

# Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters Newsletter

April 2010

## Luncheon Speaker to Address Water Quality on May 8

### Calendar

April 29 Thursday	<b>Board of Education Candidates' Forum</b> 7:00 p.m. South Middle School Auditorium
May 8 Saturday	<b>Annual Luncheon Meeting</b> Noon Waterfront Place Hotel Jim Kotcon, Speaker Topic: Impacts on Water Quality <b>Reservation Required by May 3</b>
May 11 Tuesday	<b>Election Day:</b> Primary elections Board of Education elections Conservation District elections

Jim Kotcon, Professor of Plant and Soil Sciences in the School of Agriculture at West Virginia University, will discuss his water quality research at the League of Women Voters **Annual Luncheon**. The luncheon will be held on **Saturday, May 8 at noon at the Waterfront Place Hotel**,

Mr. Kotcon will be speaking about the effect of the processes for drilling into gas fields in Marcellus Shale upon Monongalia County's water quality. He will also talk about the effect of coal fly ash on water quality.

The League's local program has included a focus on Natural Resources for several years. "This speech will help us with the first item in our local program for next year," said president Kitty Lozier. The proposed program includes a directive to "study and monitor water quality, particularly regarding Total Dissolved Solids, their chemical makeup, and their relation to Macellus Shale gas extraction processes and coal mining." The program, the budget, and new officers will be voted upon at the luncheon.

## BOE Forum on April 29

A forum for Board of Education candidates will be held **at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at South Middle School on Thursday, April 29**. Three positions on the Monongalia County Board of Education will be filled by the May 11th election.

There are seven candidates who are competing for the three positions. Residing in the western district are Harry Bertram, Mike Kelly, Rebecca Myers, and Donna Tennant. The candidates from the central district are Horace Belmear, Clarence Harvey, and Barbara Parsons Schaupp.

The menu and price for the luncheon has been established:

Grilled Chicken Salad	\$10.00
Marble Rye Reuben	\$11.00
New Orleans Crab Cake	\$12.00

The price includes the gratuity. There will be a choice of french fries, tavern fries, cole slaw or a side salad with the Reuben Sandwich and the Crab Cake.

Reservations for the Annual Luncheon should be made by calling Fran Nelson (302.599.4937) or Shirley Rosenbaum (304.599.2370). The deadline for reservations is Monday, May 3rd.

# Morgantown/Monongalia County League of Women Voters Proposed 2010-2011 Program

## 1. Natural Resources:

Study and monitor water quality, particularly regarding Total Dissolved Solids, their chemical makeup, and their relation to Macellus Shale gas extraction processes and coal mining.

## 2. Planning:

Action to promote orderly development in Monongalia County and monitor the work of the Monongalia County Planning Commission.

## 3. Transportation:

Monitor and take action where needed with regard to improving traffic conditions.

## 4. Voters Service:

a. Follow and educate people about the Vote by Mail process in the City of Morgantown.

b. Continue to monitor issues regarding voting technologies as well as the status of local voting machines. Take action where there is consensus.

c. Study the Clean Election Bill being presented to the State Legislature. Take action where there is consensus.

## Consensus Positions

### Local Government

The LWMMC favors the adoption and implementation of comprehensive plans for Morgantown and Monongalia County: meaning a comprehensive plan or any of its parts such as a comprehensive plan of land use, or thoroughfares; of water and sanitation; or recreation and other related matters; and including such ordinances as may be deemed necessary to implement such complete comprehensive plans or parts thereof, with provision for such regulations as deemed necessary. (September, 1969; reworded November 1973)

### Land Use (Natural Resources)

Support the implementation of planning Morgantown and Monongalia County

## Membership List Additions and Deletions

Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone (304)
Pahl, Ann	2337 Stewartstown Road	Morgantown	WV	26508	599-8094
Parker, Christine	301 Seneca Hills Estate	Morgantown	WV	26508	599-3284
White, Barbara	153 Windwood Drive	Morgantown	WV	26505	598-9213

Also, we are sorry to report that one of our members, Rosemarie Shieffer, passed away in March.

# **Proposed 2010-11 Budget and Possible Increase in Dues**

Below is a copy of the proposed budget for the Morgantown/Monongalia County League of Women Voters for the coming year. The budget is based on our current dues structure. However, our current dues do NOT cover the amount of dues per member that the local chapter must submit to the state and national LWV organizations. For example, local dues per member are \$40, but the local chapter must pay a total of \$40.20 per member to state and national organizations.

Treasurer Lyndell Millecchia has proposed that our dues be raised to \$44 for an individual member and \$66 for a household membership. This increase in dues will be discussed and possibly voted upon at the Annual Luncheon on May 8.