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***** CALENDAR *****

OCTOBER

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| Wednesday | 15th | 12:00 - 1:00pm | Ballot Issues Explanation by Helèn Gibbins. Brown Bag Lunch at MU Women's Center. |
| Sunday | 19th | 8:00am | Ballot Issues Explanation by Helen Gibbins. WGNT Radio. |
| Monday | 20th | 7:00pm | "The World Court" Public meeting. Dr. Clair Matz, speaker. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. |
| Wednesday | 29th | 11:45am | Candidates' Meeting for County Commission. Brown Bag Lunch at Goodwill Industries, VA Ave. |

NOVEMBER

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| Sunday | 2nd | 2:00 - 4:00pm | State Senate Candidates' Meeting and Debate. WPBY-TV, Channel 33. |
| Sunday | 2nd | 4:00 - 5:00pm | "The Issues Hit Home", a program on major campaign issues of the '86 election, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. WPBY-TV Ch. 33. |
| Tuesday | 4th | VOTE | Election Day. League Call-In Service, WOWK-TV, ph. 525-7661 |
| Monday | 17th | 7:00pm | "Homelessness in Huntington: Recommendations for Action" with speaker, Betty Barrett. Place TBA. |

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Our new national LWV president urged members to show more passion toward League issues. Maybe for you that means Acid Rain or Solid Waste or PAC's, but I reached the boiling point when I heard on TV that "International Law doesn't matter"! Some people think it does matter - The Christic Institute and the Center for Constitutional Rights are two groups which are suing the U.S. Government to force compliance with the World Court decision in favor of Nicaragua.

The League is sponsoring a program on the World Court October 20th at 7:00pm. Dr. Clari Matz, Marshall Univ. professor of political science, will discuss the court, the League's position, and what local Leagues can do to encourage legal and diplomatic solutions for international problems.

Bring questions and come on the 20th to Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

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LEAGUE SUPPORTS BALLOT ISSUES

****PRESTERA CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** The League supports the excess levy for the Prestera Center. If the levy fails, local children's programs will be at risk (except for the new Barboursville state facility for mentally ill children). Presently, the Prestera Center provides programs for individuals and families in such areas as behavioral problems; physical and sexual abuse; and alcohol and drug abuse. The Prestera Center is one of the two mental health facilities in WV that is accredited.

The League has a long history of supporting community-based programs for troubled children and their families. We favor programs which will prevent children from getting in trouble with the law; programs which will be an alternative to court proceedings; and programs which treat children who appear before the court.

****TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY:** The League supports the Huntington excess levy for the TTA. We believe that energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems improve the well-being of cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

****THE BETTER SCHOOL BUILDINGS AMENDMENT #2:** The League supports Amendment 2, which authorizes the State to issue up to \$200 million in bonds for school construction and renovation.

A 1984 survey showed that all 55 counties hve schools which should be replaced or renovated. It has been estimated that \$873 million will be needed to provide high quality school facilities for all children in the State.

-- All three of these ballot issues are explained in the "VOTE" enclosure.--

The fund-raising imperative

The League of Women voters provides its members, schools, and the public with citizen information in many different areas of interest. We also spend many hours and our energy preparing background material on issues, coming to positions through the consensus process, and then lobbying on the positions.

Our \$25 yearly dues do not cover the costs of our community service, study-action, and payments to the national and state levels of the League (currently \$22 per member). We are an integral part of the state and national organization and our payments to these levels are necessary to keep them operating.

Therefore, we send letter to the public asking for donations. The finance drive is in process now. Our appreciation goes to Jean George and Anna Csernica, who prepared and mailed out the finance letters.

We also ask those League members who feel they can afford to give to the League in addition to their dues to make voluntary contirbutions. Checks may be sent to Lila Thompson, Treasurer of the Huntington LEague. To be tax deductible, checks must be made out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

HELP PRODUCE THE BULLETIN!!

 We need your help!

Do you have access to a photo-copy machine? The League desperately needs your help to make copies of our monthly bulletin. The League provides paper and all supplies (including typed copy). We print about 300 copies of our 4-6 page bulletin each month. Call Helen Gibbins.

Voters Service

★ Election Issues, Candidates Meetings

WOWK-TV 13 will tape interviews with League Members to be broadcast on several NewsMakers programs at 6:45am after October 16. Topics include constitutional amendments, local ballot issues, absentee voting, and election day procedures.

WGNT radio will broadcast an interview with League members on ballot issues, 8:00am, Sunday, October 19.

The national League will sponsor "The Issues Hit Home" on PBS, Sunday October 2 at 4:00pm. Also, Nancy Neuman, the League's national president, will be the guest on C-SPAN's call-in program October 15, 9:30 - 10:30pm.

Community Services Roundtable will sponsor a candidates meeting for the Cabell County Commission on Wednesday, October 29 at Goodwill Industries. League members may attend. (Brown Bag Lunch beginning at 11:45am)

Helen Gibbins and Tom Miller, of the Herald Dispatch, will question Cabell County candidates for the State Senate on WPHY, Channel 33, Sunday, November 2.

The Herald-Dispatch will publish the candidates' answers to the League's questionnaire (coordinated by Frances Huddleston).

★ Help Wanted - Election Day Call-In

Please volunteer to Frances Huddleston, 736-4452, if you wish to answer the phone at the League's Election Day Call-In Service at WOWK-TV studios.

★ Absentee Voting

If you will be out of the county on November 4, Election Day, you may vote absentee in the circuit clerk's office from October 20 - November 1. You may vote absentee by mail if you will be gone from the county during absentee voting hours, or if medical reasons prevent you from voting in person. If you are totally and permanently disabled, you should ask about the application for the special absentee voting list at the circuit clerk's office, Cabell County Court House.

★ Cancellation of Register-to-Vote Project

Our register-to-vote project was cancelled on October 4 at the Junior Women's Arts and Crafts Fair. Intermittant rain prevented us from carrying out the project. We thank you all who were willing to help.

LWV ON PUBLIC RADIO ONCE AGAIN

The League of Women Voters of WV will again be heard on Public Radio. League commentaries will be broadcast twice a month at 7:30am during the "Morning Edition" program.

Women's Studies Conference to be Held in Huntington in November

Marshall University will host the North Central Women's Studies Association Conference on November 7 & 8. Florence Howe will be the keynote speaker. Registration deadline is October 31. For more information, contact the MU Women's Center, 696-3112.

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Huntington Area. Today.**

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