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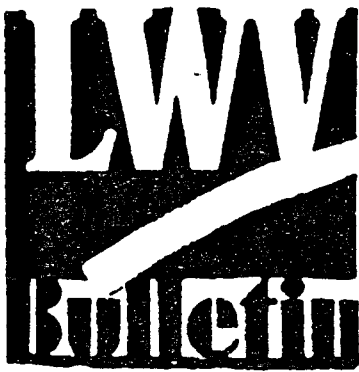
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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

APRIL 1993

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The Annual Meeting of the Huntington Area League of Women Voters has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 14, 1993. Barbara Tinsman has again graciously accepted our invitation to speak about family services and child advocacy. The dinner meeting will be followed by the business meeting.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Dinner and speaker: 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 - 8:30 pm

WHERE: Rt. 60, Bonanza Meeting Room

COST: Individually priced to order

The Nominating Committee for 1993-94 will be Monica Woodruff and Edna Duckworth.

Sex Education Controversy

The Board of Directors has discussed the controversy in which the Cabell County Board of Education seems to be embroiled. While the League Board has decided not to make public statements in this regard because we believe it would cause even more of the confrontational testimony which members of the Board of Education have witnessed, we have decided to remind League members of a few critical points.

First, the curriculum which is being used in our classrooms has been approved in the review process of the State Department of Education. Second, any parent can currently exclude their child from this curriculum upon request, and third, the alternative curriculum which several citizens have suggested be used in the schools has recently been rejected by a judge in Louisiana. The reasons stated in the newspaper for this rejection included that the curriculum was gender-biased, putting more responsibility on the refusal skills and judgement of the female than the male; it misrepresented statistics concerning contraceptives and abortions; and it proclaimed a limited family-value system and a specific moral standard that could be identified with certain religious groups.

The Board of Directors expressed a concern over these matters for several reasons. We are worried that any effort to censor ideas in a school and to force a private philosophy of family on other Cabell county families would be a serious infraction of our Constitution. The Board is also concerned that our own consensus position about responsible education in terms of reproduction would be violated if major changes occur in the delivery of this curriculum.

While the Board of Directors has agreed to make no public statement to the Board of Education, we do encourage any members with interest in this topic to write a letter to the superintendent of schools or to board members.

Congratulations! to League members who kept after the issue of solid waste and recycling in Huntington. Helen Gibbins gave testimony as recently as the last debate, and at least a pilot project has been instituted. We know they'll keep up the good work.

Do You Know?

This year families are eligible for an Earned Income Credit of up to \$2,211 if they earned up to \$22,370 in 1992 and had one or more qualifying children. Families at any income level are eligible for a Child and Dependent Care Credit of up to \$1,440 if they had child care expenses for one or more qualifying children under age 13.

The IRS provides a toll-free "tele-Tax" information line providing recorded information. For most areas, call toll-free 1-800-829-4477 and request topic number 401 for info about Child and Dependent Care Credit or topic number 402 for info about the Earned Income Credit.

Questions not answered? Then try 1-800-829-1040, the IRS toll-free number.

Still no results? Call the West Virginia 1-800-734-2319, Family Matters.

Wanted: Volunteers to help staff the League's table at the Celebration of the Outdoors, April 24, Ritter Park. And volunteers to research the charter amendments to be voted on at the June 1 Huntington municipal election. Contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Huntington Municipal Elections

The League was the primary sponsor of a forum for candidates for mayor on March 29. The Junior League, the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, National Organization for Women, and the Cabell County Child Protection Team co-sponsored. Martha Woodward, who served masterfully as the moderator, also contacted candidates and served as liaison with two groups. Sue Davis had the media out in force and was the liaison with the two other groups. Nancy Taylor and Helen Gibbins prepared a display and Mary Robson procured a city map of council districts.

The articles which appeared in the Herald-Dispatch on March 29 and 30 about candidates for mayor and city council took a lot of teamwork. Marcia Daoust received candidate answers and then edited them for the paper. Fran Norton did the duplicating of materials. Helen Gibbins and Sue Davis met with reporters in order to determine the questions, and then Helen typed the letters and the questions.

The results of both projects are something we should be proud of!

Recent Activities

Programs on environmental shopping were presented at the Newcomers Club and the Mountain State center for Independent Living; upcoming, Enslow Middle School's Earth Savers Fair (Fran Norton and Helen Gibbins).

Fran Norton is coordinating school contests on recycling -- T-shirts decorating, essays and posters. Fran is also accumulating environmental tapes for a video center at the public library. Both projects are funded by the Cabell County Solid Waste Authority.

ACTION

The League testified at the Huntington City Council urging the adoption of the ordinance to implement the pilot recycling program.

League members were reached to contact legislators asking them to support the Nongame Wildlife program.

Letter-to-the-Editor supporting the National Voter Registration Act -- Motor Voter (Carol Stroud).

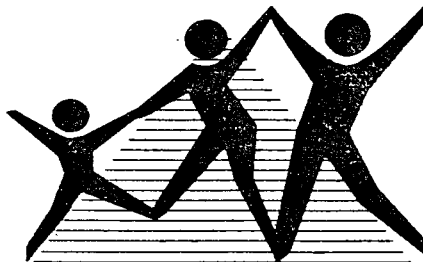
SUMMER FUN

Rose Riter has contacted the organizations and individuals who have given information for Summer Fun in the past. For new members, Summer Fun is a comprehensive guide to recreational activities and educational opportunities in the Tri-State. It is designed for children and their families and their "summer fun". Ashland Coal offsets the costs of the brochure, but Rose is the one who gets it going and carries it through. If you know of any activity of this sort, or if you would like to assist her in its distribution, call Rose at 522-4459.

QUESTIONS:

ABOUT FAMILY MATTERS?

- ◆ Where can I get my GED?
- ◆ What groups support single parents?
- ◆ Where can I find child day care services?
- ◆ Who provides services for senior citizens?
- ◆ Who helps victims of domestic violence?
- ◆ How do I apply for a nursing home?
- ◆ Who assists people with disabilities?



FAMILY
Matters

ANSWERS:

1-800-734-2319
V/TDD

BECAUSE FAMILY MATTERS!

BLUE THUMB BLOOPERS:

* Taking a short cut and using the hot water tap when cooking. Lead can dissolve into hot water from lead pipes and solder. Cold water is better. Heat it on the stove when cooking or making baby formula.

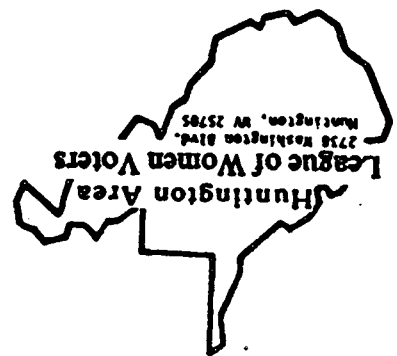
* Failing to check for the recycled mark on paper products before buying them. Recycled paper reduces water pollution from paper production by 35%. It saves water, too -- 7,000 gallons for every ton of paper. Green Mark, Green Forest, and some Kroger products are made from recycled fibers. Look for them in your stores.

* Waiting a week to fix a leak. You can lose up to 200 gallons of water a day from a leaking toilet. And a faucet can drip 604,800 drops while you are waiting.



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Calendar

APRIL	14	Huntington Area League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
	26	Huntington Area League Board Meeting, 11:30 am
MAY	17	Huntington Area League monthly meeting, 7:30 pm

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan 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 men and women of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household. To join, contact Dorothy Barenklau, Treasurer, 63 Sequoia Dr. (25705)

State Convention

Sue Davis needs to know as soon as possible if you are interested in going to the State Convention, April 30 and May 1. Never before has this been a Friday night and Saturday meeting. This means that working women can also attend! Let us know that we can send it to the State.