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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.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 8th**, at **6:30 p.m.** at **Panera's on Patteson Drive**. We will try to reserve the meeting room, but Panera has changed its policy. If it is really nice, we might be outside on the patio. *Note that we will not meet if Monongalia County schools are closed for the day or close early due to inclement weather.*

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@comcast.net. 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@hotmail.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.

MLK DAY 2019 PLANS STARTING: We have reserved the Metropolitan Theatre for a MLK Day 2019 event on January 21. We are pleased to report that the City of Morgantown has budgeted \$1,740 to help cover our expenses for this event. Our preliminary idea is to focus on the role of children/youth in the civil rights movement, but please let us know if you have ideas for a theme or participants.



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 will be Thursday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building Conference Room on Spruce Street. 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/.

Karen Kunz and Drew Bucy are new members of the commission. Karen's term ends June 30, 2018, and Drew's ends June 30, 2019. Jacob Powers is a volunteer with the commission.

You can find a calendar of annual human rights observances at www.morgantownwv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Annual-HR-Observances.pdf.

Here are the events for May:

Older Americans Month – Celebrates progress in protection of older people in the United States and recognizes the importance of end-of-life independence and care for older adults. Asian

Pacific American Heritage Month – Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

May 1 - International Workers Day – Also known as May Day, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a worker's strike for an eight-hour day.

May 3 - World Press Freedom Day – Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

May 15 - International Day of Families – Celebration of two or more persons providing a continuity of support for each other, usually in terms of affection, nurture, security, and protection.

May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development – Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange, and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.



GREATER MORGANTOWN INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION MEETING IS MAY 6TH: The next meeting will be Sunday, May 6th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Tree of Life Synagogue, 242 S. High Street, Morgantown, near the fire station. Follow this group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MorgantownInterfaithAssociation/. Action, education, and connection plans are on the agenda.

UU FELLOWSHIP CIVICS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES: All films will be on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 429 Warrick Street, Morgantown. Here is the schedule with details about the next films:

May 10: "Life Itself" (James, 2014) – “Acclaimed director Steve James (Hoop Dreams) and executive producers Martin Scorsese (The Departed) and Steven Zaillian (Moneyball) present LIFE ITSELF, a documentary film that recounts the inspiring and entertaining life of world-renowned film critic and social commentator Roger Ebert - a story that is by turns personal, funny, painful, and transcendent. Based on his bestselling memoir of the same name, LIFE ITSELF, explores the legacy of Roger Ebert's life, from his Pulitzer Prize-winning film criticism at the Chicago Sun-Times to becoming one of the most influential cultural voices in America. (C) Magnolia.”

May 24: "The Square" (Noujaim, 2013) – “‘The Square’ is a 2013 Egyptian-American documentary film by Jehane Noujaim, which depicts the ongoing Egyptian Crisis until 2013, starting with the Egyptian Revolution of 2011 at Tahrir Square. The film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 86th Academy Awards. It also won three Emmy Awards at the 66th Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards, out of four for which it was nominated.”

June 14: "Sustainable" (Weschler, 2016) - “America is facing a food crisis driven by profitability and a lack of consumer education. While the window to transforming our heartland continues to shrink, passionate individuals have emerged who provide hope that the health of our nation might still remain within our grasp. Sustainable is a documentary film that weaves together expert analysis of America's food system with a powerful narrative of one extraordinary farmer who is determined to create a sustainable future for his community. In a region dominated by commodity crops, Marty Travis has managed to maintain a farming model that is both economically viable and environmentally safe. Through his example and various expert interviews, the film explores options for reversing the issues facing America's heartland.”

June 28: "Miss Representation" (Neusome Siebel, 2011) – “Explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media's limited portrayal of what it means to be a powerful woman.”

For more information, call 304-292-8842.



MORGANTOWN NOW CHAPTER MEETING IS MAY 8TH: The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monongalia Friends Meeting House, 648 E. Brockway Avenue, Morgantown. This will be “an interactive meeting. We will breakout into smaller groups to discuss our goal of everyday engagement and our plans to be active in the next WV legislative session.

“If you have something you would like on the agenda, please email items to morgantownnow@gmail.com by Sunday, May 6th at 5pm.” Learn about this group’s activities through its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/375050676186301/.

The NOW Chapter is also advertising a free screening of *RBG*, “a documentary film about the life and amazing accomplishments of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg” on May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

“Following the film, representatives from Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia, WV FREE and Women’s Health Center of West Virginia will host a panel on Amendment 1, an extreme attack on abortion rights in WV.

“Want to know more about what’s happening locally? Stop and visit our community partners at their tables! Come chat with NOW- Morgantown Mountaineers for Progress West Virginia University Division of Diversity, Equity And Inclusion and West Virginia University Women’s Resource Center.

“The screening will be held on the WVU campus in Ming Hsieh Hall, Room G20. Special thanks to Morgantown NOW for securing our event location!”



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MORGANTOWN-MONONGALIA ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 9TH: The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at Ali Baba’s at the Morgantown Airport. The agenda will be announced later, including the guest speaker and the winner of the League’s annual Democracy In Action award.



NAACP NEXT MEETING MAY 15TH: The Morgantown/Kingwood Branch of the NAACP meets every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Pines Country Club on Point Marion Road, Morgantown.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. ALPHA ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER EVENT IS MAY 5TH:

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.
ALPHA ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER PRESENTS...**

BOWLING FOR BABIES

- A COMMUNITY COMPETITION -

PROCEEDS GO TO THE MARCH OF DIMES

**LOCATION: SUBURBAN LANES,
735 CHESTNUT RIDGE RD,
MORGANTOWN, WV 26505**

PRICE: \$20 PER TICKET

**TIME:
6:15PM-9PM**

**TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE
HTTPS://BIT.LY/2J00MLT**

**DATE: SATURDAY,
MAY 5TH, 2018**

**CONTACT: BRO. QUINCY SMITH AT
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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH 2018 ACADEMIC STARS PROGRAM: This program will be held from June 25th to July 28th and is to introduce African American incoming first-year students to WVU. STARS stands for Students Achieving and Reaching Success. Applications are due May 19th. More information and a link to the application form can be found at cbc.wvu.edu/academic-stars.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FORMING IN MORGANTOWN: For more information and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Kathie Reilly at k.reilly0001@gmail.com or Susie Donaldson at Susie.donaldson@outlook.com.

MONONGALIA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER BIRTHDAY CLUB: “For a minimum donation of \$25, you can honor your friends or family on their birthday and support a young victim of abuse on theirs. By joining the MCCAC’s Birthday Club, you will ensure that a child abuse victim in Monongalia County will receive a card and present on his/her birthday. If the donation is made in honor, or memory, of a friend or family member his/her birthday will be recognized on the MCCAC Birthday Calendar and they will receive a card informing them of the donation in their honor. This is a great opportunity to support a great cause and ensure that a young child abuse victim has a happy birthday!” For more information on this opportunity go to www.moncocac.org.

Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living Youth Club Meeting is May 18th: The club will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the NWVCIL, 601-603 East Brockway, Suite A&B, Morgantown. “This club will serve youth with disabilities, ages 14-24 in Morgantown and the surrounding area” and will offer “Peer Support, Job Preparedness, Independent Living Skills Training, Building Relationships Skills, And...the opportunity to be a part of a club in which YOU have a say on fun activities and on what YOU want to learn, see, & do!

“For more information please contact Christine Wilcox @ 304-296-6091 or cwilcox@nwvcil.org Please check us out on Facebook!! fb.me/NWVCILYOUTHCLUB.”

STATE-WIDE EVENTS



Information about the **Kanawha Valley NOW** chapter is available at www.facebook.com/Kanawha-Valley-Chapter-National-Organization-For-Women-1976287046030339/.

West Virginia NOW has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestVirginiaNOW/.

NEW WEST VIRGINIA VOTER I.D. LAW NOW IN EFFECT: CCSJ helped the League of Women Voters distribute voter i.d. information from the Secretary of State’s Office at Teletech, OLLI, Senior Mons, the Public Safety Building, and the Mountaineer Mall. This is important because, when you go to vote, you will now need to provide a form of i.d.

These are the acceptable forms of non-photo identification:

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card or Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card

- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement issued within six months of the date of the election
- Health insurance card issued to the voter

Here are the acceptable forms of a photo identification:

- WV driver's license or other WV ID card issued by the DMV
- Driver's license issued by another state
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card issued by the U.S.
- U.S. or WV Government employee ID card
- Student ID card
- A concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit

If you forget to bring a form of ID to the polls, you can still vote if you know an adult who can sign an affidavit for you. According to Donald Kersey, elections director and deputy legal counsel for the Secretary of State's Office, "As long as you bring an adult (18 years and older) who has known you for six months, they can come with you and sign an affidavit that says he or she is who he or she says they are."

EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH MAY 5TH FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE MOUNTAINEER MALL (OLD GOODWILL STORE LOCATION), MASON-DIXON PARK, WVU ALUMNI CENTER, AND WESTOVER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Polls are open on Tuesday, May 8th, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS IN MAY 2018 FROM PETER CLARK

Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May and June mark the season of the Hopi Kachina Dances, in which Arizona Hopi celebrants represent various spirit-powers and perform ritual dances in open pueblo areas. It is also the time of Yansa'altt, the season of berry blossoms—anticipating the berry harvest in summer, which is essential for survival in winter.

Tuesday, May 1

· Beltane [also called Beltain or May Day] – Wicca

Celebration of the sacred marriage of the divine forces—and the conception of the sun-child—that are the basis of all creation.

Wednesday, May 2

· Birthday of Gurū Arjan Dev – Sikhism

Gurū Arjan Dev (1563 – 1606 C.E.) was the fifth of the Sikh Gurūs.

· Twelfth Day of Ridván – Bahá'í

The conclusion of the Bahá'í festival that commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's exile in Baghdad leading up to his declaration as the one announced by the Báb in 1863 C.E.

Thursday, May 3

· Lag B'Omer – Judaism

The 33rd day in the counting of the period between Pesach [Passover] and Shavuot [the giving of the Law]; the festival begins at sundown.

· National Day of Prayer – Multi-faith, USA

Friday, May 4

· Ghambar Maidyozarem ends – Zoroastrianism

The end of the celebration of the creation of the sky and the harvesting of the winter crops.

Thursday, May 10

· Ascension Day – Christianity (Western churches)

The anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven, celebrated forty days after Easter. In the Roman Catholic Church, this day is celebrated on Sunday, May 13th.

Tuesday, May 15

· Ramadān begins – Islam

A holy month of fasting and prayer, in which all adult and physically competent Muslims abstain from food, water, and sexual relations from dawn to sunset. Ramadān ends on June 15th.

· Restoration of the Aaronic priesthood – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Marking the restoration of this order by John the Baptist and conferred upon the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery on this date in 1829 C.E.

Wednesday, May 16

· Ascension Day – Christianity (Eastern churches)

The anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven, celebrated forty days after Easter with services beginning at sundown.

Thursday, May 17

· 'Azamat – Bahá'í

The beginning of the fourth month of the Bahá'í year, 'Azamat means "grandeur."

Saturday, May 19

· Shavuot [Feast of Weeks] – Judaism

A two-day festival, beginning at sundown, that celebrates the harvest of first fruits and the giving of the Law (or Torah) to Moses at Mt. Sinai. The name Shavuot derives from the Hebrew words for "seven" and "week," because it marks seven weeks following Pesach or Passover.

Sunday, May 20

· Pentecost Sunday – Christianity (Western churches)

A celebration of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles following Jesus' ascension into heaven, Pentecost [which derives from the Latin for "fifty," because it occurred fifty days after Easter] is often known as "the birthday of the Christian Church.

Wednesday, May 23

· Birthday of Gurū Amar Das – Sikhism

Gurū Amar Das (1479 – 1574 C.E.) was the third of the Sikh Gurūs.

Thursday, May 24

· Declaration of the Báb – Bahá'í

The celebration of the day in 1844 C.E. when he announced his identity as the Gate or herald of the new age in Shiraz, Persia (modern-day Iran).

Saturday, May 26

· Pentecost – Christianity (Eastern churches)

A celebration of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles following Jesus' ascension into heaven, Pentecost [which derives from the Latin for "fifty," because it occurred fifty days after Easter] is often known as "the birthday of the Christian Church. Services begin at sunset.

Sunday, May 27

· Trinity Sunday – Christianity (Western churches)

Marking the celebration of God manifested in three Persons: as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29

· Visakha Puja [Buddha Day] – Buddhism

Celebrated by Theravadin Buddhists on the full moon of the sixth lunar month, this is a triple commemoration of the historical Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death and entrance into nirvana.

· Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá'í

The anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith in Palestine in 1892 C.E. Adherents suspend work on this day.

If you want more information about any of these holy days, please contact UCSF Health Spiritual Care Services at 415-353-1941 (Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark).

Our thanks to the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, the Multifaith Action Society of British Columbia (Canada), BBC's Religion Website, Peel Schools District Board (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), the Arizona State University Provost's Office, the NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, the Anti-Defamation League, Project Interfaith (Omaha, NE), the University of Victoria Faculty of Law (British Columbia, Canada), the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, and www.interfaith-calendar.org

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