

LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS OF MARYLAND



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Breakfast

APRIL 22, 2025
ANNAPOLIS, MD

WELCOME MESSAGE

WE CELEBRATE DEMOCRACY EVERY DAY

This is our second Legislative Breakfast to celebrate democracy, and so much has happened in such a short time. A new administration in the nation's capital has already produced many changes, and others continue to unfold. Maryland will undoubtedly be affected, but the full extent remains unknown. Despite the changes, the turmoil, the decisions we agree with and those with which we disagree, the League's values will remain steady.

We value the democratic process and the power of voters. We value our nonpartisanship, believing that the voices on all sides of an issue should be heard and respected. We believe that a vibrant democracy must include a place for all to participate. Even when we disagree with each other, we embrace the richness that diverse views can bring when we listen to all the voices.

At this legislative breakfast, we thank our elected officials, the LWVMD Board of Directors, and all the League members who show us every day what democracy looks like. It's not always fun; in fact, some days are tough. But know that you make a difference in the lives of people in Maryland.

I want to extend a special thanks to everyone who made it a priority to join us today and support the League's work. My thanks go to LWVMD Board members Camille Brewer and Nicole Drew and LWVMD Executive Director Nikki Tyree, who ensured today was a success, with much appreciated help from Casey Hunter.

Yours in League,



Linda Kohn
President, LWV of Maryland



EVENT PROGRAM

DOORS OPEN

The Atreeum at Soaring Timbers
8:30 am

BREAKFAST + REFRESHMENTS

The Kitchen by Kelly McGraw

WELCOME REMARKS

Linda Kohn, LWVMD President
9:55 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Governor Wes Moore
10:00 am

AUCTION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Camille Brewer
10:40 am

CLOSING REMARKS

Farewell & Thank You
11:00 am

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Annapolis, Maryland



GOVERNOR WES MOORE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Wes Moore is the 63rd Governor of Maryland, making history as the state's first Black Governor and only the third African American elected Governor in U.S. history.

Moore was born in Takoma Park, MD to Joy and Westley Moore. After his father died of a rare, but treatable virus when Moore was just three, his family moved to the Bronx to live with Moore's grandparents, before returning to Maryland when Moore was 14.

Moore graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and College with an Associate's degree in 1998, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He earned his Bachelor's in international relations and economics at Johns Hopkins University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and became the school's first Black Rhodes Scholar. As a Rhodes Scholar, he earned a Master's in international relations from Oxford University.

In 2005, Moore deployed to Afghanistan as a lieutenant with the 82nd Airborne Division, leading soldiers in combat. Immediately upon returning home, he served as a White House Fellow, advising on issues of national security and international relations.

In 2010, Moore wrote *New York Times* bestseller *The Other Wes Moore*, a story about the fragile nature of opportunity in America. He went on to write other best-selling books that reflect on race, equity, and opportunity, including *Five Days*, which centers on Baltimore in the days that followed the 2015 death of Freddie Gray.

Moore built and launched BridgeEdU, a Baltimore-based business that reinvented freshman year for underserved students to boost their long-term success. It was acquired by the Brooklyn-based student financial success platform, Edquity, in 2018.

Moore's commitment to tackling tough challenges brought him to the Robin Hood Foundation, where he served for four years as CEO. During his tenure, the Foundation distributed over \$600 million to lift families out of poverty, including in Maryland.

While the Robin Hood Foundation is headquartered in New York City, Wes and his family never moved from their home in Baltimore. Moore has also worked in finance with Deutsche Bank in London and with Citigroup in New York.

Moore and his wife, First Lady Dawn Moore, have two children – Mia and James – and a dog, Tucker Balti.



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THANK YOU TO...

Maryland Senator Malcolm Augustine (D47) and Delegate Bernice Mireku-North (D14) for sponsoring and supporting the **Language Assistance Program** bill in the 2025 General Assembly,



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and **League of Women Voters MD** for all their work in expanding voter access and education, including through successful legislation like this!



The Language Assistance Program (SB 0685 / HB 0983) will expand election-related language assistance in parts of Maryland where it is not already required by federal law and in languages not already covered by such federal protections. This will ensure that voters with limited English proficiency are not excluded from voting, and can participate fully in our democratic process.

Maryland LCV Education Fund educates and activates people to take equitable and just political actions for clean water, healthy air, and climate-resilient communities. Chispa Maryland is a key program of Maryland LCV Education Fund that works alongside families and community leaders to identify and address unique environmental issues facing Maryland's Latino communities.

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I am so proud to be a member of this organization that spends every day working to

Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.



I regret that I can't join Governor Moore and the awesome League members and community supporters of the League of Women Voters of Maryland. My best wishes for a wonderful event and for our continued collaboration to Make Democracy Work.

Nancy Soreng

*Thank You
Camille!*

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CAMILLE BREWER

LWVMD BOARD MEMBER
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