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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R ! ! !

JANUARY 1987

14th, Wednesday
West Virginia Legislature convenes.

14th, Wednesday, 3:00 PM
"Meeting Basic Human Needs" Committee,
home of Nancy Mullen, 1006 13th Ave.

20th, Tuesday, 9:30 AM
County Commission Meeting,
Cabell County Courthouse, 3rd flr.

26th, Monday, 7:30 PM
City Council Meeting, City Hall.

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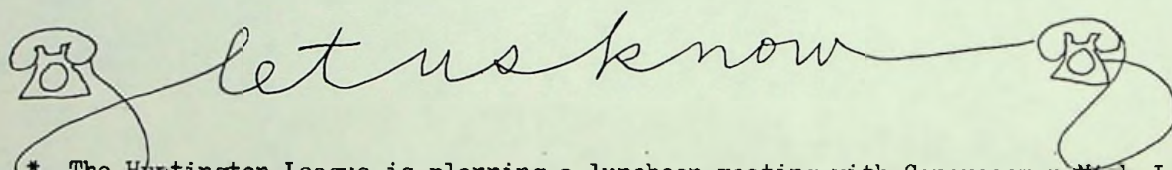
2nd, Monday, 7:00 PM
League Board Meeting (open)

10th, Tuesday
Women's Day at the Legislature

16th, Monday
Huntington League's trip to
the Legislature

23rd, Monday, 7:00 PM
League Meeting: Education
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church

Note: Instead of a regular League meeting in January, we invite members to attend public meetings (above), after which, League members and friends will gather at a local restaurant to discuss the meeting.

 let us know

* The Huntington League is planning a luncheon meeting with Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (date not established yet). Please call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, if you'd like to be notified.

* Do you wish to suggest issues for the Huntington League to study in the 1987-88 year? Or by-laws changes? Or nominations to the board? At the February 2 board meeting, the board will propose by-laws and the program of study/action to be voted on by the membership at the March 21 Annual Meeting. Give your ideas to Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, by February 1. To make a nomination, call Marcia Daoust, 529-4406.

* We are planning a trip to the Legislature on Monday, Feb. 16. If you wish to ride along with other League members, call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

* Want to help prepare the League's flyer "Summer Fun"? Call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

* Volunteer to Nancy Mullen, 522-9045, to help gather information for the Meeting Basic Human Needs Survey. (See article on back.)

IN THIS NATION... .. AND BEYOND

Is everyone who is eligible for food stamps receiving them? How much red tape is involved in obtaining emergency assistance? Where could you turn for assistance if faced with sudden unemployment, large medical bills and no health insurance? What are the roles of each level of government and the private sector as they relate to social services? What should they be? These are just a few of the many questions posed by the League's Meeting Basic Human Needs (MBHN) study.

The League is not a newcomer to these issues. In 1971 the national League adopted its current position on income assistance programs, child care for low-income families, and employment and training programs.

Welfare reform is once again on the nation's domestic policy agenda. The MBHN study is a means of positioning the League to address the critical issues that will be raised in the upcoming policy debate. The study will focus on meeting four basic human needs in the US: food, shelter, basic income level and health care. (Background information in the Sept/Oct national VOTER.)

During the first year of the study, Leagues will be obtaining community profile information designed to help identify needs that may be unmet. We have until March 31, 1987, to gather demographic data and information on programs and participants, conduct interviews with public officials and program administrators, and complete some fascinating case studies.

Nancy Mullen, 522-9045, is coordinating the study for our League. We need volunteers to help gather information. A committee meeting will be held Jan. 14, 3 PM, 1006 13th Ave.

(Thanks to the New Martinsville League for article info.)

As a result of our study of US Relations with Developing Countries, the League's 1986 Advocacy Agenda now includes "Create a climate for meeting the long-term social and economic needs of developing countries by opposing aid to the Contra forces in Nicaragua." This statement applies our position on reducing the risk of military conflict, promoting sound management of global resources, protecting human rights, stimulating economic growth and improving the quality of life in developing countries.

It is also important, with a new budget coming up, to remember the poor financial condition of the United Nations. In view of the League's long support of the UN, we should urge Congress to restore funding for it and put a stop to efforts to circumvent peace-keeping programs already in place. Let our representatives and senators hear from you; even those who agree with us need our backing.

MOVING? NEW PHONE NUMBER? WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?
LET LILA THOMPSON, TREAS., KNOW, ADDRESS BELOW ...

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Coming Up

February 16, Monday

Huntington League's trip to the Legislature. We picked a holiday so that many workers will be free to go with us. To join in, call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

February 23, Monday

League meeting: "Learning Outcomes". 7:00 PM, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. See LEARNING, page 2.

March 2, Monday

League Board Meeting, Open. Home of Kirsten Bagley, 1123 12th Avenue.

March 3, Tuesday

Board of Education Meeting. 620 20th St. See AND ESPECIALLY, page 2.

No date set

Noon meeting with Congressman Rahall, not yet scheduled by his office. Let Helen Gibbins know if you wish to be notified, 736-3287.

March 21, Saturday

Huntington League's Annual Meeting. See announcement with this BULLETIN.

SPECIAL ALERT:

"Land of the Canaan." For many years the League has supported the establishment of Canaan Valley as a National Wildlife Refuge. West Virginia is the only state in the nation which does not have a National Wildlife Refuge.

A richly diverse boreal ecosystem thrives in the Canaan Valley. The wetlands provide feeding and breeding grounds for numerous fish and wildlife species. Rare and endangered species of plant and animal life depend upon the area for survival. National Wildlife Refuge status was proposed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the best way to protect these valuable resources. The League also believes establishment of a refuge would provide for outstanding educational and recreational opportunities for West Virginians and the 45 million people who live within a 300 mile radius.

Unfortunately, the proposal for a pumped-storage hydroelectric power facility threatens the possibility of a Refuge. At present this proposal is under legal challenge, but according to the Charleston Gazette, Governor Moore has indicated West Virginia is ready to pull out of this legal challenge.

Please write to Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel, Main Interior Building, 18th & C Streets, NW, Washington, D. C., 20240. Urge him to recommend the protection of Canaan as a National Wildlife Refuge.

LEAGUE IN ACTION

In January, various League members attended a number of public meetings such as School Board, County Commission, and City Council. At the County Commission meeting, the League submitted a statement on our support of Solid Waste Management (see box at right). The League always encourages its members and all citizens to attend public meetings --

AND ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME:

With dissention among Board of Education members and some employees, it is vitally important that the public attend the Board's meetings. The Board of Education needs to know that the public wants them to set policies based on the good of the system and employees, and especially the school children.

Board of Education Meetings: the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: WHAT, WHY & HOW

Administrators from the Cabell County Schools will speak about "Learning Outcomes" at our regular League meeting, Monday, Feb. 23, 7 PM, Enslew Park Presbyterian Church.

Learning goals for each grade level have been established so that all students in every county of West Virginia will have an equal opportunity to learn. These goals are called "Learning Outcomes" and include a list of all the things each child is expected to learn at every grade level. To find out more about how this program is being implemented and what it will mean for the future of our educational system, attend this meeting.

READY FOR "SUMMER FUN"?

If you'd like to serve on the committee which will prepare our recreation pamphlet of opportunities for summer activities geared to children and youth, call Susan Ray, 522-0235.

To the Cabell County Commission:

The League of Women Veterans of the Huntington Area is concerned about the trash dumped in areas all over the county. Cleanup programs are organized from time to time, but the effects of such programs are short lived. Trash soon appears in the cleaned up areas.

Studies of the Tri-State area indicate that there is a potential for many more recreational opportunities here. The League believes that if our county intends to be successful in attracting tourism, it must change its image.

In order to clean up Cabell County on a permanent basis, the League urges the Cabell County Commission to adopt an ordinance requiring mandatory garbage pickup service. Private haulers are already in business here and provide voluntary pickup service in the areas outside municipalities; however, some people who do not subscribe to the garbage pickup service dump their garbage and trash in rural areas, on other people's property, along the roadsides, or wherever they wish.

Illegal dumps are a health hazard as well as an aesthetic disaster. Rats and other disease-spreading vermin proliferate in such dumps. Runoff waters from such dumps enter our streams, rivers, and sometimes even the groundwaters which are well water sources.

The League realizes that to begin a mandatory pickup system will involve planning. We urge you to show your concern about the trash problem by assigning the planning for a mandatory program to the planning commission or whatever agency you believe will do the job.

Helen Gibbins, President

(Statement made to the Cabell County Commission at their January meeting, 1987.)

LWV

STATE CONVENTION will be held April 10-11 at Oglebay Park, Wheeling. Members from around the state can attend workshops on School Finance, Natural Resources, and League Operations. For more information, call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Jay Phillips, son of Harmony Phillips who died in January after a long illness. Harmony Phillips was a past president of the Huntington League and was also active in AAUW and the Unitarian Fellowship. She had been instrumental in nominating women as appointees to governmental positions. Harmony was the originator of the Information and Referral Service in Huntington and contributed her expertise to I & R long after she retired. She will be missed.

Welcome

NEW MEMBER

Lexie E. Bailey
4476 8th Street Road
Huntington, WV 25701
Telephone: 529-4843

NEW BABIES

Morgan Padgett
daughter of League members
Barbara Cienfuegos and
Vernon Padgett

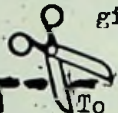
Andrew Rowe
son of League members
Linda and Robert Rowe



REMINDER TO HUMAN
NEEDS "SURVEYORS"

Nancy Mullen needs your reports by March 11.

“ I JOINED THE LEAGUE BECAUSE I was new in town and wanted to learn about Huntington and West Virginia” -- CSS. This is just one in a series of reasons people have become LWV members. If you'd like to join, use the coupon below. If you know a prospect, give his/her name to Lila Thompson. We send copies of our BULLETIN to those who might be interested in joining.



To join the Huntington Area League of Women Voters, fill in this coupon and mail it with your dues check payable to:

Huntington LWV
c/o Lila Thompson, Treas.
2738 Washington Blvd.
Huntington, WV 25705

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

The League is a non-profit, non-partisan organization open to all men and women of voting age. Dues are \$25 individual and \$37.50 for two members in the same household.

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