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Local Program Will Review Positions

– by Elizabeth Hayford

In February a group of League members met to plan Local Program for the coming year. In recent years we have chosen Evanston issues to investigate with a goal of educating ourselves and the community. These issues have reflected the LWVE local positions that have been adopted in the past and continue to guide our activities. Each year we reaffirm these positions at the Annual Meeting without extended discussion. The planning group decided we should work over the next few years to review our positions, and develop a renewed consensus to reaffirm, discard, or revise our positions.

The League of Women Voters of Evanston has twenty-six positions organized around three areas: Representative Government, including those related to the City and the Schools; Natural Resources, including those related to Environmental Quality and Land Use; and Social Policy, including those related to Human Resources and Housing. Most were adopted in the 1970's or 1980's, after extensive review of materials from the State and National Leagues as well as research by LWVE study committees.

The February program planning meeting recommended that a committee be formed over the summer to shape and begin the review process. The committee may examine files

used to develop the positions, but will want to focus on evaluating the relevance of the issues to today's Evanston. As the City Council wrestles with city budget planning guided by thirteen Council priorities, the League may want to use the same city priorities to determine whether our current positions are appropriate and sufficient. The City Manager has proposed the development of a new strategic plan for the city, and the League may want to be sure that our current positions can be used in this process, or whether our positions should be modified.

The planning meeting also agreed that the issues focusing local program this year - foreclosures in Evanston and the budget process - should continue to be investigated. The committee working on the city budget process will be issuing a report towards the end of April, and will continue its work as budget hearings are held. The foreclosure group is identifying issues and experts to present in a program in the summer or early fall.

League members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting on May 19 to help shape this proposed local program plan. Interested members who cannot attend the meeting should contact Betty Hayford (ehayford@gmail.com) or Susan Black (seblack451@gmail.com) to share their ideas.

Our thanks to Ann Jennett for hosting our local program planning meeting.

LWVE Annual Meeting May 19th

The League of Women Voters of Evanston cordially invites you to attend our 2011 Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 19th.

Location: **James L. King Home** 1555 Oak Ave. Evanston (Huss Gallery, 2nd Floor)

A buffet dinner will be served, and we will make decisions on our local program, and elect officers and a new board of directors to lead our league in 2011-12. (see schedule to the left)

Our program will be a celebration of League members who have made significant contributions to the human community.

They are: **Eleanor Revelle** for her dedication to environmental issues; **Kathy Tate-Bradish** for her educational work with women in Kenya; **Cate Whitcomb** for her recent outreach work in India and her longstanding service at Northwestern University; and **Helen Gagel** for her entrepreneurial efforts in the development of North Shore Village.

RSVP: LWVE office (847-866-7844) by Monday, May 16 at 5:00 pm. Cost of dinner: \$25.00.

We look forward to celebrating a successful year and honoring members with remarkable accomplishments.



May 19th
5:30 pm
 Buffet Dinner
6:30 pm
 LWVE Meeting
7:30 pm
 Awards Ceremony

President's Letter

As I write this letter, I feel the change in the seasons at long last and with that change I see new potential for more engagement by members of our League.

We have just held another very successful dinner benefiting the LWVE Education Fund with Dr. David Zarefsky as our guest speaker on the topic of political rhetoric. One of the many compelling thoughts I took from his presentation was the principle of how rhetoric can encourage civic engagement. The example Zarefsky presented was [then-Senator] Barack Obama's keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. I would like to think the League could create the same energy and spirited enthusiasm as we perform our work in the Evanston community as a valued partner of the City of Evanston as it continues to address its budget dilemma and the issue of foreclosures in Evanston.

Could we embody the spirit demonstrated by Eleanor Roosevelt and the "new women of the 1920's" as presented by Dr. Beth Kelly of the DePaul University Department of Women's and Gender Studies on March 14. Her vignettes about the relationship of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt were not the typical historical narrative in the public record. Instead, the clever use of a few striking photographs spoke volumes about the transformation of Eleanor into a civic-minded leader who transformed the world after Franklin's untimely passing in 1945. One of the photos I am referencing portrayed Eleanor and Franklin posing quite properly, with Eleanor tightly corseted and coiffed. The second image was taken when Eleanor was suddenly transformed into an activist as a member of the League of Women Voters as she was marching up the steps of the Capitol to lobby for the causes she believed in accompanied by one of her LWV colleagues. The discussion with Beth Kelly could have gone on for hours. However, to capture the energy in that room to inspire greater involvement in our League's activities would be the ultimate dream.

Building on the theme of a greater participation by women in the political process, we were introduced to The White House Project by Cheryl Jackson on February 28. We heard the story of her own path to leadership and how The White House Project is inspiring women of all ages to take a greater leadership role in their communities and the organizations they belong to with the intentional goal of increasing the number of women running for political office.

I would like to thank the following LWVE members who raised funds for the LWVIL Education Fund on March 22: Helen Heyrman (our gracious hostess at Presbyterian Homes), Kathy Tate-Bradish, Janet Kittlaus, Michelle Jordan, Diane Korling, Sonia Evenstad, Jan Otwell and, more importantly, those LWVE members who made generous donations when we called. I would also like to recognize our amazingly talented Ed Fund benefit dinner committee of Ellen Browne, Karen Hunt, Gloria Callaci, Judy Elsass, Helen Gagel, Karen Telser, Georgia Vlahos (and special thanks to Andy Bryan) who all did miracles "behind the curtain" to enhance the incredible success of the event.

Happy Spring and see you at the Annual Meeting on May 19!

Susan



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Welcome New LWVE Members



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“The New Woman” – Eleanor Roosevelt In the 1920s

– by Elizabeth Kinney

On March 14, we enjoyed a luncheon presentation by Professor Elizabeth Kelly of DePaul University on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, particularly her influence on how women viewed their role in society. Late in the 19th century, the concept of “New Woman” developed. New women were educated, emancipated and politically aware. They read newspapers and books. They also did things that were not lady-like, such as riding bicycles, smoking cigarettes and asserting their sexuality. New women paraded for suffrage. The new woman’s motto was: *“Do one thing every day that scares you.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt attended a progressive boarding school in England from age 15 to 18. She grew up expecting to be a traditional wife and mother. She did not attend college. At a young age, she fell in love with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, her fifth cousin. FDR had a pampered childhood and was raised by Sara Delano Roosevelt, a domineering mother. They were married in 1906 and had five children. Initially, Eleanor was opposed to women’s suffrage, like the other women in her family. However, after Uncle Teddy (Theodore Roosevelt) came on board late in 1912, her views changed.

Eleanor and Franklin moved to Washington, D.C. when he was appointed to be an Assistant Secretary in the Navy. Eleanor followed the political protocols of the time. Her education in England led her to want to be the woman behind her man. She hired a social secretary, Lucy Mercer, to assist with her work. In the summer of 1917, while Eleanor was with their five children in New York, Franklin began an affair with Lucy Mercer. The affair became common knowledge in D.C. Eleanor did not pay attention. She was six feet tall, gawky and naïve. She discovered the affair in 1918. Eleanor offered Franklin his freedom. However, Lucy Mercer was Catholic. Also, Sara told Franklin that if he married Lucy, he would receive no more financial support from her. Franklin then agreed that: 1) he would never see Lucy Mercer again and 2) he and Eleanor would no longer be physically intimate. Eleanor was devastated and at loose ends for a couple of years.

Eleanor Roosevelt, *Good Housekeeping*, 1940:

“With the men, [politics] becomes a serious occupation for a few weeks before election; whereas women look upon it as a serious matter year in and year out.

It is associated with their patriotism and their duty to their country.

There are moments when I think that women’s fervor to work continuously does not make them very popular with the gentlemen!”

In 1919 Eleanor’s Grandmother Hall, who had raised her, died. Eleanor was very sad because she felt that her grandmother had lived a wasted life – that she had just been a traditional mother. Eleanor decided to live her life to the fullest, as Grandmother Hall had not been able to do. She defied Sara and hired African Americans to work at the Roosevelt home in D.C. In 1919 she also began working with women in the labor movement.

In 1920 Franklin ran for Vice President of the United States on the Democratic ticket. Eleanor, out of duty, went on the campaign trail. FDR lost. After women secured the right to vote on August 26, 1920, Eleanor joined her first organization – the League of Women Voters. FDR became a lobbyist back in New York. Sara lived next door.

In 1921 FDR contracted polio. He tried throughout the 1920s to regain the use of his legs. He spent a lot of time in Florida and in Warm Springs, Georgia. Eleanor began planning an independent political career. She said it was to keep FDR’s name in the newspapers. In short order, she was named to the national board of the League of Women Voters. In 1922 she became active in the Women’s Division of the New York State Democratic Party.

From 1920 to the end of her life, Eleanor lived in two worlds: 1) the social world into which she was born and 2) the world she created for herself. Throughout the 1920s, Eleanor was close to other “new women”.

In the late 1920s, Eleanor taught American history and American literature at Todhunter, a private school in New York City. She adored teaching. Around the same time, she became sensitive to difference and especially to racism and anti-Semitism. She also learned to shoot guns and drive a car.

In 1928 Eleanor helped [former New York Governor] Al Smith persuade Franklin to run for governor in New York. When he won, she was thrilled for Franklin but not so sure how she felt. In 1928 first ladies were expected to be in the

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Running for Office: *Do Women Have To Be Asked?*

– by Elizabeth Kinney

Cheryle Jackson, Vice President, Government Affairs & Corporate Development for AAR Corp., spoke at the LWVE February luncheon. She spoke to the League in her role as the Illinois Chair of The White House Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing women into leadership positions in both government and business.

www.TheWhiteHouseProject.org



(L-R): Elizabeth Kinney, Cheryle Jackson, Susan Black

After graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in painting and drawing, Ms. Jackson worked for National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. Later she served as the first woman president of the Chicago Urban League from 2006-2010. At the Urban League she shifted its programmatic focus away from social services and into economic development. She promoted entrepreneurship with assistance from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She also sought to equalize the state financial assistance available to local school districts in Illinois through a lawsuit in state court. The case is still pending.

Ms. Jackson told us that she had spent half of her life debunking the myth of what women cannot do. In the 1990s, she tried to get the men in her life to run for political office. She pointed out that women have to be "asked" to run for political office and that is what happened to her. Marie Wilson, then President of The White House Project, asked her to run for President Barack Obama's Senate seat at his presidential inauguration. According to Ms. Jackson, the invitation gave her "permission" to run. The experience of running was eye-opening for her. Her opponents out-fundraised her by a ratio of 7 to 1. While she was running, she realized that to attain transformational change, you need the involvement of young people who are educated about the issues and who feel compelled to action. She noted that the civil rights movement in the United States was fueled by young people, as are the current protests in Egypt and Libya. The young are not bought off by the need to maintain the status quo. To effect change, women are also needed. In her experience, women tend to give their money to charity, rather than to women political candidates, while men tend not to contribute to women political candidates. In Ms. Jackson's view, this situation needs to be changed.

She pointed out that the United States is 72nd out of all countries for women in political leadership positions. The new Congress has the fewest women representatives in 32 years. The same situation is true at the state level. Women are losing ground. The goal of The White House Project is to catapult the US ranking for women in political office from 72 to first place. It helps women by training them to run for and win elective office. So far it has

trained 11,000 women in seven states and it plans to expand to more states. It also provides counseling and fundraising support, and helps women connect with affinity groups, such as Northwestern University's Kellogg School and the University of Chicago's Center on Race, Culture and Politics. The White House Project's training also includes leadership programs. Ms. Jackson's presentation teemed with her energy and enthusiasm for advancing women in political leadership positions.

Editor's note: Not having been present at the luncheon, I hesitate to comment—but I have to ask if LWV members agree with Cheryle Jackson's assertion that women need "permission" to run for office? Are we not beyond that? Tell us what you think!

Death Penalty Abolished in Illinois



On March 9, Governor Quinn signed the legislation abolishing the death penalty. He also commuted the sentences of the fifteen men on death row to Life Without Parole. This was a day of solemnity, to remember ALL who have lost their lives in a violent manner. But it was equally a day of victory, to celebrate the triumph of life over the forces of death.

Learn More About Cook County in May

– by Elizabeth Hayford

Tuesday, May 3 – Guided Tour of Board of Commissioners:

The month of May presents two opportunities for Evanston LWV members to see more of Cook County government and Cook County League activities. First, we are invited to a "guided tour" of a Cook County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 3. Karin Hribar, Vice-President of the LWV of Cook County, will meet members from Evanston and neighboring leagues to provide materials and explanations of Board proceedings, as well as reserved seats. The meeting starts at 10 am. on the 5th floor of the County Building (between Washington, Randolph, Clark & LaSalle). Plan to arrive by 9:30 to allow time to get through Security. Karin will meet us in front of the boardroom and explain the proceedings. County Board meetings have changed in tone with the election of Toni Preckwinkle to the Presidency, and we will have a chance to observe our own Commissioner, Larry Suffredin, an increasingly influential member of the reform bloc. **RSVP** to Karin Hribar at khribar@comcast.net

Monday, May 16 – LWV of Cook County Annual Meeting:

On Monday, May 16, the LWV of Cook County will hold its Annual Meeting at the University Center at 525 South State Street in Chicago, starting with registration at 9:30 am and the business meeting at 10 am. A box lunch will be served at 11:30. The program will be a panel discussion featuring Cook County Commissioners Bridget Gainer (D-10th District) and Timothy Schneider (R-15th District). You will have an opportunity to hear from these 2 representatives about what is going on in the Legislative Branch of Cook County government as they discuss their roles and responsibilities as commissioners. **Come with your questions.**

During the LWV business meeting, attendees will have a chance to learn more about activities of the Cook County League, including the recent study of Special Funds in the County Budget, and the four working Interest Groups that are developing expertise in these areas: Cook County Budget and Governance; Juvenile Justice; Health and Hospital Services; and the Forest Preserve. All members of the Evanston LWV are also members of the Cook County LWV, and are encouraged to attend. Invitations have been sent out, and replies should be sent by May 10th. Cost is \$35. Download the flyer at:

cookcounty.il.lwvnet.org/files/annualmeetingflyer2011.pdf
Questions - call 312-939-5935 x27

**Are you interested in being a delegate to the
CCLWV Annual Meeting?**

Contact Susan Black: seblack451@gmail.com

LWVE Calendar At A Glance

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.
For more information call 847-866-7844 or visit
Calendar Updates at: www.lwve.org

Tuesday, May 3 ~ 10:00 am

Guided Tour of Cook County

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Please meet at 9:45 am on the 5th floor of the
Cook County Building 118 North Clark Street.

RSVP: Betty Hayford (ehayford@gmail.com)

or Karen Hribar (khribar@comcast.net)

Event details in article to the left.

Monday, May 16

Cook County LWV Annual Meeting

University Center 525 S. State Street (corner of
State & Congress -easily accessible on CTA Red Line)

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Business Meeting

11:30 am Lunch

12 noon Program speakers:

Cook County Commissioners

Bridget Gaynor & Timothy Schroeder

Event details in article to the left.

Thursday, May 19 ~ 5:30 pm

LWVE Annual Meeting

James L. King Home 1555 Oak Ave., Huss Gallery
Honoring LWVE Members' Contributions to
the Human Community

Honorees: Cate Whitcomb, Kathy Tate-Bradish,
Eleanor Revelle & Helen Gagel

Event details on page 1. Cost \$25.00.

Legislative Lunch with Jan Schakowsky

Event details to be determined.

Catered Lunch – Cost \$20.00.



Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Ed Fund Dinner Raises Dollars for LWV Voter Education & Service

– by Helen Gagel

Nearly 100 LWV members and guests gathered at the Evanston Golf Club on Saturday, April 2nd, to celebrate and support the League's nonpartisan voter education programs. Results are still being tabulated, but it's estimated the dinner netted about \$14,000 for the LWV Education Fund.

Our keynote speaker, David Zarefsky, former dean of the School of Communication at Northwestern, addressed the topic of Political Rhetoric. He opened his remarks by complimenting the League for reviving the tradition of political debates in the 1960s. Prof. Zarefsky listed three primary functions of rhetoric:

1. It makes possible the existence of society or culture.
2. It makes possible a democratic political culture.
3. It permits society to move toward achievement of goals, creating a "secular public square," where people can speak across the boundaries.

He then went on to contrast polemical versus pragmatic rhetoric, asserting his view that, in today's political climate, rhetorical models are "out of balance," the polemic has outstripped the pragmatic, and we have "no common standard for what stands as evidence." Nonetheless, we "can't contain polemical rhetoric, nor should we."

What's A League Year?

– by Melissa Leasia

Our Evanston League program year runs August through May. We launch the program year in August with the annual Legislative Lunch and mark the end of the year at the May Annual Meeting, when we sum up the accomplishments of the previous nine months and prepare for the following year by electing officers and voting on the budget and local program. Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

Dues notices, which are sent in the spring, around the same time as the Annual Meeting, are for the following program and fiscal year. While membership dues are welcome at any time of the year, you are encouraged to make a habit of renewing your membership by the end of June, if at all possible. This helps us keep costs down (fewer renewal reminders need to be mailed); helps us predict our cash flow and ensures that the membership directory (printed on or near July 1), is accurate. Thank you!

Thank You!

to all who contributed to the success of this biennial event, especially our patrons & donors:

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Eleanor Roosevelt

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background. They had ceremonial roles, not activist roles. Eleanor liked to get her hands "dirty." When she served on boards, she showed up and worked hard. When FDR went to Albany, she did the work he needed her to do and tried also to do something of interest to her, such as her teaching in New York City.

In 1932 FDR ran for President and Eleanor stood with him through three terms and into the fourth term until his death in 1945. President Truman appointed her to the first American delegation to the United Nations. In this position, she got on the committee that drafted, under her leadership, the United Nations Declaration on Universal Human Rights. She became, as described by President Truman, "**First Lady of the World.**"

Mapping the Future - LWVIL

The LWVIL State Convention is only weeks away!

by Cheryl Wollin, Local Arrangements Committee

June 10, 11 & 12, the North Shore Holiday Inn in Skokie will house the 55th Illinois League of Women Voters State Convention. The calendar is filling up with a legislative update from the 97th General Assembly and exciting, helpful workshops on lobbying, web design, crisis communications, streamlining the League and marketing via social networks. A panel of local league members from around the state will discuss successful ways to grow and retain membership. Something for everyone!

Mayor George Van Dusen of Skokie will welcome conventioners at Friday night's dinner and (local resident) political reporter Mary Ann Ahern will be the keynote speaker. Saturday night will feature the Chicago Bar Association's revue--always entertaining and timely. Will they put in a few political zingers just for us?



There will be a silent auction so if you or your employer (I've already tapped mine!) is willing to donate an item, we will be happy to accept it. Let me know if it needs to be picked up, and an official "thank you" note written.

The Evanston League has tentatively been assigned "Credentials" as our volunteer duty (although we'll fill in wherever needed!). Volunteers are assigned in three-hour shifts, and so far the quality of our volunteers is amazing!

Judy Elsass, Jessie Feldman, Judy Hoffman, Karen Vroegh, and Cate Whitcomb have stepped up to the plate. There is still time to offer your services on any of the three days! Since we are local, it is easier for us to be there...and a good way to experience the importance, dynamic energy and FUN of a state convention!

If you want to volunteer or donate a silent auction item, contact Cheryl at cherylwollin@sbcglobal.net or 847-864-2309.

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Observer Summary

– by Jan Otwell

League observers are our “eyes and ears” at the City Council and its standing committees, which set policy and direction for the City. If you’d like to learn the nitty gritty of local government, being an observer is a great way to start. Call Jessica Feldman, Observer Chair, at 847-864-2199 for more information

Special Budget Meeting: At a special City Council meeting on 2012 budget planning, the City Manager presented some serious proposals to the aldermen. Despite the fact that the Council has already made significant cuts to programs and salaries, the City Manager foresees continuing deficits of \$1 to \$2 billion over the next few years. He feels tax increases are not an option. There is a strong need for investment in infrastructure. He believes the city should move some operating expenses to capital projects, such as economic development, police and fire resources, affordable housing and important parts of Evanston culture such as arts, sustainability, youth and senior services. He is laying out a plan for the Council to make some decisions. The Council needs time to absorb the full impact of the Manager’s report and to enter into a dialogue.

Peter Braithwaite Appointed Second Ward Alderman: Peter Braithwaite, a lifelong resident of the Second Ward, was appointed by Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl at the March 14 meeting to fill the unexpired term of Ald. Lionel Jean-Baptiste, who began his term as a judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. Ald. Braithwaite was sworn in as his wife Claudia and their children participated. Official resolutions, accolades and gifts were presented to Ald. Jean-Baptiste.

311 Call Center Gets Underway: The non-emergency Call Center, 311, got underway March 1 (3-1-11) after more than a year in the planning. Staffed 24/7 by four full-time and three part-time employees, the Center received nearly 2300 calls in its first 10 days of existence. The Call Center is prepared to respond to **service requests** (i.e., fix a broken parking meter or move an abandoned vehicle) or to **information requests** (i.e., how to contest a parking ticket or how to dispose of a dead animal.) As the Center geared up the last few days of February to start answering questions full time, the snow storm headed to Evanston, dropping more than a foot a snow and providing citizens with many good reasons for calling the new number.

Green Building Ordinance Amended: Staff had recommended an amendment to the Green Building Ordinance passed last year in order to accommodate a prospective new retail store which says it could not afford to comply.

Because of the recession, this is the first application in a year. Ald. Rainey proposed to amend the ordinance to apply only to buildings over 20,000 square feet (now 10,000), and that proposal passed. Ald. Grover was disappointed that this would result in Evanston having an “average” ordinance rather than a first-rate innovative one. It was moved and seconded to pass the amendment in order to get the process started. Three citizens, during Citizen Comment, had supported the Green Building Ordinance.

Oak Tree Wins: A 200-year-old oak tree on the (former) Kendall College property will NOT be removed as Smithfield Properties, the developer, plans the location of alleys for the development of single family homes in the block. In a compromise approved by the City Council after some acrimonious discussion and a threat by Smithfield to sue the City, the alley will dead-end at the tree, which will be included in the land with of one of the homes in the subdivision.

South Side of Oakton: The City Manager asked that the Council discuss the south side of the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Oakton, where there is presently open land, the Animal Shelter and the Recycling Center. A proposal for new usage had been received by some aldermen but not others, engendering a heated discussion. A motion to form a sub-committee to consider this passed 7-2.

New Procedures Considered: Early in March aldermen agreed to consider ways to look at the perennial problem of meetings that last too long into the night. Several of the meetings early in the year lasted until 11 p.m. or longer. A list of several suggestions including spreading meetings over four Monday nights instead of two and rearranging committee meetings within that new schedule. No decision has yet been made.

Short Takes from Various Council Meetings: New garbage carts were distributed in early March to eligible residents. Fire Chief Kaliber summarized the annual report, announcing that there were 107 firefighters involved in answering 8917 calls with 90% of the fire fighters crossed trained as Emergency Medical personnel. **City staff and Mary Beth Schroeder** of the Evanston Community Foundation demonstrated the new Volunteer Evanston web site connecting volunteers with opportunities to serve. City’s Community Service Coordinator, ETHS students, and Northwestern staff are active in this effort. **Council voted** to add 840 elm trees above 10” in diameter to the Public Elm Tree injection cycle, early in the three year cycle. **The City’s third annual Women Out Walking Program** started March 19 at ETHS. **The Council** amended its rules to reverse the order of citizen comment and special order of business, with citizen comment to come first.



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