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## Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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\*\*\*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*\*\*

### NOVEMBER

Monday 17th 7:00 pm

"Homelessness in Huntington: Recommendations for Action" with speaker, Betty Barrett. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. (See article below.)

### DECEMBER

Monday 1st 7:00 pm

Huntington League Board Meeting

Date & Time TBA

Meeting with our state legislators. Home of Betsy Broh, 721 13th Avenue.

### HUMAN NEEDS

Study and evaluation of existing and proposed federal policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the nation's poor.

Betty Barrett, chairperson of the Huntington Task Force on the Homeless, will discuss recommendations and activities related to the homeless and at-risk people on November 17, 7:00 pm at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

National attention has been focused in recent years on problems of homelessness. While Huntington has been fortunate to have some effective services for the homeless, there are a number of homeless and at-risk people in our city. Recent studies, including the one by the Huntington Task Force on the Homeless, show that there are many causes and that many of the people affected are local people rather than transients.

The Huntington Task Force, made up of members from agencies serving the homeless and poor, government, business and the community, prepared a report based on extensive study. It included a number of important recommendations that need to be examined carefully. One of the major recommendations was to name a continuing smaller group to begin to solve the problems addressed by the report.

The Huntington League, as a part of the national League's two year study "Meeting Basic Needs", will conduct a survey on basic needs: a basic income level, food, shelter, and access to health care. Our November 17 meeting will be an introduction to local problems of the disadvantaged. An article in the National Voter's September/October 1986 issue describes the scope of the League's study.

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## GETTING THE LEAGUE JOB DONE

THANK YOU to Linda Rowe for the excellent bulletin she has produced for a number of years. Under her editorship the bulletin has been attractive, easy-to-read, and informative. For maternity reasons Linda is resigning from the board.

VOTERS SERVICE WRAPUP Frances Huddleston chairs Voters Service for the Huntington League. She was assisted by many helpers—

Telephone workers at our election day call-in service were Frances, Carol Kern, Beth Bauserman, Jan Young, Virginia Henseley, Martha Woodward, Carol Stroud, Monica Woodruff, and Nancy Huddleston.

Speakers on ballot issues were Beth Bauserman, Pete Vaughan, and Helen Gibbins.

The VOTE flyer was distributed to libraries, the Chamber of Commerce office, and other public places.

OTHER SPEECHES Helen Gibbins spoke to a Marshall University nursing class on environmental issues and to the WV Scenic Trails Association on public involvement in planning and decision making.

## UNITED NATIONS

The annual conference for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) affiliated with the UN Department of Public Information will be held at UN headquarters, January 21-23. The theme of this year's conference is "Bettering the Human Condition -- An Agenda for Action." There is no registration fee for the conference. For further information contact Nancy Taylor, 522-3361.

### Reading up

Groundwater: A Citizen's Guide is a new publication geared to non-technical persons who are interested in protecting our waters. League members may buy the publication for \$1.25. Contact Dorothy Fisher, 523-2556, if you wish to order a copy.

The Huntington League gave copies of "How to Judge a Candidate" and "How to Watch a Debate" to public school social studies teachers and MU political science teachers.

### A PLACE FOR YOU

Whatever level of involvement is possible, there's an important place for you in the League of Women Voters: a bigger place in the political process.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS The Huntington Board wishes to hear from our members what studies you believe the League should adopt. The deadline for state studies' proposals is Dec. 1. Our board will finalize proposals for local studies in February. Outside groups have asked us to consider studying liability insurance at the state level and the Cabell-Huntington Hospital at the local level. The Morgantown League is proposing a state study on the effectiveness of school boards. Let us hear from you on what you believe the League should study!

FINANCE DRIVE The Huntington League's finance drive is well underway. We are always pleased to receive contributions from members for the funding of our many projects.

DUPLICATING THE BULLETIN We are losing our access to a photocopy machine. The League needs help to make copies of our monthly bulletin. We print about 260 copies of our bulletin each month. The League supplies the paper, supplies, and typed copy.

## Membership

Welcome to our new member:

Cynthia Beal  
6 Southwood Dr.  
Huntington, WV 25701

Reminder to those of you who have not yet paid your 1986-87 dues: please send Lila Thompson, Treasurer, your dues. Statewide and local budgets are made up depending on membership numbers. These committees plan to meet soon.

The United States Constitution

The national League of Women Voters Education Fund is planning a project on the Bicentennial of the US Constitution. The project will include six public forums on constitutional issues with companion citizen outreach opportunities. If any of you have suggestions on a Bicentennial project which the Huntington League might pursue, let us know. There will be some pass-through funding available for selected local Leagues.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF MENTALLY ILL JUVENILES

The new Barboursville facility was recently constructed to house 22 chronically ill children from around the state who need 24 hours supervision. It is scheduled to open on December 1 with a staff of 55 and a budget of \$2,000,000. The Prestera Center will be paid by the State Health Department to run the Barboursville school. The State Department of Education will give a grant to the Cabell County Board of Education to pay for the teaching staff.

Plans for the future include a spectrum of services such as out-patient services, therapeutic foster homes, day treatment, and a training center in cooperation with the Marshall Medical School, Marshall Department of Special Education, WVU, and other professionals.

On November 15, the school expects to qualify for a federal grant to establish an interagency service for youth, with the aim of serving youth as out-patients and in the community.

Legislative, court, and public support is needed to encourage the cooperation of agencies. The school needs funding for adequate salaries to attract a highly trained staff in order to keep accreditation.

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