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THE VOTER

Vol. 6, No. 4

The League of Women Voters of Maine

July, 1989

From the President

Since the end of the LWVME Convention and the arrival of the LWVUS Council, I have been thinking about the dynamic organizational relationship between the levels of the League organization and the role of its members. League organization models our government's. As with our government the most important element is the member, the citizen. The input of all U.S. citizens of eighteen years or older is needed by both the government and the League. By paying taxes or by paying dues members have already made a contribution to our strength. They allow us to speak with a larger voice; they add to the strength and well-being of the organization. As with citizens in the United States, members have the right to decide to be active or inactive. Leaders, of course, encourage active participation in our government and in the League because we understand that the broader the base of agreement, the stronger our country and/or the League will be.

The League member determines the shape, form, and content of the organization. The member decides what items should be studied, what actions should be taken, and how stable the organization is fiscally. It is we, the members, or our selected representatives, who control local, state, and national boards.

To continue the analogy, LWVUS relates to the federal government. It is the level of government and League most removed from the daily life of citizens and members. Yet both deal with issues of enormous importance, scope, and familiarity. This is the level of government at which national and international questions are debated. As it is with the federal government, the most prestigious and, we hope, the best and brightest represent us in Washington. LWVUS lobbies the Congress. Their influence is felt in the White House, they meet with Supreme Court Justices, and make on-site visits to NATO. As with the President, or with Senators, National Board strength comes from its members. When they raise

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► PAGES TO KEEP ◀

If you don't always save all of your VOTERS, we suggest that you retain the following for (frequent) future reference:

- pp. 3-4 Our Nuclear Issues Position
- pp. 5-10 Our LONG RANGE PLAN - 1989-2000
- pp. 11-12 Our BUDGET for FY 1990
(July 1989 thru June 1990)

The Plan and Budget reflect Convention's consideration, discussion and changes to draft proposals.

AT 78, A UM GRAD

Commuting between Stonington and Orono for classes is not the easy way to earn a college degree at any age. League Member-at-Large Esther Reed did it--and at 78, stood with the University of Maine's graduating class this spring.

With her new degree (in social work), Esther joins her degree-holding husband and daughters, and adds to an associate degree in gerontology earned at UM's Bangor campus in 1983. She took college courses in other states before moving to Maine in 1971.

"I just couldn't quit trying to find out about things," said Esther. "It was just something I wanted to do, to learn more. Education is an open-ended process like your life ought to be. Maybe the biggest symbol of the open-ended learning you do all your life, whether you intend to or not, is a question mark. No one is certain what he or she knows. Everything is going to change."

We salute Esther---and are pleased to have her with us, serving as exemplar of traditional League characteristics: Perseverance, fortitude, and the determination to never stop learning!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Neither torrents of rain nor gale winds could dampen the spirits of the Leaguers gathered at the Maine Maritime Academy (Castine) for their 51st State Convention. Our weekend (May 5-7) began with the departure of the State of Maine training ship at noon, with Commandant Curtis aboard. We were cordially welcomed by Verge Forbes, academic dean. Friday evening we viewed an excellent video, A Sense of Place, done here in Maine with the Natural Resources Council, and available through the State Development Office and NRC. Kay Rand introduced it and answered questions.

All Leagues were represented among the delegates, and we were happy to especially welcome Marlee Turner, our just past president, and Helen Force from Camden, 80+ who was first a League member in 1928; Judy Knight, LWVUS Board member from Laramie, Wyoming; and Gina Hill from Fresno, CA, guest of Ruth McKenney of York Co. League.

Adopted Long Range Plan, budget (\$14,910), 1989-1991 Program and Priorities. We also added a State Public School Library survey to be conducted fall/winter 1989 in conjunction with the Maine Library Association et. al.

You will have noted the flyer in the center of this VOTER, in which Margy Soule, Portland LWV'er and survey coordinator, explains the project and asks for your help in surveying one or two school libraries in your community in October. (But the "hope-it-will-call-attention" headline was added by this editor.)

You'll help the League (public exposure in a noncontroversial area!) as well as Maine's future voters by returning the form to Margy.

Speakers at Convention were Judy Knight, LWVUS, explaining Advocacy for the Voter program; Lorraine Fleury from the Secretary of State's office on Election Issues; and Tom Perkins, Senator from Blue Hill, updating us on current legislation we are interested in.

Directives to the Board and included in the Long Range Plan will be implemented during the next year. They included more and better communication between local Leagues and between Local/State/National League. So what's new? Develop a strategy for finding markets for recyclable goods, be more aggressive with testimony on legislation, make more visible what State Board does, is....etc.etc.etc.

We are small, but we are confident and therein lies our strength. We left the Convention ready to launch this biennium. COME ALONG.

--Charlotte Wilbur--



State Officers/Board at Convention:

LtoR Front: Alice Conkey, Judy Harrison, Ruth Moss, Pat Cyphers
Back: Ethel Schwalbe, Jane Saxl, Alvin Moss, Pam Greenman, Madeline Brown

LOST AND FOUND at Convention: Beige eyeglass case, with hard frame/snap cvr. Call 361-1209 if it belongs to you.

Position on NUCLEAR ISSUES

Position in Brief: The LWV-Maine opposes licensing for construction of additional nuclear power plants. In order to protect public health and safety and the environment, the State of Maine needs to have authority to set stricter standards and have power of enforcement for construction, operation, worker and public protection, transportation, decommissioning, and emergency and evacuation planning requirements. Public and environmental protection must prevail in decision-making and most necessary expenditures should be considered a cost of doing business.

State Authority to Set Standards

The LWV-Maine favors Maine seeking changes in federal laws to allow the State to set stricter standards regarding construction, operation and maintenance of nuclear power plants in order to protect the public health and safety and the environment of the State of Maine. The State should have the authority to require utilities to have the financial and technical capacity to operate responsibly.

Independent Inspection, Enforcement

The State needs to have a qualified, independent inspector, free of any conflict of interest, with access to all plant operations and records. If strict standards are not met, the State must have authority to halt construction, repair or to cease operation when a serious unsafe condition is identified. Enforcement must include authority to assess penalties for failure to meet federal and state safety requirements.

Transportation

The State needs authority to set strict standards for transport of nuclear materials, including:

- shipping casks with design standards for potential accidents.
- transport personnel and emergency teams along transportation routes who are trained and equipped in case of accident.
- control of shipments including labeling, manifests, route selection, schedules and prenotification for movement of all nuclear material.

Decommissioning

Since experience and knowledge of methods for decommissioning at this time are limited, it is necessary that an Environmental Impact Statement be done and public hearings held before a decommissioning method is chosen by the State. Stockholders and ratepayers receiving power from nuclear must share the cost of decommissioning. Funds need to be collected throughout the expected life of the plant and provisions made for premature decommissioning. Periodic review of costs is necessary to ensure adequate funds are collected. The State needs the authority to recoup inadequacies of prior collection and escalating costs. Prudent investment should be assured with funds held in an externally controlled trust to prevent diversion of funds to other utility interests.

Public and Worker Protection

Monitoring and evaluation of health effects to the public from emissions as well as exposure to workers within the facility should continue. Standards for exposure should be upgraded periodically to reflect new information. Acceptable standards for workers need to be as strict as those considered safe for the public as a whole.

Nuclear Waste *(See also position on Disposal of Low-Level Radioactive Waste)*

It is necessary to require that radioactive and "mixed" waste be separated at the source. Storage and disposal techniques must be based on hazardous life and chemical properties of each type of waste in order to ensure protection of the environment. Maine needs the authority to set stricter standards for disposal of radioactive waste concentrations considered by the federal government to be "below regulatory control." Where technically feasible, volume and curies should be reduced at the source by better management and by substitution, i.e., using a material which is less hazardous.

Emergency and Evacuation Planning

The State of Maine must have the authority to approve and set standards to ensure protection of public health, safety and the environment in the case of accidental radiation release by the following assurances that:

- residents and tourists understand emergency procedures.
- transportation routes allow evacuation of the public within acceptable risk to health and safety.
- medical and decontamination facilities can meet potential needs.
- proper training and equipment are provided to towns and emergency teams.
- shelter facilities within and outside evacuation zones are able to protect the public from radiation exposure.
- public receives early notification.

The state must have the authority to determine that failure of emergency procedures and facilities to ensure public protection be grounds to halt construction or operation of a nuclear facility. The size of the Emergency Planning Zone around a nuclear power plant should encompass an area greater than 20 miles. Because of uncertainties in weather conditions at the time of an accident, the state needs to have the capability to evaluate contamination of food and water resources in the "Ingestion pathway zone" to a distance greater than 50 miles from the plant. (on a statewide basis?)

Economics

Protection of the public health and safety and the environment must be the overriding consideration when setting standards for design, construction, operation, repair and maintenance of all nuclear facilities. The LWV-Maine believes that the cost associated with the operation of nuclear power facilities should be considered a cost of doing business and should be shared by the stockholders and ratepayers who receive electricity from nuclear power. State and Federal taxpayers need to share some of the cost of regulation and enforcement in order to assure independence. The cost of providing insurance in the event of a major accident must be paid to the fullest extent by utilities and stockholders with the recognition that in a catastrophic accident, the State and Federal taxpayers will likely need to provide assistance. The state must have the authority to close an aging nuclear power plant if it is determined that needed repair necessary to protect the public health and safety would not be economical.

Food Irradiation

The LWV-Maine supports the Maine law prohibiting the sale of foods processed with radiation. The State should urge federal requirements for clear labels with the words "treated by irradiation" on all such products, including on the shelf, in packages and in restaurants. Studies ensuring short and long-term protection of workers and consumers need to be demonstrated before widespread use is made of this food processing technique.

LONG RANGE PLAN

1989 — 2000

INTRODUCTION

In December of 1987 the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voter of Maine appointed a committee to prepare a Long Range Plan for approval by the members at Convention '89. The LRP was to prepare a "roadmap to help guide the organization into the 21st Century."

The Committee reviewed Long Range Plans prepared by the LWVUS and seven state Leagues from across the country. The Committee decided to ask LWVME members for direction, and a survey, adopted from the LWV of Louisiana's survey, was mailed to all members in September 1988.

MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Maine, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STRATEGIES

GOAL

The League of Women Voters of Maine, through its activities and public relations efforts, should achieve an image as the preeminent political citizen's organization.

OBJECTIVE

Improve public perception of the LWVME through increased public relations efforts.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Establish a public relations committee.
- o Develop abilities and utilize known techniques in media presentation, materials and strategies (press conferences, releases; print and broadcast interviews; public service announcements; publications; guest columns and letters to the editor, etc).
- o Focus public relations activity to reflect LWVME activities throughout the year (lobbying, voter service, education, member activities.)
- o Produce a Voter designed, written, edited and printed to portray proper League image. Include photos and articles on Board activities, Board members, bond issues, portfolio reports, events local League news, as well as information on LWVUS activities, priorities and consensus.

OBJECTIVE

Design a "call to action" program on state issues to encourage participation by the membership, provide for greater political impact, and provide opportunity for members to recognize their roles in the successes of the state League as the preeminent political citizen's organization.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Establish an action committee.
- o Develop a process for the LWVME Board to decide, in a timely manner, the dimensions and strategies of calls to action (statewide vs. targeted areas, local League or individual member response, etc.)
- o Design timely methods of informing LWVs and members of calls to action, and of retrieving their responses.
- o Assist LWV members to respond quickly through designed techniques.
- o Report the results of LWVME calls to action strategies to local Leagues and members promptly.
- o Assist and support coordination of public relations efforts at the local level in carrying out state action plans.
- o Promote and guide local Leagues' understanding of the concept that all state League calls to action are an end in themselves (successful setting of public policy on LWV positions) and are a means to a new end (building of LWVME image).

OBJECTIVE

Expand and increase activities to: Educate the public on political issues; Provide voter information to the public; Increase voter participation.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Publish a statewide Voters' Guide prior to each general and primary election.
- o Develop a "Get Out the Vote" campaign.
- o Sponsor candidate forums/debates, as well as issues forums.
- o Conduct voter registration drives.
- o Develop classroom activities related to voter education.
- o Aggressively market Voters' Kit and other publications.
- o Promote good government.
- o Support the basic importance of government as an institution and educate the public on its role in society.

GOAL

The League of Women Voters of Maine should meet the needs of active and inactive members while expanding the League's membership base.

OBJECTIVE

Develop a strategy for retaining current members.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Establish a membership committee.
- o Be sensitive to member "climate," i.e. the thinking, needs, wishes of local Leagues and general membership; be ready to respond when planning LWVME events.
- o Meet needs of inactive members without demands on their time and energy.
- o Development a program of recognition to honor members for their efforts.
- o Network with local Leagues on membership issues.

OBJECTIVE

Recruit new, "non-traditional" League members.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Develop a membership media campaign.
- o Offer local Leagues incentives for membership growth.
- o Allow installment payment of dues.
- o Develop an orientation program for new members.
- o Solicit members through coalitions, other organizations, etc.
- o Include a membership form in all Voters' Guides.
- o Encourage members to actively seek new members.

OBJECTIVE

Utilize League activities to offer members the greatest opportunity for personal and skills development in minimum time.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Hold annual conventions, providing the opportunity for expanded member participation.
- o Provide workshops covering such areas as leadership, orientation, League studies/positions/action at all LWVME meetings.
- o Provide lobbying workshop in conjunction with Keys to the Capitol.
- o Simplify member participation through Voter tear-off response in member agreement process, requesting reservations, ordering subscriptions and/or publications.

GOAL

The League of Women Voters of Maine should develop methods for ongoing financial stability.

OBJECTIVE

Develop annual-giving programs to meet operating expenses.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Create committee on finance.
- o Develop strategies for:
 - Annual campaign for member contributions;
 - Annual campaign for corporate contributions;
 - Annual fundraising event/product.

OBJECTIVE

Develop a strategy for project fundraising.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Match projects to corporations' interests.
- o Coordinate projects' timelines to corporations' financial years.
- o Recognize donors in a highly visible manner.
- o Seek LWV members' expertise and suggestions.
- o Seek LWV as well as non-LWV grants.

OBJECTIVE

Develop a tax-exempt Education Fund for the LWVME.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Develop strategy for on-going fundraising for Ed. Fund.
- o Seek support for the Ed. Fund from members.
- o Develop a planned giving program.

OBJECTIVE

Network with local Leagues on financial matters.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Encourage local League financial chairs to serve on the LWVME standing committee on finance.
- o Encourage local League representation on the Ed. Fund board.
- o Provide training on financial matters to local Leagues.



**League of
Women
Voters of Maine**

335 Water Street, Aug

1989 CALENDAR 1990

- May 19-20** Retreat
- June 10-13** U.S. Council
15 VOTER deadline
30 VOTER publication date
Close of fiscal year
- July 19** All Committees to Meet
- August 8** Information for Board packets due to B. Bowler
22 Board Meeting

(NOTE: September & October - LWVME Fund Drive)

- September 6** Information for Board packets due to B. Bowler
9 Voter Registration Day
15 VOTER deadline
20 Board Meeting

(NOTE: October is Voter Service Month)

- October 1** Deadline, nominations to U.S. Board
4 Information for Board packets due to B. Bowler
15 Voters Guide deadline
18 Board Meeting
21 LWV Day at the UN
27/28 Publication of Voters Guides
- November 7** Election Day
Board information packets to B. Bowler
- (tentative) 12** Solid Waste Conference
18 Teleconference, J. C. Penney
29 Board Meeting
- December 1** VOTER deadline
15 VOTER publication date
30 Board information material to B. Bowler

MAINE'S FUTURE VOTERS NEED GOOD LIBRARIES NOW

At the LWV-ME convention on May 7, League members agreed to co-sponsor with the Maine State Library a statewide school library survey. This project passed as one of the League's priority items. League members are needed to survey one or two schools in their communities in October. The Portland Area League found a wide disparity in both staffing and funding of school libraries in an earlier local survey. Funding for elementary school library books ranged from \$23.57 down to \$1.92 per student.

This new survey is the largest and most complete ever of all 700 public school libraries serving K-12 in Maine. The availability, extent, and quality of school library services and collections will be examined. Each of the 700 school visits may take about four hours to complete. Statistics from all the schools will help local school boards, administrators, librarians, the Maine State Legislature and the Department of Educational and Cultural Services understand more fully the status of school library services across the state and plan for future services.

Representatives from the four co-sponsors (the LWV-ME, the Maine State Library, the Maine Educational Media Association, and the Maine Library Association) are creating the survey tool this summer in order to have the survey ready for distribution in the fall. Because the League does not have a direct self-interest in this survey, member participation will strengthen the survey findings. Please fill out the form below and mail by July 30 to me, the Survey Coordinator. Thank you.

Margaret Soule
70 Presumpscot Street
Portland, ME 04103

Yes, I want to help the League of Women Voters and the Maine State Library conduct a survey of public school libraries in Maine.

NAME -----

Local League to Which You Belong -----

Home Address -----

-----zip code-----

Daytime Phone # -----

Evening Phone # -----

January ?	National Program Planning
17	Board Meeting
31	Keys the Capitol (Housing is the tentative topic)
February 4	Board information material to B. Bowler
21	Board Meeting
March 4	Board information material to B. Bowler
?	Women's Day at the Legislature (tentative)
15	VOTER deadline
21	Board Meeting
30	VOTER publication
	Call to Council
April 28/29	
or	Quad State - Newport, Rhode Island
May 4, 5	
June 13-17	Convention, LWVUS, Washington, D.C.
June ?	Retreat

GOAL

The League of Women Voters of Maine should streamline its processes to effectively accomplish its goals with maximum efficiency and with a minimum of volunteer time and effort.

OBJECTIVE

Improve the efficiency of the Board of Directors of the LWVME.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Establish and utilize standing committees.
- o Produce pre-meeting packets for board members.
- o Provide board members with positions, by-laws, Robert's Rules, etc.
- o Develop job descriptions and policies for board officers and directors.

OBJECTIVE

Utilize League activities to offer members the greatest opportunity for personal and skills development in minimum time.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Hold bi-annual conventions which include training, orientation, issues sessions, etc.
- o Participate in quad-state council in years when convention is not held.
- o Sponsor at least three statewide programs per year on selected programs, i.e. Keys to the Capitol.
- o Co-sponsor statewide programs with other organizations.
- o Hold programs at staggered times and days to accommodate members' changing lifestyles.
- o Simplify member participation through Voter tear-off response in member agreement process, requesting reservations, ordering subscriptions and/or publications, etc.

OBJECTIVE

Simplify procedure and understanding of LWVME program.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Establish a committee on program planning.
- o Positions should be reviewed on a regularly scheduled basis.
- o Members should receive program planning materials in a timely fashion.
- o An annual review of program, organizational planning, finances, committees, etc. should be established.
- o Encourage appropriate networking within the community for LWV activities.

OBJECTIVE

Encourage expanded cooperative local League projects.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Contract with two or more local Leagues to carry out a state study, possibly including the development of member agreement, with concurrence sought from the other local Leagues.

- o Design a method for lending expertise of a local League or individual member to a nearby local League board and/or committee--venture project.

- o Encourage and assist local Leagues in networking with other organizations.

- o Encourage local League Presidents to report on Leagues' activities in the Voter.

GOAL

The League of Women Voters of Maine should organize an efficient system of oversight and field service to ensure the development and health of local Leagues, MAL units, and League leaders.

ACTION STRATEGIES

- o Encourage state board members to visit local Leagues.

- o Assist in the establishment of new Leagues and the strengthening of existing Leagues.

- o Encourage Leagues to review their organizational structure.

- o Develop leadership training programs for local Leagues.

- o Encourage local League Boards to consider reorganizing and streamlining their structure & procedures.

- o Solicit ideas for workshops to help meet local Leagues' needs.

- o Encourage local Leagues to have directors or chairs for public relations, membership, finance and voter service.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE 1989-1990 BUDGET

	12 MOS. BUDGET 4/1/88-3/31/89 :	ACTUAL 4/1/88-3/31/89 :	3 MOS. BUDGET 4/1/89-6/30/89 :	3 MOS. ACTUAL 4/1/89-6/30/89 :	BUDGET 6/30/89-6/30/90
INCOME					
A. BALANCE FORWARD	550.00 :	:	137.50 :	:	145.00
B. LOCAL LEAGUE SUPP	3000.00 :	2914.00 :	750.00 :	:	3000.00
C. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	2064.00 :	1742.00 :	516.00 :	:	3040.00
D. FUND RAISING	5206.30 :	2848.59 :	-451.10 :	:	3000.00
E. PUB. SALES	3500.00 :	1412.00 :	875.00 :	:	3000.00
F. INTEREST	75.00 :	126.03 :	18.75 :	:	75.00
G. PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	500.00 :	1117.00 :	125.00 :	:	250.00
H. STATE CONVENTION	:	:	3500.00 :	:	0.00
I. STATE COUNCIL	1300.00 :	500.00 :	325.00 :	:	1300.00
J. LWV ED FUND	:	10500.00 :	0.00 :	:	
K. OTHER GRANTS	1700.00 :	:	425.00 :	:	100.00
L. CONTINGENCY	:	:	:	:	1000.00
TOTAL INCOME	17895.30 :	21159.62 :	6221.15 :	0.00 :	14910.00

EXPENSES

A. OPERATING COSTS	:	1502.19 :	1035.00 :	0.00 :	
1. SUPPLIES, STAMPS	500.00 :	402.19 :	125.00 :	:	200.00
2. RENT	600.00 :	600.00 :	150.00 :	:	600.00
3. TELEPHONE	540.00 :	500.00 :	135.00 :	:	400.00
4. STAFF	2500.00 :	0.00 :	625.00 :	:	
5. BOARD COSTS	:	184.54 :	200.00 :	:	
TRAVEL TO LOCAL LEAG.	300.00 :	:	75.00 :	:	400.00
TRAVEL TO BOARD	500.00 :	:	125.00 :	:	400.00
FINANCE CHARGE	:	0.00 :	0.00 :	:	
TOTAL OPER COSTS	4940.00 :	1686.73 :	1235.00 :	0.00 :	2000.00
B. BOARD ADMINISTRATION	:				
1. PRESIDENT	1500.00 :	1400.00 :	375.00 :	:	900.00
1A. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	:	195.36 :	:	:	100.00
1B. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	:	:	:	:	100.00
2. MEMBERSHIP	1000.00 :	200.00 :	250.00 :	:	200.00
3. SECRETARY	200.00 :	250.00 :	50.00 :	:	200.00
4. TREASURER	50.00 :	50.00 :	12.50 :	:	200.00
5. PUBLIC REL.	200.00 :	200.00 :	50.00 :	:	200.00
6. NOMINATING COMM.	200.00 :	:	:	:	100.00
7. BUDGET/BYLAWS	100.00 :	100.00 :	:	:	50.00
8. BOARD WKSP/TOOLS	300.00 :	8.61 :	:	:	150.00
TOTAL BOARD ADMIN.	3550.00 :	2403.97 :	737.50 :	0.00 :	2200.00
C. CONFERENCES/DELEGATES					
1. STATE CONVENTION	0.00 :	:	3500.00 :	:	0.00
2. STATE COUNCIL	1300.00 :	:	0.00 :	:	2500.00
3. PROGRAM	400.00 :	:	0.00 :	:	200.00
4. MISC EXPENSES	100.00 :	:	0.00 :	:	100.00
5. NAT'L CONVENTION/COUN	2200.00 :	363.90 :	0.00 :	:	2000.00
6. REGIONAL/OTHER	300.00 :	:	0.00 :	:	200.00
TOTAL CONFERENCES	4300.00 :	363.90 :	3500.00 :	0.00 :	5000.00

Budget
4/88-3/89Actual
4/88-3/89BUDGET
6/30/89-6/30/90

D. FUND RAISING					
1. EXPENSES	500.00 :	667.07 :	125.00 :	:	500.00
2. STIPEND(10% OF D)	473.30 :	0.00 :	-34.35 :	:	
TOTAL FUND RAISING	973.30 :	667.07 :	90.65 :	0.00 :	500.00
E. AFFILIATIONS					
1. LNVUS - MALS PMP	1232.00 :	703.00 :	308.00 :	:	1710.00
2. OTHER(WLAC,NRC)	100.00 :	125.44 :	0.00 :	:	100.00
TOTAL AFFILIATIONS	1332.00 :	828.44 :	308.00 :	0.00 :	1810.00
F. STATE VOTER	1400.00 :	1332.91 :	350.00 :	:	1400.00
G. PROGRAM - STATE/NAT'L					
1. STATE	:	:	:	:	500.00
A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	:	:	:	:	
B. LAND USE	:	:	:	:	
C. FARMLAND PRESERVATION	:	:	:	:	
D. ENERGY	700.00 :	601.75 :	:	:	
E. NUCLEAR ISSUES	:	:	:	:	
F. LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE	:	:	:	:	
G. COUNTY GOVERNMENT	:	:	:	:	
H. STATE GOVERNMENT	:	:	:	:	
1. EDUCATIONAL FINANCE	:	:	:	:	
2. NATIONAL PROGRAM	:	:	:	:	100.00
3. VOTER SERVICE	:	8276.45 :	:	:	100.00
4. PUB PRODUCTION	:	735.82 :	:	:	300.00
TOTAL PROGRAM	700.00 :	9614.02 :	0.00 :	0.00 :	1000.00
H. POSITION SUPPORT - ACTION					
1. LEGISLATIVE RECEP.	200.00 :	540.00 :	:	:	500.00
2. POSITION PAPERS	0.00 :	0.00 :	:	:	100.00
3. ADVOCACY PRIORITIES	500.00 :	:	:	:	250.00
4. ACTION ALERTS & LOBBYING	:	:	:	:	150.00
TOTAL POSITION SUPPORT	700.00 :	540.00 :	0.00 :	0.00 :	1000.00
GRAND TOTALS	17895.30 :	17437.04 :	6221.15 :	0.00 :	14910.00

FROM THE PRESIDENT *(continued from P. 1)*

funds, they go to National corporations, and when decisions of National security are made, it is this level of government or League which makes them.

As with the National government, the National level of League relates to other units of government. They offer issues for our study, consideration, and approval. They offer revenue-sharing measures, pass-through grants. They offer programs to help us: Leadership training, as in the New Jersey Conference, or issue-related forums, e.g., Basic Human Needs workshop.

We members control the National League. At convention we select the program, leaders, priorities, budget, and pass by-laws. At Council our two representatives review the state of the League, make adjustments, and pass the annual budget. As individuals we can write letters of complaint, praise, or suggestion. As with government when we speak with a unified voice we can effect change.

The state level of League works with and reflects state issues. We lobby the Governor and the State Legislature. We can encourage the state to gain more federal dollars, but we cannot declare war or sign a treaty. The state can refine national positions as they apply to Maine, but state laws can never be in conflict with national laws. We can make our voice heard on waste disposal issues, parental consent, and state taxes. Our fiscal health allowing, we share revenues with the local level in supporting issues we wish to promote. The state level serves in government and in the League as a conduit between the national and the local levels. For example, the national level may fund a particular project with the stipulation that the state pass these monies on to local levels, which is similar to revenue sharing.

The local League and local government most effect the members' or citizens' daily lives. It is at this level that decisions are made about how often the garbage gets picked up or what kind of building can go next to your home. It is the recipient of all State and Federal mandates. Often it is this level that complains "All we get are demands;" such sentiments are heard at the local level of government and League. Citizens and members alike have the most direct involvement at the local level, and they lobby City Hall.

Members and citizens participate at all three levels. It is we who have the power, who shape the programs, and who pay the bills. If a majority of members or citizens are not satisfied, then the organization or the government is not doing a good job. Remember as we attempt to shape public policy and promote citizen participation, or as we select goals and write budgets, that it is the members of the organization and the citizens that we serve. Let us serve with pride, with insight, and with compassion.

--Jane Saxl--

FROM THE EDITOR:

The editor welcomes:

- News of local League events and projects;
- Photographs (black and white preferred; they reproduce more clearly),
- Ads for mailable items being sold as local League fundraisers,
- (Brief) Letters to the Editor,
- Your suggestions (for publication or not)

Name, address and next-issue deadline are on back page,

York Cty. LWV Tackles Trash



The York County League (one of Maine's newest) has begun a town-by-town survey to determine which can best be helped to accept recycling as a way of life. Starting in the County's namesake, York, members distributed a questionnaire to voters attending a 4-day town meeting in June.

Among the responses the survey sought:

- how would households feel about disposing of garbage and trash in two containers--or more
- how would respondents feel about using environmentally sound paper products that are off-white
- how many favor a bottle deposit for all glass containers
- how to prepare for eventual recycling.

Within a week, the League had received a 47% response and was deservedly excited by the interest shown. Results will be tabulated and will become one of the pieces of an educational program the York County League plans to share with other towns throughout the County that are not yet recycling.

N.R. Notes

NATURAL RESOURCES Chair Pat Cyphers reports that she testified for the League in favor of LD 1431, which she considered the strongest and most comprehensive of all the waste and recycling bills presented to the Legislature this session. Among the issues the Energy and Natural Resources Committee are studying in an attempt to combine various bills are: Local control, mandatory recycling, extension of the bottle bill, and public ownership of all new waste disposal facilities.

IT IS IMPORTANT that you let your legislators know you support recycling and want strong measures to make it work, Pat urges, and adds that "Mandatory programs are far more effective than voluntary ones, and each town in Maine could set up a program which meets that town's needs. Towns would be able to choose from a variety of options."

ON CLEAN WATER LEGISLATION, Pat reports that, reacting to public hearings held in November, 1987, the Governor asked the Board of Environmental Protection to study the problem. The BEP reported in October 1988 that an immediate curb on color discharges into Maine's rivers was needed. LD 718, "An Act to Implement the Governor's Study to Regain Full Use of Maine's Class C Rivers" (presented by Rep. Nutting, Leeds) was later vetoed by the Governor who felt "the details and cost were not adequately studied." The bill's sponsor stated that "Maine's mills discharge more than two times the color of other mills in the country." (Color, of course, relates to pollution and toxins.) "There are over 110 'color units' in the Androscoggin River! An increase in 20 color units is visible to most people while almost everyone can see 40 color units." (The last quotation is from Pat.)

WORKSHOPS AND HEARINGS ON DEP'S CLEAN WATER STRATEGY program will be held this summer. Those close to local Leagues include:

July 11	Workshop	Augusta	Civic Center
July 13	Hearing	Portland	University of Southern Maine
July 20	Hearing	Bangor	EMVTI, Schoodic Hall
August 8	Workshop	Auburn	CMVTI Lecture Hall
August 10	Workshop	Ellsworth	City Hall Council Chamber
August 20	Combined	Rockland	Key Bank Community Room
	Workshop/Hearing		



"GLOBAL WARMING ACT" IN TROUBLE



Rep. Claudine Schneider's (R, Rhode Island) proposed "Global Warming Act" is in trouble in Congress. *(See the April 1989 VOTER, Page 9, under heading "Armageddon -- Nuclear or Environmental?" for a brief description of the bill.)*

* Religious fundamentalists object to the bill's provision for education on third world population control. So far they have persuaded at least two congressmen to withdraw their cosponsorship of the bill (H.R. 1078.)

* The global warming threat is real. The contribution of the earth's burgeoning population to that threat is unquestioned by scientists and demographers.

* It is essential to counter the pressure of "one issue" groups.

WRITE to Reps. Snowe or Brennan soon. Ask them to co-sponsor the "Global Warming Act" if they have not already done so. If you wrote after the April VOTER, WRITE AGAIN. Urge continued support for this important environmental bill.

DO MORE. When you write personal letters, mention the bill and its opposition to your friends and ask them to write their congresspersons urging support for the Global Warming Act.

LOOKING AHEAD
oct. 21, 1989



WITH THE UN
AT THE UN

"The United Nations: Making the Future Secure" is the theme for the sixth LEAGUE DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS, October 21, 1989. Over 700 League members attended the last League Day in 1985. This year the day-long seminar should be truly exciting, for the UN's visible successes in mediating long-running disputes have led to renewed public interest and confidence in its work. Those of us who have always supported the United Nations can be even more optimistic about its future role in resolving deep international problems.

Topics to be presented by UN representatives include:

- ☆ Peacekeeping and disarmament
- ☆ Relationships between security and the environment
- ☆ Third World development and debt

Registration fee: \$20

Lunch in the UN cafeteria: \$10

More detailed information will appear in the National Voter in August and this Voter in early October. Meanwhile, please give us an indication of how many Maine League members might be interested in carpooling to New York for this event.

Clip and return to Jane Saxl, 37 Pond St., Bangor, ME 04401

Check one:

I would probably go _____ I might go _____ to League Day at the UN.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

HELP SAVE TREES AND LANDFILLS

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR LEAGUE PROJECTS

Contact Alyson Hooper (York County League Treasurer) at P.O. Box 201, Biddeford Pool, ME 04006 (or 284-5492) for information on ordering (individually or in quantity for your League to sell):

▶ A wonderful, lightweight, washable, cotton canvas shopping bag imprinted with the League Logo and "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE" ◀

Alyson suggests that Leagues could pool orders to get a lower per unit cost. Costs range from \$3 each if 1,000 are ordered to \$3.73 each for 100 bags. At a suggested retail price of \$5, that's an easy profit.

Trash reduction -- League visibility -- Funds -- all with one project.

Brilliant idea! Thank you, Alyson.

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