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80TH ANNIVERSARY
MAY 3, 2008
City Park Grill
1783 St. Johns Avenue

9:00 AM Business Meeting

12:00 Luncheon and Program

Nora Licata awardee,
Marjie Ettlinger

NINE,
by Jeffrey Toobin

Today's Supreme Court,
reviewed by Denise Philpott



Co-Presidents' Message

Co-Presidents' Letter March 10, 2008

Hello, everyone. Some women, it is said, do not wish to discuss their ages, but we do! This year the League of Women Voters of the United States celebrated its eighty-eighth year. According to the brochure for our League's fiftieth birthday, the Highland Park League was founded eighty years ago by a Ravinia reading group after a lecture by Congresswoman Emily Taft Douglas about women's civic responsibilities. The first meeting was held on March 30, 1928, at the Lincoln School. *It was one of the first Leagues in Illinois."* Did you know that in 1930 the League held its first *Candidates Meeting*? The League mission is the same as it was then although how we address ourselves, the use of email and our attire are decidedly different—we don't wear hats at our meetings! Look forward to a special invitation, as we celebrate our birthday on Saturday, May 3rd. Gain further insight into the events of our League at the morning meeting, and then enjoy a lovely lunch at the City Park Grill.

Continuing in the spirit of prior Leaguers, this past year the League was busy with myriad concerns. Among them were the following: working on Impact Aid to schools; preparing for the US consensus on Immigration; registering voters at the library and at the high school; co-sponsoring the Fifteenth Annual Women's History Luncheon; taking an active role in the Tenth District's Democratic Primary Forum and in the Tenth District's forthcoming fall Candidates Forum; meeting regularly with several local Leagues; attending State League events, such as the State of the State luncheon and the Issues Briefing presentation; Local and National Planning.

Note an aspect of the League credo: Become further informed! Actively participate in a lively exchange of ideas! Join us on Monday, April 7, for Consensus on this question: Does Illinois need a new constitution?

Your local League Board has the dedication and enthusiasm to impart details on spectacular issues facing our nation. As you go about your busy days, we want to assist you—with absorbing the news with which we are bombarded, by adding details in a nonpartisan manner, and by facilitating contact with your representatives.

Although you will continue to receive flyers when appropriate, your email address allows us to reach you in a timely, less expensive manner. Please give it to Membership Chair Nanci Blatt. We enjoy meeting you as we go about our "appointed rounds" in Highland Park and value your support and your viewpoints. What else can the League do for you? Be sure to tell us!

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Annual Meeting Material

BOARD RECOMMENDED PROGRAM 2008-2009

1. Retain all current local positions as edited.
2. Under existing Environmental Preservation and Parks and Recreation positions, undertake additional study with the goal of developing a comprehensive lakefront position with emphasis on recreational needs, environmental considerations, and economic impact as adopted by the 2007 Annual Meeting.

BOARD RECOMMENDED ACTION PRIORITIES

1. Ft. Sheridan/Schools: Monitor ongoing school issues with particular regard to impact aid status over the long term.
2. Facilities: Continue to monitor use of the Karger Center and the development of the proposed Highland Park Family Community Center.
3. Support and monitor implementation of the Highland Park Green Initiatives Alliance. (HPGIA).

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2008-2009 Proposed Slate for Board of Directors

Officers

- Co-Presidents: Elaine Adler (2009)
Lila Trotsky (2009)
- Vice Presidents: Nancie Blatt (2009)
Faye Grossman (2009)
- Treasurer: Charla Reinganum (2009)
- Secretary: Ginny Schulte (2009)

Directors

- Gail Feiger Brown (2009)
Rose Feder (2010)
Judy Johnston (2010)
Joyce Juron (2010)
Beverly Rosenstein (2010)
Margie Weiss (2009)
Sue Weiseneck (2010)

RECOMMENDED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

Article V, Sec. 5 Treasurer's Duties. "The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually and the report shall be published in the next Bulletin thereafter.

Article VI, Section 5 Financial Administration - Budget Revision. Any major revision of the budget shall be considered by the Board of Directors and, if such change is recommended, submitted to the membership. Two-thirds of those voting shall be needed to approve the revision.

Article IX, Sec. 3, Item E Local Program - Adoption procedures. ... "The Board must notify the members of the formation of the committee at least two months prior to a general membership meeting or a general membership communication, including e-mail and postal mail.

1. In the case of a general meeting, provided a quorum is present, the membership can adopt the new study by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.
2. In the case of a general communication, the membership can adopt the new study, provided that at least ten percent of the membership responds and two-thirds of those responding indicate approval of the new study.
3. Upon adoption of the study, the committee's subsequent report can be presented and the normal consensus or concurrence processes followed. If two study meetings are held, a quorum and two-thirds vote shall be determined by combining the results of the two meetings. If a general mailing is used, the same conditions outlined above shall be used to determine results.

Annual Meeting Material con't

LWVHP BUDGET	08 - 09	07 - 08		06 - 07	05 - 06
	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Projected Year End</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
INCOME ACCOUNTS					
300 Dues	6,960	6,210	6,890	6,820	7,630
310 Bulletin Ads/Business Campaign	1,750	1,500	1,500	1,830	3,070
311 General Fund Contrbs	0	350		1,068	50
312 Ed Fund	300	300	475	745	361
330 Ways and Means	2,180	1,450	835	1,095	2,493
340 Interest	440	450	403	575	280
350 Annual Meeting	1,205	1,000	1,000	820	1,035
390 From (To) Reserves	495	384	384		
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,330	\$11,644	\$11,487	\$12,953	\$14,918
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EXPENSE ACCOUNTS					
<i>General Administration</i>					
410 Board Tools and Expenses	170	300	294	0	564
430 Finance Drive	140	50		0	34
431 Membership	315	200	351	32	404
432 Member Book	10	0		357	0
<i>Bulletin Expense</i>					
440 Bulletin Supplies	35	0	234	276	
442 Bulletin Printing	208	1,100	1,375	1,244	1,392
443 Layout Designer	375				
444 Bulletin Postage	231	350	267	235	169
Bulletin Subtotal	877	1,450	1,876	1,755	1,560
<i>Office Expenses</i>					
450 Stationary	0	50		0	304
451 Other Bulk Postage	0	250	195	160	217
452 Telephone	0	0		(8)	432
453 Insurance	125	125	125	125	120
454 PO Box Rental	100	80	100	92	80
<i>Programs and Activities</i>					
510 Meeting Expenses	69	200	53	108	372
511 Annual Meeting	1,205	1,000	1,000	1,255	1,321
520 Study Committees	250	400	260	468	205
540 Voter Services	1,997	100		1,247	11
550 Action - General	0	100		0	13
<i>Conventions and Outside Meetings</i>					
610 National Convention	0	1,600	1,600	0	1,301
620 State Convention	1,300	0		910	0
630 State/Regional Meetings	429	150	150	166	105
<i>Per Member Payments</i>					
710 National PMP	2,996	2,773	2,712	3,047	3,134
720 State PMP	2,782	2,484	2,472	2,844	2,546
730 Lake County (etc) PMP	325	232	206	237	318
740 Other	0		25	25	25
<i>Income Tax</i>					
800 Income Tax Expenses	242	100	0	113	0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13,330	\$11,644	\$11,418	\$12,933	\$13,066
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NET INCOME (INC MINUS EXP)	(\$0)	\$0	\$68	\$21	\$1,852

NOTES:

- 300 Dues increased to \$65 for individual and \$100 for family.
- 330 Membership fundraisers and phonathon
- 432 No new Membership Book produced
- 440 Bulletin Costs based on combination of email and hard-copy distribution
- 540 Includes \$1,000 for production of Spring 2009 Voters Guide
- 710 Proposed increase to \$28 for individual
- 720 \$26 for individual

Local News

LWV TO SPONSOR CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMMING AT EARTH FESTIVAL

Members of the Natural Resources committee were successful in securing a national pass through grant that will allow our local chapter to sponsor climate change programming at the Highland Park Earth Festival on Saturday May 3rd.

In its continuing quest to engage communities in dialogues and to energize citizens around an important issue, the League of Women Voters of Highland Park has partnered with Oxfam of America to organize a series of activities on issues relating to climate change. This is a continuation of efforts the national group embarked upon in 2005 with *Women Engaging Globally* and then strengthened in 2006-2007 with *Millennium Development Goals*.

In this most recent effort, *The State of Climate Change*, the goal is to create a committed group of well informed citizens willing and ready to work on issues of climate change. To this end twelve \$850 grants were awarded to local groups prepared to hold a local event to support and promote dialogue and a diversity of opinions on the topic of climate change. In order to encourage creativity and innovation, the grant requirements allowed for a wide range of event types and formats.

Members of our local Natural Resources committee (with cooperation from a very flexible and supportive Executive Board) seized upon an opportunity to partner with Ravinia Neighbors Association and the

Park District of Highland Park to enhance programming at the Highland Park Earth Festival. By partnering with other groups (allowable under the terms of the grant) festival expenses and resources will be shared, allowing for a fuller presentation of sustainability issues at the community event and a wonderful demonstration of how cooperation between groups with common goals can lead to the most productive outcomes.

Programming through the League will include distribution of Oxfam's "Sisters on the Planet" package, including videos of women in poor countries affected by climate change and other related literature. In addition, members of the newly formed Festival Group are planning a "Pledge Wall" encouraging Highland Park residents to make a formal and intentional commitment to choosing lifestyle options that aid in the fight against global warming. The Festival Group is being led by Peggy Malecki Irwin, Charla Reinganum and Amy Lohmolder Davies. Those who are interested in contributing in the effort should contact Peggy at 847-780-4747.

Unfortunately, the May 3rd date presents a conflict for those committed to the annual meeting and luncheon. However, it is hoped that visibility at this community event will help attract membership to the League by those interested in green initiatives. The festival will run from 11:00 to 3:00 on May 3rd. Those attending the luncheon are encouraged to stop by afterwards, view the "Pledge Wall" – and by all means, add your name!

WANTED: ARCHIVE MATERIAL

Have you started your spring cleaning or searched your attic, basement or files lately? Linda Kellough, Debbie Brown, Lila Trotsky and your Co-Presidents are reviewing artifacts that were stored at Beverly Rosenstein's house. What we have is so interesting, but it seems to us that many items are missing. We want more!

We wonder if any of you have something you could share with us, for example, Handbooks/Directories from your multi-generational League family that we don't have prior to 1952 and many of those published after 1980. Relevant documents, photos, and newspaper articles would be super also. Since this is a special anniversary year, we would like to update and better preserve our archives. Contact us for pickup, or meet us for coffee.

Rose and Elaine

Local News

MEMBERS SUPPORT BULLETIN CHANGES

An overwhelming majority, 68%, of members who responded to the recent internal survey about the Bulletin prefer to receive it by email rather than postal mail. Less than 20% of the respondents want to continue receiving the Bulletin by postal mail.

Once again our members showed they want to participate in decisions that affect them; an overwhelming 65% of our members responded to the survey! Our Bulletin also is well-read; 72% of the respondents regularly read it.

Based on the results of this survey, the Board of Directors has decided to launch a mixed distribution of the Bulletin during our next fiscal year. To meet the needs of all our members, those who prefer postal distribution will continue to receive the Bulletin in this format. Members receiving the Bulletin via email will help reduce paper use and significantly lower printing and postage costs, enabling us to allocate resources for other important programs. In addition, a hard-copy upcoming events calendar postcard will also be distributed to address a frequent request from those favoring email.

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

The 15th annual luncheon commemorating Women's History Month was held on March 8th, at the Highland Park Country Club. We were honored to have as our guest speaker Tammy Duckworth, Director, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. There were over one hundred attendees who had the opportunity to hear Tammy Duckworth's comments on women in the military, a partial summary of which follows.

More women than in previous conflicts are in the military owing to the fact that greater than fifty percent of all military on active duty are reservists and national guardsmen and a greater percentage of these groups are women as opposed to women in the regular service. They serve in combat positions, such as Tammy Duckworth did co-piloting a Blackhawk helicopter that was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade in November 2004, causing the loss of both her legs and the use of one arm. Other more traditional women's roles, such as drivers, medics, and searchers of female suspects are not recognized as combat positions, but in modern warfare there is no front line and the entire area is a combat zone. This is an outmoded view that she would like to see remedied so that combat-related benefits would be available to all who in reality deserve them.

It was made clear that the Illinois Veterans' Administration needs additional funds to serve all veterans throughout their lives including, of course, females. At this time, veterans' hospitals are not equipped as thoroughly to care for women as they are for men. However many veterans, both male and female, have similar problems of traumatic stress syndrome and head injuries that, if not given adequate attention, that may lead to self-medication, homelessness and, in turn, the inevitable expense of criminal justice services.

It was very obvious that Tammy Duckworth, a real hero and survivor, has the passion for and the understanding of her position as Illinois Director of Veterans' Affairs. We appreciated her taking the time from her busy schedule to speak with us.

Welcome to new member

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Local News

JOIN IN THIS CELEBRATION OF LAKE MICHIGAN

Artist Matt Dehaemers is calling on the public to deliver 6,000 messages over the next month to be included in his new public art piece at the Evanston Art Center. It is called, "The Nereid Beckon" and will be installed as the 2008 Sculpture on the front lawn of the Evanston Art Center at 2603 Sheridan Road in late May, with an opening celebration for the public on June 1.

The site specific sculpture will feature huge bottle shapes that appear to float on the lawn. They are directed toward the historic Grosse Point Lighthouse as if seeking safe haven. These 16 foot long ship-like bottles are made up of smaller component bottles, each containing messages. This is where YOU can come in! The message in a bottle theme enlists LAKE SUPPORTERS to write brief messages which express feelings about Lake Michigan. Messages may express hopes, reverence or fears about the life of the lake. They may reflect historical or personal experiences. Any form that will fit in a 4" x 6" area, including poetry, art or musical notation is welcome.

Please join in this celebration of life on Lake Michigan. Submissions: March 15 to April 22. You may send your message by email by linking to www.messageinabottle@evanstonartcenter.org or to Chai Curley, 2603 Colfax, Evanston, IL 60201, email – Xabela@sbcglobal.net.

LWV MODERATOR TRAINING!

YOU can learn to be a League of Women Voters Moderator!

Moderating forums is one of the most important educational services the LWV offers. If you are interested in becoming a forum Moderator, Timer, or Audience-Questions Reviewer, or simply wish to learn more about the LWV moderating process, please join us for this training session.

Date:	Sunday, May 4, 2008
Time:	2:00-5:00 PM
Sponsor:	League of Women Voters of Illinois
Hosts:	League of Women Voters of Evanston
Cost:	A \$5 donation at the door will help cover the cost of refreshments.
Presenter:	Expert Moderator Diane Lloyd. Materials will be provided.
Place:	King Home, 1555 Oak Avenue, Evanston Northeast corner of Oak and Grove, 1 block east of Ridge, 1 block south of Davis, 1 block north of Lake Street.
Parking:	Convenient from public transportation; handicap-accessible Parking lot east of the King Home

CON CON AYE or NAY

Is There a Need for an Illinois Constitutional Convention?

On Monday, April 7th, at 10:00 am, Highland Park Leaguers will join with League members from Evanston, Glencoe, and Glenview to discuss the question: **Should there be a constitutional convention?**

The consensus meeting will take place at the Glenview Police Station. Such joint ventures heighten interest and participation, but we have to be willing to share locales. Remember, our last joint activity, the Women's History Month Luncheon, was held in Highland Park. Please do not hesitate to request a ride to Glenview by emailing rose.feder@comcast.net or by calling 847-432-4732.

The Glenview Police Station is located at Lake & Shermer Road just west of Patriot Blvd. in the Glen. The parking lot is off Shermer Road.

To provide some background on the topic, there will be a video shown of the Con Con presentation given at the LWVIL Issues Briefing on February 23rd. You also are urged to review in advance material available to you in the following references that give historical perspective and identify issues to be considered:

- One-page article "Should There Be a Constitutional Convention?" in the February/March 2008, LWV of Highland Park Bulletin, page 5, State & Regional News, in previously mailed copy or at the LWVHP website, www.lwvhp.org.
- LWVIL Con Con study guide at LWVIL website, www.lwvil.org.
- Copy of the 1970 Illinois Constitution at Illinois General Assembly's website, www.ilga.gov.

This promises to be an informative and interesting meeting. What we decide now may have a long-term effect on Illinois government. Do come!

Local News

GREAT LAKES DAYS

More than 250 Great Lakes advocates, including leaguers Peggy Irwin and Judy Johnston from Highland Park and Robbyn McFadden, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, converged on Washington, DC, calling on members of Congress to urge passage of key legislation to protect and restore the Lakes. The event was hosted by the Healing Our Waters Coalition (HOW), in partnership with the Great Lakes Commission.

On Wednesday evening the HOW Coalition co-hosted a reception with the Canadian Embassy where speakers included Senators Voinovich and Klobuchar

and Rep. Ehlers from Michigan. The coalition also participated in a press conference with the Great Lakes Mayors and the Great Lakes Commission, who released a report detailing a \$15 billion dollar annual investment in restoration activities by local governments in the region and calling on Congress to do their share to clean up the Lakes.

We met with Illinois Senator Richard Durbin, Representatives Mark Kirk and Melissa Bean, and other legislators from the Chicago region. All agree with and support the need for increased Great Lakes funding. Finding it is another matter.

EARTH DAY CHALLENGE

For Earth Day 2008, US EPA challenges residents and communities around the Great Lakes to collect and recycle electronic waste and to properly dispose of unwanted medicines.

Electronic waste includes all those old or broken TVs, cell phones, computer components and similar gadgets that are part of our lives. E-waste contains possibly hazardous materials that can harm human health and the Great Lakes environment if disposed of improperly. In 2005 we discarded an estimated 2 million tons of TVs, computers and other electronic gear. Proper disposal and recycling are necessary to avoid unwanted pollution. When we reuse or recycle e-waste properly, we recover materials for re-use, save energy and reduce the environmental costs of raw material extraction and processing.

Traces of medicines have been found in streams and the Great Lakes where we get our drinking water and have also been detected near wastewater treatment outflows. Some of these medicines can lead to reproductive and developmental problems in fish and other animals. We often treat leftover medicine as a common household waste. More than half of people surveyed throw their unused medicines in the trash while a third flush them down the drain. In both cases, the medicines have the potential to be released into our rivers and lakes.

US EPA is issuing this Earth Day Challenge to residents, businesses and community organizations throughout the Great Lakes basin to plan or participate in collection events of e-waste or unwanted medicines during Earth Week April 19 – 27. This is a chance to see how much we can accomplish together. The Challenge is to collect a million pounds of e-waste for proper management and a million pills of unwanted medicines for responsible disposal during Earth Week.

If you have any questions, check out the Earth Day Challenge web site: www.epa.gov/greatlakes/earthday2008 or call the toll-free Hotline at 866-575-8543.

April

- 7 Con Con Consensus 10:00 am
Glenview Police Station
Lake & Shermer Rds., The Glen
- 9 LWVHP Board Meeting - Barbara O'Connell - 7:00 pm
- 19-27 Earth Week – Great Lakes Challenge

May

- 3 80th Celebration and Annual Meeting - 9:00 am - City Park Grill
(Invitation will be mailed.)
- 3 Earth Day at Ravinia – 11:00 -3:00 - Ravinia Train Station
(The conflict with our 80th Celebratory Meeting was unfortunately unavoidable.)
- 4 Moderator training – 2:00 pm - Call Melinda Dworkin, 847-475-4849
- 20 Voter registration at HP High School – Lunch times

June

- 11 Board Meeting- Sue Weiseneck – 7:00 pm
- 13-17 LWVUS 48th National Convention – Portland, OR