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May 1994

League of Women Voters of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

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Annual Meeting Booklet: Please Save!

Enjoy the Annual Meeting and Dinner May 25



Our annual meeting will be held at Margie Pearson's, 708 Oaklawn, on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. Dinner will be catered at a cost of \$8.00. Deadline for dinner reservations is May 18; checks should be sent by that date to treasurer Bonnie Covey, 4071 Tangle Lane, Winston-Salem 27106. Material for the annual meeting is included in this bulletin, so bring it with you.

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Dues are also due: \$40 single, \$60 family

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Bring them to the meeting or mail them to Bonnie Covey.

Medical Care Town Meeting May 20



A community-wide town meeting on health care reform will take place on Friday, May 20, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sawtooth Center Mountcastle Forum, 226 N. Marshall St. Speakers will be: Christopher J. Conover of the Center for Health Policy Research and Education at Duke University; Liz Kanof, M,D.,president of the N.C. Medical Society; State Senator Ted Kaplan; Rep. Steve Neal; Rep. Cass Ballenger; and Rep. Melvin Watt. The moderator will be Wanda Starke of WXII t.v. After presentations by the speakers, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of the legislators. This town meeting is result of tremendous work by Don

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ayes, Betsey Willard, Miriam Blickman and Marty Cooper. Further details of the meeting, and a flyer, are included with Betsey's annual report inside.

President's Message



This Bulletin will serve as our LWV annual report. You will find intersting summaries of the activities that many dedicated members devoted long hours to, such as: Women's Issues Forum; Economic Development Symposium; School Board Candidates' Meeting; LWV Book Fair; Housing Forum; Voter Registration; Women's Economic Equity Forum; Tour of Winston-Salem Housing. Many thanks to those who worked to devotedly to make these events so informative and successful. And, of course, our May 20 Town Meeting on Health Care winds up our public program with a flourish.

Don't forget to get your checks in for the May 25 Annual Meeting at Margie Pearson's. Your received check is your reservation!

I hope everyone will come to the annual meeting, which is always such a pleasant time. We have a lovely dinner planned--including wine! You'll have a chance to see old friends, catch up on LWV affairs, and talk about plans for next year. I will also bring back a report from LWVNC State Council in Raleigh.

Many thanks for the stimulating and rewarding opportunity to serve the LWV this year. I look forward to working with old and new friends in the coming year.

Miriam F. Blickman President

Book Fair Report

The Book Fair, held on April 15 and 16 at the home of Dottie Wise, was a major success. The sale collected over \$500, an absolutely crucial contribution to our tight financial situation.

Dottie Wise did an extraordinary job, with her husband Bill's help, in staging this event, which is not only time-consuming but physically taxing. And Betty Nagel, a new member, gave generous time and expertise to the venture, as did Eunice Heilig.

I would like to thank them and all those who helped set up the sale, contributed books, and assisted on the sale days.

Many members do not realize how much effort is involved in such a project. So we are deeply indebted to Dottie and Bill, Betty and Eunice for digging in and pulling us out of our financial slump. Next time, let's all get involved. It's a great way of making a substantial contribution to our League's future.

Miriam F. Blickman, President

Op Ed: Stayin' Alive by Susan Ott

If you read your Annual Meeting reports carefully, you will notice that most committee chairs this year were "committees of one" who worked alone. Lack of committee members means a League chapter run by a very small group and with no pool of future leaders. Even more important, it means a chapter with a reduced impact on the community.

How can we keep going without burning out the faithful few? We could scale down the League calendar, with fewer large meetings and more social events. Fewer programs could concentrate our efforts. Social events, perhaps luncheon/discussions, would help us to "bond," to rediscover common interests and values, and perhaps to get excited once again about common projects. To encourage Board unity and efficiency, each year the incoming Board could be trained in basic League procedures, group dynamics, and organizational management.

Women no longer have unlimited time to volunteer. Let's bring our League into the 90s!



Annual Meeting Reports



Officers Nominated for 1994-95

Nominating Committee: Sherry Hollingsworth, Jean Humbert, Bonnie Covey, Marty Cooper

President: Miriam Blickman (exp. 95)

First Vice-President: Marty Cooper (Publications/PR) (95)

Secretary: Ann Volz

Treasurer: Nancy Sommer (96) Education: Becky Werner (95)

Membership: vacant Fund raising: vacant

Voter registration: Bonnie Covey (96)

Housing: Monica Lett (96) Bulletin: Susan Ott (96)

Children at Risk: Judy Freeman (96)
Health care: Betsey Willard (96)
Natural resources: Margaret McCoy

95-96 Nominating Committee: Chair, Ann Hartz; Jean Humbert

League of Women Voters Annual Report - Education 1993-94

The September Back-To League meeting was a panel discussion on problems in education. The panel members were: Thaddeus Cook and Harrison Davis, former policemen now the Safety Coordinators for the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem; Carolyn Ely, guidance Counselor at Atkins Middle School; Larry Fields, Principal at Latham Elementary School; and Reba Smith, past president of FACT and teacher at Mineral Springs Middle School.

Larry Fields, in his second year at Latham, said that he holds parents accountable for their children. He urged, "Get rid of things that don't work." He and the counselors felt that reduced class size is a key factor in educational success and he has achieved smaller classes at Latham. Having safe and secure schools is a must. Reba Smith said that we are not coping will with what is happening. Parenting is minimal and violence is a big problem. Early intervention with children and their parents is becoming more and more important. Carolyn Ely cautioned that most students are not causing problems, but the ones that are may need to be dealt with by the justice system. Thaddeus Cook spoke about the need for different community agencies such as schools, churches and the justice system to work together and to coordinate their efforts. He said that we need to face the fact that there is prejudice and that we need a common vision. Harrison Davis touched on his own personal history as a "product of Happy Hill" and said that he felt that his participation in sports and the effect that his coaches had on him made him the person that he is today. He feels that kids need good things to do, like sports with good coaches, to keep them out of trouble. He said that expelling a student puts another problem on the community and that special classes, for instance in job training, might be a solution.

Several crucial issues that faced the school board this year are redistricting and the search for a new superintendent. The superintendent search is underway but we are no closer to a solution to the redistricting problem. This issue must be faced as schools are becoming more crowded; there are more that 200 portable classrooms in the county right now. The Board of Education members are polarized on the priority of having the schools remain integrated though the stated issue is whether a child goes to the nearest or neighborhood school.

In April we co-sponsored a candidates forum before the May primary. The other sponsors were: the WS/FC PTA Council, the NAACP, and the Jr. League. Seventeen of the nineteen candidates were present. TV cable 2, the school channel, broadcast the forum live, thanks to funding for that purpose provided by Lowe's Foods Inc. The program was rebroadcast several times before the election.

Next fall we plan to have another forum before the November election. I think that we should consider having registration at the meeting. I would also like to contact the schools regarding registration of voter-age students if this is prudent.

There are several issues that I feel that the League should consider next year. One is consensus regarding the possibility of non-partisan school board elections, and staggering the term lengths. As it stands now all the members are elected at the same time. Another item of discussion is the priority of integration in any redistricting plan.

HOUSING REPORT 1993-1994 LWV

To: Miriam Blickman From Billie Gilfillan Subject: Housing Date: April 19, 1994

The local League was represented at all housing meetings and public hearings on the city, county and state level this past year. We participated in the federal plan -- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), The Winston Salem Five Year Housing Plan and the State CHAS. As part of the City Plan we attended all meetings on the proposed service needs strategy, an essential element of the City's plan which will assure success in increasing low income ownership of housing if fully implemented.

The primary concern is that as federal funds continue to drop away as they have for the last twelve years, there will be an increasing need for an expanded investment in low cost housing by the city, county and state. This will require major bond funds because the city will have to provide the majority of dollars.

There is no question that there are other solutions. One would be to require all developers to include a small percentage of the development for low income residents in every development and then ascertain that the unit or units are occupied by low income residents. This would provide scattered site low income housing throughout the city and county and prevent a "ghetto" concentration. Alternatives to the present concentration of low income housing for the most part in East Winston needs to be addressed and the LWV should provide leadership in this area.

There are many problems that prevent individuals from getting safe, affordable housing: single working parents earning income that is insufficient to maintain minimum housing, the prevalence of minimum wage jobs with no upward opportunities, the many single parent families where mothers, despite training can not remain on jobs without provision for childcare and adequate medical insurance.

The new zoning regulations, location of developments, location of business in more outlying areas are issues that without more thought for the future will have serious ramifications. These are inadequate transportation, increased air pollution, inadequate housing stock within a reasonable distance from the place of employment for blue collar workers and those earning minimum or low wages that will plague residents in the future if not addressed soon. If these conditions are not addressed Winston Salem will not remain attractive to new industry or industry wishing to expand.

A committee of one is not going to accomplish much needed development of policy, nor should that happen. We must not neglect this issue. The League should be a leader in this area and not continue to accept the argument that "Winston Salem is not ready for change"

WOMEN'S ISSUES YEAR-END REPORT

The League's interest in Women's Issues during the 1993-94 year focused on two activities:

- · Participation in the Women's Initiative Network (WIN) activities
- · Hosting a Women's Issues Forum in February, 1994

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE NETWORK:

The League was one of the founding organizations of the Winston-Salem Women's Roundtable which later was renamed the Women's Initiative Network (WIN). Miriam Blickman and Women's Issues Chairperson Cindy Culpepper represented the League at many of the first meetings held by this group. Initially, the group wanted to get together primarily to disseminate information about the various activities, seminars, or workshops in the area that would be of interest to women. Currently, WIN is trying to raise money to support a newsletter or publication that would help them accomplish their goals. WIN meetings are usually held at the YWCA and are not yet held with any regularity. Anyone interested in representing the League at these meetings should contact Miriam Blickman or Cindy Culpepper.

WOMEN'S ISSUES FORUM

"Women's Issues Redefined: Economic Security" was the topic of this year's forum which featured a panel discussion with Nita Royal, a financial planning expert with the N. C. Cooperative Extension Center, and Claudia Thomas, a consultant with Watkins- Thomas & Associates, a Greensboro insurance and investment firm. The panel discussion was intended to help individuals assess their own economic situations and to examine how well our community provides women and families with the economic infrastructure and support systems needed to merge work and home successfully. The meeting was well attended and gave League members an opportunity to get on the mailing list Nita Royal publishes monthly on investment and savings tips.

Other than these two activities, there was little interest in having a Women's Issues committee. Since 1995 will be the International Year of the Woman, perhaps interest in Women's Issues will revive. Also, Sherry Hollingsworth, in her capacity on the state board, will be working with National and State League to renew interest in ERA.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Culpepper

Women's Issues Chairperson

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Mark Your Calendar: 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20th, 1994 The Sawtooth Center, 226 N. Marshall St.

State Issues: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Christopher J. Conover Center for Health Policy Research and Education, Duke University

Liz Kanof, M.D.
North Carolina Medical Society

Town Meeting: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Question and Answer Forum Wanda Starke, WXII-TV12, Moderator



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1993-94 HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Committee Members: Chair; Betsey Willard, Non-board Co-chair; Don Hayes, MD, Miriam Blickman, Marty Cooper

1994 marks the culmination of three years of intense study, including two national consensuses on Health Care. While our original plan was to concentrate only on state level issues associated with health care reform, a much more ambitious program took form. Through Dr. Don Hayes involvement on the North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Universal Access at an Affordable Cost: Ensuring Health Care Services for all North Carolinians, the League was able to secure the involvement of Christopher J. Conover, Associate in Research, Center for Health Policy Research & Education, Duke University. Working closely with us was Jim Robertson, Director Forsyth/Stokes/Davie County Medical Association. Through Jim, the NC Medical Society not only agreed to co-sponsor but Liz Kanof, MD, their president, agreed to be included in the agenda.

Initially, our local League was not designated a site for the national program: Health Care Reform: The Citizen's Voice. Consequently, in 1993 we did not request funding. However, co-sponsoring organizations agreed to provide financial support. As our plans crystallized, we recognized that we were in fact following the national agenda. Our program focused both on disseminating information on the breadth of health care reform plans and on holding a true Town Meeting. Because Winston-Salem, Forsyth County is now divided between three separate congressional districts, we made every effort to accommodate the needs and wishes of all three of our congressmen. Unfortunately, after two months of planning, Congressman Ballenger notified us of a conflict in his schedule. With his participation, this would have been the first issue on which all three districts would have been represented on the same platform. We do thank both Jim Phillips of Steve Neal's 5th District Winston Office, and Don Baker of Mel Watt's 12th District Charlotte Office for all their cooperation and assistance.

Community support was overwhelming and over twenty sponsors were involved in various degrees. Our special thanks go to WXII Television, Sara Lee, Cooper and Cooper, and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Planning this meeting proved to be almost an overwhelming endeavor and showed how ill prepared our local League is to mount an effort of this magnitude. We thank Marty Cooper and Minam Blickman for their assistance through what proved to be an arduous process. As the actual program will take place following this report, we will assume an overwhelming success and abundant accolades for a job well done.

The program for the May 20, 1994 Town Meeting on Health Care Reform follows.

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TOWN MEETING ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

6-8:30 PM Friday, May 20, 1994 Montcastle Forum Sawtooth Building 226 N. Marshall St, Winston-Salem, NC

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINSTON-SALEM FORSYTH COUNTY Treasurer's Report

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F. Educational Activities 1. Publications 2. Committees (Program)	\$ 0,0000	\$ 30.00
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 1994

Goals for the 1992-93 year

- 1.) increase membership to 100
- 2.) converting our 9 national members to local ones
- 3.) include photographs and short biographies in membership directory so members could become better acquainted.

What We Accomplished

- 1.) Membership at 110
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- 3.) Some photographs included; no funds for expanding booklet to include bios.

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Goals for 1993-94

- 1.) Raise membership to 120
- 2.) Include more photographs in membership directory
- 3.) Increase involvement of members by having more people serve on committees and come to meetings.

What We Accomplished

Umnfortunately, the only one of the above mentioned goals for 93-94 that was met was #2 - increased photographs in membership booklet. Meeting attendance dropped as well as total membership, which now stands at 98, still above many of our previous years, but not what I had hoped to achieve. Hopefully, someone with more time to fulfill these duties will step forward for 94-95 and move membership back to our record high in 92-93.

Remember: the best way to get a new League member is to ask someone you know to join. Again, I say "No where else will they find a better group of informed, interesting women - as well as good friends."

MARTY COOPER MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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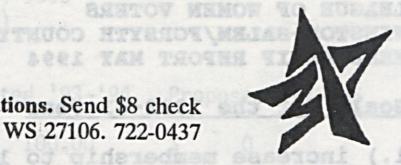
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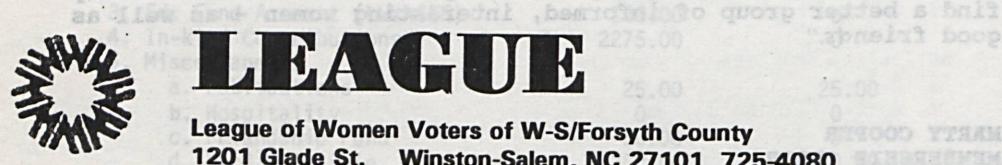
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