

2016-2017 LWWHC Membership Dues

The League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWWHC) is a non-partisan, multi-issue, grassroots organization whose mission is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in local, state, and federal government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League is committed to community issues at every level of government.

Your Board is currently planning and preparing for the General Election season and all that the League does throughout the year including our big fundraiser in the fall. We cannot do this without the dues paid by members.

If you have not renewed your membership dues please use the form on page 3 of this *Voter* or go online to: <https://lwvhc.wordpress.com/join/>



LWWHC VOLUNTEER SURVEY

As we gear up for the fall, it is a good time to complete the LWWHC Volunteer Survey to let us know what ways you would like to be involved as a member. With the General Election and our bi-annual fundraiser coming up we need volunteers for many tasks. Please complete the survey form online at:

<https://lwvhc.wordpress.com/members/membership-survey/>

Volunteers for September General Election Candidates' Forum

The LWWHC will be holding a General Election Candidates' Forum on the tentative date of Wednesday, September 28, 2016, for the Board of Education and for Congressional Candidates. We will need many volunteers for this event. If you are able to volunteer please contact the LWWHC at: info@howard.lwvmd.org or 410-730-0142.

Calendar

June 15, Wed.
7:00 p.m.
Great Decisions

June 16-18
LWVUS Convention
Washington, D.C.



July 4, Mon.
Longfellow 4th of July
Parade
LWWHC office closed

July 23, Sat.
LWWHC Annual Board
Retreat



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*The League of
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is where hands-on
work to safeguard
democracy leads to
civic improvement.*

OUR howard.lwvmd.org WEBSITE ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY NOT WORKING FOR SOME PEOPLE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS IT PLEASE USE lwvhc.wordpress.com OR lwvhowardmd.org FOR THE LWWHC WEBSITE. THANK YOU.

POLL EVALUATIONS NEWS

Kudos to all who covered the polls on Primary Election Day and during early voting week. 30 members performed in exemplary LWV style. Considering the back-to-paper change, things went pretty smoothly. The major issue noted was independent voters who wanted to vote for president. It seems to be an outgrowth of this strange election year. Spoiled ballots appeared to be another issue, but were handled appropriately by the judges. Mechanical problems with scanners seem to have been fixed or scanners were replaced. Evaluators made excellent suggestions for improvements in the process which will be passed along to the Board of Elections.

Very special thanks to Grace, Lillie and Michelle who covered many extra polls.

The nicest thing I read in the reports was that first time voters were given a round of applause. Evaluators all deserve one too. I hope to see more of you participate in November - that's the big one.

Linda Wengel
Director of Voter Service/Poll Evaluations

Summer Events

Two community outreach events for the League are the Longfellow Fourth of July Parade and the August 7 Howard County Fair Parade.

We hope you will join us in this year's parades. Please save the dates and look for more information on the League website at www.howard.lwvmd.org and our e-newsletters.



GREAT DECISIONS

Please Note June Date Change

Great Decisions will meet Wednesday, **June 15**, at 7 pm with the video beginning promptly at 7:30 pm, at the Cripes, 10526 Catterskill Court, Columbia, **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**

The Topic is very timely -- The Koreas. RSVP to Janis at [410-730-8091](tel:410-730-8091).

After the June meeting, Great Decisions will start up again in September, October and November.



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Articles, news, reports, and photos should be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the VOTER newsletter.

Please submit in Word format to: lwhowardcounty@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

LWVHC Membership Corner by Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland hugheswheatland@yahoo.com or contact League office, 410-730-0142

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR LWV MEMBERSHIP

Most memberships with LWVHC expired on April 30, 2016. The only exceptions are : new members who joined between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2016. Your dues are valid until April 30, 2017. Many of our members have recently renewed their membership, If you aren't sure whether your membership in LWV has expired, please call Gina at our office and she can answer your question.

June 30th is our renewal deadline. Beginning July 1st those who haven't renewed will be listed as 'inactive' in our records. Our Howard County League needs you and your dues so that we can continue our work and achieve our goals. **The League of Women Voters: Where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.**

Our League is growing . . . but we always need to keep adding members. **YOU can help.** It's simple: **ASK anyone of voting age** who has an interest in the topics and issues LWV works on to join us. **Don't be shy - give it a try !**

Moving? Address, phone or email change? Please be sure to contact Gina at our office if your information changes. (410-730-0142 or email: info@howard.lwvmd.org)

We do so much by email these days. Be sure yours is up-to-date. Stay in touch - Roxanne

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM - (Membership Year May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017)

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone : (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

___ \$60.00 INDIVIDUAL one-year membership

___ \$82.50 HOUSEHOLD one-year membership (for two members who share an address)

___ \$20.00 STUDENT

___ Contribution of \$ _____

Please make checks **payable to LWVHC**

Mail to **League of Women Voters of Howard County, Inc., 5430 Vantage Point Rd, Suite C, Columbia, MD 21044**
(Dues are NOT tax deductible. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please write check to LWVHCEF.)

GIANT FOOD STORE GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____

Email: _____

I am ordering \$_____ in Giant Gift/debit cards as follows:
_____ # \$50 cards

My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

_____ I will pick up at the League office.

_____ Please mail my Gift Card (Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope)

_____ Other arrangements (Please contact Nancy Berla)

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