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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

September 10, 1983

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 Membership Drive Begins
- 20 Hazardous Waste Forum - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### OCTOBER

- 4th at 7:30 Board Meeting  
Home of Barbara Cienfuegos, 92 Hamill Road (522-7503)
- 11th at 9:30 National Security Unit  
Beverly Hills Pres. Church
- 12th at 7:00 National Security Unit  
Library
- 24th National Security - WPBY - TV
- 28th End of LWVUS Membership Campaign
- 31st National Security Consensus Due

### NOVEMBER

Finance Drive Begins

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THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PAY THEIR DUES

If for some reason you do not wish to renew your membership in the League...we will be very sorry to lose you..., but will you please notify me?

Mrs. David Thompson  
2738 Washington Blvd.  
Huntington, West Virginia 25705  
Tel: 522-3792

New membership list are prepared and sent out in the October Bulletin. In order to make sure these are up to date, dues must be paid by October 1. Thanks for making the treasurer's job a bit easier.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't resist sharing this with you: In a 1957 speech Maxim Lee, then President of the LWVUS, quoted from a letter to the editor that appeared in the Boston Globe:

"Women now own the country. Suppose they wanted to run it, too. Right in their hand this minute is a political weapon of deadly potentiality, the League of Women Voters. At present, this organization represents a front of non-partisanship and general uplift. But suppose crafty leaders should turn it into a militant political arm, an organized force of 20 million tigresses, scratching, clawing and biting at man's empire? How long would the government last? It has been estimated that the League of Women Voters could seize all political power in America within 15 years. After that, concentration camps and rings in men's noses, and the abolition of cigars, football, baseball and Sunday afternoon naps. Wait and see!

(Signed) Scared Man."

Of course then the League was all female. Dot Ridings, current LWVUS president, repeated this letter in her May 15, 1983 address to National Council saying that she hoped "our male delegates to this Council will share in the enjoyment of this view of the League." She also mentioned that the League staff member who unearthed this bit of history added the comment, "Dot, I think the Long Range Planning Committee should get on this. We're behind schedule!"

Maybe we don't want to take over the country, but I doubt anyone would dispute the influence of the League of Women Voters on the ever-rising involvement of women in government and other positions of power. By joining the League, all of you-- men and women-- are saying that you want to have a say in the running of our country, at all levels.

Are we "behind schedule" in our goals? At their June 13 meeting, your board of directors certainly adopted an ambitious set of goals for 1983-1984. These goals, based on the program approved at the March Annual Meeting. This year we'll be tackling hazardous wastes, education changes, national security, excise taxes, voter registration and more.

The League is repeatedly lauded and encouraged for its work in this community. But do we have the person power and the dollars to achieve our objectives? The answer lies with each of you—each member, each contributor. The League needs you. My first year as president was rewarding and it was tough— I don't think I'd be ready to dive into another year if I didn't believe this League could rally to support the objectives it has set for itself.

-- Linda Rowe, President 523-4475

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In-Kind Contribution

Ken Halstead, President of Goodtime Design, Inc., 302 12th Street, has offered the use of Goodtime's copy machine for general League use. All we have to do is supply the paper. Please contact Linda Rowe if you think you might be able to make use of this service for a League project. Thank you, Goodtime Design!

Membership Campaign Launched

Without a full-fledged membership Drive Chair, we have nevertheless launched our 1983 "Action Packed Politics Campaign." If you are interested in helping to recruit members or know of some prospective members, please contact Helen Gibbins, 736 3287, or Linda Rowe. We need all the help we can get. The first general meeting will be the Hazardous Waste Forum, September 20. Remember, last year we increased our membership by twenty percent.

Hazardous Waste Forum

The League has been awarded a \$100 grant by the League of Women Voter's Education Fund to conduct a public education program on hazardous waste issues in the Cabell County area. Environmental catastrophes resulting from the improper disposal of hazardous waste have reached epidemic proportions throughout the country. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, only about 10 percent of the hazardous waste currently being generated is disposed of in an environmentally safe way. The rest poses an imminent threat to the environment.

In our community, hazardous waste management problems are particularly acute because not only does Cabell county itself rank eighth in waste production in West Virginia (according to the EPA), its citizens must be concerned with waste produced in other counties which would potentially affect our air and water— particularly the Ohio River.

Additionally, the Huntington area is a major transportation route and we must ask ourselves if we are prepared to respond to possible mishaps involving the shipment of hazardous materials by truck, train or barge.

The Huntington Area League plans to address these and other Hazardous waste issues facing our community in an open meeting and public forum scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 1983 at 7 p.m.

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Parents: NOCE Wants to Know How Children Feel About Public Schools

How do children feel about the public school they attend? The National Committee for Citizens in Education (NOCE) wants to know, so they are appealing to parents in all parts of the country to send them examples of their children's writing and art work on the subject of school. In return, the national advocacy

organization will send every parent participating a free, one-year subscription to their periodical, NETWORK, the Paper for Parents. The subscription is an \$8 value, and is published eight times during each school year. Mail examples of how your child sees school to: J. William Rioux, NCCE, 410 Wilde Lake Village Green, Columbia, MD, 21044.

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Presidential Candidates to Speak at Marshall University

The League was invited to participate in an exciting series of programs by Phil Silberteint, Marshall Student Activities Director. All major candidates for President will be invited to speak at Marshall during the coming school year, at their convenience, before the June 5 primary election. The Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce is also participating in this effort.

Letters have gone out to major and declared candidates. Now we have our fingers crossed that we will have acceptances from many, so local residents can hear views on issues and ask questions before this important election.

Huntington's location near Ohio, Kentucky, populous areas of West Virginia, the students at Marshall, and the excellent coverage expected from local newspapers, TV and radio stations should be important to candidates. Free space at Marshall, financial support, and various other forms of help from the Student Activities Office and the Chamber are attractive to the League.

We may ask your help, and will certainly invite you to attend as we receive schedule information. This is a wonderful opportunity for Voters Service for our members and the community.

Voters Service will be a busy Committee this year as the 1984 election approaches at the local, state and national levels. Ideas and members are needed. Please call Betty Barrett at 525-5908.

Betty Barrett

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JOIN THE LEAGUE - SEE THE WORLD

In June I flew to Auburn, Main to tour a resource recovery plant which burns trash to generate steam for a nearby plastics factory. Several members of Huntington City Council, the Solid Waste Authority, and a League member from Morgantown, and I made the trip in the state airplane.

Instead of taking trash to landfill, haulers dump it in the waste storage area of the plant and it is then pushed into the processing chamber. In areas where the recovery of materials is practical and economically viable system can be equipped for materials separation. This is more expensive.

The state Solid Waste Authority is charge with aiding localities develop land fills and recycling programs. Both the Morgantown and Huntington areas ar under consideration for a resource recovery plant. Economic feasibility depends upon costs of the process plus a steady market for the steam. There is some concern over the emissions form resource recovery plants. What is allowed in the trash mix obviously influences such emissions.

its pollutants were well under allowable levels.)

The League believes in reducing the nonessential part of the waste stream, recovering its nonreducible portion, and ensuring safe disposal of the remainder. As local League members we should watch the situation and be prepared to ask pertinent questions. The Huntington landfill will be at its capacity in several years so that either a resource recovery plant will be built or a new landfill developed. Either will be a big and expensive undertaking.

Helen Gibbions

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BYLAWS

Several Leagues have adopted bylaws allowing household memberships, that is, if two or more League members reside in the same household, one pays full dues and the others half dues. Pmps. have two in a household to National are 1 1/2, (I don't know about state pmps.- I will let you know next month). The Charleston League reads:

"When two members reside at the same address in a common household their dues shall be one and one half times the current single member dues."

Helen Gibbins

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DID YOU KNOW?

- \* The members average age is 53.2 years
- \* 26% of the members are employed full-time and 20% part time. A "large amount" of informal and formal talk-time was devoted to involving the women employed outside the home (66.1% of the League's potential members are employed full-time.)
- \* 73.3% of our members are married.
- \* Only 16.7% of our members do not have children. We average 2.6 children.
- \* 35% of our members have completed college. 29.3% have completed a graduate degree.
- \* 76% of us view ourselves as "moderate" or "strong" liberals.
- \* 52% of us consider ourselves Democrats. 34% consider ourselves "independent."
- \* 26.7% of our members have a household income of over \$50,000. Others - \$25,000-34,999 (20%); 35,000-50,000 (22%).

The League's Mission Statement:

"The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that influences public policy through education and advocacy."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Hazardous Waste Exchange: #4, February 1983

This issue of the very popular hazardous waste newsletter series focuses in on (among other topics) the controversial issues of hazardous waste transportation and toxics in public sewer systems.

Hazardous Waste Goes to the Movies: A catalog of audiovisual resources on hazardous waste issues. Listed along with capsule descriptions, are what the LWVEF Natural Resources Department considers the best readily available videotapes, slide shows and films.

The Future of America's Farmland LWVEF #261 (\$1.25; \$.75 for members)

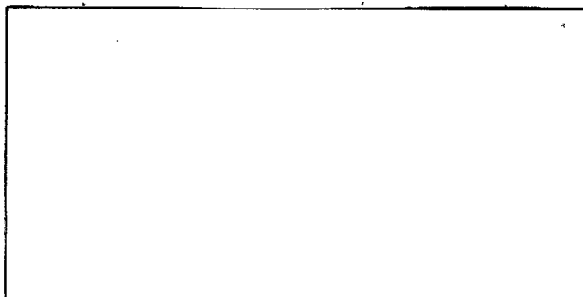
Will there be an adequate supply of farmland to meet future U.S. and worldwide needs for food and jobs? This informative publication describes current state and local preservation programs and evaluates their effectiveness.

\* How to Order? Call Margaret Gerke at 529-4345.

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