**The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area**

March 2018 Bulletin

**LWVWV website:www.lwvwv.org; also LWVWV Facebook LWVUS website : [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)**

*Dues (non-tax deductible) may be paid at our annual meeting - $25 - students;$45- single members; $60 - 2 household members. Those who are joining the League for the first time may pay their dues at half-price.*

*The League is a non-partisan organization that encourages 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. Helen Gibbins, Pres.,gibbins@frontier.com; Wendy Thomas, Membership, 522-0983.*

**LEAGUE’S ANNUAL MEETING**

 The Huntington League will meet at the Woodlands Retirement Community on Monday, March 19, 5 pm for dinner and our annual business meeting at which we will adopt the 2018-19 budget and program and elect officers.

Following the business meeting Dan Hollis of the Marshall University School of Journalism and Mass Communication will speak on “Politics and the Media”. Professor Hollis is a winner of the MU Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, National Broadcasting awards, and the Carnegie Foundation WV Teacher of the Year Award. Professor Hollis, who comes from a background as a working broadcaster before becoming a teacher, offers wide-ranging views on how we have reached the current, “Who’s using who?” state of affairs.He will speak at approximately 6:30 in the Hampton Room.

 Martha Woodward reserved a private room for our dinner and meeting. Attendees who will come for dinner will need to buy a guest meal ticket from the receptionist at the door before going through the buffet. Cost, including tax, for the dinner is $12.84 and can be paid at the front desk by cash or check to WRC (Woodlands Retirement Community)

If you plan to come to dinner, please contact Martha by March 14 so that she can give the count to Woodlands RC;contact information -- 304-525-7404 or woodward@marshall.edu.

If you are a resident of Woodlands and wish to eat with the League, please let Martha know so that the staff can set up the room with enough places.

**YOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PAMPHLET**

Thanks to League member Marcia Daoust who prepared the pamphlet, and to Tonia Page, City Council Member, who made arrangements for the Council’s mini-grant to finance the publication. We give permission to anyone who wishes to make extra copies of the publication. Also, Marcia can provide a link online to those who would like to email the publication to others as long as no changes are made in it. Contact Marcia at gmardaoust@gmail.com. We will continue to send the Herald-Disptach updates to our online list of public officials. Note - please add Alyssa Bond (recently appointed) to the Board of Education list.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Deadline - April 17. You may check to see if your voter registration is up-to-date and accurate by linking to the WV Secretary of State’s website, under Voter Registration, “Check Your Voter Registration”. The site also provides the various districts you live in.

**LETTERS TO CANDIDATES**

 LWV member Lois Wallace mailed letters to candidates giving them instructions on how to access the Herald-Dispatch’s website to answer questions for the H-D’s April 22 “Voters Guide”. Helen Gibbins mailed letters to candidates inviting them to the candidates meetings we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring. See the Calendar.

**RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE U.S.**

 League members will present our “Right to Vote” reader’s theater for students at Mountwest Community College on March 27, 2:30. The program tells about the progress of voting rights as well as the recent regressive actions taken by the Supreme Court and state legislatures.

**BON VOYAGE**

 To Ann Speer who is moving to Virginia. We will miss her and we thank her for her many contributions to the effectiveness and outreach of the League.

**CANDIDATES MEETINGS - Q and A (League sponsored or co-sponsored)**

March 26, A.D. Lewis Center; 6:30-8. Refreshments. Lead sponsor - NAACP; cosponsors LWV and OVEC.

April 5, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 7 pm. Southside Neighborhood Org. and LWV. Candidates for 16th Delegate District and Board of Education.

April 9, Woodlands RC; 6:30.Candidates for 17th Delegate District, Board of Education, County Clerk

April 17, Bates Presbyterian Church, Pea Ridge Rd.;7 pm. !7th and 18th Delegate Districts, County Clerk, Board of Education.

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**PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM**

*LOCAL GOVERNMENT*

 a. Support improvements in the quality of recreation in the Huntington area.

 b. Support improvements in the quality of education.

 c. Support the council-manager form of government.

 d. Support comprehensive land use planning.

 e. Support the improvement of solid waste management.

 f. Support continuing the funding of the Cabell County Library system by Cabell County taxpayers.

*ELECTION PROCEDURES*

 Support measures to improve the election process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

 Support improvement of juvenile court procedures and support agencies.

*TAXES AND FINANCE*

 a. Support funding for parks and recreation in the Huntington area.

 b. Support funding for Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) by those who are served by the VFDs.

## PROPOSED BUDGET - 2018-19

## EXPENDITURES

1. Operating Costs - $260

 1. Maintenance of Equipment - $60

 2. General Supplies - 50

 3. Meeting Places -150

 4. Equipment - 0

B. Board and Administration - $230

 1. President - 10

 2. Secretary -10

 3. Treasurer - 80

 4. Board Tools & Expenses -10

 5. Administrative Committees

 a. Finance - 60

 b. Membership/Meetings -50

 c. Public Relations - 10

C. Delegates/Travel - $75

 1. Annual meeting -- 25

2. State Convention/Council - 50

 3. National Convention - 0

D. Financial Support for LWVUS & LWVWV - $2340

 1. WV PMP $8 & $4 - $468

 2. US PMP-$32 & $16 - $1872

E. Bulletin- $750

F. Educational Activities - $245

 1. Publications & DVDs - 50

 2. Program Committees

 a. National - 10

 b. State - 10

 c. Local - 25

 3. Voters Service

 a. Elections - 120

 b.. Outreach - 30

G. Position Support - $30

 1. Publications -LWV Positions - $20

 2. Action - 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total $ 3930**

### ANTICIPATED INCOME

Dues $ 2580

Contributions 1000

Interest 10

Reserves 340

Total  **$3930**

***BUDGET DEFINITIONS***

B-1,2,3,4 family care, mileage, meals,transportation,

 copying, postage, publications, long distance, misc

B-3 thank you notes, dues notices, supplies

B-5-b membership flyers, refreshments

D – PMP is “per member payment”, half price to

 second member of the same household or a student

F-1 Public Officials; Guide to Legislature; Election

Information; Bill of Rights bookmarks

F-3b Books donated; Speeches to other organizations;posters

Dues - $25-students; $45-individuals; $60 household