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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 \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

COME JOIN THE PARADE

The Pullman Plaza – that's the place you should be on Tuesday, August 24. The League, MU Women's Center, and MU faculty members have planned a parade in honor of the 90th anniversary of women getting the right-to-vote. The formal part of the celebration starts at 6 pm with the Sweet Adelines singing. Afterwards Dr. Kat Williams, president of WV's Women's Commission, will talk about the longtime efforts of suffragists who finally achieved success on August 26, 1920. Groups will march to the Courthouse where Sojourner Truth (Carolyn Thomas) will tell us about how she helped in the efforts to get the 19th amendment passed. Public officials will welcome us there.

Other activities include groups that will staff tables with pertinent information and the Voters Registration office will register voters. So come early to be part of the preliminary celebration.

Frances Huddleston is making yellow sashes for League members and the Sweet Adelines. Please let Helen Gibbins, 736-3287 or gibbins@verizon.net, know if you think you can attend the event so that we can ensure we have enough sashes.

Please let your other groups know about the event so that they can participate, too. If they would like to march as a group, ask them to contact Helen Gibbins.

THANK YOUS to all of those who helped with Summer Fun.

To: Julie Damewood who managed the project
To: Doug Sheils and Rose Henson of Cabell-Huntington Hospital who arranged for the printing of SF.

To: Susan Hubbard who was in charge of distribution; and to her helpers Jim and Giovanna Deveny, Fritz Hubbard, Nancy and Elinore Taylor, Portia Warner. (We apologize if we forgot someone.)

To: the Cabell and Wayne school systems who ensured that the flyers were distributed to the schools.

THANK YOUS to all of those who helped our voters service activities reach the public.

*Woodlands and LWV Candidates Meeting – Bob Griffith, Isabel Spindell, and Donna Spindell

*Southside Neighborhood Organization and LWV Candidates Meeting – Martha Woodward and Nat. Association of Negro Business and Professional Women
*Huntington High School and LWV candidates meeting – Kathleen Turner, teacher, Martha Woodward, moderator, and students who asked the questions.

* Frances Huddleston – for preparing the letters to candidates

* The Herald-Dispatch for publishing candidates' profiles and answers to questions both in the newspaper and online.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS INFORMATION

The Herald-Dispatch includes the League's information on public officials on its online version. Click News, Communities, and Directory of Public Officials and Personnel. We try to keep the list up-to-date, but changes happen often. Let us know if you see mistakes or changes that need to be made. Thank you to Andrea Copley-Smith, Herald-Dispatch, for maintaining this list online.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Rose Riter, Susan Hubbard, and Wendy Thomas.

WELCOME NEW LEAGUE MEMBER – Gayle Kelsey.

CONGRATULATIONS to League member, Eddie Barrett. He recently was elected to the WVU Sports Hall of Fame.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. – If you can help, contact Lynn Ormiston, Director of the Tri-State Literacy Council, 304-528-5700.

EARTH DAY TABLING – The League sponsored table displays at MU and the Clay Center during Earth Day events.

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Health Care - The Department of Health and Human Services launched HealthCare.gov, a website designed to provide consumers with information on both public and private health care options

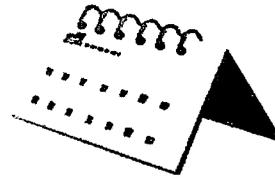
Action - We responded to an Action Alert on the DISCLOSE Act. It did not gain the necessary 60 votes to prevent a filibuster. The Act would restore transparency to U.S. elections by requiring disclosure of corporate and union spending in candidate elections.

Voters deserve to know the sources of funding for election advertising. Secret money, whether foreign or domestic, has no place in America's democracy. Voters have a right to know -- whether it is a corporation, union, trade association, or non-profit advocacy group making unlimited political expenditures and influencing elections. The League will continue to work on this issue this fall.

We also are disappointed in the Senate not passing a law to start decreasing our CO2 impact on our climate. 2010 Convention outcomes – Delegates adopted new studies, “Federal Role in Public Education.” The study would focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government.

And a study on privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services, and assets to the private sector.

More actions of the convention will be listed in the next bulletin.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August board meeting/covered dish dinner. Let Helen Gibbins know if you would like to attend.

On September 20 our general meeting will focus on voters service activities. Come with ideas for promoting involvement in the November election.

October 7 – candidates meeting. Co-sponsored with the Southside Neighborhood organization.

October 12 – Debate, 3rd Congressional district candidates’ debate between Nick J. Rahall II and Spike Maynard. Co-sponsored with the AARP

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