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MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

On November 19, 6:30 at the Woodlands the League will host Bob McCollister to speak on Climate Change. Mr. McCollister is a retired teacher who has spoken at many events on the problems our planet faces as the climate warms up. Please invite your friends to hear the facts how climate change threatens our lives, our health, our neighborhoods, our economy, and our natural environment.

VOTERS SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Thanks to League members who assisted with our many VS events. Betty Barrett (moderator), Virginia Kirkwood, Lois Wallace, Jennifer Ball, and Helen Gibbins -- candidates' meetings; Librarians, Judy Rule and Sarah Ramenazi, -- candidates meeting at the library; Janina Michael, Deborah Garrett, and John Rakus—Southside Neighborhood Organization candidates meeting; Marcia Daoust -- GOTV ads to radio stations; and Joe Fincham, explanations and dialogues on the two constitutional amendments.

And we extend special thanks to the Herald-Dispatch for its wonderful elections' web page and special elections issue. Andrea Copley-Smith is the IT editor and is essential to the Herald-Dispatch's efforts.

RECYCLING

Most of you have seen the articles in the Herald-Dispatch about the recycling changes that the Solid Waste Authority is implementing. Customers will buy a \$5 key

fob that will open the gates to the recycling sites, 536 Depot St., Barboursville, and 800 Virginia Ave., Huntington. The key fobs are not interchangeable. There have been glitches when customers have tried to obtain the key fobs, so keep trying if you have not had success so far. For more information link to the Solid Waste Authority's website, <http://www.ccswa.us/>, or email CabellRecycles@gmail.com.

The Fall Electronics Recycling Event is scheduled on November 21, Kroger 2627 5th Avenue.

Thanks to the Cabell County Commission for allocating \$100,000 to the recycling program. Efforts will still be necessary to keep the recycling program stable.

GET OUT THE VOTE POSTER CONTEST

Thanks to Marsha Dawson for her leadership in initiating and managing our GOTV poster contest for 5th graders. At the Board of Education's October 16 meeting, the League gave awards to First Prize, Ava Issa, Culloden; Second Prize, Elizabeth Kinghorn, Village of Barboursville; and Third Prize, Hayden Maynard, Central City. The posters are displayed on TTA buses and libraries. Those who assisted in the project included League members Paul Davis, Nancy Newfeld, Helen Gibbins, PJ Scarr, Monika Rowe, Rose Riter; Delta Sigma Theta members, Adanne Gibbs and Felicia White; Schools Staff, Jedd Flowers and Kristen Giles; Libraries staff, Marcia, Gallaher Library and Sara Ramenazi, Main Branch.

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MORE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Even though climate change scientists do not connect global warming to individual events, we are seeing trends that are connected to global warming.

- Red-hot planet: "All-time heat records have been set all over the world during the past week," Washington Post, 07-05-2018. Practically every year we break last year's record temperatures.
- Floods and stronger hurricanes.
- Droughts and long-lasting fires in our western states.
- Melting land ice, rising ocean temperatures, rising oceans, loss of coral reefs and the fauna that depend on them, loss of islands and coastal cities.

And what are other results of these climate change effects? We are seeing more food instability because crops and livestock are sensitive to temperature and droughts. Hunger increase is also related to poor health and migration.

Flooding and hurricanes cause deaths and high costs to our economies. Disaster relief takes

more and more of our resources. Cities are spending billions of dollars to try to make their places resilient.

What will it take to meet the challenges of controlling our climate changing gases? How can we residents of Planet Earth transition to an economy based on renewables? How can we reduce our use of throw away products? How can we achieve the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's goal to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050 if we are to avoid the catastrophic climate impacts? The solutions to these questions are not easy; but if our grandchildren and great grandchildren are to live in a sustainable world, we must work together to solve these problems.

FINANCE DRIVE

The Huntington League will send letters to prospective contributors to the League. We depend on both our dues and contributions to fund our projects. Donations may be sent to PJ Scarr, our Treasurer, 8 Partridge Dr., Huntington, WV 25705.