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LWVWC Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 7, 6:00 pm – LWVWC Executive Board Meeting – First United Presbyterian Church, 695 E. Calvin, Fayetteville.
 - Thursday, January 10, 5:30-8:00 – Drinks and Dialogue with Moms Demand Action. Stage 18, 18 E. Center St., Fayetteville.
 - Monday, January 14, - Legislative Moral Agenda, hosted by Arkansas Poor Peoples' Campaign, 1:00 pm at Arkansas Capitol Building in Little Rock, 3:00 pm – Reception then 4:00 pm - Rally at 8th Baptist Church, 901 S. Jones Dr., Little Rock.
 - Tuesday, January 15, 5:30 pm - Fayetteville City Council Meeting, 113 West Mountain St.
 - Thursday, January 17, 6:00-7:30 – Full Membership Annual Planning Meeting - First United Presbyterian Church, 695 E. Calvin, Fayetteville
 - Thursday, January 17, 6:00 pm – Washington County Quorum Court regular meeting, 280 N. College, Fayetteville.
 - Saturday, January 19, 11:00 am – NWA Women’s March, Fayetteville Town Center, 15 W. Mountain St., Fayetteville.
 - A Public Forum on Re-Segregation, Privatization and Defunding of Public Education – New Millennium Church, 12 Lakeshore Dr., Little Rock. (must preregister at www.newmillenniumchurch.us)
- Thursday, January 24, 6:00 pm – Re-Segregation and Transgenerational Trauma – Dr. Iva Carruthers (keynote) and Dr. Teresa Smallwood(facilitator)
- Friday, January 25, 6:00 pm – Re-Segregation, Privatization, De-Funding and the Color of Law – Dr. Terrence Roberts (keynote presenter) and Rev. Wendell Griffen – (facilitator)
- Saturday, January 26, 11:00 am – 4 pm - Resegregation, Privatization, and De-Funding of Public Education: The Threat to Democracy – Dr. Nancy MacLean (keynote presenter) and local public education advocates Dr. James Ross, Dr. Anika Whitfield, Pastor Toney Orr, and Senator Joyce Elliott (panelists).
- Sunday, January 27, 9:00 am – Dean Emilie Townes of Vanderbilt Divinity School will deliver a sermon at New Millennium Church during worship at 9 a.m., and will engage in an informal “town hall” conversation.
 - Saturday, February 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm – The State of Public Education in NWA Town Hall Meeting, cosponsored by the League of Women Voters Washington County and Arkansas Citizens First Congress. The Jones Center for Families auditorium, 922 E. Emma, Springdale, AR.

Know Your Organization

If you haven't already, check out the national League of Women Voter's Website:

<https://www.lwv.org/>
and

And the state of Arkansas League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv-arkansas.org/>

Find out how you can get more involved.

Highlights from Executive Board January Minutes

Our intake from dues last month was \$650 with additional donations making our total revenue \$795. The board will consider doing away with family memberships to help with book keeping. The board will consider this at the May meeting.

Glenda Patterson and Joyce Hale will look at member interest surveys and decide how to follow through.

We discussed the upcoming Drinks & Dialogue program for January 10th with Moms Demand Action and we also discussed our annual planning meeting for the league. This meeting is open to the entire membership. It will be at the First United Presbyterian Church on Calvin in Fayetteville. It starts at 5:30. We hope we have many people attend as we have many action items to work on.

February 3rd we will cosponsor with the Fayetteville Public Library to host the Foundations Black History Educational Programming public programming. Bonnie Miller will meet with Raven Cook to finalize the details.

We are planning a possible Drinks & Dialogue on February 21st with Seeds of Liberation. Bonnie Miller will be setting this up.

There will be an Education Town Hall Meeting February 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Jones Center. This will be cosponsored by League of Women Voters Washington County, Arkansas Citizens First Congress with Opportunity to Learn and Arkansas Education Association. Carol Widder and Michelle Wolchok will be coordinating this and will be asking for volunteers to help with promotion and communications.

For March a proposed public program was Sybil Jordan Hampton – “So You Want to Run for Office Signposts for Candidates”. Bonnie Miller will be coordinating this.

Mary Alice Serafini brought up HR1 (see newsletter article) and that the National organization is asking for locals to contact congress members regarding voter legislation.

Fei Rubinelli reported that her grant was awarded from the National League of Women Voters for youth voter registration at local high schools.

League of Voters Washington County Receives Grant

The League of Women Voters of Washington County Arkansas will receive \$500.00 from the National League of Women Voters Education Fund. This money will go toward our youth voter registration program. Specifically, this fund will be used to support our voter registration activities in local high schools and college campuses, to publicize our voter registration activities, and to support our volunteer training program. Additionally, we will be using this money to recruit new members by offering free or reduced membership fees.

If you like to get involved in these activities, please feel free to contact me at fub2013@gmail.com.

Fei Rubinelli
Chair on Voter Registration

Drinks and Dialogue with Moms Demand Action Thursday, January 10th, 5:30 - 8:00 Stage 18, 18 E. Center St., Fayetteville

Join the League of Women Voters of Washington County for the January edition of our Drinks & Dialogue series, this time featuring the local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gunsense in America. This grassroots movement is fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. The organization campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of families.

Thursday, January 10th, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Stage 18, 18 E. Center Street in Fayetteville. At Drinks & Dialogue events, attendees purchase their own beverages of choice and enjoy them while participating in an informal discussion. All are welcome, and there is no fee to attend. Hope to see you there!

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League of Women Voters of Washington County, AR Annual Planning Meeting

Happy New Year!

Attention – Mark Your Calendars

League of Women Voters of Washington County Annual Planning Meeting – Member Participation NEEDED!

First United Presbyterian Church (695 E Calvin St, Fayetteville). Enter the front by the office and look for room signs.)

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Volunteers with snacks would be appreciated. If you are unable to attend this meeting but see items below that interest you, please contact Joyce Hale to be updated.

It is time to look ahead at where we need to focus our attention for our 2019-2020 year. In the past we have discussed program topics to present for approval at our annual meeting. This time, preparing for coming events may require most of our time, energy and money. We will be challenged to:

1. promote the 2020 U. S. Census,
2. support the independent redistricting commission petition and its 2020 ballot vote,
3. advocate for HB 1004 promoting expanded online voter registration,
4. educate the public on charter school funding and other legislative activity like the Governor's structural reform plans,
5. fulfill our voter registration funding grant requirements from the national LWV, and
6. celebrate the LWV 100th Anniversary with fund raising activities.

To make the most of these important topics we must have greater participation from our members. If we want the LWV to influence Arkansas's 2020 elections, we need to start preparing now. The LWV has never had a time better suited to our mission. Come and take part in this important planning. Contact Joyce Hale for information: joycehale43@gmail.com.

The State of Public Education Town Hall Meeting Saturday February 9, 2019 1pm – 3 pm. Jones Center for Families, 922 E. Emma, Springdale, AR

Cosponsored by Arkansas Citizens First Congress with Opportunity to Learn Campaign, League of Women Voters, Arkansas Education Association, Arkansas Advocates for Children, Arkansas Hispanic Women's Association

The [Opportunity to Learn Campaign](#), is a coalition of statewide organizations, community leaders, parents, students, educators, policymakers, and others who are committed to public education in Arkansas and dedicated to ensuring its viability.

Vision & Mission

We envision an Arkansas where the educational needs of each student are addressed, and where every child enters school ready to learn, receives a high quality of education, and graduates from high school prepared for college, career, and life as a productive member of a democratic society.

We are working to engage all public education stakeholders to improve educational opportunities and outcomes in Arkansas. We are striving for an education system that guarantees each child an equitable and excellent opportunity to learn.

Core Values

- Equal access to high quality educational services, programs and support
- Equitable resources to meet the unique needs of students no matter where they live
- Giving a voice to those who have been excluded from discussions about education policy
- Understanding diverging views and the need for compromise and consensus building
- The need for social and economic progress for all Arkansans
- A just society where everyone is treated fairly

Come join this Town Hall meeting and join us in our mission.

For questions and/or information please contact Carol Widder at 479-521-7507, carolwidder@yahoo.com

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit any news articles relating to issues for the League of Women Voters Washington County to Carol Widder, carolwidder@yahoo.com by the 20th of the month.

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