



The Voter

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LWVWC Calendar 2016-17

*LWVWC board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at
John Wesley United Methodist Church (JWUMC)
129 N. Potomac Street
Hagerstown MD*

November

1-3 EARLY VOTING

1 Board Meeting 6:30pm JWUMC

8 ELECTION DAY

15 LWVMD General Meeting Study on Primary Elections

December

6 Board Meeting

January

3 Board Meeting

10 LWVMD Spring Workshop

24 Great Decisions downtown library

SAVE THE DATE

Great Decisions New Season

January 24, 7pm

Fletcher Branch Washington County Free Library

Study and Consensus Questions -the heart of the League

The League has a long and distinguished career as a non-partisan source of information. The fact that we support issues, not candidates, and only after careful study, has helped create this image. It is truly a grassroots organization because positions are developed at the local level by study and discussion, which lead to members reaching consensus. This is different from a majority vote in that all in attendance must agree to the position before it can be accepted. (Yes, there are times when we can not reach consensus so the position is dropped)

The current LWVMD study is on Primary Elections, looking again at a position they established in the past on single and multi-member districts. (Both of which we have in MD) Our local league will be reaching consensus on **Tuesday, November 15, 7-8:30, JWUMC**. Background information and the study guide are available on website, use the event view tab from the list on the side.

<http://lwvwashco.org>

New Great Decisions 2017 Season starts January 24

The LWVWC has joined in a partnership with the Fletcher Brach of the Washington County Free Library to present the Great Decisions program. **We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm.**

This season's topics include:

- The Future of Europe
- Trade and Politics
- Conflict in the South China Sea
- Saudi Arabia in Transition
- US Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- Latin America's Political Pendulum
- Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Nuclear Security

In support of this program LWVWC has discounted the purchase of materials to \$20. For more details or to purchase a workbook visit <http://lwvwashco.org/>

News from MD State League of Women Voters

Visit LWVMD.org for details.

Exploring the Dynamics Between Police and Communities of Color:

Where Do we Go from Here?

Saturday November 19, 8:30 am

A panel discussion presenting different perspectives, moderated by **Kurt Schmoke**, President University of Baltimore.

Topics include:

The Lay of the Land

Prosecutor Perspective

Community Perspective

Legislative Actions Current and Future

A Vision for Community Policing.

Attendance is free but registration is requested, as there is LIMITED SEATING.

Gentle reminder

During election cycles the LWV as an organization does not endorse candidates. Board members will not have signs in our yards and usually refrain from political activity.

Please encourage your friends and colleagues to VOTE.

Don't forget that non partisan information is available at

<http://VOTE411.org>

Democracy is NOT a spectator sport!