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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Huntington, West Virginia  
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Mrs. Rodney G. Schroeder, Pres.  
Mrs. Albert J. Lynch, Editor

## MEET YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT - YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

On Saturday evening, February 6, Huntington League is offering an opportunity for local voters to meet with their State Senators and Delegates and hear them discuss questions before the current legislature. Beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Junior League Community Center, 617 Ninth Avenue, this "Meet Your Voice in Government" program will include a three minute statement by each representative and group participation in a question and answer period. Opportunity for informal discussion and personal greetings will be afforded during coffee time.

Invited are State Senators Lyle Smith and C.H. McKown and the following Cabell County members of the House of Delegates: Mike Casey, Hugh Kincaid, Robert R. Nelson, Freda N. Paul, J. Bernard Poindexter, and Don Smith.

Voters Service is handling this event and chairman Giovanna Deveny is being assisted by Jeanne Steppe, publicity; Marilyn Urban, hostesses; Jean Laney and Sue Clay, arrangements; and Yvonne Mook and Irene Bazel, letters.

All League members are urged to participate fully in this worthwhile program. Preparation of pertinent questions is important for the success of this meeting, Giovanna reminds us, and asks that you bring, call, or mail such questions to her as soon as possible. You are also asked to encourage attendance by members of other organizations, reminding them of the importance of sustaining interest in government at all times, not just during elections.

### COUNTY ORGANIZATION TO BE STUDIED

The Constitutional Revision study group will meet at 1:00 P.M. on January 19 at Jean Dickinson's, 2191 Kennon Lane, to update the League study on County Organization. Nancy Matthews will present the program and lead the discussion.

Inasmuch as County Organization had been studied at unit meetings and a general meeting on this subject was held about two years ago, it is hoped that consensus can be reached on this important question at Tuesday's meeting.

Brush up on your County Study now and come to the meeting prepared to enter into discussion on all aspects of this study so that we can finally reach a long delayed consensus.

Jean Dickinson

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With this issue we are featuring an important letter from Ann Birkhead. Please give it your warm response.

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Call Jeanne Dornbach at 525-3034 for all the latest League publications.

### EMERGENCY MEETING FOR CHARTER CONSENSUS

On Monday evening, January 11, the Huntington League met suddenly to reach consensus on the revised Charter in time for the open hearing on January 12.

As a result of this meeting, League president, Peggy Schroeder, made a public statement endorsing the Charter, terming it a modernization which has made a good Charter better.

Also at this meeting it was recommended that the Charter be a Continuing Responsibility for 1965 and that County Study be on our Current Agenda.

DHR is continuing its interesting study of human resources and will examine the Youth program at its meeting on Wednesday evening, January 20, at Evelyn Meier's home, 113 Edison Drive. New members are cordially invited.

STATE CONVENTION comes on April 9 and 16 this year at Mont Chateau. We are allowed five delegates and would like to hear from interested members.

EAST-WEST TRADE CONSENSUS  
FOR FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

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On Wednesday, February 17, 8:00 P.M., at the Junior League Center, the Foreign Economic Policy study group will review its examination of East-West trade policy for the general membership and make its recommendation for consensus in this area.

Heading the discussion will be Joan Weisberg, FEP chairman, who informs us that East-West trade could easily be one of the most critical issues during 1965. There are strong indications, she reports, that a new era of East-West economic relations may be dawning, but opinions are divided as to the merits of increased U.S. trade with the Soviet Bloc countries. There is also the question of expanded trade between Western and Eastern Europe that presents additional problems for our economy and for our national security.

So members may come prepared for considering this important issue, we advise you that consensus will involve answers to these questions:

- 1 - Are basic changes called for in U.S. trade policies with the Soviet Bloc countries? If so, should they be more or less restrictive?
- 2 - What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of increasing such U.S. trade?
- 3 - Do recent U.S. policy moves to "treat different communist countries differently" represent a desirable or undesirable change in U.S. foreign policy?
- 4 - Should the U.S. continue to try for a common allied policy toward the Soviet Bloc?
- 5 - Should this country strive to place U.S.S.R. on a par with its western trading partners?

Your voice and vote is wanted on February 17.

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January 15, 1965

Dear Fellow Members, . . .

I'd like to be awfully clever - but I'm not! So this will be a plea straight from the heart.

I know each one of us would like to make a big donation to our finance drive; but I also know that this is impossible for all of us.

However, my job as chairman would be immeasurably lightened if those of us who plan to give (even a little) would sit down right now and send a check.

The drive begins February 1, so post-date it if you must, but save me those phone calls and do it NOW.

Make checks out to "League of Women Voters of Huntington" and send them to:

Mrs. Harry Birkhead  
1111 Twelfth Avenue

Heaven may not bless you, but the League will and so will

Annie Birkhead!