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THE MAINE VOTER

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Mar. '85

Proposed State Board 85-86

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THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING

The East German Army has turned on the Soviet occupation force in the middle of a routine war game. Without notice to NATO, the West German forces cross the border to join the fighting. A West German general, commander of the United German Army, calls on the United States Seventh Army for support.

You are President of the United States. Do you attack east-ward, withholding nuclear weapons; stay in the barracks; hit first with tactical nuclear weapons; or destroy the Soviet Union immediately?

This is one of the situations to be presented in a decision-making computer simulation on avoiding nuclear war. The simulation is being developed by the LWVME for use in high schools in the 85-86 year. The Maine League has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from LWVUS Education Fund to develop the program.

The simulation, "War, Holocaust or Peace- You Decide," will allow groups to portray American or Soviet leaders. Buffeted by messages from military, intelligence and other sources, they will be forced to make critical decisions under time pressure.

The computer program and accompanying study guide are being created by Persis Hope, League member from Turner, and Grant Reynolds. It is to be tested at Falmouth High School this spring and will be available for LWVME members to try at Samoset Convention in May.

don't miss it!



CONVENTION 85

The 1985 State Convention will be held at the Samoset Resort in Rockland May 3-5. Plan to attend and reap the benefits of a weekend at a beautiful resort hotel on Maine's Penobscot Bay and an exciting learning experience.

There will be workshops, interesting speakers, the unveiling of our new computer simulation "War, Holocaust or Peace," and guests from the National Board.

On Friday, May 3, the State Board will meet from 3-5pm. All LWV members are welcome to attend that meeting and spend the night at the Samoset. The convention session will begin on Saturday, May 4th, at 8:30am. Registration is at 7:30 am. Activities will continue all day including a banquet in the evening. On Sunday, the 5th, the day will begin with a Recognition Breakfast and conclude the session at 3 pm.

Campaign Finance

These are questions which may be used for the Campaign Finance Study.

1. Are the present laws of ME regarding the reporting of camp. financing relevant and adequate?
2. What is the extent of compliance by candidates PAC's, and lobbyists?
3. What is the process for monitoring and enforcing compliance?
4. Are the resources and personnel adequate?
5. How could this process be improved?
6. What is the job description for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices members and staff?
7. How are "in kind" services reported?
8. Does the Commission maintain relevant records which are accessible to the public?

Further info- Alvin Moss
Additional materials:
Campaign Finance and Ballot Question Reform- Report of a Study by the Joint Standing Committee On Election Laws to the 111th Legislature, Mar. 1984.
LWVUS National VOTER, Fall 1984.
Facts On PAC's, LWVUS pub.#297.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Underlined sections indicate change (addition).

Article V, Sec.1 The Board of the Directors of the League shall consist of the officers, six elected directors and the presidents of the local Leagues and Chairpersons of the Member-at-Large Units, and not more than six appointed Directors.

Article V, Sec.7 Quorum: A majority of the members of the Board of Directors, not including the local League Presidents or Chairpersons of the Member-at Large Units, shall constitute a quorum.

Women's Issues

As a member of the Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition, LWVME supports the following legislation slated for the current session of the Legislature.

1. AFDC Funding. 10% increase.
2. Child Care. Two bills concerned with coordination of services and after school programs.
3. WEET Program Increase in funding.
4. Displaced Homemakers. Increase in funding and programs.
5. Pay Equity. Comparable worth as negotiable item for state employees.
6. Complaint Confidentiality of Human Rights Commission.
7. Compliance Officer. For HRC to promote understanding of ME Human Rights Act.
8. Apprenticeship Age Limits. Remove max. age for apprenticeship programs.
9. Rape Law Reform. Eliminate spousal and voluntary social companion exemption from current ME law.
10. Domestic Abuse. Maintain current funding.
11. Abortion Funding. Medicaid funding in cases of rape and/or incest.
12. ME Commission for Women. 5% increase in funding.

WLAC will oppose bills to require the presence of two physicians during abortions performed after "viability."

For more info contact Judy Harrison, 942-1545.

LWV Citizens Day at the Legislature

Ever wonder what your legislator does all day long in Augusta? Well, here is your chance not only to find out what they do, but exactly when and where they do it! Come to Citizen's Day at the Legislature Thursday, March 14, and see up close and in person just how your legislator operates.

Registration for the League-sponsored program will be held at 9am on the third floor of the Statehouse. At 9:30 Speaker of the House John Martin and Senate President Charles Pray will discuss the morning's agenda for their legislative bodies. At 10am participants will attend the legislative session.

House Majority Leader, John Diamond and Thomas Murphy, House Minority Leader, will discuss bills of particular interest to the League in afternoon hearings following the session. League members are encouraged to take their legislators to lunch following this discussion.

Legislative hearings will begin at 1:30 as will the LWV tour of the Statehouse and State Office Building. Highlights include visits with Sec. of State Rodney Quinn, Gov. Joseph Brennan and State Attny General James Tierney, who will host a reception in his office gallery concluding the tour.

Cost for registration will be \$3 for LWV members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration is not required.

Be sure to mark March 14 on your calendar, make a lunch date with your legislator and BRING A FRIEND!





- * \$25 Gift Certificate
- * 2 tickets for a performance
- * MAINE popatoes, blueberries

Blaine House, Augusta. Jan.9

If you missed this event you may have missed the social highlight of the year- League-speaking, that is! As you see here it was well attended by both LWV members, Legislators and State Officials. The weather cooperated, the timing was right and everyone felt it was a worth-while, successful afternoon. Alice Johnson who arranged the function deserves our praise and many thanks.



*pictures by
Jo Bancroft*



LWVME PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86

EXPENSES

	84-85 Budget	Spent to date	85-86 Proposed
A. Operating Costs	\$ 1670.	\$ 448.89	\$ 1680.
1. Supplies	200.	90.92	200.
2. Postage	100.	5.68	100.
3. Travel to L.L.	200.	29.35	200.
4. Travel to Board Mtgs.	1100.	257.72	1100.
5. Financial Charges	70.	61.38	80.
B. Board Administration	3840.	1656.86	3900.
1. President	2000.	948.47	2000.
2. Vice President/Membership	300.	93.41	300.
3. Secretary	300.	58.81	200.
4. Treasurer	60	20.50	50
5. Finance/Fundraising			
6. Public Relations			
7. Nominating Committee			
8. Budget, Bylaws, Policy Committee			
9. Board tools/Workshops	150.	212.34	200.
C. Delegate	2920.	944.24	6788.
1. State Convention/Council	320.	223.50	5638.
2. National Convention/Council	2000.	589.99	1000.
3. Regional organization	200.		200.
4. Workshops/Conferences	150.	50.00	150.
D. Affiliations	750.	655.	
1. National PMP	650.	643.50	650.
2. Other	100.	12.	100.
E. State VOTER	800.	903.47	1000.
F. Education	5,000 1000.		6550.
1. Waste Management/LLW	200.		1000.
2. Farmland	200.		200.
3. Energy	200.	46.17	200.
4. Campaign Finance	200.		300.
5. Social Policy/Election	200.		350.
6. National	500.	851.49	1000.
7. Voters Service	1000.	1663.97	500.
8. Publications	2500.	1288.00	3000.
G. Position Support	1350.	2368.81	2750.
1. Government	1300.	2368.81	300. 850.
2. Social Policy / Action Alerts			450. 350.
3. Natural Resources			1400.
4. Campaign Finance Legislative Reception			400. 300.
5. Voters Service			200.
	\$ 16,330	10,916.13	22,418.

MAINE A GREAT EXPERIENCE

We are back again with this fun and exciting fundraising project. This year it is going to be bigger and better! We have many exciting prizes which include:

- * Weekend for two at Sugarloaf Inn.
- * Whitewater Rafting for two on the Kennebec or Penobscot.
- * Season Pass on Longfellow Cruises in Casco Bay.
- * Weekend for two at the Northern Pines Health Resort.
- * Tickets to Portland Symphony Summer Concert.
- * Dance course at Ram Island Dance Company.
- * Subscription to DOWN EAST MAGAZINE.
- * \$25 Gift Certificate at the Snow Squall Restaurant, S.Portland.
- * 2 tickets for a performance by Portland Stage Company.
- * MAINE popatoes, blueberries, sardines, lobsters.

The way you get in on the fun is to buy/sell tickets! You will receive your tickets by mail in mid-March. They will be \$1 each or 12 for \$10. This year prizes will be awarded to persons selling the most tickets.

- * \$50 Gift Certificate from G.M. Pollacks to the one selling the most.
- * A FREE League membership for 1985-86 to the one selling the most tickets in each local League and MAL Unit. Minimum of 30 .

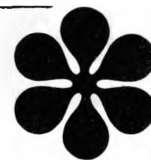
Every LWV member will receive 24 tickets, more may be obtained from local Presidents. All tickets sold are to be returned to Penny- 325 Garland St. Bangor.04401.

LWVME PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86

INCOME

		84-85 Budget	Income to date Proposed	85-86
Balance, end of fiscal year	1500.	\$ 3500.	\$	\$ 15,000.
Local League support	2085.	2022.	1747.14	2,220.
MAL dues	1,000.	1200.	790.	1,000.
Contributions	1250.	550.	2936.	1,000.
Publications sales	2,000.	950.	2667.68	3,000.
Interest	120.	120.	46.38	120.
Fund raising	1,975.	2000.	474.	6,904.
Projects and programs	300.	1700.	2375.	500.
State Convention/Council	0	5400.	81.55	4,074.
LWVUS Education Fund		3000.	1500.	1,000.
In/out funds		100.		100.
LWVUS Grants				1000.
Total income		16,330.	14,590.54	22,418.

PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM
1985 - 1987



GOVERNMENT:

State: A continuing responsibility - to achieve reform of Maine's legislature.

Election Process: Continued evaluation of campaign financing to enable candidates to compete more equitably for state offices

County: A continuing responsibility - to achieve reform of county government

Citizens Rights: To monitor and act on legislation consistent with the national position on reproductive rights

SOCIAL POLICY:

Equal Rights: Continued action to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA

*Comparable Worth: Action to achieve comparable worth

*Child Care: Action to assure the availability of quality child care

Educational Finance: Continuing responsibility: to pursue equal educational opportunity, adequate and relatively equal funds must be available on a per pupil basis in every school district

NATURAL RESOURCES:

Air/Water/Pesticides: Action to promote wise use and prevent degradation of water, and air resources in Maine

Waste Management: Action to ensure the safe treatment, storage, and disposal of all wastes (lowlevel radioactive, high level, solid, hazardous)

Land: Continued support for comprehensive land use planning in Maine

Energy: Action to promote conservation by reducing waste in transportation, residences, commerce, and industry. Action to develop renewable resources for power production in Maine: clean, decentralized, and native.

Farmland: Action to promote policies that preserve farmland and make farming economically and environmentally feasible

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

#National Security: Action to promote use of computer program developed to teach decision making on avoiding nuclear war

* New program item

#To be voted on at March 27th board meeting

NOT RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

1. Monitor Absentee Balloting
2. Update on educational finance position

These are not recommended because of limited people to do research, limited financial support and/or lack of known leadership.

Continuing responsibility means we are not recommending to drop position but we are not recommending action on those items.



MAKE YOUR MARK ON POLITICS
Join the League of Women Voters

CONVENTION '85 Registration

REGISTRATION FEE.....\$15. Anyone attending any portion of the convention must pay this fee.

Overnight on May 3.....\$55. single occupancy
\$64. double occupancy (\$32. per person)

Package for May 4-5.....\$95. single occupancy
\$69. per person double occupancy.

This package includes:
-Lodging for one night- May 4.
-Saturday lunch and banquet dinner.
-Sunday Recognition Buffet Breckfast.
-Saturday and Sunday morning coffee.
-All taxes and gratuities.

If you are not staying overnight you may make reservations for any of the planned meals.

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Indicate accommodations you wish to reserve and return this form to Joan VanRheenen, 6 Mayo Street, Orono 04473, Phone 866-4383 (home) or 866-5594 (work) by March 16.

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RESORT

___ Overnight, Fri. May 3. ___ Single
___ Double Roommate _____

___ Package Plan, May 4-5. ___ Single
___ Double Roommate _____

___ Meal Reservations. Indicate which meals _____

Name _____ League _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Registration fee of \$15 must accompany this form. Make check
Payable to the LWVME.



Payment for any of the accommodations reserved above are to be made at the LWV check-in table at convention. The hotel requires that individual cancellations be received 72 hours prior to arrival date. After that deadline the LWV will be billed and you will be required to make payment.

MEMBERSHIP

League strength is in our members and their abilities. How can we increase the number of LWV members and make more effective use of their talents? Let's each do the following:

1. Encourage our husband (or wife) to join! (also our children 18 and older) We can double our effectiveness!
2. Encourage your Senator and Representatives to join your League. Ask your Mayor, Councilors, Selectmen, School Committee members, or other officials. (League benefits each of them too!)
3. Invite a friend, neighbor or relative to a League event. Personal invitation makes a difference. Offer a ride!

4. Put a League Membership Application in your local newspaper. Include name and phone for information.
5. USE the talents of your members, especially new members. Each has joined because she/he believes LWV is important. Value their time. Focus on special talents and willingness.
6. The LWV celebrated our 65th birthday on February 14, proving effectiveness through the years while addressing the most vital issues TODAY!
7. Be proud to be a Member of the League of Women Voters. Be ready to tell someone ONE reason you are glad to be a member.

Marlee Coughlan

Women's History Week

Women's History Week will be celebrated throughout the nation as well as in Maine March 3-9. The University of Maine at Augusta and Orono and the University of Southern Maine will hold special events throughout the week. The LWV will participate in the Women's Information Exchange from 10am to 3pm Saturday, March 9 at UMA. Volunteers are needed to staff the table and sell League publications at the event. To volunteer call Penny Harris, 947-4737.

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NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL CONF.

March 23-24 Tufts University.
Speakers:

Sen. George Mitchell, ME
Gov. Madeline Kunin, VT
Michael Deland, Regional
Director EPA
S. Jacob Scherr, Attny Nat.
Resources Defence Council.
Brock Evans, Nat'l Audubon S.

Workshops: Wetlands, Haz, Waste,
Acid Rain, more.

Registration: \$15 by Mar. 15

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