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Huntington Area LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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School Board to Promote

Domino Theory

Sue Davis, Director of School/ Community Relations for Cabell County Public Schools says the passage of the bond issue on Dec. 11th will start a domino effect resulting in better education for our children.

The bond, the first step in a ten-year plan, will produce monies solely for the purpose of land acquisition, construction of, and equipment for two new high schools. The next step is to improve existing buildings, consolidating and streamlining to add features and reduce maintenance costs. What follows is a more efficient assignment of staff — the final objective being improved curriculum and a better quality of education.

The passage of the bond will increase property tax in Cabell County. Voters need to know what a good deal they're getting for their money. League members are asked to urge other organizations to discuss the Board's plan at their meetings. Contact Sue Davis, 528-5000, to arrange for a speaker.

Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Huntington Area LWV will host Sue Davis as she speaks on "Bond Election 1990: The Taxpayers' Gift to Themselves and the Next Generation".

***** REGISTERING TO VOTE IN WEST VIRGINIA DEADLINE OCTOBER 9 Elicibility to Vote in the Nov. 6 General Election You may vote if you will be 18 by the Nov. 6 general election and if you are a citizen and resident of WV and the county 30 days before the election. If you have moved, changed your name, or failed to vote during the time covered by two primary and two general elections, you must reregister. Registration - You may register: (1) At the voters registration office in the courthouse (8:30-4:30, M-F w/extended hours several days before Oct. 9). (2) In special decentralized places, scheduled by the county clerk, in each of the magisterial districts. (3) If you are out of the county, you may request registration by a special mail-in postcard. The postcard must be notarized, but there may be no charge for notarization. You must show proper identification (including your birth date and current address) when you have the postcard notarized and when you vote for the first time.

Voters Registration Office - 526-8633

Carol Stroud, 523-2682.

ACTION

We have not been lazy this summer. The League has taken Action on many issues. Following are some of these items:

- * National clean air legislation
- * National voter registration law and campaign finance reform
- * Greenbottom requesting info about when the DNR plans to implement a nature interpretation program and a boardwalk
- * Huntington's landfill letter to the DNR and a statement to the Solid Waste Authority
- * Canaan Valley requesting that it be made a national wildlife refuge.

If you would like more information about any of these subjects, call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Are you willing to share your computer and/or computer expertise with the League? Because we produce several pamphlets which must frequently be updated, having these on a computer would save us time. If you would like to enter the "Summer Fun" information (a pamphlet we produce annually for the community), call Rose Riter, 522-4459. If you have access to a laser printer or can use your computer to help the League with another publication, call Mary Robson, 523-0270.

Notaries are needed to assist with voter registration. Please call

Alert . . . Action Alert . . . Action Alert . . . Action Alert . . .

The Nat'l. Voter Registration Act (Motor Voter) is currently before the U.S. Senate. Senators Byrd (202/224-3954) and Rockefeller (202/224-6472) have not been supporting this bill; however, with two recent amendments (mandatory address verification and reducing postage costs for election officials) it should be more palatable. The League is the main organization lobbying for the passage so every phone call will help.

Board Notes

- •••our best wishes and thanks to board member BRENDA McCLUNG-MERRIT who is beginning graduate studies at EKU. Her position as Education Chairman has been filled by YVONNE FERGUSON and newly appointed board member PAT HARTMAN.
- ... ROSE RITER is serving as a WV FREE board member.
- •••League members served as recorders at the Governor's Town Mtg. on education at MJ on Aug. 2. We also helped conduct surveys for the Board of Education concerning the bond issue on Dec. 11.
- ...Beth Bauserman has served on a task force to evaluate the progress made since the publication of "Children in Crisis: State at Risk" (Oct. 88). The report will be released Oct. 5 in Charleston. A major difficulty in compiling the report was lack of availability of information.
- ...BETTY BARRETT spoke at the recent dedication of Habitat's first house. Betty is on leave from Information & Referral to oversee the move Harmony House is making from its present location on 6th Ave. to Vanity Fair on 4th.
- ••••several members of the League attended the OBRA *89 Conference on Sept. 12 in Huntington (the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 constituted changes in the federal public health policies made by the 1989 Congress). The focus was on Children and Pregnant Women. Contact Beth Bauserman, 522-3052, for details.
- The United Nations is convening a World Summit for Children in NYC Sept. 29-30 to focus world attention on the welfare of children. Candlelight vigils are being organized to take place Sept. 23, including one in Charleston. In Huntington, a children's art exhibit, on loan from UNICEF, is on display at the Guaranty Nat'l. Bank thru Sept.



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Why not invite a potential League member to our Sept. 17th meeting to hear guest speaker Sue Davis discuss details of the school bond? Most of our members have joined because someone asked them, so extend an invitation to someone you know.

Annual dues are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household. Send them to Lila Thompson, Treasurer, 2738 Washington Blvd. 25705. New Members

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Calendar

Sept. 17 LWV Mtg., 7:30 p.m. Enslow Park Pres. Church Speaker: Sue Davis - "School Bond/Plan

21-28 National Voter Registration Drive

22 National Voter Registration Day

23 Children's Candlelight Vigil 🗡

1 LWV Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 20th St.

13 Teleconference - Decision Making, 1 p.m. Penneys, Charleston

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