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Huntington Area League of Women Voters

BULLETIN MARCH 5, 1984

*** CALENDAR ***

MARCH

- Wednesday 21st 7:30pm Voters Service Meeting at the home of Betty Barrett, 408 11th Ave. Everyone invited. More information inside this issue.
- Saturday 24th 10:30am ANNUAL MEETING at the Women's Club of Huntington, 1201 Huntington Ave. (Corner of Huntington Ave. & 12th St.) Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Cost: \$6.00, payable at the door. Speaker: Huntington City Manager, J. Wayne Bowers. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Contact Chloe Dunfee, 525-5339 by Tues., March 20. Annual Dues are Due.
- Tuesday 27th 7:00pm "Transportation of Hazardous Wastes" - open meeting of the Charleston Area LWV at the South Charleston Library. Call Helen Gibbins for info - 736-3287.

APRIL

- Wednesday 4th 9:30am Tour of the John Amos Power Plant near St. Albans, arranged by LWVWV. A must for those interested in acid rain and environmental issues. Marcia Daoust has some information - 529-4406.
- Wednesday 4th 7:30pm BOARD MEETING at the home of Barbara Cienfuegos, 92 Hamill Rd., 522-7503.

ANNUAL MEETING TIME!

It's Annual Meeting time again! The Annual Meeting is a general meeting for ALL members at which our local League elects officers, decides on program, and makes other plans for the coming year. In this issue (in accordance with our bylaws) the Board presents to you the proposed program, bylaws changes and the slate of officers nominated for 1984-85. You will have the opportunity to vote on all these things at the annual meeting.

The business part of the meeting will begin at 10:30 am, Saturday March 24, 1984 at the Women's Club of Huntington. At noon we will adjourn for lunch at the Club (\$6.00 per person, payable at the door) and lunch will be followed by our featured speaker, Huntington City Manager J. Wayne Bowers. Mr. Bowers will talk with us about local finances, the budget and taxes. Don't miss this!

Annual dues of \$20.00 are also payable at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Since this will be my last meeting as local President, I'll take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks to all of you for your support, interest, and involvement during my two years in office. I've learned a lot and met many interesting people and can tell you that if you haven't been active in the League of Women Voters, you've really missed some action. Look over our exciting program and well-qualified slate of leaders and resolve to jump into the League's Action-Packed politics this month!

-- Linda Rowe

Program

This is the proposed program, recommended by the Board:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support of improvement in the quality of recreation in the Huntington Area

**We seek more cooperation between agencies and government bodies.

**We inform the public on available recreation.

Support of the improvement of the quality of education in the Cabell County School System.

**We attend School Board meetings.

**We inform the public about the system.

**We lobby.

Support of the Council-Manager form of government.

**We attend charter revision meetings.

**We publicize our long-standing study and consensus.

Support of Comprehensive Planning

**We publicly support changes that fit in the comprehensive plan.

Support of improved solid waste management.

**We research and endorse recycling.

**We lobby officials.

NEW: Study of the Huntington City Charter.

NEW: Study of local taxes.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support of measures to improve the election process

**We monitor elections and the voter registration process.

**We conduct call-in services.

**We inform the public.

**We lobby for better laws.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies.

**We lobby the legislature.

**We inform the public.



Note on the NEW recommended programs: the Board is recommending two new areas of local study for our League. If the membership agrees, these studies will be adopted at the annual meeting. The Board feels that this is an important time to review the Huntington City Charter and, perhaps, to reassess League positions on its contents (as many of you know, League members have been continually active in the construction and interpretation of the present charter) now that a City Charter Review Committee is in place and will possibly be suggesting changes in the charter. The League would like to be ready to respond to any proposed changes.

As to the matter of local taxes, many of our tax positions are circumscribed by state tax consensus positions, but we would like to inform ourselves about city and county tax revenues and budgetary needs. Then we will be prepared to speak intelligently to local tax issues, should the need arise.

If you have any questions about the recommended program, please call Linda Rowe or Helen Gibbins.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HUNTINGTON AREA, WEST VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET

April 1, 1984 to April 1, 1985



<u>A. Operating Costs</u>			
1. Maintenance of equipment	\$ 50.00		
2. Use of church	50.00		
3. General Supplies	<u>150.00</u>	\$ 250.00	
<u>B. Board and Administration</u>			
1. President	\$ 150.00		
2. Secretary	10.00		
3. Treasurer	35.00		
4. Board Tools and Expenses	125.00		
5. Administrative Committees:			
a. Finance	75.00		
b. Membership/Units	50.00		
c. PR	10.00		
d. Contingency	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 505.00	
<u>C. Delegates/Travel</u>			
1. State Council	\$ 200.00		
2. National Convention	750.00		
3. Local Annual Meeting	35.00		
4. Other Meetings	<u>50.00</u>	\$1,025.00	
<u>D. Financial Support</u>			
1. State	\$ 624.00		
2. National PMP	<u>928.00</u>	\$1,552.00	
<u>E. Bulletin</u>			
		\$ 250.00	
<u>F. Educational Activities</u>			
1. Publications	\$ 200.00		
2. Program Committees			
a. National	25.00		
b. State	25.00		
c. Local	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 275.00	
3. Voters Service	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
<u>G. Position Support</u>			
1. Publications on League Positions	\$ 100.00		
2. Action Activities:			
a. National	25.00		
b. State	25.00		
c. Local	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 175.00	

Anticipated Income

Dues (90 at \$20.00)	\$ 1,800.00	
Contributions	1,500.00	
Earned Interest	87.84	
Sale Publications	100.00	
From Reserves	<u>654.16</u>	
	\$ 4142.00	\$ 4142.00

"WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU"

No special expertise or preparation is required to attend ANY League meeting. Our "Study Meetings" (also known as "Units") always include a well-prepared presentation to enable everyone to participate. Of course, if you want to learn more about a particular subject, publications are always available.

The League is a grassroots organization, so input by individual members is essential. In this tax study, for instance, we need your opinion as a citizen and taxpayer. And if you don't feel like an expert when you walk in, well, you just may when you walk out!

****CONGRATULATIONS****

We're very proud of local League member Barbara Matz who was recently awarded the second annual Susan B. Anthony Award by the Huntington Chapter of NOW. Barbara was recognized for her outstanding contributions to women in the community.

Bylaws Changes Recommended by the Board

The Board of Directors recommends that the membership approve the following changes in the Bylaws of the Huntington Area League of Women Voters:

--Material to be deleted will appear in (parentheses); material to be added will appear in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Article VI - Financial Administration

Sec. 2. Dues. EACH MEMBER SHALL PAY ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues of (\$20.00) \$25.00 shall be payable April 1.*

(Sustaining Member: Members in this category are dues-paying members who are not able to be active on a regular basis. Annual dues, \$30.00)**

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. WHEN TWO MEMBERS RESIDE AT THE SAME ADDRESS IN A COMMON HOUSEHOLD, DUES FOR THE TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE ANNUAL DUES.°

Article VII - Meetings

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between March 1 and (April 1) MAY 1, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.°°

“ EXPLANATIONS:

*Local dues of \$20.00 are currently completely absorbed by the national & state Per Member Payments. With rising costs of everything and an anticipated increase in the national PMP, we felt this modest increase in the dues was reasonable. The \$25 per member annual dues will go into effect at the 1985 annual meeting. Our League will continue to rely on contributions for the bulk of its financial support.

**This is a membership category which has not proven viable for us. We never use it and so are recommending it be dropped from the bylaws. We feel that it is more effective for members to give direct contributions to help "sustain" the League.

°This brings us in line with the national bylaws, which give a membership break to husband-and-wife memberships and other housemates who want to belong to the League together, but only need one set of mailings.

°°The Board is suggesting that the bylaws allow an additional month in the annual meeting time frame, for added flexibility in program planning.

--Linda Rowe, for the Board of Directors”

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POLITICS**

**The League of Women Voters
We put laws on the books . . .
turn rights into realities . . .
register millions to vote . . .
and keep politics a process
for the people.**



OFFICERS

Slate of Officers to be Voted on at the 1984 Annual Meeting

President (2 yr term): Helen Gibbins

First Vice President (2 yr term): Barbara Cienguegos

Second Vice President (1 yr term): Linda Rowe

Secretary (2 yr term): Beth Bauserman

Two-Year Directors: Janice McNearney

Susan Hubbard

Marcia Daoust

One-Year Directors: Susan Ray

Nancy Taylor

Betty Barrett

Nominating Committee: Virginia Galgano, Chair

Martha Woodward

(Third member to be appointed by Board)

--Reported by the Nominating Committee
for 1983-84: Martha Woodward, Chair
Virginia Galgano
Marcia Daoust

Continuing their terms of office on the Board of Directors will be Lila Thompson, treasurer, and Isabel Paul, Director.

Membership

Sen. Robert R. Nelson
P.O. Box 1965 25720
529 8th Ave.
529-7988

Susan M. Ray
1745 Woodward Ter.
522-0235 25705

Address Change

Members will be concerned to know that Constance Tomkies new address is:

Heartland of Riverview
Rt. 4, Box 312
South Point, OH 45680

Mrs. Tomkies has a long history of active League membership and served as one of WV's first state LWV presidents.

THANK YOU, 1983 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HUNTINGTON AREA

- Goodtime Design
- Freda Kagan
- Dr. Edwin Cubby
- Dr. Paul Stewart
- Dr. R. Lawrence Dunworth
- Rebecca Christian
- Quorum Corporation
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- C.F. Reuschlein
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- James Morgan
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- Nancy Francis
- Dorothy Atkins
- Marilyn Collins
- Nancy Taylor
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- Evelyn Smith
- Regina Zitter
- Joan Campbell
- Dr. and Mrs. Charles Turner
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- Hugh Kincaid
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- Robert Agee
- Tradewell
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- Anonymous
- G.W. Deerfield
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- First State Bank Barboursville
- Robert Childers, Structures
- Robert Levy
- 1st Bank Ceredo
- Dr. Dorothy Johnson
- Ruth Sullivan (Mrs. William)
- Lazarus
- Florence Oxley
- Robert Carpenter
- Katherine Ranson
- Anne Rockwell
- Chloe Dunfee
- Roberta Emerson



The Cabell County Voters Registration Office will send registrars to public places, at least three days to each magisterial district, starting March 5, 1984. Publicity about these places and dates will be in the newspaper and on the broadcast media.

In order to vote, even if you are already registered, you must correct your registration if you have moved, have changed your name, or did not vote in 1980 or 1982.

In addition to the Voter Registration Office efforts, voters registration by post card is now legal in West Virginia. The special voter registration post cards must be notarized. A coalition to promote registration of voters by post card has organized a registration drive to take place March 25-31. Notaries will be available in churches, shopping centers, and other public places to register people or assist them in correcting their registrations.

Persons registering for the first time in WV by post card MUST vote IN PERSON at the first election following their registration. Otherwise, their names will not go into the permanent voter rolls. Thus, if someone registers by post card this month, they must vote in person in the primary election or they will have to register again in order to vote in November.

If you are a notary or would like to become a notary and would like to help with this voter registration effort, please contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.


Important Dates: June 5 - Primary Election
Nov. 6 - General Election

...Add to these March 21, 1984, when the League of Women Voters gets ready for June and November. Service to voters is the League's most widely noticed and appreciated activity. We need many helpers, for big and little jobs. Please come to the planning meeting to help prepare.

Some of the activities we plan:

1. Newspaper questionnaires for candidates.
We decide the questions we want to ask of candidates for local offices. We'll be electing a county commissioner, a state senator, delegates, and many others. What do you want to know about their plans if they're elected?
2. Television and Radio Activities.
Do we want to work toward televised candidate forums? How about TV spots? And radio public service announcements? Can we improve our Town Hall?
3. Public Candidate Meetings.
We haven't done these for a while. Should we try again? How about activities with other organizations?

4. Voter Registration Campaigns.
We are already working with the NAACP and other groups. How can we plan to reach more unregistered voters? Can we help young voters register and VOTE in greater numbers?
5. Election Day Call-In.
We'll do these again. Many of our members have spent a couple of hours answering calls.
6. Ballot Issues.
We know the Lottery amendment will be on the ballot. As this is written with Legislature still in session, there will be some form of education levy/bond amendment on the ballot. We will need to provide information on these issues.
7. What Else?
We have limited people-power. How can we best use our time, talents and organization and respect to promote informed voting?

 Betty Barrett 525-5908

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