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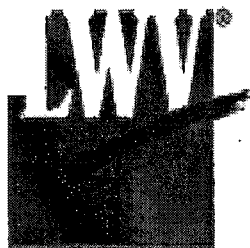
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**SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES' MEETING

April 17, 7 pm at the Junior League Community Center is the time and place for the candidates meeting for the public. Those attending the meeting may submit questions on cards. Moderator Martha Woodward will ask the questions. The Junior League will provide light refreshments after the formal part of the meeting so that attendees may talk to the candidates informally. The meeting will be cosponsored by the Junior League of Huntington and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTIONS

Changes have been made in how West Virginians select their delegates to the national conventions.

Republicans – In a WV February convention all 18 at-large WV delegates were chosen and pledged to the nominee who won the majority vote. Mike Huckabee won, but since then withdrew from the race. Nine more of WV's 30 delegates to the Republican National Convention will be elected in the West Virginia Presidential Primary, three from each of WV's Congressional Districts. Their presidential preference will be listed along with their names. The other three delegates are the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and the chairman of the West Virginia's Republican Party.

Democrats – Thirty nine delegates are allotted to West Virginia. The Democratic primary ballot will include the presidential candidates. Three men and three women from each of the Congressional districts will

be elected as delegates to the national convention at a statewide party convention in June instead of on the primary ballot. These delegates must state which presidential nominee they support. The six delegates in a congressional district must reflect proportionately how the primary election voters in their congressional district voted for the presidential nominees.

The rest of the delegates include 7 at-large delegates to be chosen at the state convention by the state Democratic executive committee; 3 party leaders and public officials who must reflect the primary vote and also are chosen by the state Democratic executive committee, and 11 "superdelegates" who do not have to be committed to any candidate. Superdelegates include all Democratic governors, members of Congress, and members of the national committee.

VOTERS SERVICE

- *Huntington High School Candidates for Mayor meeting, March 26* - Thanks to Kathy Turner and Helen Freeman, Huntington High teachers and to League members Moderator Betty Barrett, Martha Woodward, Helen Gibbins, and Ann Speer, all who helped ensure a successful event. Students asked the questions and kept time. It was gratifying to see students hang around after the meeting to talk with the candidates
- *Woodlands Candidates Meeting for Mayor, Circuit Judge District 3, and Board of Education, April 8* - Thanks to Moderator Donna Spindel, Isabel Spindel, and Helen Gibbins.
- *Letters to candidates asking them to respond to the Herald-Dispatch's questions* - Thanks to Frances Huddleston
- *Choosing the President 2008* was distributed to high schools and some libraries. The book written by the national League is a comprehensive explanation of the presidential election.

May 13 will be a big day for voters in Cabell County and all over West Virginia. We will be voting

for candidates at the local, state, and national levels; and because the ballot is long, we will need to do some research before we go to vote. We are pleased that the Herald-Dispatch is providing the answers to our questions about candidates on its website (www.herald-dispatch.com) and newspaper. A special elections edition of the Herald-Dispatch will be published on April 20.

Additionally the Herald-Dispatch, WSAZ-TV, the League of Women Voters, and many other organizations are sponsoring candidates meetings.

Some Tips for Voting

The deadline for voter registration for the primary election is April 22.

Early voting starts on April 23 in the county clerk's office.

Polling places will be listed in the Herald-Dispatch and on the county clerk's website (www.cabellcountyclerk.org). The polling places will be well identified.

If you registered by a mail-in post card, you will need to show an ID the first time you vote.

If you have moved within your precinct, you may change your address on the poll books when you go to vote.

If you registered as an independent, you may now ask for either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Before and during voting you have the right to ask a poll worker for help.

Cabell County's electronic voting device has a paper trail so you can look at it while you are voting to see if it is accurate.

A special voting device is available for handicapped voters.

Because the ballot will be long, voting lines will be lengthy at the beginning and end of the day. If possible, try to vote midday.

Be sure your friends and neighbors have rides to their polling places.

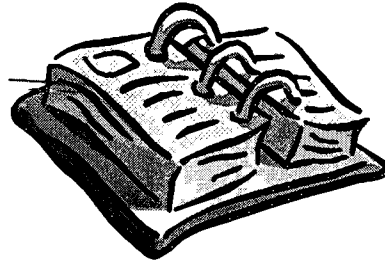
If by chance your name is not in the poll book, you might be in the wrong precinct. Check with the voters registration office, 526-8633. If you are in the correct polling place and still are not in the poll books, go ahead and vote a provisional ballot. It will be decided at a later time if your vote will count.

LWV is a nonpartisan 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 \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to: Ann Spear,
Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV
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CALENDAR



April 12 – County selection of delegates to the state Democratic convention

April 17 – 7 pm. Candidates for Board of Education Meeting, Junior League Community Center, 617 Ninth Avenue

April 20 – Herald-Dispatch's special tabloid on Elections, including answers to candidates questionnaires. This information is also on the H-D's website.

April 22 – Earth Day

May 19 – League's meeting on the WV Clean Elections legislation to update us on its progress

FUTURE EVENTS

At the annual meeting members made the following suggestions. (Contact – Helen Gibbins, 736-3287 or any board member for more information or how you can help).

- Update on the WV Clean Elections proposals. We have scheduled May 19 for a meeting on this subject.
- You Tube –The League should investigate how to video tape candidates' meetings and distribute the programs through You Tube. Anyone out there who will help us with this venture?
- Schedule some noon meetings downtown with a light lunch. The board met and decided to offer in June a noon book review of current issues on the presidential election. Please let us know if you would be interested, and what dates would be best.
- Schedule a forum on recycling in the fall. If you would like to help, contact us.

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