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OF THE PALATINE AREA

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April/May 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Marilyn Morel

Happy Spring, Leaguers,

As you are aware, we've been quite busy in the past month. Thanks to Sue Spengler with help from Marg Duer and Renee Gladstone, the League held two candidates' nights, one on March 19th and the other on April 2nd. All the candidates involved were both grateful and complimentary to the League for putting on these events.

Also, thank you to Rosemary Shellander and Lynn Rymarz for organizing the book discussion on *Ladies of Liberty* which was held on March 21st. I was amazed at how much of an impact the first ladies, their relatives, and friends had on the course of government.

As we are approaching the time of the annual meeting (June 4), we are going to be asking for input from the membership on the budget, nominations, and pro-

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LWV PALATINE AREA CALENDAR

Apr. 16	LWV of Cook County Tour of the detention center & Chicago Public School,
Apr. 18	Call to Action Healthcare For America Now
May 7	Board Meeting @ Ritzy's Restaurant, 6:00 pm
June 4	LWVPA Annual Dinner LaMirage Restaurant 6:30 pm

PLEASE VISIT LWVIL WEBSITE LOCAL LEAGUE EVENTS:
http://www.lwvil.org/League_events/

VOTERS' SERVICE FOR SPRING ELECTIONS 2009

Our League was able to put together two successful forums this spring with the help of many, many League members. The March 19th forum at Altergott Auditorium was well-attended and received. Less well attended, our April 2nd forum for the Township, still succeeded in drawing out all the candidates and others for both an informative and social event.

Those League members who made the March 19th forum a great success are: **Barb Knoff** who greeted and helped to monitor the Social Science Club of Palatine High School as their sponsor, **Anita Lee** was at a meeting; **Renee Gladstone** and **Marilyn Morel** who manned the registration and drawing table ;**Rosemary**

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Jennifer Rogers

Dear LWVPA Member,

Please help us to form the LWVPA Program for 2009-2010 by filling out the program planning response form enclosed in your Voter. The positions in brief are on page 8 for your reference with the response form on page 9.

Return the form to Jennifer Rogers at 140 W. Wood St. #233, Palatine, IL 60067 or via e-mail to parkiegirl28@yahoo.com by April 24, 2009.

Thank you for your help with the planning for the League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area and for helping democracy work.

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gram/positions. In this issue of The Voter, you will find the proposed budget and slate of officers and directors for next year. You also will find our program/positions and a check sheet asking you to decide whether each needs to be retained, restudied, or dropped. This method of evaluation is the same as that of the state League. Discussion on any of these issues can be directed to me at mfmorel@comcast.net or can take place at the annual meeting.

There will not be another issue of The Voter before the annual meeting. You will be receiving by separate mail the announcement of the dinner, the menu, and your League membership renewal form. Please consider renewing as soon as possible. We may not have a Presidential election to occupy our registration efforts, but we do have an extremely important race in Illinois for November 2010. I think there will be some engaging primary events before then, and the LWVPA will want to participate in any way we can.

I hope you will give everything in The Voter and in the separate mailing your careful consideration.

Your President, Marilyn Morel

Treasurer's Report

Beg. Balance	\$989.68
Income	\$.12
Total:	\$989.80
Expenses	\$157.47
Ending Balance	\$832.33
Bequest Account	\$613.48
Educational Fund	\$466.50
CD Acct.	\$5122.58

***Respectfully submitted by Eileen Schutte.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PALATINE AREA
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2009 - 2010**

Committee members:
Rosemary Shellander, Renee Horlock, & Helen Pawasarat

OFFICERS

President: Marilyn Morel

Vice President: Marg Duer

Secretary: Jennifer Rogers

Treasurer: Eileen Schutte

DIRECTORS

**Renee Horlock
Kathy Callahan**

Programs

**Helen Pawasarat
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Eileen Schutte

Voter Service

**Sue Spengler
Renee Gladstone**

(Continued from page 1) Voters' Service Thank you cont.

Shellander and Marilyn Morel who timed; Helen Pawasarat and Betsy Glorch who reviewed the questions; Renee Gladstone and Marg Duer who helped with stage set up; and Marg Duer who also helped write and print invitations and rules, and designed, duplicated and folded the programs for the audience.

For the Township Forum on April 2nd, Renee Horlock and Jennifer Rogers greeted and ushered. Rosemary Shellander and Jennifer Rogers timed. Betsy Glorch and Helen Pawasarat manned the registration table and the drawing for speaking order. Renee Gladstone and Marg Duer helped with set up. Renee Gladstone and Eileen Schutte helped with program design and duplication. Marg Duer again helped write and print the letters of invitation and rules, provided the tents identifying candidates-- and Marg made the coffee. Finally, Marilyn Morel from Schaumburg Township moderated.

THANKS TO ALL THE LEAGUE MEMBERS FOR HELPING TO ORGANIZE THE FORUMS WHICH INFORMED AND EDUCATED THE VOTERS FOR THE SPRING ELECTION.

Susan Spengler, Voters' Service

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE PALATINE AREA

Proposed Budget FY 2010 (7/1/09-6/30/10)

INCOME	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	
	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010	
<u>Membership Dues</u>				
33 members at \$55	\$2,280	\$2010.00	33 Members @ \$70.00	\$2310.00
3 members at \$35	\$60	\$60	3 Members @ \$35.00	\$105.00
<u>Subtotal:</u>	\$2,340	\$2,070		\$2415.00
<u>Contributions</u>				
Members Donation	\$350	\$295		\$150.00
Finance Drive	\$350	\$250		\$125.00
Educational Fund: Members		\$320		\$300.00
Educational Fund: Sponsors		\$400		\$400.00
<u>Subtotal:</u>	\$700	\$1265		\$975.00
<u>Other Sources</u>				
Annual Meeting	\$500	\$480		\$600.00
Bank & CD Interest	\$150	\$133		\$120.00
Bequested Fund Transfer	\$500	\$0	Transfer Funds: Convention, Programs	\$500.00
Nuts Sales/Product Sales	\$0	\$146	Sold Donated Pins, Cups	
Veterans Luncheon	\$0	\$1030		
Misc. Grant	\$0	\$41		
<u>Subtotal:</u>	\$1,250	\$1830		\$1220.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,290	\$5165.		\$4610.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE PALATINE AREA

Proposed Budget FY 2010 (7/1/09-6/30/10)

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Proposed	Comments
	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010	
<u>Operating Costs</u>				
Liability Insurance	\$80.00	\$80.00	80.00	
Post Office Box	\$36.00	\$38.00	38.00	
Publications	\$0.00		35.00	
Website	\$35.00	\$31.00	35.00	
Total Operating Expenses:	\$151.00	\$149.00	\$188.00	
<u>Board and Admin. Committees</u>				
Fundraising				
Finance Drive				
Copying	\$0.00		0	In Kind Donated: \$4.00
Postage	\$0.00		0	In Kind Donated: \$17.00
Membership				
Handbook	\$75.00		\$110.00	Directory/ Handbook
Postage	\$10.00		0	<i>Hand Out Only</i>
Publicity	\$85.00		\$100.00	
Program Committee				
Annual Dinner	\$500.00	\$297.32	\$391.00	
Luncheon Veterans	\$0.00	\$1075.01	0	
Other Programs	\$0.00	\$494.00	\$500.00	Speaker/other costs
Salad Luncheon	\$0.00		\$100.00	
Total Board & Administration Committees Costs	\$670.00	\$1866.33	\$1201.00	
<u>Conventions and Meetings</u>				
National	\$0.00		500.00	
Illinois	\$500.00		0	
Cook County	\$105.00		105.00	
Lobby Day	\$0.00		0	
Workshops (Issues Breakfast)	\$90.00		0	
Total Conventions & Meetings Costs	\$695.00	\$0	\$605.00	

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Proposed Budget FY 2010 (7/1/09-6/30/10)

EXPENSES Continued	Budget	Actual	Proposed
	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010
<u>Financial Support</u>			
LWVUS @ \$26.80—new \$29.20	\$1,045.00	1388.60	1007.00*
LWVIL @ \$26.00	\$1,048.00	1014.00	897.00*
LWVCC @ \$4.50	\$198.00	175.50	162.00
Lake Michigan InterLeague	\$25.00	25.00	25.00
Total Financial Support	\$2,316.00	\$2603.10	\$2091.00
<u>Voter Newsletter</u>			
Postage	\$175.00	134.36	175.00
Printing	\$250.00	222.16	250.00
Total Voter (Newsletter)	\$425.00	\$356.52	\$425.00
<u>Educational Activities</u>			
Voter Service	\$33.00	83.80	0
Misc. Education	\$0.00	0	100.00
Total Education Activities	\$33.00	83.80	100.00
Subtotal:	\$2774.00	\$3043.42	\$2616.00
Total from page 6 carried over:	\$1516.00	\$2015.33	\$1994.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$4,290</u>	<u>\$5058.75</u>	<u>\$4610.00</u>

**Adjusted for household and student membership which is charged at half the normal membership rate.*

LWVPA LOCAL PROGRAM

Position: Senior Citizens

Position in brief: Support of local services for senior citizens and the permanent location of their organization under local governmental body. Support of low income housing for the elderly. Continue to monitor efforts to improve services for all seniors in the areas of the LWVPA.

Position: Financing for Public Education within the areas of the LWVPA

Position in brief: Support criteria to evaluate bond issues or tax increases. (Criteria are) opportunity for citizen input; demonstrated need with full documentation of accurate facts and figures; long-term planning with income, expenses, and effect on reserves; implementation of cost-effective measures and coordination with other units of government.

Position: Day Care

Position in brief: Support of the Community Child Care Center of Palatine Township (CCCC) in their permanent location; upgrading the quality of after-school and before-school day care within the areas of the LWVPA.

Position: Land Use

Position in brief: Support of a master plan for communities, both individually and collectively, in the areas of the LWVPA.

Position: Social Service Needs

Position in brief: Support of improved administration and funding of social services in the areas of the LWVPA.

Position: Housing

Position in brief: Support of low and moderate income housing, group homes and shared housing in the areas of the LWVPA.

Position: Library District

Position in brief: All citizens of the areas of the LWVPA should have the advantage of belonging to a library district. Non-resident fees should be based on a property tax ratio to make it equitable with library district residents.

Position: Palatine District Trustees**Position in brief:**

Continue to monitor trustee accountability, citizen involvement, and determination of district boundaries.

In 1986 the LWVPA studied the district system of electing Palatine village trustees. At that time members felt that not enough time had elapsed to determine if accountability had been enhanced or citizen involvement increased as a result of the district system. However, members did determine that districting is not appropriate for Palatine. This position was suspended in 2007 until further study could be done. No action has been taken since.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE PALATINE AREA PROGRAM PLANNING RESPONSE FORM 2009-2010

RETURN DEADLINE: APRIL 24, 2009

TO: JENNIFER ROGERS, 140 W. WOOD ST. #233, PALATINE, IL 60067 OR PARKIEGIRL28@YAHOO.COM

PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN, RESTUDY/UPDATE, OR DROP THE PROGRAMS AS OUTLINED BELOW. SEE LWVPA PROGRAM 2009 FOR A MORE INDEPTH DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM ISSUES.

IF YOU PICK RESTUDY/UPDATE, PLEASE ELABORATE BELOW.

Program Issue	Retain	Restudy/Update- <i>if checked, elaborate below</i>	Drop
Senior Citizens			
Financing for Public Education within the areas of the LWVPA			
Day Care			
Land Use			
Social Service Needs			
Housing			
Library District			
Palatine District Trustees			

Restudy/Update: Please elaborate on which position or positions you would like to be restudied (be specific as to all or which part of the position). What is the rationale for your recommendation and what commitment and resources do you have available to restudy the position?

Name: _____

Contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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