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

Nov. 8th, 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

CANDIDATES MEETINGS - LOCAL

The League will sponsor candidates meetings at Woodlands Retirement Community, on October 17, 6 pm and November 3, 7 pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 721 12th Avenue. The Southside Neighborhood Organization will co-sponsor the meeting on November 3. Invited candidates include those for Congressional District 3, WV Senate 5, and House of Delegates 17. The meeting on November 3 will also include candidates for the House of Delegates, District 16. Each candidate will begin with a 15 seconds self-introduction. Afterwards each candidate will be allowed one minute to answer each question from the audience, and asked by the moderator. At the end of the questions and answers portion of the meeting, each candidate may give a 30 second wrap-up.

CANDIDATES MEETINGS on TV - STATE AND NATIONAL

October 11 - Candidates for WV Governor. At the time of this printing only the Democrat and Republican candidates were invited to participate in the debate. The ballot will also include Mountain Party candidate Charlotte Pritt, Constitution Party Phil Hudok, and Libertarian Party David Moran.

October 9 and October 19 - Candidates for President.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION

HERALD-DISPATCH ELECTIONS ISSUE - October 23rd. The special issue will cover answers to questions submitted to the candidates as well as other elections information.

VOTE 411 (LWVUS sponsored site) - Candidates for president Q & A's

LWVWV website - www.lwvwwv.org - Candidates for state offices Q and A's.

GOOGLE will make available the LWV's statewide candidates surveys in mid-October. To access the surveys click searches such as WV governor, WV Secretary of State, etc.

BRUNCH BILL BALLOT ISSUE.

The so called Brunch Bill issue will be on the ballot in Cabell County. Senate Bill 298 gave permission to county commissions to vote whether to place the issue on their county ballots. If the voters pass it, the Brunch Bill will allow restaurants and bars that are legally licensed to sell beer, wine, and other liquors in Cabell County to start selling them at 10 am, Sundays. At present the requirement is to wait until 1 pm to sell these drinks.

STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING - NO

In the 2016 WV legislative session the legislature voted to eliminate the option for clicking once to select every candidate in one party. To vote for every candidate from one party, voters will need to select individually each candidate's name.

EARLY VOTING

October 26-November 5 (includes Saturdays); Court house and Cabell County's Sheriff Field Office, 2726 Howell's Mill Rd., Ona.

WELCOME new member Marsha Dawson.

FINANCE DRIVE

The League has started its annual fund raising drive -- we send letters to potential contributors asking for donations. Our agenda is to promote active and informed citizen participation in elections. We also take action on governmental issues after our members study the pertinent issues. Financial support by the public enables us to carry out our mission. Contributions of any size may be sent to the League of Women Voters, % Ann Speer, 706 Ridgewood Rd., Huntington, WV 25701.

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COMING UP

The League has invited Michael Newsome to speak at our meeting on November 14, 7 pm, at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.. Mr. Newsome, an economics professor at Marshall University, will speak about economic status projections for WV. His presentation is exceptionally interesting.

AMICUS CURIAE LECTURES ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY (MU Foundation Hall)

October 18th. 7 pm. James C. Cobb (cousin of Martha Woodward); "From Truman to Trump: The South and American since World War II

November 9th 7 pm. Jean Edward Smith (former MU Professor) Discussion of Prof. Smith's recent biography on President George W. Bush.

VOTER FRAUD AND ELECTION PROCESSES

According to the Brennan Center for Justice "impersonation fraud by voters very rarely happens." Studies by the Brennan Center and other reputable organizations found that between 2000 and 2014 out of more than 1 billion votes cast, there were 31 credible instances of impersonation fraud.

After the frenzy of states passing Voter ID laws citing voter fraud, a number of courts have issued opinions that strict photo ID laws are racially discriminatory, and even purposefully racially discriminatory in North Carolina. In NC the "Fourth Circuit Fourth Circuit noted that the state 'failed to identify even a single individual who has ever been charged with committing in-person voter fraud in North Carolina.'"

West Virginia passed a Voter ID law to start in the 2018 elections. The idea of "voter fraud" has also brought forth the call for citizens to self-police the polls. In the past organized policing resulted in slowing down the election process considerably and intimidating voters by challenging voters' right to vote. West Virginia does have a history of officials tampering with elections, especially in the absentee voting process; but impersonation is not one of the problems.

West Virginians' rights to vote -- you may

- cast your ballot in a non-disruptive atmosphere free of interference;
- vote if you are in line by 7:30 pm on Election Day;
- request assistance in voting, if needed;
- be assured of the secrecy of your ballot; and
- look at the print out of your ballot, while you are voting.

Reminders to WV Voters -- Those who are not election officials or are in the process of voting must stay 300 feet from the polls. If you see what you consider to be voting fraud or incompetency in the polling place, please call the Cabell County Clerk's office, 304-526-8625 or 304-526-8633. Or if you see what you consider to be voting fraud, contact the Cabell County Prosecuting Attorney's office, 304-526-8653, the Secretary of State's Office 1-866-767-8683, or the U.S. Attorney, (304) 529-5799.