special needs housing, to relieve the housing shortage.
2. Support a housing ombudsman (independent, unbiased, well-informed and well-regarded member of the community), who would provide information on housing and investigate citizen housing complaints and recommend appropriate action.
3. Support feasible transitional housing to meet short term needs including, but not limited to, fire victims; domestic abuse victims; and those needing an address in order to get established.
4. Support site centralization of agencies serving housing and related needs of low income people.

Members attending units:

Helen Nagler  
Karen Laws  
Jean King  
Helene Iverson  
Pat Schinabeck  
Jan Nordell  
Bev Wieckert  
Anna Faye Dodd  
Betty Breunig  
Pat Thompson  
Sharon Fenlon  
Bobbie Murray  
Cathy Boardman  
Dick Sampson  
Joyce Green  
Gretta Volk



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

P.O. Box 1281  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54912-1281

This is the 1989 letter sent to potential contributors including some members who have made extra donations in the past. I thought all of you should know what we're saying to raise money and that member contributions are gratefully accepted!

Four Week Finance Drive Summary

71 Contributors: \$2396  
including  
31 members: \$651  
Education Fund: \$655  
but not including Margaret Walsh's contribution from Tel/Sec (see separate article).

Betty Breunig  
56 Bellaire Court  
Appleton WI 54911

Dear Betty,

Was your vote for mayor of Appleton last spring affected by watching the League debate on cable TV?

And what about this past fall's senatorial debates, organized by the Appleton League and televised all over Wisconsin?

The League of Women Voters does not -- and would not -- tell you for whom to vote, but we do want you to know the facts before you vote. We know that we perform a real service during campaigns by providing opportunities for citizens to see and hear the candidates in action.

But seeing what the League does at election time is easy. At all times we keep track of local government to see that tax dollars are spent wisely, and we educate ourselves about state and national issues. Currently at least ten of our members are actively serving in local government (city, county, school district, etc.) either by election or appointment.

Because we rely on volunteers, our budget is small. Even so, we cannot cover expenses with membership dues kept affordably low. And, as effective as we have been, we would like to do still more to disseminate information. We believe that you will want to contribute to the public services that we offer.

Your check should be made payable to the League of Women Voters of Appleton and can be mailed in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the League or its policies and procedures, we invite you to call us.

Sincerely,

Betty Breunig  
Chair, 1989 Finance Drive

Helen Nagler  
President

*Judy green*  
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League of Women Voters  
of Appleton

1939 - 1989

**FIFTY YEARS OF A GOOD IDEA**

(Enclosed Appleton LW leaflet revised by Win Thrall with wonderful debate picture).

# ANNOUNCING

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1989: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF APPLETON  
ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

WHERE: Barber Room  
Downer Commons  
Lawrence University  
Alton Street

WHEN: 5:30 - 6:00 SOCIAL HOUR  
6:00 - 7:00 DINNER  
7:00 MEETING

A non-alcoholic punch will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00. There is a choice of chicken with orange sauce or cod, poached with lemon almond butter. Both entrees will be served with a hot tomato consomme, garden salad, wild rice blend, dinner rolls, sugar peas, and desert. If you are unable to come to the dinner, still plan to attend the meeting which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner, including gratuity, is \$8.85 for the chicken and \$8.95 for the cod. You can pre-order either red or white wine to be served with your dinner. The cost is 75 cents per glass.

COME! SEE OLD FRIENDS! MEET NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS! FIND OUT WHAT YOUR LEAGUE HAS BEEN DOING! MEET LWV-APPLETON'S NEW PRESIDENT! VOTE ON YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1989 - 1990!

Please fill in the form below and send it WITH YOUR CHECK made out to the League of Women Voters of Appleton to: Gretta Volk  
909 East Alton  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 17, 1989.

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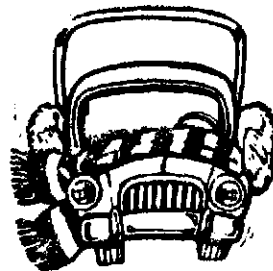
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ANNUAL MEETING

We've got your interests covered.

# The League of Women Voters

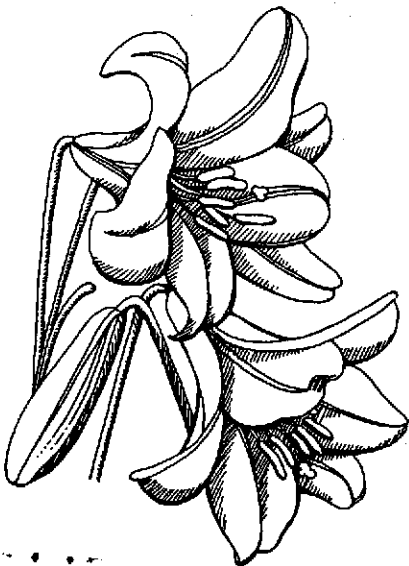


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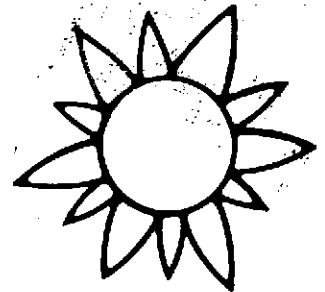


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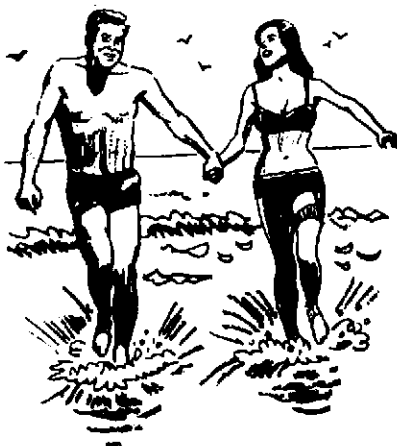
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Barbara Murray  
1300 Bay Ridge  
731-4848

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| Tuesday   | 9  | 7:00 | University Study<br>Units  | Cathy Boardman<br>838 W. Prospect |
| Wednesday | 10 | 9:30 | University Study<br>Units  | All Saints Epls.                  |
| Tuesday   | 23 | 6:00 | Spring Meeting<br>aboard<br>Spirit of the Fox<br>(see informational sheet) | Menasha Harbor                    |

H A V E   A   N I C E   S U M M E R ! ! ! ! !



## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

I'll not talk about the past two years accomplishments because Appleton has had 50 years of accomplishments. The tradition of the Appleton League is the reason for a successful 50 years.

I've always been proud to be a member of this League but had no basis of understanding when others discussed how unusual it was.

This year many of us through work on the Senate debates had an opportunity to work with other Leagues. And through we found many competent League members, we became convinced that Appleton's League is the creme de la creme.

We were always glad to ask Appleton people to do work because the answer was always a short yes or no. If the answer was yes, we knew it would be done and done well. Ushers would arrive on time, posters and programs would be designed and ready, and tickets would be distributed and on and on. In short, we have a good mix of chiefs and indians and often the chiefs and indians would exchange roles.

During our ride to Milwaukee to plan the Milwaukee debate, we tried to figure out why members in Appleton seemed able to accomplish so much since they had the same time restraints that is a problem in other Leagues. The answer is simple -- our roots and traditions.

We've had leaders like Nusi Ward, Christine Wise who, unfortunately many of you never had the opportunity to know, Helen Heil, Betty Breunig, Corinne Goldgar and others of you who put ideas and goals before personalities. People who made it clear to all who joined that the League was important and that you represented the League. People returned and answered your calls or asked your opinion not because you were Helen Nagler but because you represented the League. Appleton's League reputation is built on the work of people like Sue Kinde and Marlys Fritzell who in 1976 developed with thoughtful and careful study a land use position that had everything but the kitchen sink and still works today. As a new League member this study stuck in my mind. These people were available to offer advice and to help if needed. Fortunately they came back and helped me temper statements this year.

In short, the Appleton League's reputation is truly a product of continuous education and action. It is a product of cooperation and common purpose; a product of members working for the good of the organization; a product of new members following the basic traditions while instituting new methods.

This year's activities were again accomplished by a group effort - by members who were willing to do door drops, plan meetings, report the polls, cover is someone was ill. I've been proud to be a member of this organization.

I was proud to have the opportunity to be President and a member of the Board. I will be round to turn the leadership to the slate proposed and resume my activities as just a member of the finest League in the State of Wisconsin.

Helen

## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you. I feel it's truly an honor to have been elected President of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. I hope I can honor the League in my two years in the office.

I remember two years ago when Helen was installed as president she spoke about the League members who had welcomed her and helped her many years ago. Many of these people are still active, but some are gone.

My history with League is quite different. Four years ago I was not a member of League. After your annual meeting that year, Barb Grant asked me (as a friend) if I would like to produce League's BULLETIN. Although I said "yes" and later joined League, after my first board meeting I had grave doubts about what I'd gotten into. (Remember your first League meeting - what is a portfolio??; what are units, etc??) Thanks to a lot of friends and understanding I "hung in there."

Last night Helen moved four file cabinets worth of League's presidents notes into my house. (I know this was premature but when Helen told len she had the files ready to move out, he immediately put them in her car so she had to take them somewhere!))! Anyway, I think I've come a long way !

What have I learned along the way? Basically these things. I learned that this League is a strong and sound organization. Our fiftieth anniversary attests to that certainly - but I think a better illustration to me was the help we received from this League during the U. S. Senate debates here. Each League member we asked for help did a commendable job - the debates went almost flawlessly due mostly to the broad-based support of our League.

I've learned that our League's name can and does "open doors" in our community. But I've also learned that part of a League president's responsibility is to protect our excellent reputation. It's been earned by a longstanding tradition of thorough study and thoughtful action. It's a responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

I've learned that our League members give to our organization in many different ways - and I'm comfortable with this - because it works for us, I think. This ranges from members who are active in paying their dues each year, to members who like to help with single, short-term assignments, to members who devote countless hours each week in our name.

Which brings me to Helen. Much of what I've learned in League is from Helen. Helen contributed to her position a vast knowledge of both League and our community, and endless hours of effort in League's name (most recently these endless hours have been on the telephone!) I hope everyone takes this opportunity to thank Helen personally for the excellent work she did as president.

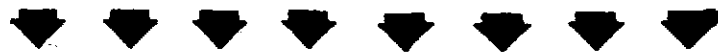
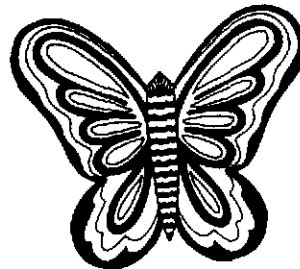
But I'd like to thank Helen here for the friendship she's shown to me these last two years. Helen demonstrated to me that among other things, League is fun. (Granted, Helen is one of the few people who



has fun at a County Board meeting - but at least we know that the potential is there!) A clue to my personality for those of you who don't know me well is that the Senate Debates project was one of the most fun projects I've ever worked on. This from a person who wasn't interested in politics a few years ago!

Suffice it to say - I've learned a lot - and I'm excited about the prospect of learning even more in the next two years. Thank you

Jan Quinlan



**WANTED!**  
**YOUR**  
**CONTRIBUTION**

EDUCATION STUDY

FINANCING THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Pull out November and January FORWARD supplements and bring them with you to the Units. They will be the basis of our consensus. Bring your opinions, particularly in regard to the philosophy covered by the consensus questions.

**YOUR**  
**OPINION**  
**COUNTS**

1. Should enrollment be curtailed to control the budget?
2. Should admission standards be raised?
3. What mix of funding should be used to finance the University system?
4. Who should be teaching our University students?
5. How do we encourage a mix of students from different backgrounds?

## **Wish you were there.**

For those who were unable to attend our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 25th, I would like to provide you with the following outline of events. We covered a lot of material, but I'll try to keep this short and complete.

- 1) Many thanks to Gretta Volk who made the arrangements for our meeting.
- 2) Mary Klasen, Helene Iverson, and Nancy Jones were appointed to approve the minutes.
- 3) Helen Nagler made her departing remarks recognizing our League as the best in the state and commended member support. Helen also welcomed our new members; Cheryl Barnes, Ann Dudley (joined at the meeting), Karen Jensen, Mary Pat Thompson, Kay Tripp, and returning member, Sally Mielke.
- 4) The budget was presented by MJ Wurster and later approved by the members with directions to the board to send two delegates to National Convention if the funds became available.
- 5) Ann Mead made the nominating committee's report recommending Jan Quinlan as President; Gretta Volk as Action-VP; Denise Peterson as Secretary; and Gretchen Bambrick, Cheryl Barnes and Jodie Kacer as directors (2yrs). Since the meeting Jodie has agreed to be our Membership chair, Sue Kinde will chair our Recycling study and Anne Mead will be in charge of the Bulletin. Other officers returning next year are Marlys Fritzell, treasurer; Deb Matz, Program-VP; Ruth Freidman and Kathy Sprenger as directors.
- 6) Jan Quinlan made her acceptance speech as president and then presented Helen with yellow note pads (ha!ha!) and a Hmong art piece.
- 7) Two non-recommended programs were considered at the meeting; i) study the school district's upcoming plan and needs for additional facilities, including the middle school issue, and ii) Advocacy of a smaller county board.  
The school study was later rejected, however a committee will be established to actively seek a reduction in the size of the Outagamie County Board.
- 8) The Recycling Study was accepted as our 1989-90 program after much discussion.
- 9) Approved Support Position deletions.  
Under Local Government.  
Part 1, section C: delete "Re" of Reorganization to read Organization.  
Part IV, section C, item 2: delete the word "more" in the 1st line.  
Part IV, section C, item 3: delete "er" from stricter to read strict.  
Part VII, section A, item 1: delete "Increasing" in first sentence.  
Part VII, sec B, item 1: delete "Re" of Restructuring.  
Part VII, sec C: delete "continue to" in the first sentence.  
Part VII, sec D: delete "Re" of Reorganizing.  
Under Health, Welfare & Education.  
Part I, sec A: delete "to the division level."  
Part I, sec B: delete "Hiring more personnel (including clerical) in Juvenile Division to allow for"/

Support Position deletions continued.

- Part II, sec A: delete "Developing" in the first sentence.
- Part II, sec C: change "Requiring more" to Required.
- Part II, sec D: delete "Continuing" in the first sentence.
- Part IV: delete entire statement.
- Part VIII, sec A, item 1: delete "improved and more"
- Part VIII, sec A, item 3: delete "continued need to"
- Part VIII, sec A, item 4: delete "Better"
- Part VIII, sec E, item 4: delete sentence starting "Winterhill shloud..."
- Part VIII, sec G, item 1: delete entirely.
- Part VIII, sec H, item 2: delete entirely.
- Part IX, sec F: delete "Development of".
- Part IX, sec G: delete the 1st "More" in the sentence.
- Part IX, sec I delete "More" in the first line.

Under Parks and Recreation.

- Part III: delete "CHANGES IN THE"
  - Part III, sec A: delete "The Park Department and the Recreation Department should be combined into"
  - Part III, sec B: should read "A recreation specialist with overall responsibility for the supervision of recreation programs to report to the director"
  - Part III, sec C: should read " A park specialist with overall responsibility for the supervision of parks to report to the director.
  - Part IV: delete "MEASURE TO IMPROVE"
  - Part IV, sec A: delete entirely.
  - Part IV, sec C: delete "more" and "is needed" in 1st line.
  - Part IV, sec G: delete entirely.
  - Part VIII, sec A: delete "should be written"
- 10) Under other business, members were notified about the Natural Resource Boat Trip on May 23rd. Gretta Volk announced the up-coming press conference held by Operation Respect on April 27th, and Gretchen Bambrick read a statement she would be reading on League's behalf at the conference.
- 11) The following directions were made to the board:
- a) send two delegates to Natl. convention
  - b) Have a major membership drive in Grand Chute (1989-90) and conduct a study on town government the following year (1990-91)
  - c) purchase a new file cabinet
  - d) form an ad hoc committee to review school district planning
  - e) publish "This Is Your Town" for the Grand Chute area

The Annual Meeting packet included information about the Senate Debates, made note that This Is Appleton is due out this fall, the Nusi Ward Memorial project hopes to have their publication ready for the up-coming school year (donations are still needed), a summary of Voter Service activities, and a reapportionment plug encouraging our members to actively support a constitutional amendment that will establish a separate commission to redraw congressional & legislative district boundaries. If you would like a copy of the packet, give me a call.

Deb Matz, Program-VP



League of Women Voters of Appleton

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**SPRING MEETING**

Learn about the Fox River while  
cruising the river on the



Learn about the effect of last summer's dry conditions on the Fox River

from

**BILL ELMAN**

Executive Director of the Fox Valley Water Quality Planning Agency

And hear about a contingency plan for future dry and hot conditions

from

**JIM BONETTI**

Project Engineer of the Fox River Office of the Army Corps of Engineers

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**

**MENASHA HARBOR**

**BOARD AT 6:00 PM**

**BOAT LEAVES AT 6:30 PM**

**BOAT RETURNS AT 8:00 PM**

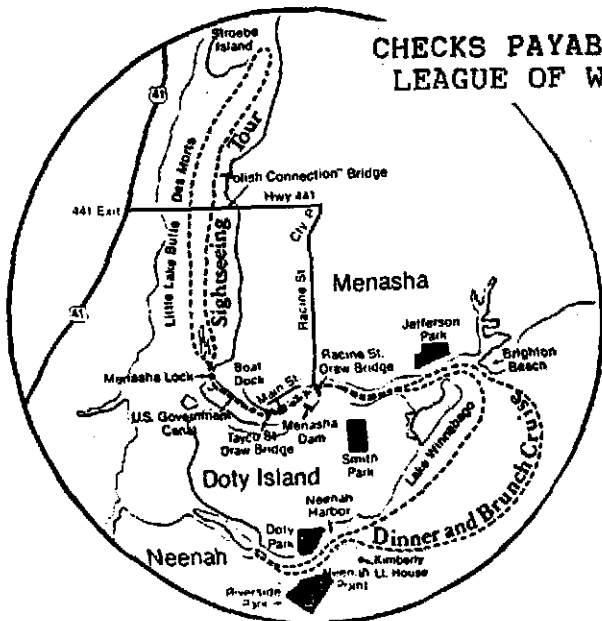
Reserve your seat now! Enjoy a cruise on a warm evening... and learn something too! Send \$6/person to the following address by May 12:

Jane Costello  
920 Hawes Ave.  
Appleton, WI 54914

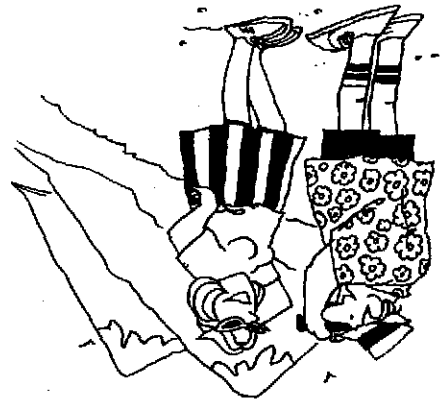
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Families and friends welcome!  
Call 739-2872 or 730-7247 (days)  
for more information.

Our cruise will be similar to  
the Sightseeing Tour in that we  
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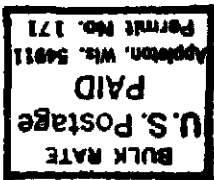


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# BULLETIN



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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN APPLETON - 1939-1989

PRESIDENT  
Jan Quinlan  
322 South Court  
734-4808

PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Cheryl Barnes  
1624 Ravinia Place  
749-0112



September 1989

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### Welcome back

If you're like me, it might take a "change of gears" after a beautiful Wisconsin summer, but set aside a few minutes to read this *Bulletin*, mark your calendars, and join us in September.

**A NEW IDEA:** Margaret Gibas brought the idea of "League Lunch" back from our state convention. Our local board welcomed the chance to gather informally with members and prospective members each month over a good lunch at the Peppermill Restaurant. We're hoping many of you can join us (regardless of your level of involvement in League) for what we're sure will be an interesting lunch hour on September 7 at noon. (You'll never have to read study material for this event!)

**OUT TO THE STREETS:** ...this time with a petition for a Constitutional amendment on redistricting in Wisconsin. A Constitutional amendment is always a tough challenge and we need everyone's thoughtful consideration and action. Start by reading the information in this *Bulletin*. Continue by encouraging family and friends to sign on the dotted line. The LWV-Wisconsin is counting on its local members for a groundswell of support.

**MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING:** In May, League's state convention adopted this two-year study based on the marked transition facing mental health programs. Issues Briefing in Milwaukee on September 23 will introduce us to this complex problem. Anyone interested is encouraged to join us. Gretchen Bambrick

(735-9784), chair of our local research committee, is still accepting new committee members. Let her know if this is a subject you're interested in exploring. No prior knowledge necessary -- just a willingness to learn.

**RECYCLING:** In the spirit of recycling, Sue Kinde has "recycled" her annexation committee, added some new members, and started the task of sorting through all the information on this timely subject. Be sure to take a minute to read the information included with this *Bulletin*. You'll find it not only interesting, but useful, to each of us.

**OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:** Pardon our pride, but we want to celebrate "fifty years of a good idea in Appleton" and look forward to years of good ideas to come. As a relative newcomer to this League, I've "heard-tell" fascinating stories of LWV-Appleton's influence on this area. We hope to re-tell the best of these stories at our fall celebration on September 26. (In the process, don't miss this opportunity to see Lawrence University's "spunky" new Wriston Art Center.)

There's more in the *Bulletin*, so read on.

Looking forward,

Jan

## Calendar



### SEPTEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 7, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

#### **League Lunch**

Peppermill Restaurant

Tues., Sept. 12, 7-9 p.m.

#### **Board meeting**

Deb Matz's home, 2200 North Nicholas

Sat., Sept. 16 & 23

#### **Redistricting Petition Push**

Call Deb Matz, 731-1129, to volunteer

Sat., Sept. 23

#### **1989 Issues Briefing**

Milwaukee

Call Jan Quinlan, 743-4808, if you'd like to attend

Tues., Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"Fifty Years of a Good Idea" Celebration**

Wriston Art Center - Lawrence

Weds., Sept. 27

#### **Redistricting Petition Deadline**

Return petitions to Gretta Volk,  
909 East Aiton, 735-9672

### OCTOBER

Thurs., Oct. 5, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

#### **League Lunch**

Peppermill Restaurant

Tues., Oct. 17, 7-9 p.m.

#### **Board meeting**

Weds., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.

#### **General meeting: Recycling**

Senator Joseph Strohl, WI State  
Senate Majority Leader, will discuss  
a new recycling bill

Tues., Oct. 24

**Membership meeting:** new and  
prospective members

## "Can we do lunch?"

Attn: "Active", "Fallen away", "New",  
or "Prospective" League of Women  
Voters

This year, the first Thursday of each month, noon until 1 p.m., will be our chance to renew League friendships and establish new ones while delving into the problems of the world -- but with no consensus recorded.

The Peppermill Restaurant, College Avenue at Oneida Street, has graciously offered us the use of its Diedrich Room, located off the hallway from College Avenue, each month this year.

No reservations necessary...no speaker...no program...soapboxes will be spontaneous...individual lunch orders will be taken from the Peppermill's varied menu.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, you're warmly invited to join us each month, starting Thursday, September 7, at 12 noon. And don't hesitate to bring a friend.

## Issues Briefing

DATE: September 23

PLACE: Midway Motor Lodge, Milwaukee

TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (tentative)

More than 200 people are expected to attend from around the state to gather excellent information on a variety of issues presented by first-rate resource people. There will be MORNING and AFTERNOON sessions related to the new state study, as well as speakers on the child care crisis and on pesticide residues in food. There also will be a speaker at LUNCH -- we're trying to get a nationally known expert on mental health.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

CALL JAN QUINLAN AT 734-4808 IF YOU  
PLAN TO ATTEND.

## Action in your name

Statement read to Appleton Common  
Council June 7, 1989:

Good evening. I'm Janice D. Quinlan, 322 South Court, Appleton, president of The League of Women Voters of Appleton. I'd like to speak tonight in favor of the status quo: the requirement of a 3/4 majority for overriding Planning Commission zoning decisions.

The League of Women Voters of Appleton supports comprehensive planning based on community goals and objectives, a strong coordinating role for the city planning commission and a strong centralized city planning department. We have been pleased over the years to watch this city handle zoning in a manner that prevents it from becoming a "political football." We need not look too far to see what happens when political interests outweigh comprehensive planning goals.

We're concerned about setting a precedent that would put a new untried system in place, particularly at this time in Appleton's unprecedented growth.

Even more compelling, in our estimation, is our belief that good government means strong centralized and comprehensive planning. Zoning decisions should be made for the good of the community as a whole and protected from narrow political interests. A lobbying effort for one particular interest or area of the city should not have the right to adversely affect the city as a whole.

In zoning decisions, the final approval rests, as it should, in the hands of the City Council. The 3/4 majority is in place to allow the Council to vote on zoning issues safeguarded from most political pressures.

We hope that each Council member considers these issues before voting.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

## Food Forum

### Pesticide residue in food and water: Toward a sustainable system

Near the end of the two-year national study of agriculture policy, the LWV received a joint grant with Public Voice for Food and Health Policy from the Kellogg Foundation for a three-year citizen education project on food and agriculture policy. The project is focusing on a different issue each year, with this year's topic being pesticide residues in food and water. The activities for each topic will include a conference of policy experts, a publication, a citizen education conference, and pass-through grants for local citizen education projects.

In late July, Liz Wessel, of Madison, and I had the privilege of attending the citizen education conference as representatives of LWV WI. The conference ran Friday evening and Saturday. In that time, we heard 12 speakers with a wide range of perspectives on the issue of pesticides -- from a representative of Monsanto to an organic farmer.

Going into the conference, I feared that I may never want to eat again and had a stern warning from my 10-year-old daughter not to come home with news that favorite foods were now off limits!! Indeed, there is great cause for concern:

- \* Of 50,000 pesticide products and 600 active ingredients, only 124 have been tested by the EPA and only 3 have been reregistered under new, stricter standards. Inert ingredients have yet to be addressed.

- \* Every pound of pesticide produced results in 1 to 2 pounds of toxic waste.

- \* Seventy carcinogens are used on food everyday. The cancer rate for farmworkers is 6 to 7 times higher than the general population.

- \* One billion pounds of pesticides are used agriculturally every year. Pesticides are not just a problem in produce, but also in processed food and even in milk.

However, there are some hopeful developments and there are things we can do to improve the safety of our food and water.

1. Though the federal government is moving very slowly regarding pesticides, states are paying attention. Some examples are Wisconsin's groundwater law, Texas's emphasis on sustainable agriculture and integrated pest management, and Iowa's groundwater law. States have led the way in banning certain pesticides: Michigan was the first to ban DDT; Maine to ban Alar. State action pushes the EPA.

2. Consumer pressure is proving effective. One of the speakers represented a grocery chain that is using an independent testing firm to certify their produce as organic or pesticide-residue free. Products are labeled for consumers. The Fred Meyer chain discontinues contracts with producers who cannot meet the standards it sets for residue-free produce. A speaker from the Consumer Pesticide Protection Project reported success in its campaign encouraging supermarkets to adopt a pesticide reduction program. At this time, the marketplace is making more changes in pesticide use than regulation.

We can work for safer food and water through legislative work and as consumers. But until significant reductions in the use of pesticides are made, start planning your (organic) garden!

-- Nancy Jones

If you would like more information, call Nancy at 731-9250. Also, the topic of pesticides will be addressed at the state League's Issues Briefing on Sat., Sept. 23.



## Action news

The Operation Respect press conference was held on April 27, 1989, at the First United Methodist Church, Appleton. Gretchen Bambrick read League's position on reproductive choices. Thank you, Gretchen. Thanks also go to Margaret Gibas, Barb Grant, Vickie Milde, Denise Peterson, and Mary Klassen for making phone calls to League members to inform them about this press conference.

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cordially invites you  
to share our celebration  
of

"Fifty Years of a Good Idea" -  
The League of Women Voters of Appleton  
1939 - 1989

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1989  
Wriston Art Center  
Lawrence University  
7:30 p.m.

Please respond by September 19<sup>th</sup> to Freddie Joeringer  
739-3997

# BULLETIN

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN APPLETON - 1939-1989

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OCTOBER 1989?

#### CALENDAR

##### OCTOBER

Thursday, October 5  
12 noon - 1 p.m.

**League Lunch**  
Peppermill Restaurant

Saturday, October 7  
9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Octoberfest Booth**  
Call Deb Matz, 731-1129, to help register voters and add names to the League's redistricting petition

Tuesday, October 17  
7 p.m.

**Board meeting**  
Jodie Kacer's home, 731 E. Franklin

Wednesday, October 18  
7:30 p.m.

**Recycling General Meeting**  
Speaker: Senator Joseph Strohl  
Bring your recyclables  
Bubolz Nature Preserve

Friday, October 20  
**Bulletin deadline\***  
Submit to Anne Mead, 3424  
Whip-poor-will Lane

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**Membership meeting**  
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**Bulletin deadline**

**Forward deadline**

Saturday, November 18  
**J.C. Penney Leadership Training Conference**  
Greendale, Milwaukee



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MANY THANKS ARE IN ORDER after our 50th anniversary celebration. Freddi Doeringer, chair, Gretchen Bambrick, program coordinator, Cheryl Barnes, Terry Flom, and Helene Iverson pulled together a celebration highlighting our pride in the accomplishments of our League through its years in Appleton. (The task of putting on this celebration in the busy September time frame ranks as another League accomplishment.)

Our thanks also to Corinne Goldgar, Karen deYoung, Helen Nagler, Mariys Fritzell, Sue Kinde, Jodie Kacer, Betty Breunig, and Helen Heil for interviewing and providing background information for our committee. And thanks to all League members past and present who shared reminiscences with us.

We had a great time piecing together the oral history of the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

HEADLINES ON REDISTRICTING should read: "Mayor Dorothy Johnson, County Executive John Schreiter, and Grand Chute Town Chairman John Stevens Agree (!) on LWV Constitutional Amendment for Independent Redistricting Commission."

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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My introduction as League president to these community leaders revolved around their enthusiastic endorsement of our state redistricting petition. This is clearly an issue that crosses political boundaries and makes sense to local leaders who have seen how poorly redistricting has gone in the past.

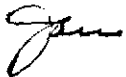
We need to encourage our state representatives to seek a change. **WRITE TO YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES.** You'll find a sample letter in this *Bulletin*.

**DONT MISS...** Sen. Joseph Strohl speaking to us on state recycling legislation (our introduction to our local study on recycling issues.)

... our new membership meeting on October 24, if you're a new or prospective member. We'll try to explain away some of the "mysteries" of League, as well as show you why League means so much to many of us.

... our next League Lunch at the Peppermill on October 5 at noon. We should have called this event Lively Issues. September's lunch was a delightful combination of lively issues, good food, pleasant surroundings, and our varying League perspectives. No reservations needed.

Looking forward,



## PLEASE LEND A HELPING HAND

We're still looking for volunteers to help at our booth during Octoberfest.

We will be selling three varieties of coffee, donated to us by the Daily Grind, and registering voters. If you are interested in helping, please give Deb Matz a call at 731-1129.

## RECYCLING MEETING

Come to learn more about recycling from Wisconsin Senator Joseph Strohl on Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bubolz Nature Preserve. Bring your recyclables: aluminum cans; glass bottles and jars, sorted into clear, green, and brown; and plastic milk jugs, washed and squashed. Come to find out why you can't bring your newspapers at this time -- (no market).

Senator Strohl, majority leader of the Wisconsin State Senate, is introducing a bill that will ban key recyclable materials from landfills; ban the sale of certain

non-recyclables in the state; and also build markets for recycled products. He is an excellent speaker and has been appearing before groups statewide to learn about the problems and potential of recycling, often visiting workplaces to learn about unique industry difficulties in meeting these goals.

The Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, is cosponsoring this meeting with us because of its strong commitment to recycling. Elaine Bruehl (731-6041) is the preserve's contact person if you have questions about its program.

The Fox Valley Sierra Group and the Fox River Valley Audobon Society are also cosponsoring this meeting. Both groups strongly support recycling. The recycling person for the Fox Valley Sierra Group is Penny Bernard (734-2412). Her committee is responsible for the brochure listing recycling centers and tips that was included in the September League Bulletin. The brochure is packed with information, and you might want to dig into it before the October 18 meeting.

If you'd like to learn more about recycling and what Wisconsin plans to do; if you have a stack of aluminum cans in your garage; or if you haven't seen the Bubolz Nature Preserve lately, be sure to come Wednesday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

-- Sue Kinde

## 1989 FINANCE DRIVE REPORT

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Budget goal:                                | \$4,200.00        |
| Contributions:                              | \$4,411.75        |
| Members (35):                               | \$ 941.75         |
| Community (54):                             | <u>\$3,470.00</u> |
|   | \$4,411.75        |
| Education Fund:                             | \$1,911.00        |
| (\$125.00 was specified for Nusi Ward Fund) |                   |
| Non-restricted contributions:               | <u>\$2,500.75</u> |
|   | \$4,411.75        |

In addition, we have Margaret Walsh's Tel-Sec contribution of approximately \$630.00 for telephone answering service for the League.

Much of the success of our fund drive can be attributed to the Kimberly-Clark Foundation, which, after a hiatus of three years, once more made a generous contribution.

My thanks to: Corinne Goldgar, for editorial work; Helen Nagler and Jan Quinlan, for decision-making support; Jan Nordell and Pat Schinabeck, for suggesting names and adding notes to letters; Barb Grant, for her arbitration brochure that we sent to contributors; Win Thrall, for her splendid, fast job on redesigning the brochure that she and Corinne produced a few years ago; and finally those of you who volunteered to write thank-you notes -- I didn't forget you, it just seemed easier to do it myself!

-- Betty Breunig

NOTE: Our thanks to Betty for a successful finance drive -- a great start on our 50th year.

-- JQ



# JOSEPH STROHL

Majority Leader  
Wisconsin State Senate



## RECYCLING BILL HIGHLIGHTS

### MATERIALS BANNED FROM LANDFILL DISPOSAL

| Effective Date     | Recyclable Material         | Percentage of Discarded Wastes |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 1, 1991    | - White Goods               | 1.8%                           |
|                    | - Waste Oil                 | 0.9%                           |
|                    | - Automobile Batteries      | 0.5%                           |
| January 1, 1993    | - Yard Wastes <sup>++</sup> | 20.1%                          |
| January 1, 1995    | - Corrugated Paper or Boxes | 8.1%                           |
|                    | - Glass Containers          | 7.6%                           |
|                    | - Newspapers                | 6.3%                           |
|                    | - Plastic Packaging         | 4.0%                           |
|                    | - Office Paper              | 3.7%                           |
|                    | - Magazines                 | 3.1%                           |
|                    | - Steel Containers          | 1.9%                           |
|                    | - Tires                     | 1.2%                           |
|                    | - Aluminum Containers       | 0.5%                           |
| - Foam Polystyrene | 0.3%                        |                                |

<sup>++</sup>Yard waste ban is already Wisconsin law (1987 Act 296)

-- Total materials banned from landfills by 1995: 60.0%

### BAN ON SALE OF NON-RECYCLABLES

| Effective Date  | Non-Recyclable Materials  |
|-----------------|---|
| January 1, 1991 | - Food or beverage containers (exclusive of lids) made of:<br>* Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)<br>* A combination of steel and aluminum<br>* "Plastic cans" with metal tops |
|                 | - Any plastic bag for carrying consumer goods (such as plastic grocery bags)  |
|                 | - Bottles made from a combination of two or more types of plastic (such as ketchup bottles)   |
| January 1, 1993 | - Other containers made from PVC  |

**MATERIALS BANNED FROM INCINERATION BY JANUARY 1, 1995<sup>++</sup>:**

- Aluminum containers
- Corrugated paper or boxes
- Glass containers
- Grass clippings
- Newspapers
- Office paper
- Plastic packages
- Steel containers
- Magazines

<sup>++</sup> Existing contracts for incineration are granted an exemption from ban.

- \* Out-of-state wastes would be prohibited from entering Wisconsin landfills unless the community producing the wastes has a recycling program at least as effective as Wisconsin's program.
- \* \$24 million will be placed into a newly created Wisconsin Recycling Fund for community assistance, market development and program implementation. The fund will be generated by a fee on specified throw-away containers that are not recycled at a rate of at least 75 percent.
- \* \$14 million of the Wisconsin Recycling Fund will be made available in direct grants to municipalities and counties managing effective recycling programs. The local unit that is responsible for the recycling program will be eligible to receive a grant that covers up to two-thirds of the program costs.
- \* Counties will have the option of becoming the responsible unit for operating recycling programs. Municipalities within the county may opt out and operate their own program. If a county does not operate the plan, municipalities will be required to implement a recycling plan.
- \* The state will be required to give preference to recycled materials when it purchases commodities. The state will also be required to have at least 40% of all paper purchased made of recycled fiber.
- \* Newspapers sold in the state will have to be comprised of 50% recycled paper by 1995 or pay a specified fee to the Wisconsin Recycling Fund.
- \* The DNR will be able to enforce landfill and incineration bans through citations.

**MEMBERSHIP BY CITY  
WARDS/ COUNTY  
DISTRICTS**

(Appleton/Outagamie unless otherwise noted)

**WARD 1/ DISTRICT 10**

Kathy Hartman  
Barbara Hoffman  
Carolyn Mewhorter

**WARD 2/ DISTRICT 12**

Ann Dudley  
Terry Flom  
Martha Hemwall  
Liz Hoover  
Jodie Kacer  
Karen Laws  
Helen Proctor  
Jan Quinlan  
James Stewart  
Gretta Volk

**WARD 5/ DISTRICT 18**

Gail Bickel  
Jeanne Ceelen  
Anne Fahrenkrug  
Joan Ross  
Stevie Schmidt

**WARD 7/ DISTRICT 13**

Beth English  
Kathy Hartzheim  
Sally Mielke

**WARD 8/ DISTRICT 14**

Cathy Boardman  
Kathleen Issacson  
Karen Jansen  
Fanny Ruth

**WARD 9/ CALUMET CNTY**

Mary Pat Thompson (District 1)  
Anne Mead (District 3)

**WARD 10/ DISTRICT 15**

Cheryl Barnes  
Frederica Doeringer  
Sue Kinde  
Mary & Charles Klausen  
Ann Lindstrom

**(Ward 10/ District 15 continued)**

Sue Silton  
Margaret Walsh  
M.J. Wurster

**WARD 11/ DISTRICT 16**

Jane Costello  
Bette Defferding  
Jean King  
Jan Nordell  
Dorothy Olson  
Joy Povolny

**WARD 12/ DISTRICT 11**

Gretchen & Terrence Bambrick  
Betty Breunig  
Karen de Young  
Anna Faye Dodd  
Harvada Elisberg  
Sharon Fenlon  
Ruth Freidman  
Marlys Frtizell  
Corinne Goldgar  
John Harris  
Marge Koepke  
Marian Ming  
Helen Nagler  
Denise Peterson  
Nancy Pourciau  
Eileen Rence  
Dick Sampson  
Pat Schinabeck  
Virginia Swanson  
Andrea Tatlock  
Win Thrall  
Jeanie Trigg  
Kay Tripp  
Doris Vlossak  
Donna & Leonard Weis

**WARD 13/ DISTRICT 19**

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten  
Helene Iverson  
Nancy Jones (Calumet Cnty)

**WARD 14/ DISTRICT 6**

Joyce Green

**WARD 16/ DISTRICT 4**

Sara Ensley  
Margaret Gibas  
Helen Heil

**Ward 16/ District 4 continued)**

Dawn Washatka

**WARD 17/ DISTRICT 1**

Janet Besta  
Barb Folb  
Marion Huss  
Kathleen Sprenger

**WARD 19/ DISTRICT 12**

Deb Matz

**WARD 20/ DISTRICT 17**

Chris Calder  
Berta Churchill  
Pat Danford  
Joanne Dull  
Barbara Grant  
Art Kaplan  
Barbara Murray  
Charlotte Sigman

**OUTAGAMIE CNTY DISTRICTS**

30: (Grand Chute) Diane Siekman  
31: (Grand Chute) Linda Bjella  
Karen Kuhn  
35: (Hortonville) Lila Waldman  
38: (Freedom) Bev Wickert

**CALUMET CNTY DISTRICTS**

4: (Menasha) Vickie Milde  
5: (Menasha) Bonnie Buchanan  
12: (New Holstein) Deb Reinhart

**WINNEBAGO DISTRICTS**

8: (Appleton) Ellen Needham  
11: (Larsen) Linda Dinus

**MANITOWOC**

Patricia Filzen

**PLEASE SAVE FOR FUTURE  
REFERENCE**

## ITCHING FOR ACTION?

*REPORT FROM THE HILL*, a national LWV publication issued six times a year, covers congressional issues pertinent to LWV positions and national LWV's action agenda, clearly highlighting what LWV members, acting as "concerned citizens (as opposed to speaking in League's name), can do to voice support or opposition to congressional considerations. The articles provide enough information for an effective letter of phone call. As time and space permit, our *Bulletin* will pass on information to you, but if you want a relatively simple, organized way to satisfy your urge to "Tell it to Washington," order *Report From The Hill* for yourself by sending a \$10.00 check to: *Report From The Hill*, League of Women Voters of the US, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036.



## ACTION IN YOUR NAME

**Pesticides:** Letter to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, expressing support of changes in Ch.Ag.29 (Pesticide Use & Control) and asking for certain rule changes to be strengthened to provide greater consumer and public health protection.

**Redistricting & Recycling:** Letters to State Senators Allan J. Lasse and Michael G. Ellis and Assembly persons Alvin R. Ott & David T. Prosser, Jr. expressing 1) support for a constitutionally mandated commission to redistrict congressional and legislative districts in Wisconsin, and 2) support for Wisconsin Legislative Council's Recycling Bill, WLCS 555/3.

**Clean Air:** Letters to Representatives Thomas Petri & Tobias Roth urging support of HR 1470 to reduce acid rain; HR 2323 to combat urban smog; and HR2585 to fight toxic air pollution.

## ACTION ALERTS

Now that the redistricting petitions have been sent back to the State League, it's time to write those letters to your senator and assembly person. Let them know how you feel. Use information in last month's *Bulletin* and in the September *Forward* to help you get started or use the following sample letter. The important thing is that they hear from you!

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Wisconsin Senate (or Wisconsin  
Assembly)

State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_, (Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Assembly)

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for a constitutionally mandated commission to redistrict congressional and legislative districts in Wisconsin.

As I am sure you are aware, there have been multiple problems with the redistricting plans created by the legislature in Wisconsin, and for the past 40 years, these plans have ended up in the courts, resulting in costly and time-consuming litigation.

With the next census in 1990, now is an appropriate time to begin considering ways to insure that the next redistricting in Wisconsin will be accomplished in a fair, timely, and economically responsible manner.

A redistricting commission, independent of the legislature, would be able to accomplish the above-mentioned redistricting goals, especially if there were set timelines for the completion of the plans and public hearing during the process. The commission's plans, however, should not be subject to legislative amendment.

I urge you to support a constitutional amendment that would make such an independent redistricting commission possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

## DIRECTORIES ARE HERE

The 1989-90 directories are here, and if you didn't pick up one at the anniversary celebration, you may do so at the October board meeting or the recycling general meeting at Bubolz Nature Preserve. Please try to attend one of these events and pick up your copy. If you are unable to do so, Deb Matz will be doing her best to get you a copy before November 1. If you don't receive one by then, give her a call at 731-1129.

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Jeanne Behn -- New name: Jeanne Ceelen. New address: 3300 E. Canary, No. 1, Appleton, 54915.

Jane Costello -- New address: 1510 E. Cass Street, No. 6, Appleton.

Add:  
Ann Dudley, 425 E. Roosevelt,  
Appleton, 54911, 731-3554.

Delete:  
Sharon Persich (she is moving to Madison)  
Marilyn Yeske (she has moved to Atlanta)  
Helen Proctor (she is taking a leave of absence)

Add these phone numbers:  
Sally Mielke, 734-6228  
Mary Pat Thomson, 739-3279  
Kay Tripp, 734-9747  
Lila Waldman, 779-6786  
Karen Jansen, 739-6499

Change these phone numbers:  
Doris Vlossak, 739-2789 (h)  
Kathleen Isaacson, 832-6751 (w)

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INFORMATION, CALL  
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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

"HOW LEAGUE WORKS"  
Tuesday, October 24  
7:30 p.m.  
Jodie Kacer's home, 731 E. Franklin

A variety of League members will introduce new and prospective members to the LWV process and mission. Current members looking for a refresher are welcome to attend. Jan Quinlan will give an overview of the workings of League. Study chairs will describe the current state and local studies, and selected members will discuss the personal impact League has had on them.

Please plan to attend what promises to be an informative program.

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222 S. Walnut

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##### DECEMBER

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7:30 p.m.  
**Recycling unit meeting**

Wednesday, December 6  
9:30 a.m.  
**Recycling unit meeting**  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Avenue

Thursday, December 7  
12 noon - 1 p.m.  
**League Lunch**  
Peppermill Restaurant

Tuesday, December 12  
7 p.m.  
**Board meeting**

TENTATIVE:  
Wednesday, December 13  
7:30 p.m.  
**Pesticides general meeting**  
Lake Michigan Inter-League Group study



#### President's message

DON'T BE SURPRISED to hear from me or another board member by telephone this month. This time we're not asking you to do anything ... we want to know what League can do for YOU.

Two years ago, Nancy Jones planted a seed, an idea she had about state and national action. Our action chairs receive countless calls to action from the state and national League offices. Unfortunately, these requests are often overwhelming for any one person to pursue. Even more unfortunate is the fact that many Appleton League members have the expertise and interest to take personal action on these issues if only we had a system to get the information to them.

Nancy's idea was to make one contact with each League member and record the issues that are of vital concern to them. Then when a child care bill comes before the Wisconsin legislature, all our members who are interested in child care can be alerted.

I've heard state and national legislators say that one sincere letter from a constituent represents anywhere from 500-5000 voters. Imagine the impact. The Legislative Hotline (800/362-9696), if you haven't discovered it, is an even easier

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## President's message

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way to make your opinion known to your elected officials.

Thanks to Gretta Volk, our current vice-president, Nancy's idea will come to fruition. All we ask of you is that you take a few minutes to "catch us up" on your interests and activities. We're sure the dividends will be worth it, for you and for League.

**REDISTRICTING IS NOT DULL.** (Repeat three times and come to our meeting on November 7th so we can prove it to you.) Even if you have no background on this issue, we promise you'll enjoy hearing the real-life drama of redistricting in our local community. We're privileged Warren Utecht and Bob Stadel have agreed to candidly discuss redistricting past and future in Appleton and in Outagamie County. Read the details elsewhere in this Bulletin.

**AND DON'T FORGET** League Lunch at noon the first Thursday of each month at the Peppermill. Those of us who have attended are hooked on the idea. The Peppermill has graciously accommodated us in the Diedrich Room ... so join us on November 3rd, no reservations needed.

**OBSERVER CORPS,** thanks to Helen Nagler, is in place for the coming year, but there's always room for a few more. These are particularly good opportunities to watch government in action with a veteran Leaguer at your side "interpreting." Call me if you would like meeting dates or other information. Meanwhile, keep us informed on items of interest and/or action locally.

Looking forward,



## Redistricting general meeting

Tuesday, November 7  
7 p.m.  
Appleton Police Department,  
222 South Walnut

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to a League meeting, redistricting swims into view.

Those of you who have actually attended meetings on the redistricting topic know it can be pretty interesting stuff. Redistricting on the state level certainly is. Tuesday night we will take a look at redistricting on the county and city levels, looking specifically at Appleton and Outagamie.

The speakers will be Bob Stadel, planning director for Outagamie County, and Warren Utecht, principal planner for the City of Appleton. They are going to tell us about the process of redistricting the wards and supervisory districts. They also will discuss the related topics of reducing the size of the County Board and the City Council, taking the politics out of the redistricting process, and other hot issues. Adding an extra dimension to the issue is the resolution just submitted by Alderman Kalata to combine the posts of Appleton aldermen and Appleton supervisors on the County Board. The dynamic relationship between the county and the city will certainly come up as part of the politics that drive the issue, as well as the peculiar tri-county make-up of Appleton.

The two planners have promised to be frank and are anxious to describe their problems to a group they know to be committed to good government.

See you there. Bring a friend.  
-- Terry Flom

## Redistricting news

Redistricting petitions are still being accepted at the state office, so if you haven't sent your petition in, please do so now. Send it to the state office at 121 South Hancock Street, Madison, WI 53703-3447.

In last month's Bulletin, Gretta Volk included a sample letter on redistricting for each of us to write to our legislators. We also encourage every member or supporter of League to ask three or four friends to send a copy of this letter to their legislators. The more our representatives hear from us, the more likely we are to see results.

Many thanks to all who went out collecting signatures for the petitions. You did a GREAT job.

-- Deb Matz



Many thanks to everyone who helped with OCTOBERFEST. We sold 551 cups of coffee and registered 5 voters, raising about \$128.82. Way to go, Leaguers!

We owe a special thanks to The Daily Grind in The Avenue mall for donating the coffee for the day's event, so keep them in mind for gifts during the holiday season.

-- Deb Matz

**THANK YOU,** Beth English, for observing (at a moment's notice) the city meeting between the Mayor and the committee chair persons on September 18, 1989.

## Action alert: Abortion

HELP MAINTAIN OUR RIGHT TO CHOICE;  
CALL THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE AT  
800-362-9696

Most of you have already heard about the two abortion bills now pending. This is a critical time in the fight to maintain our right to choice, so please take the time to write or call and let the people in Madison know how you feel. The parental consent bill, AB 38, is expected to come out of committee in early November, so your letter or call opposing this bill is a priority. Point out that most teens do inform their parents, and those that do not discuss having an abortion with their families probably have excellent reasons for not doing so. The bill is not pro-family, it is anti-choice.

The second bill is AB 500, which will repeal current Wisconsin statutes prohibiting abortion. Don't be a member of the silent majority any longer. This issue is too important to the women of Wisconsin to allow a vocal minority to impose its will.

### PROCHOICE RALLY

There will be a prochoice rally on November 12, in the late afternoon or early evening hours. Keep your ears and eyes open for details or call Denise Peterson at 738-0294 for additional information.

-- Denise Peterson

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## Action alert: Recycling

### Write a Letter Now!

In Last month's *Bulletin*, you read about the highlights contained in WCLS 555/3 -- the comprehensive recycling bill. That bill was introduced into the state senate several weeks ago as SB300.

NOW is the time to write to your state senator (Michael G. Ellis - 19th district or Allan J. Lasse - 1st district) in support of SB300 -- opponents to the bill are making themselves heard, so it is important to get that letter of support in the mail before the bill comes out of committee.

Some ideas: Tell your senator 1) that you support a comprehensive recycling bill for Wisconsin, 2) that any recycling program should have adequate funding for education, market development, and local recycling programs, 3) that you support the bans in SB300 on the landfilling and on the incineration of certain materials and on the sale of certain difficult-to-recycle packaging and that you would like to see those bans retained in the bill, and 4) that you hope the senator will work for the prompt passage of SB300.

## Action in your name

### STATEMENT TO OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD

October 10, 1989

My name is Janice Guinlan, 322 South Ct., Appleton, and I'm president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton. I speak today in favor of the University of Wisconsin Center - Fox Valley's proposed building plan.

The LWV of Wisconsin this summer completed a year-long study of the University of Wisconsin system. We looked at the philosophy of the

Wisconsin Plan for higher education: a philosophy that is based on the belief that every Wisconsin citizen should have access to a university education.

The UW Center facilities are, we discovered, a key in our state to providing this education for many. In Outagamie County, the UW Center - Fox Valley has afforded thousands of students an opportunity for a university education they otherwise might have been denied. With enrollment limits being imposed on the four-year UW campuses, even more county citizens are likely to look to the UW Center for their "open door" to a higher education.

The Wisconsin League of Women Voters heartily supports this philosophy. Further, we support the partnership between the university system and the county in providing UW Center facilities. Since county residents are the recipients of UW Center services, it makes sense for the counties to pay for the facilities.

For years the University of Wisconsin Center - Fox Valley has been providing higher education in spite of serious building limitations. As you know, 12 years ago this board voted overwhelmingly to construct a much-needed addition at the Center. Since the Winnebago County Board did not approve its share of the expense, the Center has been operating under a "make-do" arrangement ever since.

Two years ago, a committee that included county supervisors, county executives, university staff, and trustees began careful planning for space use recommendations that would most efficiently solve the problem you recognized more than a decade ago. Clearly the need is there -- now the solution lies once more in your hand.

We urge you to recognize both the need and the solution by your vote this afternoon. The success of the partnership between the university and the county depends on your serious consideration of the future of the UW Center - Fox Valley.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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**Wanted: League archivist**

For those of you interested in helping League out from the comfort of your own home ...

For those of you wanting a League project that doesn't involve committee meetings or deadlines ...

This may be just what you're looking for.

League archivist is a new idea, an off-board position we've created to coordinate our efforts at preserving League's past.

Our scrapbooks dating back to the 40s are in fragile condition. We need to repair them with an eye towards preservation, especially since they represent so many women-hours of work. They contain news articles, photos, and other memorabilia that we

want to insure survives a good deal longer.

Also needed: Someone to collect the current news articles about today's League of Women Voters of Appleton. This could be combined with the other responsibility or handled separately.

Think about it. Then let me know if you're interested.

-- Jan Quinlan, 734-4808

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322 South Court  
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#### CALENDAR

##### DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 5  
7 p.m.  
**Recycling Unit Meeting**  
Kathy Hartzheim's home  
1554 W. Prospect Ave

Wednesday, December 6  
9:30 a.m.  
**Recycling Unit Meeting**  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Avenue  
Babysitting provided

Thursday, December 7  
12 noon - 1 p.m.  
**League Lunch**  
"How to run for office"  
Peppermill Restaurant

Tuesday, December 12  
7 - 9 p.m.  
**Board meeting**  
Kathy Sprenger's home  
916 E. Sunset

Thursday, December 14  
7 p.m.  
**Holiday Pesticides Party**  
Linda Bjella's home  
3011 W. Heritage

Friday, December 15  
**1989-90 dues payment deadline**  
Give yourself an early Christmas  
present!

##### JANUARY

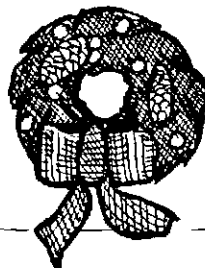
Thursday, January 4  
12 noon - 1 p.m.  
**League Lunch**  
Peppermill Restaurant

Tuesday, January 9  
7 p.m.  
**Pesticides Unit Meeting**  
Elinore Burdett's home  
2705 Oakwood Ct.

Wednesday, January 10  
9:30 a.m.  
**Pesticides Unit Meeting**  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
400 E. College Avenue  
Babysitting provided

Tuesday, January 16  
7 - 9 p.m.  
**Board meeting**

Wednesday, January 24  
7:30 p.m.  
**Lively Issues**  
M.J. Wurster's home  
520 River Road



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cheers!

DECEMBER IS YOUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY if you've ever considered being on the Outagamie County Board. We're hoping to make it as easy as possible for you or anyone you know to run for a County Supervisor position.

We've set an ambitious goal for 1990: to contest each Outagamie County supervisory race. Ambitious because 36 districts were uncontested in the last election and 35 districts were uncontested the election before that. Ambitious because in Appleton, county supervisors often are unknown to their constituents (consider yourself well informed if you know your supervisor's name -- less than 10 percent of Appleton residents do!). Ambitious because in the rural areas of the county, supervisors generally retain that responsibility until THEY decide to retire.

Our objective? To encourage candidates to address some of the issues facing Outagamie County during their campaigns. In the past, it's been difficult for us to host forums or encourage media coverage because of the predominance of uncontested races. We aim to increase public awareness and strengthen the electoral process by challenging the status quo.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Our method? Interested candidates or their managers are encouraged to attend our next League Lunch at noon on December 7th at the Peppermill Restaurant. We'll hear a presentation on how to run for office and learn about the legalities and realities of running for office from experienced county Republican and Democratic party leaders. They promise to field questions and serve as resource persons for anyone interested in taking the plunge.

Since all Outagamie County districts are up for reelection this spring, we hope that each League member seriously will consider candidacy for herself or for another person. And then, get yourself or that person to our December League Lunch. Think of it as a gift to your county.

**JUST WHEN I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK THERE ARE NO NEW IDEAS IN LEAGUE,** we came up with the Pesticide Party. Gretta Volk graciously has offered to chair this Inter-League study, which we'll "kick-off" with a celebration on December 14th. You'll find your invitation in this Bulletin. No study background is necessary and we promise you'll find this topic very important.

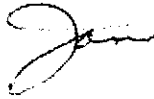
**SUE KINDE AND THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE** are giving us a "hands-on" experience with recycling issues as their holiday gift. Try not to miss their unit meetings on December 5th or 6th. You'll see why there are no easy answers to our garbage problems. Wednesday morning units provide babysitter service, too.

**AND,** if you haven't given yourself the gift of another year's membership in the League of Women Voters, please do so now. **YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED** whether you're a thoroughly active member (thank you here to my dedicated board of

directors) or a member who continues to support us with your dues and individual efforts.

To each of you, a joyous holiday season.

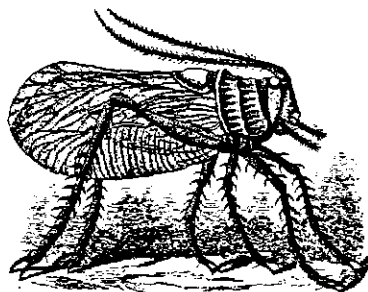
Looking forward,



## PESTICIDE STUDY

The Lake Michigan Inter-League Group has prepared a pesticide study, complete with a skit, study guide, and consensus questions.

The skit will be presented at the Holiday Pesticide Party (see invitation in this Bulletin). Copies of the Pesticide Study Guide may be picked up at the party. The consensus questions will be discussed at the study units on January 9th and 10th, and with luck, the units will reach consensus. It would be helpful if those attending the units would read the study guide ahead of time. **THAT'S IT!** How simple! Come find out about a very important and timely issue. If you are unable to come to the Holiday Party but would like to come to the consensus units (and you can miss the skit and still come to the units), please contact Gretta Volk at 735-9672 to get the study materials in advance of the units. Also call Gretta if you want to be part of the very informal study committee.



## RECYCLING UNITS

Have you always wanted to be on a recycling task force?

You will have your chance at League units on December 5 and 6 when the Far Dumpaway Recycling Task Force has its first meeting.

Far Dumpaway has done much less than the real communities near us that have dealt with white goods, oil, yard waste, some household recyclables, and are working with tires, paper sludge, and more. You will be able to help Far Dumpaway face the problem of a landfill expected to last only five more years. (Outagamie County's landfill should last more than 25 years at the present rate of 1000 tons brought in each day.)

The waste stream in the United States in 1986 was estimated to be:

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| Paper and paperboard | 41.0% |
| Glass                | 8.2   |
| Metals               | 8.7   |
| Plastics             | 6.5   |
| Rubber and leather   | 2.5   |
| Textiles             | 1.8   |
| Wood                 | 3.7   |
| Food Waste           | 7.9   |
| Yard Waste           | 17.9  |
| Other                | 1.8   |

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency also recommends a "hierarchy" for dealing with waste:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Compost
- Incinerate
- Landfill

Join your fellow citizens Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning and help work out the Far Dumpaway's problems.

-- Sue K., Marlys, MJ, Joe, Vickie, Beth, Nancy, Ann, Sue S., Helen, Pat, Bev, Deb, Gretta

## ACTION IN YOUR NAME

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Improvement Program can be an effective tool if these safeguards are not followed.

And, we are still concerned about the cost and dilemmas Appleton's unprecedented growth is creating. League sees growth as an inevitable pressure in this community; a pressure that brings with it a diversity of complex problems. During the Finance Committee hearing, we heard from various departments their need for additional personnel and we understand the budget constraints that denied this. Not wanting to be outdone, League would like to request an additional *personnel too*.

We ask you to consider reinstating an administrative assistant to the mayor. A city of Appleton's size cannot be expected to function effectively without adequate support staff. Though Mayor Johnson's "good faith" gesture of cutting this position last year was understandable, League feels there is still a compelling need for such a position. We ask you to reconsider this seriously.

Finally let me express our *disappointment again at the scheduling* of this Public Hearing. Appleton has once more chosen the same night as the Outagamie County Budget Hearing. Although it is possible to participate in both hearings (I spoke less than 30 minutes ago at the courthouse), the timing does not exactly encourage citizen participation. The county's hearing date has been set in their statutes, so it appears the responsibility is yours. Public hearings should be an essential part of the budget process. *Let's make them assessible to anyone who wishes to attend.*

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for this opportunity to speak.

## CANDIDATES NEEDED

### CANDIDATES VIE FOR OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SUPERVISOR -- 20 SEATS CONTESTED

That's a headline League would like to see in 1990. A review of the past four *Outagamie County races for supervisor* indicates that *our work is cut out for us* however. Less than 22 percent of the seats have been contested in any given year. In 1988, only 9 of 44 seats were contested.

Outagamie County government is growing in importance. Look at its 1990 budget of more than \$73 million -- up 40 percent from 1987.

The League of Women Voters wants to draw attention to the growing responsibilities of county government. Nothing does that better than a *contested race*. *Contested races allow the public a chance to ask questions on issues*. In Outagamie County, where the population is mushrooming, we cannot afford a hidden government. We need *an educated public -- a public who understands the increasing complexity of the problems their supervisors are being asked to solve.*

Help League take a first step. Let's get at least 20 races contested. Find a candidate to run. Run yourself. I invite anyone interested in running or his or her representative to come to a special League Lunch:

"How to run for supervisor"  
Thursday, December 7  
12 noon  
Peppermill Restaurant  
Diedrich Room  
103 E. College Avenue

The program will include a discussion of *basic campaign rules by Berta Churchill* and practical campaign information from members of successful Non-partisan, Democratic, and Republican campaign teams.

-- Helen Nagler

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to League member Liz Hoover for winning the Chamber of Commerce's Athena Award for outstanding business woman in our area.

## **ACTION IN YOUR NAME**

### **OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BUDGET STATEMENT**

My name is Janice Quinlan, 322 South Court, Appleton, and I speak tonight as president of the League of Women Voters of Appleton.

Again this year you as supervisors are challenged to provide services to county residents at a reasonable cost. You are challenged to balance needs with taxes. You are challenged to set the budget and, with it, priorities.

The county has the responsibility for administering and providing a variety of human service programs that range from programs fully funded by the state or federal government to programs fully funded by Outagamie County.

Again this year much discussion has revolved around mandated programs, particularly in the provision of housing and care for those county residents who in the past would have been housed and cared for in institutions. Now, by mandate, these individuals must find these same services in residential facilities in the community. As with many mandated programs, adequate funding is not provided by the state or federal government to provide this service.

With this in mind, the Human Services Board and the Human Service and Finance Committees have eliminated from their budget the establishment of any group home in 1990. They feel the pressure should be put on the state to increase funding for group homes.

We urge you, supervisors, when reviewing the aging and long term support budget, to discuss the philosophy of group homes. Before the deliberations next week, we ask you also to assess the risk of the federal and state government threat of cutting \$ 5 million in reimbursement to county if an effort to provide community-based group homes stops.

Please also assess the housing options that will be available in 1990 for those county residents who are found to need care but can no longer be placed in institutions. Lagging behind in this area

of need may be costly both in dollars and in unmet human needs. Citizens would rather see you spend tax money in services than in lawsuits.

We urge you to continue to support funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs and to continue support for the grant for the pilot youth day treatment program that you authorized last year. We urge you to support the "Clean Sweep Program" for disposal of hazardous waste. We appreciate the scheduling of the public hearing a week before the County Board's consideration of the budget. This allows for you to consider citizen input before you consider the budget. We do, however, have a concern that so few supervisors attended the Finance Committee's deliberations for the Executive's question-and-answer session. Many thoughtful questions were asked of the staff at those meetings and the discussions that followed were helpful in understanding the budget issues. Hopefully, supervisors who did not attend the sessions have researched budget issues independently and will not use the deliberations by the Board next week as a time to find answers to technical questions. This is meant to be a time to discuss policy and goals.

Thank you for your attention. We feel these issues warrant your serious consideration.

### **CITY OF APPLETON BUDGET STATEMENT**

My name is Janice Quinlan, 322 South Court, Appleton, and I speak tonight as president of the League of Women Voters on the City of Appleton's proposed budget.

After attending each of the Finance Committee's budget hearings as well as the Capital Improvement hearing, our League observers would like to take this opportunity to convey both some compliments and some concerns.

Our compliments on the hard work done by the departments, the mayor, and the Finance Committee in keeping the budget as tight as possible this

coming year. We realize how difficult this was in a year when loss of revenue alone forced the tax increase into double digits. The Finance Committee's effort to seek state and county help in funding the pedestrian bridge was a good illustration of fiscal responsibility to our local taxpayers.

Our compliments also on your Capital Improvement Program. Long term planning sometimes requires large capitol investments that pay back in increased efficiency later. We recognize the need for such an integrated program and agree with you that its existence will help implement projects more effectively.

Finally our compliments to the aldermen for excellent attendance at the Finance Committee hearings. This signifies to the public your sincere efforts at understanding the rationale behind the budget and casting an informed vote at Wednesday's budget adoption.

But we also have a few concerns.

We are concerned that as industrial parks are added to our community the aesthetics of these areas is considered. We certainly support the economics of providing industrial parks within Appleton -- we simply want to make sure adequate "green space" is allowed for in their planning.

We are concerned that you continue to support Valley Transit in light of its decreasing federal subsidies. The League of Women Voters promotes energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems because they improve the well-being of cities and afford better access to housing and jobs. We urge you to continue seeing the value for a good transit system to our community even as its reliance on local taxes increases.

We are concerned that line items on the budget consistently reflect their departments' programs and also correspond to the Capital Improvement Program as much as fiscally possible. Transfers of funds within a department to another line item should consistently be approved by the Finance Committee according to its rules. Neither the proposed budget nor the Capital

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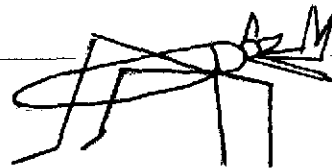
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**IT'S A HOLIDAY PESTICIDE  
PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 14, 1989  
7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Linda Bjella's home:  
3011 West Heritage  
(Grand Chute: Take OO to Bluemound;  
go north on Bluemound to Heritage)
- WHAT:** The event of the season!  
Come find out about Atrazine, Bladex,  
Counter, & Captan.  
Watch the Pesticide Players perform!  
Pick up the Lake Michigan Inter-League  
study materials for the January  
(9th and 10th) consensus units.  
Come prepared to relax and celebrate  
the holiday season with League friends.  
Sumptuous refreshments will be served.

**DON'T BUG OUT. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW.  
THIS EVENING SHOULD NOT TO BE MISSED.**