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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

YEAR OF THE
VOTER

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C A L E N D A R

- May 26 9:30 a.m. Orientation for Finance Drive and discussion of CRs (Continuing Responsibilities). Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Baby-sitter provided.
- June 3 FINANCE DRIVE. Baby-sitter provided all day at Sue Carlson's, 2009 N. Englewood Dr.
- June 9 9:30 a.m. Board Orientation and planning for the year, at Helen Gibbins', 6128 Gideon Rd., baby-sitter provided. Bring your own (and your children's) sandwiches. Beverage and desert provided.
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TUESDAY MAY 26 FINANCE WORKSHOP

Be sure to attend, if you are calling on contributors! This is your opportunity to ask questions, practice interviewing, and to exchange ideas with solicitors. This year we are starting a publication service for our contributors, which will be explained at this workshop. Workers finance kits can be picked up at this time.

VOTERS SERVICE

We had a tremendous response to our VOTERS GUIDE in the community. Much thanks to everyone who helped to distribute these to the public. Leaguers deserve a round of applause for helping to inform the voter.

Bea Lingenfelter
Voters Service Chairman

ATTENTION PLEASE !

"Voting members of the League shall be at least 18 years of age" (see the National Convention Report, page 2). This opens to younger women the opportunity for membership. And how about your membership? If you are already a member, have you sent your \$7.50 dues to Mrs. David Thompson, 2738 Washington Blvd.? If you are not, but would like to be, a member, just send your dues to Mrs. Thompson. New members who join in the Fall will pay \$4.00 for a partial year.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

From May 4 to 8, the National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. convened in Washington, D.C. Nancy Matthews, State Board, and Helen Gibbins, Local Board, attended.

Some of the important national by-laws changes were:

1. voting members of the League shall be at least 18 years of age.
2. the program shall include "action to protect the right to vote of every citizen", (thus permitting Leagues to support Voting Rights laws in states.)

The national program adopted for study for the next two years includes:

1. Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment beneficial to life with emphasis on relationship of population growth and distribution. (Air pollution will be the first area for consensus.)
2. Evaluation of further measures to combat poverty and discrimination (consensus to be taken first on income maintenance.)
3. Evaluation of Congressional structures, procedures and practices and their effect on responsive legislative processes.

We also kept our support positions on water, equal opportunities in education, employment and housing, foreign policy (trade, aid, China and the U.N.) and representative government (Electoral College reform, self-government for Washington, D.C. and apportionment in legislatures.)

Other actions outside of the regular business agenda included;

1. The Convention recessed to allow those League members who so desired to attend a peace vigil at the Capitol. (Those who attended did not wear tags identifying themselves with the League.)
2. The Convention held a rally in support of Congressional representation for Washington, D.C. Afterwards the West Virginia delegation held an interview with Senator Randolph and presented him with the petitions for Congressional Representation for D.C.

There were then governmental briefings -- I attended one on the new Environmental Council, water pollution and air pollution, and Nancy attended one on Revenue Sharing.

Many League members, including Nancy and me, visited our Congressmen. On Thursday the League proposed that a letter be sent to President Nixon stating its concern about the national crisis.

After business sessions at night there were caucuses on issues and small meetings concerned with Human Resources, membership, etc. The highlight of the "extras" was the Bookstall, which included publications from Leagues all over the U.S. and some marvelous slide programs produced by local Leagues.

Helen Gibbins, President

LEAGUE IN ACTION

Our President took action under the Local Improved Election Procedures item and wrote to County Clerk Keith Arthur expressing the League's disappointment in the position of the candidates for Board of Education on the ballot for the Primary Election. Many people missed it entirely, and failed to vote in this important race.

D. C. PETITION DRIVE

Another round of applause for Huntington Area Leaguers, if you please! We turned in 1090 signatures on the D. C. petitions!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION--NOTE AND FILE

Following is a list of the Chairmen of the committees in the United States Senate and House of Representatives. If you would like a list of the complete committees, please call Keenie Hill, 523-2067.

United States Senate :

District of Columbia; Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.)
Foreign Relations; J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.)
Finance; Russell B. Long (D-La.)
Government Operations; John J. McClellan (D-Ark.)
Interior and Insular Affairs; Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.)
Labor and Public Welfare; Ralph W. Yarborough (D-Texas)
Public Works; Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.)
Judiciary; James O. Eastland (D-Miss.)
Post Office and Civil Service; Gale W. McGee (D-Wyo.)
Rules and Administration; B. Everett Jordan (D-N.C.)
Aeronautical and Space Sciences; Clinton Anderson (D-N.M.)
Appropriations; Richard Russell (D-Ga.)
Banking and Currency; John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.)
Agriculture and Forestry; Allen Ellender (D-La.)
Armed Services; John Stennis (D-Miss.)
Commerce; Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.)

House of Representatives:

Agriculture; W. R. Poage (D-Texas)
Armed Services; L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.)
District of Columbia; John J. McMillan (D-S.C.)
Foreign Affairs; Thomas F. Morgan (D-Pa.)
Appropriations; George H. Mahon (D-Texas)
Banking and Currency; Wright Patman (D-Texas)
Education and Labor; Carl D. Perkins (D-Ky.)
Government Operations; William L. Dawson (D-Ill.)
House Administration; Samuel N. Friedel (D-Md.)
Interstate and Foreign Commerce; Harley O. Staggers (D-W.Va.)
Interior and Insular Affairs; Wayne N. Aspinall (D-Colo.)
Judiciary; Emanuel Celler (D-NY)
Merchant Marine and Fisheries; Edward A. Garmatz (D-Md.)
Post Office and Civil Service; Thaddeus J. Dulski (D-N.Y.)
Rules; William M. Colmer (D-Miss.)
Standards of Official Conduct; Melvin Price (D-Ill.)
Veterans Affairs; Olin E. Teague (D-Texas)
Public Works; George H. Fallon (D-Md.)
Science and Astronautics; George P. Miller (D-Calif.)
Un-American Activities; Richard H. Ichord (D-Mo.)
Ways and Means; Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.)

"SHOW AND TELL" TIME

Our League on TV -- once a month -- 30 minute program!

Exciting and challenging! A marvelous opportunity to carry our story to a wider audience. Kathleen Kowalski and Bea Lingenfelter are co-chairmen for this new venture. What would you like to see on this program? How can you help? Call them with your ideas and suggestions and let's all work to make this a big hit!