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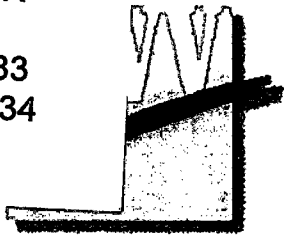
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Annual Meeting

April 10th 5:15

Woodlands Retirement Center

Please make reservations with Martha Woodward (304) 525-7404 or woodward@marshall.edu by APRIL 7th. Cost of dinner is \$13 (check made out to Martha Woodward or exact case, if possible). The speaker will be Dr. Jess Morrissette, MU, who will update us on the UN at 7 pm in the Hampton Room.

Annual Meeting

League members will meet in Woodlands Retirement Center entrance room, starting at 5:15. After going through the cafeteria line we will meet in the private dining room at 5:30. (You can give the hostess Martha's name when you go through the line.)

Afterwards we will conduct our annual business meeting to adopt the budget; to adopt our program of positions arrived at after study/consensus, and to elect officers. Our March bulletin included the proposed budget and program. Below is the list of nominees for the board. The annual meeting also provides an opportunity for members to give their suggestions to the board on what programs and activities they would like to see us pursue.

At 7 pm we will gather in the Hampton Room for a presentation on the United Nations by Dr. Jason "Jess" Morrissette, Marshall University professor of political science and Director of International Affairs. His website includes some of his papers. His areas of specialization include resource scarcity and conflict, Russian foreign policy, and the intersection of politics and popular culture. He has received awards for teaching excellence. We look forward to the new insights on the United Nations that Dr. Morrissette will cover.

Nominating Committee Report: Thanks to the nominating committee (Karen Nance, Monika Rowe, Betty Barrett) for its report on nominees for 2017-19. 2nd VP – Wendy Thomas; Treasurer – Ann Speer; Directors: Marsha Dawson, Jeannette Rowsey and Betty Stepp; 2018 Nominating Committee – non-board members: Karen Nance and Monika Rowe; Carryover officers until 2018 include Helen Gibbins/Marie Redd, Co-Presidents; Martha Woodward, 1st VP; Laura Deveny, Secretary; Directors - Rose Riter, Beverly Murrell, Betty Barrett. Off board - Patricia Keller, Bulletin Editor.



- Apr 6 – Amicus Curiae lecture. 7pm, MU Foundation Hall. "Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America"
- Apr 8 – Last day of WV 2017 legislative session (may extend to finish budget)
- Apr 10 – League's annual meeting. Woodland's Retirement Center
- Apr 13 – Amicus Curiae lecture, 7 pm, MU Foundation Hall. Oliver Wendell Holmes
- Apr 19 – Earth Day at MU. 11-2 (correct your March bulletin)
- Apr 29 – 11 am, People's Climate Change March and Rally. Heritage Station
- May 6 – LWVWV Convention Wood County
- May 15 – 7 pm, LWV Huntington meeting
- May 20 – Sustainability Fair (the League will set up a table. Volunteers are needed)

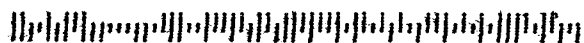
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PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH (sister to the D.C. march) Meet at Heritage Station at 11 am to rally for Mama Earth and everyone who lives here. After the music and speakers, we will march around downtown Huntington to show our support for reducing global warming and supporting environmental protections for our city, region, nation, and the planet. The event is part of OVEC's 30th Birthday Bash Week-end. It even includes a birdwatching event on Sunday. For more information, check out OVEC's webpage or Facebook.

WV LEGISLATURE

Final day of the session will be on April 8. You may check the WV Legislature's website for information on bills that passed. The information includes the actual bills. Also look at the Blog and Wrap up.

THE LWVUS AND THE UNITED NATIONS

The League has long had positions on the UN. We support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people. By googling LWVUS and Position on the United Nations you can find a more complete list of our positions along with actions and educational activities we have pursued.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Paul Cooley and Susan and Thomas Gilpin.

CONFUSED ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA'S BUDGET?

Go to the WV Center for Budget and Policy's web page to see an analysis of our taxes and budget as well as the effects of the legislature's actions on West Virginians and our state. The Center also covers governmental programs such as the SNAP program.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WEST VIRGINIA

The state League's convention will be held Saturday, May 6 at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. The meeting is an opportunity to hear what the state board has been doing and meet and talk with members from other parts of the state. The guest speaker will be Renate Pore, Interim Executive Director, West Virginians for Affordable Health Care and Chair of the Medicaid Coalition. She will speak about the envisioned future of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) in West Virginia. Betty Stepp will be a Huntington delegate. Let Helen Gibbins know if you are also interested in being a delegate.

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 Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.