

Legislative Luncheon - January 7

The Annual Legislative Luncheon with our Howard County Delegation will be held **Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the **First Lutheran Church**, 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. This is a great, informal opportunity to talk with our newly elected officials and a perfect event for you to bring friends and relatives to see what your League does. The cost is \$10 for anyone attending without a dish. **NEW LOCATION & START TIME**

There is no cost if you bring a dish that will serve 8 people. Food assignments are based on the letter of your last name and are as follows:

A – F: Side Dish or Vegetable G – M: Dessert N – Z: Main Dish

Not only do we need for each member to plan on bringing a dish, we also need volunteers to assist on the day of the event. **To RSVP or if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event please contact info@howard.lwvmd.org or 410-730-0142.** Volunteers are asked to arrive for setup at 10:00a.m., 10:30a.m., or 10:45a.m., or cleanup after.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2016, is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

This year, when you consider giving donations on **Giving Tuesday**, please consider a donation to the League of Women Voters of Howard County or the League of Women Voters of Howard County Education Fund. To donate online, go to the LWVHC website, lwvhowardmd.org, and look for the **red** donate button at the bottom right hand section of the homepage. You can also mail a donation at any time to the LWVHC office. For more information go to www.givingtuesday.org.

Thank you to all of LWVHC Poll Evaluators

Woody Allen said "eighty percent of success is showing up." Our 2016 poll evaluation project was a huge success. So I thank you all for showing up - for our call for volunteers, for the training sessions, to return your forms promptly, and especially on Election Day when 38 volunteers showed up and covered all the polling places in Howard County with enthusiasm and competence. On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Howard County, thank you for a super job. You gave 100 percent. - Linda Wengel

Our howard.lwvmd.org website is currently not working for some people's computers. If you are unable to access it at that address, please use lwvhc.wordpress.com OR lwvhowardmd.org while we continue to work toward our new website, which will continue as lwvhowardmd.org. Thank you.

Calendar

Dec. 1, Thurs.

7:00 p.m.

LWVHC Board Meeting

Dec. 4, Sun.

LWVHC Holiday Party

More info to follow in email to members

Dec. 15, Thurs.

Bill of Rights Day

Dec. 16, Fri.

Unit Meeting Consensus

Due to State

Jan. 5, Thurs.

7:00 p.m.

LWVHC Board Meeting

Jan. 7, Sat.

11:00 a.m.

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*The League of
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is where hands-on
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civic improvement.*

Democracy was at work in the 2016 General Election. With all elections a candidate will win and one will not. We expect some voters to be happy and others not to be happy. For those that are not happy, it is hoped that the voter will eventually accept the outcome often after experiencing other emotions such as shock, anger, denial and depression. The League congratulates the winners and continues our volunteer work to education and monitor issues that affect our way of life. We hope other members will participate with the League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC) and volunteer to help make democracy work.

We were actively volunteering as we served as poll evaluators on Election Day. We held an informational session to better understand the struggles an individual can have if he or she becomes a refugee. We volunteered our service to create a mock election for elementary students to help them understand the election process. We marched to honor our Veterans in the second annual Veterans Day parade in Ellicott City. Howard County is a wonderful place to live because so many people work to make democracy work.

~Lillie Gallant, President, LWVHC

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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!

GET READY
FOR

GREAT DECISIONS



Great Decisions will begin a new session in February-June and September-November 2017. Please consider joining the group. We plan to meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Cripe home in Columbia unless prior notice of an evening change is necessary. Topics covered in the Foreign Policy Association book include: European Union, Trade policy, South China Sea, Saudi Arabia, Geopolitics of energy, Latin America, Afghanistan/Pakistan, and Nuclear security. The books, DVD and shipping will cost approximately \$27. Sue Buswell will be taking order requests (srbuswell@aol.com or [410/992-1169](tel:4109921169)). Please respond as soon as possible so the order can be placed and delivery made at the Legislative Lunch.

LWVHC Refugee Presentation



World-wide, more than 60 million people have been displaced by war, persecution or human rights abuses. The top resettlement country in the world is the United States. To address this world-wide humanitarian situation, the Obama administration proposed to significantly increase the number of refugees accepted into the United States from 70,000 in 2015 to 85,000 in 2016, and 100,000 in 2017.

On Sunday, November 13, 2016, the LWVHC hosted an event at the Savage Branch of the Howard County Library System to inform the community about the current refugee situation as it relates to the United States. A small group of mostly members of the LWVHC attended the event where Ms. Sawsan Al-Sayyab, the casework supervisor at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Baltimore, Maryland presented information about the process that refugees go through before they are able to arrive in the United States and the level of support they receive after their arrival. Mr. Tom Bradley, who has been on the board of directors of the United Nations Association – National Capital Area (UNA-USA) since 2009 and is currently Vice President for Development, discussed his visit last summer to a United Nations refugee camp in Jordan. The presenters were able to answer many questions about the refugee resettlement process and all who attended left with a better understanding of the refugee experience.



Tom Bradley, Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland (LWVHC Membership Co-Chairperson), and Sawsan Al-Sayyab



Membership Co-chair Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland recruited new League members at “Life Underground: healthy soil, healthy food, healthy planet” on Oct. 18 at Oakland Manor.

Dr. Sara Via, Professor, Department of Entomology, University of Maryland Extension, University of Maryland, College Park gave the audience an on-site demonstration of unhealthy and healthy soils. She noted the contribution of soil to absorbing carbon and mitigating climate change. The League event was co-sponsored by the LWVHC Environment Committee, Howard County Legacy Leadership Institute for the Environment and the Columbia Town Center Community Association.



LWVHC President Lillie Gallant and Vice-President Carole Conors representing the LWVHC education efforts on October 19, 2016.



LWVHC members marching in the Veterans Parade on November 12, 2016:

Vice-President Carole Conors, Ellen Flynn Giles, Betsy Grater, Grace Kubofcik, and Treasurer Barbara Russell.



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

**** WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ****

Buffy Illum ~ Joan Oliver ~ Rhea Pechter ~ Renate Soulen ~ Barbara Spence

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.)

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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: _____

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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.

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