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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

September, 1977

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. - Committee Meeting to write articles on city charter,  
V.H. Galgano rules of recall, council-manager form of government  
7 Mortimer Place

Saturday, Sept. 17 - Human Resources Conference - Parkersburg  
For further info see inside article

Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Membership Coffee \*\*\*\*\* 9:15 a.m., Beverly Hills Presbyterian  
Church, Parking and babysitting provided

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Coffee \*\*\*\*\* Come & Bring a Friend!!  
Martha Woodward - 1802 Wiltshire Blvd.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9:15 a.m. - Board Meeting, Bev. Hills Church, babysitting provid.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Water Quality Conference - Parkersburg  
For further info see inside article

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 9:15 a.m. - Juvenile Services Consensus, Beverly Hills Church,  
Norway Ave, and Green Oak Drive, babysitting provided

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. - Juvenile Services Consensus  
Judy Deutsch, 1538 Upland Road

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\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER TO BOARD MEMBERS\*\*\*\*\*

Please attend at least one membership coffee and bring some refreshment.

Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP COFFEES

It's that time of year again! I hope you have met some prospective League members this summer. If so, please give me names, addresses, and telephone numbers. Calls are to be followed by mailed invitations again this year, so I will need names and information early in September. If it's anything like last year, our coffees will be attended by bright, active soon-to-be members. The more the merrier, so let me know who to contact soon.

MEMBERSHIP COFFEES ARE FOR ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS

See you there!

Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21

See calendar for times and places

Barbara Thompson  
523-5790

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WILL WE LOSE?

THREE more states must ratify the ERA by March, 1979 for it to become a Constitutional Amendment. League of Women Voters U.S. has undertaken a comprehensive and aggressive effort to wage an ERA campaign in the states most likely to ratify.

WE, in states which have already ratified, must support this effort. IF IT FAILS . . . WE LOSE! How important is equality for all people? Will you support it? Can we afford not to?

PLEASE . . . . . Mail your contribution to: (checks: ERA FUND)

Ms. Kathleen Kowalski  
601 9th Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701

But FIRST, ask one person (one who feels as we do about human rights), and send her or his contribution along with yours.

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Lila Thompson  
522-3792

LAST CHANCE!! To those who have not paid dues for the April, 1977 to April, 1978: New Membership Lists will be prepared in September. Payment of dues before September 15 is necessary to have your name on the roster.

Second Notices have been mailed.
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THANK YOU, CAROLYN JEFFERSON! Carolyn's office did the audit of the League's books again this year. This is a contribution and service greatly appreciated by the treasurer and your Board.

WATER POLLUTION

Marcia Daoust  
529-4406

League has a new project to do this fall. While we were all enjoying our hot, lazy summer, the state league was busy getting a grant for EPA to involve the public in water pollution control. The W. Va. leagues are to hold public meetings concerning Section 203 of the Water Pollution Control Act. This is the section of the law which provides for the development and implementation of area-wide and state-wide plan to control and prevent water pollution. The goal of the law is to improve the water quality in our area to the point where it will be swimmable and fishable by 1963.

In terms of the Huntington League, the Section 203 project means that this fall we are going to organize and hold a public meeting with a panel of those in charge of water resource planning in our area. ( Region II. and other agencies) We need lots of help to get this project off the ground before Christmas. The final date is yet undecided.

On September 28, a meeting will be held in Parkersburg where we will get further instructions on how to set up and fund this meeting. All persons who can give some time to the public meeting project ( phoning, letter writing, etc. ), please contact either Marcia Daoust 529-4406 or Janice McNearney 522-8150.

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PUBLICATIONS

Judy Deutsch  
522-2217

Especially pertinent to our November unit meetings on energy is a national LMV publication, Energy Dilemmas. This booklet presents an overview of United States energy problems and issues. It offers the nonexpert a brief, balanced introduction to our energy situation. Energy Dilemmas sketches the energy history of the crisis, and then takes up a series of interrelated questions central to any energy debate. Copies can be ordered for \$1.00.

Juvenile Services - Corrections, a state LMV publication, has been completed and is now available. This publication includes a discussion of youth who have committed a felony or misdemeanor, and children who need tight security for their own protection or for the protection of the community. The cost of this publication is \$1.50.

Please contact me if you are interested in ordering either of these.

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FALL SEMINAR ON LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA

- Date: Saturday, Sept. 17, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Place: Community Room, Grand Central Mall, Parkersburg
- Lunch: Brown bag or mall establishments
- Agenda: Overview of the WV law and each local law
  - Examples of discrimination complaints
  - Role of various agencies in civil rights
  - Myths and realities on how laws work

If you want to go, call Carole Michaels 529-0725 or Martha Woodward 525-7404.

City Council has agreed to all changes in the new ordinance requested by the Huntington Human Relations Commission. Council also appointed league member Patricia Gunn to the Commission.



League of Women Voters of West Virginia  
Local League \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Members Participating \_\_\_\_\_

June, 1977

JUVENILE SERVICES CONSENSUS  
CORRECTIONS

DUE: JANUARY 9, 1978. (1 copy to Helen Gibbins, state president, 6123 Gideon Road, Huntington, West Virginia 25705; 1 copy to Beth Bauserman, 616 South Terrace, Huntington, West Virginia 25705; 1 copy for the local file.

Note: On a separate sheet, please explain your choices. If your league has strong feelings for or against particular choices, please express them. The choices given are suggestions. Feel free to add others.

A. Preparation for life

In the light of the previous LWVW juvenile service consensus to promote rehabilitation of young offenders, what criteria do you consider essential for a program in corrections to prepare a young offender for a future life:

1. On the state level, such as

- a. Aftercare programs to help ease youth back into society. Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A trained staff. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- c. More discretion allowed the department of corrections in program planning and length of commitment for offenders controlled by checks provided by law. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Determinate commitments. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Unrestrained indeterminate commitments. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Education accredited by the West Virginia Board of Education. Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Special education for the mentally retarded. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Vocational education to train older youth for jobs. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Half-way houses for youth with unsuitable home environment or who have no place to go. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- j. More state-administered institutions for the handicapped (mentally retarded, mentally ill, etc.). Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- k. State-wide followup study of children who have returned to society.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Correctional institutions and centers divided into cottage groups with house parents. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- m. Correctional institutions and centers using military discipline life styles. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- n. Positive-behavior group programs. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- o. Safe, uncrowded buildings. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- p. Others.

2. On a local level, such as

- a. Adequate probation staff and community services to aid the court.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Increased financial assistance from the state for safe, well-constructed jails and detentions. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Education of offenders accredited by the West Virginia Board of Education. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

- d. Increased financial assistance from the legislature for community mental health centers for counseling of offenders. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
- e. Others.

3. What criteria would you oppose?

B. Community Protection

What procedures would you favor to insure the protection of the community from the "hard-core" young offenders who are frequent repeaters?

Some suggestions are:

1. A policy of certain and prompt punishment. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
2. Isolation by incarceration. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
3. The use of the indeterminate commitment (with frequent court reviews) for the offenders who are dangerous to the community or who are dangerous to themselves. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
4. Increase of commitment time for each repeated offense. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
5. Long determinate commitments under criminal jurisdiction. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
6. No placement on probation of youths who have committed serious offenses. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
7. Others.

C. Parole and Aftercare

Do you favor an efficient and effective program of parole and aftercare?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_

If so, how do you suggest that such a program be expedited?

1. Establish a program to ease children back into the school with as little social stress and loss of education as possible. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
2. Establish a program to aid youth to find employment. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
3. Establish group homes or half-way houses for youths with no place to go. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
4. Increase the number of parole workers in order to decrease the work load. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
5. Increase the salaries of parole workers enough to make the salaries competitive with other positions. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_
6. Others.

What procedures would you oppose?

D. Finance

Would you favor more state financial support for the local and state juvenile correctional system for such programs that are not covered by federal financing, such as maintenance and repair of buildings, buying of land, etc.?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_

E. Building safety standards

Do you favor minimum building standards being included in the West Virginia state code to insure the basic safety of children housed within them? Yes \_\_\_  
No \_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_

## Juvenile Service--Corrections

### GLOSSARY

Adult youth. Youth, of ages sixteen to eighteen years, who are transferred to criminal court to be tried under adult law.

Adjudication. That portion of a court hearing in which guilt or innocence is determined.

Custody. Denotes those rights and responsibilities associated with day-to-day care of the child. It includes the duty to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, ordinary medical care, training and discipline.

Commitment. A consignment in which the custody of the offender is given to the care of a penal or mental institution for an indefinite period of time.

Discretion. The power of a court or agency to make independent judgments or decisions within certain legal bounds.

Disposition. That portion of a court hearing in which the treatment of an offender is decided.

Determinate sentence or commitment. A sentence or commitment specifying a definite number of years.

Detention. The act of holding in secure custody for their own or the community's protection by court order.

G. E. D. General education diploma.

Group Home. Non-secure residential care for a group of eight to ten children with substitute parents in charge.

Guardian. One who has the care of a person or property of another. The powers and duties include most of the duties and responsibilities of a parent. In cases where the custody of the child has been given to another individual or agency, the guardian still retains power to make major decisions affecting longtime planning for the child such as surgery, consent to marriage, enlistment in armed forces, etc.

Intake. A screening process to determine whether the court should take action or whether the matter should be referred elsewhere.

Indeterminate sentence or commitment. A sentence or commitment of an indefinite number of years.

Juvenile offender. A juvenile delinquent, between the ages of ten and sixteen, who is being confined at a West Virginia industrial school.

Parole. A conditional release of an offender serving an indeterminate or unexpired commitment or sentence at a correctional agency.



(Juvenile Service--Corrections glossary, continued)

Probation. The action of a court suspending the sentences or commitments of offenders and giving them freedom during good behavior under the supervision of a probation officer.

Sentence. A judgment formally pronounced by a court in a criminal proceeding and specifying the punishment given to the offender.

Youthful offender. Youth, of ages sixteen to eighteen, who are tried under juvenile jurisdiction.

Young adult. Young adults, of ages eighteen through twenty-two, who are being confined at the correctional centers instead of the penitentiary.

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The American Enterprise Institute PUBLIC POLICY FORUMS is scheduled for showing in Huntington over WEJS-TV (Channel 4 - Cable) as follows, at 12:00 noon: Sept. 19, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: AID OR HINDRANCE TO JUSTICE?; Sept. 21, THE MODERN CORPORATION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; Sept. 26, INDEXING AND INFLATION (Part 1) and Sept. 28, INDEXING AND INFLATION (Part 2).

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