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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May 5, 1980

C A L E N D A R

- MAY 3-7 NATIONAL CONVENTION**
League of Women Voters
of the United States,
Washington, D.C.
- MAY 13 Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.**
PLANNING FOR THE ELECTION!
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church,
Norway Avenue & Green Oak Drive.
Babysitting will be provided.
- MAY 14 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**
PLANNING FOR THE ELECTION!
Home of Betty Barrett,
408 11th Avenue
- MAY 27 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**
BOARD MEETING
Home of Janice McNearney,
2965 Staunton Road
- JUNE 3 Tuesday, PRIMARIES . . .** Publicity Booth on Plaza and Election Day
Call-in Service (details inside)

DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- May 3 9:00-4:00 GLOBAL WOMEN'S FORUM,** University of Charleston.
A one-day participatory program designed to address
issues of today. Contact Helen Gibbins,
- May 19 1:30 and 6:30 PROPOSED WV GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS,** Board of Education Office,
Huntington. State Chairperson, Bob Myers, will preside over
this meeting for public comment.
- May 21-23 WEST VIRGINIA WELFARE CONFERENCE,** Holiday Inn downtown.
- JUNE 17-18 CONSTRUCTION SEDIMENT: DOES IT HAVE TO MUDDY THE WATERS,**
West Virginia Medical Center, Charleston, WV

THIS ISSUE is almost totally devoted to VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE
(see pages 3 and 4) and to a recap of work accomplished by
EDUCATION COMMITTEE (see pages 5 and 6)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

LEAGUE PEOPLE ARE AMAZING! Now there's a great book title! And each chapter would contain controversial ideas coupled with solidly based stands on issues, along with great enthusiasm, interest and relentless energy . . . with a little conflict to keep in interesting.

The Local Board has been both supportive and co-operative with 'encounters of the first kind'. Members have contributed whenever called. State Board in its thorough but none the less provocative way has recommended re-emphasis of established program and some new direction, plus the initiation of a new study.

The mounds of mail I received from National on the Convention boggles the mind. For more on this unfolding saga, please check the pages of your Bulletin. But above all, Join Us!

. . . Janice McNearney

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NEW APPOINTMENT TO BOARD . . .

Public Relations will be co-chaired by ANNE LAZENBY and KATHLEEN GROSS.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our most recent member,

Ann Cooley
6232 Highland Drive
Huntington, WV 25705
Telephone: 736-6434

And it's with a sigh of relief that we welcome back two "oldtimers"

Vivian Phares
1034 1/2 10th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
522-8735

Clair Matz
704 13th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
Telephone: 529-2910

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LEAGUE MEMBERS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE

To each and all of you seeking election or re-election . . . Good luck in your desire to serve the public.

- Robert "Chuck" Chambers - House of Delegates
- Pat Hartman - House of Delegates
- Doris Johnson - Assessor
- Constance Tomkins - Delegate to National Convention

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LEAGUERS IN ACTION . . . HELEN GIBRINS participated in the Energy Forum sponsored by WMUL-TV on May 1st. . . MARTHA WOODWARD will attend a National Conference on Volunteerism in Toronto, May 3-7.

V O T E R S E R V I C E

The May 13 and 14 meetings will be devoted to Voter Service Material, Call-. In workers, especially new ones, will be trained on that day (Tuesday or Wednesday). We will also plan the Mall displays and other programs before Election Day. We can use lots of help. Please come if you can. As usual, there will be a babysitter available at the church.

NEWSPAPER QUESTIONNAIRE The newspaper questionnaire will be published in the Herald-Dispatch on June 1. Almost all local offices will be included in a chart which we expect will offer considerable information to voters.

This is the final election for the Board of Education and the Park Board, so these are being emphasized. Martha Woodward (525-7404) is coordinating this. She will need help to read completed answers and to count words. The newspaper will also be reporting on their own interviews with candidates, which you will want to read.

ELECTION DAY CALL-IN This will be operating from *8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., June 3, again at WOWK-TV studios. We will be looking for people to work two-hour shifts, at least two at a time. Training will be provided at the May 13 and 14 units. Vivian Phares is scheduling workers. Please call her if you want to volunteer, or offer your help if she calls you. Betty Davis has offered to babysit at her home, 2736 North Terrace for any member who wants to work that day. This will provide mothers of young children a short free time.

This is one of our most useful and recognized activities. It is also a most interesting experience. Because of the school bond issue, we expect quite a few calls this time concerning the usual "where-to-vote?" and "can-I-vote?" questions.

PUBLICITY ON THE PLAZA Another event that should be fun will happen on June 2 at the booth on the north end of the Huntington downtown plaza (9th Street at 3rd Avenue). We will be there from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. handing out our literature (including a fact sheet on the bond issue), selling our publications, and displaying some of our materials. Stores are open Monday nights, so we hope to be able to reach quite a few people and, hopefully, inspire them to vote the next day. We'll need help for this . . . call to volunteer.

CANDIDATES ON THE AIR WOWK-TV, Channel 13, is going to be offering many voter services. Plans are not quite firm yet, but watch at these times especially.

MORNING MAGAZINE - 10:00-10:30 a.m., Weekdays
ACTION NEWSMAKERS - 6:30- 7:00 p.m., Saturdays
SUNDAY NEWS - 6:00- 6:30 p.m., Sunday

We are working on presenting local candidates for county commissioner and sheriff, something on the Park Board, and a presentation on the School Bond Issue. We will be appearing regularly on MORNING MAGAZINE with short segments on voting procedures and issues. We will be doing a lot of calling for help. If you have always wanted to be on TV, let us know. And be sure to watch for us.. Anne Lazenby is in charge. Call her, 525-2481.

TOWN HALL This will be a fall event this year. There were too many candidates to be included comfortably, so WSAZ decided on a pre-general election schedule. Efforts are being made to involve the League in their other pre-election programs, which include:

AT ISSUE - May 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m. - School Board Candidates
INSIDE LOOK - May 3, 7:30-8:00 p.m. - Board representatives and opponents on the Bond
May 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Board Candidates questioned on the Bond

. . . continuation of VOTERS SERVICES

Our participation is not set at this time. We are working on TV and radio public service announcements, so don't be surprised to hear familiar voices. You may be called to help with these or other activities. We need lots of people to work, a little or a lot.

VOTER SERVICE
INFORMATION
FOR MEMBERS

*Voter Registration close May 5.

*Absentee ballots are the responsibility of the Circuit Clerk's office. Applications are available now. You can call (529-2445) or write for them. They will mail applications, as requested, to out-of-town children or friends.

*Ballots to be sent out between May 5 and May 30 must be back to be counted June 3. If you will be out of town on June 3, you can apply and vote in the Circuit Clerk's office between May 19 and May 31. Special hours Saturday.

An interesting situation is presented once more by the Board of Education race. You may know that no more than 2 members of the Board may be elected from each magisterial district. Holdover board members are from #4 - Sue Edmonds; #5 - Claud Thorburg; #1 - Ralph Moeller.

We will elect two members in this election. If by chance both are from the same district, and that district has a member already on the board, the highest vote-getter would be elected, but not the second highest. The seat would go to the next highest eligible to serve.

DISTRICTS OF
CANDIDATES

#1 District - Kenneth R. Baylous
John H. Earls, Sr.
Gayle Franklin
W. Raymond McCoy

#2 District - David Lee McCoy
Alonzo Varney

#3 District - Gilbert Vanderkraats

#5 District - Robert L. Dunfee
Raymond Wyatt

#6 District - Julia S. Hagan

#7 District - Brian Blake
Pauline Hughes

. . . Betty Barrett, 525-5908

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E D U C A T I O N

U P D A T E

During our recent education unit meetings, we discussed Title I, Title VI, Title IX, and PL-142. This brief summary outlines the purpose, progress, and problems of these funding sources.

TITLE I is the largest aid-to-education program, federally financed, state administered, and locally operated.

Target schools are those in low-income areas (determined by the number of children receiving free lunches and aid-to-dependent children). Any child, regardless of income background, located in such a school who is working below expected grade level may participate.

The school must provide an equal and basic education for all students and these funds are used to supplement this. Cabell County employs 27 remedial reading and 12 remedial math (Title I) teachers.

Problems experienced with Title I have been loss of instructional time because of the extensive time required for testing, placement, and evaluation. Approximately two months each year are lost this way.

TITLE VI The intent of Title VI is to provide services required by law for all handicapped children. This title is further broken down into:

PRIORITY I: Children who are not receiving services of any kind

PRIORITY II: Children who need additional services.

These funds may supplement but not supplant state and local funds. In other words, this source provides additional money with assurances that a board of education use state and local funds for program implementation or at least make a great effort to serve the handicapped with local and state money.

However, according to Mrs. Swann, coordinator of Cabell County's Special Education Program, implementation brings about many difficulties. Funding has not kept pace with demands. This year Cabell County had to use a large portion of this money for teacher salary: for 11 positions in special education and 4 positions for L.E.A. (Local Education Agency). The assurance of Title VI guarantees that in the coming year the local budget will cover these positions, thus freeing money for better implementation of special education programs.

Each year the Special Education Committee of Cabell County Curriculum Council, consisting of principals, teachers, various special education specialists and parents, decide on the needs of this program. Member and parent, Barbara Mabee, witnessed great concern and dedication to provide proper service for all handicapped children in the least restrictive environment in the schools.

PL-142 (Mainstreaming) In its simplest form, the law states that all children have a right to be best education related to their abilities and potential; and if a child has to go out of the state or county to receive this education, then the county and state must finance that education.

.... continuation of EDUCATION UPDATE

According to Betty Swann, Cabell County schools are attempting to comply with the spirit and letter of the law. Although this law has generally been beneficial to the students involved, there have been problems such as teacher-pupil ratio (which is too high), the need for more specialized teacher aids; the lack of preparation time for individual educational program for each student, and the lengthy time required for evaluation and placement,

TITLE IX reads that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

In the Cabell County Schools, according to Mr. Hanson, assistant superintendent, the sports program has benefitted the most. Vocational training has also been re-evaluated, especially in the area of stereotype vocations. At this time, there appears to be no flagrant misuse of the law.

..... suggestions from unit meetings were

... monitoring program

... check policies for hiring and promoting administrators and teachers

... not enough staff to evaluate tests

... planning time for evaluation should be provided

... committee reports on these titles should be made public

... middle school discussion should be held.

..... Susan Adams, 736-2001

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