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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

September and October, 1972

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C A L E N D A R

- Sept. 3--Nov. 3 Voters may apply for absentee ballots by mail by writing to the office of the Circuit Clerk.
- 12 X-Section Huntington: Planning. Council Chambers, City Hall, 8.00 P.M.
- 12 LWV State Council meets at Parkersburg.
- 19 Membership Coffee. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9.30 A. M. Wallace Circle & Washington St. Baby sitters & parking provided.
- 20 Membership Coffee. Betty Barrett, 408 Eleventh Ave., 7.30 P.M.
- 25 X-Section Huntington: Recreation. Jaycee Hall, 522 Ninth Ave., 8.00 P.M.
- 29--30 Workshop on Human Rights. First Baptist Church, Charleston, W.Va. 9.30--4.30 P.M. Call Pat Westman (736-5796) for details.
- Oct. 3 Election Law Conference. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9.30 A.M. Baby sitters & parking provided.
- 4 Election Law Conference. Florence Oxley, 1226 Twelfth Street, 7.30 P.M.
- 7 Last day for registration for voting in November election.
- 12 X-Section Huntington: The Arts in Huntington. Huntington Art Galleries Auditorium, 8.30 P.M.
- 13 Town Hall Meeting. WVA-TV, Channel 3 Studio, 7-11 P.M. Read the details in this issue.
- 23--Nov. Voters may vote absentee ballot by appearing in person at the office of the Circuit Clerk.

Calendar, Continued

- Oct. 24 LWV Board Meeting. Sharon Nelson, 1635 Crestmont Dr., 9:30 A.M.
24 X-Section Huntington: Educational Opportunities. Marshall U. Memorial Student Center, Room 2W22, 8:00 P.M.
31 Solid Waste Management. St. John's Episcopal Church, 9:30 A.M.
Nov. 1 Solid Waste Management. Henryetta Hager, 611 Twelfth Avenue, 7:30 P.M.
4 Last day to vote absentee ballot in the office of the Circuit Court.
7 ELECTION DAY. 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
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NEW MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new members:

Dr. Clair W. Matz 101 Cheyenne Trail, Ona 25545	736-8256
Miss Barbara Tontock, Apt. 3 1332 Huntington Ave. 25701	522-4494
Mrs. Edine G. West 1339 Neel Street 25701	525-0274
Mrs. Marjorie Altizer 928 Conner Court 25701	523-2020
Mrs. J. Edgar Shaffer, Jr. (Vickie) 1419 Boulevard Avenue 25701	529-3814
Mrs. George J. Carter III (Jo Ann) 1104 Spring Valley Drive 25701	429-6177

BOOK NOOK

Helps For Unit Studies
Call Nadine Wellman for Orders.

"All To Do About Election Laws", 5¢
"Recycle", (Just off the press.)
"Administrative Obstacles to Voting", 60¢
"Choosing the President", \$1.00
Current Focus: "How Shall We Plan for our Land?"

CONCERNING EVENTS TO COME

MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

September 12, 1972
9:30 to 11:30 A. M.
St. John's Episcopal Church
Wallace Circle and Washington Boulevard

The curtain rises. A preview of the League program begins. The plot unfolds. New plans are being made by the Education Committee. Voter Service Committee will be busy, busy, busy. There's gold in "that-thar" garbage! The political scene will be televised and League will help. The cast of characters? You and you and you and you. All of us are needed.

This is the meeting to bring friends, relatives, neighbors--anyone who might enjoy the stimulation of League membership.

X-SECTION HUNTINGTON
A Seminar of Our Community

The brochure, "X-Section Huntington", inclosed with this bulletin, describes a series of public meetings of interest to League. Since League is not having a general meeting this year, we will sponsor the X-Section Huntington series, instead. League members will definitely want to attend the September 12, Planning, and October 24, Solid Waste, programs, since the programs are being planned by League people. By all means attend the program on Solid Waste. It will be considered a unit meeting and consensus questions will be covered.

SOLID WASTE:

LET'S RECYCLE IT AWAY

The Committee on Solid Waste is asking all League members to cooperate by bringing their discarded papers and glass to the membership coffee and all unit meetings this year. This will dramatically illustrate the problem of solid waste. All paper except slick paper, such as magazine paper, can be used. This includes newspaper, junk mail, corrugated cardboard boxes, and IBM cards. Glass must be clean, have tops removed, and be assorted by color. Labels do not have to be removed. Please bring papers in bags, boxes, or tied in bundles to facilitate handling.

The quickest and easiest way to prepare for the unit study of Solid Waste Management is to read the League publication, Current Focus: "Solid Waste--It Won't Go Away.", revised November, 1971, #675, 50¢. You will get an excellent comprehensive survey of the national problems of collection, disposal, and recycling information.

--Betty Barrett, Chairman
Solid Waste Management

LOOK, MOM! WE'RE ON TV!

Radio, TV, and the press will be working with League this fall to carry out the biggest and best Voter Service program yet. Listed below are some events already in the planning.

WSAZ-TV, Channel 3:

1. TOWN MEETING. Monday, October 23, 1972. 7 P. M. to 11 P. M. Candidates will be given a set length of time on the platform. League members will ask questions from the floor. Since the program is striving for a town hall atmosphere, many, many League members and friends will be needed to be present in the audience.

Mr. Bos Johnson and Lois Kauffelt will be moderators. The schedule of candidate interviews is as follows:

7-8 P. M.	Ohio candidates with Portsmouth LWV League
8-8:30 P. M.	Kentucky candidates with Kentucky LWV
8:30-9:30 P. M.	W. Va. gubernatorial candidates
9:30-10 P. M.	Candidates for U. S. Senate
10-10:30 P. M.	Candidates for Fourth Congressional District
10:30-11 P. M.	Candidates for Fifth Congressional District

2. ISSUES AND ANSWERS. League will interrogate candidates on a panel program. No date has been set.

We're on TV, Continued

WHTN-TV, Channel 13:

1. ELECTION DAY CALL-IN SERVICE by League members and local lawyers. People may call in to ask questions about the election and election laws. The service will be promoted with spot announcements beforehand.
2. GET OUT AND VOTE spots, using League people.
3. ABC REPORTING CREDIT to League on election return program. Need League people to be local election return announcers.
4. NOON NEWS spots with League people giving election information.
5. LEAGUE CANDIDATE MEETINGS FOR STATE-LEVEL OFFICES from Cabell and Wayne counties to be televised. Dates to be set later.

WGNT Radio 930:

1. OFFICE PROFILES. One-minute descriptions of offices, duties, and salaries, e.g., sheriff, county court, etc. Scheduled for September.
2. CANDIDATES. One to three minute interviews with a candidate who answers one question. Scheduled in October.
3. INTERFACE. One hour program on fair campaign practices with legislators. League members will do all the script writing and part of the recording and announcing.

HERALD DISPATCH-ADVERTISER

1. FOCUS. Information concerning county government, park board, and West Virginia constitutional amendments will be published two Sundays before the election.
2. VOTERS GUIDE. Information concerning House of Delegates, State Senate, county court, prosecuting attorney, and sheriff will be published the Sunday before the election.

Barbara Matz will need the cooperation of every member to contribute her questions, her presence, and her skills. Call Barbara (736-8256) and make her happy by volunteering.



ELECTION LAW CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

Campaign Financing and Ethics

- I. What changes do you think are needed in West Virginia laws or public policy on campaign financing?
 - A. Should public records of campaign contributions to candidates and expenditures be required? If so, what candidates should file? What information should be required? (i.e., names and addresses of persons contributing, names and addresses of expenditures, total amounts of contributions and expenditures, other?) What information should be filed before and after elections? What public official or officials should be charged with keeping the information and for how long? Should the information be disseminated to the public? If so, how? What crosschecks should be used to determine the accuracy of financial statements?
 - B. Should public disclosure of the candidate's personal income be required? If so, what information should be required and who should keep it?
 - C. Should there be any limitations on campaign expenditures? If so, what criteria should be used to determine limitations? (i.e., limitations on total spending and for media spending, campaign indebtedness, campaign surplus, other?)
 - D. Should there be any limitations on the amount any one person or group can contribute to a campaign? If so, who and how much?
 - E. Should the activities of independent campaign committees be controlled? If so, in what ways? Registration of the committee? Public disclosure of information about the organization of the committee, such as names and addresses of principal officers, geographic jurisdiction of the committee, listing of bank depositories, names of candidates being supported, other? Requirements for filing committees' financial statements?
 - F. Should any group be prohibited from contributing to a campaign or from participating in any political activities? Who and from what activities?
 - G. Should there be public disclosure requirements for groups supporting or opposing ballot issues? If so, what information should be required?
- II. What changes do you think are needed in West Virginia laws or public policy on campaign ethics? (i.e., right of reply in newspapers, candidate's approval of all campaign literature distributed on his behalf, Fair Campaign Practices Committees, other?)

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

News from the Board

League is grateful to Congressman Hechler and Senator Randolph for their assistance to obtain a hearing for the location of the East Huntington bridge. The hearing was scheduled at the request of a coalition of organizations and individuals. Giovanna Deveny testified in the name of the League. The testimony was based on the principles of sound comprehensive planning as outlined by our position statement. The United States Coast Guard is evaluating the testimony, and a decision should be made in the fall.

A copy of League's testimony can be obtained from Martha Woodward. A copy of the full hearing proceedings has been filed in the Marshall University library.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

Nancy Taylor, our Finance Chairman, says the summer finance drive totals \$1131.50 from 62 contributors.

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The paper and glass drive, sponsored by the Committee on Solid Waste Management, could easily pay the \$4.00 a member assessment charged us by the National Board. Paper will bring 50 cents per 100 pounds and glass will bring \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Both are heavy and an amazingly small amount will weigh 100 pounds. Each member could average approximately \$1.00 a month. Multiply that with 100-plus members and the mind explodes! League can be rich!

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"Voter Service is strong in Wayne county." reports Carol Elvery. A group of twelve interested persons undertook a Voter Information Project in Westmorland, Ceredo, and Kenova prior to the 1972 primary election. Questionnaires were sent to all Wayne county candidates except JP's and constables. Their answers and the information from the State League on the Fourth Congressional District candidates were summarized, printed, and delivered door-to-door in the three areas by high school and college students on the weekend prior to the election. This group, also, scheduled two candidates meetings and helped a third. Financial support came from contributions of the sessions of the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church and the Kenova Presbyterian Church and from interested citizens. This fall they plan to keep up the good work.

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Edna Duckworth brought favorable reports from the convention sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health at Warner, California.

Election Law Consensus Questions, Continued

III. Who should have the responsibility for prosecution of the laws on campaign financing and ethics? What should the penalties be if persons are convicted? Should the public be able to bring suits? If so, what safeguards should there be to prevent nuisance suits?

IV. Should the state or local governments provide aids for political campaigns? If so, what? (i.e., tax credits or deductions, subsidies, pamphlets about candidates, educational TV "Meet the Candidates" programs, other?)

Want to be prepared for the election laws consensus? Call Helen Gibbins for a copy of "Campaign Financing and Ethics", 35 cents.

The following are some expenditures listed on the financial filings of Cabell county candidates in the 1972 primary election. The winners are starred.

Sheriff--\$2,283, 807, 1,526, 2,593, 4,841*, 4,773*.
Assessor--\$3,247*, 1,653, 2,144, 193*, 393, 320, 2,144.
Prosecuting Attorney--\$821, 2,331, 2,690* 4,001.
County Court--\$415, 60, 315, 189*, 675*, 1,757, 730,
1,043*, 1,091*.
House of Delegates--4 spent from \$100-\$200 of which 3 won.
11 spent from \$200-\$600 of which 5 won.
4 spent from \$900-\$1,100. All 4 won.

The following are some of the statistics from newspaper articles on the financial filings of candidates for state offices:

Governor--\$415,147*, 10,753, 72,451.
Attorney General--\$45,930*, 30,565.
Secretary of State--\$39,397*, 3,730, 9,187, 4,347, 18,310,
6,352*.
Congress, Fourth District--\$30,271, 23,541, 26,890*, 20,018.

Statewide, nineteen were late filing in the office of Secretary of State. Six of these were winners in the election.

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Where the Action Is, Continued

An election laws training film for poll workers is also available to civic groups. The stars are Morgantown League members. If interested, see Helen Gibbins.

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The Board decided to support the concept of the Human Rights Act. Joan Bassford testified to this effect at the special city council meeting on August 31.

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The workshop on Human Rights in Charleston, September 29-30, will cover such subjects as housing, local commissions, sex discrimination, and affirmative action programs. A small entrance fee will be charged. See Pat Hartman for details.

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"The Affirmative Action Program," reports Pat Hartman, "was required by HUD to assure equal employment opportunities in the city government before any further federal funds for urban renewal could be released. The goal of the program is to achieve a six percent minimum distribution of minority group employees in the major departments of the city government and to insure equal opportunities for promotion and career development.

"The program will be administered by an equal opportunity officer appointed by the city manager, and the city council will appoint a seven-member advisory board to review and evaluate the program at regular intervals."

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"The Education Committee", says Helen Brown, the Education Chairman, "is in the process of preparing educational material for publication." She needs volunteers for editing, updating, and typing.

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Members, who enjoy TV programs on League-type topics, may enjoy the program, "What Every Woman Wants to Know", Channel 3, 9:00 A. M.

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2. JUVENILE COURT (adopted May 1970)

1. The Huntington League of Women Voters supports the coordination and cooperation of the agencies serving delinquent, dependent, or neglected children through the juvenile court.
2. We believe additional services are needed in order to obtain more adequate care for children under the care of the court.
3. Separate home facilities need to be provided for children who have different needs.
4. We favor a probation staff large enough to provide prompt and thorough hearings of the court.
5. We favor requiring the personnel working with juveniles to be trained in the disciplines necessary for working with juvenile problems.

3. ELECTION PROCEDURES (adopted before 1955)

The details of this item have been lost because of loss of records dating before 1955. Action was taken under this item in order to upgrade polling places, realign precincts, and obtain voting machines. The goals to be obtained under this position were apparently achieved before 1955 as this item became a continuing responsibility at that time. (a designation no longer used) Similar action is now possible under the state item on election law reform, but we retain the local position in order to emphasize our continuing concern locally.

4. COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT (adopted April 1953)

The League of Women Voters of Huntington endorses the adoption of a council-manager form of government by the city of Huntington.

Action under this item resulted in the establishment of council-manager government in our city. The League actively supported a proposed charter which was adopted in 1957; in 1963 the League fought changes in the charter which would provide for a strong mayor with council members elected by their wards rather than at large. This revision was defeated at the polls. No charter revisions have been presented since then. Nevertheless, action can be taken under this item at any time if necessary.

5. EDUCATION

This item is in the process of study and no consensus has been reached.

CONSENSUS POSITIONS - 1972
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HUNTINGTON AREA

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING (adopted March 1972)

The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area supports the concept of Comprehensive planning as a government responsibility at all levels of local government (city, county, and regional).

GUIDELINES:

The League believes the following criteria to be the best means of increasing the comprehensiveness, significance, and effectiveness of planning:

- a. Adequate and accomodating legal authority for comprehensive planning at all levels of government.
- b. Personnel (commission and staff) adequate in number, committed to the task to develop a working program, administer the Plan, and keep it up-to-date.
- c. Adoption of tools of implementation to carry out the comprehensive development plans: zoning, sub-division regulations, related housing and building codes, capital improvements program, and budget.

The League holds further that the following goals for community growth and development should be reflected in the working programs of our local planning bodies.

- a. Cooperation and coordination among planning bodies.
- b. Controlled use of land by local governments so that the area may function and evolve.
- c. Decent housing to meet needs of all people.
- d. Suitable pollution-free environment for all people.
- e. Continued growth in business, industry, and tourism.
- f. Adequacy and equality in the distribution of community facilities and services.
- g. Renewal for blighted and deteriorated neighborhoods.
- h. Preservation of assets, i.e. historical sites, riverfront development.
- i. Preservation and acquisition of open space, parks, recreation areas.
- j. Scheduling (annual review and long range planning) of public improvements according to need and financial ability.
- k. Movement of people and goods with ease and safety.
- l. Reflection of an awareness among the planning bodies of the need to give equal attention to social needs, economic needs, aesthetic values, and physical planning, so that one does not dominate the scale at the sacrifice of the other three.
- m. Reflection by the local governing and planning bodies of an awareness of the importance of citizen participation in the planning program and of meaningful efforts to involve people from all income levels and minority groups in the planning process.

The League believes that zoning, one of the chief regulatory tools used by local governments to guide land use, offers the maximum means of property protection to owners of residential, business, and industrial property, alike, by preventing the intrusion of incompatible land uses into the separate districts. The League further believes that any form of "exclusionary zoning" in housing undesirable.

The League believes that to guarantee that all new development will be built at least to minimum standards and will provide adequate community services and facilities to insure the health, education, safety, and welfare of the people, there must be enforcement of proscribed subdivision regulations.

West Virginia State Program 1971 - 1973

I. Election Laws - A study of West Virginia election laws with support of appropriate reforms.

II. State Government

1. A study of the West Virginia Legislature.
2. Support of the revision of the West Virginia Constitution.
3. Support for strengthening and extending the civil service system.

III. Human Resources

Support of opportunity for housing for all persons free from discriminatory practice.

IV. Education

1. Support of measures contributing to improved finances and organization in education.
2. Support of the expansion of vocational and technical education programs.

V. Environmental Quality

1. Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment in West Virginia beneficial to life.
2. Support of strong laws to prevent and abate water pollution with adequate staff and finances.

Huntington Area Local Program 1972 - 1973

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Study of the Cabell county school system
Support of Comprehensive Planning
Support of council-manager government

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support of redistricting of precincts and improved election procedures.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of Juvenile Court procedures and the supporting agencies.

PROGRAM GUIDE

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, is dedicated to the principals established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Through its Program the League gives sustained attention to and takes concerted action on issues chosen by the members. Through its Voters Service the League provides nonpartisan factual information on the structure and function of government, political parties, voting procedures, election issues, and candidates.

NATIONAL PROGRAM 1972-1974

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Support of a physical environment beneficial to life: action to promote wise use of water resources and improvement of water and air quality.

Evaluation of land-use policies and procedures and their relationship to human needs, population trends, and ecological and socioeconomic factors.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of equal rights for all regardless of race or sex, with recognition of the special needs of American Indians; action to combat poverty and discrimination and to provide equal access to employment, housing and quality education.

Land Use: this item is an integral part of both EQ and HR. See the above for wording.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Support of policies to promote international cooperation and world peace: action to promote international trade and development efforts, to further normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China and to strengthen the peace-keeping and peacebuilding functions of the United Nations system.

Evaluation of current trade patterns and their impact on the U.S. and world economy.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Support of an open governmental system that is representative and responsive:
U.S. Congress - study of and action for responsive legislative processes.

Election of the President - action for election of the president and vice-president of the U.S. by direct national popular vote.

District of Columbia - action for self-government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia.

Apportionment - action for apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies.