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# action packed POLITICS

## League of Women Voters of Huntington Area

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### LWV Calendar

September 20, Thursday, 7:30pm



Matz to Speak!  
Everyone Welcome!



General Membership Meeting. Speaker: Barbara Matz, Director of the WV Women's Commission. Topic: Women's Issues in WV. First Huntington National Bank, 3rd Floor. Use mini-bank-entrance.

September 25, Tuesday, 7:00pm

More Dollars for Scholars?

Workshop on the Better Schools, Roads and Public Works Amendment. There will be a speaker from the state LWV. Cabell County Board of Education Auditorium, 620 20th St. Open to the public. Call Susan Ray, 522-0235, or Helen Gibbins

October 4, Thursday, 7:30pm

BOARD MEETING. Home of Virginia Hensley, 1359 13th St., 525-4370.

October 9, Tuesday

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR NOV. ELECTION

October 11, Thursday, 8:00pm

LWVW and WPBY (Channel 33) will co-sponsor A US Senate Candidates Debate. Live from the Cultural Center in Charleston. Studio Audience Members Wanted. For info, call Barbara Cienfuegos, 522-7503 after 6pm.

October 28, Sunday

Town Hall Candidates Meeting. Sponsored by the Huntington LWV and WSAZ-TV (Channel 3). More information in the next Bulletin.

October 30, Tuesday, 11:30 am

Community Service Roundtable Legislative Candidates Meeting, Marshall University. Helen Gibbins to moderate. For reservations, call Information & Referral, 529-2600.



# MAKE YOUR MARK ON POLITICS

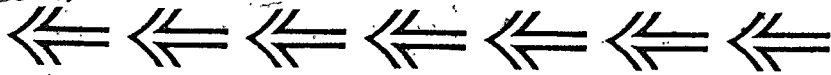
## Join the League of Women Voters

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# Memo from the President



The League of Women Voters has been making its mark on politics in Huntington for over 40 years. You are probably familiar with our voters service and election season activities like candidates' meetings, voter registration drives and voters' guides. But there's much more to the League than that...

This September League Bulletin features our plans for the year. Members may choose to be involved at different levels of activity: serving on the board or in a committee, doing occasional jobs, attending meetings, or just being members in order to support the League. Obviously, the more a League member is involved the more she or he learns about our governmental processes and has the satisfaction of helping make changes.

The League is a nonpartisan organization, it neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. We develop our positions for action by studying issues and then formulating positions based on the agreement (consensus) of a substantial majority of those attending meetings. We then lobby for our position on that issue at the appropriate governmental level.

It takes more than just marking a ballot to make your mark on politics. To find out more about how the League of Women Voters is making its mark on politics, come to our September 20 meeting or call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

-- Helen Gibbins, President, LWV of Huntington Area



## Natural Resources

### LOCAL ACTION ON NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES

This summer the Huntington LWV urged the City Council to adopt a new plan for collecting garbage fees. The League believes there will be more universal pick-up if the garbage fee is collected by the Water Department. League continues to support this action.

When the Huntington City Council balked at enacting new sewer rates to pay for the new secondary treatment plant, the League collected information, observed Council meetings and work sessions and Sanitary Board meetings, and visited the sewer plant in July. Members then lobbied City Council to enact the higher rate structure rather than risk the shutting down of the new plant. League will continue to monitor both our sewer system and the safety of our drinking water.

The League has had and continues to have an impact on local governmental decisions in the natural resources area.

### MAKE YOUR MARK ON POLITICS

Everyone Loves a BARGAIN!

Remember: Two persons residing in the same household can join the League and one member only pays half the dues price. That's \$30 for two members rather than \$20 each, our regular dues price. Make League a family affair!

Join the League



# Program

## Challenge and change

The LWV of Huntington Area Sets Goals for 1984-1985

Following the program mandated by our membership at the 1984 Annual Meeting, your local board of directors met this summer to plan the year's calendar and set goals for study and action. If you can't decide just where you want to get involved in the League, let this be your guide.

### CALENDAR (look to your Bulletin for precise dates and times):

- September: General Membership Meeting  
Workshop on Education Amendment  
Promote Voter Registration - Deadline for Nov. election is October 9
- October: Town Hall Candidates' Meeting - WSAZ-TV  
Committee Meeting for Voters Service; Orientation for Election-Day Call-In
- November: Election Day Call-In and Voters Service  
Jury Selection Study
- December: Afternoon with the Legislators
- January: State Taxation & Finance Study
- February: City Charter Study
- March: WV Day at the Legislature  
Annual Meeting
- April: National Security Study  
State LWV Convention, Charleston
- May & June: Plans TBA

### GOALS FOR THE YEAR (Contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, or one of the board members to find out how to get involved with League projects)

Council-Manager Government: Our number one local priority is our council-manager form of government. We monitor council meetings and some work sessions and speak to ordinances and operations where appropriate. We also plan to conduct study meetings on proposed modifications of the council-manager form of government in order to support or oppose any charter board proposals.

Taxation and Finance: We will be completing, in early 1985, the final phase of our study of taxes in WV. The consensus process will bring together League positions on all forms of state taxes. We will then take action on our positions in the state legislature. The League is also taking action to oppose passage of the WV Lottery amendment, on the ballot this November.

Government - State and National: Our top priority at the state level is to pass a constitutional amendemnt that would permit alternative forms of county government. We lobby in the areas of election laws, civil service, and other constitutional revision issues. At the national level, League is active on the issues of citizens' rights, the presidency, congressional operations, campaign financing, and reproductive choice.

Education: At the state level, League will work for passage of the Better Schools, Roads and Public Works Amendment. Locally, we attend school board meetings and investigate testing programs in Cabell County Schools.

## The League in Action on the City Charter Issue

In the 1950's the Huntington League of Women Voters studied various forms of government and decided that the Council-Manager form would be a much more efficient type of government for our city. We were instrumental in making the change to our present governmental form.

In the 1970's we re-studied the issue and again decided that the Council-Manager form was best for our situation.

Because a Huntington Charter Review Committee made some suggestions that would necessitate Charter changes, the Huntington LWV voted at its March Annual Meeting to study these changes and develop positions on them.

Now the Council-Manager form of government is in jeopardy. The League will be a force for bringing the issues to the people when they go to city hall and to the polls to consider changes in our government.

-- Helen Gibbins

## Join the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization open to all men and women. Annual dues are \$20, individual membership, \$30, household membership. To join, send your name address and check to Lila Thompson  
Treasurer  
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★ BE INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER TO ★  
SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR ★  
★ DO A "SPOT" JOB. ★

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Our Local League Finance Drive Begins October 9 - Give What You Can \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

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in West Virginia."

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