

Mary Lazaraton leaves community, but not LWV

(Editor's note: "Mary Lazaraton leaves community, but not LWV" begins a series of articles on the women who make up the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters. The group was formed here in March 1946 with the purpose of arousing citizens to their responsibilities toward a democratic government. Non-partisan down the line, its aim is to build a well-informed electorate.)

By LORAIN McCLISH

Mary Lazaraton will turn over the president's gavel to her successor when the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters meets for its 33rd Annual Business Meeting April 7. The woman who says she feels her roots are in the Farmington community looks to the spring session "as my last burrah here."

She is in the midst of packing for a move to a southeastern suburb of Chicago and simultaneously transferring

her League of Women Voters membership to the Homewood-Flossmoor branch in Illinois.

Her league roots stem back to her mother, Louise D. Hobart, who served as president of the Cincinnati League of Women Voters, and a member of the Ohio State League of Women Voters Board.

She continued the family tradition of local and state leadership in the local branch by service as first vice president in charge of programming. She has chaired the membership committee, the Farmington Local Study Committee and the Emergency Medical Services Committee.

This work later led to her appointment as vice-chairwoman of the Committee on Public Education for the League of Women Voters and on Emergency Medical Services.

SINCE ASSUMING the presidency of the local branch, Mrs. Lazaraton has been seen many times at public hearings in behalf of the league position for

fair and adequate housing for seniors and all low and moderate income citizens.

Her diligence helped establish the policy of having a copy of the Farmington Hills annual budget placed in the public library for the benefit and convenience of all residents.

In the fall of 1978, her efforts with the Farmington Public Schools manifested the first Legislative Workshop ever given in the area.

Because she was concerned with ballot issues, several thousand more LWV Voters Guides were distributed than ever before in both August and November elections during her tenure here.

THE LEAGUE enjoys a national reputation for the integrity and consistent excellence of its in-depth study and action programs.

It is an organization noted for doing its homework and achieving lasting community improvements, based on the findings of league study commit-

tees throughout the 50 states.

With this in mind, Aggie De Me, spokesman for the local league, said, "Michigan is indeed fortunate that Mary Lazaraton, a tireless worker in the league and other civic activities, with her family, chose Farmington Hills as their home seven years ago."

Beyond her league activities Mrs. Lazaraton has served as an officer for Church Women of the Birmingham Unitarian Church. She has been secretary for the Wedgewood Commons Homeowners Association.

She acted as treasurer for "Kids Count in Farmington," a successful committee that campaigned for school millage in 1975, and she was a member of the "Task Force on Declining Enrollment," for Farmington Public Schools in 1976.

Mrs. Lazaraton is the mother of three children, Anne is a graduate of University of Michigan. Tom is a student at Wayne State University. Nancy is a student at Western Michigan.



Mary Hobart Lazaraton, who has become known for her involvement in numerous civic activities, transfers her League of Women Voters membership this month.

Community Calendar

ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY

Thursday, April 5: Eric Johnson, author of "Love and Sex in Plain Language," talks on adolescent sexuality at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32727 12 Mile Rd., sponsored by the library in cooperation with Farmington Youth Assistance. No charge.

'LUMEN ESSENCE'

Thursday, April 5: "Lumen Essence," one-man show of glass and metal art works of Charles Hudson, in Spectrum Gallery, Chatham Square Mall, 11 Mile Road and Middlebell, through April 10.

'OUR NEWS IS GOOD NEWS'

Thursday, April 5: "Our News is Good News," revival series for Christian and church renewal with Pastor Joe Hall continue at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Sunday, and 11 a.m. Sunday in Forest Park Baptist Church, 27500 Shawawsee, at Inkster Road. Nursery facilities available at no charge.

LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, April 5: Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees, regular monthly meeting, at 8 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Rd. Open to all interested persons.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Thursday, April 5: The works of Hilda Eckel in a one-woman show of watercolors and acrylics, on display in Farmington Community Library on Liberty, remains through April 30.

TOOTSIE ROLL SALE

Friday through Sunday, April 6-8: Knights of Columbus sell Tootsie Rolls in return for a donation to aid the more than 265,000 mentally retarded children and adults in Michigan. Fund drive in this area conducted by St. Francis Council, 21900 Middlebell Rd.

HAND PAINTED CHINA

Friday, April 6: Hand-painted china show and sale sponsored by China Decorators Guild from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, 115 S. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, with demonstrations naming continuously through show hours. Donation of 50 cents asked at the door.

PORCELAINIZED FLOWERS

Friday, April 6: Two-session workshop on the art of creating porcelainized flowers with Betty Haynes begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registrations are necessary through the center, 477-8404.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, April 6: Family Fun Night in Mercy Center, from 7:30-9 p.m. offers open gym and pool activities. Admission of \$3 for a family, asked at the door.

SARA CREW: THE ORPHAN PRINCESS

Saturday, April 7: Bus leaves Keadalwood Shopping Center at 9:45 a.m. for Detroit Institute of Arts' Brownie and Girl Scout Salute Day performance of "Sara Crew: The Orphan Princess." Reservations at \$5.50 each includes tickets and transportation through Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

COOKER AND CANNER CLINIC

Saturday, April 7: Cooker and Canner Clinic, sponsored by National Presto Industries from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Domesco Discount Store, 35123 Grand River. No charge. Visitors are invited to bring in old (up to 35 years old) Presto utensils for restoration.

GYMNASTICS TRYOUTS

Saturday, April 7: Farmington YMCA Girls Gymnastics Team holds tryouts for new members at 1 p.m. in Westbrook Elementary School, 21120

Osmus, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Candidates should have at least one year of gymnastics class experience.

'NO GREATER LOVE'

Sunday, April 8: North Farmington Baptist Church Choir sings "No Greater Love," an hour-long cantata by John Peterson, which depicts the life of Christ, at 10 a.m. in the church at 32500 13 Mile Rd., for its annual Easter musical program on Palm Sunday.

OPEN SWIMMING

Monday-Thursday, April 9-12: Open swimming on Monday and Wednesday in North Farmington High School and on Tuesday and Thursday in Farmington High School from 7-8:30 p.m., and adults only from 8:30-9:15 p.m. Admission of 50 cents for children and teens or 75 cents for adults, asked at the door.

RESUME WRITING

Monday, April 9: One-session workshop on the art of resume writing begins at 7:30 p.m. in Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd. Advance registrations are necessary by calling the center, 476-8010. Fee is \$10.

ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 10: Farmington Arts Commission regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile Rd. Open to all interested persons.

JACKIE GORDON

Tuesday, April 10: Jackie Gordon continues Coffee and Conversation series at 1:30 p.m. in the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. Tickets, at \$3.75, available by calling 644-5832.

TAX AIDE

Tuesday, April 10: Tax Aide program, sponsored by Farmington Hills

Chapter 2088 American Association of Retired Persons, to assist the handicapped and seniors with their 1978 tax forms from noon to 4 p.m. in Farmington Community Library, 23550 Liberty St., Farmington. This session concludes the program for the year, though homebound persons who need this assistance may call Ivar Nylan, 476-4028 until April 13.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Thursday, April 12: Free immunization clinic, sponsored by Oakland County Health Department, offers shots to all persons who have not yet reached the age of 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River.

TRE ORE SERVICE

Friday, April 13: Tre Ore Service, conducted by four Lutheran clergymen, runs in 20-minute segments from noon to 3:20 p.m. in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, corner of 12 Mile and Farmington Roads. Members of the community may attend one or all segments.

Lutheran clergy join for Tre Ore service

Four Lutheran ministers will participate in the Tre Ore Service, beginning at noon Good Friday, April 13, in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 12 Mile and Farmington roads.

The service will consist of seven 20-minute units, each of which will include hymns, Scripture readings, special music, prayer and a brief meditation on one of the "Words" of Christ from His cross.

A five-minute interlude will separate the units to allow people to enter or leave the sanctuary. Visitors may attend one segment, or all.

The "First Word" and "Second Word" segments will be led by Rev. Fred Traugott, Lutheran Campus Pastor for Greater Metropolitan Area of Detroit, Michigan District, of the Lutheran Church, Missoua Synod.

The "Third Word" will be led by Rev.

BB chapter picks leader

At their regular meeting in Southfield, the Louis D. Brandeis Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women elected new officers for the coming year.

Chosen to lead the group was Kayla Dworin, president.

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