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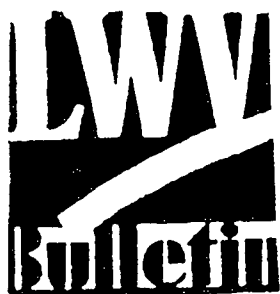
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# Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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## February meeting includes supper

Mary Anderson has graciously volunteered to prepare a supper for League members and friends on Monday, February 16, 5:30 p.m., at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. A small donation to defray costs is requested. The program for the evening will include an update on the WV Legislature and a discussion of the direction which our local League believes the national League should follow. This is part of a formal process. Following the meeting we will send the LWVUS our suggestions for studies and Issues for Emphasis for the next biennium.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE

Wendy Radcliff is the Environmental Advocate for the Division of Environmental Protection (DEP). Her office was formed several years ago when the DEP was organized. She is helpful to citizens when they have questions about procedures and she organizes workshops and field trips on environmental issues. Those who have questions about how to work on an environmental problem may wish to contact Wendy at 1-800-654-5227.

## Action Alert

### *Campaign finance Reform*

Senator Majority Leader Trent Lott has agreed to allow consideration of bipartisan reform legislation no later than March 6. The first vote will be on a motion to table S 25, the McCain-Feingold bill. Likewise House Speaker Newt Gingrich has promised to schedule a vote on campaign finance reform by March. Everyone interested in campaign finance reform should urge our senators and representatives to vote against the motion to table, to defeat any killer amendments, and to allow Congress to have a chance to vote a straight up-or-down vote on the bill. The campaign finance bill closes the soft money and sham issue advocacy loopholes.

**SOFT MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS** are unlimited donations to the political parties from corporations, labor unions, and individuals. There are no limits on the amount of soft money they can give to the parties. Six-figure soft money contributions are now commonplace. In theory, soft money is used for "party-building" activities such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives. In reality, soft money is increasingly used to pay for a barrage of party financed negative ads that often depress voter turnout.

Unions and corporations may legally form political action committees (PACs) to donate **HARD MONEY** to candidates but they are limited to \$5,000 per candidate, per election, and they are subject to disclosure requirements. Corporations and unions may also communicate with their shareholders about candidates.

**SHAM ISSUE ADS** are paid political advertisements that target individual candidates and are designed to influence the outcome of elections, but avoid important requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act because of a loophole in the law. The loopholes exist because these groups avoid ads using terms such as "vote for", "vote against", "elect", or "defeat". Unlimited, undisclosed money is overwhelming the election system. By running ads immediately preceding an election that savage a candidate's opponent, special interests can provide something of great value to the candidate they support, while avoiding disclosure requirements and contribution limits.

The sham issue advocacy loophole can be closed in a constitutional fashion. It states that any paid broadcast communication with the general public within 60 days of the general election and when Congress is not in session that uses a federal candidate's name or likeness would be considered a campaign ad, and would be covered by rules pertaining to campaign ads. No group, at any time, would be prohibited from running any advertisements, regardless of its content.

Because campaign finance reform became deadlocked, the League supports an incremental approach. S 25 is the first step to correct the worst abuses while building grassroots and congressional support for more comprehensive reform measures later.

Please contact Senator Robert C. Byrd, 202-224-3954 or 311 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, 202-224-6472 or 109 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510; and Congressman Nick Rahall, 202-225-3452 or 2307 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, DC 20515. Many members of Congress use the defense that they do not hear from constituents on this subject.

Details on campaign finance reform are available on the LWVUS web site at <http://www.lwv.org/cfraa198.html>) or by contacting Nancy Taylor, 522-3361 or Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

## In Memory of Lois Kauffelt

We were saddened by the news of the recent death of Lois Kauffelt. Since the 1950's Lois contributed her time, energy, mind, and skills to the League of Women Voters of WV. She served as state president, treasurer, and WV taxes director and in these capacities wrote studies and lobbied for many of the League's issues. She also served as the WV chair of the International Women's Year, and in that capacity moderated the statewide assembly of women. Lois will be missed.

## Role of women in labor force topic of luncheon

The West Virginia Labor History Association will sponsor a luncheon, February 21, 12 noon, in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center at Marshall University.

Dr. Frances Hensley will speak on the role of women in the labor force. She will recognize the significant contribution made by the late Opal Mann.

Luncheon reservations are \$12.95 and should be made by February 18 by calling Randy Jordan, 736-5661 or Doris Johnson, 522-3877.

## Heritage Farm Museum and Village looking for volunteers

The Heritage Farm Museum and Village, located on Harvey Road, is a step back in time. You can enjoy the community life of yesteryear and see a blacksmith shop, antique car and transportation collection, an 1800's log church/school/meeting house, a large log house, development of farm implements and much more. The Museum also has meeting and dining facilities. Overnight accommodations are available. Other activities on the farm include swimming, hiking, walking and riding trails and a petting zoo.

Because of the recent publicity about the Heritage Farm Museum and Village, there is a need for volunteers who would be interested in helping with tours of the museum. Training sessions for the volunteers are planned. If you are interested in helping in some way, call the Museum at 697-8764.

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$35 individual, \$50 for two in one household.

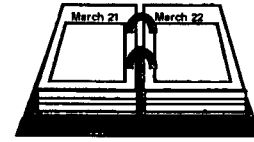
To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701

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# BULLETIN

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**February 10** - 7 to 9 p.m., Huntington City Hall, Air Hearings.

**February 16** - 5:30 pm - League supper and meeting, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

**February 19** - Women's Day at the Legislature.

**February 23** - Huntington League's Board Meeting.

**March 30** - Huntington League's Annual Meeting; 6 p.m., dinner, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Joe Barker, speaker.

**May 2** - LWVWV State Council Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Clarksburg.

**June 13-16** - LWVUS National Convention, Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego, CA.

## Cabell School District adopts strategic plan

On August 5, 1997, the Cabell County School Board unanimously approved a strategic plan. Work on this plan began in November, 1996 because the Board recognized the need for a plan which would develop students to their full potential.

The plan contains seventeen beliefs which are the core values to which Cabell County Schools are now committed. The mission statement says "Cabell County Public Schools will produce men and women who passionately embrace the unlimited power of education by fully developing the unique gifts, talents, and potential of the individual students, assuring that each will adapt, excel, and continuously lead as a citizen of the world". The plan contains ground rules or *parameters, objectives* which define the mission in measurable terms and the *strategies* or action.

Superintendent Jefferson said, "By entering into Strategic Planning, Cabell County Schools chose to reexamine its old ways and create new ones where they were needed. A change of structure is occurring without any change in basic substance. We are going to continually recreate ourselves toward an extraordinary purpose."

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