

**The League of Women
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CANDIDATES MEETINGS - The League is sponsoring or cosponsoring a number of candidates meetings. The offices that will be covered will be subject to change due to whether the candidates respond to our invitations. We hope to sponsor a few more meetings, again subject to the responses of those who are invited. Contact Information -- Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com

September 24th 6:30 pm - Woodlands Retirement Center. Invited Candidates - county commission, magistrate, state Senate, Congressional District 3

September 25th 6:00 pm - Downtown library. Co-sponsoring with the Cabell County Library. Invited candidates - WV legislature

October 4th 7:00 pm - St. Paul Lutheran Church. 721 12th Ave. Co-sponsored with Southside Neighborhood Organization. Candidates - county commission, magistrate, state Senate, Congressional District 3.

POSTER CONTEST - The League is sponsoring a Get Out the Vote poster contest for Cabell County 5th graders. **HELP NEEDED** - On October 1 we need people to pick up the posters from the schools and give them to the judges. **HELP NEEDED AGAIN** - After the first, second, and third prizes are determined, we will distribute all the posters to public places and churches. Please contact Marsha Dawson if you can help - 304-633-5249.

2018 OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE POLICY WORKSHOP - September 18, 2018, 9-4:30, WV Culture Center, Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV 25301. Contact information: stephen@ourfuturewv.org or Jennifer Wells, jennifer@ourfuturewv.org

VOTING INFORMATION - Do you know someone who has moved? Be sure they change their voter registration address. To make necessary changes they can go onto the Secretary of State's website, or contact the local Voter Registration Office, 304-526-8633.

Absentee voting is available for those who need to vote from home, or will be out of town during Early Voting and Election Day, Nov. 6. Contact the Voter Registration Office.

RECYCLING - The Cabell County Commission voted to allocate \$100,000 from the Economic Development levy to the county's recycling programs. The Cabell County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) will determine how to allocate the income from the levy to more recycling opportunities. The League voiced our support for using the levy for recycling. Right now we are limited to the CCSWA's \$75/year recycling program, its mobile trailer program, Barboursville program, and some recycling at Goodwill.

THANK YOU (From Helen Gibbins)

To League members who organized a surprise party for me. It indeed was a joy and surprise when I entered Woodlands to find so many of our League friends welcoming me. I thank the donors to the League to honor me, for a beautiful walking stick provided by Laura Deveny, and other gifts and cards.

And to donors to the League in honor of Pat Hartman, long time delegate in the WV legislature and volunteer in many organizations. Pat passed away in the spring.

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CALENDAR

Sept. 24, 6:30 pm. Woodlands. Candidates Meeting.

Sept. 25, 6 pm. Downtown library. Candidates Meeting.

Oct. 4, 7 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church. Candidates Meeting.

Oct. 9, 7 pm. MU Foundation Hall. Lecture - "Twist and Shout: Public Discourse, Political Dysfunction and Democracy in America."

Oct. 16 - Voter Registration Deadline.

Oct. 21 - Herald-Dispatch, Special Elections Issue.

Oct. 23, 7 pm. MU Foundation Hall. Lecture - "After Populism".

Oct. 24 - Nov. 3 - Early Voting.

Oct. 29 - Candidates Meeting, sponsored by the NAACP.

FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS ROLL BACK -The USEPA issued a roll back of the Obama administration's US fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks even though transport is now the single-largest source of carbon pollution in the United States. The fuel economy standards play a large part in controlling the gases that are causing climate change.

If you would like to voice your objections to the rollback, you may link to a site that will connect you to the US Environmental Protection Agency and

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For information, contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com. Deadline for comments, October 1. Helen will comment in the name of the LWV Huntington Area, but individual comments are welcome, too.

The new rule will abandon the Obama administration's improvement in fuel-efficiency standards. It also prevents California from setting higher standards than the federal government, a reversal that will also impact the 13 states now following California's lead. They all make up 40% of the auto market.

The Obama rule was finalized after many years of negotiations among the stakeholders -- automakers, governmental agencies, consumers, health providers, etc. The standards would save gasoline costs for consumers while supporting American jobs and reduce air pollution and climate gases. The auto manufacturers have the technology to achieve the Obama rule. The Trump administration's decision negates that work and the technology investments already made.

In the Trump administration's 515 pages long proposal to freeze the fuel efficiency targets there is information that indicates the freeze will cost the economy 60,000 jobs by 2030. It takes many kinds of jobs to produce the parts for modern cars. (See NRDC August 28 article, "Fuel Efficiency Standards Don't Just Help Curb Climate Change, They Also Create Jobs")