STATE BOARD LETTER
Mid-May 2019

An Invitation to State Convention,

As you will notice, this is not your normal State Board Letter. Your LWVMD Board felt it was important to dedicate this issue to alerting our members to the importance of having representation of all local Leagues to the upcoming State Convention, June 7-9 in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County.

Besides our normal agenda items such as election of officers, choosing our Program for the next two years, and three excellent workshops, the State Board is proposing to merge our 501c3(Education Fund) with our 501c4(LWVMD). Your board is recommending this merger because having two separate organizations requires us to maintain two sets of books and bank accounts making extra work for a volunteer treasurer. The proposed merger requires approval of a merger agreement and adoption of restated bylaws at the LWVMD Convention. There will be a further, more in depth document on the proposal in the Convention Workbook. This is a major change and we want to make sure all our local Leagues have a voice in the decision.

The Convention will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, June 7-9. Registration will start Friday, June 7 at 3PM. Our host League, Montgomery County, is planning a cocktail reception and dine-a-round for those coming in on Friday night. This is a great way to meet and reconnect with other delegates in an informal setting. The convention officially starts on Saturday morning with our opening plenary session. Agenda information can be found on the website at www.lwvmd.org/2019_lwvmd_convention, where you will also find links for:

Convention Registration
Hotel Registration
Proposed Program
Proposed Budget
Proposed Bylaw Changes
Nominating Committee Report

We hope to see full representation from our local Leagues. If you have any questions, please contact:

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LWVMD Co-Presidents
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**Preserving Our Democracy**

Courtyard Gaithersburg  Washingtonian Center  
204 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, MD  20878

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

3:00 pm  Registration
6:00 pm  Happy Hour & Dine-Around with LWVMC - Info to follow

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

8:00 am - 10:00 am  Registration
10:30 am - Noon  Plenary Session I
Noon - 1:30 pm  Lunch (on your own)
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  Workshop - Fundraising: Creating a Sustainable Future for the League
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Plenary Session II
6:00 pm  Happy Hour
6:30 pm  Banquet

*Keynote Speaker* - Dr. Wiliam Kirwan, chair: The Kirwan Commission  
Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

9:30 am - 11:00 am  Concurrent Workshops -Forums/Webinars and Conference Calls
11:15 am - 11:45 am  Plenary Session III
11:45 am - 1:15 pm  Networking Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm  Plenary IV
2:30 pm  Convention Adjourns

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**LWVMD CONVENTION 2019 REGISTRATION**

*All Convention attendees must register. If you or someone you know would like assistance from the Lois Stoner Scholarship Fund for the registration fee, please contact the LWVMD office at stateoffice@lwvmd.org*

| NAME ______________________________________________________ |
| ADDRESS _____________________________________________________ |
| LOCAL LEAGUE ________________________________________________ |
| EMAIL _______________________________________________________ |

Please check here if you are a voting DELEGATE________

Registration - $155.00  
(After May 23 - $175)

Includes: Workbook, Materials, Sat. breakfast, Sat. banquet, Sun. lunch

Sat. Banquet ONLY - $99.00

Please send this completed registration form with your check payable to LWVMD to:  
LWVMD, 111 Cathedral Street, Suite 201, Annapolis, MD 21401 or REGISTER ONLINE at:  
https://www.lwvmd.org/2019_lwvmd_convention

*Your registration must be received by May 31. Each attendee should fill out a separate registration form.*