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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

March, 1976

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C A L E N D A R

- Mar. 2 Revenue Sharing. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Avenue and Green Oak Drive, 9:15 A. M. Babysitter provided.
- 3 Revenue Sharing. Ginna Colburn, 147 Locust Street, 7:30 P. M.
- 13 ANNUAL MEETING. Uptowner Motel, Fourth Avenue, Registration, 10:30 A.M.; business meeting, 11:00 A. M.; lunch, 12:30. Cost: \$2.65, Make reservations and send checks to Vivian Phares, 1034 Tenth Avenue, Huntington, 25701, by March 6.
- 24 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:15 A. M.
- Apr. 6 Membership Coffee
- 20 Metro: Alternate Forms of Government. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church 9:15 A. M.
- 21 Metro: Alternate Forms of Government. Sally Wright, 511 Tenth Avenue, 7:30 P. M.
- 27 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presby. Church, 9:15 A. M.
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NEW MEMBERS

League welcomes the following new member:

Hunt, Patricia (Mrs. Thomas E.) 522-4748
241 South Walnut 25705

Correction: The correct address and spelling of Mary Louise Stevens is:

Stevens, Mary Louise (Mrs. David) 736-4962
1275 Ralsten Ave., Barboursville 25504

The new address of Justine Abraham is 5940 Wilson Drive, Huntington, 25705.

Please make these corrections on your membership list.

IWVUS CONCENSUS REACHED ON STUDY OF THE EXECUTIVE

I. PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

Presidential power should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a dynamic balance between the executive and legislative branches. Accountability and responsibility to the people require that unnecessary secrecy between the President and Congress be eliminated. Therefore, the League of Women Voters of the United States supports the following measures:

Executive Agreements: Presidential authority to negotiate international executive agreements should be preserved. Accountability to the public requires that the President report to Congress the text of all such agreements and that Congress review them periodically.

War Powers: The President should be required to seek the advice of Congress before introducing U. S. armed forces into situations where hostilities are imminent, to report promptly to Congress any action taken, and to obtain within a specified time congressional approval for continued military activity.

Emergency Powers: Presidential authority to declare a state of national emergency should be subject to periodic congressional review. The President should transmit to Congress yearly notice of all existing national emergencies and significant orders issued under each. Congress should review the emergencies every six months and should have the power to terminate them at any time by concurrent resolution. (All states of emergency now in existence should be terminated after a grace period for adjustment.)

Fiscal Powers: The President should exercise executive responsibility for sound management of public funds in a manner consistent with the programs and priorities established by Congress. This requires procedures for congressional consideration of the budget as a whole and measures for congressional disapproval of presidential impoundment of funds.

II. SUCCESSION AND TENURE

The League of Women Voters supports the succession procedures spelled out in the 25th Amendment. However, it favors a limit on the amount of time Congress may take to confirm the Vice-President.

The League of Women Voters favors retention of a two-term limitation on Presidential terms of office.

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x      REVENUE SHARING              x
x                                     x
x      Ginna Colburn, Chairman        x
x      March 2 & 3, 1976              x
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Ever wonder about revenue sharing? Is it working? What is its impact on Huntington and West Virginia? Where is the program effective? What are the problems? The revenue sharing unit will be an excellent source of information and education.

Basic background material may be found in the League publication, "General Revenue Sharing and the States" and the December issue of the "West Virginia Voter".

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x      ANNUAL MEETING                x
x      Uptowner Motel                 x
x      March 13, 1976                 x
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Schedule

- 10:30 A. M. Registration. Dues for 1976 will be accepted at this time.
- 11:00 Business Meeting.
- 12:30 P. M. Lunch. Clair Matz, guest speaker. Send reservations to Vivian Pharis by March 6.

Remember the annual meeting last year, and the year before and the year before that, when you brought a guest to the luncheon to show off League? Remember, also, how the business meeting dragged on, the guest wondered if all League meetings were like this, and the guest speaker looked at her watch to see if there would still be time to give her speech before supper? Remember how you squirmed with embarrassment when you saw your friends so uncomfortable?

Well! Those days are no more!

Now League will have its business session in the morning and invite its guests to meet them at the Uptowner at 12:30 for a good lunch and an interesting program.

No squirming! No embarrassment! No boredom!

Great, eh? See you there!

LWV of Huntington Area Budget
 April 1, 1976 to April 1, 1977

EXPENDITURES		E. <u>Bulletin</u>	Sub total	250
A. <u>Operating costs</u>				
1. General supplies	\$ 150	F. <u>Educational activities</u>		
2. Office expenses (contr. chr.)	35	1. <u>Publications</u>		
3. Audit	25	a. purchase plus dis-		
4. Capital expenditures (cost of accrued funds for new equipment)	<u>200</u>	tribution costs		50
Sub total	410	b. production plus dis-		
		tribution costs		250
B. <u>Board & administrative committees</u>		2. <u>Program committees</u>		
1. President	150	a. national		25
2. Secretary	20	b. state		25
3. Treasurer	20	c. local		25
4. Board tools & expenses	175	3. <u>Voters service</u>		<u>300</u>
5. Administrative committees		Sub total		675
a. finance	50			
b. membership	50	G. <u>Position support</u>		
c. unit organization	25	1. <u>Publications on League positions</u>		
d. public relations	<u>25</u>	(purchase, distribution,		
Sub total	515	production)		50
C. <u>Delegates, travel, and affiliations</u>		2. <u>Action activities includ-</u>		
1. State council.	150	ing lobbying		
2. National	650	a. national		25
3. Annual meeting	10	b. state		75
4. Workshops	<u>50</u>	c. local		<u>50</u>
Sub total	<u>860</u>	Sub total		200
		Grand total		\$4160
D. <u>Financial support for League</u>				
1. State & national services	825	INCOME		
2. Per Member Payment (100 members @ \$4.25 each.)	<u>425</u>	A. Dues		1400
Sub total	1250	B. Contributions		1700
		C. Publications		50
		D. Other sources		90
		E. From reserves		<u>920</u>
		Total		\$4160

NOMINATIONS

2nd V. P. Janice McNearney
 2-yr Director Diane Coe
 Anita Loch
 Fern Jones
 Betty Barrett

1 yr Director Sally Wright
 Nom. Committee Bea Lingenfelter
 Ann Csernica
 Vivian Pharis

LWV LOCAL PROGRAM, 1976-78

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Study of taxation and finance in the Huntington area.
Study of alternative forms of government in the Huntington area.
Support of improvement in the quality of recreation in the Huntington area.
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 measures to improve the election process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies.

Note: No new studies were suggested by members and none were recommended by the board.

RECYCLING

We are on the road to a working recycling program. Sam Colvin has purchased a truck exclusively for this purpose. Currently he is working on the first part of a three-phase program:

- a. Collecting aluminum from taverns on a regular basis and selling it directly to scrap dealers.
- b. Newspaper pick-up at designated residential areas.
- c. Obtaining a dump truck with three different compartments for glass.

League can participate and help Sam promote this program by finding areas or individuals in your neighborhood to store newspapers. Also, he is seeking interested people to serve on an advisory committee. You can contact him at 126 Fifth Street, Altizer. Phone: 523-4162

Janice McNearney,
E. Q. Chairman

LEAGUE HAPPENINGS

Action. In a letter to Senators Byrd and Randolph and to Congressman Hechler, Betty Barrett, chairperson of the Huntington Community Development Block Grants Citizens Advisory Committee, wrote in part:

"When the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 was passed, the intention seemed to be to allow greater local discretion in spending these federal funds, with emphasis on aiding middle and low income persons improve their housing, and providing improvements in such community-wide services as recreation, social services and public works, thereby consolidating a number of categorical grants and federal programs. Eligibility requirements at the beginning were fairly loose, with citizen participation a necessary ingredient.

As the program has continued, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has added guidelines regularly, until there are many restrictions that I believe are contrary to the intent of Congress as stated in the original Act. I believe this is unnecessary bureaucratic interference in local options, and needs to be brought to the attention of Congress. In addition, the restrictions seem to function often to eliminate eligibility of social services, to emphasize 'bricks and mortar' to the exclusion of services directly of benefit to people."

She gave several examples of "red tape":

1. Restrictions on the locations for programs and no money allowance for equipment.
2. Restrictions on the employment of a code enforcement director.
3. Insistence that programs be restricted to neighborhoods even though the public requests programs that are helpful to the entire city.
4. "The federal rules keep changing while the game is in progress."
5. The federal rules are not allowing local discretion in determining priorities.

More Action. Scratch a League member and you will find participation in civic groups other than League. The following is an incomplete list:

Affirmative Action--Helen Johnson
Bicentennial Committee--Betsy Bron, Pat Hartman, Roberta Emerson
Human Relations--Martha Woodward
Block Grant Advisory Committee--Betty Barrett
Historical Commission--Ruth Sullivan, Edna Duckworth
Cabell County Planning Commission--Helen Gibbins, Sally Lenke
Citizens Advisory Committee of Community Mental Health Center--Ruth Sullivan, Beth Bauserman
Cabell County Citizen Advisory Committee, Vocational Education--Charlene Boggs
Juvenile Service Committee--Sam Colvin, Charlene Boggs, Katie McComas

League members frequently run for office. This spring Pat Hartman has filed for state delegate.

There are more. Why don't you help make a complete list. Call Beth Bauserman, 522-3052.

League Prospects. Paul Lars Mininni, born to Dr. and Mrs. Frank J. Mininni, January 27, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. The child weighed 3.73 kilograms and measured 52 centimeters in length at birth.

Cynthia Levine, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Levine, January, 1976. The vital statistics were not reported.

Land Use. Helen Gibbins requests League to watch for program "Resourceful West Virginia" on WMUL, Monday at 7:00 P. M. and Saturday at 4 P. M. The program will be sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, the Soil Conservation Service, and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. The topics will be the use of West Virginia lands at a state level and should be useful background for future study of land use when we will be interested in studying goals for land use.

American Issues Forum. Continue to watch American Issues Forum programs on WMUL-TV33, Sunday, at 6:00 P. M. Dr. L. Aubrey Drewry, Dean, College of Business and Applied Science, Marshall University, is the moderator for the month of February. The general topic for the month is "The Business of America".

Dr. Clair W. Matz, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Marshall University, will be the moderator for March. The general topic of the month is "America in the World". The topic for the week of March 7 is "The American 'Dream' Among Nations"; of March 14, "The Economic Dimension"; of March 21, "A Power in the World"; and of March 28, "A Nation Among Nations".

The Pam Huff program of March 5, WSAZ-TV3, at 9:30 A. M., will be devoted to "The Business of America" from a feminine perspective.

Many organizations will hold living room dialogues between February 29 and March 6. Watch for listings in the newspaper for information for time and place. The LWV will sponsor a living room dialogue at the home of Mrs. R. C. Wulfman, 156 Honey-suckle Lane, Greenbrier Heights, on Monday, March 1, 1976 at 10:00 A. M. Please call Susan Pearman (736-8876) to make reservations.

If you appreciated the follow-up call-in program on WOWK-TV 13 in January, please write a note to Don Cunningham, program director, WOWK, to let him know.

REPORT FROM WINGSPREAD

Wingspread was fabulous!

Aside from the joys of meeting in a building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (the Johnson Foundation's conference center, Wingspread), the LWV national conference on the New International Economic Order (NIEO) was a great learning experience.

True to all League conferences, they gave us an intensive three-day experience (Every minute was scheduled,) worthy of any graduate school seminar.

We heard twelve speakers in the first two days. Ambassador Kanakarathne (from Sri Lanka to the U. S.) was a most articulate spokesman for what the poor countries are

Wingspread, continued

demanding in trade, aid and technology transfers. Several U. S. Department of State officers offered rebuttals. A Thai woman from the U. N. Population Fund spoke ardently about the role of women in development.

I picked up other incidentals:

--Heard many Leaguers complain about the heavy costs of maintaining a state office and was glad we don't have one.

--Delegates (from 42 states, including Hawaii and Alaska) were virtually unanimous about their problems in gaining access to newspapers and electronic media. It made me appreciate what an enviable status we have with our own local media, who often seek us out.

A task remains now to translate a fine conference into local and state action--and public understanding. I picked up some good ideas about that, too, but first I must get some rest!

--Clair Matz, Chairman, IR

HEAR, HERE, FROM THE PRESS!

The annual meeting is the one occasion of the year when Leaguers of all interests and persuasions have opportunity to meet for:

- fellowship--renewing old and making new acquaintances
- election of new board members
- program direction

The national office has suggested that we update our consensus on the United Nations. LWV has been among the earliest and staunchest supporters of the U. N. idea as a means to world peace. Recent events at the U. N., however, have left many Americans confused and questioning. Our "UN Update" is an attempt to better understand events over the past two years.

Our speaker for the annual meeting is our local International Relations chairperson, Clair Matz.

Don't forget the new format for the annual meeting: business meeting at 11:00 A. M. and lunch at 12:30 P. M. Luncheon reservations are necessary. Contact Vivian Phares, 522-8735, no later than Wednesday, March 10.

--Barbara Matz, President, LWV

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