

Marshall University

## Marshall Digital Scholar

---

League of Women Voters of the Huntington  
Area Bulletin 1960-1969

League of Women Voters of the Huntington  
Area Bulletin

---

10-1961

### League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area Bulletin, October, 1961

League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area

Follow this and additional works at: [https://mds.marshall.edu/lowv\\_newsletters\\_1960\\_1969](https://mds.marshall.edu/lowv_newsletters_1960_1969)

---

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Raymond Hepner, Editor  
Mrs. Wm. A. Dickinson, Asst.

Huntington, W. Va.  
October, 1961

Mrs. Kevin Cahill, Pres.

## MEMBERSHIP COFFEE - OCTOBER 24th

There will be a Membership Coffee on Tuesday, October 24th for prospective members, at the home of Mrs. Harold Kagan, 501 Thirteenth Avenue, 9:30 A.M.

In order for the LWV of Huntington to grow and expand, we need to interest new people in the League. In the Michigan Survey done several years ago, one of the findings was that the majority of League members had their interest in the League aroused through a friend who was already a member.

So you see that Membership is a job for each of you - not only the Board member who has Membership for her portfolio. If each of you would interest at least one friend in attending this coffee, you would be helping us reach our goal of a growing League of Women Voters in Huntington.

## TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Oct. - Subject: Constitutional Revision  
General Meeting - October 19th  
Units - October 31, November 1st

Nov. - Subject: Water Conservation  
General - November 15th  
Units - November 28, 29

Dec. - Subject: Open  
There will be a combined unit and general meeting luncheon December 9.

Jan. - Subject: Know Your County  
General Meeting - January 17th  
Units - January 30, 31

Feb. - Subject: Know Your County  
General Meeting \* February 21st  
Units - February 27, 28

Mar. - Annual Meeting  
Luncheon on March 24th

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

### General Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 8 P.M.  
Cabell-Huntington Health Center  
Speaker: Roberta Emerson, Member of Constitutional Revision Commission, Plans and Procedures Subcommittee

Units: The Judiciary Article  
Tuesday, 8 P.M., October 31  
At the home of Martha Muth  
2667 Third Avenue

Wednesday, November 1, 9:30 A.M.  
At the home of Henrietta Hager  
609 12th Avenue

The concluding sentence of an editorial deploring the discrepancies between salaries paid judges and fees collected by some Justices of the Peace in a recent Herald Dispatch gives a perfect lead in for our units on study of the Constitution of West Virginia and proposed revisions "which provide effective government responsive to the needs of the people of West Virginia." It reads, "No pillar of democracy is more vital than the judiciary and it is everybody's job to see that it remains strong and immune to pressures of every kind."

So though we may be inclined to leave the courts to the lawyers it behooves us to inform ourselves about our court system and the selection of judges and what changes the Constitutional Revision Commission has recommended in its progress report to the 1961 legislature.

Local leagues have been asked to reach consensus by the first part of November on the questions listed in the last State Voter. If hearings are held on the Judiciary Article during the 1962 session, the League will then be able to express an informed opinion.

## CONSENSUS, WHAT'S THAT?

Since we have been asked by the State League to reach consensus regarding the Judiciary Article, perhaps we should review what it means for the LWV. It is not decided through a poll or vote of the membership; instead it is an interpretative process of group opinion. In League parlance it means agreement among a substantial number of a representative group of members (not just a simple majority) reached after sustained study and group discussion. Consensus is a prerequisite to our taking any position on national, state or local governmental issues. It determines what action, if any, is to be taken on the item under consideration. It begins with program making where members either at annual meetings or through their delegates at state and national conventions select a program which they believe warrants League study and action.

The question is sometimes raised regarding whether consensus exists if only 50% or less of the members participate in reaching agreement. If all members were given the opportunity to participate, if the item was presented adequately from the aspects of content (varying points of view) and procedure, the answer is yes. The absent cannot hold back the active in the League any more than those who stay home on Election Day can expect to control the wishes of those who go to the polls.

October's general meeting and the units following afford the individual member another opportunity to participate in formulating consensus on one aspect of Constitutional Revision. The member can come to the unit prepared for discussion after hearing a report by Roberta Emerson and after reading the State League publication prepared by Dot Wehrle and her committee. Then if the membership is informed, its thinking crystallized and its impulse to action ripe, legislative action may follow.

the membership of the League of Women Voters then by its reflective examination, study, discussion and evaluation of its program has reached that cherished position of consensus which is its discipline and its strength.....Any questions?

Copies of the State League's publication may be purchased at the general meeting, October 19th for 20¢. If you cannot attend call Ja 9-4379, and I'll get a copy to you.

Yvonne Mook

## PROGRAM IN THE MAKING

Following are excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Phillips, National President, to all Local and State Presidents:

"The 25th convention of the League of Women Voters will be held in Minneapolis from April 30 to May 4, 1962. The Convention shall consider and adopt a program, elect officers and directors, adopt a budget, and transact such other business as may be presented.

Between now and November 30th, the deadline for first round national program suggestions, every member has a distinct responsibility.

For each of the 132,000 members the responsibility is to think through and then voice her best judgement for a national program on which she wishes to work during 1962-64.

we must work together in the months to come to find the best way in which the LWV can function in our complex society. At this particular time in world history the significance of free choice can not be over-emphasized. Here is the place where each of us, as members of a democratic organization, operating in a democratic society, can make a contribution by choosing for 1962-64 a program that will be the best possible vehicle through which to accomplish the purposes of the LWV in the next two years.

In the October NATIONAL VOTER there is a "Lively Issues" article designed to give a brief description of some of the national and international questions facing our national government today and which could be of vital importance in the period ahead. The VOTER will be in the mail around October first."

---

## ENVIRONMENT OR HEREDITY?

A history class in one of our local high schools was given a current events test. The three top grades were received by children of three local League members. Environment or heredity?

---

## HERE WE GO AGAIN

Because the National Guard has a higher priority on her husband's services than the League has on Roseann's services, we regret reporting the resignation of Board member Roseann Ellenbogen. However we are fortunate to have Hite Compton taking over Roseann's portfolio, Water Conservation.