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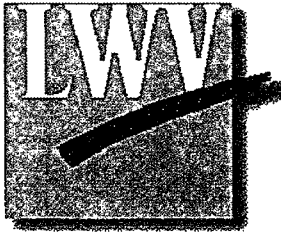
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# The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area



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**SPECIAL  
COLLECTIONS**

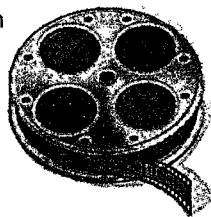
*The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.*

## VIEW "THE LAST MOUNTAIN" November 15, 7 pm, Beverly



Hills Presbyterian Church, 469 Norway Ave. The Huntington League is sponsoring the viewing of the film for anyone interested in the environmental costs of mountaintop removal mining. The documentary

traces the ecological problems that are the result of mountaintop removal in West Virginia. The film shows how local communities, with the help of such national figures as Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and local heroes and heroines, stand up to industries that are making decisions harmful to their lives. For more information contact Rose Riter, 522-4459.



**RUNNING FOR OFFICE WORKSHOP** The Huntington League will sponsor a workshop for those who are running for office in 2012. The date and place of the workshop are Nov. 7, 7 pm at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, 1338 Enslow Boulevard. Martha Woodward will moderate the workshop. The topics covered in the workshop will be - Campaign Finance Regulations and Reports - Karen Cole, County Clerk; Preparing the Message - Jean Dean, Former Mayor of



Huntington; Reaching the Public - Oattie Adkins, Assessor; and Raising Money for Campaigns - David Tyson, former Chair of the WV Republican Party. Please invite those who plan to run for office to this workshop.

**RECYCLING** The Cabell County Solid Waste Authority, in conjunction with the Cabell County Commission, the City of Huntington, and Rumke Recycling, is installing several drop off centers for recycling. The locations include the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, the Health Department, 703 7th Ave; Perry Morris Square in Milton; and Adams Trucking, Rt. 60. It is hoped that more locations will be opened eventually.

Rumke Recycling accepts all plastic bottles #1-7 if the bottle has a small mouth with a base wider than the mouth. Typical bottles include milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles. Other recyclables include aluminum and metal cans, cardboard and paper products such as newspaper or magazines. A camera will monitor to see that people do not throw waste into the recycling bins. The Solid Waste Authority is also working to find a market for glass, but recycling glass is NOT available now.



**Unacceptable plastic materials:** Any plastic not in the shape of a bottle is not acceptable, such as:

- Plastic bags (i.e. grocery bags)
- Butter tubs or whipped topping tubs
- Plastic plates, cups and utensils
- Food trays, like the ones from frozen meals
- Toys or plastic wrappers/packaging
- Film containers
- Oil jugs
- Medical sharps or medical waste  
(Do not place medical sharps or medical waste inside of recyclables. For example, plastic containers being used to dispose of sharps should be placed in the

*garbage only and are not recyclable. They may place employees who are sorting the material at risk of serious injury.)*

Curbside recycling is available through Allied Waste. Other locations for recycling are Barboursville - paper and plastic; Goodwill center on 19<sup>th</sup> Street West - paper, cardboard, and computers; Allied Waste on Rte 2 - plastics, paper, aluminum and metal cans.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle are the priorities in that order for managing our waste. Recycling saves energy, the waste of materials that can be used in reprocessing, and the costs of transporting and disposal of solid waste. Please take part in at least one of our recycling programs.

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIST** The League prepares and updates a list of public officials on the Herald-Dispatch website. Click News, Communities, and Directory of Public Officials and Personnel to access the site.

**FINANCE DRIVE** Thank you, Monika Rowe, for preparing and mailing the letters to donors to the LWV. Instead of fundraisers the League raises money for its activities by asking for support from community members.

**PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES** The LWVUS is preparing background materials on our next study/consensus: "Privatization of Government Services". The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and the community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good.

The LWVUS will provide a history and background of privatization, a glossary of terms, legal issues to be considered when privatizing at different levels of government, current state regulations on privatizing and case studies on successful and unsuccessful privatizing efforts. Finally, the committee will provide suggested policies and parameters to be considered when privatizing.

We need volunteers to help present the information to our local League in January 2012. Contact Helen Gibbins, 304-736-3287, if you are interested in helping.

**CLEAN AIR Correction** (Article in the *LWVWV VOTER*) The Obama administration did not withdraw the Cross State Air Pollution Rule. It withdrew the upgrade to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone in advance of a regularly scheduled review in 2013.

**Polling on Clean Air.** The LWVUS, along with some other organizations, sponsored a poll on attitudes towards government regulating pollutants that cause dirty air.

- 70 percent support the EPA requiring stricter limits on the amount of toxic chemicals that industrial facilities can release
- 69 percent are in favor of the EPA limiting the amount of carbon pollution that power plants and industrial facilities can release.
- 70 percent of Americans disapproved of Obama's decision to block the ozone pollution standard.
- Nearly four out of five Americans (78 percent) want the EPA to hold corporate polluters accountable for what they release into the community.

Congress is not paying attention to the attitudes of the general public. The House has passed several laws that will weaken the EPA's ability to protect the public health of our citizens.

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