



# The Lexington Voter

## Winter 2009-10

LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS®

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

### President's Message

*Dear Fellow Members—I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday. As we begin the new year we note that it is a year of special celebration. Did you know that this year is the 90th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th Amendment?*

*To celebrate this momentous occasion we are calling on our members for help. This is a great time to share your memories and experiences in the League, especially the Lexington LWV. Please take time to write down your thoughts. Send them to the LWV address: P O Box 22045, Lexington, 40522. (If you would like a scribe, just call 859-494-3203.) We would like to develop individual writings into a full history of our League.*

*Congratulations to our LWV 50 year members! According to our records these ladies are: Elaine Adland, Edna Elias, Amanda Elliott, Charlotte Finucane, Janet Gleeson, Jean Hinchcliffe, Evelyn Livisay, Jay Ogden, Ruth Straus, and Martha White-side. And a plea to these members—you can be a great source of information as the League history is compiled. Also, if anyone knows of another 50 year member, please contact Barbara Sterrett at [barbarasterrett@insightbb.com](mailto:barbarasterrett@insightbb.com) or 859-223-1722.*

*Finally, plan on attending the annual meeting in April to learn more about our League and celebrate our achievements.*

*Tammy Fagley*



The League of Women Voters was founded by **Carrie Chapman Catt** in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.



L to R: LWV president Tammy Fagley, HCHS teacher Keen Babbage, HCHS student Alex Gardner, LWV essay contest chair Lowell Eberwein.



L to R: Lowell Eberwein, LCA teacher Aaron Merz, LCA student Leandra Padgett, LCA principal Keith Hall.



L to R: PLDHS teacher Angela Bullock, PLDHS assistant principal Antonio Blackman, PLDHS student Max Ain, Lowell Eberwein.

## Winners of the LWV Essay Contest Presented with Their Awards

This year's essay contest asked high school student writers to address the topic of the electoral college system for selection of president and vice president. Students submitted writings reflecting their general knowledge of the system as well as their ideas for improving or replacing it.

Contest chair **Lowell Eberwein** commented, "All submitted essays were of high quality which made the selection of winners difficult." After much debate, his committee chose as winner of the \$250 first prize, Alex Garner, a senior at Henry Clay High School. His sponsoring teacher, Keen Babbage, received an honorarium of \$100. In second place and awarded \$150 for her effort was Lexington Christian Academy senior Leandra Padgett. Her sponsoring teacher, Aaron Merz, received an honorarium of \$50. In third place meriting an award of \$100 was Max Ain, a junior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. His sponsoring teacher was Angela Bullock who also received an honorarium of \$50.

Lowell Eberwein pointed out that Leandra Padgett's work has earned one of the top three spots in each of the last three LWV writing contests. He commended her saying, "She has the unusual ability to assimilate data and present it in a coherent form so that the reader has confidence in her conclusions."

Congratulations to these outstanding writers!

**This is the year to share in the work of the LWV. Seek one of the open leadership positions, volunteer for a committee, help with the naturalization ceremonies, candidate forums, *Dinners and Democracy* evenings. Plan now to attend meetings and events and offer your thoughts and ideas. Remember, YOU are the League of Women Voters!**

## LWV Seeking Candidates for Leadership Positions

If you are interested in taking on a more active role with the League or if you would like to nominate someone for office, please consider the following positions:

**President** (1 year term)

**Treasurer** (2 year term)

**Directors** (1 year term) —Environment, Essay Contest, Membership, Local Government, Public Relations, Voter Editor

Names can be submitted to the nominating committee through Judy Johnson at [judylex@insightbb.com](mailto:judylex@insightbb.com) or 859-223-1309. Please do so before Feb. 14.

### Lexington LWV Activities

**Dec. 15**—Members monitored vote on association issue for Waterford Neighborhood Assn.

**Jan. 9**—LWV planning session

**Jan. 12**—Lunch with Cheryl Taylor, LFUCG Commissioner of Environmental Quality

**Jan. 22**—Voter registration after naturalization ceremony

**\*\*\*\* Do you have ideas for programs, topics, events in 2010-11 you would like to see the LWV pursue? Please share! Email Tammy Fagley at [taf1969@netscape.com](mailto:taf1969@netscape.com).**

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- ♦ Anyone with unpaid dues for 2009-2010 will be removed from membership February 1, 2010.
- ♦ Member Martha Whiteside has new phone number—859-263-6403.

## FEB. 9 *Dinner and Democracy* to Feature State Legislators

**State Senator Alice Forgy Kerr** (R—Sen. District 12) and **State Representative Kelly Flood** (D—House District 75) have agreed to provide a legislative update for participants at the *Dinner and Democracy* scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at Faith Lutheran Church. This has been a very busy session for the legislature and LWV members may have many questions for the speakers. Bring a friend and come prepared with your questions and comments.

A chili and dessert dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the presentation to follow. **Call 859-494-3203 for reservation.** The cost for the event is \$10 (\$5 for the meal and \$5 Contribution to the League.).

### Lexington LWV Continues Voter Registration Work

On January 22 League members offered 98 new citizens an opportunity to register to vote following naturalization ceremonies at the District Courthouse. The applicants for citizenship represented 29 countries of origin.

**Betty Higgins** represented the League with welcoming remarks during the ceremonies. Also assisting in the registration process were members **Lillian Gentry, Mary Hughes, Norma Mau, and Nancy McDuffie.**

The next two naturalization ceremonies in Lexington are scheduled for 11 a.m. on February 19 and March 19. If you can assist in this very interesting and important activity, please contact Betty at [e.higgins@insightbb.com](mailto:e.higgins@insightbb.com) or 278-1898.

**NEEDED**—Volunteers to organize candidate forums. Elections coming up include Mayor, Urban County Council Members, State Representatives and Senators, U.S. Representatives and Senators.

\*The League of Women Voters of Lexington is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed, active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.\*

Return Service Requested

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## Calendar

LWV of Lexington Website: [www.lwvlexington.com](http://www.lwvlexington.com)

Phone: 859-494-3203

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

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| <b>Saturday, February 6</b>  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Board meeting at Faith House Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd.</b>     |
| <b>Tuesday, February 9</b>   | <b>6:00 p.m..</b> | <b><u>Dinner and Democracy at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd.</u></b>   |
| <b>Friday, February 19</b>   | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Voter Registration after naturalization ceremony at U.S. District Courthouse</b> |
| <b>***SATURDAY, APRIL 17</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>ANNUAL MEETING at Faith Lutheran Church***</b>                                   |

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