

Newsletter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Morgantown-Monongalia County

OCTOBER 2015

PRIME TIME 2016 – PRIMARY ELECTIONS!

CALENDAR

October 14 Wednesday	Member Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Aull Center 351 Spruce Street (Garlow House)
October 17 Saturday	Voter Registration Morgantown Farmers Market 8:30 a.m. to noon
October 19 Monday	Board Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Morgantown Public Library

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our first fall meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 7-9 p.m. at the Aull Center. We hope to have a big turnout for the evening, as we prepare for the coming election year! All of you know that the Board of Education has its final, non-partisan election during the primary. But do you realize, because of Legislative Action, that all the judicial positions (Judges, Circuit Court, magistrates) at the state and county levels will also be non-partisan, and they will be elected during the

primary election? This is a significant change! The Secretary of State is sending a representative from the office of the Election Administrator to tell us about these changes and answer questions so we can inform the public and help ensure a good turnout at the primary in May, 2016! A lot of people will be focused on the presidential race, and rightly so, but we must be sure that the electorate is well aware of the importance of these local races. It will be vital for us to know about these changes as we help educate voters in the spring election.

The first meeting of the fall is always a special time to meet and greet one another. The meeting is open to the public, but a personal invitation is always better. Do try to bring a guest! As always, we will be collecting dues – still \$44 individual, \$66 household. We have allowed plenty of time for hearing from the Secretary of State's representative, plus time to hear about items important to the league in our program areas, plus time for refreshments and socializing. We plan to finish up before 9 p.m. so you do not have to worry about your meter running out.

If you do not want to drive to the meeting, we will be happy to find someone to carpool with you. Please call Vicki Conner at (304) 292-2640. Also, the Aull Center has a lift at the back, if you have trouble with stairs. Call Lyndell at (304) 599-0904 and she will watch for you and help with the lift operation.

Annual Meeting May 13 2015

The Annual Meeting began with a very informative presentation by guest speaker Barb Howe on the “Evolution of the Voting Rights Act (up to 1965)”.

Last year the League of Women Voters launched our Democracy in Action Awards. We continued that tradition at our annual meeting held at the Aull Center by presenting three Democracy in Action Awards to: the Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ), Mr. John Sonnenday of the Coordinating Council on Homelessness, and League member Lyndell Millecchia.

After a break for refreshments, the business meeting was held, with adoption of the budget and program for 2015-16, and election of new board members.

Board Members for 2015-2016

At the annual meeting the following board members were elected:

President:	Jonathan Rosenbaum
Treasurer:	Lyndell Millecchia
Director:	Vicki Conner
Director:	Penny Thomas
Director:	Shirley Rosenbaum
Director:	Gloria Sofranko

Continuing Board Members (elected in 2014) are Catherine Lozier, 2nd Vice- President; Marlene Frich, Director; Nancy Treat, Director.

Guide to Government Officials

The updated League of Women Voters of Morgantown-Monongalia Guide to Government Officials, July 2015 is now available **online** at <http://tinyurl.com/lwvmm-guide-to-officials> Copies will be available at our fall meeting.

Voters Service Committee

We will be setting up a table at the Morgantown Farmers Market on Saturday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. to noon. If you can help, please call Jonathan at (304) 599-2370.

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee is following the Monongalia County Commission as they work with Republic Services on their contract. We are especially interested in what they decide about recycling in the county. A Commission work session which included people from Republic Services, scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, was cancelled because the Republic representatives did not appear. We plan to attend when the meeting is rescheduled.

A meeting for the Natural Resources Committee will be held in October, the date to be announced. Contact Catherine Lozier at (304) 599-8233 or clozier@gmail.com if you are interested in working on this committee.

We welcome new members **Allan Karlin, Sophia Peterson, and Ann Walters.**



Vicki Conner and Lyndell Millecchia prepare to register voters at the Westover Farmers Market in September.

The following offices are non-partisan and will be elected at the Primary Election:

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals

Term: 12 Years; District: Statewide, by numbered division corresponding to the number of justices being elected

Circuit Judges

Term: 8 Years; District: Judicial circuit; if the circuit is entitled to two or more judges, judges are elected by numbered division

Family Court Judge

Term: 8 Years; District: Family court circuit; if the circuit is entitled to two or more judges, judges are elected by numbered division

Magistrate

Term: 4 Years; District: Countywide, by division

Board of Education

Term: 4 Years; District: Countywide

Soil Conservation District Supervisor

Term: 4 Years; District: Countywide

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the League is open to all U.S. citizens (both men and women) over the age of 18. Dues of \$44.00 for an individual, \$66.00 for a household, and \$22.00 for a student are required annually. Dues may be sent to Lyndell Millecchia, 476 Lawnview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26505. You can also pay with your credit card at <http://tinyurl.com/paylwvmm> or you may send money from your PayPal account to mmtreasury@lwvwwv.org.

Contributions are also welcomed and encouraged. Checks should be made out to "LWV Morgantown-Mon. Co." (Membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.)

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Yes, I want to learn more.

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