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## Challenge from LWV Immediate Past Chair Jim Fawcett

Now that the 25th year of Leadership West Virginia (LWV) has closed it is a perfect time to reflect on the past, and plan for the future. While our organization stays rooted in providing the premiere leadership development program of our state, LWV has expanded its reach greatly to include community leadership development, alumni engagement to make LWV a lifelong learning program, and numerous outreach activities across our state. With the help of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the addition of *Resource U, Moving WV Forward*, was rolled out in 2016 in four regions of the state and with rave reviews. *Resource U* not only provided training to small businesses, but LWV also gained applicants from three counties that have never produced program candidates. This program proved successful at providing training where it was needed, but also a great promotional tool to make more folks aware of LWV and the work we are doing. Our program's alumni engagement activities continue to build on the success



that was started in the previous years. The alumni chapters joined conference calls early in 2016 to discuss ideas and plans for opportunities to make a difference. The alumni chapters from different regions hosted welcome receptions at six of the eight class sessions. I cannot think of a better way for our alumni to stay engaged in the program, enhance the experience of the current class and provide an outstanding networking opportunity for themselves. It is apparent from the participation that our alumni are eager to stay engaged in LWV

and work toward a better West Virginia. Two alumni chapters even hosted events to stimulate problem solving discussion in their regions.

Several other activities took off this past year from the enthusiasm of our organization. The flood happened in June and LWV stepped up to purchase cleaning supplies, boots and gloves that were delivered to White Sulphur Springs and Rainelle. Because of our overzealous LWV alumni

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# Alumni News

## Class of 2016



Alec Gunnoe

**Andrew Gunnoe** and wife Erica were happy to welcome a new baby boy, Alec Crawford Gunnoe, on September 7th 2016. Alec weighed 8lbs 3oz, and was born on his mom's birthday!

**Ray Logue** and his wife Diana welcomed Cannon Logue to their family on April 30, 2016. Their daughter Caroline, ten

years old, is a helpful and caring big sister. Cannon currently loves to say "dada" and is learning to crawl. Cannon gets excited about books and Mickey Mouse. He is a happy and healthy baby boy with a contagious laugh who brings much joy to their family and friends.

**Carrie Staton** and husband John Hale were thrilled to welcome their first child, John "Jack" Fulton Hale, IV, born November 18, at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and 20.5 inches. Jack loves Yo-Yo Ma, James Taylor, and bath time. He can't wait to get to work on all the stuff he learned from LWV while Carrie traveled to sessions across the state last year!



Jack Hale

## Class of 2015

**Ric Cavendar** was elected to the Kanawha County Board of Education to a 4-year term.

**Rebecca Harless** is now the Director of Ambulatory Services as Charleston Area Medical Center.

**Roseshalla Holmes** has a new position as Director of Sales at the Four Points Sheraton in Charleston.

**Holly Kauffman** and **Debrina Williams '12**, were selected to the inaugural class of 2016 – West Virginia Executive's *Sharp Shooters* (pictured below). Here is the link to the article that appeared in the WV Executive Magazine. [www.wvexecutive.com/sharp-shooters](http://www.wvexecutive.com/sharp-shooters)

**Heidi Prior** was nominated as a 2016 WV Living Wonder Woman.

**Toney Stroud** was recently honored by Marshall University with the College of Information Technology and Engineering's Alumni Award of Distinction.

**Carrie White** was recently named the Director of the LaunchLab at West Virginia University.

**Marjorie White** has taken a new job within The Dow Chemical Company in Victoria, Texas as the Polyethylene/ Polypropylene Catalyst Production Leader.



Carrie White

The eight sessions of Leadership were almost a blur for me. I was visiting many areas of the State for the first time. During each session, I learned about the challenges that we face as a State; but more importantly about the opportunities that are available to us. My sense of pride in West Virginia began to grow so rapidly that by the last session I was bursting at the seams and looking for every opportunity to talk about this wonderful State, which I had chosen to make my home.

Though I am full of pride, I am still a pragmatist. We have a long road ahead of us, and it will not be easy but LWV has prepared me to be fully engaged in the place I call home, not standing on the sidelines. I do not know how I will serve the State in the future, and I will never get a Golden Horseshoe; but LWV has given me the gift of hope; and I intend to use it to the best of my abilities.

**Jan M. Pattishall '16**  
Senior Vice President, Enterprise Services  
WesBanco Bank, Inc.

Join LWV Alumni for the Welcome Reception to kick off the first session on March 22, 2017 at the Charleston Marriott from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

## IN MEMORY OF

### Rodney Canterbury '06

1976-2017 - Co-Owner of Xspec Power and Critical Power Management



### Chuck Ellison '15

1955 - 2017 - Operations Manager, Frontier Communications



### Gary Waskey '03

1950-2017 - Retired Vice President of Marketing, HealthSmart



Two alums were honored this year as West Virginia Executive's *Sharp Shooters*, including Debrina Williams, '12 and Holly Kauffman, '15 (both are pictured far right).

## Class of 2014

**Jama Jarrett** has increased her family by two. Jarrett is currently fostering her niece and nephew and is in the process of making the placement permanent through adoption.

## Class of 2013

**Gail R. Carter** became an Assistant Vice President with BB&T in December 2016. She is a Foundations & Endowments Consultant as part of the Retirement and Institutional Services department. As an F&E Consultant, Gail is providing valuable strategies and sharing philanthropic information with her clients on investing to private foundations, trusts and endowments. She is located in the BB&T building in Charleston.



Gail Carter

**Ryan Culhane** recently transitioned to a new job within GE Healthcare. He is now the Corporate Program Manager for Government Accounts based out of his home office in Morgantown. He is responsible for leading the global service program for the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This entails working with the Army, Navy, Air Force and VA to support their biomedical engineering teams and medical logistics commands.

**Dylan Lewis** and his wife Ashley had their first child. Joie Mariah Lewis on October 3, 2016 at 6 lbs. even.



Joie Lewis

In other news, Dylan is now the General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Orbital Engineering, Inc.

## Class of 2012

**Angi Hyre** is now the Controller for a new Charleston based company, US Methanol LLC. More information can be found on the company website: [www.usmeoh.com](http://www.usmeoh.com).

## Class of 2011

**James Owrey** has been named Manager of Business Development within the business & industrial division of the West Virginia Development Office. In his role he recruits chemical, gas processing, and manufacturing activity to the State of West Virginia. In June of 2016, he completed the FBI Citizens Education Academy. This program, offered annually out of Harrison County, is now also available in Kanawha County.

**Kenny Parker** produced the Psicoroc event this past summer at Summersville Lake. This event came on the heels of the flood and ended up being a huge marketing plug for the lake area which was hit really hard by the flood and lost at least half of their business for the year. The goal was to highlight the beautiful areas of West Virginia like Summersville Lake. Highlights of the event can be viewed at this link: <http://newriverclimbing.net/2016/09/the-psicoroc-highlight-reel/>



**Laura Prisc** celebrated the grand opening of her new business in Charleston on November 7th. Great Expectations THINK SPACE (GETS) is an unconventional, creative meeting space where individuals, teams, and organizations come to unleash their creativity and unlock their potential. GETS offers four uniquely-themed meeting rooms to host off-site meetings, trainings, team building, brain-storming sessions, or Board retreats. Each room is fully self-contained, with all the tools needed for a meeting, as well as a few unexpected and fun amenities, at one flat fee. For more information, check out [www.GreatExpectationsThinkSpace.com](http://www.GreatExpectationsThinkSpace.com).

## Class of 2008

**Jared Tucker** has returned to West Virginia from Tennessee and now works for Advantage Technology.

After graduating from LWV, I was inspired to take a new position at WVU. This position grants me the opportunity to apply what I learned through the program, and the connections I've made, to promote the State and to do my part in moving it forward.



**Jennie James '15**  
Assistant Dean for Development  
West Virginia University

## Class of 2000

**O. Reginald Osenton, Esq.** is now the City Attorney for the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida. PSL is Florida's eighth largest city, with over 180,000 residents and growth in the works to double that in the next 10 to 15 years. He has been charged with rebuilding and leading the City Attorney's Office to its full staff of seven lawyers plus staff.

## Class of 1995

**Patti Hamilton** will be retiring as Executive Director of the West Virginia Association of Counties on June 30th, 2017. She has held this position since October 20, 1997. Patti credits her experience in LWV for giving her the confidence to take on this position!

## Class of 1993

Nick Carter became Interim President of Kentucky Coal Association. 🇺🇸



Six LWV alums were honored this year as West Virginia Executive's *Young Guns*. Including: Alisha Maddox, '14, Rebecca McPhail, '12, Kim Moyers, '13, Justin Turner, '14, Roger Hanshaw, '09, and Robbie Morris, '09.

# 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Are you looking for ways to stay involved in LWV? Take a look at all the 2016 activities that took place with the help of our alumni and find your place. Contact our Alumni Coordinator, Kate Reed, at [kreed@leadershipwv.org](mailto:kreed@leadershipwv.org) or (304) 590-1156 for more information.



- First ever LWV Alumni Chapter Meeting
- State of the State Reception

## January

- LWV Strategic Planning Retreat
- Leadership Orientation session in Charleston
- Welcome reception hosted by LWV alumni in the Capitol Region

## March



- Coal session in Logan
- LWV Alumni Chapter Meeting
- Welcome reception hosted by LWV alumni in the Logan area
- LWV visits the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy to host a student etiquette training
- Serve WV Day coordinated by members of the 2015 Class

## May



- Justice System session in Morgantown
- Launch of LWV annual fund
- Welcome reception hosted by LWV alumni in the Mountaineer Region
- *ResourceU: Moving West Virginia Forward* Small Business Training in Grafton
- Website redesign and launch ([www.leadershipwv.org](http://www.leadershipwv.org))

## July



- Critical Issues session in Wheeling
- 10th Annual LWV Alumni Dinner at the Greenbrier
- LWV Alumni Chapter Meeting
- Welcome reception hosted by LWV alumni in the Northern Panhandle area
- *ResourceU: Moving West Virginia Forward* Small Business Training in Vienna



## September



- Government and Graduation session in Charleston
- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- LWV Distinguished Alumnus Awarded – Congratulations to West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Beth Walker '99!
- 2017 class selection

## November



## February

- LWV Alumni Chapter Meeting

## April

- Economic Development/Education session in Martinsburg
- Welcome Reception hosted by LWV alumni in the Eastern Panhandle
- *ResourceU: Moving West Virginia Forward* Small Business Training in Berkeley Springs

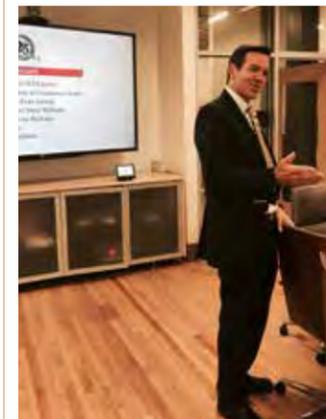


## June

- Tourism session in the New River Gorge
- North Central LWV Alumni hosted an event at Canaan Valley Resort on statewide infrastructure
- LWV hires our first ever intern!
- Mentoring with Parkersburg Civic Leadership Fellows
- Welcome reception hosted by LWV alumni in the New River Gorge area
- *ResourceU: Moving West Virginia Forward* Small Business Training at Glenville State College
- LWV Alumni provided a trailer full of supplies to local flood victims

## August

- LWV Metro Valley Alumni hosted an event in Huntington on resilience with special guest Congressman Evan Jenkins '93



## October

- LWV Capitol Region reception at the University of Charleston with special guest Bobby Bowden
- Health Care session in White Sulphur Springs
- LWV contributes to flood relief efforts in Rainelle by helping to rebuild a house with the Appalachian Service Project

## December

- LWV visits the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy to host a student etiquette training and mock interviews
- Annual Fund Ends – Thank you to our donors! See page 10 for list. 🇺🇸





## LWV LEGACY

In the 25 year lifespan of Leadership West Virginia, more than 1300 graduates have told their LWV story to their family members. Many times, the relaying of the graduate's experience encourages a family member to apply for the program. The resulting situation is a bond that connects family members under the common umbrella of moving West Virginia forward. Each class, each individual, and each experience is personalized and unique, so we want to hear the story of you and your family members who share the LWV bond. This series will explore how the program has evolved over the past 25 years and the impact!

### Drew Ellis '16

Partner with Wooton, Davis, Hussell & Ellis, PLLC

#### Q. Why did you apply to be a part of the LWV class of 2016?

A. I know many people who had gone through the LWV program previously, so I was aware how valuable of a program it could be for me.

#### Q. What were your perceptions of LWV before going through the program?

A. I primarily viewed LWV as a great networking opportunity.

#### Q. What were your perceptions of LWV after going through the program?

A. It is so much more than networking! I learned about so many things going in West Virginia that I did not know about before LWV.

#### Q. How did your mother and family influence your decision to be a part of LWV?

A. I witnessed first-hand how positive LWV has been for my mother, both professionally and personally. That made LWV something I definitely wanted to participate in.

#### Q. What was your biggest take away from going through LWV 2016?

A. West Virginia has a lot of positive things going on that many people are not aware of.

#### Q. What advice would you give to someone going through a future class of LWV?

A. You have a lot to learn from your classmates, particularly those who come from different fields and lines of work other than your own.

#### Q. How do you think LWV can have a positive impact on our state for the next 25 years and beyond?

A. Continuing to bring quality people together with quality programming is certain to have a significant impact on West Virginia for many years to come.

### Laura Ellis '99

BB&T, Vice President and Personal Trust Specialist

#### Q. Why did you apply to be a part of the LWV class?

A. I applied to the Leadership West Virginia class of 1999 because I had just completed Leadership Charleston in 1998 and was curious about the LWV program. Born and raised in West Virginia, I was anxious to learn more about the State of West Virginia and increase my leadership skills.

#### Q. What were your perceptions of LWV before going through the program?

A. My perception of LWV was that it was a great program and that the networking opportunities were phenomenal in addition to getting to know your state.

#### Q. What were your perceptions of LWV after going through the program?

A. My perception of LWV after going through the program was "wow" what a great experience I was given by my employer. LWV changed my life. I have lifelong friendships that I gained through LWV. The knowledge and opportunities that the program provided about the State of West Virginia was exceptional. Until you have been through LWV it is hard to describe the program. LWV is "awesome". I wish that everyone could have the opportunity to experience LWV in their lifetime.

#### Q. What was your biggest take away from going through LWV?

A. My biggest takeaways from going through LWV were the bond that is formed with your LWV Class, the knowledge that you take away about the State of West Virginia and the networking opportunities that the program provides.

#### Q. What advice would you give to someone going through a future class of LWV?

A. Don't miss any of the sessions, go in with a positive attitude and hang onto your hat!! You will have no regrets if you participate in all of the opportunities that are afforded you.

#### Q. How do you think LWV has changed since you've gone through the class?

A. I believe that LWV has improved and gets better each year since I went through the program in 1999. There is more emphasis on leadership skills than there were in 1999. The program is always changing for the better to provide the leaders of today with more information about West Virginia and the tools to move the State forward.

#### Q. How do you think LWV can have a positive impact on our state for the next 25 years and beyond?

A. I believe with the exposure that the LWV classes are given in their sessions about our great State of West Virginia, the graduates will want to give back to our State and make it a better place to live.

#### Q. What events, sessions, or speakers that your son experienced in LWV do you wish you could have been a part of and why?

A. I tried to attend the events that were intended for interaction with Alumni and the current class. Those were great times; we enjoyed the opportunity to network and meet new people together. I wanted my son to have the same experiences that I had in LWV so I tried not to be too intrusive. The tourism session is the session I would have liked to experience with my son. Doing the outdoor activities and experiencing what the State has to offer to others who live and visit WV. You think you know the State of WV until you attend the tourism session.

#### Q. What is one activity from your LWV experience do you wish you could do again?

A. I wish that I could do it all again!!! 🇺🇸



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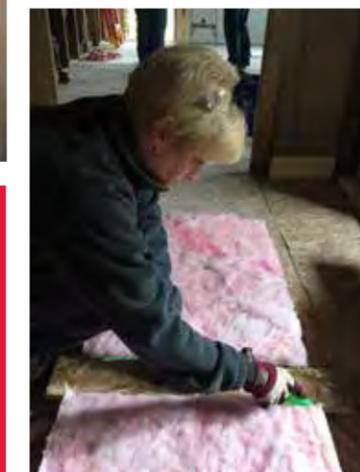
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we had more than \$2,000 remaining after that delivery, so we scheduled a work day in Rainelle where class members, along with alumni, hung drywall in an elderly woman's house and purchased her a new heating and cooling system. Additionally, staff and alumni took two trips to the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy to teach the students etiquette training and later provided them the experience of mock interviews to prepare them for the job market. All of these activities are noble causes that speak volumes of the values of our alumni and staff.

I frequently have the opportunity to recognize our executive director and alumni coordinator for the great work they do to advance LWV and it is certainly well deserved. The cast of characters that often get overlooked include the folks who serve on the board and the many alumni volunteers that provide the visionary leadership and significant support to Pam, Kate and LWV. These are the folks that provide their vision for the future of LWV that we watch unfold each year, and they also roll up their sleeves to help make that vision a reality. With each of the events during the year, there are numerous LWV Alumni that step up and provide support to make these events a success. In this new year I challenge all of our 1300-plus alumni to find your opportunity to engage and give back to LWV. I am certain your returns will be worth the investment. I continue to find that I receive far more back from my involvement in our organization than I could ever give. Thank you to all that made 2016 a successful year for Leadership West Virginia! Now, how are we going to top it? 🍷



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# ATTENTION ALUMNI!



**March 22**

2017 Class  
Kick Off Reception

**April 20**

Moving West Virginia  
Forward:  
Forum of Ideas  
Waterfront Morgantown

**August 31**

Annual LWV Alumni  
Dinner - The Greenbrier

**November 17**

Graduation  
The Culture Center