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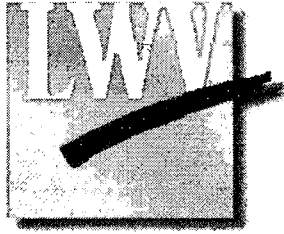
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# The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area



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## January 2017 Bulletin

### MEETING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS

January 26, 11:30 am is the date set for the League's meeting with our legislators to talk about legislation we will support in the upcoming session. The other presenters will be Natalie Thompson, Ohio Valley Environmental Protection (OVEC), and Rick Wilson, Our Children Our Future.

The League will provide the lunch for the event. The meeting will be at OVEC's office, 725 14<sup>th</sup> St. West. Parking is available onstreet or at the farmer's market behind the Wild Ramp. The presentations will start at 12 noon.

### CABELL COUNTY LEGISLATORS

The website for the WV Legislature is available by googling. When this bulletin was written, the committee and office assignments were not available. We will send this information out when it is listed on the website.

Cabell County state senators include Bob Plymale (D) and Mike Woelfel (D).

The delegates include - District 16 - Sean Hornbuckle (D), Carol Miller (R), and Chuck Romine (R); District 17 - Chad Lovejoy (D) and Dr. Matt Rohrbach (R); District 18 - Kelli Sobonya (R)

### 2017 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

**January 11, 2017** - Opening Day Assemble to elect officers and open and publish election returns.

**February 8, 2017** - First Day of the Session

**March 20, 2017:** Last day to introduce bills in the Senate. *Senate Rule 14* does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills, and does not apply to Senate or House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

**March 21, 2017:** Last day to introduce bills in the House. *House Rule 91a* does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills, and does not apply to Senate or House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

**March 26, 2017:** Bills due out of committees in house of origin to ensure three full days for readings.

**March 29, 2017:** Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin. Does not include budget or supplementary appropriation bills.

**April 8, 2017:** Adjournment at Midnight.

### CLIMATE CHANGE --MEETING WITH REP. JENKINS STAFF

Several League members met with Michael Carrico, Rep. Jenkins staff member in charge of Huntington's office. Dr. Frank Gilliam, MU, presented Climate Change issues that we are already experiencing, as well as future problems. We believe that we provided useful information for Mr. Carrico that he can share with Rep. Jenkins.

### CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

**Rep. Evan Jenkins** - -Huntington Office (Mike Carrico) - 304-522-2201; Washington, DC. - 202-225-3452

**Sen. Shelley Moore Capito** - Washington office - 202-224-6472; Charleston office - 304-347-5372; [www.capito.senate.gov/contact/contact-shelley](http://www.capito.senate.gov/contact/contact-shelley)

**Sen. Joe Manchin** - Charleston Office:304-342-5855; Toll-Free: 855-275-5737 (To use with 304 area code) Washington, D.C. - Phone: 202-224-3954; [www.manchin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form](http://www.manchin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form)

## CALENDAR

**Jan. 16 - MLK parade and events, 4:00 pm -7:00 pm.** Gather at 6<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church, 1647 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ends at Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. TTA will provide rides back to the church.

**Jan. 19, Together We Rise.** Public conversation on race relations. 5:30-7:30 Huntington High School Cafeteria. Refreshments. For more information call 304-523-8929

**Jan. 26, LWV Meeting with legislators, 11:30.** OVEC office. Also, Our Children Our Future

**Feb. 6, WV Sun, a Huntington solar coop. 5 -7 pm.** Explorer Academy.

**Feb. 18, LWV meeting with Delta Sigma Theta. 10 am** West Huntington Library

## WV SUN, A SOLAR CO-OP

On Feb. 6, 5-7 pm WV SUN will introduce itself to the Huntington community at the Explorer Academy, 2901 Saltwell Road. WV SUN organizes local solar co-ops to make it easy to save on solar installations and build a community of solar supporters. OVEC and MU's Sustainability Department have signed on to be community partners.

Community partners work with WV SUN to create and execute an outreach strategy to enlist prospectives to the co-op website and community sessions. The goal is to sign up 30 participants.

Once the co-op has at least 30 participants, WV-Sun will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from area installers for them to bid on the project. A committee of the co-op will select the group's installer. The installer will visit each participant's home and provide them with an individualized proposal for a solar system based on the group pricing. WV SUN will continue to work with co-op members to ensure they have a positive experience as they sign contracts and have solar systems installed.

## LWVUS ACTION

**Stop the Repeal of Health Care** The U.S. Senate is back in session and their first priority will be to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Repealing the ACA means undoing numerous protections for the American people. The League will not stand by while members of Congress dismantle protections for the health and well-being of the American public. Thanks to the more than 19,000 individuals who have already taken action! Stand with the League today and tell your Senators to oppose repeal of the ACA.

**League Opposes Attempts to Eviscerate Office of Congressional Ethics** The League opposed efforts to eviscerate the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). A proposal that would have gutted the only institution in the U.S. House that successfully enforces ethics rules was introduced by House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and adopted by the House Republican conference in a late night meeting prior to the first session of the 115th Congress. Thanks to grassroots action and public outcry Representatives backed down from the proposal. The League joined coalition partners on letters to Speaker Ryan and all Representatives on this issue. League's statement is available.

**League Opposes H.R. 26, REINS Act of 2017** The League joined a letter to the U.S. House in opposition to the *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2017*. Under the REINS Act, no major regulation could take effect unless it is approved by both houses of Congress in a small window of time. This would make it impossible to protect the public by shutting down the entire regulatory system including attacks on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and many other consumer protection measures.

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The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Rd., Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.