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# action packed POLITICS

## League of Women Voters of Huntington Area

BULLETIN NOVEMBER 9, 1984

### CALENDAR

- November 13, Tuesday, 9:15am JURY SELECTION STUDY. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, corner Green Oak and Norway Ave. Babysitting available.
- November 15, Thursday, 7:30pm JURY SELECTION STUDY. Home of Anne Rockwell, 1218 9th St., ph. 525-6404.
- December 6, Thursday, 7:30pm BOARD MEETING. Home of Monica Woodruff, 516 7th Ave., ph. 525-4357.
- December 9, Sunday, 3:00pm AFTERNOON WITH THE LEGISLATORS. Meet your new state delegates and senators. Home of Betsy Broh, 721 13th Ave., ph. 523-3726.

## JURY SELECTION STUDY

The League's procedure for developing a position for action is its consensus process. On November 13 and 15 members may attend either meeting in order to learn about and voice their opinions on what the future direction for jury selection in West Virginia should be. Our ideas will be fed to the state board. That board will gather together the opinions of local Leagues around the state to formulate the state position. The next step will be lobbying our state legislators.

The way potential jurors are selected has been a matter of controversy for some time. Criticism has been made of both the jury selection process and how representative master jury lists are, according to the demographic makeup of the counties.

Today the jury is one of the most powerful institutions in the United States. A group of six or twelve men and women can deprive an accused criminal of his or her freedom or can allocate financial responsibility in a civil dispute.

Charlie and Kirsten Bagley, Htn. League members, will be the leaders at our meetings. Background information is provided in The Assessment of the Jury Selection Process in West Virginia - available for \$3.50. The study will also be published in the Charleston Gazette. The September issue of the state VOTER featured a synopsis of the study.

League meetings always generate discussion. Leave your various commitments behind you, "come as you are", and enjoy several hours of fellowship and interesting discussion.

★ THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS A NON-PARTISAN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED MEN AND WOMEN. DUES ARE \$20.00 INDIVIDUAL, \$30.00 HOUSEHOLD, PAYABLE TO THE LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER. JOIN NOW! ★

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# MAKE YOUR MARK ON POLITICS

Talk to Your Legislators Dec. 9

An annual event of the Huntington League of Women Voters is our meeting with our state legislators - BEFORE the session begins - to voice our legislative program to them. For those who do not know their elected representatives, it is an opportunity to meet our legislators. It is also an educational tool for our membership since we will be highlighting priorities of our state program. Do join us as part of your holiday activities. We find that our format allows for frank and open discussion. The Afternoon With the Legislators will be Sunday, December 9 at the home of Betsy Broh. Mark your calendar now because you will not get another bulletin before then.

-- Helen Gibbins, President

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of women and men of every age, race, background, and political belief. Through more than 1200 local Leagues and through state Leagues and the national organization, League members work to promote citizen action on local, state, and national issues.

## International Relations

A Note from Nancy Taylor: "Thanks to Everyone" who helped with the "Breaking the Stalemate" activities, Unicef, and other I.R. projects. Call Nancy now (522-3361) for UNICEF cards and calendars.

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## FINANCING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

New Format for National LWV Study

At our national convention last May, delegates voted to try a new procedure for coming to consensus on a selected item: Financing the Federal Government. The procedure will be direct member agreement.

Members will receive the substantive article on taxes in January in the Winter 1985 National VOTER, along with questions for member agreement and a tear-off response form for members to use in sending their views back to the national ofc. All tear-off forms must be received in the national office no later than February 15, 1985.

Watch for your National VOTER in January and be part of this exciting process!

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## The League of Women Voters

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- ✓ competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- ✓ coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- ✓ adequate financing,
- ✓ effective enforcement, and
- ✓ well-defined channels for citizen input and review.