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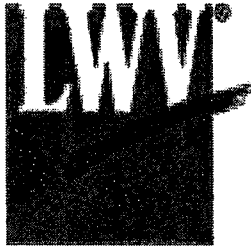
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**SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**

CANDIDATES MEETINGS

On October 16, 7 pm at the Junior League Community Center, the League is sponsoring a candidates meeting for the WV Legislature (Cabell County), county commission, and sheriff. Cosponsoring organizations are the Junior League of Huntington and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women. Those in the audience are invited to submit their questions on cards to Wendy Thomas, moderator.

On October 21, 7 pm at the MU Hall of Fame Café auditorium, Team for WV Children is sponsoring a candidates meeting for the WV Legislature (Cabell and Wayne). The meeting will focus on children and families' issues, "Step Up for Kids".

SCHOOLS EXCESS LEVY ELECTION

The 5-year excess levy for the Cabell County Schools will be on the November 4 ballot. The board of education decided to put the levy to the vote on the general election ballot to save the money from running its own election. The Special Levy, continually passed since 1954, currently provides 19% of the unrestricted operating budget. Besides supporting the schools, the income from the levy, by legislative action, supports the libraries and public parks. The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area board voted to support the levy. Flyers that explain how the levy's income is used are available from Jedd Flowers, 528-5000. Or go to the website – boe.cabe.k12.wv.us.

VOTERS SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The League extends our thank you to the many persons and groups who have helped with voters service activities.

- The Herald-Dispatch's candidates surveys in the October 12 edition and its continuing website coverage of candidates.
- Doris Johnson presented a VOTE activity for children at the downtown library.

- Elinore Taylor reviewed Drew Westin's, *The Political Brain*. A lively discussion followed.
- Judy Wade and Laura Deveny registered voters at Pullman Square; Terri Waldeck registered voters at Chilli Fest; and Helen Gibbins registered voters at the Veterans Home in Barboursville.
- Election speeches - Betty Barrett spoke to Head Start mothers and registered them to vote; Helen Gibbins and Giovanna Deveny spoke to the Southside Neighborhood Association; and Helen Gibbins spoke to an MU Political Science class.
- Moderators for our three candidates meetings – Giovanna Deveny, Donna Spindell, and Wendy Thomas.
- Portia Warner taped mayoral candidates' answers to questions to be put on You Tube.

LWVUS INFORMATION ON THE ELECTIONS

VOTE411.org is the League's one-stop shop for election information. You'll find important information on getting registered, voting in your state, and answers from presidential candidates on selected questions. Here are tips for debate watchers:

1. **Think Ahead** - Before the debate, ask yourself which issues are most important to you and jot down what you'd like to learn from each of the candidates.
2. **Are They Answering the Question** - Pay attention to how the candidates answer the questions. Are they specific? Sincere? Knowledgeable?
3. **Keep Track of Topics** - Are the candidates being asked about your priority issues? Are the questions fair and pertinent?
4. **Talk it out** – Afterwards, talk about the debate with your friends & family. Did the debate sway your decision? Did you learn something new about the candidates' positions?

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS ELECTION

In the November general election, for the first time, the non-partisan and unpaid office of conservation district supervisors will be on the ballot. (Previously only those who owned 3 acres of land and were at least 21 years of age could vote for the supervisors.) Voters in each county will elect two supervisors with the exception of Kanawha County, where voters will elect five supervisors. Future elections will be on the primary election day. There are specific requirements to be eligible to run for the seats. In Cabell County only two nominees are on the ballot for two seats on the Guyan Soil Conservation District, made up of Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Logan, and Mingo Counties. The purposes of Conservation Districts are to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this State. Some of the supervisors' jobs are to meet with farmers to understand individual and collective conservation needs, conduct public meetings on proposed laws and policies, and identify local conservation needs. The West Virginia Conservation Committee, chaired by the WV Secretary of Agriculture, coordinates statewide conservation efforts. Funding for district projects comes from the WV Conservation Committee which receives funds from the national and state governments.

VISITING THE LAW LIBRARY

Brandee McCoy invites League members and friends to visit the Law Library at the courthouse on November 16, 11 am. We will learn how to use the library. Please let Brandi, 626-8611, or Helen, 736-3287, know what specific topics you would like for her to cover.

FINANCE DRIVE

Thank you, Virginia Hensley, for preparing and mailing the letters to prospective contributors to our finance drive. Those who contribute to the League and wish the contribution to be tax deductible should make the check out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Checks may be sent to our Treasurer, Ann Spear, 706 Ridgewood Rd., Huntington, WV 25701

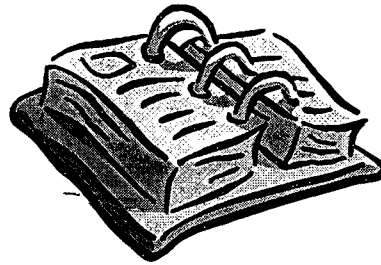
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Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to: Ann Spear,
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October 15, Early Voting in the courthouse
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Children and families' issues, sponsored by Team for WV Children

SUMMER FUN

Our Summer Fun Brochure was a big success again this year. We received thanks from parents, teachers, grandparents and sitters with stories of using the brochure for planning fun things for kids to do during their summer break. We are truly grateful to Doug Sheils and Cabell Huntington Hospital for sponsoring this project again this year. Special thanks also to their Creative Designer, Rose Hensen, for her hard work and cheerful cooperation!

League volunteers put a tremendous amount of work into the brochure - compiling the information, working with the Boards of Education, telephoning private schools & day care centers, and counting, bundling and delivering 20,000 brochures. Thanks so much to Giovanna & Jim Deveny, Helen Gibbons, Betty Barrett, Patricia Keller, Frances Huddleston, Nancy & Elinore Taylor, Martha Woodward and Julie Damewood.

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