

Update: 01 May 2006

I. CCSJ PROJECTS

The Morgantown city council has again allocated \$1000 to us for the public library books project. This year's funds will be used for books on women's history. We are developing the list in conjunction with the Morgantown Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), so please send suggestions to barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu.

Next Steering Committee Meeting - To Be Announced. Please contact our president, Tim Hairston, at questz1@adelphia.net if you have issues for the steering committee to consider.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to be on the CCSJ steering committee, please contact Tim Hairston at questz1@adelphia.net.

PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND IDEAS

Please send your dues so that we have the resources to continue our work. We use your money to purchase books for local schools, for instance. Dues are \$5 for individuals and \$25 for organizations. Youth under the age of 18 are free. Please send your checks, payable to CCSJ, to PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160.

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at attfield@labyrinth.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.

Deadline for items to include in next Update will be May 28.

Please send items to share with our membership to ccsjwv@hotmail.com.

If we can support your event or your issues in some way, please let us know, especially if you represent a member organization.

We want to be a true coalition that unites groups and individuals interested in social justice, so please let us know how we can help and please send us information about your group to publicize to our membership.

III. MEMBER ORGANIZATION NEWS

NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The staff at NWVCIL has decided to have a fund raiser to raise much needed money to send folks to their annual national conference in DC. We are having an elimination dinner on May 6, at the Morgantown Moose Lodge. We are selling tickets for \$20.00 each and with this ticket you will get dinner, 3 free drinks and a chance to win \$1,000. You do not need to be present to win.....thus if you can't go, your support will still benefit us and you just might win some money in the process. Anyone interested in a ticket, please call me, Netta or anyone at the center. For further information, please contact Jan Derry, executive director of NWVCIL, 601-3 East Brockway Ave., Suite A & B, Morgantown, WV 26501, (304) 296-6091, or jderry@nwvcil.org.

WVU COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S CONCERNS

The Council for Women's Concern will meet 8:45am - 3:30pm on Wednesday May 10 at the Lodge on Dorsey's Knob. This is the annual retreat where we will review the past year, make plans for the next year, and reflect on issues affecting women in the University community. Retreat attendance is compulsory for new members and strongly recommended for existing members.

Questions about the Council for Women's Concerns can be directed to the President's Office for Social Justice. Presidents Office for Social Justice, CWC, B1 Stewart Hall, P.O. Box 6202, Morgantown, WV 26506. You can e-mail us at cwc@mail.wvu.edu.

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY FUND

The Appalachian Community Fund is sponsoring a "State of the State" meeting on Friday, May 5, from 9-4 at St. Mark's Methodist Church at 900 Washington St., E., in Charleston. The goal is "to share and hear what is happening in communities and organizations regarding social justice work and issues. It is a chance to network, build alliances, communicate and think together. The discussion will help inform ACF's strategic planning and thinking for the future. Please join us for an urgent and strategic discussion about the state of social justice organizing and activism in West Virginia: What is working, What is not working? What are the anticipated issues, challenges and opportunities for the future? How can we prepare together for what lies ahead? What successes can be identified? What challenges do we face?"

The RSVP date for this meeting has passed, but if folks have ideas to share, they are welcome to contact Lou at lourdescottingham@hotmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship hosts a bible study for all WVU students at the Campus Ministry Center at 293 Willey Street at 7:30 pm on May 2nd, 23rd, and 30th.

IV. LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS

PEACE FRIDAY

Peace Friday is a monthly anti-war demonstration on the Mon County Courthouse Square in Morgantown WV, from 4pm to 6pm on the 2nd friday of every month. This month the demonstration is on May 12th, rain, snow, or shine. Visit the Peace Friday Myspace page at www.myspace.com/peacefriday. For people who have Myspace sites and want to post on forums about peacefriday, there is a group they can join at groups.myspace.com/peacefriday.

IN TOUCH AND CONCERNED

In Touch and Concerned, a local United Way agency that works with senior citizens, is holding its annual ArtExpo at the WVU Creative Arts Center on Saturday, May 6, from 6-10 pm. This is ITAC's annual fundraiser. For more information call 296-6109.

PFLAG

PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 pm in the lower level of the Unitarian Fellowship on Warrick Street in Morgantown. This month's meeting is on May 21st. For more information, contact Jay at 292-5257.

MAINTAIN OUR MAMMOGRAMS (M.O.M.) RALLIES

We will be holding 3 district rallies to unite everyone to save mammography coverage in West Virginia on May 2nd, The National Day of Action. Please plan to attend the rally closest to you and bring fellow support group members, family and friends with you. We need Senator Byrd to see the thousands of people that oppose S1955. The rallies will be held at the following locations and times:

Charleston - Federal Building - Sen Byrd's Office - 300

Virginia St - Charleston, WV 12:00 PM

Beckley - Breast & Cervical Program - Women's Club - 202 Park Ave. - Beckley, WV 3:00 PM Morgantown -

Monongalia County Court House - 243 High St - Morgantown, WV 12:00 PM

Why we are doing this? The American Cancer Society opposes S.

1955, the Health Insurance Market Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005, because it would jeopardize access to crucial cancer screenings and treatments, including mammograms.

In Morgantown, the speakers for the rally are Betty Puskar, Barbara Evans Fleischauer, and 2 breast cancer survivors.

If you have any questions, please give Jennifer a call at 293-8012 or email her at craddockj@rcbhsc.wvu.edu.

PROGRESSIVE PUBLISHING HOUSE

If you're interested in reading contemporary progressive writing, check out the new publishing house, Mainstay Press, dedicated to publishing books geared to social change, fiction and non-fiction both. One of the founders lives here in Morgantown (another in Indonesia and the other in Iowa.) You can learn about the authors and their work at <http://www.mainstaypress.org/>.

WVU MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR

There is a new multicultural initiative underway at WVU, and they are putting together a monthly multicultural calendar. It is available at <http://studentlife.wvu.edu/calendar.html>.

CCSJ Steering Committee 2005-2006

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