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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Candidate Forum December 2 for State Senate Special Election



On Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church there will be a forum for candidates vying for the District 13 state senate seat vacated by Kathy Stein. The forum is co-sponsored by the Aylesford Neighborhood Association and the LWV of Lexington. **The special election will be held on Tuesday, December 10.** Residents can check their voter information (including precinct) at www.fayettecountyclerk.com/web/elections/verifyvoter.htm.

The District 13 state senate seat became vacant when Senator Kathy Stein was appointed to the Fayette Family Court. Candidates for the opening are:

- Michael E. Johnson (R)—a Lexington minister making his first bid for public office;
- Richard Moloney (I)—currently serving as the commissioner of environment and public works for LFUCG;
- Reggie Thomas (D)—an attorney and tenured professor at Kentucky State University.

The forum will be conducted according to the League's rules and following the League's format.

Woodland Christian Church is located on the corner of East High and Kentucky Avenue.

REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN DISTRICT 13—THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

LWV Holiday Social

Sunday, Dec. 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
1000 Tates Creek Road

featuring

“A Conversation with Kathy Stein”



Former State Senator Kathy Stein, who has been appointed to fill the circuit court vacancy left by Family Court Judge Jo Ann Wise's resignation, will be joining us for a legislative discussion which is sure to be lively! Ms. Stein served 10 years in the House before her election to the Senate in 2008.

This social will be a great opportunity to join League colleagues, renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Take a break from the rush of holiday preparations and treat yourself. Refreshments will be provided.

Reservations are encouraged but not required. Just contact the LWV by **Friday, December 6** if you intend to participate—either phone **859-494-3203** or email lexingtonlwv@gmail.com—so adequate arrangements can be made.

LWV Registers New Voters after Naturalization Ceremony



LWV member Carolyn Holmes (left) and Voter Services chairperson Roz Heise (right) help new citizens register to vote after naturalization ceremony.

Friday, November 15, was the final naturalization ceremony for 2013. League members offering the opportunity to register to vote reported **23** registration forms completed and turned in to the County Clerk's office and another **15** taken by new citizens and family members to complete at home.

This ceremony, where candidates who have completed the requirements, take the official oath and are proclaimed U.S. citizens, included 48 men and women from 30 different countries.

During the ceremony, LWV representative Roz Heise warmly welcomed members of the group and, in her brief remarks, taught a brief lesson about the importance of voting. She talked about the Virginia attorney general's election where, after several days, the results were still not final. With more than 2 million people voting, Roz pointed out, the two candidates were separated by less than 200 votes. As she said, "Every vote does count!"

The 2014 schedule for naturalization ceremonies has not been released yet. When the schedule is made public, all members will be encouraged to volunteer for this memorable volunteer opportunity.

If You Missed the Showing...

"Iron Jawed Angels"—the Lexington League now owns a DVD of this powerful film. It is available for any LWV member to check out. Simply contact the League (by phone or email) to reserve it.

Civic Health Assessment Report Released by Secretary of State

The 2013 Civic Health Assessment entitled "Shaping Kentucky's Future Together" has been released by the KY Secretary of State's Office. The assessment initiative began when Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, working with state and national leaders, compiled a Civic Health Index for the state. This data clearly indicated a general waning of civic engagement in Kentucky.

From November, 2012 through May, 2013, 15 public forums comprised of elected officials, community leaders, students and local residents were held across the Commonwealth to create partnerships and support strategies to improve civic participation. The discussion of each forum centered on three key concepts: civic engagement, political action and social connectedness. Participants identified several approaches that would improve Kentucky's general civic health including: support for increased service learning opportunities; ways to increase voter registration; and use of technology to strengthen connectedness within communities.

If you are interested in reading the full 11 page report, it can be downloaded from <http://www.sos.ky.gov/civics/Documents/CivicHealthAssessment2013FINAL.pdf>.

LWV President Re-Appointed to the LFUCG Ethics Commission



Lexington LWV President Tammy Fagley has received confirmation of her appointment to a second term on the Ethics Commission of the Lexington Fayette Urban County government.

This commission meets the first Thursday of each quarter to consider complaints made under the Ethics Ordinance. The commission also provides advisory opinions to those under the jurisdiction of the ordinance—all city employees including the mayor and council members.

Tammy's term will extend to March 1, 2017.



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NOTE: Board meetings are open to all MEMBERS; programs are open to the public.

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| Mon. | Dec. 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Candidate Forum for District 13 Senate Election at Woodland Christian Church, corner of East High and Kentucky Avenue. |
| Sun. | Dec. 8 | 2:00 p.m. | Holiday Social at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. |
| Tues. | Dec. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Special Election for District 13 Senate Seat |
| Sat. | Jan. 11 | 9:00 a.m. | LWV Planning Meeting followed by Board Meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church |
| Wed. | Jan. 29 | 4:00 p.m. | Transylvania and LWV "Founding Sisters" Tea at Forrer Hall, Transylvania University |

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