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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May, 1979

C A L E N D A R

Wednesday, May 9 - 7:30 p.m.

ENERGY UNIT -- COAL
Nancy Taylor and Clair Matz will present the program. At the home of Helen Gibbins, 6122 Gideon Rd., East Pea Ridge; Phone: 736-3287

Tuesday, May 22 - 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING
At the home of Margaret Gerke
1806 Wiltshire Blvd.
Phone: 529-4345

Wednesday, May 23 - 7:30 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church
Norway/Green Oak

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope all of you will make plans to attend the unit on coal. It should be both a timely and informative program. For those of you needing directions to Helen's home . . .

Travel east on US 60 to East Pea Ridge Road (there is a light), turn left. Gideon Road is approximately 7 intersections from the turn-off. Turn left and continue until the road ends. Helen's home is on the right.

We will be providing rides to all of the meetings this month. Those who wish to take advantage of this offer may contact me for further details.

We have purposely scheduled the education committee meeting for the evening so that teachers and others who work outside the home will be able to attend. Please come and share your ideas with this very important committee.

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This will be the last bulletin until the fall. This summer we will be making plans for membership teas and board orientation to be held in September.

Have a sun-filled summer! See you in the fall!

. . . LINDA LEWIS-WATKINS

WINNERS & LOSERS: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 1979 West Virginia legislative session was not a productive one as far as the League is concerned, although we testified at many hearings. Following are some of the bills which the state legislative committees followed:

SB518 began as a bill which the League favored. Its original purpose was to put West Virginia's Air Implementation Plan in conformity with the federal law so that industries could apply for a permit only through West Virginia rather than also through the federal government. However, weakening amendments made the bill objectionable to the League. The bill was amended to forbid the states' air standards from being stricter than the federal standards. In the past, power plants being the biggest polluters, had stricter standards so that industries could more easily meet the federal ambient air standards. The League feels that with this weakening legislation it will be more difficult for industries to grow because the ambient air limits will be used up by power plants.

HB1484 provides that the Department of Welfare establish facilities for status offenders. Some groups concerned about juveniles objected to the clause saying that a portion of the building may be designed and operated as a secure facility. How this portion is used will bear watching by those interested in juvenile care.

A federal constitutional amendment giving representation in Congress to D.C. citizens and a state constitutional amendment which would have allowed alternate forms of county government were not reported out of committees.

Fortunately some League-opposed bills did not pass. There were efforts to weaken the landlord-tenant bill but such legislation did not pass out of committee. A bill did pass out of the Senate Judiciary Committee which would have amended last year's bill allowing counties over 45,000 population to enact building and housing codes. The amendmend deleted housing codes. The bill was defeated in the Senate. (We had supported the original bill which would have allowed all counties to pass energy efficient building codes).

The local bills which the Huntington League followed were bills to deed the Barboursville farm to the county commission to be used as a park and a bill which would have established a Huntington-Cabell County Recreation Board. Both bills failed to move.

I urge League members to attend legislative sessions. It is a most educational and illuminating experience. Hopefully next year's session will be more productive on League issues.

. . . HELEN GIBBINS

M A Y M E E T I N G SC O A L

Mountaineers are always free but we can look forward to the Second Reign of Old King Coal. And with increased emphasis on coal production and consumption, we are going to be faced with a variety of environmental concerns. Some are old, some new. But many will be difficult to cope with. Housing, transportation, land use, taxes, your pocket book and life style are all connected with coal here in West Virginia.

. . . so bring your own special information, your questions for discussion, and we will at least tackle the subject at the unit meeting.

Marcia Daoust has made some interesting charts, and we will have the latest League information from the State Convention.

Clair Matz and I will lead the discussion.

. . . NANCY TAYLOR (522-3361)

E D U C A T I O N

The purpose of this work session will be to organize available material and discuss topics to be included in the next publication of the School Booklet. The committee met with Ed McNeel, director of research and planning, and agreed that such areas as the five-year plan, new vocational school, community schools, and a "how-to" section need to be stressed.

We need your resources. If you're a bookworm, an undiscovered Barbara Walters, an idea person, an organizer, enjoy photography or want to brush up on your typing skills, we need your help. We need your expertise in research, interviews, planning, photography, layout, and typing. This is an excellent opportunity to share your talents and discover new ones.

The School Booklet is a worthwhile project and has been very well received by everyone in the community. So even if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to work on some aspect of the forthcoming publication, please call me.

. . . SUSAN ADAMS (522-9592)

. . . STOP PRESS . . . Mr. William Smith, director of gifted and talented will talk to our meeting and explain how children are screened for this program and what exactly constitutes a gifted child. Many persons have questions about this program. Bring someone interested in education to this meeting and work session.

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Success stories have a fascination all of their own. It often seems so easy. Mostly it's not. But it's because of the sheer hard work in organizing and coordinating the league members that Kirsten Bagley made the Finance Drive last fall a success. She shook us out of complacency and drove us out to make personal solicitations. Although very few of us enjoy this approach, it was a great opportunity to answer questions many contributors have about our activities.

We can't overemphasize the importance of this success. Everything depends on it. The local League's operating budget consists solely of these funds. For an organization which enjoys the benefits of national, state, and local involvement, \$15.00 membership dues are a bargain! And out of this sum, as you are aware, \$10.00 are pledged to national and \$5.00 to state. This leaves local League with \$-.--. The treasurer reminds us of this fact when the budget is presented and when new activities need new money. Money is tight for all of us. Noone wanted to increase dues. Granted, the Board has felt it was time to at least suggest an increase and was relieved when at the last Annual Meeting the membership overwhelmingly agreed.. Moreover, the membership present at the Meeting felt we should have an increase effective immediately. However, this will not be possible because the By-Laws state:

Sec. 4 Budget Committee: A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

A Dues Committee, headed by Betty Barrett (phone: 525-5908) will meet to discuss the increase in dues and would appreciate your feelings, pro and con. Any increase would become effective April, 1980. In the meantime, for those of us who wish to make a personal contribution, in addition to the regular dues, we have included a place at the top of page six for your convenience.

MEMBERSHIP

Please everyone.....send me names or call me about people you think would be interested in joining the League. I will be glad to call them and/or send them information about us. I'd like to set up a super coffee for early in the fall.

. . . KIRSTEN BAGLEY, 697-2863

Name _____ Date _____

LEAGUERS:

For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, we need an update on you in order to make it easier for our new president to locate members willing to participate in League activities.

Are you employed outside the home? ___yes ___no;

If yes, ___ full-time ___ part-time

Would you prefer attending ___ 9:30-11:30 a.m. unit; ___ 2:00-4:00 p.m.
___ 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Do you need babysitting services? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, would you be interested in forming a babysitting co-operative?
___ yes ___ no

Would you be willing to sit for someone else's children for:
___ hours ___ 1/2 day ___ 1 day

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO? (More than one may be checked)

Have a unit meeting in my home ___ Serve on a calling committee ___

Provide refreshments for a special meeting ___

Make calls for the finance drive ___

Serve on a short-term (1/2-1 day) committee projects like voter registration, election day call-in service, ABC reporting, etc. ___

Write League-directed letters to legislators on Action terms ___

Help get the monthly Bulletin ready for mailing ___ (1 1/2 hrs. month)

Observe and report on other area organization meetings (City Council, School Board, etc.) ___

Other _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO YOU (If more than one, indicate preference 1, 2, 3, etc.)

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ Education | ___ Human Resources | ___ International Relations |
| ___ State Govt. | ___ Juvenile Services | ___ Meeting Arrangements |
| ___ Voter Service | ___ National Govt. | ___ Membership Recruiting |
| ___ Energy | ___ Election Laws | ___ Strip Mining |
| ___ Finance | ___ Publications | ___ Timbering |
| ___ Publicity | ___ Air | ___ Solid Waste |
| ___ Local Govt. | ___ Water | ___ Recreation |
| ___ Land Use | | ___ Urban Crisis |

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE? ___ yes ___ no
___ advisory only

If yes, place a star by area of special interest above.

THANKS!

DUES ARE DUE!

Dues (\$15.00) for the year commencing April, 1979	\$	_____
Personal Contribution		_____
TOTAL	\$	_____

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