# League of

Women Voters

Of Wood County WV

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Mark Your Calendar

 **Monday, Sept. 28 Membership meeting**

See below

**Wednesday, Sept. 23 1:30 p.m. Amending the Constitution Study Committee meeting**

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 **Monday, Oct. 12 LWVWC Board Meeting**

**Membership Meeting**

Why Pollinators Are

Important to You

Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

Parkersburg City Building

Council Chambers on 2nd floor



 Naturalist and educator (and League member) Emily Grafton will talk about the crisis facing food growers and food consumers as pesticides, Colony Collapse Disorder, a parasite, and other factors are drastically reducing populations of honey bees and other pollinators.

Open to the public. Guests are welcome.

Board Meetings

 Note that LWVWC board meetings on Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Lydia Cobranchi, 1360 Market St., Parkersburg. Bring your lunch – or eat before.

 Starting in January, board meetings will be on the 2nd Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in the board room of the Parkersburg-Wood County Library.

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**LWVUS Study: Amending the Constitution**

 The committee that is working on the LWVUS study on A**mending the Constitution** will meet on **Wed., Sept. 23 at 1:30** in the board room of the Parkersburg-Wood County Library.

 Any member who would like to participate may attend. It is likely that the committee will have to meet again to complete its job.

In order to proceed efficiently, it will be assumed that those participating will have done their **homework**. Six background papers are available. Go to: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). Click on **League Management** in the red band in the upper right corner, then on **Our Work,** andthen on **Constitutional Amendment Study.**

Our consensus reports on the Constitutional Amendment Study are due to LWVUS by Dec. 1. The board has decided that this committee will formulate responses, which will then be reviewed by the board.



Tuesday, September 22nd

 Make sure everyone you know is registered to vote.

In the summer of 1848, 300 women and men met in Seneca Falls NY to discuss "the social, civil and religious condition and rights of Woman." The Declaration of Sentiments adopted there included a controversial call for the right of women to vote.

In the summer of 1920 the 19th Amendment was ratified, enfranchising women in the United States. Activists from the suffrage movement formed the League of Women Voters to help women become informed voters. **Happy 95th Birthday to the League.**

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Take Action: Support the EPA's Methane Pollution Regulation

By: Elisabeth MacNamara, LWVUS President 09/10/2015

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed the first-ever methane pollution standard for new and modified oil and gas facilities. This is a big deal – right now, the oil and gas industry is leaking millions of tons of methane and other toxic chemicals into the air. The proposed rule would help rein them in. ……………..

Curbing methane is a “win-win-win-win” that can save fuel, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and improve pipeline safety. Doing so is a critical near-term step toward implementation of the Climate Action Plan and continued U.S. leadership on climate protection and healthier air.

The EPA has begun accepting public comments on this proposal. As the oil and gas industry prepare an army of lobbyists and lawyers to oppose the rule, we have to make sure pro-environment voices are heard, loud and clear at the EPA.

To read more, go to [www.lvw.org](http://www.lvw.org) and look for the“Take Action” item on the home page and click on Read More. Once there, click on one of the blue areas for a sample letter and how to’s for commenting.



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Membership in the LWV is open to all citizens of

voting age. To join the LWVWC, send a check

payable to LWVWC for $45 (plus $25 for each additional

member at the same address) to the LWVWC Treasurer,

1 Fox Hill Dr., Parkersburg WV 26104

Write “dues” on the memo line.

Will whoever has the DVD of *Last Call at the Oasis* or knows its whereabouts please let the president know. cyde62@suddenlink.net

FYI Note that there has been a change in our local legislative delegation. Longtime Delegate Bob Ashley (R-Roane County) has been named to replace David Nohe as state senator from the third district. The office will be on the ballot in 2016 for the remaining two years of Nohe’s term.

The other Third District State Senate seat, currently held by Donna Boley (R-Pleasants County), also will be on the 2016 ballot.

 The third district includes Wood, Wirt, and Pleasants Counties and the eastern half of Roane County.



The LWVWV has joined the Our Children, Our Future campaign to end child poverty in WV. The goal is to unite organizations and individuals interested in the well-being of children in order to have a strong collective voice advocating for laws that benefit WV’s children.

To add your voice in deciding the 2016 legislative goals, go to <http://www.ocofwv.com/> and vote for your top 5 policy proposals from the list of 18 proposed.