

The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area

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LWVWV website: www. LWVWV.ORG LWVUS website: www.LWV.ORG

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 Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

ANNUAL MEETING - April 10

Our annual meeting will be at Woodlands Retirement Center, with a dinner in a private room. We will adopt a budget and our program (ongoing positions on local issues) and elect officers. At the meeting we also will encourage our members to suggest League projects and action on issues.

After the business meeting we will welcome MU professor Dr. Jess Morrissette, who will update us on UN programs and issues. Besides being a professor of international studies Dr. Morrisette is the Director of International Affairs and Marshall's Model UN program.

Please let Martha Woodward know if you will be attending the dinner. woodward@marshall.edu or 304-525-7404

LEAGUE MEETING - MARCH 20

Report on actions of the WV Legislature will be the topic of discussion at our March 20, 7 pm meeting at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 469 Norway Ave. Parking is in the back of the church.

We will demonstrate how to access information on bills. We will discuss bills that are moving through the legislative process, and propose action that we can take on them. Some of the topics to be discussed will be drugs, education, natural resources, election laws, and taxes.

We welcome you and your friends to join us at the meeting.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome new member Carol Taylor.

CALENDAR

March 14, 7 pm, Amicus Curiae lecture, Speaker: Thomas Healy, on Oliver Wendell Holmes. MU Foundation Hall. March 15, 6 pm. Oil and gas infrastructure proposed for the Tri-State area. See OVEC's website, ohvec.org. Search for "Pipelines" and "Fracking". Downtown library.

March 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. "Together We Rise", at the Marshall University Student Center. Continued community conversation on Race.

March 18 - 12-1. Rally for Public Lands. WV's Capitol. For more information, link to ohvec.org.

March 20, 7 pm, League meeting on legislative action. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

March 31st, Marshall University will be hosting an energy seminar. For more information:

http://www.marshall.edu/sustainability/netl-energyseminar/.

April 6, 2017 - 7 pm. Amicus Curiae lecture. Wil Haygood will speak on "Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America". MU Foundation Hall

April 10, League's annual meeting and speaker. Woodlands Retirement Center.

April 22 - Earth Day, MU.

April 29 - Climate change marches and events May 6 - League's state convention in Wood County May 20, 10 am-4 pm. Sustainability Fair at The Wild Ramp and the Charles Holley Gazebo.

LWVUS NEWS

CARBON PRICING WEBINAR. Dr. Oreskes lucidly explained the economics of carbon pricing and fielded a range of questions. A recording of the webinar, together with Dr. Oreske's slides and several handouts, is now available on the Price on Carbon website https://priceoncarbon.org/general/oreskes-nails-it/

HEALTH CARE - The League sent an action alert urging members to contact their representatives regarding the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Message - Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act without an effective plan that will assure we have affordable, quality health insurance. Stop rushing to make major changes that will harm millions of Americans while throwing the U.S. health care system into disarray. League board members will be talking to staff members of Rep. Jenkins to explain our position.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO HIGHLIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES

On April 29 people from around the country will gather in D.C. to march for our air, our water, and our land; for our families and our communities; for clean energy jobs and climate justice.

Organizers in Huntington and Charleston also are planning a march and speakers. See more information in upcoming League newsletters and emails.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

US POSTAGE PAID HUNTINGTON, WV PERMIT 39

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-18 EXPENDITURES

- A. Operating Costs \$210
- 1. Maintenance of Equipment -\$60
- 2. General Supplies 50
- 3. Meeting Places -100
- 4. Equipment 0
- B. Board and Administration -\$270
- 1. President 10
- 2. Secretary -10
- 3. Treasurer 40
- 4. Board Tools & Expenses -10
- 5. Administrative Committees
 - a. Finance 40
 - b. Membership/Meetings -150
 - c. Public Relations 10
- C. Delegates/Travel \$125
- 1. Annual meeting -- 25

2. 9	State	Conven	tion/Co	ouncil	-100
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- 3. National Convention 0
- D. Financial Support for LWVUS & LWVWV - \$2064
- 1. WV PMP \$11 & \$5.50 -\$ 528
- 2. US PMP-\$32 & \$16 \$1536
- E. Bulietin-\$500
- F. Educational Activities -\$245
- 1. Publications & DVDs 50
- 2. Program Committees
 - a. National 10
 - b. State 10
 - c. Local 25
- 3. Voters Service-\$130
 - a. Elections 100
 - b.. Outreach 30
- G. Position Support \$30
- 1. Publications LWV Positions -

\$20

2. Action - \$10

TOTAL	7 3727
ANTICIPATED INCOME	
Dues	\$ 2100
Contributions	500
Interest	10
Reserves	814
Total	\$3424

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BUDGET DEFINITIONS

Total

- B-1,2,3,4 family care, mileage, meals, transportation, copying, postage, publications, long distance, misc
- B-3 thank you notes, dues notices, supplies
- B-5-b membership flyers, refreshments
- D PMP is "per member payment", half price to second member of the same household or a student
- F-1 Public Officials; Guide to Legislature; Election
- Information; Bill of Rights bookmarks
- F-3b Books donated; Speeches to other
- organizations; posters Dues - \$25-students; \$45-individuals; \$60

household

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM, 2017-18 (Positions arrived at after study/consensus)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- a. Support improvements in the quality of recreation in the Huntington area.
- b. Support improvements in the quality of education.
- c. Support the council-manager form of government.
- d. Support comprehensive land use planning.
- e. Support the improvement of solid waste management.
- f. Support continuing the funding of the Cabell County Library system by Cabell County taxpayers.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support measures to improve the election process.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support improvement of juvenile court procedures and support agencies.

TAXES AND FINANCE

- a. Support funding for parks and recreation in the Huntington area.
- b. Support funding for Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) by those who are served by the VFDs.