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MISSION STATEMENT: The Community Coalition for Social Justice is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting the principles of social, environmental, and economic justice and respect for all persons. We oppose discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 19 AT 7:30 P.M. ON ZOOM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Update on West Virginians' Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Been Connected All Along: We have ordered proof copies of our book so that we are hopeful it will be ready to be printed soon. We just received news that we have received \$2,000 from the West Virginia Humanities Council to make copies available for free to public libraries, museums, and other institutions.

Thanks to Dr. Monica Brooks, Marshall University's dean of university libraries, we had flyers available at the West Virginia Library Association meeting in Wheeling in early October to publicize the book and have received requests for copies of the book from libraries throughout the state. Joan Browning, one of the editors of the book, took flyers to the joint meeting of the Southern Historical Association and Southern Association of Women Historians in Kansas City in October. The West Virginia Association of Museums has also agreed to help us publicize the book to their members.

We have received \$2,000 from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to fund 350 copies to Mavery Davis, one of the storytellers, to distribute to organizations and libraries in the West Side of Charleston through West Side Together.

We will let you know when the book will be available for purchase. We plan to sell the paperback version for \$15 plus \$8 for postage and handling. We will also have to add 7% sales tax on most copies. We will also offer it through Amazon.com as a print and digital version and are talking to two Morgantown stores to sell it for us.

This has been a long project, and we appreciate the support of Rae Jean Sielen and Andrew Rorabaugh of Populore Publishing Co.

Eve continues to take our "Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" exhibit and graphic novel on the road.

The exhibit was at the Ohio County Public Library in Wheeling from October 22nd through October 29th. Eve gave a presentation about the exhibit and our book at the library on Tuesday, October 29th.





Wheeling City Council member Rosemary Ketchum, whose story is in the book, on the left with Eve Faulkes at the Ohio County Public Library.





Joan Browning donates copies of her book: *Deep in Our Hearts: Nine White Women in the Freedom Movement*.

We have four copies for sale at \$35 each if conveyed by hand or \$40 if mailed. If you would like one, you can reserve it by sending a note to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu. You can pay for it by sending a check to our P.O. Box at Box 160, Morgantown 26507-0160. Or you can pay using PayPal. For details on this go to our "Join Us" page at ccsjwv.org/join-us.html.

CONTACT US: Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at mdattfieldo@gmail.com. Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at ccsjwv@gmail.com. Please send items to share with our membership to Barb Howe at barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR DUES - \$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations – to CCSJ, PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160. You can join or donate by credit card via PayPal on our web site.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK! Just look for "Community Coalition for Social Justice" under "Groups" and become our friend. Thanks to Mike Sharley for being our group "leader."

LOCAL NEWS



MORGANTOWN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: The next regular meeting should be Thursday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. Contact information for the commission and information on filing complaint forms is at www.morgantownwv.gov/272/Human-Rights-Commission.

You can get copies of the agendas and minutes for the commission meetings at www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/human-rights-commission/human-rights-commission-agenda-minutes/.

Vacancies on Human Rights Commission. There are currently three vacancies on the commission.

According to the City of Morgantown's website, "Appointments of to the Commission are made by City Council, and all must be residents of the City. All seats are non-ward specific." Information on applying for the commission is available at morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Boards-and-Commissions-Application-7/Application-to-Serve-on-City-Boards-and--45.

Here are the events for November:

Native American Heritage Month – Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans in the United States.

November 2: International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – A day to emphasize that information is essential for decision making whether it be economic, social or

political. Information is the cornerstone for democracy, good government and effective institutions. During the past decade 700 journalists have been killed worldwide.

November 5: Election Day – A day set by United States law for citizens to exercise the right to vote in the election of public officials.

November 9: Day against Racism – A call for global action against intolerance and its attendant violence as well as enhancement of communal and national tolerance, fairness, and mutual respect.

November 13: World Kindness Day – Calls for special deliberate efforts to treat others with kindness and even to exceed the rights which people can expect or hope to be honored in their relationships with others.

November 16: International Day for Tolerance – Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call for action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom, and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect dialogue, and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.

November 20: Universal Children's Day – The world-wide day for promoting mutual exchange and understanding among children and for initiating action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world's children.

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – A day for emphasizing awareness that violence against women is a preventable human rights violation based on discrimination against women and a perception of inequalities between men and women.

November 28: Thanksgiving Day – Following a 19th Century tradition, this day commemorates the Pilgrim's harvest feast in the autumn of 1621 and their successful interdependence with Native Americans making the feast possible.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA COUNTY (LWV-MM): Follow the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LWVMM and contact them by email at lwvmorgantown@gmail.com. You can join the League of Women Voters at tinyurl.com/join-lwvmm.

The *Dominion Post* has given the League permission to share its monthly columns in the newspaper on social media via Substack. The October 27 column was entitled “Women are dying after Dobbs ruling.” The easiest way to reach the Substack link is through the League’s Facebook page, where you can find the button to subscribe for free.

The Morgantown/Monongalia County League is a member organization of CCSJ.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER: Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownNow/ or email at morgantownnow@gmail.com. The group raised \$1,500 for Holler Health Justice at its October 27 3rd Annual Berlin-Style Ping Pong FUNdraiser.

Future meetings:

Tuesday, November 5: VOTE (Election Day)

Tuesday, November 12: Meeting at Friends Meeting House, Annual Meeting/Officer Elections, 7:00 p.m.

December: Mixer: TBA

*This schedule is an attempt to plan out consistency for the year! We will do our best to stick to this schedule but everything is subject to change for extenuating circumstances.

NAACP

MORGANTOWN-KINGWOOD BRANCH OF THE NAACP MEETS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19. This meeting of the membership will be at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the NAACP at 3241naacp@gmail.com for more information and to learn how to participate.

The branch has a Readings on Race and Rights group and does its work with a variety of committees, including Education, Political Action, Legal Redress, Criminal Justice, and Health.

Follow the NAACP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/naacp3241/?ref=page_internal.

We appreciate the fact that the Branch shares this Update with its membership.



MORGANTOWN CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS TWO MEMBERS: The City of Morgantown is currently accepting applications for the two vacancies on the board, and you can get a link to the application and more information by going to morgantownwv.gov/640/Civilian-Police-Review-and-Advisory-Boar. "The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by City Council. Each member shall be a

resident of the city or an active member of an organization that works within the city to promote purposes consistent with the purpose of the Board."

The board meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon at the Morgantown Public Safety Building conference room. For links to agendas and minutes of past meetings, go to www.morgantownwv.gov/AgendaCenter/Civilian-Police-Review-Advisory-Board-47.



MORGANTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN-MENNONITE: Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom with the link available at www.morgantowncob.org. Everyone is welcome.

November events include:

Sunday, November 3: Amy Yoder-McGlaughlin, who has recently returned from Palestine, will speak at Morgantown Church of the Brethren. Amy has worked for a long time with peacebuilding in Palestine. The service begins at 10:30. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch and conversation with the speaker.

Saturday, November 9, is our annual Pumpkin Pie Making event at Morgantown Church of the Brethren. We'll start around 6. You don't need to bring anything except maybe a rolling pin, a friend, a pie plate to take home your pie in, and an appetite.

On **Sunday, November 20th** at 4:00 p.m., please join us at MCOB for a **community-building talking circle as part of a statewide event to celebrate Restorative Justice Week**. The event is a chance to build community and for community members to gain experience with a talking circle, a structured dialogue process designed to discover and deepen connections with one another. Everyone is welcome. **The event is free, but registration is required.** For more information and to register, visit <https://www.wvrjp.org/wv-restorative-justice-week-2024>

The church has a Blessings Box outside the church at 464 Virginia Avenue, Morgantown, where you can drop off extra food you may have or take some if you need it, or swap food. Feminine hygiene products are also welcome.

Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Morgantown-Church-of-the-Brethren-Mennonite-93776113634.

The church is a member organization of CCSJ.



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION: If you are interested in this group, please contact Eve Faulkes at faulkeseve@gmail.com.

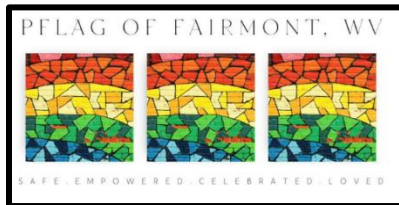


DISMANTLING RACISM TOGETHER: No information about a November meeting was available at "press time." To learn more about Dismantling Racism Together, go to

www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dismantling%20racism%20together%20morgantown.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MORGANTOWN: The church is located at 456 Spruce Street. Adult Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Online worship is at 10:00 a.m., and in-person worship is at 11:00 a.m. The church's Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/FPCMorgantown and has details about the many activities.



FAIRMONT PFLAG SOCIAL HOUR AND PUBLIC MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19: The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. No place was included in the notice on Facebook at “press time.”

“PFLAG Fairmont is happy to announce we’ll have a booth at Fairmont State University Masquers “The Laramie Project” on opening night, Friday 11/1, and Saturday 11/2. Stop by, meet some members, and learn more about getting involved or finding resources. Members, feel free to join us! If anyone is interested in being an usher for any leg of the show, let me know!

“The Laramie Project presents a deeply complex portrait of a community's response to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man living in Laramie, Wyoming. In a series of poignant reflections, the residents of Laramie react to the hate crime and surrounding media storm with anger, bewilderment and sorrow.”

Information is available at www.pflagfairmont.org or www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont. There are many events listed on the Facebook page.



MORGANTOWN PRIDE EVENTS:



Hope to see y'all there! Bring a friend!

Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88075181798> (Passcode: 035276) to join the Zoom meeting.

For information on Morgantown PRIDE, and descriptions of the board positions, go to www.facebook.com/MorgantownWVPride/?ref=page_internal or www.morgantownwvpride.org. This is a very active Facebook page so check it regularly for updates and more events.

Morgantown Pride has an Instagram page at www.instagram.com/morgantownwvpride/?hl=en.

PROJECT RAINBOW:



RAISING TRANS KIDS GROUP: Anyone interested in joining the meeting for the first time or to get more information can email raisingtranskids@gmail.com.

The Raising Trans Kids community group is for West Virginia parents, guardians, and families who are raising transgender or gender diverse kids (of any age), or have kids who might be transgender or gender diverse.



MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (MCCAC). Follow this group at moncocac.org/news/ or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC.

Save the Date for upcoming events:



Battle of the Bartenders – November 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Kegler's Sports Bar, 735 Chestnut Ridge Road. "Four teams of two will compete to be the best - the team who raises the most money by the end of the night takes home a prize! "Stay tuned for further information about the teams."

Girls' Night Out – May 30, 2025.

Golf Tournament – July 26, 2025.

SCOTTS RUN COMMUNITY SING: This event happens every last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ferry House, 88 Lazzelle Union Road, Maidsville. It is right across from the railroad bridge entering Scotts Run. You do not have to be from Scotts Run to participate. It is for everyone, from anywhere, and for all ages!

MORGANTOWN MUTUAL AID FAIR IS NOVEMBER 14: This event will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Gym, 456 Spruce Street, Morgantown. "Individuals will be able to get assistance with basic resources and outreach services. Have services or resources to offer? We are seeking applications for outreach services and items that might be helpful to low to no income individuals. Contact Brian Butcher via email at brian@wvhousingjustice.org or send us a direct message." Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/26398354889810327/26398354896476993/.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN: Nominations for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award are now open. The deadline to nominate is December 13th by 5:00 p.m. through WVU Engage. A nominee must reside in West Virginia, have established record of community involvement, and have demonstrated record working to fulfil the dreams and ideas of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The nominator must submit a completed nomination form to include a two page statement of support and two additional letters of recommendation. The recipient will accept the award at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity breakfast, January 18, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Please scan the QR code or use this link MLK Achievement Nomination Form: wvuengage.wvu.edu/submitter/form/collectsubmitteridentity/2d295662-32f7-497d-8e4e-aa95efa2f1a9



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE: The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast will be January 18, 2025 at 9:30am in the Mountainlair Ballrooms. Union Leader and Community Organizer Tiffany Dena Loftin will be our Keynote Speaker. The Breakfast is free however you must reserve your ticket. Tickets are released November 1st. Please scan the QR code or use this link MLK Unity Breakfast Tickets: www.eventbrite.com/e/west-virginia-university-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-unity-breakfast-tickets-872790518937?aff=oddtcreator.



WVU EVENTS

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM PEACE TREE CEREMONY IS NOVEMBER 6:

2024 WVU Annual PEACE TREE CEREMONY

Guest of Honor: KODY GRANT

(Isleta Pueblo/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)

11:30am, Wednesday, November 6th

PEACE TREE CEREMONY, outdoors, at the WVU Peace Tree
(The Peace Tree is near Martin & E. Moore Hall.)

Rain Location: Gluck Theater, Mountainlair Student Union

Guest of Honor Kody Grant is a seasoned American Indian cultural and historical interpreter whose work focuses on building bridges of understanding. He is "passionate about fostering confidence within museums, organizations, and institutions to engage with contemporary American Indian professionals and experts, while advocating for best practices in the care and interpretation of Indigenous knowledge." Grant now serves as the inaugural Tribal Liaison for the University of Virginia.



5:00pm, Wednesday, November 6th

"TRADING JACKETS: Historical Perspectives to Modern Connections"
PEACE TREE LECTURE, Gluck Theater, Mountainlair Student Union

Kody Grant's talk, "Trading Jackets: Historical Perspectives to Modern Connections," work in cultural and museum education and how this work has influenced his approach to understanding. This conversation relates to the ways that American Indian societies have evolved under changing circumstances and how individuals have come to both understand themselves and view their modern communities, which are continuously being reinvigorated.



These NAS Alumni and former ONAI officers will each play a special role in the 2024 Peace Tree events:

TRAVIS HENLINE is a two-time graduate of WVU's Eberly College (1998 BA in English & Anthropology, NAS Minor and 2011 MA in History. He's spent a career in public history and museums, working for the National Park Service, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and the WV Division of Culture and History. He currently serves as the Curator of Indigenous History and Culture for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation in Williamsburg, VA.

MARY MARRA is a 2002 graduate of WVU's College of Creative Arts and Native American Studies with a NAS Minor, having served as president of the Student Organization for Native American Interests (ONAI)--she was named Outstanding Senior in Native American Studies. She is currently a middle school visual arts teacher in Clarksburg, WV.

NATE WILLING is a 2018 graduate of WVU's Davis College Landscape Architecture program and Native American Studies. He was a student program assistant to Native American Studies and was president of the Student Organization for Native American Interests (ONAI). He works for the Native Nation Building Studio of MIG, Inc., and will serve as a panelist for an upcoming collaboration with NAS and Landscape Architecture in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. He is completing his master's degree in Indigenous Studies at the University of British Columbia.



The Peace Tree Ceremony & Lecture are provided with support from the WVU Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Everyone Invited -- Programs are Free & Open to the Public



MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The West Virginia University Native American Studies Program will hold its annual Peace Tree Ceremony Wednesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the WVU Peace Tree located between Martin and Elizabeth Moore Halls.

The ceremony is free and the public is invited to attend. In the event of rain, the ceremony will move indoors to the Gluck Theater in the Mountainlair Student Union.

Guest of Honor Kody Grant (Isleta Pueblo/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) is a seasoned American Indian cultural and historical interpreter whose work focuses on building bridges of understanding. He indicates that he is “passionate about fostering confidence within museums, organizations, and institutions to engage with contemporary American Indian professionals and experts, while advocating for best practices in the care and interpretation of Indigenous knowledge.” Grant now serves as the inaugural Tribal Liaison for the University of Virginia. He is welcomed by the Native American Studies Program with support from WVU’s Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

This year’s ceremony marks the 32nd anniversary of the planting of WVU’s first peace tree by Chief Leon Shenandoah, Tadodaho of the Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy.

NAS Program alumni Travis Henline, Mary Marra, and Nate Willing will each return to campus to play a special role in this year’s ceremony. The Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia, Inc., will present Neo, a broad-winged hawk, to symbolize the eagle the Peacemaker placed as a sentry at the top of the original tree ca. 1,000 years ago. Guests will also be invited to add a prayer tie, with any good intention they choose, to the Peace Tree.

After the Peace Tree Ceremony, Grant will give a free public presentation at 5 p.m. in the Gluck Theater. His talk, “Trading Jackets: Historical Perspectives to Modern Connections,” will reflect on his work in cultural and museum education and how it has influenced his approach to understanding. The conversation relates to the ways American Indian societies have evolved under changing circumstances and how individuals have come to both understand themselves and view their modern communities, which are continuously being reinvigorated.

“We are living in a time of cultural renaissance, in which Indigenous Peoples are recapturing and telling their own stories. They are deciding which aspects of their cultures and histories are to be shared with the broader society, addressing inaccuracies of past portrayals and centering their humanity,” said Bonnie Brown, coordinator of the Native American Studies Program.

The Peace Tree tradition, per Haudenosaunee (Iroquoian) oral history, centers on the Creator sending the Peacemaker to unite the warring Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk nations. He planted the original white pine Tree of Peace at Onondaga to symbolize these Five Nations forming the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (later Six Nations, with the addition of the Tuscarora). “The WVU Peace Tree ceremony provides an opportunity for the University, the local community, and individuals to commit to peacemaking and collective problem-solving,” said Brown.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH COMMEMORATIVE EVENT Set for Tuesday, November 19

The public is invited to attend a **free film screening and panel discussion, “Earth and Sky: Indigenous Perspectives on the Built Landscape.”** Co-hosted by WVU’s Landscape Architecture and Native American Studies Programs, the event is set for Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 5-7pm (EST) on WVU’s Evansdale Campus, South Agricultural Sciences Bldg., room 1021 (free parking available).

Audience members may attend in person or register to attend virtually via Zoom webinar. (Those opting to attend virtually should see <https://nas.wvu.edu/news-and-events> for the upcoming registration form). The panelists include three Indigenous professionals from MIG, Inc.’s Native Nation Building Studio. They include: landscape designer Nate Willing (First Nation Anishinaabe/Ojibwe), WVU class of 2018 (Landscape Architecture & Native American Studies); José Leal (Spanish, French, Nahua), Landscape Architect & Director of the Native Nation Building Studio, MIG, Inc.; and Architect and Planner Paul Fragua (Pueblo of Jemez).

These talented professionals work together to serve Native Nations throughout the country, striving to ‘...listen, learn, and translate communities’ needs, desires, and priorities, balancing informed decisions in setting direction and helping to strengthen cohesiveness, self-determination, and assertion of sovereign nation status.’

MONONGALIA COUNTY EARLY VOTING CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND: You can still vote early through Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at County Election Center at Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road, near Anybody Fitness and the site of the old Goodwill Store for long-time residents; Mason-Dixon Historical Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core, in the red barn; Suncrest Towne Centre 525 Suncrest Towne Centre Dr. next to First United Bank when coming from Stewartstown Road; and, **new this fall, the WVU Art Museum Education Center, 20 Fine Arts Drive**, with parking available in lot 51. Anyone can vote at any early voting location.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are in line at 7:30 p.m., you will be permitted to vote, even if the line is long. If you arrive at 7:31 p.m., you will not be permitted to vote. Contact your county clerk’s office if needed to confirm your polling place. On Election Day, you must vote at the precinct where you are registered to guarantee your vote will count.

STATE-WIDE EVENTS

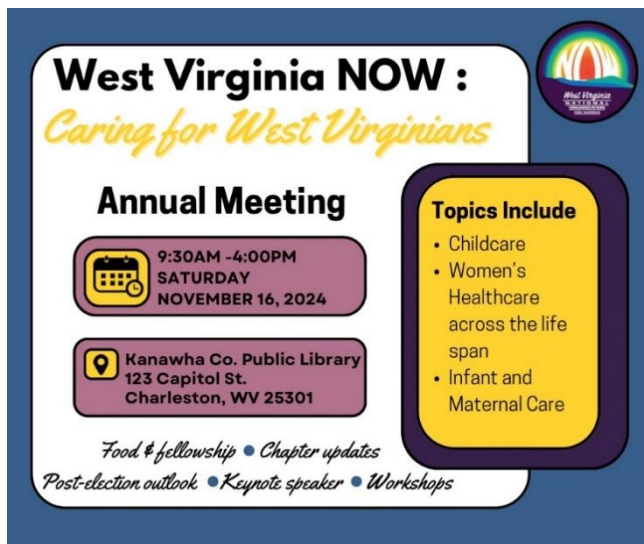


WEST VIRGINIA NOW: For more information, go to www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNow or email Amanda Ray, the state NOW president, at amandajray@yahoo.com.

Join us for our upcoming State Meeting for speakers, the post-election outlook, updates from our local chapters, food, and fellowship! Register now.

Attendance is \$40 at the door, covering the cost of food and swag. Cash or check preferred. Find the registration link and more info here:

www.facebook.com/share/V8aUQWEYeQANsFaq/?mibextid=9l3rBW



Call for Candidates

Want to run for WV NOW board? The following positions are up for election at the State Meeting this November: President, Action Vice President, At-Large Board Member (must not be affiliated with a local chapter)

Let us know you're interested: westvirginianow@gmail.com

President's Welcome:

"The theme of our upcoming Annual Meeting is 'Caring for West Virginians,' capturing the need for care across the lifespan: infant and maternal care, childcare, and women's healthcare.

"These and so many other issues are at stake this election in West Virginia and around the United States. I encourage everyone to vote, not just in the presidential race, but the state and local elections too. Bring your loved ones to the polls too! You can find your polling place at GoVoteWV.com.

"I look forward to seeing you all in Charleston next month. Make sure you register today!"

-Amanda Ray, WVNOW President



FAIRNESS WEST VIRGINIA: Follow Fairness West Virginia on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fairnesswv.



ACLU OF WEST VIRGINIA UPDATES: Follow this group at www.acluww.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACLUWV.

The ACLU opposes Amendment 1 that will be on the West Virginia ballot this fall. According to their website, "Amendment 1 would change the West Virginia Constitution to prohibit 'the

practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person.’ Cynically, the proposed amendment concludes by stating that this does not prohibit the practice of capital punishment.” For more information, please go to www.acluww.org/en/news/life-and-death-ballot-vote-no-amendment-1-november.



2024 ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE: Starting Oct. 23 (the first day of early voting) the hotline will be staffed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, in addition to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays during early voting. Callers may leave a message if they do not immediately reach a hotline staffer. Messages will be returned promptly.

To contact the hotline, please call (304) 712-4640.

On Election Day, Nov. 5, the hotline will be operational all day 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (or until all polls close).



RAINBOW PRIDE OF WEST VIRGINIA EVENTS:



“SAVE THE DATE! 🌈🌟 Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Women’s Club in Charleston, Rainbow Pride of WV will be hosting an iconic affair... the Power of One & Legends of Pride gala! 🦄🌸🌟”

“Event details to come.

“Mark your calendars... it’s going to be legendary.”



WEST VIRGINIA TRANS COALITION: “The West Virginia Transgender Coalition is a grassroots organization that works to ensure the wellbeing, safety and lived equity of all trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive community members within the state of West Virginia.” For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/wvtranscoalition/.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

www.diversityresources.com/november-diversity-calendar-2024/

Native American Heritage Month: It's a time dedicated to learning about the unique history, diverse cultures, and contributions that Native Americans have made to society. They have distinct traditions and languages that are connected to their ancestral land. Celebrate their culture all month long while bringing awareness to the hardship including assimilation and displacement they have faced in history.

National Veterans and Military Families Month: November is a time to honor those who have served in the military and the families who made sacrifices. It's an opportunity to give respect to their commitment to protecting American freedoms.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month: Six million Americans live with Alzheimer's Disease and almost three million new cases are diagnosed annually. This progressive and deadly brain disease has no cure. However, researchers are still working hard to discover its cause. This month, we celebrate those living with the disease, their caregivers, and the healthcare professionals who treat them.

Movember: Every November, men grow their mustaches to raise awareness about men's health issues like suicide or prostate cancer. The awareness month hopes to educate about the importance of early cancer detection as prostate cancer doesn't typically have any warning signs or early-stage symptoms.

November 1: Diwali – Celebrated widely by Hindus across the globe, Diwali, the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. This day is marked by lighting lamps, bursting fireworks, and sharing meals and sweets with family and friends.

November 13-19: Transgender Awareness Week – This observance raises visibility for the transgender community. Its goal is to address issues they face. Advocate as an ally about education surrounding discrimination toward transgender individuals in society.

November 14: World Diabetes Day – Nearly a century after the discovery of insulin, this world health day raises challenges that those living with diabetes face daily. Today, we focus on advocating for the need for access to diabetic care throughout the world.

November 16: International Day For Tolerance – Established in 1996, this day promotes respect for the world's cultures, languages, and religions. Today is a day to educate the general public about the need for universal human rights for all humans.

November 19: International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day – Also known as Survivor Day, the event is sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, a program that unites survivors globally. Stand alongside survivors and their families as we come together to understand through shared experiences today.

Native Women's Equal Pay Day – November 21

Today, we learn that Native women must work nearly 23 months to earn the same salary as white, non-Hispanic men do in one year. This wage disparity is enlightening and deserves public awareness. Educating others about this discrepancy ensures that the pay gap fight continues worldwide every year.

