

# Morgantown-Monongalia County League of Women Voters Newsletter

May 2011

## ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY MAY 14

### Calendar



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| <b>May 14</b><br>Saturday | Annual Meeting for our Local LWV<br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Potluck at home of Phyllis Marshall<br><b>194 McCormick Hollow Road</b><br>(Off Van Voorhis Road) |
| <b>May 14</b><br>Saturday | Primary Election for Governor of<br>West Virginia  |
| <b>August</b>             | First Board Meeting of new Board   |

This is a special time of year for our Morgantown-Mon County LWV. At our annual meeting on Saturday, May 14 we will elect officers and board members for the coming year, discuss and adopt our program items, and adopt a budget. The Board of Directors this year decided to have a more informal Annual Meeting, and we plan to have a fine picnic at the Marshall's home (rain or shine). Rather than having a speaker we will have a discussion about local League issues, enjoy each other's company, and eat our own potluck food including items grilled by Phyllis and her husband Joe. Please bring a dish to share; drinks will be provided. If the calling committee does not reach you, please call Shirley (599-2370) or Fran (599-4937) to tell them you are coming.

**Directions:** Starting at the corner of Chestnut Ridge Road and Van Voorhis Road at the BB&T Bank. Proceed up Van Voorhees Road past The District housing development, past West Run Road and past Bakers Ridge Road until you come to a STOP sign. Sign will say STOP unless turning right. Stop and go straight across. This is McCormick Hollow Road. Go straight ahead; do not go up the hill to the left. Continue about ¼ mile, passing

large homes in Brettwald subdivision on the right, until you come to a burgundy mailbox on the right side with 194 on the post. Turn right onto single-lane gravel driveway and go to the house. (The driveway is ¼ mile long and you do not see the house from the mailbox. A sign will be on the mailbox.)

***P.S. Dues may be paid now for fiscal year 2011-2012.*** Dues are now \$44 for an individual and \$66 for a household. Checks should be made to LWV Morgantown-Mon Co. If you do not come to the Annual Meeting, checks may be mailed to: Lyndell Millecchia, 476 Lawnview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26505

## **Linda Yoder Presents Roses to our Delegates**



Our League Board chose to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of International Women's Day this spring by presenting roses to our women delegates from Monongalia County, Barbara Fleischauer, Charlene Marshall, and Amanda Pasdon, to thank them for their dedicated public service.

Other photos may be found at the League website at <http://lwvww.org> under the Morgantown category.

Linda with Charlene

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Please add the following people to your membership list:

Hudkins, E. Jane	640 Astor Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501	296-0087
Marshall, Charlene	1010 Ashton Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508	292-7757

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### **2011-2012 Local Program**

1. Natural Resources:
  - a. Study and monitor water quality, particularly regarding Total Dissolved Solids, their chemical makeup, and their relation to Marcellus Shale gas extraction processes and coal mining.
  - b. Actively press for regulation of Marcellus Shale gas extraction processes in WV.
2. Planning:
  - a. Action to promote orderly development in Monongalia County and monitor the work of the Monongalia County Planning Commission.
  - b. Monitor implementation of the new ordinance for the West Run Planning District.
3. Transportation:
  - a. Monitor and take action where needed with regard to improving traffic conditions.
4. Voters Service:

- a. Evaluate the Vote by Mail process used by Morgantown in April 2011.
- 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 Elections Bill being presented to the State Legislature. Take action where there is consensus.

### **Consensus Positions**

#### **Local Government**

The LWVMC 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 in Morgantown and Monongalia County.