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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WILMETTE

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WILMETTE

Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2010

7:00 pm

Home of Beth Nyhan
2624 Blackhawk Avenue

See pages 10—18 for Agenda, 2009 Minutes, Nominated Slate of
Directors, and Budgets

Bring this Bulletin with you to the Meeting



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is your e-mail inbox full of messages from Mo Ormiston at the State League regarding HB 174? Are you wondering what exactly is HB 174 and why you should care? HB 174 will modernize Illinois' tax system in a fairer and more progressive way, providing more revenue for education and other services for Illinois citizens, while addressing its structural deficit.

To get the best, non-partisan, detailed information about this important pending legislation, go to www.lwvil.org or www.ctbaonline.org. This second website is for The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (CTBA), a non-profit organization that, among other things, is helping make sense of our budget crisis in Illinois. On May 3, our League, in conjunction with the Wilmette Public Library, hosted a presentation by the CTBA. Ralph Martire, the Executive Director, gave a brilliant presentation, which provided an informative, eye-opening explanation of Illinois' budget. If you missed this presentation, Mr. Martire will be speaking at a free lunchtime event on Wednesday, May 26, Noon – 1:00 pm, at Roosevelt University, Gage Building, 2nd floor. I urge you to hear Mr. Martire at this event or check the CTBA's website for future presentations open to the public.

As my term as your league president comes to a screeching halt, I can look back wistfully at the last year with great fondness. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside so many talented, informed, and committed women of Wilmette. Thank you all for making me proud to be the voice and face of our league for the past year. It was truly my honor to represent our Wilmette League.

Fondly,
Therese Steinken

2009-2010 ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Therese Steinken
VP/Programs	Georgia Gebhardt
VP/Membership	Libby Bankoff
Treasurer	Susan Morrison
Secretary/Programs	Dorothy Speidel

2009-2010 ELECTED DIRECTORS

<i>Bulletin</i> Editor	Dale Cohodes
Publicity	Judy Mandel
	Jan Peterson
Student Government	Deena Mitchell
	Lali Watt
Voter Services	Heidi Voorhees
	Ellen Falkof
Web Master	Beth Nyhan

2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Cinda Axley, Chair, Dorothy Speidel & Beth Nyhan

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee Review of LWV Wilmette Positions

Every year, the LWV Wilmette is to hold a general membership meeting on local program planning, which involves: (1) a review of the current Local Program and Position Book so see if any revisions or deletions are necessary or desirable and (2) proposals for new local studies for the next League year.

At the general meeting on February 16, 2010, an Ad Hoc Committee (Jae Choi Kim, Susan Morrison, Mari Terman, and Lali Watt) was formed to review the LVW Wilmette Positions.

The Ad Hoc Committee met twice, conferred with LWV Wilmette's "*How to Revise Local Programs and Positions Book*" and found that many of the positions were achieved or obsolete at the present time. Under the guide, **deletions** are suggested when a position has been achieved or is no longer valid; and minor changes can be made, such as "**continued support for**" a position when it has been achieved; and there can be no change in meaning, or addition to, a position without further study.

The Committee went over each position. By re-reading the original policy positions in some cases, by using public knowledge, Mari Terman and Lali Watt's expertise and experience as Village Trustees, and by additional research, the Committee delineated each of the positions. The Ad Hoc Committee found that most of the positions have been achieved and/or are otherwise obsolete.

There were two positions the Committee felt "continued support" language was needed: Gun Control and Planning and Zoning.

Under LWV Wilmette Positions/ Gun Control, the "1988 – SUPPORT of further restrictions to existing handgun control laws in Wilmette" is not supportable due to the U.S. Supreme Court case *District of Columbia V. Heller*, which restricts local municipality gun control ordinances. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the existing language be deleted but replace this section with the following: "Support monitoring Constitutional changes in gun control, and to support restrictions and handgun control laws in Wilmette to the extent allowable under the law" as the LWV Wilmette supports gun control (reiterating our position). This is a rapidly evolving area of the law.

Under Planning and Zoning, the Ad Hoc Committee recommends incorporating the Planned Unit Development under the reuse of public buildings since this is a trend in local development, and also to incorporate "environmental considerations" and "historic preservation" as these standards are now included in the zoning language of the Wilmette Code.

There are also two areas of language modifications. (1) Under Housing for Special Populations, the language "developmentally disabled and the mentally ill" is changed to "people with disabilities and mental illness" in keeping with current terminology conferred with Wilmette Board of Health. (2) "Human Relations" was changed to "Community Relations." The language "reduce tensions in the human relations" was modified " to encourage understanding and respect between and among all residents to acknowledge the value of diversity."

The Ad Hoc Committee did not recommend new areas of study. The Ad Hoc Committee's modified recommended version of the LWV Wilmette Positions is in this newsletter pages 4-5 (changes in red).

Jae Choi Kim

LWV WILMETTE POSITIONS

GUN CONTROL

In 2008 Wilmette's handgun control ban was revoked in response to a case decided by the U.S. Supreme court: District of Columbia v. Heller.

2010 - Support monitoring Constitutional changes in gun control regulations. Support restrictions and handgun control laws in Wilmette to the extent allowable under the law.

HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

1987-Continued support for a wide range of housing options to be available to people with disabilities and mental illness in Wilmette and New Trier Township.

SUPPORT of a continued role for New Trier Township in educating and developing an awareness of the need for housing for people with disabilities and mental illness throughout the township.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

2010 – SUPPORT and/or INITIATE effort within the community to encourage understanding and respect between and among all residents and to acknowledge the value of diversity within the Village of Wilmette.

LIBRARY

1978-Continued SUPPORT of adequate library services in order to meet the needs of the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Continued support of diverse programming available for all ages.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1979-(formerly under "Wilmette Population Patterns") SUPPORT of measures to achieve the following:
- Increased transportation opportunities.

- More interaction among governmental bodies in planning and zoning matters.

- In applying the Planned Unit Development process, support for consideration such as the following criteria for reuse of public buildings or the construction of new commercial buildings: specific need, benefit to whole community, compatibility with neighborhood, appropriateness of site for proposed use, legal restrictions, return to tax rolls, environmental considerations, historic preservation and service oriented purpose.

1980-SUPPORT for periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan to insure the incorporation of current data.

SUPPORT for increased opportunities for housing for senior citizens and low- and moderate- income families.

SUPPORT for a review of commercial parking space provisions in the Zoning Ordinance.

SUPPORT of measures to improve the business districts in order to increase sales tax revenues.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #39 BOARD SELECTION PROCESS

1992-SUPPORT of independent candidacy for all individuals who seek election to the District #39 School Board.

a. Information about candidates should be made available to the entire voting public.

b. There should be a vehicle to provide in-depth interviewing of candidates regarding the major issues.

c. This process must be open to the public.

SCHOOLS

1974-Continued support of measures by District 39 board and administration to achieve the following:

- a. Continued communication between school and community.
- b. Strengthening of the curriculum development and evaluation process.
- c. Expansion of articulation with the high school district.

Continued SUPPORT of a highly qualified superintendent who is responsive and visible to citizens and staff.

SELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS

SUPPORT of independent candidacy for all individuals who seek election to the Village Board of Trustees.

WILMETTE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

1977-SUPPORT of a Board of Health which coordinates a comprehensive program of health services in the Village of Wilmette.

WILMETTE YOUTH COMMISSION

1976-SUPPORT of the Wilmette Youth Commission with special emphasis on youth advocacy and provision of a forum for all youth-serving agencies, both public and private.

REGISTRARS NEEDED

Our League will be registering voters at New Trier High School on Trevia Day, Monday, May 24, from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

If you are a voter registrar and are available on that day, please contact Dorothy Speidel, d-speidel@northwestern.edu or 847-989-4716.



Celebrate LWV's 90th Birthday

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS

STATE OF THE STATE LUNCHEON
Noon, Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Where: Union League Club of Chicago, 65 West Jackson Boulevard
Keynote Speaker: **Patrick Collins**, Chair of the Illinois Reform Commission
"The State of Reform in Illinois"

To RSVP go to www.lwvil.org

CALENDAR

May 16	One Book Everybody Reads Discussion with Elizabeth Strout at the Wilmette Community Recreation Center, 2:00 pm
May 17	LWVCC Annual Meeting & Luncheon, Brookfield Zoo, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
May 24	Voter Registration New Trier High School, 12:00 -2:30 pm
May 27	Annual Meeting, home of Beth Nyhan, 2624 Blackhawk Avenue, 7:00 pm
June 2	State of the State Luncheon, Union League Club of Chicago
June 11-15	LWVUS Convention 2010, Atlanta, Georgia

APPLAUSE!! APPLAUSE!!

Many thanks should be extended to so many people who, on an ongoing basis, help to make our League strong and vibrant. However, the following members deserve SPECIAL THANKS FOR STEPPING UP this past month:

MURIEL COHEN – for help copying and mailing the monthly *Bulletin*

HEIDI VOORHEES – for organizing and moderating the State of the Village dinner

ELLEN FALKOFF, DALE COHODES, BETH NYHAN, JUDY MANDEL, DOROTHY SPEIDEL, SUSAN MORRISON, and GEORGIA GEBHARDT – for all their help with set-up, decorations, food, check-in, and clean-up at the State of the Village dinner



UPDATE: FAIR MAP AMENDMENT
PETITION DRIVE
from Nancy Marcus,
President of the League of Women
Voters of Illinois

We were unable to gather enough signatures to get the Fair Map Amendment on the November ballot but not because of a lack of commitment to the goal. The initiative simply did not have enough time, enough petition passers, or enough money to do what needed to be done.

We know that many League petition circulators were steadfast in their efforts, and for that, we are grateful and believe some kind of recognition is appropriate. We are continuing to receive completed petitions and will soon have the total number of signatures gathered available.

We also appreciated the support and attention by the news media in Illinois. We would like to reiterate that the League of Women Voters of Illinois's backing of the Fair Map Amendment was and is nonpartisan, and it received our support, for one, because it included the intent of the Voting Rights Act as its top criteria in map drawing: "Districts must comply with all federal laws, and shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice." Additionally and of utmost importance, the amendment established an independent commission, taking the redistricting process out of the hands of the legislators.

We will, however, not concede failure or defeat—we will remain tireless in our efforts to monitor the process of redistricting in Illinois, and we will continue to pursue a constitutional amendment process as well as other approaches in order to reform the current and unacceptable way redistricting is done in Illinois.

Wilmette League Hosts Successful State of the Village Event!

Every other year, the League hosts the State of the Village event. On April 15, more than 50 people gathered at the Lakeview Center in Gillson Park to have dinner and hear an update from the Village's elected leaders. Joining us were Chris Canning, Wilmette Village President; James Koch, President of the New Trier School Board; Keith Dronen, President of the District #39 School Board; Jeff Greengoss, President of the District #37 School Board; Cinda Axley, President of the Library Board of Trustees; and Dennis O'Malley, President of the Wilmette Park Board of Commissioners. Each Board President gave a 5 minute update on the issues their Boards are facing. Each Board is struggling with finances and is facing significant challenges as a result of the State of Illinois' budget crisis. The need for pension reform and tax reform was mentioned frequently. Wilmette's Cable Channel 6 taped the event which will air in June.

One Book, Everybody Reads

As part of its *One Book, Everybody Reads* program, the Wilmette Public Library with the League of Women Voters of Wilmette as a co-sponsor, presents a series of events related to the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, ***Olive Kitteridge***, by Elizabeth Strout. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.wilmettelibrary.info/onebook or call (847) 256-6930.

May 6 at 7 pm: Victoria Lautman, founder, host, and producer of the author interview series, "Writers on the Record," will share her experiences interviewing famous authors at a program titled "Author Interviews are like Blind Dates." Ms. Lautman's interview with Elizabeth Strout, in addition to her interviews with numerous other authors, can be found at victorialautman.com. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1 242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

May 11 at 7 pm: Community members are invited to enjoy "A Taste of Maine," when recipes and small tastes of Maine, from savory seafood to sweet blueberries, will be presented by Wilmette's gourmet food shop, A La Carte. The program is limited to 30 participants; seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.

May 16 at 2 pm: Author Elizabeth Strout will visit Wilmette to discuss her newest book, ***Olive Kitteridge***, winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Wilmette and Kenilworth residents who wish to attend may pick up a maximum of 2 free tickets at the library's Recent Arrivals desk beginning April 24. Any remaining tickets will be available to non-residents beginning May 8. Ticketed seats will be held until 10 minutes before the event; at that time, any unfilled seats will be open to the public. Borders Books and Music in Wilmette will have books available for purchase and signing at the event. **Wilmette Park District's Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road, Wilmette.**

June 15, 22, 29, and July 6: Noted New Trier High School English teacher John O'Connor will conduct a four-session short story writing workshop. The program will be open to high school students and adults and is limited to 15 participants. Registration begins on May 17; call the Recent Arrivals desk, (847) 256-6930. 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette.



League of Women Voters of Cook County

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INVITES ALL COOK COUNTY LEAGUE MEMBERS AND GUESTS to the**

**2010 LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING
LUNCHEON**

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010

9am-1pm

IN THE DISCOVERY CENTER AT THE BROOKFIELD ZOO

Admittance and adjacent parking are free Enter South Entrance and follow signs

Program will be PANEL DISCUSSION featuring

Mary Robinson, Cook County Shakman Compliance Administrator

Clifford L. Meacham, Shakman Compliance Administrator for Sheriff of Cook County

Jan Carlson, Shakman Compliance Administrator, Forest Preserve District of Cook County

9-9:30am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Silent Auction

9:30-11am Annual Business Meeting

11-12noon Panel Discussion

12-1:00pm Buffet Luncheon

1-1:30pm Meeting of newly elected LWVCC Board

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP by May 11

LWVCC Annual Meeting – May 17, 2010

PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES.

Name(s)_____ League_____

Address_____ City/Zip_____

Phone_____ Email_____

_____ I will be serving as a Delegate from my League

Make check payable to LWVIL Education Fund and send to

LWVCC Annual Meeting, 332 South Michigan Ave., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60604

Enclosed is a check for:

\$_____ for _____ reservations at \$35 each.

I cannot attend but my contribution of \$_____ is enclosed.

BRING THIS PACKET WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

**The League of Women Voters of Wilmette
Annual Meeting**

**7:00 pm
Thursday, May 27, 2010
Home of Beth Nyhan
2624 Blackhawk Avenue
Wilmette**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Rules
- III. Secretary Report
 - A. Annual Meeting Minutes 2009
 - B. Annual Meeting Minutes 2010 – appointment of reading committee
- IV. Report of the League Year
- V. Treasurer’s Report
- VI. Budget Committee Presentation
- VII. Report of Nominating Committee
- VIII. Elections
- IX. Presentation by Dorothy Speidel – her experiences as a volunteer
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

BRING THIS PACKET WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

League of Women Voters of Wilmette Annual Meeting

May 7, 2009

I. Call to order: President Libby Bankoff called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

Order of Business: Judy Mandel moved to adopt the order of business. Muriel Cohen seconded and the motion carried.

Adoption of Rules: It was agreed that the meeting would be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order. Clarice Stetter agreed to serve as parliamentarian.

II. Secretary's Report

A. Annual Mtg Minutes 2008: Heidi Voorhees moved and Judy Mandel seconded that the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried.

B. Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting: There was a call for volunteers to serve on the Committee to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. After they volunteered, it was moved and seconded that the Committee be comprised of Heidi Voorhees, Deena Mitchell and Dale Cohodes. The motion carried.

III. Report of the League Year: President Libby Bankoff reported that the past year had been a busy one. Rather than give a lengthy report, she asked that the various board members report on their areas.

Membership and Recruitment: Therese Steinken reported that we added eleven new members in the 2008-09 year. She read off the names so that those present would know who they are. We now have 81 active members in our League.

Student Government Program: Deena Mitchell reported that, overall, the 2008 program went well. There was no big breakfast but small breakfasts were held at the Junior High and at St. Francis. This fall, four small breakfasts are planned.

Voter Services: Heidi Voorhees gave the following report: The Voter Services Committee had a very busy year! Members: Dorothy Speidel, Georgia Gebhardt, Judy Mandel, Therese Steinken, Ellen Falkof and Donna Doberstein.

Voter Registration. On **May 27, 2008**, 63 voters were registered at New Trier's Trevia Day. In **September 2008**, the League registered more than 120 voters in voter registration drives at the Wilmette Library (39 voters registered) and again at New Trier High School (82 voters registered). Ten of our members participated as Deputy Registrars at these activities. In addition, these registration opportunities raised awareness and educated the public on early voting, absentee voting and poll location. The efforts at New Trier have been coordinated with other leagues that serve New Trier Township which has been a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know one another.

Voter Education Efforts. On **Sunday, October 19**, the Wilmette League co-sponsored a debate for candidates running for the Tenth Congressional district. Wilmette League members served as ushers. On **Sunday, October 26**, the Wilmette League coordinated a candidate forum for candidates running for state representative in the 17th district. We worked closely with area leagues on this project as well. Approximately 50 people attended and the forum was broadcast live on cable television. On **Sunday, March 15**, the Wilmette League sponsored two candidate forums in the local elections that had contested elections. The public was able to hear from candidates running for the Wilmette Board of Trustees and the Wilmette Board of Park Commissioners. Each of these activities gave league members an opportunity to volunteer and our members did not disappoint!

Beginning after the first of the year, the Voter Services Committee plus a couple of other dedicated volunteers began work on the Voter's Guide. Governing bodies were contacted regarding salient issues, questions were drafted, and candidates were invited to participate. Nearly 1000 Voter's Guides were distributed throughout the community. We are grateful to North Shore Community Bank for underwriting this important project.

Poll Reporting Project. Several league members also volunteered to report on polling place operations. This project was coordinated by the Cook County League of Women Voters. We had questionnaires to complete that included information on staffing levels at polling places, whether or not the polling place opened on time and whether or not the equipment worked effectively. The data was compiled and sent on to the County. A report on the county wide results appeared in the February bulletin. Some interesting results were the need for more judges, more touch screen equipment that functioned effectively, and the critical need to set up the day before the election.

Publicity: Judy Mandel reported that Publicity had met these three goals:

One - to make members aware of league-only functions through the *Bulletin*, post cards and emails;
Two - to make our community aware of League functions open to the public by sending information to calendar sections of newspapers, radio and TV stations as well as distributing flyers to Wilmette businesses; and

Three – to raise public awareness of the Wilmette League through such things as having a booth at the annual sidewalk sale.

Webmaster: Beth Nyhan reported that our website was revamped in August, 2008. It now has both current and past calendars (this gives us a good archive of past activities). It also has election information (the entire Voters' Guide, for example), our *Bulletins*, and contact information (one click on a person's name and an email goes automatically to that person and the sender cannot see the email address). The website has links to both the Village and Library.

Bulletin: Editor Dale Cohodes reported that the *Bulletin* is now fully digital. Ten members receive paper copies and all others, including other League presidents, receive it electronically. She is looking for a volunteer to copy and mail paper *Bulletins* to those who don't have email. Muriel Cohen volunteered to be that person. In addition, she suggested that the Membership Chair make sure the *Bulletin* editor has the email addresses of new members.

Program: Georgia Gebhardt gave the following report:

Policy & Information Programs:

In July, Julie Hamos conducted a seminar in implementing public policy using her experience gained while shepherding the Transportation Bill through the House. This program was co-sponsored by the Evanston and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth Leagues.

On October 14 the Wilmette League sponsored a forum, "The Illinois Constitutional Convention Referendum: Why Vote No." The Honorable Dawn Clark Netsch and Rep. Julie Hamos outlined reasons why the 1970 Constitution should not be opened for revision. The event was co-sponsored with the Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth Leagues.

In November, a group of Wilmette Leaguers attended a post-election panel sponsored by the Humanities Festival. The Distinguished Roundtable included Laura Washington, Jonathan Alter, Charles Madigan, Markos Moulitsas and Lynn Sweet.

In April a study group was convened to disseminate information about the National Popular Vote Compact. The consensus meeting was held on April 30, 2009 at New Trier West High School. Co-sponsors were the Evanston and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth Leagues.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS:

July 10 members gathered at the home of Mari Terman for the annual Summer Book Event. Roberta Rubin of the Bookstall recapped the best books of the year, while everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch.

In August a small group of Wilmette leaguers enjoyed an evening at Ravinia. On August 10, Dorothy Speidel hosted a Brunch and Block Museum Tour for members, "Design in the Age of Darwin: from William Morris to Frank Lloyd Wright."

In December, Sarah and Wally Oliver opened their home to the League for the annual holiday party.

On February 10, the Wilmette League hosted a book review at the Wilmette Public Library. Jeffrey Toobin's book, *The Nine*, was front and center, with comments from Susan Bandes, Distinguished Law Professor from DePaul University (and a League member). Brian Meyers from the Wilmette Library facilitated the discussion.

On April 2, everyone banished the winter blahs by attending BUNCO NIGHT. Thanks to Marilyn Weber for hosting at her condo's party room.

On May 3, the Wilmette League was a co-sponsor for the "One Book Everybody Reads" annual event at the Library. Author Simon Winchester spoke about his book, *The Man Who Loved China* and was available for book signing.

WHAT'S UP FOR NEXT YEAR?

1. Possibly two book events. One may be *The Woman Behind the New Deal*, a book about Frances Perkins, who was a member of FDR's cabinet.
2. An outing to the Chicago Humanities Festival, TBA
3. The annual summer book/luncheon event.
4. The annual holiday party

5. Possible informational events:

- a. Session on the Census, its history, why it's important, what about the methodology (traditional count vs. use of computer modeling/statistical projections)
- b. The Census and Redistricting
- c. How Is Education Reform Like Shakespeare? "Full of sound and fury and signifying nothing." Possible topics-
 - 1) What are organizations involved? How many? To what effect?
 - 2) Role of state legislature as chief school board
 - 3) Structure-Number of school districts. Why are there so many? What effect does that have on quality?
 - 4) Charter schools-myths vs. reality. How do we measure effectiveness of charters and mainstream schools? Private/parochial?
 - 5) Pension crisis. Villains & heroes? How did we get here? What will solve the problem?

Suggestions for program events are welcome! Contact either Georgia Gebhardt or Dorothy Speidel.

President's Remarks:

Libby reported that several organizations have asked us to co-sponsor programs on education. We agreed to co-sponsor a program with United We Learn. With Family Awareness, we also co-sponsored a program on the minimum drinking age. Finally, Libby drew attention to our capital improvement – our new banner that is both attractive and easily portable.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Morrison reported the following: The Operating Fund Account balance is \$4,804.98. The Education Fund balance is 6,587.65. In addition, we have a CD at the North Shore Community Bank with a face value of \$5,512.61. This brings our total assets to \$16,905.24.

V. Budget Committee Presentation: Susan Morrison thanked the Budget Committee which consisted of Georgia Gebhardt, Therese Steinken, Beth Nyhan, Jan Peterson and Libby Bankoff. Susan then presented the budgets for 2009-2010 which were printed in the April 2009 *Bulletin*. She noted that the revenue projection of \$500 for contributions may be optimistic. Dale Cohodes moved and Beth Nyhan seconded that the budgets be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

VI. Report of the Nominating Committee: Dorothy Speidel read the report of the Nominating Committee:

President:	Therese Steinken
Secretary:	Dorothy Speidel, pro tem
Treasurer:	Susan Morrison
Membership/Recruitment:	Libby Bankoff
Student Government:	Deena Mitchell
Programs:	Georgia Gebhardt, Dorothy Speidel
Voter Services:	Heidi Voorhees, Ellen Falkof
Web Master:	Beth Nyhan
Publicity, Public Relations:	Judy Mandel, Jan Peterson
<i>Bulletin</i> Editor	Dale Cohodes

2010-2011 Nominating Committee: Cinda Axley, chair, Dorothy Speidel, Beth Nyhan

At this point in the meeting, a beautiful urn full of plants and flowers was presented to outgoing president Libby Bankoff by Georgia Gebhardt.

VIII. Special Program: League member Sharon Weingarten and her husband, Dr. Chuck Weingarten, told us about their experiences as volunteers in the American Samoa in January of this year. (Per Chuck, American Samoa is located halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand.) Chuck volunteered as an otolaryngologist and Sharon as a teacher with World Teach. They showed slides including those of the tropical medical center that former President Lyndon Johnson had established, local schools and some homes, both modest and more prosperous. Chuck spoke of the economy noting that one third of the jobs were with one employer, the Starkist Samoa Company. Unfortunately, it had closed the week before our meeting. The other large employers are the hospital, the government and the U. S. Army. The population totals about 70,000.

IX. Announcements:

A reminder of the blood drive that will be held for member Mimi Ryan on May 17 at St. Francis church in Wilmette

A reminder of the program offered by United We Learn on May 14

Rayna Miller's files from the League School Board of Education Caucus Study will be at the Wilmette Historical Museum

Libby Bankoff thanked all board members for their service and gave Therese Steinken the President's gavel

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Speidel

**LWV-Wilmette's Nominated Slate
for 2010-2011 Officers and Board of Directors**

OFFICERS**Term Ends**

Administrative Director/Vice President	Georgia Gebhardt	2011
Administrative Director/Treasurer	Susan Morrison	2012
Secretary	Therese Steinken	2011
Programs/Vice President	Libby Bankoff	2011
Voter Services/Vice President	Dorothy Speidel	2011
Web Master/Vice President	Beth Nyhan	2011

DIRECTORS**Term Ends**

Membership/Internal Communications Dir.	Jan Peterson	2011
Student Government Director	Lali Watt	2012
Student Government Director	Stephanie Phelan	2012
Publicity Director	Judy Mandel	2011
<i>Bulletin</i> Editor/Director	Dale Cohodes	2011
Director-at-Large	Mindy Heidekat	2011
Director-at-Large	Sue Rasher	2011
Director-at-Large	Betty Jacobs	2011
Director-at-Large	Nancy Canafax	2011
Director-at-Large	Jae Choi Kim	2011

2011 Nominating Committee:

Deena Mitchell, Chair
Cinda Axley
Beth Nyhan
Dorothy Speidel

OPERATING BUDGET 2010-2011

LWV Wilmette Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011

	2006-07 <i>Actual</i>	2007-08 <i>Actual</i>	2008-2009 <i>Actual</i>	2009-10 YTD 7/1/09- 05/05/10	2009-10 Estimate 5/6/10- 06/30/10	2009-10 Total (Est.)	2010-11 Budget
Revenue							
Contributions	\$435.00	\$500.00	\$470.00	\$1,085.00	\$0.00	\$1,085.00	\$500.00
LWV-II Phonathon	\$760.00	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$6,350.00	\$4,990.00	\$5,105.00	\$5,010.00	\$0.00	\$5,010.00	\$4,725.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$7,545.00	\$5,898.00	\$5,575.00	\$6,095.00	\$0.00	\$6,095.00	\$5,225.00
Expenses							
Dues							
LWV-US	\$2,302.00	\$1,222.12	\$1,298.00	\$1,082.32	\$0.00	\$1,082.32	\$1,099.99
LWV-IL	\$2,160.00	\$1,892.00	\$1,833.00	\$1,472.25	\$0.00	\$1,472.25	\$1,472.25
LWV-Cook County	\$405.00	\$423.00	\$423.00	\$339.75	\$0.00	\$339.75	\$339.75
Lake Michigan Interleague	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Angel Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.20
Total Dues	\$4,892.00	\$3,362.12	\$3,577.00	\$2,894.32	\$0.00	\$2,894.32	\$3,057.19
General Administration							
Bulk Mail Permit	\$260.00	(\$215.14)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bulletin	\$686.52	\$63.47	\$55.42	\$193.74	\$7.80	\$201.54	\$180.00
Directory	\$595.91	\$0.00	\$800.24	\$81.29	\$0.00	\$81.29	\$85.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$224.94	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Insurance	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
Membership	\$140.78	\$73.64	\$100.75	\$141.82	\$0.00	\$141.82	\$150.00
Publicity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Phone	\$181.54	(\$79.24)	\$282.20	\$34.08	\$15.00	\$49.08	\$80.00
P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$54.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$56.00	\$54.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$123.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$118.74	\$219.51	\$638.32	\$87.40	\$25.00	\$112.40	\$150.00
Transfer	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$375.14	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Events							
Annual Meeting	\$132.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
All Member Meeting	\$0.00	\$89.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Book Event	(\$60.00)	(\$21.75)	\$28.72	(\$1.98)	\$0.00	(\$1.98)	\$0.00
Holiday Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.80	\$89.20	\$0.00	\$89.20	\$75.00
Bunco Event	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.31	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Other Programs	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$93.75	\$0.00	\$93.75	\$200.00
Sidewalk Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$39.80	\$0.00	\$39.80	\$40.00
State of the Village	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$283.01	\$0.00	\$283.01	\$0.00
Voter Information	\$549.25	\$0.00	\$148.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conventions							
National	\$1,609.31	\$0.00	\$2,321.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$780.16	\$0.00	\$780.16	\$0.00
Cook County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legislative Day/Briefing	\$138.76	\$133.93	\$130.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$100.00
Donations	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$9,390.63	\$4,500.67	\$8,839.47	\$5,169.59	\$275.80	\$5,445.39	\$6,706.19
Revenue-Expense	(\$1,845.63)	\$1,197.33	(\$3,264.47)	\$925.41	(\$275.80)	\$649.61	(\$1,481.19)

EDUCATION FUND BUDGET 2010-2011

**LWV Wilmette Education Fund Budget
Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Total	YTD 7/1/2009- 4/26/2010	EST. 4/27/2010- 6/30/2010	2009-10 Total (Est.)	2010-2011 Budget
Revenue:							
Member Contributions	1,580.00	1,700.00	845.00	895.00	0.00	895.00	1,000.00
Profit Share	0.00	0.00	42.04	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Interest	27.49	0.00	107.52	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total Revenue:	1,607.49	1,700.00	994.56	895.00	140.00	1,035.00	1,140.00
Programs:							
Student Government							
Revenue	1,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	3,053.61	0.00	0.00	324.48	123.76	448.24	500.00
Net	(1,153.61)	0.00	0.00	(324.48)	(123.76)	(448.24)	(500.00)
Women's History Lunch							
Revenue	50.15	225.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	40.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net	9.20	225.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Voter's Services							
State of the Village							
Revenue	0.00	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	0.00	491.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net	0.00	138.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Voter's Guide							
Revenue	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communication/Fundraising							
Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Expense	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Net	0.00	0.00	(25.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Other Voter's Services							
Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	52.50	75.00	220.95	238.26	0.00	238.26	300.00
Net	(52.50)	(75.00)	(220.95)	(238.26)	0.00	(238.26)	(300.00)
Our Climate Matters							
Revenue	0.00	9,490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	0.00	8,599.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net	0.00	890.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consensus Meetings							
Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense	0.00	94.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Net	0.00	(94.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.00)
PMP:							
LWV-US	0.00	1,222.12	1,296.00	811.74	270.58	1,082.32	1,099.99
LWV-IL	0.00	564.00	611.00	490.75	0.00	490.75	490.75
Total	0.00	1,786.12	1,907.00	1,302.49	270.58	1,573.07	1,590.74
Net	1,510.58	999.17	(1,158.39)	(970.23)	(254.34)	(1,224.57)	(850.74)