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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May, 1973

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## C A L E N D A R

- May 5 Last day to register for voting in Huntington City Council elections.
- 7--11 National Council, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.
- 12 Last day to register for voting in the Kenova city elections.
- 18 General Meeting. Council-Manager Government. Panel: Dr. Paul Stewart, City Manager Barry Evans, Nancy Matthews, Martha Woodard. Junior League Community Building, 617 Nineth Avenue, 7:30 P. M. Invite your friends.
- 22 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:35 A. M. (Promptly)
- 23 Timbering Conference. Charleston, W. Va. See Betty Barrett.
- June 4 Absentee ballot must be in Cabell County Circuit Court office.
- 5 HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
- 6 Local Board Orientation, 408 Eleventh Avenue. For orientation of new Board members. Notice change of address!
- 11 Absentee ballot must be in Wayne County Circuit Court office.
- 12 KENOVA CITY ELECTIONS
- Aug. 28 Board Meeting. Betty Barrett, 408 Eleventh Ave. Bring sandwich and plan to stay.
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## NEW MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. Carl G. Johnson (Doris) 522-3877  
2403 Nineth Avenue 25703

Mr. Jerry Allen Roach 522-3250  
1906 Wiltshire Blvd. 25701

Mrs. Donald K. Carson (Felicia) 525-3894  
93 S. Altamont Drive 25701

Correction: The correct address of Mrs. Paul Barrett is 323 Cherokee Trail.

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

### You Should Have Been There!

Whew! What a meeting! You should have been there.

Where? The State Convention at Parkersburg, of course. You had to be there to believe it.

The convention started quietly enough. Too quietly. The adoption of the bylaws passed with only polite debate; the budget, without a murmur. When the proposed program came to the floor, the study of election laws and the support of state government, human resources, and education items carried unanimously without debate. Quiet. Much too quiet.

The evaluation of land use in West Virginia brought much discussion but still passed unanimously.

"So why did we debate so long?" was a comment heard in the audience.

A study of taxation and finance in West Virginia caused warm, earnest, and endless debate, as if the proponents were fearful of defeat if a vote were taken. The study passed.

An unrecommended item, juvenile services, carried by the necessary two-thirds vote.

Then the storm broke.

A member realized four new studies had been approved. She moved that the election law study be rescinded, but the proponents for the election laws stood firmly. Then, another member moved that the juvenile service study be rescinded, but the supporters of juvenile services would not give in.

Whew! What a meeting! You had to be there to believe it.

### Legislative Success?

The Legislative session ended with the passage of only minor bills of interest to the League. The moratorium on surface mining was extended, counties were given permission to deal with problems of solid waste disposal, and the requirement for reporting of campaign financing was extended to candidates for the Board of Education.

Although judicial reform was defeated, Leagues can take pride that League area legislators supported the amendment overwhelmingly. Only one Huntington area delegate, Clayton Davidson (Wayne) opposed the amendment. Senator Darby did not vote.

Although a rescinding resolution on the ERA was introduced, it was defeated in the House Judiciary Committee. League's action certainly aided in the defeat. Presenting testimony at the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the ERA were Betty Barrett, Opal Mann, Jerry and Judy Roach, Sue Carlson, and Pat Hartman.

--Sue Carlson  
Action Chairman



## Voters Service

Listen for these programs on our local TV and radio stations:

May 20 7-8:30 P. M. Radio WGNT. Interviews of council candidates from districts A, C, and B.

May 27 7-9 P. M. Radio WGNT Interviews of council candidates from districts D, E, F, and G.

(A League member will ask each candidate three questions. There are also plans for phone-in questions. If you have a special question you want to be asked, mail it to Barbara Matz.)

June 2 8-9 P. M. WHTN-TV City council candidates answer League questions. (Candidates will be taped separately but will appear together.)

June 3 7-8 P. M. Radio WGNT League members and WGNT staff discuss issues. Questions will be phoned in.

In addition, spots, promoting the election, giving educational information, and discussing issues, will be used by WSAZ and WGNT.

The Voter Service Committee has sent questionnaires to all candidates. League will print the information themselves and distribute the information to libraries, clubs, etc. It also plans to offer the material to the newspapers.

On Election Day, League will again have a Call-In Service, since the response we had in the general election was very good. Bea Lingenfelter will be calling you to work. They need many people. Volunteers call 736-5467.

Bea Lingenfelter is also planning a program on city government and elections to be presented to the junior high schools. The research has been done, but she needs willing speakers to present the material. If you are a willing speaker, you know her number, 736-5467.

### BOOK NOOK

FACTS AND ISSUES: "Revenue Sharing: The Three-Way Stretch," May 1970, No. 369, 25¢. LWVUS, 1730 M St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

CURRENT FOCUS: "Revenue Sharing: Stretch or Shrink," March 1971, No. 424, 25¢. LWVUS, etc.

STATE BARRIERS TO WORLD TRADE, United States--Japan Trade Council, 1000 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., 20036. (Free as long as the supply is available.) The Council is a non-profit trade association with a membership of over 900 firms in the U. S. It is interested in promoting mutually beneficial trade relations between the two countries.

REPORT OF NATIONAL BOARD MEETING--APRIL 1973  
(EXCERPTS)

ACTION: Two major issues receiving consideration in the Board discussion were 1) the unexpected difficulties being encountered by proponents of state ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and 2) current national legislative alternatives to counteract cutbacks in funding for League-supported programs.

ERA: The Board recognizes that, with few exceptions, the state campaigns for ratification (or against rescission of prior ratification) are over for 1973. But the complacency with which proponents predicted victory one year ago can no longer be maintained.

The Board is prepared, therefore, to do some long-range planning to provide support to states where ratification is pending in 1974. Moreover, Leagues in states where ratification has already been voted should be on the alert for attempts to rescind. Though there are substantive interpretations against the right to rescind, a concerted effort in this direction is being made by the opposition. Thirty states have ratified, eleven have rejected the amendment and three did not take action (Arizona, Oklahoma and Montana). Action is pending in six states: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio and South Carolina. Note: No one argues that those who have rejected cannot reconsider and vote for ratification. The psychological effect of state rescission, such as the action recently taken by the Nebraska legislature, could be devastating, however.

IMPOUNDMENT: The Board decided that while there are a number of ways to voice the League's protests against decimation of programs we support, one timely and politically feasible national legislative focus is in support of pending anti-impoundment bills. Therefore, the Board decided to endorse two pending bills: Congressman Mahon's bill, H.R. 5193, and a stronger measure sponsored by Senator Ervin. Members of the Board visited a target group of Congressmen on April 11 to urge their support of Congressman Mahon's bill, which would require the President to cease impounding funds if Congress had not approved the impoundment within 60 days.

COUNCIL: Because the question of adequate funding for League-supported programs is so urgent, the Board scheduled this as one of two issues to be covered by state League delegates to Council when they visit their Congressmen on Tuesday, May 8. The other topic, important because of its immediacy both on Capitol Hill and for League members, is trade legislation.

SOLID WASTE CONSENSUS: The Board approved the statement of position on Solid Waste Management prepared by the Environmental Quality Committee. (See next page.) 1,037 consensus forms were read; every comment was analysed and recorded. We then coded the forms for tabulation and for printouts showing correlations between responses to several questions. Answers were also tabulated for Leagues on a regional breakdown (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Southwest, North Central, Rocky Mountain, West) and by size (small, medium, large, very large). Summaries of local League responses by state will be sent to state Leagues in the next several weeks for their information and use.

## NATIONAL STATEMENT OF POSITION ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The role of federal government should be expanded, although the major responsibility for solid waste management should remain with the state and local governments.

The federal government should establish policies and programs to increase the demand for secondary materials, to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes and to reduce the generation of solid wastes.

The federal government should help state and local governments develop recycling facilities and at the same time should encourage private construction and operation of recycling facilities.

The federal government should encourage and support education of the public on these issues.

The role of the federal government should be expanded to include authority to:

Establish federal criteria and standards for collection and disposal.

Issue regulations based on federal standards for disposal.

Offer federal financial assistance to local governments for disposal.

Intensify research and development for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal by offering financial and technical aid to governments and industry.

The primary goal of national recycling policies and programs should be to forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources. The concurrent reduction in volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites and the recovery of part of community waste disposal costs should be secondary goals.

In order to increase demand for secondary materials, the federal government should:

Equalize tax treatment for virgin and secondary materials by such methods as reduction of tax exemptions for extractive industries and increase of tax exemptions for secondary materials industries.

Equalize transportation costs for virgin and secondary materials.

Increase charges for federal land uses which yield virgin materials.

Reduce subsidies for the use of inorganic fertilizers and/or offer subsidies for the use of compost and sewage sludge.

Offer tax benefits to companies which install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials.

Revise federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials.

Increase federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials.

Position on Solid Waste, Continued

To assist state, local and regional agencies to develop (plan and build) recycling facilities, the federal government should:

Increase its financial aid for research and development.

Increase its technical assistance capabilities.

Offer planning grants to regional and state agencies.

Offer low cost loans.

For construction and operation of recycling facilities:

Industries should invest private capital.

Users should pay fees according to the amount of waste generated.

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

State Council. Acting in behalf of the Huntington League, Betty Barrett invited the other West Virginia Leagues to hold State Council in Huntington, April, 1974.

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State Convention. Huntington members attending State Convention were Kathleen Kowalski, Judy Roach, Jerry Roach, Barbara Matz, Clair Matz, Helen Gibbins, Lila Thompson, Sue Carlson, Nancy Matthews, Joan Mitchell, Vivian Phares, Ruth Burton, Betty Barrett, Edna Duckworth, Nadine Wellman, and Beth Bauserman.

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New Local Board. Betty Barrett announces the following appointments on the 1973-74 local Board: Betty Barrett, President and Solid Waste; Clair Matz, Foreign Policy; Barbara Matz, Voter Service and Congress; Lila Thompson, Treasurer; Edna Duckworth, Civil Service and D. C. Home Rule; Nadine Wellman, Publications; Carol Elvery, Finance and Wayne Voter Service; Martha Woodard, Planning and Council-Manager; Nancy Taylor, Membership; Vivian Phares, Units and Speakers Bureau; Kitty Pyles, Election Laws, Voting Rights, and Electoral College; Kathleen Kowalski, Public Relations; Beth Bauserman, Bulletin and Juvenile Courts; Pat Hartman, Human Rights; Helen Brown, Education; Sue Carlson, Action (off-board member); Sally Lemke, Stripmining (off-board member). Other appointments will be made in the future.

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Recognition. Recognition and thanks are much overdue to David Thompson who regularly cleans the gooey giunk from the duplicator whenever the bulletin is printed or whenever the League uses "The Monster", for that matter. Thanks, Dave! Send the bill to Lila.



Where the Action Is, Continued.

Newspaper Publicity. Margaret Krieger requests League members clip newspaper items about League. Send them to her or bring them to unit meetings. She needs more than one copy for her files, for the state office, for the national office, etc.

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D. C. Home Rule. Edna Duckworth and Helen Gibbins put in a good word for the support of Washington, D. C. self-government and a representative in Congress on Channel 13.

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Dues. Remember this when you pay your dues. Would you rather spend your time working at bake sales or at constructive study and action? Lila is willing to receive dues on the installment plan, \$1.25 a month, if necessary. How accommodating can you get?

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National News. Virginia Nugent, West Virginia's National Board member, told us at State Convention that National needs to have local League members write to their senators and congressmen in Washington about National League program items. She says the National Board is spending hours lobbying in Washington, but they need the push of local members to convince the legislators.

She also expressed pride in the fact that West Virginia had paid 100% of its pledge to National. This puts us far ahead of such states as New York, Arizona, California, Colorado, Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, and Washington, to name a few.

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Action. Betty Barrett needs volunteers to write letters on League items, especially the environmental quality item, on the national, state, and local levels. No research is needed; the information will be furnished. The new booklets, "When You Write to Washington" and "Action" will be useful to you when you are composing the letters.

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Action. Helen Gibbins, active as usual, testified on a local transit company hearing and talked to Buffalo High School government class about citizens getting involved. She could present herself as a very good example.

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League Prospect. Joel Andrew Elvery arrived March 27, just in time for "Mommy" Carol to miss Board meeting. Both "Mom" and Joel, however, made the April Board meeting. We catch them while they are young in League circles.

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Finance. \$1436 had been raised by the Finance Committee on April 24.

Where the Action Is, Continued

ERA. Sue Carlson spoke recently about ERA to the Temple Sisterhood. National can't accuse us of not trying.

Land Use. Sue Carlson and Opal Mann also attended a Land Use Conference in Charleston, April 30 and May 1.

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Planning. Giovanna Deveny has been appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee by Mr. Svaks, City Planning Commission.

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Trade. Clair Matz and his Trade Committee will appear on Noon News, Channel 13, during the week of May 7--possibly May 7 and 8. Look for them.

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Human Relations. "The Human Relations Commission is functioning at last." says Martha Woodard, chairman. "Complaint forms are now available from Mrs. Justice at the switchboard in City Hall."

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National Council. Huntington League directed Lois Kauffelt, State League president, to bring to the attention of National Council our dissatisfaction about male members not having the right to vote.

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Evening Meetings. The response for evening meetings is growing. Seventeen people attended the evening Trade unit. Especially welcome were husbands Carl Johnson, Ed Barrett, and James Deveny.

There will be no change in the dates and time for morning and evening units. The present arrangements seem to suit the most people.

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Prospects. Do you have a friend who is good League material? Give her name to Beth Bauserman, 522-3052. She will send her a bulletin. Nancy Taylor, Membership Chairman, 522-3361, should also have her name.

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Voter Service. Many thanks to Kitty Pyles for her "Letter to the Editor".

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City Manager. Pat Hartman and Kitty Pyles represented League at the City Hall reception for Huntington's new city manager.

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Bulletin. There will be no bulletin published in the summer. The next publication