

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

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It has happened, same organization but a new name. However, it took two years of wandering through a long and difficult process, one that required approval from all sixty Leagues AND League of Women Voters of the United States. Finally our official name has been changed from Lake Michigan Interleague Organization to Lake Michigan League of Women Voters. The new name will make it very clear we represent the League of Women Voters when we advocate for the preservation and restoration of the Great Lakes.

We want to give a warm welcome to four new Board members: Cheryl Chapman our new Vice-President, Krista Grimm, delegate from Illinois, Henrietta Saunders, alternate from Illinois and Mary Lee Orr, delegate from Michigan. At the same time, it is with great sadness we accepted the resignations of Marjie Ettlinger, long time delegate from Illinois and Merrill Clark, even longer delegate from Michigan. However, we are pleased that Merrill has agreed to stay on as an alternate and Marjie will continue to be involved with lake and water issues.

Our organization took on the task of monitoring permitted discharges of pollutants into Lake Michigan at the last annual meeting and we are looking for someone from the member Leagues who would be willing to help with that task. Let us know if you are that person.

We have worked for several years to get the electronic barrier completed in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes, and it is now functioning. More on that in another column.

We have made several presentations of our PowerPoint Program, "WHAT THE LEAGUE CAN DO TO PROTECT THE GREAT LAKES," throughout the area. If any Leagues would like to see the program please contact Jeanette Neagu at jgvneagu@yahoo.com or call her at 219-879-0431.

This is the first time we have sent our newsletter electronically and do hope you will forward it to all your members.

Should you have any concerns about what is happening to Lake Michigan and its tributaries in your area, please contact your delegate if we can help.

Don't forget to check out our web site at www.lmlwv.org.