

# Former Senator Beebe keynoter for LWV meet

**By REESA PESICK**  
EAST LANSING — Listen here women of America, you're quick learners, great organizers . . . and probably know more than you give yourself credit for.

Why then, have you never considered going into politics?

That's what N. Lorraine Beebe, an active polito said recently and that's what she'll ask the Southfield-Lathrup League of Women Voters (LWV) to do at the Red Cedar Inn at noon Saturday.

The former Dearborn State Senator said if women want certain legislation passed, they're going to have to get out and fight for it themselves.

"Don't expect support from men," she said.

"It becomes the responsibility of women to join political groups and to become involved in lobbying."

She said females have always been made to feel inferior to men and so they hesitate to enter the political scene.

"Women should get involved in a small role first," Ms. Beebe suggested. "Look, it's like learning to swim. You don't start off diving into the deep water."

"There are those men who would probably want to shovel you

aside," she said, "but it's a great world, and you do get battered. But you have to remember men do too."

She said women aren't moving along fast in politics because they've always been conditioned to lose.

A woman has to learn to identify herself, she said, and she has to identify her goals and objectives.

"We're pushing very hard for every woman to run as a delegate," she said. "I do not believe there's



an office or job she can't handle." This certainly is applicable to Ms. Beebe's own accomplishments. Presently she is the director of the Michigan Consumer Council.

She's also involved in several women's organizations and the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

When in the state senate she was chairperson on several committees.

But don't think Ms. Beebe has never encountered discrimination. "We have to work twice as hard to prove ourselves, but we also learn twice as much," she said.

Even when you think you've tackled the problem of discrimination, however, it'll often sneak up again.

After working alongside men in the legislature for so long, she was amazed at their stand on the abortion issue.

"The real impact of discrimination and the convictions of men came through on the abortion issue."

"They definitely placed women in a subordinate role," she said.

Take it from one who's been there, although more and more women are making the political plunge, there's plenty of room for yet more.

So pitch in and help.

## Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer needs listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listing should also be made through the Volunteer Bureau.

**MUSIC PROGRAM:** Awareness through Music program which meets in a private Bloomfield Hills home needs volunteers to help with music enrichment for elementary students in grades three through six. Volunteers do not need a musical background. An eight-week training course with two hour classes, scheduled twice a week is given and volunteers begin teaching in the schools while in training. The program may be taken to the elementary school of the volunteer's choice.

**MEDICAL CLINIC:** Hays Medical Clinic, 120 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, needs volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis with people with drug problems. The hours are flexible and training is provided. Office and clerical workers are also needed.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:** Newly-formed volunteer committee for the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, is seeking volunteers from Oakland County. Workers are needed for clerical and mailing jobs, (chauffeur) performers, renovation tasks and selling advertising and season tickets. Workers for at-home phoning and clerical work are also needed.

**YWCA:** Pontiac YWCA, 269 West Huron, Pontiac, needs volunteers to serve as "Big Sisters" to work with senior citizens, to volunteer in the daycare center for pre-school children, and to serve as tutors during a summer program. Volunteers are asked to work two hours per week. Those in the summer program work two hours per day on weekdays for a four-week session. Structured or on-the-job training is provided.

**CANCER FOUNDATION:** Michigan Cancer Foundation, South Oakland office, 1739 Coolidge Highway, Berkley and North Oakland office, 64 West Lawrence, Pontiac, needs volunteer drivers to take patients to cobalt therapy, to show films and work with speakers bureaus and to work in the Breast Cancer Detection Center, 110 East Warren, Detroit. An Oral Cancer Detection Center will open at the Warren address in May. Volunteer drivers work one day a week. Workers at the detection centers work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. one day a week. Training is provided.

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