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THE VOTER

Vol. 4 No. 3

The League of Women Voters of Maine

Spring 1987

FINAL CALL

COME to State Convention in Northeast Harbor, at Kimball Terrace Inn the week-end of May 3rd. ENJOY comraderie, CONTRIBUTE your ideas, GUIDE the direction the League will take. BRING your family or friends...or COME on your own...COME join the fun!

LEARN TIPS on how to lobby effectively from lively Jennifer Vassilov of LWVUS. GAIN new inspiration in fund raising (development!) from our own Penny Harris now on the National League Board.

EXPLORE Mount Desert Island on the Bus Tour planned by the MDI League.

ENJOY quiet tête-à-têtes as well as spirited group discussions and questions. COME as a Delegate from your Local League or M-A-L delegation...or come to listen or speak or be part of a community of wonderful people, in our biennial celebration - the community of the League of Women (and men) Voters!

Marlee



Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool
3 Golf Courses nearby.
Bring the family!!



L.W.V. OF MAINE STATE CONVENTION 1987

WHO? All members of LWV in Maine, your guests and friends

WHEN? May 1-3 1987
Plenary sessions May 2, 8:30 am through May 3, 3:00 pm

WHERE? Kimball Terrace Inn & Main Sail Restaurant
Northeast Harbor, Maine

Friday - Environmental bus tour of Mt. Desert Island with lunch
10:30 - 12:30 \$9
State Board meeting 1-4 pm
Dinner, music, Videos, relax

Saturday - Plenary sessions
Guest speakers
Lobster/clambake Dinner

Sunday - Recognition Breakfast
Plenary sessions
Workshops

See page 9 for reservations

*SPECIAL PACKAGE

Lunch-Dinner-Breakfast
Coffee breaks Sat. & Sun.
Single room \$71 (tax & tips incl.)
Double room \$52 each

*SPECIAL MEALS ONLY

Lunch -Dinner-Breakfast
\$33 (tax & tips incl.)

*FRIDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL

Single room \$38 + tax
Double room \$19 + tax each
Meals on your own.

Main Sail Restaurant will serve regular meals, please reserve.

KEYS to the CAPITOL

On February 4, about 45 League members journeyed to Augusta for a day-long event starting with brief talks by the Secretary of the Senate, the President of the Senate and the Majority and Minority House and Senate leaders. After lunch with their legislators, some attended hearings while others toured to the offices of the Secretary of State and Attorney General. The final two speakers were from Social Services and the Department of Environmental Protection. With some time to catch their breath the day was crowned by a beautiful and delicious reception held at the Blaine House and hosted by the new Governor, where legislators, staff and League members shared conversation and concerns.

Margaret Tragard and Kathleen Dixon write from York County Provisional League, "Fourteen of us took to the road and hustled up to Augusta for a day in government. We had a marvelous time."

"Whatever each of us was interested in, we had a wide variety of expertise to talk to and ask questions of. For instance, President of the Senate Charles Pray spoke about budget and money, and the possibility of increased taxes due to Federal cuts. The Minority House Leader Tom Murphy showed some concern that CMP is considering purchasing power from Canada. Dean Marriott told us of the division of environment activities in the three bureaus of his department: air, water and land. Minority Senate Leader Thomas Perkins reminded us that, 'legislation is the art of compromise'."

"The York contingent was joined by 11 legislators for lunch, we had a chance to talk of matters legal and light, and we enjoyed getting to know our representatives better."

"At the Blaine House reception, the Governor arrived just before 5, held up at a budget meeting, and graciously accepted an honorary membership in League, a LWV pin and delivered some kind words about our work. It was a great day which made the two-hour drive home worthwhile. From our view point, we have good legislative representation - now all we have to do is make good use of it."

Sandra Dickson from Mid-Coast LWV writes, "The message we got from both our local forum and our day in Augusta was that our legislators want to hear from us. To do their job well, they need to hear our views on the issues. It is easy to contact them by calling Augusta." HOUSE: 1-800-423-2900

SENATE: 1-800-423-6900

THANK YOU, Judy Johnson, Chair for an exciting, informative and stimulating day!



Note: We are very sorry to report that Congress Member Olympia Snowe is unable to find a time to meet with us and the other eight major women's organizations this League year. Despite proposed plans begun in June of 1986 for a major Forum in Augusta, she is obligated to be available for the State Department's Authorization deliberations in Congress and cannot guarantee us a date.

NATIONAL SECURITY

FINAL REPORT: WAR OR PEACE? YOU DECIDE!

In the summer of 1984, LWVME received a \$3000 grant from the LWV Education Fund. The program director was Persis Hope. The proposal was to develop a computer program which would stimulate discussion of the decision making that could lead to nuclear war.

Grant Reynolds, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at Bates College, and Ass't. General Counsel to the Air Force worked with Ms. Hope to prepare the flow charts that were then sent to Douglas Heady at the Pentagon to begin the programming.

By the Spring of 1985, flow charts, part of the programming, a rough draft of a briefing book and student manual were completed. On consultation with LWVUS, it was decided to contract-out the programming, marketing, packaging and distribution of this computer simulation. Bright Ideas, Inc. of Portland, computer consultants, has taken over these responsibilities.

The "game" is not like an arcade game but is a group decision-making simulation. A small group, representing the Politburo's Defense Committee or the President of the U.S. and his/her advisors, receive information, requests for guidance or orders, proposals, negotiation positions, intelligence data and other communications. Based on all of this information, the group must choose among a limited number of courses of action. None of them are ideal; often they are fairly undesirable. That is how the world works in times of crisis.

Time, resources and information are the limiting factors. Once a decision is made, the computer determines the result and proceeds with the next round of information. The program includes multiple outcomes so results vary. The developers tried extremely hard to be sure that both the situation and the results were within the realm of possibility.

This simulation is not competitive. It is divided into Soviet and United States Sections, but they are played separately. The purpose is to give some perspective on the world and on crisis decision-making from both points of view. It is intended to stir discussion and thought.

WAR OR PEACE? YOU DECIDE! is being sold for \$49.95 and is available for both Apple II and IBM compatible forms. It is accompanied by an extensive Briefing Book, Participants Manual and Teacher Manual.

This program was tested at Falmouth High School and John Drisko, the teacher at Falmouth reports that "WAR OR PEACE? YOU DECIDE!" is a superb teaching tool that has allowed my students to explore the nuclear issue. Once they got started, they did not want to stop talking about it. I was very impressed."



PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM

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. Monitor legislation with a view to action on the absentee balloting process.
County:	A continuing responsibility—to achieve reform of county government.
Citizens' Rights:	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 ERA.
Comparable Worth:	Action to achieve comparable worth.
Child Care:	Action to assure the availability of quality child care.
Educational Finance:	A 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 (including low and high level radioactive, solid, and hazardous).
Land:	Continued support for comprehensive land use planning in Maine.
Energy:	Action to promote conservation in transportation, residences, commerce, and industry. Action to develop renewable resources for power production in Maine: clean, decentralized and native. * Re-consider current State and National positions on nuclear power and nuclear waste.
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.
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**action packed
POLITICS**



With a goal of gaining concurrence with some State(s) consensus at LWV National Convention 1988.

Suggested study items:
Changes in the Atomic Energy Act
Liability issues
Evacuation planning
Decommissioning
Classification of radioactive waste
Defense facilities
Siting criteria
Radiation exposure levels

PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME

	86-87 Budget	86-87 Projected	87-88 Proposed
Balance	\$ 3850.	\$ 3874.95	\$ 2001.
Local League Support	2925.	3051.11	2668.
Members-at-large	2016.	1645.50	1641.
Contributions	1000.	235.00	8000.
Publications sales	3000.	3150.00	3000.
Interest	175.	188.00	190.
Projects & Programs	500.	3917.57	1800.
State Convention/Council	1000.	617.00	3700.
LWV Education Fund	2500.	2500.00	15000.
Other grants	1000.	250.00	--
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22066.	\$ 19429.13	\$ 38000.

EXPENSES

A. Operating Costs / Office	\$1400.	\$2098.30	\$4800.
1. Supplies, postage, travel	300.	300.00	660.
2. Rent	600.	650.00	600.
3. Telephone	500.	490.00	540.
4. Staff	--	--	3000.
Operating Costs / Board	\$1280.	\$658.30	\$1590.
1. Travel to Local Leagues	200.	73.30	500.
2. Travel to Board Meetings	1000.	500.00	1000.
3. Finance Charges	80.	85.00	90.
B. Board Administration	\$5100	\$3302.00	\$6550
1. President	3000.	2500.00	3000.
2. Membership	500.	450.00	2000.
3. Secretary	250.	120.00	200.
4. Treasurer	50.	22.00	50.
5. Public Relations	200.	90.00	500.
6. Nominating Committee	200.	100.00	200.
7. Budget/By-laws/Policy Committees	100.	20.00	100.
8. Board tools & workshops	200.	--	500.
C. Conferences/Delegates	\$4000.	\$2729.20	\$5300.
1. Payment for Convention (pass through)	--	--	2500.
2. Board expenses/Convention	1200.	1114.12	1000.
3. Program/Convention	--	--	400.
4. Miscellaneous/Convention	--	--	100.
5. National Council/Convention	2500.	2000.00	1000.
6. Other meetings/Regional	300.	200.00	300.
D. Fund Raising	\$600.	\$535.81	\$3050
1. Expenses	--	535.81	550.
2. Stipend	--	--	2500.
E. Affiliations	\$1150.	\$653.50	\$1000.
1. LWVUS Per Member Payment	1050.	511.00	700.
2. Other	100.	142.50	300.
F. State Voter	1000.	800.00	1400.
G. Education	\$6936.	\$7122.08	\$9900.
1. State	\$1936.	\$196.08	\$3300.
a. Low-level waste	1936.	60.00	1000.
b. Farmland	--	80.00	200.
c. Energy	--	56.08	700.
d. Campaign Financing	--	--	400.
e. Social Policy	--	--	1000.
2. National Study	500.	331.80	2500.
3. Voter Service	2500.	3136.01	3000.
4. Publication production	2000.	3458.19	2000.
H. Position support	\$1200	\$216.13	\$2500.
1. Legislative Reception	200.	102.86	500.
2. Position papers	500.	--	500.
3. Action	500.	113.27	1500.
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22066.	\$ 17315.32	\$ 38000.

PROPOSED STATE BOARD 1987-89

President Marlee Coughlan
1st Vice President Jane Saxl
2nd Vice President Alvin Moss
Secretary Charlotte Wilbur
Treasurer
Directors

Margaret Tragard
Joyce Bancroft
Pat Cyphers
Winifred Mott
Judy Harrison
Ethel Schwalbe

Nominating Committee Bonnie Anderson
1.
2.

Nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention with permission of the nominee.

Nominating Committee 1985-87
Maxine Harrow
Penny Harris
Louise Gilbert
Stephanie Martyak
Bonnie Anderson



The State Convention is held every other year, with State Council (now a Quad-state Council) being held on the years between conventions. In 1985 and 1983, it was held at the Samoset Resort in Rockland, in 1981 the event was held at New Meadows Inn in Bath and Holiday Inn, Portland was the site of the 1979 convention. Kimball Terrace Inn has made us most welcome pre-season and the week-end promises to be stimulating and fun, sign up now!

Nancy Neumann, LWVUS President and Senator William Cohen have been invited to speak to us.

Friday night after dinner, there will be Music by Tommy Thomas and a chance to view MDI's new video, "Meet the Russians".

For those that work hard for League, you owe it to yourself to join us - and for the rest of the members, come and find out more about who we are and what we (can) do.

1987 Priority Action Agenda

The League of Women Voters of Maine will act on issues relating to the following agenda:



Voter Education

...Educate voters on issues and present candidates.



Reproductive Rights

...Protect the right of an individual to make personal decisions on reproductive choices.



Campaign Finance

...Work to correct the inadequacies of the present campaign finance laws.



Educational Finance

...Pursue equal educational opportunity and secure adequate funding.



Air/Water/Land Resources

...Promote the wise use of, and prevent degradation of, air, water and land resources.



Radioactive Waste Management

...Work to ensure a safe plan to handle high and low level radioactive waste.



National Security

...Promote "War or Peace: You Decide", a computer simulation designed to stimulate discussion of the role nuclear weapons play in national security.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Regarding your nice write-up on me, it was impossible to "single-handedly" form a York County Provisional League. There was a lot of help from many interested and now members of our league. In fact, I'm glad it could not have been done alone - league is always a collective endeavor.

Thank you,

Margaret Tragard

RECOMMENDED BY-LAW REVISIONS

ARTICLE III

Membership (new subsection)

Sec. 2 Types of Membership

c. Student Members - Student members must meet membership requirements outlined in Sec. 1. Any person identifying him/herself as a student may be eligible for student membership.

***Purpose: To allow easier recruitment of young, student members. May introduce this amendment nationally.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors (addit. underlined)

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office

The Board of Directors of the League shall consist of the officers, six elected directors and the President of the local leagues and the Chairpersons of the Member-at-large Units and not more than six appointed directors including the M-A-L coordinator.

***Purpose: To allow equal representation for M-A-Ls on the State Board.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year The fiscal year of the LWVME shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year, provided that this by-law shall not be of full force and in effect until July 1, 1989 and that the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1988 shall terminate on June 30, 1989.

***Purpose: To make fiscal year coincide with LWVUS fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Financial Support

c. Student dues shall be one-half of M-A-L dues. LWVME shall make a per member payment to the LWVUS for student members.

***Purpose: To allow easier recruitment of young, student members.

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Sec. 2 Composition (add. underlined)
The Convention shall consist...and the Board of Directors of the LWVME - both elected and appointed.

a. (Delete 2nd paragraph and add) M-A-Ls who are not in a unit shall select delegates to Convention based on the same formula used by local Leagues. M-A-L members wishing to be delegates to Convention should contact the M-A-L Coordinator and indicate their willingness to serve at least six weeks prior to Convention. Slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

***Purpose: Election of M-A-L delegates has proved impractical. This is more realistic.

Sec. 4 Representation (new subsect.)

a. After all Leagues, M-A-Ls and Provisional Leagues have held election of delegates and there remain a number of unfilled slots from the varying Leagues, MAL units, MALs and Provisional Leagues, all those who would like to serve as delegates but have been precluded because of the number of slots available from their League, Unit and Provisional League, should contact the President and request to serve as a delegate. All such requests shall be considered by the President and members of a committee convened for that purpose by the President. This committee shall then fill slots approximately 5 weeks before the Convention on a first come basis.

ARTICLE IX

Council

Sec. 2. Composition (delete final sentence) M-A-Ls chosen shall attend February meeting.....

a. (new subsection) Vacant slots shall be filled in process described in Article VIII, Sec. 4, a.

***Purpose: To have a full slate of delegates. To allow as many members as possible to participate as delegates.

***The purpose of the following changes are to ensure that all necessary information goes to every member. The current by-laws read "President of LL" and not every League has a President every year.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Administration

Sec. 3. Budget ...A copy of the budget shall be sent to all members via the VOTER...

ARTICLE VIII

Convention

Sec. 1. Place, Date, and Call ...first callto the members via the VOTER....A final call....shall be sent to the members via the VOTER...

ARTICLE IX

Council

Sec. 1. Place, Date and Call ...formal call shall be sent...to members via the VOTER.

ARTICLE XIV

Sec. 1 Amendments

b. All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the Board shall be sent to members via the VOTER...

By-Laws Revision Committee

Ruth Moss, Chair
Judy Harrison
Margaret Tragard

Have you met?

Persis Hope was born in Connecticut and lived in Indiana, Massachusetts, Paris, France and the coast of Maine. She is a Registered Nurse at Bates College, single (with Labrador Retriever) and happy with her life of work, skiing and sailing. She spent last Christmas in the White Mountains at Appalachian Trail Club Winter Mountaineering School. As well as co-creating the LWV's National Security computer simulation, Persis has worked for the Sierra Club and is a member of Common Cause, The Arms Control Association, Amnesty International, Oxfam and the Nature Conservancy. She has served on the State Board for 3 years and has been excited by involvement with men and women who are so knowledgeable and politically active.

Jane W. Saxl was born and raised in midtown Manhattan (N.Y.C.) She is a widow with 4 children and a grand-daughter, a dog and 2 cats named Eleanor and Franklin. She has worked for the Bangor School Committee and served on the boards of Congregation Beth-El and Greater Bangor Shelter. She swims year around and also enjoys gardening, fishing, tennis and canoeing, cross-country skiing and cheering loudly at hockey games. Jane loves theatre, dance, music and reading. She serves on the State Board because it is intellectually stimulating and personally rewarding. Over the years she has come to value league procedure and the skills one develops. Most importantly, "I serve on the board to share working with each of you on our mutual concerns."

Patricia G. Cyphers hails from New Jersey and up-state New York and moved to Maine with her husband, Howard, in 1981. She was a Physical Education and Health teacher in public schools, YWCA, Girl Scout Camps and Adult Education. The Cyphers have 2 children and 2 granddaughters. They built their own retirement home in the Maine woods and love to show it off. "Do come and see us." The couple also enjoy travelling, Denmark especially, since they once lived there. Pat is very interested in environmental issues and feels that LWV can help to preserve the environment.

Charlotte Wilbur is a native of Buffalo, New York and came to Maine with her husband and 3 sons. She graduated from Vassar and remains active in the Vassar Club of ME. She has always been active in her church and was director of Christian Education in 3 different churches before she came to Portland. Now widowed and Grandmother to 4, she says she likes "the kind of people who are leaders in League and want to be part of the team. I learn more than I contribute, I can contribute more time than money, I believe that what League stands for is worth backing and promoting." Charlotte enjoys travel, especially on the trail of Martin Luther's life in East Germany in 1983 and a visit to China with the clergy in 1985. She is also a terrific secretary!



Judy Harrison was born in Wichita, Kansas and lived in Canada, Texas, Utah, Florida and Missouri. Judy has worked for weekly and daily newspapers and for Waldenbooks. She is married and has three children ages 8, 3 and almost 1 and summarizes her life as beginning as an actress, moving to journalism, then mother-hood and now considers herself an ACTIVIST. She serves on the State Board "to work in a positive way on issues I feel are important; to interact with women (and Alvin) who are issue and action oriented to keep from abusing my children and hanging myself in the attic with a diaper rope." Judy is President of the Bangor-Brewer LWV and a wonderful idea person and hard worker on the Board.

Stephanie Martyak is from northeast Pennsylvania where she was "Daddy's Little Princess" in a family including 4 brothers and Hungarian-Irish heritage. She has been a Health and Social Services Administrator and is currently Executive Director of Maine Hospice Council. She is an activist in Women's issues and says that "LWV provides me with an excellent outlet to pursue my varied political/social interests and concerns." Stephanie has been a representative to W.L.A.C.



Success comes in "Cans"

reservations due march 27

Name

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Address

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*SPECIAL PACKAGE May 2 & 3 Room, meals, tax + tips included
 Saturday Buffet Lunch Single room \$71_____
 Lobster/Clambake Dinner Double room \$52 each ____
 Buffet Breakfast Room-mate _____

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 Saturday Buffet Lunch
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 Buffet Breakfast

*ENVIRONMENTAL TOUR of MT. DESERT ISLAND
 May 1 - 10:30-12:30 includes lunch \$9_____

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 Room only
 (Meals from regular menu,
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 Single room \$38 + tax ____
 Double room \$19 + tax each ____
 Room-mate _____

*MEMBERS & GUESTS PURCHASING SEPARATE MEALS
 Saturday Buffet Lunch \$8_____
 Lobster/Clambake Dinner \$19_____
 Buffet Breakfast \$6_____

*****Send checks to LWVME
 Alvin Moss
 Ocean Avenue
 Sorrento, ME 04677 (phone 422-3627)

Registration Fee \$15 ____
 Special Package ____
 Special Meals only ____
 Environmental Tour \$9 ____
 Friday Night Arrival ____
 Separate meals ____
 TOTAL _____

PLAN FOR ACTION

STATE BOARD 1985-87

MARCH

- 25 State Board Meeting
Augusta 9:30-3:00

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE to
Charlotte Wilbur

27 State Convention
Reservations Due to
Alvin Moss

APRIL

MAY

- 1 State Board Meeting
Kimball Terrace Inn
1-4 p.m.

2 - 3 State Convention
Northeast Harbor

- JUNE Next VOTER

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