

League of Women Voters of Wood County WV

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday September 23 6:30 p.m. Meeting on changes to Medicaid See below
Monday October 14 11:00 am. LWVWC board meeting Wood County Library Board Room



Membership Meeting
(Guests welcome)
Monday, Sept. 23
6:30 p.m.

Pksbg-Wood Co. Library, Summers Auditorium

Lisa Diehl, Northern Regional Coordinator for West Virginians for Affordable Health Care, an organization whose goals include preserving, protecting, and improving Medicaid and the Medicaid expansion, will be our speaker. (see www.wvahc.org)

West Virginia was one of the states that opted to expand Medicaid when the Affordable Care Act was adopted in 2010 and provides health care and long-term care for more than half a million West Virginians. (more than 29% in 2017) Miss Diehl will talk about changes to the program since then and proposed changes under the current administration.

Ms. Diehl began work with WVAHC in 2010. She has been an advocate and community organizer for over 30 years. Prior to coming to WVAHC Lisa worked at WV Citizen Action working and advocating for passage of the ACA in Congress. She is on the board of the Good News Mountaineer Garage, and co-founder and board member of WV Women Work.

The meeting is open to the public.

Help spread the word by inviting others who might be interested.

Note that a limited number of memberships for new members at \$25 for the first year are available. Ask someone to come to the meeting and join the League.



LWV Launches National Redistricting Campaign

9/5/2019 (from LWVUS)

WASHINGTON – Today, the League of Women Voters unveiled its People Powered Fair Maps Campaign, a coordinated effort across all 50 states and the District of Columbia to create fair and transparent district maps nationwide. The campaign kicks off with a half-million-dollar investment from the League of Women Voters of the United States. All 50 state Leagues and the League of D.C. will receive funding to support advocacy, education, organizing and mobilization, partnerships, litigation, and protection around redistricting processes. The League will also host a national convening in October 2019, where League leaders from around the country will gather to discuss their state’s role in advancing redistricting reform.

“As long-time leaders on redistricting, the League has played a major role in establishing nonpartisan redistricting commissions and effectively challenging the enforcement of an equitable process for district map creation,” said **Chris Carson, president of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States**. “Because we have a presence in more than 750 communities, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the League is well positioned to lead this national conversation and seek to establish fair processes across the country.”

In June 2019, the Supreme Court ruled in *Rucho v. League of Women Voters of North Carolina* and companion cases that there is no fair test to determine when partisan gerrymandering has gone too far.

“When the Supreme Court ruled that federal courts could not play a role in policing partisan gerrymandering, we realized that, while the decision was a blow to our efforts, it also presented an opportunity for us to lead a national conversation about other fixes to this flaw in our democracy,” said **Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States**. “Our organization was founded nearly 100 years ago, when women didn’t have a voice in government. Today, the League of Women Voters carries on the legacy of the suffragist movement by ensuring that voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.”

More at www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwv-launches-national-redistricting-campaign

(If the link doesn’t open with a click, press control and click on the link.)



From LWV of West Virginia

- ❖ LWVWV recently sent a letter to the USDA asking them not to change a rule that allows states to grant SNAP benefits (food stamps) to those whose resources are slightly above the usual limits in hardship cases. If an eligible recipient manages to accumulate even a very modest emergency reserve, they might lose eligibility for the SNAP aid that helps feed the family. More than 300,000 West Virginians benefit from SNAP.
- ❖ The WV Public Service Commission was asked to approve AEP's 2019-20 proposal for energy efficiency programs and continue to improve energy efficiency programs across the state.
- ❖ On February 17, 2020 LWVWV will mark the 100th anniversary of Congressional approval of the 19th amendment by participating in Centennial Day at the WV Legislature.

From The New York Times

Environmental rules that were repealed, altered, eased, or are not enforced under the current administration.

	Total	53	32	85
		Rollbacks completed	Rollbacks in process	Total rollbacks
Air pollution and emissions	10	14	24	
Drilling and extraction	9	9	18	
Infrastructure and planning	12	1	13	
Animals	9	1	10	
Toxic substances and safety	4	1	5	
Water pollution	5	2	7	
Other	4	4	8	

Details of the changes are described in the article at:

www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/climate/trump-environment-rollbacks.html



BEFORE the 19th amendment.....

Most are familiar with Abigail Adams' admonition to John Adams to "Remember the Ladies" as he served in the Continental Congress as the founding fathers were deciding what sort of country they were founding. She went on to say "If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or representation."

An institution chartered as the Georgia Female College in 1836 in Macon GA and later renamed Wesleyan College, was either the first in the country (or among the first) to award bachelor's degrees to women. Standards for degree granting varied widely at the time, but this college's curriculum was considered the equal of that offered at men's colleges.

In 1916 Jeannette Rankin became the first woman elected to the US Congress. She represented Montana, one of the states that had already granted suffrage to women. Soon after taking office, she had to choose whether to vote for US entry into WWI, which, as a pacifist, she had campaigned against. Some in the suffrage movement feared a no vote would harm their cause. She voted her conscience, one of 50 no votes, and lost her seat in the next election. She ran and won again in 1940 and was confronted with the same choice about war with Japan in December of 1941. Hers was the only no vote. Two days later she abstained from voting on a declaration of war against Germany. She did not run for reelection in 1942.

Source: What Every American Woman Should Know About Women's History, © 1994 and www.wikipedia.org.



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September 23 Meeting 6:30 p.m. Pksbg-Wood Co. Library Medicaid

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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.