

**The League of Women
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Kickoff to Celebrate the Passage of the 19th Amendment - On October 17, 5-7 PM at the West Huntington Library we will kick off plans for the celebration of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters and Delta Sigma Theta sorority will host the event. Refreshments will be served.

We hope to create plans and enthusiasm for celebrating the Centennial of the 19th amendment's confirmation on August 26, 1920. We all will share statewide, community, and Marshall U's plans for celebrations as well as generating ideas for other events throughout the year. We will provide a short background on the 1920 events.

Please send us names of persons who should be contacted about the event – Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com. We have created a flyer which can be emailed to interested individuals.

CALENDAR

October 3, 7 pm. Amicus Curiae lecture in the Foundation Hall, MU. Brett Bruen, "Adjusting to a Post-American World".

October 17, 5-7. West Huntington Library. Kick Off for the celebration of the centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment.

November 12, 7 pm. Amicus Curiae lecture in the Foundation Hall, MU. The Honorable David Barron, Judge, US Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit. Author of "Waging War: The Clash between Presidents and Congress from 1776 to ISIS".

Get Ready for 2020 Elections – On November 18, 6 pm at the downtown library, the League will host a meeting for the public on elections laws and updates. We have invited public officials to explain processes and answer

questions and complaints. Please let your friends know about the event so that they may start planning for next year's elections.

Reduce Your Carbon Output – Young people and others are demonstrating and parading to bring attention to the dire predictions of Climate Change's effects. We are experiencing stronger hurricanes, flooding, droughts, and fires; heating up of the oceans which affects the fauna in the water and losses of coastal property; and effects on people's health from air pollution and increased heating of the environment. It takes substantial funds and efforts to ameliorate these events.

First, we need to restrict pollution from big emitters. But we also have a role. Here's information on driving our vehicles. From: <http://shrinkthatfootprint.com/fuel-gas-mileage-tips>

"Gas mileage normally peaks at a speed of 40-55 mph (64-89 km/h) while using your cars top gear. It can vary significantly between cars based on the gearing, engine, weight and drag, but after 60 mph it generally declines quite significantly.

"Recent research by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory comparing the fuel economy of 74 vehicles at speeds of 50, 60, 70 and 80 mph shows each additional 10 mph beyond 50 mph reduces fuel economy by about 14%. More simply put, from 50 to 60 mph fuel economy drops by 12%, from 50 to 70 mph it drops by 25%, and from 50 to 80 mph it falls by 36%.

"If you are a bit of a lead foot on the highway, slowing down will improve your fuel economy considerably. Obviously, you can only go as slow as is safe, but cutting just 10 mph can pay large dividends and will probably make your driving smoother too."

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LWVUS Advocacy – Election Laws - Statehood for Washington, DC residents has been a priority of League members since its inception. The League supports the “Washington, DC Admission Act”(H.R. 51), an historic opportunity to ensure that DC residents are no longer disenfranchised.

“More than 700,000 residents live in DC, which is more than that of Wyoming and Vermont, yet its residents still lack voting members in the U.S. House and Senate. Without these voting members, residents of DC are denied a voice in Congress to defend them from attacks on their own locally passed laws and citizen backed initiatives. Since the 1980’s Congress has continuously used DC as a pawn in their political games. From banning use of District funds to promote clean needle exchange, to blocking the reproductive health choices of women, or weakening DC’s gun violence prevention laws, Congress has used the decisions of DC’s residents to deny them their full democratic principles.”(From LWVUS)

The League also supports HR 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act” HR 4, a bill that would modernize and repair the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965. “In 2013, the Supreme Court overturned the key provision of the VRA that triggered careful review of

voting changes in political jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination in voting before they could take effect. Since that decision, politicians in states, counties, cities, and towns across the country have passed laws and adopted practices that discriminate against voters of color and language minorities -- making it harder for them to register and more difficult to vote”.

JOIN THE LEAGUE

The League is a nonpartisan organization, neither supporting nor opposing candidates nor political parties. We work on vital issues of concern to members and the public. Our volunteers work year-round to register new voters, host community forums and debates, and provide voters with election information they need. We engage at the local and state levels on legislative priorities and efforts to improve our elections. Dues for individuals are \$45/year; \$60 for two members in one household; and free for full time students. New members pay half price dues. Dues may be sent to Patricia Scarr, Treasurer, 8 Partridge Court, Huntington 25705.