

# Newsletter

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

**Morgantown-Monongalia County**

**September-October 2013**

### Membership Meeting: October 16

Our Fall Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16, 7-9 pm at the Aull Center (Historic Garlow House) 351 Spruce Street. We will have as our special guest Sharon Turner, Director of the Morgantown Public Library. She will be speaking on the funding of the library system. Since both the County Commission and City Council recently cut funding to the library, the issue is important locally. Other issues that may be covered are: changes in the library stemming from e-books

and other technology advances, accommodating the homeless population, and promoting the library and its services.

At the State League Convention in May it was decided to have a State League study of funding for WV Public libraries. Earlier this year the State Supreme Court overturned a 1957 state law which required nine county school systems in West Virginia to turn over a portion of their budget to help fund their local public libraries.

Information gathered at our membership meeting will help with the State study. We encourage members to come, bring a friend, enjoy refreshments and learn about our public library as well as the committees in our League which are available for members to join.

### CALENDAR

<b>Sept. 28</b> Saturday	<b>Information Table</b> 8:30 - noon Farmers Market Spruce Street
<b>October 16</b> Wednesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. Aull Center 351 Spruce Street
<b>October 21</b> Monday	<b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. Room B Morgantown Public Library
<b>November 6</b> Wednesday	<b>County Government Workshop</b> 7:00 p.m. Sheriff's Building Beechurst Avenue

### Farmers Market Table September 28

On Saturday, September 28, the local League will have an information table at the Farmers Market in downtown Morgantown from 8:30-12. We will inform people about the League and, in conjunction with National Voter Registration Day, we will have voter registration forms available. Contact Board member Gloria Sofranko at [gloria@sofranko.org](mailto:gloria@sofranko.org) or call her at 703-389-1103 if you would like to help.

### Meeting on County Government November 6

There will be a public meeting on County Government on November 6, 7-9 pm at the new Sheriff's Department building on Beechurst Avenue. Topics may include: mission, budget and taxes, number of commissioners, zoning, meeting time of the commission, media coverage of meetings, collaboration with municipalities, and county boards and commissions. Don Spencer will create a quiz (with answers) to get us started. (Parking is available in the parking garage on Beechurst).

## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at the lodge at Dorsey's Knob, starting with dessert at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5. Our special speaker was James C. Hunt. He gave numerous examples about how cities deal with growth, revitalization and challenges – how cities can transform “from great to amazing”. A lively discussion followed, and continued informally on the deck of the lodge.

During the business portion of the meeting, committee reports were presented, the budget was approved, and the program adopted. The following officers and board members were elected:

President	Jonathan Rosenbaum
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gloria Sofranko
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, unexpired term	Nancy Treat
Secretary	Nancy Key
Treasurer, unexpired term	Lyndell Millecchia
Director	Kelly Palmer
Director	Shirley Rosenbaum
Director	Linda Yoder
Director, unexpired term	Cindy O'Brien
Nominating Committee	Lyndell Millecchia (Board Rep.) Marlene Frich Janis Gunel

Continuing on the board are directors Catherine Lozier and Don Spencer (elected in 2012).

Nancy Jamison was appointed to the board at the May Board meeting. Welcome, Nancy!

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

Dues are \$44 for an individual and \$66 for a household. Dues must be received by the end of December to meet the LWV-US membership deadline for this year. If you are not sure whether you have paid, please call Lyndell at 599-0904. Checks should be made to **LWV Morgantown-Mon County** and should be mailed to:

**Lyndell Millecchia, 476 Lawnview Drive,  
Morgantown, WV 26505**

Alternatively, use PayPal for dues or contributions!  
(See item in next column)

We welcome new members to the League:  
Bill Kawecki, Mike and Cindy Fike,  
Jenny Selin, Rachel Fetty, Corey Anderson,  
and Michael Safcsak.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

The League has sent a letter to the Energy Corporation of America opposing a possible injection well for hydraulic fracturing waste water in Preston County. The company is exploring a site 500 feet from the entrance to the Deckers Creek trail outside of Masontown, WV. The Friends of Deckers Creek are publicizing information on the dangers to Deckers Creek if such a well were allowed at that site.

Go to the League website <http://tinyurl.com/deckers-creek-injection-well> for information from FODC, as well as our letter from the League Board. We encourage you to write your own letter to the company if you are so moved.

## GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

The 2013 Guide for local city, county, state, and federal officials was completed in July this year, and is available online for the first time, at our LWVWV website <http://tinyurl.com/lwvmm-guide-to-officials>. Guides will also be on hand at the Membership meeting – be sure to pick up a copy.



During our May Annual Meeting, one of our newest members, Bill Kawecki, suggested that we acquire the ability to receive credit cards at meetings since there is now technology that makes this easy for organizations. This capability is now here! Along with the ability to pay/donate online with your credit card or PayPal account at <http://tinyurl.com/paylwvmm>, you may now easily swipe your physical credit card at our meetings on a device known as PayPal Here!

Needed: Newsletter Editor! Contact Jonathan at [jr@wvcompletestreets.org](mailto:jr@wvcompletestreets.org) if you have text formatting experience!