

# League aims to build informed electorate

By CORINNE ABATT

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters (LWV) recently completed a study of emergency medical service in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area.

The study and conclusions were approved by the local membership last month. From there it was taken to the Farmington Hills city council meeting June 14.

Since the report deals with what has been a controversial subject for the past year, it will probably engender questions from those not familiar with the LWV. What is the league? What gives them the right to make such a study? Why was the study made? What political party does the league represent?

THE ORGANIZATION is totally non-partisan. In a recent policy paper from the local chapter, it was stated: "The League of Women Voters does not ever support or oppose any political party or candidate."

Further, the paper explains that members are urged to work as individuals in the party of their choice, but in order to insure non-partisanship, League board members refrain from any partisan or political activity while in office.

Then, if not politically oriented, the question that follows is, what does the league do, and what are its goals?

The purpose is stated as: "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues."

The study and action may be at local, county, regional, state and national levels. The criteria are that the issue must be of current community interest or one in which community interest needs to be developed.

THE EMERGENCY medical service was a current issue before the community on which the local membership felt not enough objective, in-depth material had been gathered.

Mary Lazaraton of Farmington, first vice president of the local chapter, headed a group of eight league members who did the study over a six-month period.

The complete report is now being printed and copies will be given to the City of Farmington Hills and to the district libraries.

Mrs. Lazaraton said, "We tried very hard to be objective, but I think the facts speak for themselves."

At the June 14 council meeting, Mrs. Lazaraton commended the city for its incorporating improvements in fire protection, particularly those related to emergency medical services.

"We think the hiring of a fire chief and the provision for the five full-time man is a commitment to upgrade. I think slowly improvements are going to be made," she said.

THE LEAGUE takes two kinds of action after such a study has been done. Members will develop support for the league's position and are prepared to support any specific legislation which will implement that position.

The league is now prepared to make presentations on the material and give programs for the general community.

A similar study on emergency medical services for the West Bloomfield community is scheduled for completion next fall.

The local league has established positions on a number of local issues. They are:

- Support for passage of the Wetlands Ordinance in West Bloomfield.
- Support of a more comprehensive West Bloomfield master plan than the one recently adopted.
- Support of the June 14 millage and bond proposals on West Bloomfield's ballot.
- Non-support for building Northwestern Highway as proposed, into a major interstate highway.
- Support for zoning changes which will allow senior citizens housing to be built in



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area in addition to those noted multiple in Farmington Hills.

• Support of consolidation of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, and

• Support for improved emergency medical services as recommended in the recently completed study.

THE LEAGUE provides several services to voters. Two of the best known are the printed voters guide. Another election voters service encourages people to register and vote and provides factual information to help them become well-informed.

Non-election voters services involves year-round learning about and participation in government and politics at every level. League membership is open to all citizens 18 and over.

Mrs. Paula Toberman is president of the local chapter. Those with questions about positions, membership or programs may call the league at 628-0282.

## Classes still open

This year, Farmington Community Center will remain open through August, providing a long summer program of entertainment, crafts and sports.

Beginning June 29, art classes will offer plaster casting, old sweater decorating and leather vase making. More conventional media painting, drawing and clay will also be available for all age groups. Ballet and tap dancing, cheerleading, baton twirling, karate and English riding will be offered for sport or fitness lovers. Entertaining arts will be presented by magic, pantomime, puppets, clowning and ventriloquism through professional instruction.



## Summer tie-dyeing

Todd Conoway gives total concentration to his tie-dyeing, one of many art classes being offered in the Farmington Community Center a summer schedule. Reservations for most art categories, for both young and old, are still being accepted in the center or by calling 477-8404.

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