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# HUNTINGTON LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

APRIL 1970 - YEAR OF THE VOTER

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## C A L E N D A R

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| April 30 | 7:30 p.m. | AAUW Meet the Candidates for School Board, Huntington Woman's Club, 1201 Huntington Ave.  |
| May 5    | 9:30 a.m. | Juvenile Services Unit Meeting, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Baby-sitter provided.  |
| May 6    | 7:30 p.m. | Juvenile Services Unit Meeting, with Mrs. David Collett, 527 - 11th Ave. West   |
| May 7    | 8:00 p.m. | Cabell County Citizens for Better Education, Huntington High School Cafeteria.  |
| May 11   | 7:30 p.m. | Board Meeting, all interested Leaguers Welcome. Mrs. Lon Hill, 743 - 11th Ave.  |
| May 12   |           | ELECTION DAY  |
| May 18   | 8:00 p.m. | General Meeting on the Water Use Act. Public welcome. Speaker, Ben Vest, WVU Extension Agent. Junior League Building, 617 - 9th Avenue. |
| May 26   | 9:30 a.m. | Training "coffee" for Finance Drive. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, baby-sitter provided.   |
| June 3   |           | Finance Drive. Calls to be made on all contributors.  |

Transportation to any of the unit meetings may be arranged by calling Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, Sue Carlson, 523-5838, Beth Bauserman, 522-3052 or Kathleen Kowalski, 525-9555.

"THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with the D. C. Petition Drive.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:

At the Annual Meeting on March 21 members voted to adopt the following programs for the coming year.

1. Study of Juvenile Services (Juvenile Court and supporting agencies)
2. Study of the Cabell County Schools
3. Study of Comprehensive Planning in Cabell County.

Board Positions for 1970-71:

President	Mrs. Neil Gibbins (Helen)
First Vice President & Juvenile Services	Mrs. Thomas Bauserman (Beth)
Second Vice President and Public Relations	Mrs. Joseph Kowalski (Kathleen)
Secretary	Mrs. James B. Nelson (Sharon)
Treasurer	Mrs. David O. Thompson (Lila)
Finance	Mrs. D. C. Carlson (Sue)
Voters Service	Mrs. Allen Lingenfelter (Bea)
Membership	Mrs. William A. Wallace (Lois)
Publications	Mrs. Charles E. Adams (Nancy)
Bulletin	Mrs. George Hartman (Pat)
School Study	Mrs. Charles H. Hagan, Jr. (Mary)
County Planning and Foreign Policy	Mrs. Anthony Kozak (Carolyn)
Water	Mrs. David Collett (Fonetta)
Human Resources	Mrs. T. H. Bassford (Joan)
Legislative Study and Constitutional Revision	Mrs. William Dickinson (Jean)
Election Laws	Mrs. Lon C. Hill (Keenie)

Off-Board Positions:

Housing	Mrs. M. R. Chakrabarty (Donna)
Electoral College	Mrs. Fred Weisberg (Joan)

D U E S !

If you haven't sent in your dues for 1970-71 yet, please try to do so right away.

Send them to Mrs. David O. Thompson, 2738 Washington Boulevard.

The League wishes to express sincere thanks to Jewel Matthews for auditing our books this year.

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!!!! JUNE 3 !!!!

LEAGUE  
FINANCE DRIVE

Once a year we ask members of our community to show their support for the League by helping to finance our activities. Each contributor on our list benefits from our voters service, candidates meetings, TV programs, and publications.

We cannot overemphasize how much the League needs YOU to call on our contributors. If each member will make just 4 calls and raise \$20, we will make our goal of \$1350, with no strain on anyone. This type of drive has proven to raise the most money with the least effort.

(No bake sales, no costumes to make, no tickets or greeting cards to sell, no horses to ride!)

Calling on contributors has another function. It gives us an opportunity to tell the League story -- to inform others of what we have done and plan to do. If you are unable to participate, then please consider contributing money.

Remember: the more money we receive, the more we can accomplish!

Sue Carlson, Finance

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.!!!!. League amazes City with Community Services !!!!!

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Housing Study            | Second Printing!             |
| 2. County Study             | SOLD OUT                     |
| 3. Candidates Meetings      | 5 held for city council      |
| 4. TV series on legislature | League members make a hit    |
| 5. D. C. Petition Drive     | Over the top                 |
| 6. Legislative Interviews   | They tell it like it is      |
| 7. Council Reception        | We tell it like it is        |
| 8. Voter's Guide            | No longer free, we print it. |

DO WE WANT TO DO MORE? YOU BET WE DO!  
SUPPORT THE FINANCE DRIVE!

Kathleen Kowalski, Public Relations



CONSENSUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM:

I. Coordination and Cooperation of Agencies.

- A. Do you feel that there should be coordination and cooperation of Agencies serving delinquent children with the juvenile court? In what ways might this be effected?
1. Youth Board
  2. Regional detention facilities with youth board
  3. Circuit court appointed citizens committee
  4. Others
- B. What priorities would you establish in services to delinquent juveniles in order to obtain more adequate and efficient sources of help?
1. Aftercare
  2. In-patient service for disturbed children
  3. School
  4. Administration
  5. Duplication
  6. Qualifications of staff
  7. Care for girls
  8. Shelter care

II. Detention Home Facilities

- A. Do you feel the resources should be adequate to provide rehabilitative - educative facilities as well as custodial?
1. Aftercare follow-up
  2. Length of sentence
  3. Guidance and training
  4. Separation of hardened criminal from the new, minor delinquent
  5. Crimes for children but not for adults
- B. Do you favor that the detention facilities should provide separation of those juveniles already sentenced from those awaiting hearings?
1. Girls
  2. Disturbed children
  3. Neglect
  4. Age

III. Juvenile Court

Do you favor that the juvenile court should sit more often to cut waiting time for juvenile hearings? What other ways may be used to expedite hearings?

1. More probation facilities at intake
2. Larger staff of probation officers
3. Referee
4. Combine juveniles with domestic relations court

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM: (cont.)

IV. Education or Training

Do you favor that the personnel working with juvenile delinquents be trained in the various disciplines necessary to work with juvenile delinquent problems? What fields of training do you recommend? (Suggestions; sociology, abnormal behavior, etc.)

1. Policemen
2. Probation officers
3. Judges
4. Detention supervisors
5. Welfare workers
6. Mental health workers
7. Guidance counsellors

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ELECTION LAWS

This spring's state Election Laws study has moved into Administration and Enforcement, looking toward a good workshop on Election Laws in September. We have had useful meetings with the County Court Clerk, the County Attorney, and the County Court, with others yet to come.

Subjects stressed by officials to date are: difficulty in staffing precincts with fully trained officers, problems of improper registration under present law, weakness in absentee ballot procedures, and general lack of citizen knowledge on how to influence election processes.

Volunteers for further interviews gratefully accepted! Call Keenie Hill, 523-2067

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TRAINING SESSION FOR FINANCE DRIVE

At the training "coffee" on May 26th, Leaguers will be provided with "kits" and plenty of know-how on approaching contributors. Please attend this session and plan to be out among them on Finance Drive day, June 3. We Need You All.

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D. C. PETITION DRIVE - GROOVY!

Two young men in "hippie" attire, approached by Leaguer with petition form on 4th Ave., Wed. April 15.

1st young man - "Man, I don't know. You ladies look pretty Establishment to me!"

2nd young man - "Man, don't look at how they're dressed! Listen to the groovy things they're saying!"

Little old lady - "Anything you young people want is all right with me."

Two well-dressed business men:

1st man - "Good idea! I've been concerned about this for a long time."

2nd man - "I'm not sure I want to sign"

1st man ----- an impassioned presentation of the issue which left the petition carrying Leaguer open-mouthed in admiration! Of course, that 2nd man signed, too!

And so it went as Leaguers took to the street in downtown Huntington to carry the Washington, D. C. message and the League message up and down the sidewalk in front of the Historical Society on 4th Avenue. If you weren't there, you missed a great experience! A beautiful day, beautiful people, beautiful response.

An impromptu study of the response came up with some interesting facts on which groups were most likely to sign. Most well-dressed business men signed readily, as did older women. Young people, especially college age, signed fairly readily, and the least responsive were women approximately 25 to 35 years of age.

Does that last statement suggest to you that we may not be reaching that group as well as we should? Bears thinking about, doesn't it?

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VOTERS' SERVICE

This year the Huntington Publishing Company is not publishing our candidates questionnaires as they have done in years past. The reasons given were "too much newspaper space needed for 51 candidates answers" and "too great a cost to the paper". Because of this policy we are publishing our own "Voter's Guide" which will be mailed to all League members and distributed widely in the city. Please pass your copy on to others when you have finished with it. And -  
VOTE ON MAY 12.

Bea Lingenfelter



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WATER RIGHTS

One of the agenda items contained in Governor Moore's call to the 1970 session of the Legislature was an item pertaining to a comprehensive water use act. The bill was passed by the Legislature and then vetoed by the Governor. It is reasonable to expect that the bill will be introduced again in the next session. Under the national position on water resources the League of West Virginia may take action on the matter of water use. To guide the State Board in the kinds of action they may take the State Water Chairman would like to have the thinking of the members of this League on rights to water use.

In this regard, Ben Vest from the WVU Cooperative Extension Service will speak to the League and the public on May 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Junior League Building.

Fonetta Collett, Water Chairman