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PROTECT YOUR VOTE MEETING - On December 10, 6:30 at the Woodlands Retirement Center, the League of Women Voters will host a meeting on Election Laws. Kelly Allen from the Cabell County Clerk's Office and David Gilpin from the West Virginia Secretary of State's office will answer questions concerning our election laws. Some of the topics will include campaign finance rules, purging the registration rolls, protection from intervention in our elections by foreign parties, and more. The League encourages all voters to know our election laws and what measures are taken to protect our ballots.

VOTING RIGHTS BILL IN CONGRESS - HR 1. "For the People Act" passed the House of Representatives and was introduced in the U.S. Senate. The bill will modernize our election system, limit partisan gerrymandering, restore the Voting Rights Act, reform campaign finance, and improve transparency in our elections. It will expand voters' access to the polls, including expanding early voting, and automatic and online voter registration. Contact our senators to voice your support of HR 1. Shelly Moore Capito, 202-224-6472 and Joe Manchin, 202-224-3954.

READER'S THEATER - For a number of years, the League has performed the "Right to Vote" Reader's Theater. We are revising the script so that it contains more information on the work to pass the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. With the hope we will be invited to present the Readers Theater to a number of organizations, we want to add to the cast numbers so that no one has to

perform at each event. If you wish to be one of the readers, please contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com Because the cast members may read the parts, it does not take much preparation for the performances.

CENTENNIAL OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT - We are working with other organizations to celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave voting rights to women. Marshall University is scheduling a number of events, with the culmination of a parade in August. If you would like to help, please contact Wendy Thomas, wthomas@frontier.com

MEMBERS - We remember Robert Carpenter for the contributions he made to our community. Among many are the advances in our emergency response systems. We welcome new members, Phoebe Randolph, Doris Andrews, and Kay Stewart. We thank Phoebe Randolph for developing a Facebook page titled League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area, West Virginia. We thank Marcia Daoust for paying for a League of Women Voters ad in the River Magic Chorus program. The show is scheduled on Nov. 23 at 7 pm at Smith Hall, MU. For more information contact Marcia at 304-529-4406.



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CALENDAR

- **LWV Board Meeting.** December 9, 10.
Gallagher Public Library
- **Election Laws Meeting.** December 10,
Woodlands Retirement Community
- **Legislative Priorities Meeting.** January 20,
2020. Fratelli's Restaurant.

JANUARY MEETING - The topic of discussion will be the 2020 legislative priorities of the League and West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition. We will meet at Fratelli's Restaurant, 6007 US 60, River Place Shopping Center, at noon, January 20, 2020. Attendees will order off the menu.

FINANCE DRIVE - We thank Betty Barrett for managing our Finance Drive. She sent out letters to a number of potential contributors to our League. Our dues cover only the essentials of our operations; but to reach out into the community we need extra funds. Among our activities include running candidates' meetings, listing our public officials on the Herald-Dispatch's website, putting out information on issues, working with the Herald-Dispatch on its candidates' page, and performing our Reader's Theater, "Right to Vote". In our last election we also provided a Get Out the Vote poster contest with 5th graders. We contact our state legislative

and congressional representatives on a number of issues such as for clean air and water, maintaining access to health care, encouraging investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency and advocating for transparency in political campaigns. Contributions may be sent to our treasurer, PJ Scarr, 8 Partridge Dr., Huntington, WV 25705. If you wish your contribution to be tax deductible, make the check-out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

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. The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area, West Virginia. Find us – Like us on Facebook!