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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 3, 1981

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

February 10, Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.  
TAXATION WORKSHOP  
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church  
Green Oak and Norway Avenue  
(Babysitting provided)

February 11, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
TAXATION WORKSHOP  
Home of Chloe Dunfee  
818 13th Avenue, Huntington

February 24, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
BOARD MEETING  
Home of Margaret Gerke  
1805 Wiltshire Blvd., Huntington

### MARCH

March 3, Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.  
TAXATION CONSENSUS  
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church  
Green Oak Drive and Norway Avenue  
(Babysitting provided)

March 4, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
TAXATION CONSENSUS  
Home of Bernice Steirn  
2030 N. Englewood Drive

March 18 and 19  
Plan on a DAY AT THE  
LEGISLATURE. Details in  
March Bulletin.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

**TIME FOR TAXATION! THE HEART OF ANY MOTION WE MAKE OR ACTION WE TAKE!**  
Now is the time to understand and prepare for the financial arguments levied at our proposals. Kathleen Gross and Linda Rowe have prepared an excellent program with clear and instructive explanations to better educate us on this very important subject. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND!**

We want to hear from YOU...about a proposal for local program.

What should we be studying?

What action should we be taking?

What changes or new direction should our established programs be heading?

What questions should we be asking?

**LET US KNOW! VOICE YOUR SUGGESTIONS.** (Included inside this bulletin is a summary of current program to evaluate).

... Janice McNearney

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TAXATION  
CONSENSUS

The business taxes in West Virginia are:

- \*Business and Occupation Tax which is paid on the gross sales of the business,
- \*Corporate Net Income Tax which is paid by corporations who must pay federal income tax,
- \*Carrier Income Tax which is a combination gross sales and net income tax on transportation businesses,
- \*Corporate Charter License Tax which is based upon the value of the shares of capital stock, and
- \*Business Franchise Registration Tax which is an annual tax of \$15.00 on anyone doing business in the state.

The consensus questions are based on each tax individually and the relationship between the taxes in order to achieve the same share of taxes from the the business community.

A careful reading of the West Virginia Business Taxes booklet will help in understanding the consensus. We look forward to hearing your opinions at consensus.

... Kathleen Gross, 523-1715

Contact Margaret Gerke for publications relating to taxes 529-4345.

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PROGRAM

Examination of local agency compliance with federal regulations, in the areas of:-

EDUCATION - COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS - HOUSING - WELFARE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Study of alternative forms of government in the Huntington area;
- Support of improvement in the quality of recreation in the Huntington area;
- Support of the improvement of the quality of education in Cabell County school system;
- Support of the Council-Manager form of government;
- Support of comprehensive planning;
- Support of improved solid waste management

ELECTION PROCEDURES

- Support of measures to improve the election process

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies

If there is any change in program or emphasis in any area that you would like to see changed, or a new item altogether, please forward your suggestions to Janice McNearney, President.

REMINDER. Annual State Report forms from Local Chairs are due!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

RECOMMENDATION TO STATE BOARD FROM LOCAL BOARD

In the study item: EDUCATION...consider Phase 3, Teacher Certification and Evaluation before Phase 2, Curriculum.

Reasons: State Board of Education recently adopted curriculum changes, our concern and measured impact on policy matters, and current interest of state educators in reevaluating teacher certification

CHECK YOUR WINTER 1981 NATIONAL VOTER for ELABORATION OF AGENDA:

"Keeping the ideological makeup of this new Congress in mind, the LWVUS national board in December reassessed League program goals and designated three areas for major legislative attention in 1981:

- civil rights protection: school desegregation;
- the Clean Air Act;
- voting rights: the Voting Rights Act and a uniform poll closing time.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT to the U.S. CONSTITUTION

A new petition, which is a reaffirmation of League's stand on ERA, is circulating again. If you wish to sign, please contact Martha Woodward, 525-7404

WOWK-TV, Channel 13, has asked the Huntington Area League of Women Voters to participate in an opinion poll. We will be answering the telephones at the Station from 6:00-7:30 p.m. twice a week for the month of February. The Station will call you in the morning to see if you are available for that same evening. The League will be recognized over the air for its contribution. I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this endeavor.

... Janice McNearney

GUIDE TO WEST VIRGINIAN LEGISLATURE:

Our next Bulletin will include the Guide to WV Legislature. This Guide will also be available at all branches of the Cabell County Library. If you are willing to distribute copies or if you have any suggestions as to who should receive copies, please contact me.

... Betty Barrett, 525-5908

Material for March Bulletin is due at the end of the First Week in March.

Please...no phone calls, written material accepted only. All material for the Annual Meeting must be in hands of membership two weeks prior to meeting.

... ed.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Thanks to all those who helped to make UNICEF Christmas sale the best we have had for some years.

Note paper and gifts will be on sale at the Campus Christian Center year round. (Only small stock on hand at present, but more will be ordered when Spring catalog is out.

Excellent Tape on UN for discussion groups. 15 minutes. Reel. Senator Church, National LWV representative and UN representative discuss UN perspectives.

Borrow from Anna Csernica, 525-1017

Nearly 6,000 Cuban Refugees are still at Fort Chaffee, still in need of sponsors. Anyone interest in providing accommodation until refugee can make it on own, call a toll free number at Fort Chaffee: 1-800-643-2575.

. . . Nancy Taylor, 522-3361

## PUBLIC DEFENDER LEGISLATION

Our WV Leagues received a letter from Mark P. Smith, Executive Director of the West Virginia State Bar, from which we quote:

" . . . . As you know, people accused of crime have a constitutional right to be represented by a lawyer. Under the present system in West Virginia, if a defendant is indigent, the judge appoints a practicing lawyer to represent him.

Under the proposed public defender legislation, indigent defendants would be represented by a statewide public defender network. Defendants would be represented by full-time and part-time public defenders and by volunteer panels of private lawyers. For a variety of reasons, we believe the quality of the justice system would be improved by this proposed legislation. A discussion of many of the advantages of the public defender proposal is included in the attached memorandum, which we sent last year to circuit court judges.

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One of the concerns often voiced by members of the legislature is the fear that the public defender system would be too costly for the state to afford. Quite to the contrary, it is our strong belief that a public defender system would save the state many hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next few years. Studies of other states that have already implemented public defenders systems indicate that the cost of a public defender program increases less rapidly than the cost of our present system of representation for indigents. We have worked closely with a consultant firm in Massachusetts, and they believe that the public defender system in West Virginia would cost less than the present system by the second year of its operation.

Some legislators have made the argument that it is a mistake to create any new bureaucracy. It is our belief, however, that the public defender proposal would replace an existing, inefficient bureaucracy with a more efficient one...."

Please contact individual members of the legislature.

#### ADDENDUM to MEMBERSHIP LIST

We welcome these new or returning members.

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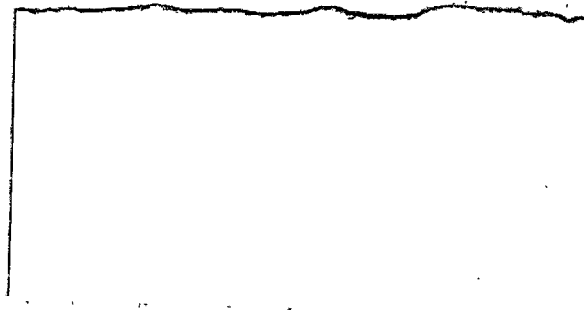
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PLEASE CHANGE Nancy Matthews' zip to:  
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. . . V.M. Galgano, 522-9403

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