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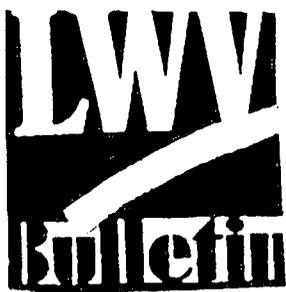
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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Betty Barrett speaker at February 18 meeting

Betty Barrett, member of city council, is our featured speaker for the Tuesday, February 18 meeting. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Mary Anderson, arrangements chair, will prepare a light supper. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the supper.

Betty will talk about her experiences on city council, the city and its government's needs, comparison of strong mayor form of government and council manager form, characteristics of effective elected public officials, etc.

Please use this meeting as part of your preparation for the upcoming city elections on April 1 and June 3. Making Democracy Work is a continual experience for citizens. We hope this meeting will stimulate your interest in the election and city government.

Want to save \$\$ and water?

Although three-fourths of the earth is covered with water, only about 0.01% is fresh water available for human use. Water conservation, in today's world, is a must. Try these tips on ways we can all help:

*A five minute shower with a traditional shower head uses as much as 25 gallons of water. Installing a \$10-\$20 efficient shower head with an on-off lever can reduce water use by as much as one-half.

*The standard toilet uses between 3 and 7 gallons of water per flush. In a four-person family, that can amount to as much as 32,000 gallons of water a year. Low-flush toilets use less than 2 gallons per flush. Or put a plastic container filled with water in the tank to displace water. That will reduce water use by 15% to 40 %.

*Repair leaky faucets and toilets. About 5% of water "use" results from leakages.

*You can save 5 to 10 gallons of water a day by turning off the faucet while shaving or brushing your teeth.

*Instead of hosing down a driveway or patio, get out the old broom and save as much as 50 gallons of water for every 5 minutes the faucet is running. (from the Charleston Area League bulletin, January, 1997)

Education update

by Helen Brown, Education Chair

The state testing program for all 3rd, 6th, 9th and 11th graders is used to identify strengths and weaknesses among schools. The results of last year's tests of 3rd grade students showed Peyton School scores of reading 92, math 93 and total basic skills 91, far ahead of all others in Cabell County.

Their success can be attributed to a combination of many factors including concentrating on the learning outcomes provided by the state which were reflected in the tests, team teaching, smaller groups, parental involvement and many one-on-one activities.

One of these activities is HOSTS (helping one student to succeed), a federally funded program using community volunteers. Children recommended for the program by their teachers spend a half hour with a HOSTS mentor four days a week. They work on assignments in reading, spelling, vocabulary and writing designed for their needs.

Mentors are encouraged to be positive and supportive so students can enjoy learning and build self-esteem. Getting to know the students and watching their progress is a very gratifying experience for mentors. Presently there are about 160 HOSTS volunteers at Peyton and more could be used. There is also a HOSTS program at Jefferson School.

Welcome new members

The Huntington Area League of Women Voters is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- *Jennifer Moran, 310 N. Boulevard, W., 25701, 529-2012
- *Wendy Thomas, 1821 11th Ave., 25701, 522-0983
- *Marjorie Willet, 5091 Oakridge Dr., 25705, 736-5876
- *Marjorie Ryan, 1037 6th St., W. #3, 25701, 523-0263
- *Kirsten Bagley, 1123 12th Ave., 25701, 697-2863.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting will take place from March 17 until noon on March 29 in the Recorder's Office in Barboursville and the City Clerk's offices in Huntington.

Voter Registration deadline

March 3 is the deadline for registering to vote in the April 1 primary.

Facts about employed women

The increase in working women may be the most significant labor force trend of the past three decades. Here are some facts:

*The labor force participation of women reached an all-time high in 1994, with 60% of women 16 and older. That's up from 33.9% in 1950 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, July, 1995).

*In a single generation, millions of women have entered into a variety of professions dominated by men. In 1960, only about 7% of the nation's physicians were women. By 1994, their representation increased to 22%. Women's representation in the legal profession jumped from less than 5% in 1960 to 25% in 1994. (Consumer Affluence: The Next Wave, The Conference Board, 1995/Bureau of Labor Statistics).

*The National Center for Educational Statistics projects that in 2003, more than 5 million women will be in college, compared to about 4.5 million men. The corresponding figures for 1994 are 4.7 million and 4.3 million, respectively. (The Numbers News, January 1994)

*In 1995, 81% of Fortune 500 companies had at least one female director compared with 75% in 1994 and 69% in 1993. An interesting trend: 54% of top 100 companies by revenue have multiple female directors, versus 1/3 of Fortune 500 companies overall. (1995 Catalyst Census of Female Board Directors of the Fortune 500, September 1995)

*Between 1990 and 2005, women's labor force growth will continue to surpass that of men. (BLS, 1995)

Calendar

- 2/12 - WV legislature begins 1997 session.
- 2/18 LWV Huntington Area meeting, 5:30 p.m., Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, light supper, speaker: Betty Barrett.
- 3/6-7 Women's Day at the Legislature.
- 4/1 Primary election-mayor, council/Huntington.
- 4/25 LWVWV state meeting, Cacapon State Park.
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- 6/3 General election-mayor, council/Huntington

Voters service for the municipal elections

We will be working with the Herald-Dispatch on publishing candidates' answers to questionnaires. If you would like to help with this project, all Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, or Nancy Tays, 522-3361. A candidates meeting will be scheduled in May.

Terri Waldeck is working with the high schools on registering voters.

Congrats

Congratulations to Art and Joan Weisberg who have entered the Marshall University Business Hall of Fame!

Fond farewell

LWV Huntington Area bids a fond farewell to Monica and Ray Woodruff who are moving to Cincinnati. Monica and Ray have been active, supportive members of the League and they will be missed.

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household.

To join, send your check to Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701.

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