

## 2016 ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016 THURSDAY  
6:00 P.M.

at Historic Oakland Manor

**SPEAKER: U.S. SENATOR BEN CARDIN**



LWVHC  
Annual Dinner  
Celebrating  
70  
Years

Buffet Dinner – no menu selections necessary this year

\$50.00 per person

Look for more information about registering in LWVHC E-Newsletters  
or call 410-730-0142.

## Call for Poll Evaluators



WE NEED YOU. It is not late to sign up as a poll evaluator!  
Call Linda Wengel at [410-964-1671](tel:410-964-1671) or email [lwengel@msn.com](mailto:lwengel@msn.com).

Early voting will be April 14th through April 21st and Primary Election Day will be April 26th. We need volunteers to cover 117 precincts, plus early voting locations. Training is provided.

## High School Voter Registration

More completed applications turned in to the Board of Elections:

Oakland Mills High School: 91

Upcoming dates for school registration:

Mt. Hebron High School--March 23

**Thank you Janet Oaks and volunteers for this essential service to the community.**



If you receive The Voter by postal mail and would like to change to only receiving it through the League's e-newsletter, please let us know at [lwvhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:lwvhowardcounty@gmail.com).

## Calendar

**April 7, Thurs.**  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting

**April 13, Wed.**  
7:00 p.m.  
Great Decisions

**April 16, Sat.**  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
GreenFest  
HCC

**April 14-April 21**  
Early Voting

**April 21, Thurs.**  
LWVHC Annual Meeting

**April 26, Tues.**  
Primary Election Day



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

The Howard County League of Women Voters enthusiastically holds activities that increase the understanding of issues that concern our community. The League continues to educate our community through forums, publications such as Voter Guides, and this Voter newsletter.

Our members are all volunteers. Our Board of Directors is the best Board in Howard County. We are successful because of our willingness to provide a service that we believe in.

LWVHC is 70 years old. We will continue to celebrate our organization's accomplishments at our Annual Dinner and at every event we hold in 2016. We are set to have a great speaker and wonderful food.

Our candidates' forum on March 19, 2016, was successful because of Howard County government, our member volunteers and sponsors—Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Howard, Howard County Association of Community Services, and Howard County Citizens. Our members can view rebroadcast on GTV at Verizon 44 and Comcast 99 and from one's home computer at [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) or the LWVHC's website.

We enjoy making democracy work by engaging and taking action on the nonpartisan positions that make this county government better.

*~Lillie Gallant*  
President, LWVHC



## Presidential Voter Guide

Click on either link or paste link into your browser.

<http://www.vote411.org/voter-guide-2016#.Vs8ypZwrLIX>

## GREAT DECISIONS



The April Great Decisions meeting, Wednesday, April 13, will address "The Future of Kurdistan." The meeting will be, as usual, at the Cripes' home, 10526 Catterskill Court, Columbia, beginning at 7 pm with the video being shown promptly at 7:30 pm.

## 2015-2016 Board of Directors

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#### **President**

Lillie Gallant

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Andrea Wilmoth, Webmaster

### Nominating Committee

Nancy Berla

Linda Wengel

Joan Yurecsko



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

Please submit in Word format to: [lwvhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:lwvhowardcounty@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Maryland Renews Leadership in Protecting the Climate

Maryland's General Assembly took a big step last week to address the climate crisis head-on and maintain the state's position as a leader. On March 17, the General Assembly approved the landmark Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2016. The bill, [SB 323/HB 610](#), renews the 2009 Maryland law that set a goal to reduce heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions statewide by 25 percent by 2020 and led to the creation of more than 150 programs. The 2016 bill further extends the goal to a **40 percent reduction by 2030**, requiring deep, long-term cuts in pollution. It received final approval by the House of Delegates on March 17 after the Senate approved the bill in a 38-8 bipartisan vote in late February.

LWVHC members worked hard to advocate for the bills' passage in the House and the Senate and highlighted the bill during the LWVMD Legislative Day, March 1.

A report released last fall from the Maryland Department of the Environment detailed that the state is on track to meet its 25 percent by 2020 reduction goal while simultaneously supporting tens of thousands of new jobs. It estimates the benefit to the state's economy of the current greenhouse gas reduction plan is between \$2.5 billion and \$3.5 billion by 2020 and helps create and maintain between 26,000 and 33,000 new jobs.

Over half of Maryland's electricity still comes from fossil fuels that emit tons of heat trapping gases – carbon, methane and nitrous oxide – into the atmosphere daily. A warming atmosphere holds more water and contributes to an altered climate characterized by extreme and unpredictable weather. Extreme storms cost Maryland taxpayers more than \$70 million in 2011-12. Maryland is particularly vulnerable because the 3,190 miles of coastline is threatened by sea levels that could rise two feet by 2050 and more than five feet by the end of the century.

Betsy Singer, LWVHC Environment Chair



### Howard County GreenFest Volunteers Needed:

Two Volunteers Needed for  
Each of Three Slots:  
10-12 noon,  
noon-2 pm, and  
2-4 pm

Contact Betsy Singer, LWVHC,  
at [elizabethsinger446@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethsinger446@hotmail.com)  
[443-812-2525](tel:443-812-2525) cell



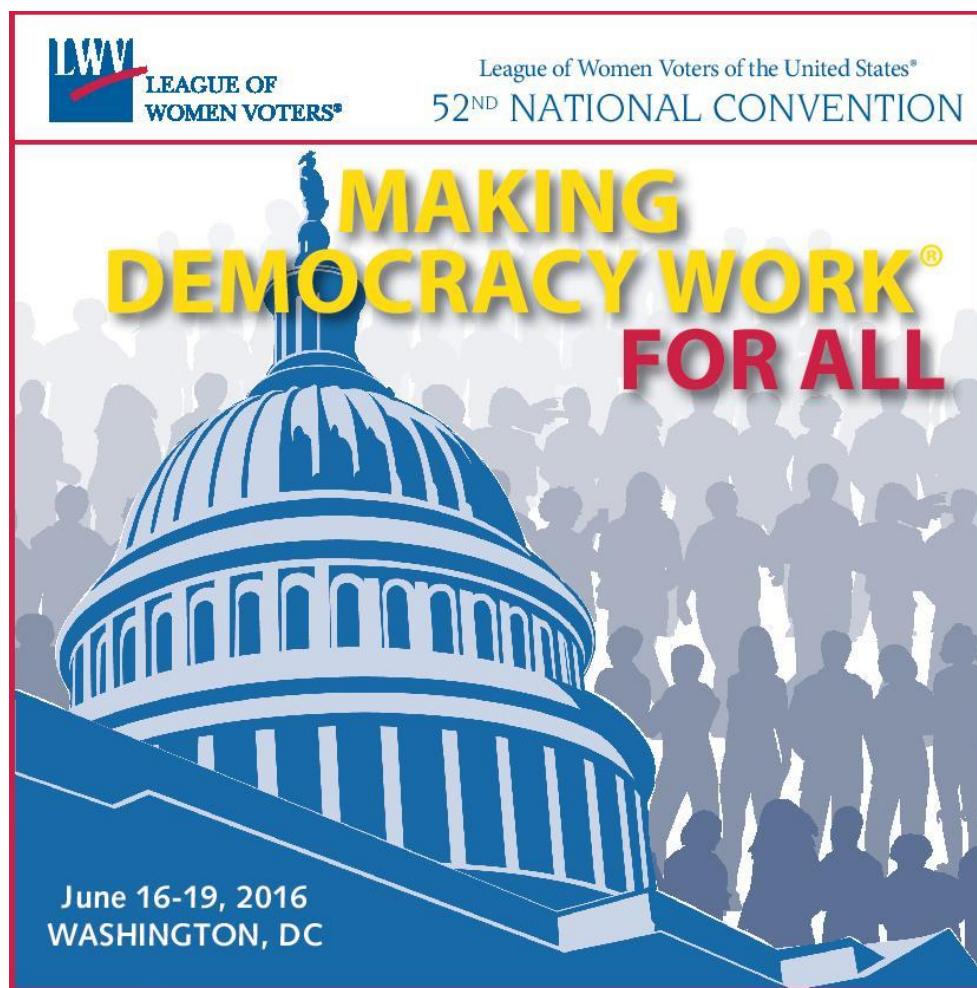
**Volunteer at LWVUS Convention in DC, June 16-19; “Capitol Steps” Ticket Reward**

By Andrea Morris Gruhl, LWVHC Liaison to LWVNCA

Howard County's Leaguers are asked to volunteer at the LWVUS Convention in DC on Thursday - Sunday, June 16 -18. The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel near the Red Line's Woodley Park/Zoo Metro Station on Connecticut Avenue is the convention hotel. Around 800 Leaguers are expected to attend so many volunteers are needed. Volunteer tasks include Hospitality, Information Desk, Registration/Credentials, Plenary Session floor duties, Wares Market, and Volunteer Room coverage.

On March 1 all members of local Leagues, like LWV of Howard County, that participate in the Inter-League Organization (ILO) we know as LWV of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) received a personal email volunteer invitation from LWVUS Convention Volunteer Coordinator Zaida Arguedas [Her email address is: [Zaida2015@comcast.net](mailto:Zaida2015@comcast.net)]. Using her March 1 email message is your only access to the “**Sign Up Genius**” website. Her message's hotlinks to each of the four convention days can be used by you to commit to volunteer tasks and shifts. Send Zaida an email if you do not have her message and she can re-send it to you. In appreciation for each volunteer's service they are given a free ticket to the LWVNCA fundraiser performance of the “**Capitol Steps**” at the convention on Friday night.

The host of the LWVUS Convention is LWVNCA whenever the biennial it is held in DC. LWVHC has been an active member of LWVNCA for many decades. LWVNCA is an Inter-League Organization (ILO). Around 20 ILO's exist in the LWVUS. LWVNCA is unique among these since members include the local League of DC and local Leagues in Maryland and Virginia near the nation's capital, Washington, DC.



**LWVHC Membership Corner** by Betty Harries [bjharries@hotmail.com](mailto:bjharries@hotmail.com) or contact League office, 410-730-0142

### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

Time passes much too quickly! Guess what . . . it's time to renew membership in LWVHC. Your current membership with LWVHC expires on April 30, 2016 - this month! New members who joined between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2016 do not need to pay dues again until April 30, 2017) If you're not certain whether your dues are expiring this month - contact Gina in the office and she can answer your question. For current members who are continuing your membership, I'm requesting that you please renew by June 30th. After that deadline you'll be listed as 'inactive' in our records. I'm sure you'll want to renew your membership to help us achieve our goals and so that you will continue to receive information on what's happening in LWV. Remember that your membership includes local (LWVHC), State (LWVMD) and National (LWVUS).

Our League is growing . . . but we still need to keep adding new 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 !**

**\* \* A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Suzanne Weiss**  
**SPECIAL GREETINGS TO RETURNING MEMBER: Priscilla Hart**

Moving? Address, phone or email change? Please call the office or email me with your changes. Contact information is listed at top of this page. Stay in touch - Betty

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : (Hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wk) \_\_\_\_\_

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.)

## 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.

### Phone/Fax:

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## GIANT FOOD STORE GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

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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