

# Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters Newsletter

December 2009

## Dean McConnell to Speak on Judicial Reform on Jan. 27

### Calendar

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| January 6<br>Wednesday  | Legislative Forum<br>7:00 p.m..<br>Suncrest United Methodist<br>Church, Cowan Hall (lower<br>level)  |
| January 27<br>Wednesday | Judicial Reform in West Virginia<br>Speaker: Joyce McConnell<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Suncrest United Methodist<br>Church, Hartley Chapel (main<br>floor)   |
| February 3<br>Wednesday | LWV Board Meeting<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Fran Nelson's home<br>217-B Morgan Drive<br>All Members Are Welcome!<br>(call 304-599-4937 for directions)   |
| March                   | Celebration of the League's<br>90th Birthday: a movie event;<br>Will include a showing of<br>"Iron Jawed Angels"<br>(Time, date and location to be<br>announced later)   |
| April                   | Candidate Forums (to be<br>announced) for these offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- House of Delegates</li><li>- State Senate</li><li>- Board of Education</li><li>- County Commission</li><li>- County Clerk</li></ul> |

On January 27 Joyce McConnell, Dean of the West Virginia University Law School, will speak about "Judicial Reform in West Virginia" at 7:00 p.m. in Hartley Chapel, which is located on the main floor of Suncrest United Methodist Church

Dean McConnell has just finished serving on the Governor's independent Commission on Judicial Reform, which held hearings from August through October. She will discuss the Commission's findings and talk about the pros and cons of different approaches to reform.

The WV state League of Women Voters has two recommended positions on this topic, and those positions have been shared with the Commission. The State League prefers **recommending judges based on merit** and have them **initially be appointed**; after a set amount of time there would then be a **retention election** to give the public input on whether to keep them on the bench.

**If West Virginia continues to elect judges**, as we do now, the State League recommends that there be **public financing for the campaigns** so that:

- (1) qualified candidates would not be discouraged from running because of the need for large fundraising campaigns
- (2) the possibility for judges to be beholden to contributors or having and/or appearing to have a conflict of interest related to contributors would be eliminated.

## Legislators Forum

### January 6th

For More Information

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# Legislators Forum Will Explore Current Issues Wednesday, January 6th

# League Officers 2009-2011

Traditionally, one of the most popular of the League's programs is the Legislators Forum. This year, the forum will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Suncrest United Methodist Church on the lower level (Cowan Hall).

Four members of the House of Delegates and two State Senators will attend. The forum will begin with each participant highlighting the issues that they think are important and/or that they think will occupy the attention of the 2010 legislative session. Frequently legislators share the issues that interim committee meetings have explored or provide updates on the status of issues that were discussed but unresolved at the previous session.

Attendees will then have the opportunity to ask questions of the legislators and raise the issues that they feel should be addressed by the legislature. Initial presentations, audience questions, and the legislators' responses will be "time limited" so as to allow maximum participation by all in attendance.

Position	Name	Term Expires
President	Kitty Lozier	2011
1st Vice-President	Nancy Treat	2011
2nd Vice-President	Fran Nelson	2010
Secretary	Linda Yoder	2011
Treasurer	Lyndell Millecchia	2010
Board Member	Jan Bagby	2010
Board Member	Janis Gunel	2010
Board Member	(vacancy)	2010
Board Member	Kelly Palmer	2011
Board Member	Vanessa Price	2011
Board Member	Shirley Rosenbaum	2011
Nominating Committee		
	Chris Parker, Chair	2010
	Ann Pahl	2010
	Jean Dailey	2010
	Lyndell Millecchia (board representative)	2010
Newsletter	Clay Pytlik	2010

## *An Article from the Huntington League's Newsletter:* **“Pay As You Throw”**

At its August Interim meetings, a subcommittee of the House Government Organization Committee “heard discussion of HCR 80, which requests that the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study a ‘Pay As You Throw’ system for waste management fees.

“Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) basically takes trash service and regulates it as a utility. In communities with PAYT programs (also known as unit pricing or variable-rate pricing), residents are charged for the collection of ordinary household trash based on the amount they throw away. This creates a direct economic incentive to recycle more and to generate less waste. ....

“Communities with programs in place have reported significant increases in recycling and reductions in waste... Less waste and more recycling mean that fewer natural resources need to be extracted.

“In addition, green house gas emissions associated with the manufacture, distribution, use, and subsequent disposal of products are reduced as a result of the increased recycling and waste reduction PAYT encourages.”

(from August, 2009 Interim Highlights, page 9)

Allied Waste/Republic Services offers PAYT to customers in Cabell County. Customers may buy bags for disposing their trash instead of paying a monthly fee. Customers both in and outside of Huntington may also subscribe to a recycling service from Allied Waste. A deduction from trash fees is available to those who live in Huntington and subscribe to the recycling service.

# Members of the Local League of Women Voters Listed

We thought that members might like to know who the other members of the local league are.

In addition, the treasurer is often asked "Have I paid my dues yet?" Below is a list of Morgantown-Monongalia League of Women Voters members (as of November 2009). The \* indicates that **this year's dues (due December 2009)** have been paid.

A list of members with addresses and other contact information will be published in a newsletter after January 1. For corrections, call Lyndell Millecchia at 304-599-0904.

	Abbot, Judy	*	Hudkins, E. Jane
	Albrink, Margaret		Humphreys, Jean
	Andrews, Evelyn	*	Klishis, Michelle
	Baer, Betty		LaRue, Ralph
*	Bagby, Janice		Leyden, Sherri
	Blaskovics, Kay	*	Lozier, Catherine
	Brinkman-Windle, Sharon		Marshall., Phyllis
	Canady, Loulie	*	McCarty, Martha
*	Clausell, Arlene	*	Millecchia, Lyndell
*	Clausell, Paul	*	Nelson, Frances
*	Cohen, Bert		Pahl, Ann
	Dailey, Jean	*	Palmer, Kelly
	D'Alessandri, Elaine		Parker, Christine
	Davidson, Ann		Perkins, Kathaleen
*	Davis, Dorcas	*	Price, Vanessa
*	Davis, William	*	Pytlik, Clay
*	Dillon, Edna	*	Renahan, Beth
	Doyle, Eleanor	*	Rosenbaum, Shirley
	Evans Fleischauer, Barbara	*	Rosenbaum, Jonathan
*	Frich, Cindy	*	Schieffler, Rosemarie
*	Frich, Marlene	*	Simbra, Norma
	Ghalichebaf, Karen	*	Treat, Nancy
*	Gunel, Janis	*	Treat, Richard
	Hall, John		Waugh, Lillian
	Hall, Judith		Windle, Lor
		*	Yoder, Linda

## If You Haven't Paid Your Dues . . .

Dues are \$40 for an individual and \$60 for a household. Dues must be received by the end of December to meet the LWV-US membership deadline for this year.

Checks should be made to LWV Morgantown-Monongalia County and should be mailed to:

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