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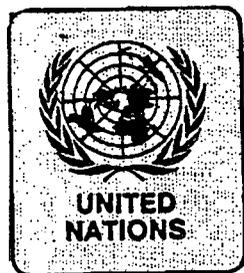
HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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LWV October meeting to feature program on the U.N.

On Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. at Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Dr. Clair Matz, professor of political science at Marshall University will present the program *"Still Crazy (For Peace) After All These Years: Dialogues About the U.N."*.



This year marks the 50th anniversary of the U.N. and the League of Women Voters was one of its earliest champions. The LWV has continued to educate people about the need for the U.N. as a

mechanism to promote world peace and foster economic and social well-being. We are also a non-governmental organization accredited at the U. N. and send U. N. observers to the headquarters building in New York.

This anniversary is a great opportunity to learn, teach and talk-up the U.N. Bring a friend and join us on October 16 and participate in discussions about the United Nations.

Documentary on the U.N. to air October 23

A major television documentary entitled *In Search of Peace 50 Years of the U. S. in the U.N.* will air nationally on the Turner Broadcasting System (TBS) on Monday, October 23, at 8:00 p.m. and again at 11:00 p.m. (EST). The one-hour special examines the unique relationship of the United States and the United Nations from the U.N.'s founding to the present. Narrated by Paul Newman, the film examines for the first time the struggle of the world organization from the viewpoint of U.S. participation--yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Environmental Leadership Training Seminar

On Saturday, October 14 at the Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV, registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the Environmental Leadership Training Seminar. Advantages for attending the seminar include 1) to learn more about how the Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) works and how to make it work for you; 2) to acquire skills to participate in the regulatory process; 3) to network with other concerned citizens from across West Virginia; and 4) to meet and discuss issues with DEP decision makers. Contact Helen Gibbins if you are interested in attending the seminar. Call 1-800-654-5227 to register.

UN Day - October 24

October 24 has been the traditional "birthday" of the U.N. because in 1945, when the treaty was signed at the San Francisco Opera House, the signatory nations agreed that the treaty would enter into force when one-more-than-half the 51 nations ratified the treaty.

The 27th ratification was deposited on October 24, 1945 and at that moment the treaty/U.N. came into force/being.

In more recent times UNICEF, the U.N. Children's Fund, has used October 31 as "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" Day, so the week of October 24-31 has come to be a week of focusing on the U.N. family of agencies and their activities.

Factoid

President Bill Clinton is younger than the U.N. This reminds us that those who now control U. S. foreign policy do not have the same emotional involvement that their predecessors did in the creation of the world body. We must remind Americans of the U. N.'s extraordinary history, and its extraordinary potential.

Buy and use U. S. postage stamps honoring the
50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Annual finance drive under way

The Huntington League annually solicits monetary contributions in order to finance its community services -- voters service activities, publications, etc. Contributions are welcome from members and nonmembers. Tax deductible contributions are to be made out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Otherwise the contributions are not tax deductible. Virginia Hensley, 525-4370, is in charge of the finance drive. Checks should be sent to the League's treasurer, Ann Speer, 706 Ridgewood Rd., Huntington, WV 25701.

County Book

Rose Riter is sending out an SOS for help in getting the book ready for printing. Contact her if you can help at 522-4459.

Greenbottom update

Thanks to many people, including our state Senators, the Department of Culture and History will have funding to begin arrangements for taking over management of the General Jenkins house.

Civil Rights Summit set

The West Virginia Human Rights Commission is presenting the first Civil Rights Summit ever held in the state. *On the Road to Equality* will be held on November 13 & 14 at the Charleston Civic Center. It will bring together West Virginians who see themselves as part of the civil rights movement and those who wish to play a role in moving forward the cause of human rights--improving the climate of tolerance and respect in our schools, workplaces, and communities.

Full conference registration is \$45 and one day only is \$30. The deadline for registration is November 3. A waiver of registration fees may be requested. For more information call Betsy Kent, Summit Coordinator, at 304-768-0093.

LWVUS is entering the information superhighway

The LWVUS board of directors adopted a "Cyber Tech Plan" at its July meeting to lay out the route for entering the information superhighway. The goal of the plan is to harness the power of electronic communications, especially the National Information Infrastructure, to promote the vision and mission of the League of Women Voters.

Electronic technology is changing the world of communications as profoundly as the printing press did 500 years ago. As an organization that relies on communication to carry out its mission, the League at all levels must harness the power of electronic communications to promote civic responsibility. You will be hearing more about this travel down the information superhighway.

MYTH: *The poor are causing the growth in single-parent families.*

FACT: *65% of the growth in single-parent families is among the non-poor.* (From "Statement of Key Welfare Reform Issues/The Empirical Evidence")

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household.

To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701.

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Calendar

October

- 10/12-13 1995 Conference on the Environment, Charleston Marriott
- 10/14 Environmental Leadership Training Seminar, Flatwoods, WV
- 10/16 LWV Huntington area meeting, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 10/23 LWV Huntington area board meeting, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 11:30 a.m.

November

- 11/13-14 Civil Rights Summit, Charleston Civic Center

Meeting on FRN informative

Francie Roberts-Buchanan, speaking at our September LWV meeting, emphasized that one of the goals of the Family Resource Network (FRN) is prevention of situations/problems which require individuals to request government aid, shelter and a myriad of other agency services. The FRN will work with families on becoming self-sufficient and will provide information and opportunities for clients in accessible locations.

The FRN is using technology to develop a single point of intake for determining programs and resources for which families will be eligible. To become more cost effective, time effective and needs effective, the FRN is strongly stressing the importance of collaboration across the board--in power structure, money and shared responsibility.

And most of all the FRN wants a change in attitude--more sensitivity, greater understanding and genuine caring for those needing services. They hope to be up and running by the year

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