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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS * HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

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C A L E N D A R

- Sept. 16 9:30 a.m. Election Laws Unit, Enslow Park
Presbyterian Church. Nursery provided.
- Sept. 17 7:30 p.m. Election Laws Unit, Mrs. J. A. Roach,
1906 Wiltshire Blvd.
- Oct. 8 7:30 p.m. RECEPTION: SPONSORS, CITY COUNCIL AND
COUNTY OFFICIALS, LEAGUERS AND HUSBANDS
Junior League Community Center, 609 9th
Ave.
- Oct. 21 9:30 a.m. Election Laws - Consensus - First Round
Recommendations for National Program,
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Nursery
provided.
- Oct. 22 7:30 p.m. Election Laws - Consensus - First Round
Recommendations for National Program.
Mrs. Douglas Tonkies, 166 Woodland Dr.
- Nov. 4 & 5 Housing, Local Item Unit

DUES DEADLINE

The dues deadline for 1969-70
is Oct. 1. If you have not
paid dues this year, send \$7.50
to the treasurer, Mrs. Robert
Means, 5953 Mahood Drive.

LIVELY DISCUSSIONS

Lively discussions should emerge
from League study of "The
Absentee Ballot; Procedures and
Problems" Units will meet at
9:30 a.m. Tues. Sept. 16 at
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church
and at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 with
Judy Roach, 1906 Wiltshire Blvd
At the morning meetings, a baby
sitter is available at a cost
of 50¢ per parent. Consensus is
scheduled for Oct. 21 and 22

Change in Local Board - new
member Mrs. Anthony Kosak
(Carolyn), Foreign Policy.

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Chairman has
a good supply of the new (Feb.
'69) publications catalogs.
Every board member and study
group leader should have one.
FREE! Give her a call. Also
available;

Human Resources:

1. "Current Review of Human
Resources & Employment"
50¢ each
2. Facts & Issues April '69
"Development Aid - Images
& Realities" 30¢ each
3. Facts & Issues June '69
"A.W.O.'s International
Development" 30¢ each
4. On file - Mrs. Benson's
statement to the House
Task Force on Poverty.

Housing:

1. A Time for Action for
funding housing programs

PUBLICATIONS (CONT)

- 2. Book - "The Ill-Housed" - \$1 to members. a compendium of recent writings on natl. housing policy.

Public Relations:

- 1. "The League of Women Voters Tries Harder" Mrs. Benson
- 2. Various writeups on the 50th Anniversary

Electoral College:

- 1. Leader's Guide
- 2. Book - Who Should Elect the President? \$1.50
- 3. Book - The Presidential Lottery - Mitchner

Flyers, Pamphlets & Films:

- 1. Facts About the League of Women Voters - 1969
- 2. When You Write to Washington - 1969-70 50¢ ea.
- 3. So You'd Like to Do Something About Water Pollution 20¢ ea.
- 4. It's Your Decision-Clean Water free film
- 5. The U.N. Today 10¢ ea.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Frank Matthews, Jr.
828 - 11th Ave.

Mrs. Gilbert Kleinknecht
1772 Crestmont Drive

Mrs. Anthony Kozak
Apt. 4, 980 Madison Ave.

Mrs. Zack Laney
5 Parkway Drive

Mrs. David Graver
6162 Birkwood Road

Mrs. M. R. Mason, Jr.
517 - 12th Ave.

Mrs. George Hartman
6224 Brenda Court

LOCAL BOARD ACTION

After careful consideration the Board has voted to submit the resignation of League from the Inter-Club Council. The League is prevented by its own policies from voting on issues which the Council supports or opposes.

A VERY SPECIAL NIGHT

We are having a reception Oct. 8th at the Jr. League Community center, 609 - 9th Ave. at 7:30 p.m. for our 50th Anniversary sponsors, the City Council and County Court members and wives. League members will be able to meet them on a person to person basis. Exciting and different methods of presenting our local programs and interests will be used. Let's have many Leaguers and husbands present with their own brand of witty and intelligent conversation. You are promised a very entertaining evening!

FIRST ROUND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the Oct. 21, 22 Election Laws meetings there will be an opportunity for members to support and suggest topics for the National Program. After the membership discussion the local board will send its recommendations to the National Board. The National Board will discuss the recommendations from all the local Leagues and make a list which represents the suggestions of the Leagues. This list will be considered by local League members again and Second Round Recommendations will be sent to National. The National Convention will debate and finally vote on the National Program in May, 1970. Read "Lively Issues" in the Aug Sept. National Voter to stimulate your thinking on current issues of the day to consider.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Bi-racial discussion groups will be set up again this Fall by FREE at their first meeting on Sept. 23. If you missed these last year, here is another chance to become involved. Call Pat Hartman, 736-5790, for the details.

HOUSING HELP

Congratulations to the Cabell County Court for approving the resolution allowing local housing owners to participate in Federal rent supplement programs in unincorporated parts of the County. The League was concerned about an apparent deadlock on this resolution and was prepared to testify in its favor. We have sent a congratulatory letter to the Court.

TIME FOR ACTION

The local president has been responding to Times for Action pertaining to Housing and Water. The League is participating in The Citizens Crusade for Clean Water. It is important for all interested citizens to urge Congress to support full appropriations for sewage treatment facilities - \$1 billion. Congressman Ken Hechler is one of the House members pledged to support this funding. During the W. Va. legislative session in July, the local president sent night letters to both senators and to the House of Delegates supporting the Civil Service legislation and the Governor's succession amendment to the Constitution. Neither bill passed.

LEAGUE'S FUTURE

The future of the League of Women Voters depends on YOU!

Do you believe League can make a difference/ After 50 years of a great idea, YOU KNOW IT DOES! And you members have shown that you want to be a part of the action. The present status of the 50th Anniversary Campaign is good, bad, and indifferent.

MEMBERS: Have given or pledged \$1600 GOOD!
20 members haven't given. INDIFFERENT!
Co-ordinator - Mary Pandia GREAT!

CAMPAIGN: Jean Lopley, coordinator. EXCELLENT!
10 members calling on contributors. GOOD!
Contributors have given \$900. GOOD!
\$200 to go!

SPONSORS: 28 community leaders think League is a great idea. GOOD!
We're planning a big reception for sponsors GOOD!

LEAGUE: For 50 years. GOOD!
TO TOMORROW, EVEN BETTER!

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON ELECTION LAWS - OCT.21 & 22-DEADLINE NOV.1

1. Do you recommend changing any of the present laws to minimize the opportunities for fraud with respect to absentee voting? If the answer is yes, be specific as to your recommendations. (For example, Requirements for preserving secrecy of the absentee ballot, conditions for assistance of the absentee voter, procedures for counting the ballot by election officials, any affidavits or notarizations need by the voter in order to vote.)
2. What Changes, if any, in the laws concerning application for an absentee ballot do you favor?
3. What changes, if any, do you favor in the laws concerning voting absentee by mail?
4. Who should be authorized to challenge a ballot voted absentee and what are the grounds on which such a ballot should be challenged?

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON ELECTION LAWS (CONT.)

5. Should there be provisions for a voter hit by a medical emergency between present closing dates and election day?
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DISCUSSIONS ON STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES

All over the United States Leagues have been discussing ways in which the League should be meeting the challenges of this modern age.

In August our League met for this purpose. The feeling of the group was:

1. The membership would like to be informed better about the Education Fund's projects.
2. We approve of League's program making procedures. League's uniqueness is in its studying and presenting positions backed by facts. We do not approve of rushing through emergency items. Our program load is heavy now and we do not have time to pursue thoroughly all our items. Rushing the program making process would overload us more.
3. We are not interested in acting on our principles alone. These principles were developed to help us choose items for program study. The principles are too general to consider as consensus for action. We feel we do not have to jump on the bandwagon for every issue which comes along. We need more emphasis at the local level in using the tools we have in stimulating members to participate in League more fully.

After the positions from other Leagues in W. Va. were compiled Mrs. G. R. Nugent, state president, and Mrs. Neil Gibbins attended a one day Southeastern United States regional meeting in Atlanta to discuss further the directions League might go. The meeting was led by Mrs. Benson, the national president.

Some interesting suggestions made at this meeting were:

1. Formation of a new, limited kind of League in small communities unable to study and act on items at all three levels; national, state, and local.
2. Automatic re-evaluation of positions every five years.
3. Organization of Junior Branches of League in high schools and colleges.
4. Possibility of action at the national level by Leagues in a region or state which have studied and come to consensus on topics not studied nationally. (Voter registration in the south, for example.)