

# Newsletter

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

<http://morgantown.lwwwv.org>

**Morgantown-Monongalia County**

**October 2014**

### Calendar

October 9 Thursday	<b>Candidate Forum</b> County Commission & Senate 7-9 p.m. Suncrest United Methodist Church 479 Van Voorhis Road
October 15 Wednesday	<b>Candidate Forum</b> Legislators 7-9 p.m. Suncrest United Methodist Church 479 Van Voorhis Road
October 20 Monday	<b>League Board Meeting</b> 6-8 p.m. Morgantown Public Library
October 22- November 1	<b>Early voting</b> 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mountaineer Mall
November 4 Tuesday	<b>Election Day</b>

### Candidate Forums

Prior to Election Day, November 4, the League of Women Voters is hosting two candidate forums in October.

The following candidates have been invited to the **October 9th forum:**

**State Senate:**

**District 2** Larry Edgell (D) Kent Leonhardt (R)

**District 13** Bob Beach (D) Kris Warner (R)

**District 14** Stan Shaver (D) Dave Sypolt (R)

**County Commission:**

Bill Bartolo (D) Ed Hawkins (R)

The following candidates have been invited to the **October 15th forum:**

**House of Delegates**

**District 51:**

**Democrats:** Tony Barill, Barbara Fleischauer,

Nancy Jamison, Charlene Marshall,

John Williams

**Republicans:** Bill Flanigan, Cindy Frich,

Brian Kurcaba, Amanda Pasdon, Joe Statler

**Libertarian:** Ed Olesh

**District 49:**

Mike Manypenny (D) Amy Summer (R)

The public is invited to both forums, which will be from 7 to 9 pm at the Suncrest United Methodist Church on Van Voorhis Road. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present her/his position on campaign issues, and to answer questions submitted by the audience. Refreshments will be served after the forum, continuing the public meeting with the candidates informally.

For information contact Catherine Lozier at 304-599-8233 .

## A Note on Candidate Debates

The League of Women Voters strictly refuses to participate in, endorse, or be involved in any way with candidate debates or any Voter Service activity that excludes third party candidates or creates any other impression of partisanship. The WV League therefore has refused to co-sponsor debates and presentations in this election year, which exclude third party candidates.

For every election the State Board does produce an on-line Voters Guide for *all* candidates. The League of Women Voters of West Virginia's candidate questionnaire responses for the November 4 General Election for congressional and statewide offices will soon be posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/lwv-wv-votersguide> .

## Membership Renewal

Please keep your LWV membership up to date. For membership renewal or a new membership, deadline for annual dues is the end of December. \$44 individual membership; \$66 for household membership. Checks should be made to:

**LWV Morgantown-Mon County**  
and mailed to:

Joseph Marshall  
194 McCormick Road  
Morgantown, WV 26508

We welcome new member  
Evelyn Ryan.



## Save Paper and Printing Costs!

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September 23. Shirley Rosenbaum and Vicki Conner at the Voter Registration Table at Westover Farmer's Market. Cindy O'Brien, Evelyn Ryan, and Jonathan Rosenbaum also participated.

## Reminder.....

The LWVUS */League Update/* is a free online newsletter emailed each Thursday to members who sign up to receive it. The */League Update/* is filled with interesting and helpful information. You may subscribe at <http://www.lwv.org> by completing the "Get Involved" box.

## State Library Financing Consensus Meeting - September 17, 2014

We have been participating this year in the State Study on Public Funding of Libraries in West Virginia. The four local Leagues and MAL (Members at Large) have been studying the issue of library funding so that the WV League can come to a consensus position and lobby the Legislature as it develops legislation on library funding.

Twenty people, four of them guests, attended our Consensus Meeting. Participants discussed unbiased factual research of the Local Library Financing Study committee presented by Clay Pytlik, Dawn Jackson, and Nancy Bird. Special guests Sharon Turner (Director of Morgantown Public Library) and Penny Pugh (WVU Libraries) presented other resources. Kitty Lozier acted as facilitator and Catherine Prody as recorder. Other participants included Shirley Rosenbaum, Fran Nelson, Lyndell Millecchia, and Jonathan Rosenbaum. Our three presenters, responsible for researching, deserve special recognition: first, Clay who brought years of experience and wisdom to the process, and Dawn and Nancy who are both new members.

After the meeting, the results recorded on the flip chart were sent for review and accuracy to the Local Library Financing Study committee. After approval by the Local Board the results will be sent to state study chairman Carolyn Watson by the October 15 deadline. Her committee will develop a consensus position based on input from the four Local Leagues and MAL who participated in the process. Assuming the committee can construct a consensus position, it will be sent to the state board on November 8 for approval. If the board approves, the League will be ready to take action on the question of library funding in West Virginia.



Library Consensus Meeting. From left: Evelyn Ryan, Dawn Jackson, Nancy Bird, and Clay Pytlik

