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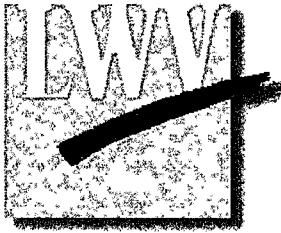
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November 2012 Bulletin - Patricia Keller, Editor

The LWV is a nonpartisan 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 women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

ENERGY EFFICIENT WEST VIRGINIA MEETING

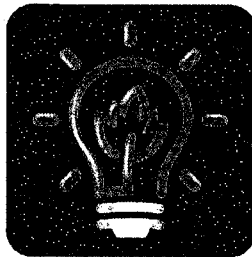
November 12, 7 pm is the date and time of our next meeting at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. The topic is energy efficiency, with Molly McLaughlin from Energy Efficient WV presenting the program. The League and the NAACP will co-sponsor the meeting for the public.

EEWV is a group of concerned West Virginia residents, businesses, and organizations that have come together to promote energy efficiency.

(From EEWV's website) "Electric rates have risen dramatically in West Virginia in the past several years. One of the major reasons EEWV is pushing for stronger efficiency programs is to help residents and small businesses lower their bills – and to reduce the need to build expensive new power plants that will raise rates even more.

"Because our electric utilities could play a central role in improving energy efficiency in West Virginia, much of our work is focused around advocacy at the Public Service Commission. We have found that the Public Service Commission's regulatory process is a mystery to most people – how it operates, what they do, why it is important, and how citizens can get involved. And yet public pressure is necessary to make sure our power companies are actually making investment decisions that are in the public interest. One of our goals is to empower more people to get involved in advancing their interests through the Public Service Commission.....Additionally, we support all groups and activities that serve to make West Virginia more energy efficient - from providing resources to governments and school systems, to holding public meetings throughout the state"

At our November 12 meeting Ms. McLaughlin will present information on EEWV's projects and legislative priorities, how



the Public Service Commission works, how electricity rates are set, and how citizens can participate in these processes

RECYCLING GLASS

You may recycle glass at Target. Enter the door, turn left, and left again to the recycling bins. OR

East of Barboursville on Rte 60, turn left at Adams Trucking and WV Pools and Spas. Drive between the two businesses. At the back of the WV Pools and Spas building is an area where you may leave glass for recycling. Probably you should bring the glass in a box (grocery stores always have plenty of boxes) or heavy plastic sack. At the east end of the parking lot off Rd. 60 are bins for other recyclables.



VOTER GUIDES ALERT

If you receive this bulletin before the election, here is a reminder on where you can access candidates' information.

The Herald-Dispatch's online version – www.herald-dispatch.com

The LWVWV's website – www.lwvwwv.org

The national League's <http://www.vote411.org/>

The Huntington League's information on ballot issues (Huntington and WV) Contact gibbins@frontier.com.

FINANCE DRIVE

We thank Monika Rowe for sending out letters to prospective donors to the LWV Huntington Area. Because our dues do not cover all of the costs of our activities, we ask that those who would like to donate to the League send a check to our Treasurer, Ann Speer, 706 Ridgewood Rd., Huntington, WV 25701. If you wish that your donation be tax deductible, please make the check payable to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.



MEMBERSHIP

Due to a state League bequest new members may join the League at half price. We thank Lois Wallace for sending the invitations to our May membership event.

SEPTEMBER HEALTH CARE MEETING

The meeting was an excellent source of information on Obamacare and how it will affect West Virginians. Some of the steps that WV still needs to take to implement Obamacare are developing the Health Insurance Exchange (passed by the legislature, but not in force yet), expanding Medicaid, and coordinating grant applications. Excellent information is available at West Virginians for Affordable Health Care – www.wvahc.org. It should be noted that a considerable number of West Virginians do not have health insurance. Full implementation of Obamacare will alleviate that situation.

LWVUS NEWS

You may subscribe to weekly LWVUS leaders Update. Log on to member.lwv.org/Login.asp. The LWVUS also has a Facebook group.

Position on Sentencing. At the LWVUS Convention 2012 delegates adopted a new position by concurrence. *The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.*

Positions on Privatization of Governmental Services is available at www.lwv.org/content/privatization-positions on **Education** at <http://public-education-positions> the study/consensus part of the LWVUS' nationwide study.

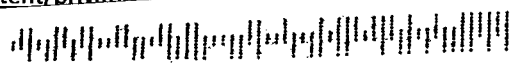
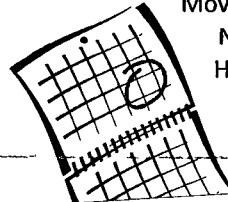
VOTERS SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

Many League members were involved in our activities. Here is a listing of some of these programs --

- Candidates meetings - we co-sponsored three candidates meetings.
- Herald-Dispatch's Election Guide, we assisted.
- MU Women Candidates Event – We registered voters and set up a display.
- Fact Sheet on Huntington's charter changes.
- Fact Sheet on WV's Constitutional Amendment on the ballot. Prepared by the LWVWV..
- Fact Sheet on Elections information.
- Program for THE LINKS, Inc. and other organizations. We presented our skit on the progress of Voting Rights in the US. Those who attended the event were motivated to Get Out The Vote.
- Program for the National Federation of the Blind, Huntington Chapter.
- Program at the library for children.

CALENDAR

- Nov. 6. Election Day
- Nov. 13. 7 pm. Women's Contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. MU Foundation Hall. MU's lectures.
- Nov. 12, 7 pm. Energy Efficient WV. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. LWV and the NAACP
- Nov. 20, 7 pm. Evaluating the Electoral College. MU Foundation Hall. MU's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series.



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