

Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters Newsletter

September 2011

Membership Meeting - October 5th!

We encourage members and their guests to come and learn about the League's activities. Now is the time for members to bring guests who may be interested in joining the League. We will have lots of goodies and time to talk with one another at this special time at the Aull Center in the Garlow House. See you soon!

Calendar

Every month Board Meeting at 7 pm. Please
1st Wednesday join us! Info - call 304-599-2370.

September 28 Natural Resources Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday at 345 Virginia Avenue

October 4 Special Election for Governor.
Tuesday Early voting from Sept. 21 - Oct.
1 at Mountaineer Mall.

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Wednesday the Garlow House next to the
Morgantown Public Library.
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the League. Thanks!

November 16 Discussion and Consensus at 6:30
Wednesday pm at Suncrest United Methodist
Church. All members are invited!

LWV National Study and Consensus

The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

In 1965 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) launched a comprehensive set of programs including Title I program of federal aid to the disadvantaged. The Act funds primary and secondary education, while explicitly forbidding the establishment of a national curriculum. The Act was originally authorized through 1970; however, the government has authorized the Act every five to ten years since its enactment. The current reauthorization of ESEA is called the **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001**. **Congress is currently embroiled in a debate and stalemate over the reauthorization of the 2001 No Child Left Behind.** The LWV-US has selected for National Study and Consensus "**The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education**". The results gathered from Leagues all over the United States will be used to take future action.

Tentatively, we plan to have the Discussion and Consensus at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16**, at Suncrest United Methodist Church. Among the topics to be considered are:

- Common Core Standards and Assessments
- Early Childhood Education, Equity and Funding
- Funding and Equity Issues
- Legislation and Funding for the Education of Children Who Are Disadvantaged

The last study and consensus our League participated in was on Immigration, in January 2008. Wouldn't you like to help shape the local League's input to the national League's position on this

important Education Consensus? Please put this on your calendar! Your voice and vote will count! Your attendance and vote are very important.

Updated Guide to Government Officials

Is now available, thanks to Clay Pytlik and Nancy Treat ! If anyone wants copies to distribute to businesses, individuals, public agencies, contact Nancy Treat, (304) 594-2229.

Natural Resources Report

Thank you for writing the Select Legislative Committee on Marcellus. The committee has acted on several more amendments at their September meetings. They are going to meet again, and there may be a Special Legislative session to pass Marcellus Regulations later this fall.

Because of Morgantown's vocal concerns about Marcellus, the DEP has contacted the EPA to do some baseline air monitoring at Skyview Elementary School during the actual fracking process.

The Morgantown City Council has not decided what to do about appealing Judge Susan Tucker's challenge to the city's ban on fracking. The League is encouraging them to appeal because the city will still need a ban even if there is good legislation. A Marcellus pad is a large industrial zone and Morgantown is a residential area. The city is looking at using zoning as a possible protection but it is very complicated.

Come and join the Natural Resources committee at a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 345 Virginia Avenue.

Sign this online petition

<https://www.change.org/petitions/encourage-mayor-manilla-and-the-city-council-to-appeal-judge-tuckers-ruling>

Good sites to visit

<http://wv4mom.org> (WV for Moratorium on Marcellus)
<http://marcellus-wv.com> (educational)
<http://news.marcellus-wv.com> (news from the media)

Social Sites

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/marcelluswv>
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/stopthefracking>

Our Website

Point your web browser to <http://lwvww.org> and find Morgantown in Categories.

Make sure to submit your Storybank stories to Jonathan Rosenbaum at <http://lwvww.org/contact>.
Examples: <http://www.lwvww.org/category/league-of-women-votes-of-wv/my-story/>

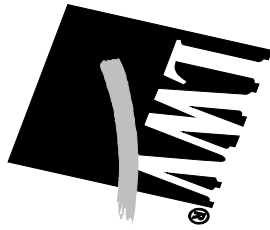
Make sure you read about our involvement at Skyview: <http://www.lwvww.org/2011/08/31/recap-of-skyview-meeting-cosponsored-by-the-morgantown-lwv/>

LWVWV has a Facebook page. Do a google search for "League of Women Voters of West Virginia Facebook".

Early Voting Special General Election

(Same Place as Primary Election)

Wednesday, September 21, 2011	9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 22, 2011	9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 23, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 24, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 26, 2011	9:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 29, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 30, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 1, 2011	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.



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