

Newsletter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Morgantown-Monongalia County **April-May 2013**

Annual Meeting: Evening Dessert and Special Speaker

Our Annual Meeting this year will begin with an **evening dessert and special speaker**, followed by the business meeting. We have reserved the lodge at Dorsey's Knob for the event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome!

CALENDAR

April 30 Tuesday	Election Day Morgantown City Council
May 4 Saturday	LWV-WV State Convention 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Charles Town, WV
May 15 Wednesday	Annual Meeting 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Dessert and Speaker Dorsey's Knob Lodge
May 20 Monday	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lyndell Millecchia's Home 476 Lawnview Drive



Jim Hunt

Our special speaker will be James C. Hunt, who was one of the speakers at our recent Local Government workshop/forum in March. His topic, "From Great to Amazing" will cover how cities deal with growth, revitalization and challenges. (It is also the title of his new book which will be coming out at the end of the year.) We hope all of you will invite friends to what should be a very stimulating talk. We will ask attendees for a suggested contribution of \$5 to help pay for expenses. If you have a special dessert you would like to bring (such as rhubarb pie, strawberry shortcake, fresh fruit or

meringues), please call Shirley Rosenbaum at 599-2370.

The dessert and presentation will be followed by our annual business meeting with election of board members, adoption of the budget, and consideration of program items for 2013-2014. The budget and proposed program are in this newsletter.

Annual Meeting Schedule

6:00-6:30	Set up desserts; gathering, pay dues
6:30-7:00	Enjoy sampling desserts
7:00-8:00	Jim Hunt talk and Q&A period
8:00-9:00	Business meeting

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report
Adoption of Budget
Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers and Board Members
Discussion and adoption of Program for 2013-14

City Council Candidates

The following are candidates for Morgantown City Council, to be elected **April 30, 2013**. Don't forget to Vote!

1st Ward: Ron Bane
2nd Ward: Bill Kawecki, Jim Manilla
3rd Ward: Wes Nugent
4th Ward: Bill Graham, Jenny Selin
5th Ward: Mark Furfari, Marti Shamberger
6th Ward: Mike Fike, Jay Redmond
7th Ward: Nancy Ganz, Linda Herbst

If You Would Like to Join the League...

Dues are \$44 for an individual and \$66 for a household. Dues received at any time in **2013** ensure membership until the end of **2014**.

Contributions are always welcome! Checks should be made to **LWV Morgantown-Mon County** and should be mailed to:

Lyndell Millecchia
476 Lawnview Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505

We welcome new members Mark Furfari and Patricia Bunner to the LWV.

Complete Streets Bill Approved

League Transportation Committee Chair, Jonathan Rosenbaum, is delighted to announce that the Complete Streets Act (SB158) was approved by the Governor on April 19! We thank Senator Bob Beach of Monongalia County for being the lead sponsor of the bill.

Local League Successes

We had a very stimulating Local Government Committee meeting at the Aull Center in March, with about 40 people attending. Almost 100 people came to our City Council Candidate Forum in April. We appreciate everyone who contributed time and effort in organizing these events, as well as those who brought the delicious refreshments.

We have received a letter from the President of the LWV-US, congratulating our league for increasing its membership by 40% in 2012. We grew from 40 to 56 members! Many thanks to our Membership Chair, Shirley Rosenbaum, and all those who helped!

Special Request

The Dominion Post will be having special coverage for the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, and they are looking for people who might have been inspired to serve others or get involved in the community by JFK. If you met JFK or were influenced by him, or have any interesting stories about where you were or how you found out about the assassination, please contact Cassie Shaner at:

cshaner@dominionpost.com

There is now an easy way to get to our content on the LWV-WV website:

<http://morgantown.lwvww.org>

LWV Morgantown-Monongalia County Proposed Budget 2013-2014

	Budget 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014
INCOME		
Dues (\$44 Single, \$66 household)	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 2,222.00
Introductory Dues (\$22 single, \$33 Household)	\$ 220.00	
Sponsorships (to cover membership dues)	\$ 88.00	
Member Contributions	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Checks from Fund Raising Letter	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Fund Raiser & misc. contrib.	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reserves (general)	\$ 717.00	\$ 699.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,921.00
EXPENSES		
Board and Administrative Committees		
President	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Secretary	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Treasurer	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Board Tools and Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Finance Committee (fund raising)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Membership Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Delegates, Travel, and Affiliations		
State Convention/Council	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
National Convention	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Financial Support for the League		
State LWV (\$11 single, \$16.50 hhold)	\$ 412.50	\$ 555.50
National LWV (\$31 single, \$46.50 hhold)	\$ 1,162.50	\$ 1,565.50
Bulletin	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Educational Activities		
Publications (Guide to Gov. Officials)	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00
Program Committees	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Voters Service (Room fees, handouts, mailings)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Publicity	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Position Support		
Publications on League		
Positions	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous Action	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,921.00

Dues and PMP for 2013-14 are based on February 1, 2013 count: 35 single, 11 household

Note: a \$500 Stein-Lloyd grant was received 11/29/2012 from LWV-WV to be used for:

Annual meeting, Forums, and LWV Banner.

Recommendation from the Budget Committee: Do not continue the Introductory Dues or Sponsorships.

LWV Morgantown-Monongalia County Proposed 2013-2014 Local Program

1. Local Government:

Study of County Government, including:

- a. Laws concerning the number of County Commissioners, their responsibilities and authority.
- b. Taxation, revenues and budget disbursements.

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

3. Transportation:

- a. Monitor and take action where needed with regard to improving traffic conditions, including pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- b. Monitor the implementation of the Complete Streets legislation so that the design of our transportation system can be inclusive of all forms of transportation.

4. Voters Service: Continue to advocate for open access to registration and voting.

5. Natural Resources:

- a. Study water quality in the Monongahela River including Morgantown Utility Board and Department of Natural Resources testing and their relation to Marcellus Shale gas extraction processes and coal mining.
- b. Study current state regulation of Marcellus Shale gas extraction. Work with legislators to amend the Marcellus legislation with regard to those issues that still need regulation.
- c. Study current municipal and county ordinances related to extractive industries. Work with local officials to ensure that the strongest ordinances possible are promulgated to protect the health and safety of citizens.

6. Social Justice: Explore “Jobs with Justice” principles.

Consensus Positions

Local Government

The LWVMMC 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.