



The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area

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The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

UPCOMING MEETING - On November 14, 7 pm at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church the League of Women Voters and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will co-sponsor a meeting to discuss the budget for the state of West Virginia. The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy will provide a speaker to present the problems and proposed solutions for West Virginia's budget. The budget impacts all of us. We have seen the problems that our state encounters to provide enough income to adequately meet the needs of the state. The meeting is open to the public.

The WV Center is a policy research organization that is nonpartisan, nonprofit, and statewide. "The Center's research and analysis is designed to support informed public dialog and policy in West Virginia. The Center consults and collaborates with other organizations to ensure that its analyses are relevant and timely and strives to be a knowledgeable and respected source of credible information on public budget and fiscal issues for policymakers, advocates, media, and the public."

Following are its principles.

Its Vision - A prosperous West Virginia where everyone has a meaningful and equitable opportunity to thrive.

Its Core Values - Rigorous research and analysis makes good policy. Our work is grounded in "best practices" and in quality data-driven social scientific research on the best ways to advance shared prosperity and the well-being of all West Virginians.

Economic justice is tied to freedom - Freedom is found through economic and social policies that provide economic security, good health, equal opportunity, and the ability to pursue happiness.

The public works. Government plays a necessary and positive role in creating a shared prosperity and we are vigilant in making it smarter and more transparent and accountable to West Virginians.

Protecting vulnerable populations. While our policy solutions benefit all West Virginians, we must always pay extra attention to the interests of low-income children, people of color, and other groups often left out of the policy process."

BILL OF RIGHTS DISPLAY - The Cabell County main library will feature a Bill of Rights display provided by the WV Humanities Council. The display is a four-sided, pop-up exhibit observing the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The League will provide Bill of Rights bookmarks for the display. December 15 is the Bill of Rights Day.

(From This Day in History) "In September 1789, the first Congress of the United States approved 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. The amendments were designed to protect the basic rights of U.S. citizens, guaranteeing the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and exercise of religion; the right to fair legal procedure and to bear arms; and that powers not delegated to the federal government would be reserved for the states and the people.

"On December 15, 1791, Virginia became the 10th of 14 states to approve 10 of the 12 amendments, thus giving the Bill of Rights the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it legal. Of the two amendments not ratified, the first concerned the population system of representation, while the second prohibited laws varying the payment of congressional members from taking effect until an election intervened. The first of these two amendments was never ratified, while the second was finally ratified more than 200 years later, in 1992."

LWVUS JOINS AMICUS IN MCCRORY V. HARRIS - The League joined an amicus in the case of McCrory v Harris. The case will be argued at the U.S. Supreme Court on December 5, 2016. The brief argues that the North Carolina legislature's redistricting map was intentionally gerrymandered on the basis of race and therefore cannot be legalized by using the explanation that it was a political gerrymander.

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CALENDAR

November 8 - Election Day

November 9 @7 pm. Amicus Curiae lecture, Foundation Hall, MU. Jean Edward Smith."Bush"

November 14 @7 pm. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. LWV Meeting. WV's Budget

December 6 @1 pm. LWV Huntington Board meeting

RECYCLING - We are pleased that Barboursville will continue its popular recycling program. Drop off times are scheduled for Wednesday afternoons from 1-6pm, and Saturday's from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Village residents need proof of residency; non-residents must pay \$3.00 per drop-off.

Huntington will continue to collect recyclables at its 4 locations until June 2017. The city is in the process of planning how to continue its recycling program into the future.

Goodwill's Industrial Contracts Center located at 525 W. 19th St., Huntington is a place where we can recycle newspaper, junk mail, and cardboard on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center also offers free e-recycling, taking outdated or non-working computers and components, printers, scanners, fax/printer combo units and cell phones. Goodwill also offers school recycling programs.

THE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CENTER (ERIC) - ERIC is a multistate partnership that uses a sophisticated and secure data-matching tool to improve the accuracy and efficiency of state voter registration systems. Through participation in ERIC, states can compare official data on eligible voters—such as voter and motor vehicle registrations, U.S. Postal Service addresses, and Social Security death records—to

keep voter rolls more complete and up to date. ERIC is owned, managed, and funded by participating states and was formed in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Low registration rates and highly mobile populations can make it difficult to maintain the integrity of voter lists. Approximately 1 in 8 registration records nationwide is inaccurate or out of date, but states that participate in ERIC have increased the accuracy of their voter rolls, improved their election performance across several measures, and reduced their costs. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia are active in ERIC, and more are expected to join in the coming years. West Virginia is one of the participating states.

FIXING THE HOLE IN OUR DEMOCRACY: D.C.

STATEHOOD AND VOTING RIGHTS - Additional materials are now posted on the LWV Website as part of the project to educate League members and the public on the need for full voting rights for D.C. citizens. The LWVDC will be spearheading this effort, called "Fixing the Hole in Our Democracy: Statehood and D.C. Voting Rights". Learn "How the District of Columbia is Governed in 2016" and "Congressional Intervention in the local affairs of the District of Columbia" For further information, contact Betsy Lawson at blawson@lww.org.

LEAGUE URGES STATE ELECTION OFFICES TO PREVENT VOTING DISCRIMINATION AND DISRUPTION

- The League joined 88 voting and civil rights groups in urging state election officials to create plans to prevent voting discrimination in advance of the first presidential election in fifty years without a fully operable Voting Rights Act (VRA).