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C A L E N D A R

- Oct. 1 Catch-Up Day. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M. Parking and baby sitter provided.
- 2 Catch-Up Day. Ann Rockwell, ^{1218 - 9th St.} ~~525 Sixth Ave., Apt. 2~~, 7:30 P. M.
- 7 Final day for voter registration.
- 15 Land Use (National). Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway and Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M.
- 16 Land Use (Nat.) Henryetta Hager, 611 Twelfth Avenue, Rear, 7:30 P. M.
- 22 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway & Green Oak Drive, 9:30 A. M.
- Nov. 1 Last day for applying for absentee ballots by mail.
- 2 Last day for voting in person in the circuit clerk's office.
- 5 ELECTION DAY
- 12 Land Use (State). Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Ave., 9:30 A.M.
- 13 Land Use (State). Mary Daniel, 609 Twelfth Avenue, Rear, 7:30 P. M.
- 26 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:30 A. M.
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CATCH-UP DAY

October 1 & 2, 1974

Catch-Up Day will be a program of potpourri to up-date members of the recent developments of the League program. We will hear guest experts in city, county, and state planning; local land use information will be up-dated; and the judicial reform amendment will be explained. This unit is especially good for the League member of three or less years membership and a good up-date for those with membership of more years.

LAND USE STUDY

October 15, 16, 1974

The federal government has been involved, directly or indirectly, in policies and decisions which have had an important impact on land use development. Our past national philosophy toward land use has been described as a national policy of growth and free mobility. Because the United States possessed abundant, productive land resources, the government encouraged land development and individual land ownership. Today, land is viewed as an increasingly scarce resource as industrialization, technology, and population growth and urbanization generate new demands for a finite supply of land.

The concern over how to use land may presage a major historic change in American attitudes and values toward land. As more and more land is misused, the need for a land ethic has been cited--a recognition that man is a steward who must care for land as a vital resource. This growing philosophy declares that land affects all people, rejecting the older philosophy that man is sole owner of land and should have freedom to do with his land as he wishes. A fundamental debate is emerging: Does private ownership in land imply social obligations? Should private property rights be balanced with public rights in land? If so, can an equitable balance between public and private rights be reached?

The new "land ethic" has raised other questions with far-reaching implications: Do we want to encourage, control, or stop growth? How and where should development occur? Can we balance needs for development with needs for preservation? Whom should development and growth serve? What is the role of the federal, state, and local governments in controlling land use? Who should make the decisions?

All of this is, of course, leading up to a pitch for your ideas and participation at the October 15, 16 National Land Use unit and consensus.

Martha Woodward, Chairman
Land Use and Planning

VOTER SERVICE ALERT!

Virginia Galgano and her Voter Service committee have been consulting with state and local officials in the hopes of gaining permission to have League members deputized to register people to vote. The plan is to visit all the high schools and Marshall University to register people on the spot. If permission is granted (and it should be by the time you read this), many members will be needed to reach all schools before the deadline of October 7. Why don't you call Virginia now? The number is 525-2696 and it only takes a second to say "yes".

The committee has been busy. The candidates questionnaire will appear in the Sunday paper of October 27, and will include candidates from both Cabell and Wayne counties. An information booth was provided for students during the Marshall registration. You will want to keep ear and eye alert for the five-minute spots that will appear on radio and TV from now until the election.

FROM: Ruth L. Sims, LWVUS Action Chairman

RE: Pre-election strategy to foster discussion of League program goals during congressional campaigns.

Although the League does not support candidates, we are strongly committed to our program positions. Just before an election, citizens are more interested in issues than at any other time. A congressional campaign is therefore the ideal time for:

- . informing candidates of our positions;
- . where possible, gaining candidate commitments to our positions;
- . tallying attitudes of candidates on League issues and publicizing those attitudes (emphasizing that in no way do we support or oppose individual candidates--even if one or another lines up for or against all League positions).

League members can create visibility for, and stimulate discussion of, League issues during congressional campaigns in many ways:

- . Members can and do engage in partisan political activity. Members who are working for candidates may encourage these candidates to speak out on League issues.

In addition, members can:

- . ask pointed questions on League issues at candidates' meetings;
- . monitor campaign publications and statements in the press and in meetings;
- . attend party functions; take note and record from whom the candidate seeks advice and who the principle supporters are;
- . analyze how the candidates' views conform to League positions and how consistent he is in response to issue-oriented questions (i.e., does he say one thing for one audience and quite the reverse for another?);
- . compile the information in written form which together with newspaper clippings, campaign literature, etc. will provide a profile of the candidate.

FROM THE "PRES"!

That Bridge!

League supports the location of the East Huntington bridge at Lewis Hollow, rather than at Guyandotte, mainly because that is the location in the Huntington comprehensive plan, the Cabell county plan, and the Kyova plan. Lewis Hollow also meets other criteria as listed in the enclosed flyer.

As a member of the group of the Coalition for Responsible Regional Development, we presented, at the hearing before Judge Knapp, written testimony requesting an injunction to stop the construction of the bridge at Guyandotte. This injunction was denied. The coalition at this time is appealing the decision to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

The main problem is money. The coalition is trying to raise \$2,000 to \$3,000. The lawyer, Ray Ratliff, Jr. of Charleston, has been most encouraging about prospects for a successful appeal and most thrifty. If you are sympathetic, or know someone who would like to contribute, money may be sent to the Lewis Hollow Bridge Fund, P. O. Box 5485. LNV is not able to raise money as a League project because we need to expend our efforts on our own finance drive; but individuals are welcome to do whatever they feel is needed.

Betty Barrett, President

Campaign Clean Water

Volunteer organizations like ours often wish there was someone to coordinate citizen action, do research, perform legal services, and so on. David Grubb of Campaign Clean Water in Charleston is now collecting pledges in many areas in the state to hire a staff to perform such duties. The response has been encouraging with \$6,000 in pledges made in his first three weeks. His goal is \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The LNV would benefit from such a citizens' action organization. If you are interested, or know of anyone who would like to make a pledge, Dave's address is P. O. Box 567, Charleston, 25322. This is not a League project, but it is receiving individual support from members all over the state.

Betty Barrett, President

JUVENILE SERVICE ALERT!

Now that the Juvenile Service workbook is finally ready, the Juvenile Service chairman is ready to rally a committee and start working. "Go-See" tours as well as the presentation of the unit in January must be planned. The emphasis of the study will be the judiciary treatment of children. No offers will be refused. The number is 522-3052. If a man answers, leave a message.

There are some surprises waiting for you in this unit. Leave your prejudices at home and bring an open mind.

PRINCIPLES AS AMENDED BY THE 1974 LWVUS CONVENTION

- . The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States,
- . The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in his right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.
- . The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

Implementation of Convention vote authorizing action on League principles:

The 1974 Convention of the League of Women Voters authorized action by local, state and national Leagues on the basis of League principles. Since the principles evolved from and incorporate former League positions, this authorization for action does not constitute a radical departure from action on all program positions. Thus, each League board will consider the degree of member understanding and support of any action, just as it does with all program positions.

The "Program for Action" adopted by the 1974 national Convention incorporated in its introductory statement and under the individual items most of the concepts listed separately in the principles. The three specific clauses not included are that government should 1) "maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation" and 2) "promote a sound economy" and that 3) the development of "international law" is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

These references are so general that the national committee working on the proposed program believed that any specific action would require considerable member discussion. For example, a tax system should of course be fair and equitable but to whom and in what proportion is a complicated question. Similarly, although the League obviously would not promote an unsound economy, just what constitutes a sound economy and how it can be achieved requires careful study. The statement on development of international law, also a worthy goal, seemed to lack the specificity needed.

Implementation on League principles, continued

The national board suggests, therefore, that any action on these three aspects of the principles be taken in connection with present or future League positions to which they are applicable and upon which member agreement and understanding are known.

In summary, implementation of the Convention vote to take action on League principles will depend on authorization by the appropriate board (i.e. local, state or national) following their agreement that member understanding and agreement exist and that action is appropriate as to timing, need and effectiveness.

In addition, where action results will have ramifications which extend beyond a League's own governmental jurisdiction, the League should consult other affected Leagues and agreement should be sought.

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR ACTION, 1974-76

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Action to achieve a physical environment beneficial to life, including improvement of water and air quality, promotion of wise use of water resources, progress in recycling and reduction in generation of solid wastes.

LAND USE

Action (to be determined)

Focus Land use policies and powers needed to foster an optimum balance between human needs and environmental quality.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action to achieve equal rights for all, combat discrimination and poverty and provide equal access to housing, employment and quality education.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Action to achieve liberal trade practices, to promote sound international development and to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Action to promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive to all citizens, emphasizing comprehensive reforms in campaign financing and in congressional structure and procedures and an evaluation of the role of the executive branch.

ENERGY

A national task force on energy issues (composed of board and non-board members) to direct the production of energy-related materials to further League and public understanding and to produce recommendations to be used as a basis for League discussion, concurrence and action.

STATE PROGRAM, 1973-75

ELECTION LAWS

A study of West Virginia election laws and procedures with support of appropriate reforms.

STATE GOVERNMENT

1. Support of specific reforms of the West Virginia Legislature.
2. Support of revision of the West Virginia Constitution.
3. Support of strengthening and extending the civil service system.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of the opportunity for housing for all persons free from discriminatory practices.

EDUCATION

1. Support of measures contributing to improved finance and organization.
2. Support of the expansion of vocational and technical education programs.

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY

1. Evaluation of land use in West Virginia, including timbering and planning.
2. Support of strong laws to prevent and abate water pollution, regulate water use, and control surface mining.

TAXATION AND FINANCE

A study of taxation and finance in West Virginia.

JUVENILE SERVICES

Juvenile services in West Virginia.

LOCAL PROGRAM, 1974-75

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.

WHAT 'S GOING ON?

Speakers Bureau. League is delighted that organizations are using our Speaker's Bureau. This fall speakers have been assigned to First Methodist Church, Election Laws and Judicial Reform, September 10; Parents Without Partners, October 4; P.E.O., Juvenile Service, November 4; Child Conservation League, Juvenile Service, March.

Good-bye! Take care! We are sorry to have publicity chairman, Felicia Carson, resign from the board, but husbands do move to better positions and the wife and family must follow. We lose a lot of League members that way!

Appointment. Kathleen Kowalski has consented to fill the position of publicity chairperson for two months to provide time for selecting a permanent member to fill the position left by Felicia Carson. You can have the job forever if you want it, Kathleen.

Action. Our president, Betty Barrett, and other members have been busy representing League. On August 9, (Inauguration Day) Betty B., Helen Gibbins, and Martha Woodward appeared on AM, Channel 3-TV, for a program of League information and membership recruiting. The heavy media coverage and public interest in the Washington events gave them a wide audience.

On August 26, same station, same program, our president appeared with two NOW members in conjunction with the opening of the Womens Center, 619 Sixth Avenue. She told the history of woman suffrage amendment and the continued efforts to get out the informed vote.

Betty B. represented League at Womens Center, August 24, at a workshop on lobbying. The audience included several LWV members plus Congressman Ken Hechler, who said we were on the right track. He also suggested that congress feels congressional reform is not of much interest and that we need to let them know we are interested.

Sympathy. League's sympathy is with Chloe Dunfee, who recently lost her husband, and with the family of Mary Titus. The death of Mary Titus is a loss to League and to the community.

League Prospects. Jonas Agee McNearney, who claimed the proud mother, Janice McNearney, July 30, and Daniel Aaron Coe, the delight of Diane Coe, August 1.

Welcome, new members! League is happy to have the new memberships of Sam Calvin, Gloria Allen, and Betty Bishop. Betty is a former Huntington League member transferred from a League in North Carolina. Welcome back, Betty!

BOOK NOOK

The following League publications give basic background for the Land Use unit. They may be purchased from LWVUS, 1730 M St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. See Lucy Cadwell, publications chairman, for further details.

LAND USE: CAN WE KEEP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHTS IN BALANCE? (#485, 75¢) Offers information on the history of land use planning and explores the basic national land use issues. The issue of public good v. protection of private rights surfaces as the fundamental issue in determining which level of government should have what powers to make what types of land use decisions. It is the publication you will want most to read.

Book Nook, Continued

LAND USE AT THE STATE LEVEL: THE GROWING EDGE (#292, 50¢) This 1973 CURRENT FOCUS discusses the national proposals to aid state land use control, summarizes important state land use laws, briefly describes what state Leagues are doing in the area of land use, and gives an account of both the Colorado and Alaska land use battles.

GETTING A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON LAND USE ISSUES (#267, 35¢) A COMMITTEE GUIDE printed last year. You may already have it.

PLANNING IN THE SEVENTIES (#396, \$1) Recommends questions to ask when making a survey of local and metropolitan planning functions in government.

League of Women Voters Education Fund, SUPERCITY/HOMETOWN USA: PROSPECTS FOR TWO-TIER GOVERNMENT (#477, \$1.95) Reports trends toward regionalism and decentralization in metropolitan government and tells how people feel about government decision-making and the citizen role.

League of Women Voters Education Fund, SOLID WASTE--IT WON'T GO AWAY UNLESS--A SAMPLING OF WHAT CITIZEN LEADERS CAN DO (#513, 25¢) A report from local Leagues of action in the local areas. Huntington is mentioned.

League of Women Voters Education Fund, ELECTIONS '74-'76 (#485, 60¢) A COMMUNITY GUIDE relating the experiences of local Leagues in Voter Service, Election Laws, and Public Relations. Our sister League in Morgantown is mentioned for their film for training election day workers.

GETTING INTO PRINT (#484, 25¢) Tips for getting better coverage from the press.

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