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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 and economic justice and respect for all persons and to opposing discrimination and hate-motivated violence in Morgantown and surrounding communities.

## **I. CCSJ PROJECTS**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP**

Next Steering Committee Meeting – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the front conference room of the Public Safety Building on Spruce Street. Please contact our co-chairs, Roz Becker and Susan Brown, 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. 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.
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Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [attfield@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

Deadline for items to include in next Update will be May 12th. Please send items to share with our membership to [cvtall@verizon.net](mailto:cvtall@verizon.net).

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. 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 WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**April 12 - Women's Studies Annual Honors and Awards Ceremony**, Mountainlair Blue Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

**April 23 - "Nanotechnology, Ethics, and Social Justice." Dr. Kasi Jackson**, assistant professor of women's studies. Robinson Reading Room, WVU Main Campus Library, 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All events are free and open to the public. These events are made possible by the financial contributions of the many friends of women's studies at West Virginia University through your generous contributions to our Women's Studies Program Development Fund.

### **PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

Visit [www.psfatwvu.org](http://www.psfatwvu.org) for more information.

## **CARITAS HOUSE**

Caritas House provides services to those living with HIV/AIDS in North-Central West Virginia.

**Free rapid HIV Testing:** Know your results in 20 minutes. First Monday of every month, 9am - 4pm at Caritas House, 391 Scott Avenue. Call 293-4117 for an appointment. Sponsored by Caritas House & WVU Positive Health Clinic.

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 the Caritas office at (304) 598-5111.

Information is also available online at <http://www.caritashouse.net>

## **III. LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS**

### **WVU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

**April 24 – Sycamore Circle Authors Presentation and Book Signing** with Dr. Cari Carpenter, author of Seeing Red: Anger, Sentimentality, and American Indians and Dr. Carol Markstrom, author of Empowerment of North American Indian Girls: Ritual Expressions at Puberty. Presentation with book signing from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Robinson Reading Room of the Downtown WVU library.

### **WVU COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S CONCERNS**

**April 18 - Looking Back, Moving Forward: The WVU Council for Women's Concerns Anniversary Celebration.** Celebrating 30 Years of working toward engaging WVU faculty, staff, students and the Morgantown Community in education, empowerment and honor. 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Robinson Reading Room of the Downtown WVU library.

**May 2 -** Regular meetings of the Council for Women's Concerns occur on the first Friday of the month. On Friday, May 2nd at 12:30 PM, the Council will meet in the Jerry West Conference Room in the Coliseum. 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](mailto:cwc@mail.wvu.edu).

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN – MORGANTOWN CHAPTER**

For more information, join their email group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/morgantownnow/>.

### **RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION CENTER**

**April 26 - Cash Countdown and Silent Auction** at Emmaus Hall (next to St. John's on the downtown campus) is the annual fund-raiser to support the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center which serves victims of domestic violence and child abuse in Monongalia, Preston and Taylor counties. Reception begins at 5:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., and the first drawing begins at 7:00 p.m. Top prize is \$2000! Raffles throughout the evening! Tickets are \$60 per person. You can get a ticket by calling RDVIC at 292-5100, at Zen Clay on University Avenue, any Board member, or Jennifer Powell at 293-6792 or [jennifer.powell@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:jennifer.powell@mail.wvu.edu)

### **WVU COUNCIL ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

"Celebrate and Educate" is the theme of this year's Gay Pride Week events at WVU, to be held April 7 - 11. Keynote events include lectures and book-signings by civil rights leader Reverend Dr. Mel White and Native American author Leslie Marmon Silko. Additional activities include "Safe Zone" workshops for students and staff, a film screening and discussion of "The Celluloid Closet", presentations by the ACLU, "Drag Bingo", "Straight Talk" panel discussions, "Graffiti Wall" and various other demonstrations. Information exhibits will be on display daily in the Mountainlair.

Gay Pride Week at WVU is sponsored by the President's Office for Social Justice, the Council on Sexual Orientation and the Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgender Mountaineers. All events are free and open to the public. For more information visit <http://www.wvu.edu/~socjust/COSO/GWP08.htm>. This website links to the Gay Pride Week master schedule as well as individual session posters. Also, if you would like to attend a Safe Zone workshop, the registration information is listed there.

**April 8 – Presentation by Seth DiStefano of the ACLU of WV, concerning the SB 600 Non-discrimination bill**, a bill to amend and reenact legislation relating to unlawful discriminatory practices; prohibiting discrimination based upon age and sexual orientation; and defining "sexual orientation" and "age", as well as LGBT advocacy in West Virginia. The presentation will be from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair on WVU's downtown campus. Refreshments will be served.

**April 9 - On a Prayer: Reverend Mel White Speaks Out on Being Gay in America.** GLBT Civil Rights leader Mel White comes to campus to celebrate Gay Pride Week at WVU. The lecture will be from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair on WVU's downtown campus. More information about this speaker is available at <http://www.soulforce.org/>.

## SIERRA CLUB

**April 24 - Global Warming: Hot Topic or Hot Air? Crisis or Opportunity?** Sponsored by the Sierra Club – Mon Group Executive Committee. **NEW TIME** Presentation with Q&A from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair on WVU's downtown campus. Charleston resident, Allan Tweddle, an engineer with 40+ years experience in air quality challenges, has recently completed a rigorous training program led by former Vice President Al Gore to spread the message about the scientific basis of, and solutions for, global warming. Allan is spending this year making presentations around West Virginia discussing how individuals and businesses, schools, and other organizations can be a major part of the solution to the growing crisis of global warming.

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING FOR WEST VIRGINIA

A **Sustainable Fair** will be held on the campus of **Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia April 18 – 20, 2008**. Entitled **“Green Makes \$en\$e”**, the fair focuses on sustainable topics including energy, sustainable economic development, food & agriculture, health, architecture, eco tourism, public policy, transportation, small businesses and more. The Sustainable Fair 2008 Committee encourages environmental organizations, small / sustainable businesses, artists, holistic health practitioners, alternative housing, transportation experts and others living and working in sustainable and related fields to participate. Booth space is available and encouraged. For updates on the fair, go to [www.lapaixherbfarmproducts.com](http://www.lapaixherbfarmproducts.com). A full schedule of events and directions to D&E College will be sent to all participants. Questions? Please contact Denise Poole by e-mailing: [deniseap@earthlink.net](mailto:deniseap@earthlink.net) or calling (304) 617-7073

### Highlights of the Sustainable Fair Include:

- ▶ **Fair Kick Off Celebration Friday evening at 5:30 p.m.:** “A Taste of West Virginia” buffet by local gourmet chefs, spearheaded by Chef Dale Hawkins of Stonewall Resort will be featured (cost: \$25), with **live music by “Public Outcry”** to follow.
- ▶ **Our Saturday Keynote Speaker:** Deborah Koons Garcia, who will be addressing “The Integrity Of Food”, based on her award winning film. 11:00 a.m.
- ▶ **Saturday Benefit dinner:** “Living in Concert, A Sustainable Feast”. Cost: \$40
- ▶ **Workshops** are scheduled all day Saturday featuring: Sustainable / Renewable energy; Sustainable economic development & Eco tourism; Food & agriculture; Health; Architecture/ Green Building; Public Policy; Transportation.
- ▶ **Booths:** Approximately 40 different booth displays will be set up all day Saturday.
- ▶ **Children’s Activities:** Available for ages 5 through 12 all day Saturday.
- ▶ **Art Exhibit:** Located in the campus library from April 1, through August 22.
- ▶ **WV Symphony** sponsored by D&E College Saturday evening. Tickets: \$12.
- ▶ **Sunday Excursions:** Visit sustainable homes and other locations of interest.
- ▶ **Sunday afternoon** at 2:00 p.m., a play by the Davis & Elkins theatre department, “Urinetown” will be presented on campus.

**For Dinner Reservations:** Jan Myers, (304) 269-7019 – 295 Simpson Run Road, Weston, WV 26452 or e-mail Jan at [aenjanwv@juno.com](mailto:aenjanwv@juno.com)  
**Friday “Taste of WV” Buffet** cost: \$25. The buffet begins at 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday “Living in Concert: A Sustainable Feast”** cost: \$40. The dinner begins at 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. (Symphony goers need to leave by 7:00 to attend the concert).  
**For WV Symphony Tickets:** Carol Schuler w/ Davis & Elkins, (304) 637-1338 or [schulerc@DavisAndElkins.edu](mailto:schulerc@DavisAndElkins.edu). Cost: \$12. The Symphony begins at 7:30. Refreshments served during intermission.

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**CCSJ Steering Committee 2007-2008**

Roz Becker and Susan Brown, Co-Presidents. Barb Howe (WVU Center for Women's Studies), Treasurer. Michael Sharley, Al Anderson, Mike Attfield, Judy Cohen, Tim Hairston, Sandra Nelms, Belinda Owens, Sheila Rye, Catherine Tall.

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If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, please write to me at [cvtall@verizon.net](mailto:cvtall@verizon.net), and I will add you to the CCSJ electronic mailing list. Thanks. Catherine Tall

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