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LEAGUE MEETING – April 15, 6:30 pm, Woodlands. Dr. Jess Morrisette, MU Political Science International Relations Professor, will speak. Some of Dr. Morrisette's extensive research includes Russian and Afghanistan issues and water scarcity and other environmental concerns in poorer countries. We welcome members and friends to our meeting.

CALENDAR

- April 11**, 7 pm. Amicus Curiae lecture. Foundation Hall "How the South Won the Civil War: The Significance of the West in American History."
- April 13**, State Convention. Morgantown
- April 15**, 6:30. Woodlands. League meeting. Dr. Jess Morrissey, MU Professor on International Relations
- April 24**, Earth Day. MU Student Center. 10:30-1:30.
- April 25**, 7 pm Amicus Curiae MU Foundation Hall. "The Problem of Democracy"

EARTH DAY – Marshall University's Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for April 24, 10:30-1:30, Student Center. The League will staff a table. Please let Helen Gibbins know if you can help. Contact 304-736-3287 or gibbins@frontier.com.

A new series by David Attenborough on Netflix streaming will begin on April 5. "Our Planet" is an eight-part series featuring "never-before-seen footage of wildlife in their natural habitats. It will also explore why the natural world matters to us all and what the human race can do to preserve it. According to Attenborough, "Today we have become the greatest threat to the health of our home but there's still time for us to address the challenges we've created, if we act now."

OPEN TO ALL CAMPAIGN – Several of our members traipsed down to Huntington City Hall so that the League of Women Voters would be welcomed into the City of Huntington's "Open to All" Campaign.

(From the City of Huntington's website)

"The Open to All campaign works to engage the community in a welcoming and safe environment for everyone regardless of race, religion, ancestry, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The campaign was launched by the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Committee and further advanced with the help of the Mayor's Diversity Advisory Committee.

"Although the campaign now includes 100 members such as small businesses, restaurants, nonprofit organizations, churches, law firms and annual festivals, some of the larger inductees include Marshall University, Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"While each Open to All member receives a decal to place on the outside of their establishment, the campaign goes far beyond the sticker. It offers free diversity training to all Open to All members and has helped push nondiscrimination policy changes that surpass federal or state protections.

"As a result, Huntington's score in the Human Rights Campaign's annual Municipal Equality Index surged from 43 (on a 100-point scale) in 2014 to 95 this year. Huntington has had the highest score of any West Virginia city for three consecutive years."

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

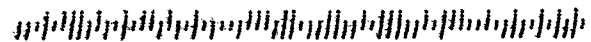
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YEAR IN REVIEW, 2018-19

Voters Service - Get Out the Vote Poster Contest; 8 Candidates meetings; worked with Herald-Dispatch on publishing candidates' information; library display for voting (Included audio as well as visual) with emphasis on features for those with physical challenges; Get Out the Vote PSAs for radio.

Action - WV Water Quality Standards; Opposed timbering and ATVs in state parks; Campaign Finance - Supported Dark Money reform; Guns - Opposed campus carry; Opposed a General Election ballot issue that says "To amend the West Virginia Constitution to clarify that nothing in the Constitution of West Virginia secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion". Supported the federal HR1 to modernize our election system, reform redistricting, and restore the Voting Rights Act. ORSANCO - opposed its removal of water quality standards from its mission.

Publications - "Directory of Public Officials and Personnel" - on the Herald-Dispatch's website; "Your Government Officials 2019" brochure; "Guide to WV legislators" - Cabell and Wayne Counties; "Get Ready to Vote" flyer

"Right to Vote" Readers Theater

TRIBUTES TO FORMER LEAGUE MEMBERS - Recently Mary Anderson and Bobby Nelson died. Both "made a difference" in our community and state. Bobby was a former legislator and mayor of Huntington. Because he was issue oriented, he led the implementation of many of his ideas, both state wide and locally. His enthusiasm knew no bounds. For the past several years. Mary had been living with a niece in Putnam County. Before her decline in health, she was an active League member. Her sense of humor kept us all centered on our missions.

DUES NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID IN 2019.

\$45 for individual members; \$60 for two household members, free for full time students. Send checks to League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area. Mail, % our treasurer, PJ Scarr, 8 Partridge Court, Huntington, WV 25705. The non-partisan League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our dues go to pay local expenses and towards the budgets of the LWVWV and LWVUS because we work with Leagues around the state and nation to achieve our goals.