



The Lexington Voter

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

April Brings Annual Meetings for League

Lexington LWV Annual Meeting April 18

The Lexington League will hold its Annual Meeting Saturday, **April 18**, at Faith Lutheran Church. Featured speaker for the event will be Linda Gorton, recently retired vice-mayor of the city. Ms. Gorton served eight years as the Fourth District's urban county council representative and another eight years as an At-Large council member. She served with four mayors—Pam Miller, Teresa Isaac, Jim Newberry and current mayor Jim Gray.



The morning will begin with brunch at 9:00 a.m. (There is a \$10 charge for the brunch.) Business meeting will follow. Reservations can be made by calling the LWV at **859-494-3203**. **Deadline is Wednesday, April 15.**

Business will begin with election of officers and board members. The slate prepared by the nominating committee is as follows:

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| President: | Tammy Fagley (one year term) |
| 2nd Vice President: | Donna Blue (first year of two year term) |
| Secretary: | Lynne Flynn (first year of two year term) |
| Board Members: | Judy Johnson (one year term) |
| | Barbara Sterrett (one year term) |
| | Richard Heine (one year term) |
| | Erin Kidder (one year term) |
| | Carol O'Reilly (one year term) |

Note: First Vice-President Cindy Heine and Treasurer Steve Senft will serve second year of two year terms.

The work of the League is organized by both elected and appointed representatives: **Cindy Heine**—Public Relations and Candidate Forums; **Donna Blue**, Event Arrangements; **Judy Johnson**, Newsletter; **Barbara Sterrett**, Membership. The position of Voter Service Coordinator is presently open.

Other items of business will be approval of both the budget and the program for 2015-16. The budget is included with this issue of the VOTER and the proposed program can be found on page 2.

Lexington LWV to Host State Meeting April 10-11

Included with this issue of the VOTER is a registration form for the LWVKY meeting to be held on April 10-11 at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. The \$40 registration cost includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please join in the welcome our Lexington League is extending to members across the state. **April 3** deadline.

In addition to the business sessions, the meeting will include informative workshops and a legislative update.

If you plan to participate in the Friday evening events, rooms are still available for a comfortable overnight stay (\$110 plus tax). For room (and dinner reservation), call **800-734-1548** before **March 10**.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Heine at cynthia.heine@gmail.com.

LWV Lobby Day A Success

On Wednesday, February 25, twelve League members from across the state gathered in Frankfort for League Lobby Day. In the morning some of us had appointments to visit with our legislators to discuss bills we are supporting or opposing. We also observed committee meetings where bills were discussed and then voted upon. Some of us attended the Domestic Violence Prevention Rally in the Rotunda. Then we ate lunch together in the Capitol Annex cafeteria. Some members stayed to observe the formal Senate and House sessions at the Capitol Building in the afternoon.



Lexington LWV members Chris Sieber (left) and Barbara Sterrett (right)

This year there seemed to be many more people than usual lobbying for bills they support and there was palpable excitement in the air. Some came from non-partisan organizations similar to ours, while others were paid lobbyists.



Left to right are Lexington LWV members Joy Arnold, Cindy Heine, and Steve Senft; Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo; and Louisville LWV member Beverly Moore.

The regular legislative calendar ends March 9 with a veto period extending to March 20 followed by two more days for possible overrides.

Every Kentuckian should go to Frankfort at least once to see how our legislature makes democracy work. I am so glad we have this opportunity!

Terry Naydan
Legislative Liaison, LWV of Kentucky

Proposed Program for 2015-16

This is the program proposed for the Lexington League by the board and scheduled for approval at the April 18th meeting:

Membership Meetings/Activities:

August, 2015	Open House/Membership wine and cheese event
September, 2015	Voter registration events associated with Constitution Day or National Voter Registration Day or both (Possibly in conjunction with Community Action, or at Farmer's Market or Fayette Mall. Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and Operation Turnout identified as potential partners.)
October, 2015	Dinner and Democracy – <i>Corporations Are Not People</i> /Move to Amend
November, 2015	Election Watch Party Public showing of a relevant movie (i.e., "Gerrymandering?")
December, 2015	Christmas Party, tentatively at Coba Cocina
Oct – Dec, 2015	Essay Contest
January, 2016	Annual Program Planning Meeting
February, 2016	Lunch and Democracy – Redistricting/gerrymandering Lobby Day in Frankfort
March, 2016	Breakfast and Democracy – Lexington Community Issue (i.e., affordable housing or issues related to the water company)
April, 2016	Annual Meeting (possible topic— Education, with new Fayette County Superintendent as possible speaker)
On-going	Book Club



Proposed Budget Document for Annual Meeting

The three items proposed for approval at the **April 18 Annual Meeting** are the **Slate of Officers and Board Members** on page 1; the **2015-16 Program** (above); and the **Budget for 2015-16**. You will find the proposed budget attached electronically with this issue of the VOTER or, if you receive paper copies of the newsletter, it will be enclosed inside the VOTER. Please consider these documents carefully and then join your League friends on April 18.

Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, **March 7**, One World Films will show a new 40 minute documentary at the Kentucky Theatre entitled "Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot." This film was produced by the Teaching Tolerance Program of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

March 7 is the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, the subject of this film. What better way to commemorate the struggle than viewing the movie!

All One World Films are free and open to the public.

Following the showing, the LWV will hold a reception in the theater.

Christian Muslim Dialogue

On Saturday, **March 28** at Hunter Presbyterian Church, writer and scholar Charles Upton will discuss Dr. John Morrow's 2014 European trip undertaken to share his work authenticating and studying what has been called Mohammed's Covenant with the Christians of the World.

Dr. Morrow, who holds a PhD. from the University of Toronto, is both Native North American and Muslim. In addition to his academic duties he travels the world working for peace and justice. Because Dr. Morrow is based in Canada, Charles Upton, a Kentucky writer and scholar, will discuss the reception his work is eliciting.

The presentation will begin at 10:00 a.m. It will be followed by a potluck meal at noon.

Participants at the February CMD panel discussion were reminded to check the CMD website (cmdlex.org) for resources. Posted there are two links leading to:

1. Documents answering the question "Why don't Muslim leaders speak out against ISIS and terrorism?" (Actually they do.)
2. A Gallup discussion of the status of Islamophobia in America.

The information available there can be helpful as we work to broaden our understanding of current events in the world.

Dinner and Democracy



A very interesting LWV Dinner and Democracy is planned for Monday, **March 23** at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Lexington Green. Our guest speaker will be Charles Lanter, the newly appointed LFUCG Director of Homeless Services.

Mr. Lanter previously spent nine years with the Community Action Council where his responsibilities included all resource development, planning, communications, and volunteerism. He will talk with us about homelessness in Lexington and actions planned by the city to address it.

We will meet at the Bronte Bistro at 6:30 p.m. Although members will individually order and pay for their own meals that evening, we will need to provide the restaurant with a count the week prior. Reservations may be made by calling **859-494-3203** or emailing lexingtonlww@gmail.com by Wednesday, **March 18**. Make plans now to enjoy a good meal and a challenging discussion.

Lexington LWV Book Club... will meet at Terry Naydan's home, 3013 Charleston Gardens Boulevard in Lexington on Tuesday, **March 17**, at 1:30 p.m. Cindy and Richard Heine will lead a discussion of the book by Jeffrey D. Clements, *Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy From Big Money and Global Corporations*. The subject of this book is one that concerns all of us.

If you can join us, call or email **Terry Naydan**, 971-7227 or Terrynaydan@aol.com or **Nita Smith**, 272-5827, or Nitavotes@aol.com. If you cannot attend the meeting we recommend reading this book for a better understanding of the increasing influence of money in politics.

The VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question or concern about the newsletter or if you would like to work on the newsletter, please contact her at judylex@twc.com.



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

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| Sat. | Mar. 7 | 10:00 a.m. | “Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot” at Kentucky Theatre, free One World Film. LWV sponsored reception after the showing. |
| Thurs. | Mar. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board Meeting at Faith House, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. |
| Tues. | Mar. 17 | 1:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club meeting at Terry Naydan’s house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. |
| Mon. | Mar. 23 | 6:30 p.m. | Dinner and Democracy at Bronte Bistro in Joseph-Beth Booksellers |
| Sat. | Mar. 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Christian-Muslim Dialogue at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 107 Rosemont Garden |

MAKE YOUR RESERATIONS—LWVKY Annual Meeting at Shaker Village on April 10-11 and Lexington LWV Annual Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church on April 18.

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