



The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area

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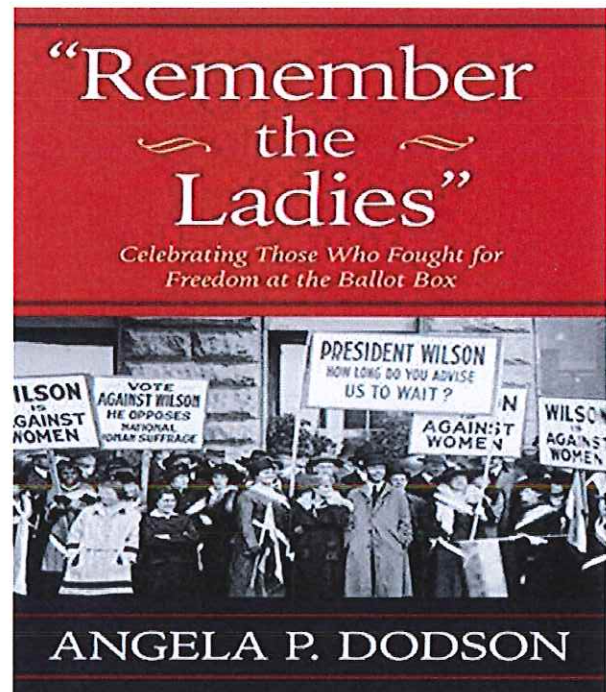
“REMEMBER THE LADIES” EVENT

August 21, 6:30 pm at HIMG. The League is pleased to welcome Angela Dodson, author of “Remember the Ladies; Celebrating Those Who Fought for Freedom at the Ballot Box”. Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Enter from the front door and greeters will show you where the event is located.

Angela Dodson is a 1973 graduate of Marshall U. with a degree in Journalism and a Master’s Degree in Journalism and Public Affairs from American University. She is Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Editorsoncall LLC and served as senior editor for the New York Times. She is a contributing editor for Diverse: Issues on Higher Education. She started her career at the Herald-Dispatch.

The LWV of the Huntington Area celebrates the passage of the 19th amendment annually as well as when we present our Readers Theater on the Right to Vote. Celebrating the passage of the 19th amendment is in conjunction with the celebration of the August 26 Women’s Equality Day which was designated by Congress in 1971. The observance of Women’s Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women’s continuing efforts toward full equality. The League was organized out of the suffragist movement.

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“CHASING CORAL” DOCUMENTARY VIEWING

August 8, 6 pm. The Ohio Valley Environmental Valley Coalition (OVEC) office, 14th St. W, first block north of Madison Ave. Co-sponsors the League and OVEC. “Chasing Coral” is a highly rated documentary about climate change. The film follows a crew on a mission around the world to chronicle coral reefs around the world as they react to the effects of a warming ocean. Bob McCollister will also give a brief Climate Reality talk.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Charlie and Pam Bowen and Matt Spurlock.

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Health Care -- The issue that is at the top of many Americans' list is Health Care. For many years the LWVUS has supported a basic level of health care for all Americans. Thus we oppose Congress' efforts to weaken the Affordable Care Act.

US Election Integrity Commission (Voters Suppression Agenda) - The League opposes efforts of the Commission to investigate voter fraud if it in threatens voters ability to exercise their right to vote. The LWVUS joined in a letter sent to all 50 Secretaries of State condemning and opposing the data request by President Trump's advisory commission. The League continues to stand with the election officials who have rejected the request for sensitive information and urges those that have not responded to carefully consider future responses to the commission.

Jonathan Rosenbaum, president of the WV League, also sent a letter to WV's Secretary of State.

US Election Assistance Commission - The League joined in a letter in support of an amendment to The financial services and general government appropriations bill that would restore funding for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The amendment, offered by Representative Quigley, was not adopted, but provisions increasing the level of funding and removing language that terminated the agency were removed from the legislation through another mechanism. The League will continue to watch these funding levels as the appropriations process moves forward.

A Budget that Meets Basic Human Needs

The League joined more than 1,500 groups in a letter that calls on Congress to pass a budget that adequately meets the needs of all people and communities. The letter encourages investments in public education, affordable housing, health and nutrition, public transit, roads and bridges, clean air, clean water, clean energy, child care, and other means of making investments in communities that also create good jobs.

RIGHT TO VOTE READERS THEATER

The Huntington League offers our presentation of the Right to Vote Readers Theater to organizations that would like to understand the struggles throughout our nation's history of efforts to achieve the right to vote. Unfortunately, voting suppression is still a part of our nation's scene. We need to be vigilant in West Virginia to protect our right to vote when some legislators submit bills to weaken that protection. Please contact Laura Deveny, Laura.deveny@yahoo.com, if you would like to schedule a performance.

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the 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. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.