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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

October 1, 1981

## C A L E N D A R

- October 6 Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.  
NEW EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS IN THE JUNIOR HIGH. Interest meeting to explore a plan of study to evaluate the system as it is today and look into alternatives. Meeting will be held at the Beverly Hill Presbyterian Church, Norway and Green Oak. Babysitting will be provided.
- October 20 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
BOARD MEETING. The entire Board will be participating at this meeting. Special guests and potential members are welcome. Meeting will be held at the home of Charles and Barbara Mabee, 114 Forest Park Lane. (Directions to Mabee's: from Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, go up GREENOAK DRIVE, cross over LOWER TERRACE, and then pick up GREENOAK DRIVE again; then first turn to right)
- November 1-7 F I N A N C E D R I V E
- November 3 We are in the process of scheduling a special meeting on State School Finance with two legislators active on the education committee. Watch the paper and next bulletin for more information.
- November 3 Don't forget to vote . . . ROAD BOND ISSUE

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

We're gearing up for another active year! Check the PROPOSED CALENDAR 1981-1982 inside the Bulletin. One of the constant concerns of citizens heard throughout the State is about the "quality of education" our children are receiving. At the local level this year we will be looking into the pros/cons of Junior High Reorganization. The State League will begin its inquiries on Teacher Evaluation. Also, join us on special "go-see-learn" tours and our continuing unit on Taxation, with emphasis on personal and inheritance taxes.

We invite you to participate in this year's discussions and activities. We are ALL busy people, but try to set some time aside for these vital issues.

. . . JANICE MCNEARNEY

PROPOSED 1981-1982 CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

## NOVEMBER

15	Board Meeting Membership	6	Interest Meeting "New Educational Concepts in Junior High" Plan course of action.	1-7	Finance Drive
		20	Board Meeting Guests and potential members invited	3	State School Finance General Meeting (in process of being scheduled)
				3	VOTE . . Road Bond Issue
				17	Board Meeting

## DECEMBER

## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY

8	Eve with Legislators	5	General Meeting	2, 3, 4	Taxation Unit and Consensus
		13	Legislative Session begins	15	Day with the Legislature
		19	Board Meeting	16	Board Meeting

## MARCH

## APRIL

## MAY

2, 3	Middle School Unit	6, 7	Middle School Consensus	4, 5	- - -
20	Annual Meeting	20	Board Meeting	15-19	National Convention
		30, 31	State Council		

## JUNE

## JULY

## AUGUST

P-r-i-m-a-r-y	Vacation	Fall Planning Meeting
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## ABOUT DUES

Now is the time for all those "in arrears" to pay dues. New Membership lists will be prepared this month. We would hate to have your name among those missing.

ACTION ALERT!!!!

C L E A N   A I R   A C T

Who needs a clean air act?

To hear some people speak, you might think America's air pollution has been licked and we can relax now. Nothing could be further from the truth. Although a few improvements have been made America's air is by no means clean:

Fewer than 10% of our country's coal fired power plants have installed scrubbing equipment to clean emission;

140 million Americans live in air that violates federal health standards for "smog";

There is no federal health standard for fine particulates which are inhaled deep into the lungs;

No program exists to control acid rain;

Though more than 100 toxic chemicals that cause cancer and other diseases have been found in the air, the EPA has adopted regulations to control only four.

The Administration's guidelines show a lack of understanding of the severe health effects and true cost of air pollution. To reduce protection for children is ludicrous. This will particularly effect us in this valley as we already have higher rates of sinusitis, bronchitis, upper respiratory infections, and pneumonia. Presently we are all paying with illness, . . .

(taken from New Martinsville LWV)

The League supports:

1. the present process for setting primary ambient air quality standards to protect public health with a margin of safety, without taking costs into account;
2. retaining specific deadlines for attainment of ambient standards;
3. continuing to require offsetting emissions reductions as new pollution is allowed in areas which don't meet standards;
4. inspection and maintenance programs;
5. a prevention of significant deterioration program with a pollution budget to protect clean air areas from becoming significantly dirtier;
6. no weakening of control standards for automobiles;
7. significant reduction in acid rain causing pollutants, and
8. a stepped-up schedule for regulating toxic air pollutants.

(August ACTION ALERT)

On September 2, several members of the League, Dr. Harry Tweel, President of the WV Lung Association, and Mr. Steve Lawton, Marshall Biology teacher, met with Congressman Rahall to discuss the Clean Air Act Amendments. The meeting was arranged by Marcia Daoust. The Congressman stated that he will be pleased to receive any information the League can provide him about the Clean Air Amendments.

PLEASE WRITE A P E R S O N A L LETTER TO Congressman Rahall, and to Senators Byrd and Randolph.

## Cabell County Planning Commission Goes to Court

The County Commission decreased the Planning Commission's budget from \$41,000 to \$24,000 even though the Huntington League had requested the Cabell County Commission to fund the Planning Commission adequately. To meet the budget decrease the Planning Commission laid off the planning director.

In late June, without warning, the County Commission again decreased funding to \$2,900. Tana Craig, planning coordinator, has been working on a volunteer basis since then. According to the Herald-Dispatch, the County Commission has expressed its interest in hiring an employee of its own choosing to work for the Planning Commission. But the state code says that planning commissions have the power, authority, and duty to choose and hire their own staffs. Furthermore, the code mandates adequate funding for planning commissions. (Kanawha County's annual budget is \$97,000; Putnam County's, for first quarter, is \$13,000).

Because the County Commission has not responded to the Planning Commission's requests to discuss its need for adequate funding, the Planning Commission has petitioned the Circuit Court to require the County to pay for a lawyer for the Planning Commission to represent its case versus the County Commission. (The Prosecuting Attorney's office has refused to represent the Planning Commission due to a conflict of interest--it has been representing the County Commission.)

On Sept. 11, Diane Coe, a planning commissioner and a League member, stated the Planning Commission's case before Judge Robinson. No date has been set for the next hearing.

Planners all over the state are watching this case because of the importance of maintaining planning commissions' independence and freedom from political pressures.

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UNICEF WEEK is OCTOBER 24-31, 1981.

Cards and gifts are available now at the Campus Christian Center at Marshall University. Christmas cards may be ordered there. Anyone who would like to help sell UNICEF items at the Galleries on Saturday or Sunday (half a day) during November, please call me.

Marcia Daoust is coordinating Trick or Treat for UNICEF. She needs people to help telephone. Call her at 529-4406.

"Interdependent" is a monthly periodical on international relations and activities. Cost \$6.00/year. Order from: UN Assoc. of USA, 300 E 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10017

World Food Day . . . October 16!

... Nancy Taylor, International Relations

## JUVENILE SERVICES

Beth Bauserman

Service Gaps: West Virginia has a good juvenile code but it lacks the facilities and programs to implement the Code. Our justice system cannot begin to have well-trained staff and efficient programs unless the WV Legislature is willing to finance them. It is true that federal funds have been helpful, but these are neither plentiful nor dependable.

A statewide survey of WV Child Care Resource Center lists the following needs and recommendations:

1. Services for children and youth with emotional disturbance problems including severe depression, suicidal attempts, psychotic behavior, etc. Recommendation: a residential therapy center within the state.
2. Services for children and youth who display incorrigible behavior, including repeated running away, chronic truancy, obnoxious attitude, etc. Recommendation: improved diagnostic programs to determine more accurately the specific needs of youth with incorrigible behavior and status offense charges.
3. Services for young people who cannot function successfully in public school. Recommendation: Increased alternatives to public school attendance such as on-campus school programs, home teaching, work option, alternative schools in the community, lower age admitted to vocational education.

Other areas needing improvement include local holding prehearing detentions, independent living situations for the older youths who are now residing in group homes but within a year will be living on their own, community-based programs for mentally retarded adolescents, and detoxification programs for alcoholic and drug dependent youth.

Projects Financed from Federal Funds: Although the WV Legislature has been slow to finance juvenile programs federal funds have provided seed money for some exciting programs.

1. Five alternative learning centers have been established in Keyser, Bluefield, Wheeling, Fairmont, and Martinsburg. These learning centers are for the juveniles who cannot function in a regular classroom and serve well the truant and the unmanageable student. The courts and the local boards of education refer students to the center and the regional mental health center is contracted for suitable services.
2. Specialized foster care is provided to Charleston and surrounding counties, Randolph, Pocahontas, Upshur, Lewis, Tucker, Brooke, Hancock, Ohio Counties, and the department of corrections in Morgantown. The specialized foster parent is given the care of a juvenile delinquent. The foster parent is given special training and extra pay since the care of a troublesome child is more work than the regular foster child.

JUVENILE SERVICES (cont'd)

- 3. Several training seminars have been given for the benefit of courts, attorneys, court staff, public school teachers, agencies, social workers, etc.
- 4. The WV Child Care Association was funded to establish a resource center to identify and catalogue all child care, residential care and services.
- 5. An advocacy program was funded to provide information training for attorneys appointed to defend youth and to organize a non-profit organization to serve as an ombudsman for youth involved with the juvenile system.

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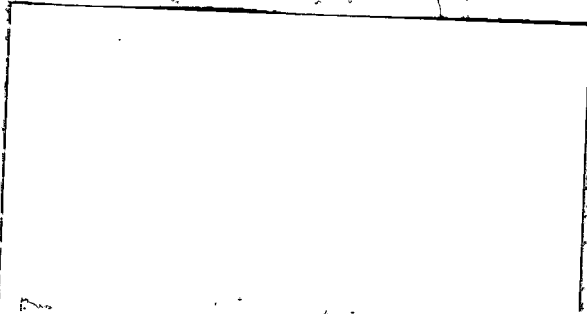
IN MEMORIAM

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Our Local League purchased two books in memory of our past members, Hite Compton Bron, Mary Dantel, and Elizabeth Koletka. The books, Politics and the Oval Office by Arnold Meltzner and The Eisenhower Diaries by Robert Ferrell will be placed in the Cabell County Public Library.

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