

January 2024

Legislative Breakfast

held on January 6, 2024

Our annual Legislative Breakfast with the Howard County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly on January 6, 2024 was a great success! This year we moved to a new venue, the Belmont Hockley Room in the Elkridge Branch Library. In spite of the wintery weather outside, over 100 people attended and our room was full with very few vacant chairs. This was the second event held as part of our new Civic Education partnership with the Howard County Library System. Attendees appreciated the excellent sound system and ability to focus on the lively discussion of legislative initiatives.



Membership



Lifetime Member

Grace Kubofcik, joined the league in 1983, achieving 50 years of membership. She joins only a handful of other Howard County league members with this distinction. Our lifetime members include Betsy Grater, Andrea Gruhl, Carole Conors, Helen Ruther, Priscilla Hart and Paula Rasera.

The Board would like to thank Grace for her help. She has mentored many of us over the years, helping us learn about the league and providing guidance for public events.

New Secretary and Members

Maureen Stang was voted in as our new secretary at the January Board Meeting. Maureen is a new member who is willing to take on this role. If you see Maureen, please be sure to thank her.

We've had many new members join the league in the past few months. We are thrilled to have you and look forward to working with you in 2024.

If any member has questions about the league, or how to get more involved, please use the Contact Us form on our website. This generates and email that goes to the Board. We love to hear from our members and the community.



Did you know?

We have a members only section of our website. If you are getting this newsletter then you can Sign in to our website using you email address (you will be prompted to create a password).

Once logged in you can see the member directory, view our publications, including the 'New Members Handbook'; and update your profile with a photo and brief bio.

LWV Programs - January 18

In July the National League of Women Voters will hold its meeting in Washington, DC. At this meeting that National League will adopt its "program" for the next two years. Every state and local league has been asked to review the current program to determine if there is consensus around the program; and to discover if anything significant is missing.

On January 18th we will hold an educational session for our members discussing the leagues program, it's positions, the consensus building process and the steps for creating new positions. We will also give an overview of the National Program. This should be an informative session that explains how the league works; from the local to the state to the national level.

Please sign up for this event on our website. You will receive an email with the zoom link.



Impact on Issues

If you want to read more about the LWVUS' policy positions, please check out this document.



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