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The Lexington Voter September 2016

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

League of Women Voters Lexington Fall 2016 Candidate Forum Schedule* Lexington Public Library – 140 East Main Street

Saturday, October 1, 2016

10:15-10:45	Council District 4	Susan Lamb Barry Saturday
11:00-11:30	Council District 12	Russ Hensley Kathy Plomin
1:00-1:30	House District 75	Kelly M. Flood Gary McCollum
1:45-2:15	House District 56	Daniel A. Fister James Kay
2:30-3:00	House District 79	Ken Kearns Susan Westrom
3:15-3:45	House District 45	Stan Lee Pam Sigler

Contact Cindy Heine if you would like to volunteer to help. Call 859-351-9419 or email her at cynthia.heine@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 2, 2016

1:30-2:00	Kentucky Supreme Court	Glenn Acree Larry VanMeter
2:15-2:45	School Board District 1	Melissa Bacon Samantha Rodarte
3:00-3:30	School Board District 5	Daryl K. Love Sharon Mofield-Boswell

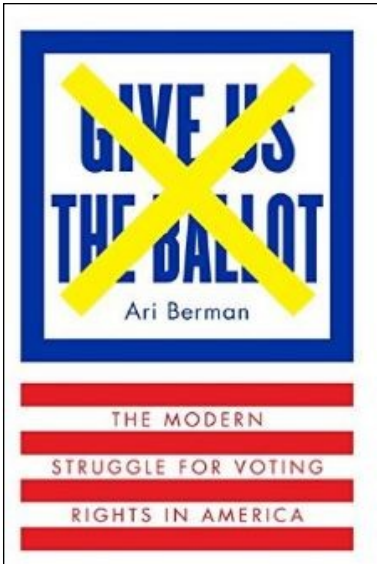


Forums sponsored by:

LWV Education Fund and the Frankfort/Lexington (KY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

*All candidates have been invited. Forums for races will be canceled if only one candidate is available. Check lwvlexington.org for final schedule.

LWV Book Club to Tackle “Give Us the Ballot”



According to author Ari Berman, the dramatic passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 set off a counterrevolution that has been fought through the decades since to limit the voting rights the law was designed to protect. In this book he presents a compelling narrative history of often conflicting Congressional actions and Supreme Court decisions.

“Berman vividly shows that the power to define the scope of voting rights in America has shifted from Congress to the courts, a result that would have surprised the Reconstruction-era framers,” Jeffrey Rosen wrote in a *New York Times* review of the work which was named a Notable Book of the Year by both the *Times* and the *Washington Post*.

This book is the selection the LWV of Lexington will be discussing at their meeting at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20** at Terry Naydan’s house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.

Please contact Terry at terrinnaydan@aol.com. if you have any questions.

VOTE411 VOTER GUIDE AVAILABLE AFTER OCT. 3

The LWVUS website www.VOTE411.org allows citizens across the country to login and see races on their ballots, compare candidates’ positions side-by-side and print out a “ballot” reminder to take to the polls on Election Day. The Louisville League and the Lexington League are both working to make the project useful for voters in their areas.

After October 3, the voter guide will be accessible. It will provide information for all election races Lexington/Fayette County voters will be considering, including candidates for President, U.S. Senate, Congressional District 6, Kentucky House, Lexington/Fayette Urban County Council, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and the Fayette County School Board.

Here is how it works. Into your browser put www.VOTE411.org. Next fill out the boxes with your identifying information. You will then be offered a link to all available candidate information.

Our local League is working to encourage more voters to register and vote in this year’s election. One of our targeted audiences is younger citizens who get their news and information online. The **VOTE411** guide has them in mind with several questions covering issues of importance to younger voters.

Many thanks to Lexington League member **Lauren Wallace**, a graduate student at UK, who is handling the technical issues necessary for Lexington participation in **VOTE411**.



Women's Equality 45 Years and Counting

Friday, Aug. 26, marked the 45th anniversary of Women's Equality Day. This date was designated in 1971 to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

Equal rights for men and women became a broader issue after women won voting rights. Alice Paul proposed the first Equal Rights Amendment in 1923 and it was introduced in the next 49 sessions of Congress until 1972 when it finally passed and was sent to the states for ratification. By 1983 it passed in 35 states but fell three short of the 38 needed for it to become law. The message of the bill can be stated very succinctly: **Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.**



Most recently, in 2015 a bill was introduced to both houses of Congress that would recognize the existing 35 state ratifications and accept ratification from any of the states that had previously failed to ratify. So far supporting legislation has not successfully made it through both houses in any state.

Concerns have changed over the years but not gone away. Today the hotly contended issues include abortion, women in military service and the pay gap. Some people believe the 14th Amendment guaranteed equal rights. And so the struggle for equality continues. As President Obama said in his 2016 Women's Equality Day proclamation: "Today, as we celebrate the anniversary of this hard-won achievement and pay tribute to the trailblazers and suffragists who moved us closer to a more just and prosperous future, we resolve to protect this constitutional right and pledge to continue fighting for equality for women and girls."

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, Sept. 27, has been designated by the LWVUS as National Voter Registration Day. And to participate you don't even have to come to a meeting, walk the streets or staff a booth. There are several other ways every member can take action:

1. If you are not registered, register to vote. This can be done online at www.govoteky.com.
2. If you are registered, be sure your own voter registration information is up to date, especially if you have changed your address. Again, this can be checked online at www.govoteky.com.
3. At the same website check your voting location.
4. If you need a mail in ballot you can get it in person at the **Fayette County Clerk's Office, 162 E. Main St.**, or online at www.fayettecountyclerk.com.
5. Mark **Tuesday, Oct. 11**, on your calendar. That is the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. Remind others of the importance of this date.
6. **SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS. ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO REGISTER OR TO CHECK THEIR REGISTRATION.**

REMEMBER:

The Lexington League will be helping the Girl Scouts of KY Wilderness Road Council with their *Voter Awareness and Promise to Vote* non-partisan service project. On **Sept. 23-25** and **Nov. 5**, look for their booths in local stores. If you would like to volunteer, call the League number **859-494-3203**.



The VOTER is now in electronic format. If you also receive a paper copy and want only the electronic copy, please contact Judy Johnson at judylex@twc.com. The paper copies will remain black and white due to printing costs.



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Facebook: League of Women Voters of Lexington, KY

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

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| Thurs. Sept. 15 | 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Road |
| Tues. Sept. 20 | 1:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. |
| Sat. Oct. 3 | | VOTE411.org will contain information about KY candidates. |

OCT. 1 and 2 - GEN. ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUMS AT CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

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