

League of Women Voters Of Wood County WV

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 28 6 p.m. Meet Margaret
Blennerhassett, Vienna Public Library
See below

**Monday, Dec. 5 LWV Holiday Party 6:30 p.m. at the
home of Jane Burdette (see below)**



Join us for our annual holiday get-together for food and conversation on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Jane Burdette has graciously offered to host this year's party. Her address is 2500 Brooklyn Drive, Parkersburg.

Directions: If you drive out 23rd Street so that City Park is on your right and Mt. Olivet Cemetery on your left, Brooklyn is the first street on the left after the cemetery. If you come from the other direction, Brooklyn will be the first right turn after you pass the City Park exit that is on your left.

Spouses and guests are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, but don't stay away if you can't. Wine to share is also welcome if you are so inclined.

Please RSVP so Jane will know how many to expect at 304-485-2063 or burdettejane@hotmail.com.



A portrayal of Margaret Blennerhassett by Caroline Alvarez will take place at the Vienna Library, 2300 River Road, Vienna at 6 p.m. on Nov. 28. Stay after to meet her and for refreshments.

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POST ELECTION

From LWVUS at www.lwv.org

Statement on Election Night Results

11/09/2016 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson** released the following statement on Tuesday night's election results:

"The League of Women Voters congratulates the American people for turning out to participate in our democracy.

"Unfortunately, in too many cases, voters had to overcome significant barriers that were erected by elected officials and other political operatives. These ongoing threats to voters' rights are unacceptable.

"This is the first presidential election in 50 years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act. Thousands of eligible voters were purged from the rolls. Onerous voter ID laws prevented eligible voters from casting their ballots. We saw cases of misinformation and intimidation at the polls.

"We can and must do better. All year the League has worked in more than 700 communities, in every state, to register and help eligible Americans get ready to vote. In the 2016 election, more than 4 million people used our digital voter resource, VOTE411.org to find the election information they needed.

"The League of Women Voters will continue our work to expand participation in the election process and work to give a voice to all Americans."

Who are our electors and who chose them?

West Virginia's five electors are nominated by the delegates from WV's counties at each political party's convention during the summer before the presidential election. Voters elect them (although their names aren't on the ballot) when they vote for the party's presidential candidate. When the Electoral College convenes on December 19, WV's electors will be:

Ron Foster, Putnam County
Patrick Morrissey, Jefferson County
Ann Urling, Kanawha County
Mac Warner, Monongalia County
Bill Cole, Mercer County

Selecting the President

In view of the second presidential election in 16 years in which the candidate who received the most votes will not be President, it seems timely to review the League's position on electing the President.

Statement of Position on Selection of the President, as Announced by National Board, January 1970, Revised March 1982, Updated June 2004 and Revised by the 2010 Convention:

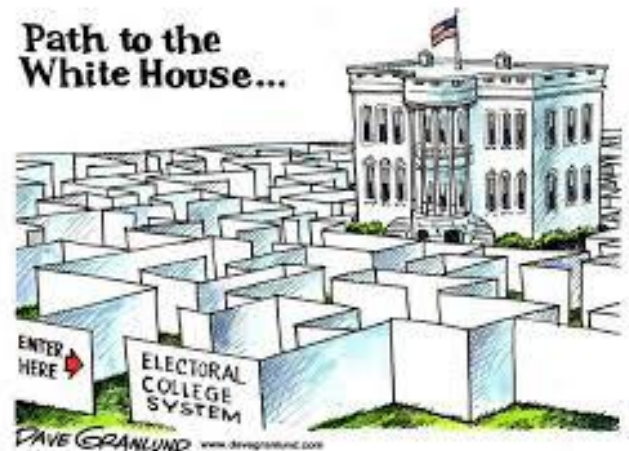
The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system – from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates, and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information.

The **National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC)** is an agreement among a group of U.S. states and the District of Columbia to award all their respective electoral votes to whichever presidential candidate wins the overall popular vote in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

As of 2016, it has been adopted by ten states and the District of Columbia, whose 165 combined electoral votes represent 30.7% of the total Electoral College vote, and 61.1% of the 270 votes needed for it to have legal force.

In the next presidential election after adoption by the requisite number of states, the participating states would award all of their electoral votes to presidential electors associated with the candidate who wins the overall popular vote in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. As a result, the winner of the national popular vote would always win the presidency by always securing a majority of votes in the Electoral College. Until the compact's conditions are met, all states award electoral votes in their current manner.

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Membership in the LWV is open to all.
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.