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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

September, 1974

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## C A L E N D A R

- Aug. 27 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M. through lunch. Bring your own lunch. All members are welcome to attend. Plans for the year will be formulated. Parking and baby sitter provided.
- Sept. 17 Membership Coffees. Ginna Colburn, 147 Locust Street, 10:00 A. M.  
Bea Lingenfelter, 3455 Blue Sulphur Gardens, Ona, 7:30 P. M.
- 18 Membership Coffees. Helen Gibbins, 6128 Gideon Road, 10:00 A. M.  
Carolyn Tillack, 214 West Eleventh Avenue, 7:30 P. M.
- 24 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Ave., 9:30 A. M.
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## NEW MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new members:

Lynne Breitzig (Mrs. R. W.)	736-3237	Sally Wright (Mrs. Harold)	522-1515
749 Elm St., Barboursville	25504	511 Tenth Avenue	25701

The following have changes of address:

Justine Bowen (Mrs. James A.)	697-4303	Kitty Pyles	736-4186
1519 Powell Court	25701	6341 Aracoma Drive	25705
Office: 1224½ Fifth Ave.	525-9335		

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## DUES ARE DUE!

PLEASE PAY SO WE CAN PREPARE OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST BY FALL.

Lila Thompson, Treasurer

## *League Needs Members!*

Membership is everyone's responsibility. Our League constantly needs new ideas and workers. How about each member inviting at least one friend to a membership coffee? The larger we are, the more we can do.

If you think League isn't using you enough--or not using you in the right places--notify Carolyn McMillan (697-4700) of your interest. She will place you on a committee according to the amount of time you want to give.

The LWV self-study, as reported in the March-April VOTER, said members feel they aren't asked to do enough.

Betty Barrett, President

## *League Needs Help in Wayne County!*

League has lost its hardest-working Wayne county member. Carol Elvery, former voter service plus finance chairman and highly-valued Leaguer, has moved to Chicago. Her address is 155 Forty-first Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Dudley will attend Chicago Theological Seminary to study for a doctorate in theology and the study of man. He plans to be a consultant to ministers in family counselling.

Carol's leaving causes League to be almost completely out of touch with Wayne county. This is serious. The problems of Wayne county are also the problems of League. If you have friends in Wayne county, invite them to one of our membership coffees in September. We need them!

## *League Needs You in Voter Service!*

Virginia Galgano, new voters service chairman, is making big plans for November voter service; but she needs help from you. Her background in politics is excellent, but she is new to LWV and would appreciate help for the November general election, the probably school levy, and the possible city charter elections. There are also plans to prepare a practical politics course for use in the schools. Call her at 525-2696 soon!

League Invites you to a Coffee!



Membership Coffees

September 17, 1974

Beverly Hills: Ginna Colburn (Mrs. James)  
147 Locust Street, 10:00 A. M.

Ona: Bea Lingenfelter (Mrs. Allen)  
3455 Blue Sulphur Gardens  
7:30 P. M.

September 18, 1974

Pearidge: Helen Gibbins (Mrs. Neil)  
6128 Gideon Road, 10:00 A. M.

Southside: Carolyn Tillack (Mrs. Donald)  
214 West 11th St., 7:30 P. M.

League is being different! This year the mountain will go to Mohammed in the form of a series of coffees throughout the Huntington area in the hope that all persons interested will find one that is convenient in location and time. We promise you we will not talk you to death but will give you ample time to question and learn about League's goals. It will be an opportunity for members and people interested in LMV to visit for a brief, relaxed period.

Help!

League is the proud owner of a mimeograph machine. It needs a table to rest upon. It need not be beautiful--just sturdy. Do you have one in your attic, garage, or basement that is neglected, forlorn, and forgotten? Give it to League. We will love it forever!

# *League Hears from the President!*

## Re: LWVUS Convention

To quote the Gospel of St. Lucy (as one of the delegates said), "I know how terribly good this organization is but I also know how much better it can be." My feelings exactly after the experience of a national LWV convention!

It was an inspiration to be present in a room full of 2,000 (mostly female), intelligent, articulate, varied, attractive, involved people, talking about issues and organization that will influence the actions of 150,000 members nationwide. Our national board is particularly impressive. It was fun to feel the limelight during the debate and vote on male membership. It was sad to realize our other, more important issues discussed were not of interest to the media and, therefore, were largely not reported. It was dull sitting through discussion of 21 different bylaws changes. It was ironic to hear the concerns of the western states that are now being heavily stripmined and hard to resist some "I-told-you-so" from the Appalachian states like West Virginia. I could use more adjectives like exciting, educational, uplifting, or mind-expanding!

Lucy Benson said this year was the best program debate in her convention experience, which began in 1958.

San Francisco is a marvelous place to visit. I was glad I took my husband with me. Long lunch hours and evenings free of meetings let us explore quite a bit. I really appreciated being the Huntington delegate.

In two years the convention will be in New York City.

A convention helps make the president's work seem worthwhile.

Betty Barrett, President

### Highlights of the San Francisco Convention (Details will be in the national VOTER.)

- Men are full members.
- PMP for next two years is \$4.25. (PMP means per member pledge to national League.)
- Committees will study nominating procedures, convention set-up, delinquent PMP and unmet pledges.
- Principles of LWV incorporated in program to allow action.
- Principles of LWV to support open meetings, citizen access to public records, notice of proposed agenda and actions.
- Study of executive branch of government under representative government.
- Creation of Energy Task Force, as recommended by the national board, with emphasis on local study and consensus or concurrence.
- Bicentennial project publications on the Bill of Rights and individual liberties.

# *League is Interested in International Relations!*

## Trade

The Trade Reform Act of 1973, which passed the House on December 11, 1973 (HR10710), is in trouble in the Senate.

With impeachment politics overshadowing the Congress and a fall election coming up, the sluggish behavior of the Senate Finance Committee makes passage of the bill only a 50/50 prospect.

In March and April the Finance Committee held four weeks of hearings for witnesses from the administration and the public. Lucy Wilson Benson testified for the League pointing out both the positive features of the bill but also those provisions which needed strengthening.

The mood of the hearings, however, was skeptical. Attendance was poor--only a handful of Senators showed up each day; there were few questions; and the tone of the questioning was generally less sympathetic than it was a year ago in the House.

A key unresolved issue is Title IV (the Jackson amendment) which makes the extension of credits and nondiscriminatory tariff treatment (MFN) to nonmarket (communist) countries contingent upon a liberalization of their emmigration policy. (Note: The LWV did not take a stand for or against Title IV. We lobbied for the whole bill.)

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in testifying before the Finance Committee, said he would recommend a veto of the bill if Title IV remained. Unless and until the administration and Jackson amendment supporters work out some compromise, committee members feel they would be wasting their time in working up the bill. Some other, lesser problems also afflict the committee's prompt consideration of the bill.

Senator Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader, has told committee chairmen they must report bills by June 15 if they want action during this session.

Only very optimistic observers expect the Finance Committee to act by then. Beyond this summer, it is difficult to project. The Trade bill may be shelved pending the outcome of the presidential crisis, or the committee may decide to bring it to the floor before August if the Senate must try the President. This means we have to be prepared equally for a protracted or a compressed schedule.

Meanwhile, TALK UP TRADE--to your friends, the media and our Senators!

Clair Matz, Chairman  
International Relations

P. S. See the May, 1974 issue of the West Virginia Voter, page 5, for Doretha Barns' updated statistics of our state's share of international trade. We earned a net profit of \$1.7 billion in 1973. Trade is vital to West Virginia!

## *League Receives Help from Finance Drive!*

The finance drive was the most successful ever! \$1765 has been received to date and there is more to come. Much credit is due to Charlene Boggs for a well-organized job and to all members who solicited, typed letters, stuffed envelopes, or telephoned. A large majority of members participated one way or another.

Lovella Mobayed is helping by keeping track of newspaper notices of our contributors and letting them know we care. We will also make a special effort to send bulletins and other publications to contributors all year long.

## *League Needs Observers!*

The observer corps are the eyes and ears of League at council workshops and meetings. Our purpose in observing is to report to the League on:

- A. Current development on program items.
- B. Areas of general interest.
- C. Possible areas for future programs.
- D. To acquaint the officials with League of Women Voters.
- E. To let officials see that someone is concerned.

New members, or members interested in local government, find observing an education for themselves as well as for the League. Anyone interested in attending council meetings held the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P. M. in Council Chambers, City Hall, or Council Workshops held the 2nd and 4th Monday at 3:30 P. M. in Council Chambers, City Hall, please call Fran Norton (736-9967) and she will get a report form to you.

Frances Norton, Chairman  
Local Government and Council Manager

## *League Needs to Distribute School Survey Books!*

League has 2000 reprints of the Cabell County School Survey to sell (or give away). Ruth Prante is making plans to contact PIA's to sell to members. Please call her (736-3810) to offer your help.

If you have copies to return of the original 1000 printing, or money to turn in, PLEASE let Ruth Prante or Betty Barrett know as soon as possible. We need to keep our records accurate in order to plan for our next publication.

## *League Needs Names to Submit!*

League is frequently asked to submit names of persons qualified to serve on non-partisan city and county boards or commissions. Do you know someone, male or female, member or non-member, who is well qualified to serve on such a committee? If so, Betty Barrett (525-5908) wants to know. Board members are asked to bring lists to board meeting.

League is currently represented by members on several boards. Some of the committees in the area of League interest are:

City of Huntington: Affirmative Action\*, Bicentennial, Zoning Appeals\*, Planning Commission, Human Relations\*, Housing Authority, Sanitary Board, Urban Renewal Authority, Historical Commission, Housing Appeals\*.

County and Regional: Cabell Planning Commission\*, Tri-State Transit Authority, Mental Health Center Board, Kyova, Cabell School Advisory\*.

League recently submitted the name of Dr. N. Bayard Green for County Planning Commission.

Other boards not necessarily included in the League program are Floodwall Municipal Parking, Civic Center, and Airport Authority.

\* Indicates League has members now serving.

## *League is Also Active!*

Appointment. Clair Matz is now an official board member with full male suffrage.

Recreation. The recreation unit was comprehensive and innovative. Nearly one-half of the membership responded by mailing in their consensus vote. This may prove a useful way to increase the participation of members in consensus.

The committee has had a busy summer. It sent out information concerning recreational facilities and programs to every county school up to the ninth grade. It is also working with a youth leadership group and various recreational agencies.

Publication Catalogs. You will not find a publications catalog in the national VOTER as usual. There is a paper shortage. Lucy Cadwell has a supply for anyone who asks. They will be available at unit meetings.

Judicial Reform. Nancy Taylor is in charge of the judicial reform campaign this fall. She will need help from all of us. You can help by distributing judicial reform flyers and asking your other clubs to request a speaker on the amendment in the fall. Coalition information is available from Nancy.

Appointment. Nancy Matthews was appointed the first full-time director of Contact.



League, Active, Continued

TV Programs. League is grateful to Debbie Thomas, AM, WSAZ-TV, for showing the League programs on recreation, June 17, and juvenile services, June 6 and 7, using both Huntington and Charleston Leagues.

State Council. Proper credit has not been given to Kitty Pyles and her committee members for the smooth operation, careful planning, and hard work that resulted in one of the more successful League councils yet. Thanks, Kitty!

News from Peg. Peg Schroeder, former local president, was elected to the West Ottawa County Board of Education, Holland, Michigan. She is the first woman ever elected, according to information received by Lila Thompson. Members who know her are pleased but not surprised. Peg is a board member of the Holland LWV.

Women Studies. A course in women studies will be offered this fall and next spring at Marshall University. Here are the details:

Fall: No. 326, 3 credit hours, Mondays, 6:30-9:00 P. M.  
Taught by Lorraine Duke, English Department, and Michael Galgano, History Department. The course deals with literature from ancient Greece to the industrial revolution.

Spring: No. 327, 3 credit hours, Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 P. M.  
Taught by Carolyn Karr, Social Studies Department, and David Duke, History Department. The course covers the industrial revolution to present day and combines historical, sociological, and economic viewpoints.

Sympathy. League grieves with Constance Tomkies who lost her husband in April, Anne Rockwell who lost her son in May, and Fran Norton who lost her mother-in-law in April.

League Prospect. Mary Felicia Carson, born to Felicia and Don, June 7, to join Todd and Chris.

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