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# The Lexington Voter Summer 2016

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

## 2016 LWV Membership Party at First Vineyard on August 20



### SHARE THIS LOVELY SETTING WITH A FRIEND

The annual LWV membership party has proven itself to be an enjoyable opportunity for members to socialize and non-member guests to learn about the work of the League in a casual setting. This year the site selected is the very unique First Vineyard in Jessamine County. On **Saturday, August 20**, we will gather to enjoy the scenery, history and products of the vineyard which was first surveyed by Daniel Boone and which went on in 1799 to become the first commercial vineyard in the United States. Please make your reservation now AND bring a friend!

### THE PLAN

**WHAT:** Good conversation, appetizers and (optional) wine tasting

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** First Vineyard, 5800 Sugar Creek Pike, Nicholasville  
12.9 mi. beyond Man O War on Nicholasville Rd. (take the bypass around Nicholasville); turn left on 1268 to Sugar Creek Pike. (GPS is helpful; and there will be carpooling from Faith Lutheran Church parking lot for those who request it.)

**ADMISSION:** LWV members--\$10; interested non-members—free admission. Reservations are required as space is limited.

**RSVP BY WED., AUG. 17 (859-494-3203 or [lexingtonlwv@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonlwv@gmail.com))**

## Three Voting Rights Decisions Indicate New Laws May Be in Trouble

It would appear that the flood of restrictive voter ID laws which have been passed in recent years and now are being litigated in the court system, may not hold up to scrutiny. These are three recent decisions upholding voter rights:

**July 20**— The U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed previous rulings that the 2011 Texas voter ID law—which stipulates the types of photo identification election officials can and cannot accept at the polls—does not comply with the Voting Rights Act. Seven of the court’s 15 justices backed the decision in full, while two more justices backed most of the decision. The judges instructed a lower court to draw up a remedy.

**July 29**— The LWV of North Carolina, along with other plaintiffs, prevailed in their argument against new voting restrictions in that state. Three judges of the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that the new regulations were passed “with discriminatory intent” and designed to impose barriers to block African American voters.

**July 29**— Judge James Peterson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin declared, “Wisconsin’s strict version of voter ID law is a cure worse than the disease.” In a 119 page decision, he struck down a series of voter restrictions and ordered that the state quickly issue valid voting credentials to anyone trying to obtain free photo IDs.

## PROGRESS WITH VOTE411 VOTER GUIDE



The LWVUS website [www.VOTE411.org](http://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

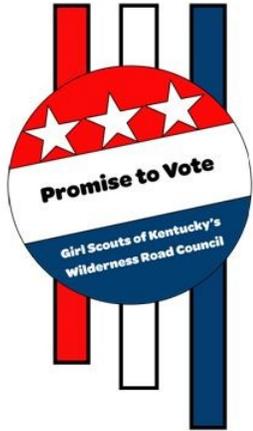
project useful for voters in their areas.

So how will the website work for citizens in Fayette County? This fall 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.

Now is the time to become familiar with the system. Into your browser put [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). Next fill out the boxes with your identifying information. You will then be offered a link to candidate information related to U.S. Senator (Kentucky) and Kentucky Congressional Representative District 6. Although the information is not yet complete, check out each candidate to see what is available and then mark your calendar to go through the complete process after **October 3**.

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.

Lexington League member **Lauren Wallace**, a graduate student at UK, is handling the technical issues necessary for Lexington participation in **VOTE411**. She is managing with ease what many of us would find impossible!



## LWV to Assist with GSA Voting Project

The LWV is helping the Girl Scouts of KY with their *Voter Awareness and Promise to Vote* non-partisan service project. Here in Lexington our members have already helped the Wilderness Road Council obtain permission from various stores for the girls to host informational booths at their locations **Fri.-Sun., Sept. 23-25**

and **Sat., Nov. 5.**

The Sept. dates will focus on raising voter awareness and the Nov. date is an opportunity to actually ask people to promise to vote on Tues., Nov. 8.

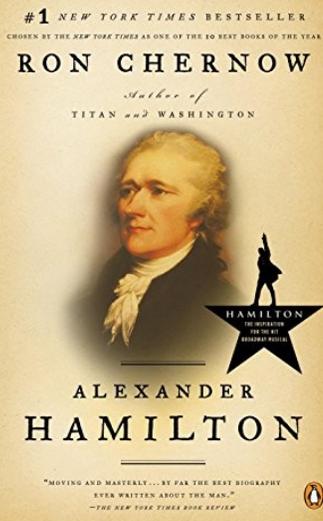
Although there will be scout leaders with the girls, the LWV has been asked to lend its presence also. This is a wonderful chance to work as a community partner. Anyone wishing to volunteer an hour or two can call the League number (859-494-3203) or contact Tammy Fagley at [tammy.fagley@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.fagley@gmail.com).

## Meet the New LWVUS President

In June Chris Carson was elected the 19th president of the LWVUS. Ms. Carson is a third generation Californian. She holds a B.S. from Immaculate Heart College and an M.A. in History from the University of Southern California. She taught American history and government and later served as Director of Education for the Heritage Square Museum.



Ms. Carson has been a member of her local League for over 30 years and a member of the LWV of CA board for 11 years. At the state level she led redistricting reform and spearheading the effort to pass the resulting ballot measure. She continues to serve as an advisor to Leagues around the state on local redistricting reform. She served on the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee and the LWVUS Campaign Finance Taskforce, developing materials for local Leagues on this issue.



## “Hamilton” Is the LWV Selection for August Book Club

LWV members will gather at **Terry Naydan’s** house on **Tuesday, August 16** at **1:30 p.m.** to discuss Ron Chernow’s popular biography of one of our least understood Founding Fathers. This New York Times bestseller captured the attention of historians, scholars and avid readers before going on to inspire the hit Broadway musical of the same name. Read the book and join the discussion. Meet the Alexander Hamilton who overcame an impoverished childhood in the Caribbean to become a colonial leader during the turbulent years of revolution and later the first Secretary of the Treasury of our new nation. This is not the Hamilton we all may think we know!

Terry’s address is 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. If you have questions, her email is [terrynaydan@aol.com](mailto:terrynaydan@aol.com).



**Our Candidate Forums will be held Sat. and Sun., Oct. 1 and 2. The exact schedule will be printed in the Sept. VOTER.**

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## Calendar

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

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| Wed.  | August 10 | 6:30 p.m.         | LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Road |
| Tues. | August 16 | 1:30 p.m.         | LWV Book Club at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.           |
| Sat.  | August 20 | 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. | Membership Event at First Vineyard, 5800 Sugar Creek Pike, Nicholasville       |

**OCT. - FORUMS FOR GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES—Watch for announcements.**

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