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I. CCSJ PROJECTS

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS PROJECT

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.

MASON-DIXON FESTIVAL

CCSJ will have a table at this event on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Hazel Ruby McQuain Waterfront Park. We still need volunteers to help us staff the table - hours are 5:30-10 pm on the 15th, 11am-10pm on the 16th, and 12-8 pm on the 17th. If you would like to volunteer or submit material from your organization, please contact Leah at squamishforever@yahoo.com or ccsjwv@hotmail.com.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Next Steering Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 8th at 7 pm in the conference room of the Public Safety Building. Please contact our president, Tim Hairston, at questz1@adelphia.net if you have issues for the steering committee to consider or if you would like to be on the CCSJ steering committee.

PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND IDEAS

Please send your dues if you have not done so already 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 August 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.

II. MEMBER ORGANIZATION NEWS

WVU CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES – COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S CONCERNS

First CWC meeting of the Fall semester will be Friday, September 1st from 12:30 – 2 pm in the Laurel Room of the Mountainlair. Questions about the Council for Women's Concerns can be directed to the President's Office for Social Justice. President's 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.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN (NOW)

Regular meeting at the Blue Moose on Monday, August 14th at 7:30 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, August 22 is the Fall semester welcome back cookout at the Campus Ministry Center at 6:30 pm. Graduate students continue to meet for dinner and fun at different houses or local restaurants on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Visit www.psfatwvu.org for more information.

MONONGALIA-PRESTON LABOR COUNCIL

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at LIUNA Local 379, 168 Dents Run Road in Morgantown. This month's meeting is on August 21st. Call (304) 864-5857 for more information.

CARITAS HOUSE

Caritas House is in need of donations of non-perishable food and personal care items for their client pantry. To make a donation of such items, please contact Leah at (304) 598-5197. Caritas House provides services to those living with HIV/AIDS in North-Central West Virginia.

III. LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS

WVU OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Colloquium for Aspiring Minority Doctoral Candidates will be held this year from September 24-26 at WVU. The Colloquium is designed to promote graduate education at West Virginia University to prospective and current minority graduate students. It is an opportunity to

familiarize prospective students with academic programs, admissions standards and resources of funding graduate education at WVU as well as an opportunity to encourage potential graduate students to consider their various academic career possibilities.

High-achieving under represented minority students who have completed at least their bachelor's degree and are currently enrolled in a masters program who are interested in ultimately completing a doctoral degree are eligible to apply and given priority. Other high-achieving under represented minority individuals not currently enrolled at an institution of higher education who wish to explore an academic career are also encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is August 30th. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/colloquium.htm>.

WVU DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE

On Saturday, August 26th, there will be a free community workshop on Social and Cultural Barriers to Health Among African American Women, sponsored by the WVU Department of Community Medicine, the President's Office for Social Justice, and the Northern SHEC (State Health Education Council) Chapter. The purpose of this workshop is to begin a dialogue with African American women, health providers, and community members regarding how to better integrate culture into care as well as the need to examine cultural considerations for health in light of current health disparities. CEUs are currently pending.

This workshop is free, but registration is required. To register or request more information, contact Megan Shope at (304) 291-3234 or meganshope@gmail.com. Anyone interested in the issues presented in this workshop is welcome and encouraged to attend!

WVU CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE

PASSkey Get Acquainted Meeting for WVU incoming freshmen on Wednesday, August 23rd from 7-9 PM in the Mountainlair Rhododendron Room. Meet CBC staff, PASSkey Mentors and other students enrolled in your class; refreshments served. PASSkey (Personal Academic Support Service) is a freshman orientation class that has been a part of the WVU campus since the 1980's. Primarily designed to assist African/African-American students in successfully adjusting to college life, the fall semester is equivalent to University 101 orientation.

Multicultural/PASSkey Day Open House on Thursday, August 24th at the CBC on 590 Spruce Street from 10 AM – 3 PM.

Belmead student, faculty and staff reception on Thursday, August 24th at the Towers Ballrooms on the Evansdale campus at 6 PM. RSVP for this event by calling 293-7029 ext. 110 or emailing Phoenicia Keffer at Phoenicia.Keffer@mail.wvu.edu.

Welcome Back Barbeque on Thursday, August 31st at the CBC on 590 Spruce Street from 12-3 PM.

Visit <http://www.wvu.edu/~cbcr/> for more information on these events and the CBC.

WVU FEMALE EQUALITY MOVEMENT (FEM)

First meeting of the Fall semester will be Wednesday, August 23rd at 7 PM in the Women's Studies lounge in Eisland Hall.

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 August 11th, 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.

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 August 20th. For more information, contact Jay at 292-5257.

The PFLAG annual picnic will take place on Sunday, September 17th at the Star City waterfront park at noon. Call Jay for more information.

WEST VIRGINIANS UNITED FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

“Take Back America” rally and march is taking place on Saturday, August 26th at 2 pm at the Byrd Federal Building on 300 Virginia Street East in Charleston, WV. The sponsoring organization, West Virginians United for Social and Economic Justice, is the state’s largest grassroots coalition, made up of over 30 organizations and groups. Issues of concern are workers rights and corporate responsibility, affordable health care for all and a clean environment, the cost of war and a fair economy, women’s rights and our civil liberties, a strong middle class and the future of democracy. Participants are encouraged to bring banners, flags, homemade signs, etc. For more information, contact Gary Zuckett at (304) 346-5891 or garyz@wvcag.org.

WV AFL-CIO

Labor Rally on Saturday, August 26th at 4 PM at the WV AFL-CIO Building on 501 Leon Sullivan Way in Charleston, WV. After the Labor Rally the Kanawha Valley Labor Council and the West Virginia AFL-CIO will host “Labor Night” at the WV Power Baseball Park. Those attending the Rally who wish to participate will march the two blocks to the ballpark. Contact KVLC President, Mike Matthews for ticket information (304) 343-6952 or mikematthews@cbtwv.org.

CCSJ Steering Committee 2005-2006

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