

# Newsletter

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Morgantown-Monongalia County

March 2014

### CALENDAR

<b>March 11</b> Tuesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <i>Local Program Planning</i> 7:00 – 9:00pm Meeting Room Eat'n Park Restaurant
<b>March 12</b> Wednesday	<b>NoInjectionWell.org Meeting</b> 6:30pm Isaak Walton League Clubhouse
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Deadline for Proposed 2014-15 Local Program Planning recommendation submissions</b>
<b>March 17</b> Monday	<b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00-8:00pm Upstairs Conf. Room Morgantown Public Library
<b>April 16</b> Wednesday	<b>Candidate Forum</b> 7:00-9:00pm Rhododendron Room WVU Mountainlair
<b>April 23</b> Wednesday	<b>BOE Candidate Forum</b> 7:00pm Village at Heritage Point
<b>May 13</b> Tuesday	<b>Election Day</b> Primaries & BOE Final Election
<b>May 14</b> Wednesday	<b>Annual Meeting</b> 6:00 – 9:30pm Dessert and Speaker Location TBA

## Membership Meeting

**Bring a friend!**

### Local Program Planning

At the Annual Meeting this May, our Proposed Local Program for 2014-2015 will be presented for approval. Our League is a grassroots organization where members and interested citizens may participate in planning. While non-members cannot participate in the consensus portion of program planning, they can be part of the meeting. This is why we encourage you to ask at least one individual you know to attend our Membership Meeting at Eat'n Park on March 11, 7-9pm, especially individuals interested in "hot" issues.

Program planning is a three-part process that is a core component of the League's mission. It is composed of study on issues, consensus on what action to take, and advocating with one voice for that action. Our current programs include Local Government, Voters Service, Planning, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Social Justice. Programs are the foundation we build on to advocate for positive change. Arrive at 7pm, if you want to order a snack, dessert or meal. At 7:30pm, we will review existing studies for each program and open the floor for desired additions/changes and new programs that citizens would be interested in. It is that simple!

Remember, even if you cannot attend the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, or if it is canceled due to the weather, you may still submit recommendations to [jr@lwvww.org](mailto:jr@lwvww.org) until the 17<sup>th</sup>, or attend the board meeting on that same date at the Morgantown Public Library, 6-8pm when the Board considers the recommendations of all members.

League program planning occurs on the national, regional, state, and local levels. Local Leagues, like ours, can play a direct role in developing these programs on all these levels. The positions that result from these programs include LWVUS's Impact on Issues, LWVWV's League Issues in West Virginia and LWVMM's Consensus Positions. They can be found at these links:

<b>LWVUS:</b>	<a href="http://lwv.org/files/Impact-on-Issues-2012-2014.pdf">http://lwv.org/files/Impact-on-Issues-2012-2014.pdf</a>
<b>LWVWV:</b>	<a href="http://www.lwvww.org/library/lwvww">http://www.lwvww.org/library/lwvww</a>
<b>LWVMM:</b>	<a href="http://www.lwvww.org/library/lwvmm">http://www.lwvww.org/library/lwvmm</a> (2013-14 Local Program)

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Members of the Natural Resources committee have been working with the group NoInjectionWell.org to publicize the possible placing of an injection well for fracking waste water near Deckers Creek. Energy Corporation of America (ECA) is currently determining the feasibility of a site outside Masontown, 500 ft from the rail trail and Deckers Creek.

The League helped with a petition gathering effort in Masontown, WV early in February where many Masontown citizens (including the mayor of Masontown) registered their fears about spills and leakage of the toxic wastewater into the Deckers Creek and their underground water.

The League is also working with a planning committee of NoInjectionWell.org to bring a speaker to Morgantown to talk about the realities and dangers of fracking wastewater injection wells, and what has happened around the country where there are hundreds in place. There are already at least 70 injection wells in West Virginia. Our Board has registered its opposition with ECA on the placement of one near Deckers Creek.

The next meeting of NoInjectionWell.org is March 12, Wednesday, at 6:30 pm at the Isaak Walton League Clubhouse. All members of the League of Women Voters are welcome. Call Kitty Lozier, 304-599-8233 for directions or a ride. See the Website at [NoInjectionWell.org](http://NoInjectionWell.org) for details about the organization.

## VOTERS SERVICE

The League is sponsoring a **Board of Education Candidate Forum** on **April 23, Wednesday, at 7pm** at the Village at Heritage Point. Candidates this year are incumbents Clarence Harvey, Central District; Michael Kelly, Western District; and Barbara Parsons Schauff, Central District. A new candidate, Robert Lynn Core, will also be on the ballot.

On May 13, the Board of Education contest will be a **final election** rather than a primary. The three candidates with the most votes will be on the Board of Education.

The League is also sponsoring a **House of Delegates Candidate Forum**. There are seven Democrats and seven Republicans running in the primary. Five from each party will be elected to run in the fall. The forum will be **April 16, Wednesday, 7-9pm**, at the Rhododendron room in the Mountainlair.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

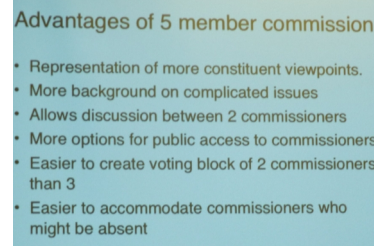
The second workshop, *What d' ya know .. About Monongalia County Government* was well attended, and educational. You can now access all documents and presentations from the complete series at <http://lwvv.org/tag/workshops>.



Lyn Widmyer



Ora Ash



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John Sofranko

**.. And we had an exciting Legislators Forum – Dec. 2!**

### 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 **2014** ensure membership until the end of **2015**. 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

You can also pay online with your PayPal account or credit card at <http://tinyurl.com/paylwvmm> or you may send money from your PayPal account to [mmtreasury@lwvv.org](mailto:mmtreasury@lwvv.org).

(If your name does not appear on the member directory in this newsletter, we did not receive your dues. Call Lyndell at 599-0904 if there is an error.)

We welcome new members **John and Virginija Bird, Josephine and Richard Gallagher, Karen and Robert Gribben, and Vicki Connor** to the League.