

LWV wields small budget while doing a mammoth job

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters (LWV) rev up for the mammoth job that's facing members in the national election year trying to keep balance while wielding a local budget under \$10,000 locally.

Thousands of Voters Guides will be published and distributed and public forums for the candidates will be sponsored while the league carries on its list of studies.

The league is a non-partisan organization with the purpose to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to act on selected governmental issues. The group never supports or opposes any political candidate or party.

The league is probably best known for its voter service where it fulfills this purpose through Voter's Guides

where candidates answer questions in their own words on issues the league poses.

In addition, publications are distributed as the need arises on non-partisan governmental information necessary for informed voting. Candidate's Night meetings and issue forums are sponsored at appropriate times, and "Know Your Town" publications are printed and updated.

Nationally the league sponsors the Presidential Debates.

WHAT THE LEAGUE is probably less well known for is its study of issues, reaching positions, and acting toward legislative changes.

"With 60 years of service to our credit," said Neva Carter, president of the local LWV, "we are the longest running, non-partisan, multi-issue organization in the U.S."

In Michigan, during the past year,

positions have been reached on financing government services, local ordinances and urban crisis.

"We've lobbied for reform in the area of juvenile justice," Mrs. Carter said, "on windfall profits, redlining bills, on SEMTA transportation, on SEMCOG sewer map revisions, on local parks and recreation decisions, and civic center development in West Bloomfield, and on housing and commercial development in Farmington Hills."

Add to that, numerous local information meetings on nuclear and hazardous wastes, urban studies, international trade and taxation.

The LWV was at the forefront in promoting information, yet not taking any stand for or against the housing issue in Farmington Hills and the pros and cons of the future municipal status of West Bloomfield (city, township, or charter township).

"Our members have observed municipal meetings of city councils, township boards, city appointed and township elected commission, county commissioners and school boards," Mrs. Carter said.

"We think our very presence at these governmental meetings makes governmental officials just a little more aware of their need to be accountable."

ALL SERVICES rendered to the community from the league is on a volunteer basis. Members function out of their homes, or public meeting rooms. "We have interviewed our public officials, locally, statewide and nationally and kept track of their voting records on selected issues," Mrs. Carter said. "We've written thousands of letters, placed and received even more phone calls and brewed countless cups of coffee."

"We've turned our homes into offices bursting with printed materials and

file upon file of background information.

"We've also done our share of publishing: not just brochures but books as well."

She adds that of the \$10,000 local budget, all but \$2,000 was generated by donations and dues from the members themselves. Some money came from fees earned through free member labor such as precinct reporting for ABC.

Mrs. Carter calls that "amazing." The league will accept contributions to help in its work for the election year by writing to Mrs. Carter, 31099 Verona Drive, Farmington Hills 48018.



NEVA CARTER

Traditional Tre Ore services continue in Prince of Peace Church

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church carries on its traditional Tre Ore Worship services from noon to 3 p.m. Good

Friday, April 4, in the church on Farmington Road and 12 Mile.

The three-hour service is conducted in seven 20-minute segments with a five-minute interlude between each segment to allow persons to come and leave as they choose.

A number of Lutheran pastors from the area will be participating in the service, where each segment centers upon one of the seven words of Jesus from the Cross.

Special music will involve organists, adult choirs and youth choirs, under the director of Renee Beck, director of music for Prince of Peace.

"There will be no offering during the service, but a receptacle will be at the door for those who care to contribute," said Rev. R. S. St. Pierre, pastor of Prince of Peace. "All contributions from Tre Ore services always go to a local charity in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area."

The pastor said "This service is always well attended by area persons and we wish to express our appreciation to the many businesses and merchants who allow their employees time away from their jobs to participate in the various segments of the observance."

"Many persons attend several of the segments as they observe the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday."

For those unable to worship during the afternoon hours, Prince of Peace conducts a special Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday evening.

BPW leader helps write success book

Louise Cutler, past president of District Nine Business and Professional Women (BPW), is one of 22 successful women who has been chosen to write a chapter in a book titled, "The Pearl of Potentiality."

Each of the book's 22 chapters chronicles separate success stories of professional women and Ms. Cutler tells her story in a chapter titled, "From Painful Experiences Grow Precious Pearls."

In this chapter, she tells how her life experiences, which include child rear-

ing, an unsuccessful marriage and financial problems, became the seeds for her current situation.

In recent years she has moved from real estate sales work to teaching in that career area. She lectures on real estate and teaches pre-licensing classes for Russell Schools in Southfield, Ann Arbor and Brighton.

While serving on the board of directors for the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors, she instituted the Million Dollar Sales Club for

successful realtors. She is a member of that club.

She relates in her chapter that she enjoyed selling real-estate, she decided to become a public speaker to provide greater challenges in her life. She became a member of the National Speaker's Association.

During a convention held by the association last year in Arizona, she met Dottie Walters, a publisher who invited her to write a chapter for the women's success book.

Part of Ms. Cutler's advice includes dressing professionally. "It's important for two reasons," she stated. "It makes you feel more confident and gives you a professional impression."

Ms. Cutler frequently speaks before professional women's groups, such as the BPW.

The Northville resident will be available to autograph copies of her book during an appearance at the Bookstall book store on Main Street in Northville on March 22.

Orchard church hosts Ecumenical Renewal Day

Orchard United Methodist Church will host "Ecumenical Renewal Day," for men, women and teens, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, in the church at 30450 Farmington Road.

Theme for the day is "Following Jesus."

Highlighting the program will be talks by Margaret Hess, a Bible teacher, author and world traveler. Her weekly Bible study classes in Ward United Presbyterian Church in Livonia and First Presbyterian Church in Bir-

mingham draw a weekly attendance of up to 700 persons.

A variety of activities for Christian fellowship will include the opportunity to participate in group singing and small study groups, and to hear music by the youth of Covenant Baptist Church of West Bloomfield.

An offering will be taken to defray lunch and other costs. Advance registration will be appreciated by calling Doris Edwards, 553-9030.

Free pap tests offered

Michigan Cancer Foundation offers free pap tests from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee.

Women who wish to have the test are asked to call the Oakland Service Center, 549-4600, for an appointment.

The foundation believes that every woman over the age of 18 should have a pap test at least once a year.

The test is simple and painless, given

to detect cancer of the cervix and can be performed by a specially trained nurse in a few minutes.

Women who are unable to attend the one-day clinic in Farmington can get a test in Michigan Cancer Foundation Oakland Service Center, 4224 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. These tests are offered on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but again, appointments are necessary.

Combatting burnout

(Continued from page 1C) advised Martha where she could take kayak lessons prior to departure and also where she could sharpen up on fly-fishing techniques.

Regardless of age or interest, the sky is the limit, said Mrs. Klingbell, who advises clients where to fulfill their wildest dreams. Continuously on the lookout for ways to expand her horizons to all fields of leisure, she traveled

to Australia and New Zealand during spring, 1979 to evaluate the field of leisure in those countries. In October she participated in the seventh annual Experiential Education Conference in New Hampshire.

For information regarding leisure activities and life research, call Mrs. Klingbell at 885-5176 or write to her at 56 Hawthorne Road, Grosse Pointe, 48236.

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