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ROSEVILLE, MAPLEWOOD, FALCON HEIGHTS

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May Annual Meeting

**53rd RoMaFH
Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Falcon Heights City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Social hour 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

**Join your fellow RoMaFH members to socialize,
review the year just past, and help plan the year
ahead!**

**If you haven't made reservations, call Joyce
Blomquist: 651 631 0688**

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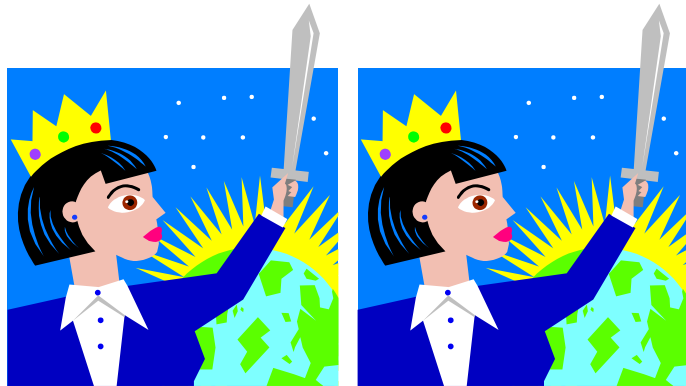
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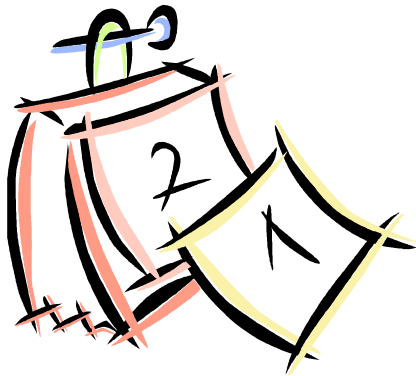
Thanks to all board members and other volunteers that helped in making this a great year. With the support from all of you with the Power of 3 campaign, the state League office was able to move into their new home. There are always many ways to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Teri Kysylyczyn at 484-1384.

This summer will be exciting for League as well with the National Convention coming to Minneapolis June 9 – 12. Look for future articles in how Convention went and things that passed as well as things that did not. It is good for other Leagues to see how great a place Minnesota is and how committed we are to the League. With the National Convention here in June, the Board decided to put off the “Do your own thing” for the Tuesday unit (of course, anyone who wants to attend is more than welcome) until this summer. Look for more information on page 7 of this newsletter.

THE BOOK SALE: The Bad News and The Good News

The bad news is that the Lions' Club of Roseville and the Kiwanis Club of Roseville did not coordinate their pancake breakfasts, and they were both held on Sunday, April 30th. The result was that we probably had half as many people come to the breakfast and Book Sale, since the other half were at the High School having pancakes with the Lion's Club.

The good news is that we had a wonderful turnout of Leaguers at the Fairview Community Center Saturday who set up a beautiful display of books, magazines, puzzles, CDs, audio books, and cassettes. We had many compliments on the professional look and order of everything. Another wonderful group of Leaguers



Calendar of Events 2005-2006

- May 9 Annual Meeting
- May 13 CMAL Annual
Convention and Brunch
- May 16 Evening Unit Meeting
(postponed—see page 7)
- May 17 Daytime Unit Meeting
- May 24 Joint Board Meeting
- June 9-13 LWVUS Convention
in Minneapolis
- June 26 Rosefest
- June 28 Board Calendar
Planning Meeting

was at the checkout table or constantly, reorganizing the items, and keeping everything neat. Then we had the "Whiz-bang" group who within an hour had everything all boxed up and on its way to our dear Georgiana's "warehouse" for another year of storage.

Bottom line: the total sales: \$672.86 - THANK YOU ! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!

Windows and Mirrors for All By Florence Sprague


"Dude, Where's my country?" Bumper Sticker seen in New Mexico


I recently had the good fortune to spend a few vacation days in Santa Fe, New Mexico. While Minnesota has a prominent Native American population when compared to my home state of Ohio, it is nowhere near as omnipresent as are the Indians of the Southwest. Tourists flock to displays of pottery, jewelry and textiles, all types of museums incorporate the role of the native Americans whose cultures are one of the attractions and charms of the area, and the parks often incorporate ancient Native American communities or are physically connected to modern ones. Place names and the people themselves permeate the community. Yet on the fundamental level of daily life and citizenship, there is an underlying tension between communities and cultures, as reflected by the bumper sticker above and another slogan I saw on both a plaque and a t-shirt "Homeland Security Since 1492" with a picture of Native Americans holding guns. Appreciate and value, but don't trample. Tricky.


The adult education class at my church recently viewed the video on the New Americans which we viewed at a recent RoMaFH unit meeting. For some reason one statement I had not remarked upon the other times I viewed the video stood out to me that morning. A Native American woman asked how and what the new Americans were being taught about the first Americans. How indeed? There are so many new things to learn and so many challenges for immigrants. Where is the time and opportunity to see where they fit into the long line of incursions into the land of



Announcements

 Your 2006 dues are due!
Please mail your dues --
\$50/member; \$75/family; or
\$25/student – to Carole
Erickson at 2925 Mildred
Drive, Roseville, MN
55113.

 The next meeting of the
Diversity and Outreach
Committee will be Saturday,
Saturday, May 20 at 10:00
a.m. at the Smooth Grind
coffee shop at Woodhill
and Lexington. New faces
are always welcome. We
will be working on plans for
possible voter education and
registration programs before
the fall election.

 The Rosefest Parade is June
26, 2006. Please join us in
the RoMaFH parade unit to
we pass out flags to the
children and urge all adults
to vote. Call Michael
Garelick, 952/925-0000,
to volunteer or just show
up in your marching
shoes!

the Native Americans? But it is a story that those pushed out of other places might particularly appreciate, and the perspective of that questioner should not be forgotten by us, the descendants of earlier immigrants, whether we welcome or fear the newest waves of New Americans. Dude, whose country is this?



“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections”

You are invited to an evening
Book Event and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Ramsey County Library meeting room in Roseville

Featuring Authors:

Barbara Palmer and Dennis Simon

(Barbara is the daughter of RoMaFH Leaguer Mary Ann Palmer!)

Barbara Palmer will present her new book, “Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections.” A panel discussion will follow featuring Jan Parker, Ramsey County Commissioner, and Representative Mindy Greiling. A couple of other female state representatives have been invited and have yet to be confirmed.

David S. Broder of the Washington Post, in his April 9, 2006 editorial commented, “In their new book, Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections, two political scientists come up with some genuinely surprising explanations – and a radical idea for accelerating a change. Barbara Palmer of American University and Dennis Simon of Southern Methodist University have looked at every race with a female candidate from 1956 through 2004, searching for the characteristics of the



☺ Dear RoMaFH members,
I have received so many comforting thoughts and beautiful words from you since my mom's death!

It's always amazing how far those words take my mind when I am feeling low.

Thank you so much for the stunning hydrangeas, one of my mom's favorite flowers.

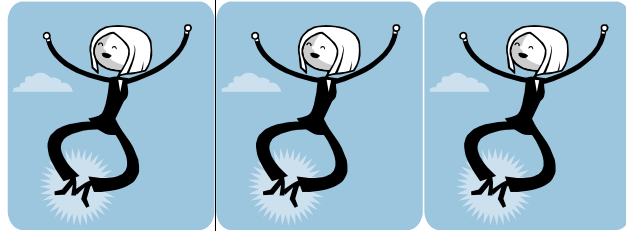
Sincerely,
Barbara Lehn

☺ LWVROMAFH thanks the following League members and Friends of the League for their generous contributions to the 2006 Finance Drive. To date, contributions total \$2,310.00. Contributions are dedicated to the ***Citizen Education Fund*** (tax deductible) or for ***General Operating Expenses*** (not tax deductible).

Andrews, Jean
Axel's Char House
Berry, Ann
Blank, Ellen
Blomquist, Joyce

places where women won – and why.”

Be sure to set aside the date and bring a friend or two. You will be intrigued by the findings regarding how woman-friendly congressional campaigns really are. See you at the Roseville Library.



RoMAFH: Live Well and Prosper! (Here's How!)

Please help Ann Berry, Florence Sprague, and Stephanie DeBenedet write a pamphlet that encourages us to live healthy lives! We all have something to share with others, and this is your chance to do it! Please submit to us by Labor Day. Good spelling and punctuation appreciated but not necessary—we'll do the editing.

These are the items we are looking forward to receiving –

1. Things you do right now that make you feel powerful!
2. Any story you would like to share about your life experiences.
3. Suggestions for finding Peace in our lives.
4. How to prepare for life changes.
5. Health tips.
6. Your favorite Beauty Tip!
7. Yes, you have to Exercise. Do you have any program that works for you?
8. Have you read a good book?
9. Have you seen a good movie?
10. Do you know a Great Web Site?

Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik & Assoc.
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Rog, Frank and Janet
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Schaffer, Karen
Signorelli, Norma
Simundson, Dan
Sobola, Georgiana
Spartz, Jane
Stark, Joan
Stuthman, Judy
Taylor, Kay
Warner, Cecilia

11. Tell us your favorite joke!

12. Do you have a fabulous recipe to share? Maybe, you have a Mom's Favorite?

E-mail us at jdebenedet@msn.com or send your response to Stephanie DeBenedet, 808 Millwood Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

 **April Unit Meetings Welcome the
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

More than 30 League members and guests turned out for the April Unit meetings. The program on the mission of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was presented by Dr. Fardin Oliaei, who was a scientist for 16 years at the MPCA before resigning in February, 2006.

Dr. Oliaei shared her story of discovering and trying to share information about emerging contaminants--especially perfluorochemicals (PFOS), of which 3M's Scotchguard was a leading source. Her research showed that half of the fish in Voyageur National Park are now contaminated with PFOS, 99% of which bears the 3M "fingerprint."

While her work was welcomed during her first 10-12 years in the MPCA, the last six years were marked by increasing resistance and finally outright opposition. The current commissioner of the MPCA is a former 3M employee.

Dr. Oliaei's budget requests were rejected, she was given low performance evaluations, and was told that the only way to get a better performance rating would be to "win a Nobel Prize."

Senator John Marty remained one of her staunch supporters, asking her to testify at a Senate Hearing.

Dr. Oliaei said that she was told the MPCA is "not a scientific institution"--a claim that directly relates to the current State League study of whether the MPCA is living up to its charter.

Thanks to Ann Berry for lining up this very informative speaker!

😊 Thanks for the "Kudos for Leola Rempel." I wish to inform our members how our local recycling position came to be.

Gayle Hann and I were co-chairs for Natural Resources from the mid 1980s to the early 1990s. We had a large committee ranging from 10-14 members. We studied drinking water and aquifers, solid waste, garbage hauling, and household hazardous waste. We toured water treatment facilities for St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Pig's Eye. We also toured the waste separation plant at Newport and the landfill for Waste Management in Blaine. In addition, the City of Roseville, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and our Roseville League held two test household hazardous waste collection days.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency wanted to know what household hazardous waste was out there. This was to help form public policies for the MPCA. We took consensus, formed positions and lobbied for their approval. The policies appear in abbreviated form in our Local Program position statement as follows:

- 1.1 Support organized refuse collection, curbside collection of recyclables (1985)

Do Your Own Thing

Wednesday Unit Meeting's 2006 "Do Your Own Thing" will involve a trip to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Area Watershed District, an environmentally friendly headquarters building in Little Canada. Date to be announced. Contact Georgiana Sobola with questions at 651/644-3337.

Tuesday's Unit Meeting's 2006 "Do Your Own Thing" may involve a visit to the rain garden near 1666 Coffman with Dorothy Waltz, a RoMAFH Leaguer and a Soil and Water Commissioner, or may involve group attendance at the June 6th presentation by Barbara Palmer of her new book, *Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*. Call Ann Berry for information: 651/488-4502



Georgiana Sobola and Vicky Lorenz Make RoMaFH Proud!

RoMaFH is pleased to announce that **Georgiana Sobola** was awarded the **North Suburban Senior Council 2006 Ed Stevens Volunteer Award** on April 25, 2006.

This award is presented each year to an older adult who is making outstanding contributions to their community through volunteerism. The award is in memory of Ed Stevens, Sr. who was instrumental in bringing services for older adults into the Roseville area community.

We won't replicate Georgiana's **three-page** list of accomplishments here. The short list includes youth tutoring, active work for her political party, and of course years and years of RoMAFH membership including work on the rummage sale and book sale.

Congratulations, Georgiana!

2. Support individual composting and government support for community composting (1982)

Sincerely, Leola Rempel

We're also thrilled to report that our very own **Vicky Lorenz** was chosen by the **North Suburban Gavel Club** to receive the **Distinguished Leadership Award**. Vicky will be honored at the 27th Annual Leadership Recognition Dinner on May 10, 2006. Contact Mary Ann Palmer at 651/633-8140 for tickets.

Vicky was one of two League members who were appointed to the Roseville Charter Commission; she served as Chair for the first two years, and continues to serve as a member. She most recently co-chaired RoMaFH's Finance Committee, and has also served on the Program Membership Committees. She is a trained moderator and has moderated candidate meetings in several communities other than Roseville. Congratulations to Vicky, for her past service to the community, and for what we hope will be continuing service!



**Treasurer's Reports
for End of 2005-2006
Fiscal Year and for
April, 2006**

Previous Checking Balance, March 25, 2006	\$2,055.91
Income:	
Total Income:	0
Expenses:	
#4064 Georgeann Hall, speaker's meal/program	\$20.00
#4065 Joan Stark, Finance, envelopes/postage	\$34.49
Total Expenses:	\$54.49
Balance in Checking, March 31, 2006	\$2,001.42
Fund Balances:	
Checking	\$2,001.42
Savings	\$3,819.79
Education Fund	\$4,221.12

Members: 92 3 families of 2, 85 individual, 1 student
This is the end of Fiscal Year 2005-2006

April 26, 2006	
Previous Checking Balance, April 1, 2006	\$2,001.42
Income:	
Finance Drive	\$100.00
Dues, 2 new at \$40	\$80.00
Total Income:	\$180.00
Expenses:	
#4066 Diane Nystrom, March Voter	\$90.55
Printing \$51.55, postage	\$39.00
#4067 Ann Berry, April Voter	\$34.49

**CMAL ANNUAL
CONVENTION
& BRUNCH**

Saturday, May 13, 2006
Jordan New Life
Lutheran Church
1922 25th Avenue North,
Minneapolis

9:30 registration

10:00 - 10:30 Brunch
(cost \$15)

10:30 - 11:30
Keynote Speaker:
Wanda Kirkpatrick

11:20 - 12:30
Annual Meeting

Ms. Kirkpatrick, Director of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity of the Metropolitan Council, will show us, neighborhood by neighborhood in the metro area, that beyond percentages, "Demographics Are People." Where are they living? What are they doing? Why did they come? What changes/challenges are taking place in their lives and in the neighborhoods where they have settled? Can those changes be evaluated?

Prining \$46.16, postage	\$39.00
#4068 LWVUS 4 th quarter	
(2005-06) PMP	\$536.45
Total Expenses:	\$712.16
Balance in Checking, April 26, 2006	\$1,469.26
Fund Balances:	
Checking	\$1,469.26
Savings	\$3,819.79
Education Fund	\$4,231.12
Members: 4 (and counting as dues payments come in...!)	

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Mary Ann Palmer

Submitted in accordance with Art. VIII, Sec. 2 of the RoMaFH
Bylaws by the Nominating Committee: Carolyn Cushing; Mary
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