

Newsletter

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Morgantown-Monongalia County

November 2016

Membership Meeting: Renewable Energy

CALENDAR

November 8 Tuesday	Election Day General Election 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
November 17 Thursday	Membership Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. Aull Center 351 Spruce Street (Garlow House)
November 21 Monday	Board Meeting 4:00-6:00 p.m. Morgantown Public Library

Our Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 7:00 – 9:00 at the Aull Center. Dr. Jim Kotcon will be the guest speaker. He will be talking on the topic of renewable energy and jobs in WV, including energy efficiency.



Dr. Kotcon is Professor of Plant and Soil Sciences in the School of Agriculture at WVU. He teaches courses on Sustainable Living and Environmental Impact Assessment. Among his research interests are organic agriculture, biological control, and biofuel crops. He has been part of the solar co-op for over a year, was

recently elected Chair of the West Virginia Chapter of Sierra Club, and is an active volunteer with the West Virginia Environmental Council, Union of Concerned Scientists and other organizations.

We will have a social time with refreshments and will provide information about membership and opportunities for participation. Renew your energy, renew your membership and renew your involvement!

President's Message Thank you, Voters Service! Once again, I was able to cast my votes at the polling place in an informed, comfortable, and decisive manner with the added advantage that I often had the opportunity to talk to the candidates in person. For 2016, we offered five candidate forums for all contested Monongalia candidates and the levies; additionally, the State League provided a voters guide for state candidates. The forums and the voters guide can be found respectively at <http://videos.lwv.org> and <http://voters-guide.lwv.org>. The National League establishes that invitation criteria should be nonpartisan, fair and applied objectively. The State League once considered whether we would support the criteria of the WV Public Broadcasting that often relies on polling popularity. The unanimous consensus was absolutely not! We will only sponsor/host debates and forums where all candidates legally registered to run on the ballot have been invited to participate. While this means hard work, this year we estimate at least 500 hours in local effort, it also means that we provide the best education for voters. Kudos to the League!