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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May and June, 1974

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C A L E N D A R

- April 19 & 20 LWVWV State Council, Gateway Inn, Route 60.
- 23 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M.
- May 6--10 LWVUS National Convention, San Francisco, California.
- 7 Workshop for Call-In Service & Orientation on Local Government. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M. Parking and babysitting provided.
- 21 Planning: Recreation. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M.
- 22 Planning: Recreation. Meg Homan, 210 West 11th Ave., 7:30 P. M.
- June 4 New Board Member Orientation, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:30 A. M.
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NEW MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. Harry L. Baisden (Delores) 609 Madison Avenue	523-1577 25704	Mrs. Mary E. Summer 1590 Upland Road	525-5858 25701
Mrs. Arne Collen (Diane) 1316 Mallory Court	525-8300 25701	Mrs. David Walton (Ramon) Rt. 2, Box 389, Milton	743-6717 25541
Mrs. Michael Galgano (Virginia) 7 Mortimer Place	525-1696 25701	Mrs. Robert Wulfman 156 Honeysuckle Lane	529-4262 25701
Mrs. Clayton McNearney (Janice) 2965 Staunton Road	522-4786 25702	Mrs. R. J. Silvestrini (Jean) 116 Woodland Drive	697-7980 25705
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BOOK NOOK

So You Want to Vote: How to Become a Registered Voter in West Virginia, LWV of the Huntington Area. Free to all who will use them. See Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Energy 1, "Disaster or Environmental Opportunity?", No. 466

Energy 2, "Who's in Charge? And of What?", No. 468

Energy 3, "Those Elusive Figures: Oil", No. 469

Energy 4, "Refineries--Fuel Supply Bottleneck", No. 472

Energy 5, "Energy and Architecture", No. 473

All Energy Series may be ordered from League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1730 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. 15 cents per sheet; 25/\$1.00.

CURRENT FOCUS: Clean Air: Costs and Trade Off, No. 467, 60 cents. League of Women Voters of the United States, 1730 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Summarizes major issues and arguments to be discussed during congressional hearings on the Clean Air Act, i.e., the relationship between energy shortages and clean air regulations, etc.

Government of U. S. of America, 25 cents. See Betty Barrett (while they last).

What Ever Happened to OPEN HOUSING?, No. 462, \$1.00 a copy. LWVUS, etc. Examines the public and private forces that have contributed to current patterns of residential segregation. It is full of suggestions to help community groups achieve open communities.

Open Communities. Metropolitan Housing Exchange, No. 471, 50 cents. LWVUS, etc. Suggests citizen education techniques and practical strategies for expanding low and moderate income housing opportunities. It is an information exchange that can put you in touch with Leagues and community groups across the country.

International Relations Wrap-Up, Development Assistance, January, 1974, No. 335, 15 cents. 20 copies/\$1.00. League of Women Voters Educational Fund, etc.

International Relations Wrap-Up, Highlights of the 28th General Assembly of the U. S., 15 cents. 20 copies/\$1.00.



DUES ARE DUE!

We'll be looking
everywhere
for your check!

Checks may be made out to League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area and mailed to Lila Thompson, 2738 Washington Boulevard, Huntington, West Virginia 25705. Betty Barrett requests that a special effort be made to pay dues by June 1, so that a complete membership list can be made and mailed earlier in the year.

Your dues entitle you to receive three publications; the local bulletin, the state VOTER, and the national VOTER. If you are not receiving all three of them, please let Lila Thompson know.

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Judge Hall, former juvenile judge of Boone and Lincoln counties, is well acquainted with the problems of dealing with juveniles in court. He has made recent headlines in the news media by pointing out the deficiency in the West Virginia State Code that lacked supervision of local courts involved in civil rights matters of juveniles. His talk will be particularly appropriate in the light of our forthcoming study of juvenile services.

Each local League is entitled to three delegates, but any number of visitors may attend. Visitor fees for people who are working for the conference will be paid. New members are especially encouraged to attend. The council offers an excellent opportunity to learn how LWWV operates and to ask questions.

Schedule

<u>Friday, April 19</u>	<u>Saturday, April 20</u>
Registration 12 Noon--2:00 P. M.	Breakfast 8:00--9:00 A. M.
1 st Council Session 2:00 P. M.	2 nd Council Session 9:00 A. M.
Social Hour 6:00--7:00 P. M.	Adjournment 12:00 Noon
Dinner 7:00--10:00 P. M.	State Board Luncheon & Meeting 1:00 P. M.

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So you have joined the League to learn about government? Now here's your chance! Helen Gibbins, Sue Carlson, and Diane Coe will conduct a workshop for the benefit of those working the May 14, Call-In Service, plus a wrap-up of current local government issues, which may include revenue sharing, the civic center, the Marshall Arena plan, election laws, county government structure, and duties of county officials. The subjects lend themselves to making the unit a good orientation meeting for new members and for prospective members.

The League Call-In Service on election days obviously fills a need. Although the voter turnout for the library levy was light, the calls received by League were, in proportion, significant. League received a total of thirty-nine questions. Twenty-two of the questions showed confusion over where to vote; six concerned eligibility to vote; four requested information about the library levy; three asked about the closing time of the polls; and four were unclassified.

If you enjoy working with the Call-In Service, the May 7 workshop will be particularly interesting to you. If there is sufficient demand, an evening workshop can also be arranged by calling Betty Barrett, 525-5908.

LEAGUE'S NEW BABY!

The new League booklet, Cabell County Schools, is a true success. Plans are being made for a reprinting.

All League members are to receive a complimentary copy. If you have not received your copy, call Ruth Prante, 736-3810, or Betty Barrett, 525-5908. Contributors to the finance drive will also receive a complimentary copy. Other non-members may buy copies for 50 cents each. Further distributions will be made to groups such as realtors, libraries, Board of Education, banks, women clubs, civic clubs, news media, Chamber of Commerce, and P. T. A. Please give Ruth Prante the names of people who should have copies.

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- Recreation Unit -
- Kathleen Kowalski -
- May 21 and 22, 1974 -

Kathleen Kowalski is forming a Recreation Committee to present its findings on May 21 and 22. If you are interested in working on the committee, please call her (525-9555). If she is not home, leave a message and she will return your call.

The unit will cover community use of schools, private organizations such as scout groups and camps (including handicapped children). It will combine several studies that have already been covered. The meeting will be a unit and a consensus in order to take action in the summer.



Once a year Leaguers ring doorbells to finance its local program.

It is known that many members are unable to contribute to the work of the League and would prefer, instead, to contribute financially. Now, during our finance drive, would be a good time to make a gift of money. Gifts from active members are also appreciated and needed! Send them to:

Charlene Boggs
2351 Edgemont Road
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Don't forget to volunteer to help solicit funds. League needs many helpers to cover many prospective contributors.

Charlene Boggs, Chairman
Finance Drive

SEND THEM A MESSAGE

Re Campaign Finance Reform

You may notice in your April VOTER that the national LWV is sponsoring a petition drive which aims to collect a million and one-half signatures from citizens who favor reforms in federal campaign finance laws. Our local board has decided to support a letter-writing campaign instead of participating in the national drive.

We feel this would be much more effective and influential and, therefore, are choosing to encourage every member of the Huntington Area League to write a personal letter to our three national representatives: Congressman Ken Hechler, and Senators Jennings Randolph, and Robert C. Byrd; and get one non-League friend to do likewise. Despite strong popular support for campaign finance reform, the fact is that congressmen are not hearing from their constituents on the matter.

The Senate will probably pass S. 3044 (See Synopsis.) but it is likely to be emasculated in the House unless strong popular sentiment is expressed. The League supports many of the ideas embodied in S. 3044, such as:

1. combined private and public financing of all federal elections
2. full disclosure and enforcement
3. limits on contributions and expenditures
4. creation of an independent Federal Elections Commission to monitor and enforce the law

You are urgently requested to write to Congress, supporting such reforms. Note that S. 3044 and its House version will be Congress' only chance for campaign finance reform this year.

An especially controversial feature of S. 3044 is Title V, Public Finance of Federal Elections. Public financing would take the influence of "big money" out of politics. A Gallup poll in September, 1973, showed that 65% of the sample believed that presidential and congressional campaigns should be financed by the federal government. On March 27, 1974 the Senate voted 63-31 to keep Title V in S. 3044. Despite the threat of a filibuster by Senator Allen (D Ala) a clear majority of the Senate favors public financing.

The present \$1.00 income tax checkoff has raised almost \$15 million already this year and, with the filing deadline being April 15, not all forms have been processed yet by the IRS. The 1971 Revenue Act which provided for the \$1.00 checkoff allows each party to receive up to \$24 million each. If there is not enough money in the fund, they may raise the balance up to \$24 million through private contributions. S. 3044 provides for doubling the tax checkoff. The League supports such a concept of mixed private and public financing.

For now the important thing is "Send them a message!" that you want reform this year! Write to:

Cong. Ken Hechler
House Office Bldg.
Wash., D. C. 20515

Sen. Jennings Randolph
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20510

Sen. Robt. Byrd
Senate Office Bldg.
Wash., D. C. 20510

If you have questions regarding how to go about writing to your representatives, see our local bulletin March, 1973, page 8, or the back of your Government Officials Roster, Fall, 1973, or call me (736-8256) or Betty Barrett (525-5908). We would appreciate a carbon or photocopy of your letter, if possible.

Campaign Finance Reform, Continued

Write as soon as you can--but no later than April 23, 1974--and get a friend to do the same!

We are convinced that personal letters will have infinitely more influence than a petition BUT YOU MUST WRITE THOSE LETTERS to be heard. Nevertheless, you are free to use the petitions in the VOTER, if you wish.

Special Note: For those who hate to write letters and for procrastinators, consider a Public Opinion Telegram (15 words, \$2.00) or a Western Union "Mailgram" (100 words, including your address and addressee, \$2.00). If received by midnight, Western Union telegraphs the message to the D. C. postoffice and it is delivered in the next morning mail. Let us know about these, also.

Summary of main areas League wants to retain in S. 3044: (For further information re League's position, see your January 1974 VOTER.)

1. A combined system of public and private financing for both presidential and congressional primary and general elections, and matching federal grants for small private contributions in primaries.
2. Full disclosure of contributions prior to elections and of expenditures by a stated deadline.
3. Limitations on all contributions to individual candidates and to the total one person may contribute to all candidates, with no cash transactions over \$100; limitations on expenditures high enough to allow reasonable opportunity for candidates to present their views.
4. An independent enforcement agency, preferably a bi-partisan Federal Elections Commission, with full investigatory, subpoena, and primary civil and criminal enforcement power.

Major features of S. 3044:

1. Optional public subsidies:

General elections: All major party candidates (i.e., party received more than 25% of the vote in the last election)- ~~for president and congress are~~ eligible for full public subsidy but may opt for only partial funding or no public funding at all.

Full funding limits: 15 cents per eligible voter or for Senate, \$175,000; for House \$90,000 (whichever is greater).

Minor party or independent candidates who received more than 5% of the votes in the last election are eligible for a proportionate share of full funding according to their showing in the last election.

New party or independent candidates who received less than 5% of the vote in the last election are eligible for proportionate reimbursement for legitimate expenses, if they receive more than 5% of the current election vote.

Primary elections: Candidates are eligible for federal dollar matching of small private contributions once they have demonstrated broad public support by collecting a specific minimum comprised of small gifts.

Triggering threshold: President, \$250,000 in contributions of \$250 or less. Senate, \$125,000 or 20% of 10 cents per eligible voter (whichever is

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less) in contributions of \$100 or less. House, \$10,000 in contributions of \$100 or less,

Maximum size of private contributions which can be matched: President, \$250. Senate/House, \$100.

Limits on matching: 5 cents per eligible voter or one-half of \$125,000 for Senate candidates and \$90,000 for House (whichever is greater). Parties receive no federal funds.

2. Disclosure: Each candidate must designate one central campaign committee through which all required financial reports must be filed. Quarterly reports are due April, July, and October 10, in election years and by January 31, after an election.

3. Expenditure limits:

General elections: 15 cents per eligible voter or, for Senate, \$175,000; for House, \$90,000 (whichever is greater).

Primary elections: 10 cents per eligible voter or, for Senate, \$125,000; for House, \$90,000 (whichever is greater).

A candidate for any federal office who is unopposed in a primary or general election may spend only 10% of the limit for the particular office.

Independent individual expenditures on behalf of a candidate may not exceed \$1,000.

Expenditures by a candidate and his immediate family on his behalf during the election year may not exceed:

President	- \$50,000
Senate	- \$35,000
House	- \$25,000

National party committees may spend up to 2 cents per eligible U. S. voter; state parties, an additional 2 cents per eligible state voter per calendar year. These independent expenditures, if made on behalf of a candidate, do not count in that candidate's over-all expenditure limit.

5. Administration and enforcement: A seven member bipartisan Federal Elections Commission, with the comptroller general in ex officio non-voting member, is responsible for administration, enforcement, and reporting requirements. The commission has full investigatory, subpoena, and primary civil and criminal enforcement powers.
6. The "equal time" requirement is repealed from federal statutes.
7. S. 3044 does not deal with a time limit on incumbent franking privileges. The committee report refers to a prohibition on franked mass mailings within 28 days prior to the date of any election, enacted December 18, 1973.

Title V of S. 3044, as printed, doubles the current \$1.00 (\$2.00 joint) income tax check-off and would require that the taxpayer indicate disapproval or the money would automatically go into the fund. Under the present law,

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the taxpayer must indicate approval for the money to become part of the fund. Tax credits and deductions are also doubled, and the accumulated fund is to be used to finance congressional as well as presidential campaigns.

Since taxation is under the primary jurisdiction of House Ways and Means and is also a responsibility of Senate Finance, Title V has been separated from S.3044 and referred to Senate Finance.

In the House

On February 27, at a conference on Money and Politics, Congressman Wayne Hays (D Oh), chairman of the House Administration Committee, revealed his thinking with respect to the kind of bill his committee will report. As chairman, he wields a great deal of influence; but a substantial number of his colleagues, both on and off the committee, will be fighting for more significant reform, and the outcome is still not at all clear.

Mr. Hays stated his opposition to any public financing for congressional elections very forcefully. He accedes to the existing dollar check-off for presidential general elections, though he made no commitment regarding public funding for presidential primaries.

Congressman Hays also opposes a new independent enforcement agency, putting his faith in the Justice Department under fellow Ohioan, Attorney General Saxbe.

In his view an expenditure limit of \$60,000 for House candidates is a reasonable compromise, to cover primary and general elections separately. A Senate candidate could spend up to 5 cents per total state population or \$75,000, whichever is greater. Individual contributions to Senate candidates would be limited to \$2,500; to House candidates, to \$1,000 with a yearly aggregate individual contribution of \$25,000 and no cash donations over \$100.

Barbara Matz, Chairman
Campaign Financing

WEST VIRGINIA JUDICIARY REFORM

West Virginia Legislature approved a bill to amend the West Virginia constitution in order to reorganize the judiciary system. There will be a system of lower magistrate courts, with the concept of unified court system with the State Supreme Court as the supervisory body. Power to impeach circuit and supreme court judges would remain with the legislature. However, the West Virginia Supreme Court could discipline judges on a temporary basis. Jurisdiction of lower courts would be limited to civil cases with a value of \$1,500. Salary of magistrates may be as high as \$17,500 annually, plus 75% of the salary for expenses.

You will be hearing further on this.

Nancy Taylor, Chairman
State Government

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The United Nations has proclaimed 1974 as World Population Year. As the highlight of the observance, a World Population Conference will be held at Bucharest, Rumania, August 19-30, 1974.

This conference marks the first global attempt to grapple with overpopulation. Although there have been two previous population conferences--in Rome, 1954, and Belgrade, 1965--they were technical gatherings of experts meeting as private citizens, not government representatives as the Bucharest Conference will be.

It took the world 1 million years (from the dawn of human history) to reach a population of 1 billion people:

1830...	1 billion
1930.....	2 billion
1960.....	3 billion
1974.....	4 billion
?2000.....	7 billion?

Note the increasingly short intervals.

Expressed another way, it has been calculated that about one-quarter of all the people who ever lived are alive today!

The overriding aim of the Bucharest Conference is to induce governments to take the awesome population factor into account in their development plans.

One measure of the task is that several dozen of the least developed countries have never even conducted a census and have only a rough "guesstimate" of the size of their populations.

Our own enlightened self-interest requires that we participate actively with all countries in encouraging programs to slow the population explosion. The stability and peace of the world are undermined by excessive global population growth, which:

- hampers economic and social progress we are assisting,
- widens the gap between the rich and poor nations,
- distorts international trade,
- increases the likelihood of mass famine in the near future,
- compounds environmental problems,
- produces increasing numbers of restless young people without jobs,
- enlarges the dangers of civil unrest,
- promotes aggressions endangering peace.

The League is cooperating with other national organizations in distributing literature and conducting "consciousness raising" events. If you can influence a group to consider the problem of world population, the LWV can supply literature, films and speakers.

Clair Matz, Chairman
International Relations

BETTY WANTS TO KNOW!

National Convention

Two questions are certain to be discussed on the floor of the national convention of LWVUS. Betty Barrett would like to hear your comments concerning the topics, so she will know how to vote.

1. Shall the national League further assess each member an additional 75 cents? National already is getting \$4.00 per member assessment.
2. Shall male members have full voting privileges? Pro: Our stand on ERA makes it mandatory that we give the vote to men. Con: When full legal rights for women are established by ERA, there will still be a place for separate men's and women's organizations, just as there is for separate religious and ethnic organizations. One suggestion to give the men the vote is to change the name of LWV to the League of Voters. This would automatically allow men to vote. Are you in favor of the change in name?

Mrs. Ruth C. Clusin is nominated to be the next national president. She has an excellent background in environmental quality and public relations.

No new national League study item is proposed, but the suggestion will be presented to the convention that "energy" be added to every former program where the topic fits.

POTPOURRI

Board Assignments and Appointments: Betty Barrett has announced the following changes on board: Carolyn McMillan, Membership and Secretary; Ruth Prante, Education; Frances Norton, Local Government and Council-Manager; Felicia Carson, Public Relations; Fonetta Collett, EQ; Sharon Nelson, Election Laws; Joan Mitchell, Timbering; Kathleen Kowalski, Recreation; Delores Baisden, Surface Mining, Solid Waste; Lucy Cadwell, Publications.

Primary Elections: Although League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate, League members (except board members) are encouraged to work as individuals in the parties or for the candidates of their choice. Therefore, for the information of the individual member, League members running in the primary elections are: Boards of Education--Pat Harman; State Senator--Jody Smith; Executive Committee, District--Opal Mann, Ethel Lou St. Clair, Mary Etting Summer, Anne Ferguson; Executive Committee, Ward--Opal Mann, Ruth Burton, Giovanna Deveny; Executive Committee, Congressional District--Judy Roach.

Help! Carolyn McMillan, the new membership chairman, is most interested in having every member fill out an interest sheet. If you have not done so, please call her. If you know a person who is a prospective member, Carolyn would like to have the name of the prospect. Call her at 697-4700.

Civic Center: League's forceful leader, Betty Barrett, has been appointed to the Civic Center Advisory Committee.

Potpourri, Continued

NEPA: LWVUS writes in a "Time for Action" that the White House wants to amend the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to exempt all energy-related projects from section 102 requirements. If passed, this amendment would do away with the legal responsibility to develop environmental impact statements reporting effects on the environment of energy-related projects in which federal money or federal agencies are involved. Nuclear power plant, coal-fueled power plant, oil and gas pipeline, and offshore drilling projects, for example, would be exempt from NEPA.

National League requests that members send letters, wires, or calls. Target committees for a new energy bill: House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Harley Staggers (D WV), chairman, and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs, Jackson (D Wa), chairman. Send one carbon copy of each letter or wire to the White House--attention Richard Fairbanks, Domestic Council and a second copy to Russell Train, Administrator, EPA, Washington, D. C. 20460 so he will know he has citizen support.

League wants NEPA strong and wants environmental effects to be considered from the very first in all projects to increase domestic supplies of energy. Use, if you can, an example of what might take place in this district.

THE MEETING THAT WAS!

During the annual meeting of March 16, the members of the Huntington League approved the list of officers as suggested by the nominating committee. The bylaw change to limit the president to two consecutive terms of office passed; the bylaw change to allow a reduction of dues in the case where more than one member resides at the same domicile failed.

The local program for 1974-75 will be:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Study of recreation in Huntington area (including community use of schools)
Support of the improvement of the quality of education in Cabell county school system
Support of the council-manager government
Support of comprehensive planning
Support of improved solid waste management

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support of redistricting of precincts and improved election procedures

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies

Five past presidents of the Huntington League attended the luncheon: Constance Tomkies, Harmony Phillips, Roberta Emerson, Helen Gibbins, and Sue Carlson. Past state president, Betsy Broh, and present national board member, Nancy Mathews, also attended.