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Medical services probed

By LINDA TAYLOR

For 1977-78, the West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters will tackle questions such as financing of the seven school districts within West Bloomfield Township and fire service in Farmington area.

The league held its annual meeting Wednesday at Pine Lake Country Club in West Bloomfield and adopted the programs proposed by the board.

One project on the league schedule, "a vigorous action campaign on emergency medical services (EMS)" for West Bloomfield, has partially been taken care of. Many members were not aware that Twp. Supervisor John Doherty announced at Monday's trustees' meeting that the township had had a sufficient increase in revenues to cover cost of a system.

Therefore, the league's plan to convince voters to approve a millage to pay for EMS is unnecessary.

A league campaign for EMS in Farmington will be pursued, with an eye toward regional cooperation in both EMS and fire services.

The league will zero in on specific aspects of the West Bloomfield master plan for future land use. Its program outline states that the plan should reflect resident as well as professional participation in planning, preservation of wetlands, woodlands and open spaces; realistic population projections and development; diversity of income levels and age groups; exploration of alternative transportation plans and consideration of broad effects of land use.



MARY LAZARATON

FOR THE FARMINGTON area, the league will reopen its fire department study to evaluate what level of fire service best suits the Farmington area.

The league will study a volunteer force, a mix of volunteers and full-time professionals or all fulltime professional firefighters.

Demographic factors as well as costs will be part of the study.

AS PART OF its annual meeting the West Bloomfield-Farmington league elected Mary Lazaraton of Farmington Hills as president.

Mrs. Lazaraton has served as the local league's membership chairman, first vice-president in charge of

program, Farmington Local Study Committee chairman and EMS study chairwoman.

Other officers elected to serve two-year terms are Jo Roberts of West Bloomfield, first vice-president; Marjorie Rohrer of West Bloomfield, secretary; Diane Cauffman, Louise McBroome and Barbara Worthen, all of Farmington Hills, directors.

Directors to serve one year are Ann Grant of West Bloomfield and Patsy Smith and Donna Olson of Farmington Hills.

Board members continuing in office are Barbara Kurko of West Bloomfield, treasurer, Ann Dauba of Orchard Lake, second vice-president,

and Diane Davis of West Bloomfield.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS of the league attending Wednesday's luncheon meeting received copies of the history of the local league, as researched and compiled by Jo Roberts.

The report states the local group came about when nine women in West-aces subdivision met in April 1946 to form a nonsocial organization to arouse residents "to their responsibilities toward a democratic government."

Luncheon arrangements were handled by Emily Chesney and Donna Olson assisted by Mary Bowman, Sue Willis and Dorothy Sheiman.

Lorraine Beebe warns ERA is in trouble

Former state senator Lorraine Beebe was happy to hear the West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters supports the national league's plan to spend up to \$1 million to push for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

But she warned in an address at the local league's annual meeting Wednesday, "Money won't do it all."

The third woman ever to be elected to the state senate, she is chairman of the Speaker's Bureau of the Michigan Equal Rights America.

"There is no question that ERA is in trouble," she said. "The defeat in Florida was a shocker."

Critical of "good ole boys" from a conservative Southern bloc "who still have the idea of women as Southern belles," she fears ERA's defeat in Florida "gave the anti-ERA forces a green light."

"I'm concerned what may happen in Michigan," she told the league, explaining that she fears the introduction of a resolution to rescind the state's support of ERA.

"We have to get on the ball and off our apathy," she said, urging that "every one of you must go to your legislator. If you can't get to him, use the Trojan horse technique and get to his wife. The time to be ladies is past."

SHE INSISTS that while 45 per cent of the labor force is women, school counselors still direct women students into typical female jobs—typists, nurses

and teaching. She said most federal assistance money goes to men and that the military is just beginning to make entrance requirements equal for men and women.

She said anti-ERA persons who charge that the amendment would put women in combat and would allow homosexual marriages are using emotional arguments.

She advised confronting such arguments with straight-forward questions.

Economics, not ERA, will "pull women out of the home. Very few work for the fun of it," she said. Mrs. Beebe warned the league, "We can't let the anti-ERA go to our legislators."

Red Cross CPR course offered

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission offers a certified Red Cross course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning May 4. The class will be given in Farmington Hills City Hall council chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile, from 7:10 p.m.

CPR is the method of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage that forces the heart to pump blood and prevents the possibility of brain damage.

Art fair space on sale now

Reservations for table space at the Northwest YWCA Fall Arts and Crafts Fair are now being taken in the Y building, 25940 Grand River. The fair, to be held Oct. 16, will offer handmade articles for sale to the public in all media.

Exhibitors pay \$15 for a space in the fair, and keep all proceeds from sales.

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