

LWV updated on bicentennial goings-on

Planning for the nation's bicentennial celebrations wavered when Washington was washed in Watergate but has since regained ground, according to Detroit's bicentennial director.

In 1966, planners attempted to discuss concepts such as "liberty and justice" and lay the groundwork for the U.S. celebration, Joyce Garrett, executive director of the Detroit Bicentennial, said in Bloomfield Township last week. "However, the ball got dropped on the way to Watergate," she commented.

In December 1973, Congressional legislation was passed which established the bicentennial's theme.

"By that time, everyone was so nervous about American ideals I

think they wanted to go back to their districts and stick their heads in the sand," Ms. Garrett said.

Ms. Garrett's remarks were made at the annual meeting and luncheon of the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters held at the Wabek Country Club, Bloomfield Township.

A member of the League of Women Voters in Detroit, Ms. Garrett sketched the outlines of the city's historic celebration which range from organization of a jazz history program to plans for a \$6 million science center.

IN DETROIT, the commemoration of the American Revolution will be augmented by celebration

of the 275 anniversary of the city's founding.

The Detroit Bicentennial staff's most important work is being completed through the celebration's environmental theme, according to Ms. Garrett.

Congress designated three bicentennial theme areas: heritage — the historical component; festivals — the pagentry and cultural component and horizons — the environmental component.

The Woodward East Renaissance Project, a neighborhood restoration program of 19th century Victorian Homes, is being carried out under the bicentennial's Horizons theme. The Michigan Bicentennial Commission granted \$25,000 to the project, Ms. Garrett

said, terming it the commission's largest single grant.

Development of a \$6 million science and technology center is also included in the Horizons program.

THE CITY'S look into the past will incorporate the restoration of Fort Wayne, originally built in the 1840s. The fort's Civil War appearance will be revived and exhibits added under the bicentennial's heritage theme.

An American Indian studies center, focusing on the Woodland Indians, will be established in a building adjacent to the Fort Wayne Indian Mound.

Ms. Garrett also advocated development of a center recalling Detroit's contributions to jazz. Along

with films, books and jazz memorabilia, special events could be staged in such a center, she said.

This year, the city's well-known riverfront ethnic festivals will be handled by the bicentennial commission.

"We're trying diligently to upgrade those," Ms. Garrett said, explaining that fresh emphasis is being placed on the festivals' cultural aspects.

Ms. Garrett said she did not anticipate that all bicentennial commission projects and activities would end July 1, 1977.

"Many of the activities are part of the ongoing economic and cultural growth of the city," she commented, "they probably will be reshuffled to other departments."



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Lynda Robb opens 1975-76 Town Hall

The daughter of a former president, a movie critic, a researcher in biofeedback and a journalist-explorer will be the headliner at the Livonia Town Hall lecture series during the 1975-76 season.

Lynda Johnson Robb, daughter of President Lyndon Johnson, will open the series Oct 15. She will be followed Nov. 19 by movie critic Rex Reed.

Dr. Barbara Brown will arrive Jan. 21 to talk about the biofeedback phenomenon by which man can learn to control his own biological and mental functioning.

Winding up the series on March 17 will be Phyllis Kepler, who will discuss her travels in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

"LIFE IN THE White House" is the title chosen by Mrs. Robb for lecture "It is not what most people imagine it is," she says.

One of the White House brides in this nation's history, she became the wife of Marine Cpt. Chuck Robb in a ceremony there in 1967. Robb now is a lawyer practicing in Washington.

While a resident of the White House, Mrs. Robb began working for McCall's magazine, and in 1969 switched to the Ladies Home Journal, to which she continues to contribute articles.

Before this she graduated from the University of Texas with honors, and was a member of three scholastic honorary societies in classics, history and government.

Today she is a member of the National Advisory Board of Reading is Fundamental, on the Committee of 100 of the Children Hospital National Medical Center and on the board of directors of Honor America Day.

Long active in consumer affairs, she headed a lawyer wives group on ecology in Charlottesville, Va., when her husband was there as a law student.

CALLED BY TIME Magazine "the most entertaining new journalist in America since Tom Wolfe," Rex Reed is often described as a controversial movie critic.

"Red Reed at the Movies" is the title of the lecture by the man who will love the movies and claims he would see 10 shows a week whether or not he was getting paid for it.

Known as a critic who always knows where he stands, Reed regularly contributes articles to Esquire, Holiday, Cosmopolitan, Harpers Bazaar and the New York Times.

He frequently appears on major television talk shows.

DR. BROWN BELIEVES that biofeedback is a new medium of communication — between mind and body, consciousness and the unconscious and between patient and therapist.

She is enthusiastic about the possible benefits of biofeedback technique not only as one of the most potent and practical tools for exploration of the power and energy of the mind, but as a help in relieving both

mental and physical distress.

Author of the book "New Mind, New Body," Dr. Brown was until 1972 chief of experimental physiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Sepulveda, Calif.

She lectured in the department of psychiatry at the UCLA Medical Center. As a research pharmacologist in the pharmaceutical industry, she developed a number of drugs used in medicine, and initiated basic studies in the physiology of behavior.

WHILE DR. HENRY Kissinger was negotiating last spring with the upper echelons of the Arab world, Phyllis Kepler was traveling through the cities and countryside of the mid-east, meeting people in their homes and talking with their children to acquire information for the articles she writes for Scholastic Magazine.

Since graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism and home economics, Mrs. Kepler has led a busy and sometimes adventurous life.

She worked on a top secret intelligence assignment with Associated Press, was home furnishings editor and crime reporter for the Indianapolis News, and also worked for a New York public relations firm.

There are few parts of the world she has not visited, having traveled in Korea, Afghanistan, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania.

Her trips have taken her through 5,000 miles of South America from Bolivia to Venezuela, and 12,000 miles in a Volkswagen from Europe to Asia following the footsteps of Marco Polo.

She has made her way through the Amazon basin with a headhunting Jivaro Indian as her guide. Proceeds from the lecture series go to the American Field Service International Scholarship Program, which is 1974-75 brought 1,817 students to the United States to attend school.

Three of these students attended Livonia high schools. During the same period five Livonians went abroad on the AFS program.

Tickets for the four lectures in the 12th season of the Livonia Town Hall cost \$12. Those wishing to purchase tickets as sponsors may do so for \$20, as patrons for \$35. Their names will be listed in the Town Hall program.

The lectures will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Mai Kai theater, Farmington and Plymouth roads, Livonia.

Season ticket holders may also attend the celebrity luncheons which are held immediately after each lecture in the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

The speaker of the day will answer questions from members of the audience in an informal session following the luncheon.

Reservations for the meal will be made on a first come basis at \$4 per person. No reservations or cancellations will be accepted after the Friday preceding the lecture.

Send reservation with check to Livonia Town Hall, Box 2143, Livonia.

Those wishing to be assured of luncheon seating for the entire season may purchase a season ticket for \$18, and include it with their order for season tickets for the lecture series.

Questions about Livonia Town Hall should be directed to Mrs. Lillian McCann, Livonia.

A check covering both these events may be mailed to Mrs. Richard Dahler, 3224 Allen, Livonia. Questions on Livonia Town Hall should be directed to Mrs. Lillian McCann, Livonia.

LWV calls for new members

By LORRAINE MCCLASH

Paula Tobocman called for an effort to bring in new members when she accepted the presidency of the West Bloomfield Farmington Area League of Women Voters this week.

Her acceptance speech followed on the heels of the passage of the group's 1975-76 budget and proposed local programs where increased membership was a priority item.

Mrs. Tobocman, a resident of Farmington Hills, succeeds Ann Beuerle of Orchard Lake, as president of the 29 year old chapter of the nation wide organization built on volunteerism.

The league has been working for 55 years to promote political responsibility through the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

IT HAS A non-partisan policy, but does take positions on issues after study and group consensus.

Local studies in West Bloomfield most recently have concerned, the city's master plan, and parks and recreation facilities.

In the Farmington area, studies have been made concerning schools, parks and recreation, fire protection, senior citizen housing and provisions for sewage and drainage.

Upcoming studies slated for the 1975-76 term will concern emergency medical service and facilities in both areas, and a study of the updated master plan in West Bloomfield.

The league holds candidates meetings and issues voter guides, pub-

lished and distributed for all elections.

OBSERVERS of the league sit in and report on all meetings of the local government bodies as well as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Members have been active in lobbying and circulating petitions supporting reform of campaign financing for both state and federal elections.

The chapter's new president is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Her previous duties in the league has been as secretary, human resources chairman and finance chairman.

In 1973-74 she co-chaired the Housing Action Committee of the Detroit Metropolitan Area League of Women Voters and last spring she co-ordinated the Housing and Land Use Conference in Detroit that was co-sponsored by the league.

In addition to her league work, she is vice president of the Highmeadow School PTA and serves on the board of trustees for Birmingham Temple.

HER VICE presidents will be Mary Lazaration, of Farmington and Claire Snow of West Bloomfield. The new secretary is Barbara Kurko of Farmington.

Directors from Farmington are Barbara Worthen, Maria Raak and Sue Wills.

Directors from West Bloomfield are JoAnn Roberts, Sandra Schwartz and Phyllis Salin.

Treasurer for the chapter is Jan Clements, of Farmington.

The league meets the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Farmington Community Library 32737 W. Twelve Mile, and have baby-sitting accommodations for its members.

Membership inquiries will be taken by Mrs. Beuerle, 6312 Nicholas Drive, Orchard Lake, or Mrs. Lazaration, 3422 Gloucester Circle, Farmington Hills.

Alma College gives degree

FARMINGTON—Four area residents are among Alma College graduates who received bachelor's degrees this spring.

Amy L. Kleinschmitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kleinschmitt of Farmington, received a bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude, with honors in education.

Christine R. Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Washburn of Farmington received a bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude.

Connie J. Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Crawford of Farmington Hills, received a bachelor of arts degree.

Linda F. Green, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Green of Farmington, Hills, received a bachelor of science degree.



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