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January 2010 Bulletin - Patricia Keller, Editor

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 \$40 individual, \$55 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.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES MEETING

Huntington League members and friends are invited to attend the monthly meeting at the Ponderosa Restaurant, US 60 East at noon. We have reserved a meeting room. We will talk about the 2010 WV legislative session, emphasizing the WV League's priorities. Many of you received the recent issue of the WV VOTER. It listed the League's priorities:

- *Support authorization of a pilot project offering public campaign financing for all qualified candidates for the Supreme Court of Appeals in 2010.*
- *Support laws and regulations that ensure the protection of WV's water quality and supply now and in the future.*
- *Support adequate mental health care treatment.*

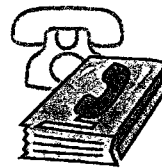
If you did not receive a copy of the WV VOTER, and would like to receive one, please contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, or gibbins@verizon.net. If there is time, we will talk about other proposals for the upcoming session.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

(From the WVVOTER)

You may access up-to-date information on the WV Legislature's website: www.legis.state.wv.us. The Daily Summary provides an up-to-date summary of recent legislative activities. The Wrap-Up is the legislature's official newsletter that is published weekly through the regular session and provides summaries of bills and other action. You may also download introduced bills, and track them. Also all of the legislators' addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses are available.

Here is the list of the legislators who represent Cabell and Wayne counties:



Fifth Senatorial District - Cabell and Wayne

Evan Jenkins (D) 306 Holswade Dr., Huntington, 25701; 523-1365 (h); 925-0342 (w); Capitol 304-357-7956, Room 216W; ejenkins@mail.wvnet.edu;

Robert "Bob" Plymale (D) PO 543, Ceredo 25507; 696-7098(w); Capitol 304-357-7937, Room 417M; plybob@aol.com

Parts of Wayne County are also in the 6th District - Senators H. Truman Chafin (D) Mingo and John Pat Fanning (D) Mc Dowell; and the 7th District - Senators Ron Stollings (D) Boone, and Earl Ray Tomblin (D) Logan.

15th Delegate District - Cabell and part of Lincoln

Kevin Craig (D) 39 Chestnut Dr., Huntington 25705; 522-5757 (w); Capitol - 304-340-3350; Room 218 E; kcraig1@mail.wvnet.edu

Carol Miller - (R) 1316 12th St., Huntington, 25701; Capitol - 304-340-3176; Office - 4R; carolmil@mail.wvnet.edu;

Jim Morgan (D) Capitol - 304 - 340-3192; Office - 213E; delegatejim@aol.com; 523-6120 (w)

16th Delegate District - Cabell and part of Wayne

Doug Reynolds (D) 703 Fifth Ave., Huntington, 25701. Capitol - 304 - 340-3199; Room 210E; delegate_doug@yahoo.com; 522-9200 (w)

Kelli Sobonya (R) 736-0211 (w); PO Box 367, Barboursville, 25504; Capitol - 304-340-3175; Room 4R; ksobonya@mail.wvnet.edu;

Stephens, Dale (D) PO Box 9006, Huntington 25704; 525-5449; Capitol 304 - 340-3395; Room 221E; delegatestephens@comcast.net

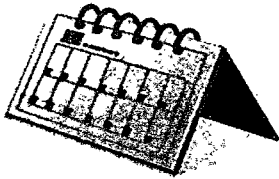
17th Delegate District - Wayne

Richard Thompson (D)- 4625 Rte. 152, Lavalette, 25535; 522-8699 (w); Capitol 340-3210; Room 234M; Speaker of the House.

Don Perdue (D) Rt. 1, Box 98, Prichard 25555; Capitol - 340-3269; Room 200-E; dperdue@mail.wvnet.edu;

PUBLIC OFFICIALS LISTING

If you would like to receive by an email attachment a list of the public officials in Cabell and Wayne Counties, contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@verizon.net.



CALENDAR

January 11- 30 – Filing for candidacy in the May 11 primary election.

January 13 – 2010 WV Legislative session begins

January 18 – Huntington League meeting. 12 noon. Ponderosa Restaurant

January 18 – Martin Luther King holiday

January 21 – Debate between Robert Kennedy, Jr., environmentalist, and Don Blankenship, CEO of Massey Energy. On TV

Feb. 1 – Women's Day at the Legislature

Feb.15 – League of Women Voters 90th Birthday celebration at the legislature.

Feb. 17 – Huntington League's 90th Birthday celebration. Noon at the downtown library.

Feb. 20 – Meeting with AAUW and Nat. Assn. of Negro Business and Professional Women.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Eddie and Betty Barrett. They were recognized in 2009 by WVU as The Most Loyal West Virginians for their efforts in business, professional and civic achievement, and support for WVU.

SMOKING IN BARS

The Huntington League sent a statement to the Cabell-Huntington Health Department in favor of banning smoking in bars. Second hand smoke remains a health hazard.

LWV OF WV'S WEBSITE

Check out the website at <http://www.lwvww.org/> The website now includes information about local Leagues. If you would like to make suggestions for additions to the website, contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@verizon.net.

A REVOLUTION FROM THE COURT?

(From an article by Mary G. Wilson, President, League of Women Voters of the United States --*The League filed an amicus brief in the case Citizens United v. FEC in association with the Constitutional Accountability Center*)

"In a breathtaking move earlier this year, the Supreme Court ordered reconsideration of one of the basic pillars of modern American democracy – the prohibition on unlimited corporate and union spending in candidate elections. The Court's upcoming decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* will determine whether corporations (and unions) can intervene directly in elections from school board to President of the United States... This is not merely another run-of-the-mill, technical case about campaign finance regulations; it has the potential to allow corporate wealth to dominate our elections for years to come." If you would like to receive the full article, contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@verizon.net.

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