



The Lexington Voter March 2017

LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

April 8 Annual Meeting to Feature New KY Project

The LWV annual meeting is scheduled for **9:30 –11:30 a.m.** in Conference Room A at the central branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St., on **Saturday, April 8**. Registration fee is \$15 and includes breakfast. In addition to the usual business agenda—approving budget and program for 2017-18 as well as officers and board members—we will host representatives from the New Kentucky Project. This project grew out of a unique agreement between former state auditor Adam Edelen and sports radio personality Matt Jones that the 2016 political campaigns fostered an unusually divisive atmosphere in state politics. They witnessed the growing negativity and unwillingness on the part of politicians to compromise for the good of the people and they decided to do something to counteract it.



In a very short time the New Kentucky Project has grown from a good idea to a clearly defined structure that, in the creators’ own words, “acknowledges that there will be differences of opinion among some Kentuckians on issues. We seek to embrace those differences, rather than rigidly accept the two-party dichotomy so often required in today’s politics. We believe that where intelligent, well-meaning people disagree, consensus can be built through discussion and education.”

Put April 8 on your schedule now and send an email to lexingtonlww@gmail.com to RSVP for the breakfast and meeting.

Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2017-18

Office	Candidate	Term
President	Tammy Fagley	1 year
1st Vice Pres.	Cindy Heine	2 years
Secretary	VACANT	2 years
Directors (1 year term):		
	Lynn Flynne	Shayla Johnson
	Richard Heine	Carol O’Reilly
	Judy Johnson	Barbara Sterrett
	Lauren Wallace	

Officers serving second year of 2 year term and not up for reelection:

2nd Vice Pres. **Donna Blue**

Treasurer **Steve Senft**

2016-17 Nominating Committee: **Cindy Heine, Diana Clewett, Carolyn Holmes**

2017-18 Nominating Committee: **Diana Clewett, Carol O’Reilly, 1 vacancy**

The board may appoint up to 8 additional directors for 1 year terms.

2017-18 Lexington LWV Program

ANNUAL FOCUS/OBJECTIVES:

Keeping people engaged in democracy in the current divisive political environment.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Faith House

September 28, 2017
 October 26, 2017
 November 16, 2017 (Please note—the 4th Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day.)
 January 13, 2018, 10 a.m., location TBD (in conjunction with Annual Planning Meeting)
 February 22, 2018
 March 22, 2018
 April, 2018, time and location TBD
 May, 2018, TBD by new board after April Annual Meeting

Membership Meetings/Activities:

August 19, 2017	Open House/Membership wine and cheese event (time and location TBD)
September, 2017	Voter registration activities in conjunction with National Voter Registration Day (date TBD)
October 3, 2017	General membership event focused on gerrymandering and redistricting (Possible showing of gerrymandering film/discussion afterwards. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Possible venue: Downtown library theater)
November 4, 2017	General membership event with substantive presentation focused on free or reduced cost of college education. 10:00 to noon. (Possible venue: one of the Branch libraries.) Coffee and donuts.
Oct.-Dec., 2017	Essay Contest
December 14, 2017	Holiday Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Possible venue: a member's home)
January 13, 2018	12:00 noon. Annual Planning Meeting (with lunch). In conjunction with Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Spring, 2018	Candidate Primary Election Forums
March 8, 2018	Dinner and Democracy, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Potential topic—Legislative session overview.
April 14, 2018	Annual Meeting, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Ongoing	Book Club Voter registration at naturalization ceremonies VOTE411 (TBD AFTER WEBSITE DATA IS AVAILABLE AND CLOSER TO THE TIME OF ELECTIONS)

This program will be discussed and voted on at the April Annual Meeting.

KY LWV CONVENTION MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1 IN LOUISVILLE

The convention begins with Friday night dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill, 401 S. Hurstbourne, featuring a discussion by *Courier-Journal* reporter Deborah Yetter on the topic of "fake news." The Saturday meeting will convene at Lang House, 115 S. Ewing, to decide on two proposals—a state League position on fair lobbying practices and one concerning the creation of candidate training workshops. Jason Bailey from the Kentucky Center on Economic Policy will be the speaker at lunch Saturday.

Cost is \$30 convention fee which includes Saturday lunch and \$35 for dinner Friday evening. Overnight accommodations can be booked at Hyatt Place Louisville East, 701 S. Hurstbourne. Complete information is contained on the registration form which can be found at lwvky.org. **Deadline for registration is March 24.**

National League Issues ACTION ALERT

Congress has taken the first steps to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in both the House and the Senate. Legislators are rushing to make changes that will throw the health care system into disarray. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 32 million Americans will lose their health insurance, premiums will double and out-of-pocket expenses will escalate unless meaningful changes are made to the proposals now offered.

It is critical to tell your members of Congress now is not the time to take away health care protections without an effective plan to assure all Americans affordable, quality health insurance.

- **Email** your Congressional representatives.
- **Call 866-426-2631** and tell them, "Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act without an effective plan that will assure that we have affordable, quality health insurance."
- **Call** their local offices with the same message.
- **And don't make just one contact.** Write a yourself a note to continue the calls and emails until legislators understand the seriousness of the situation. The more times they hear the message, the more likely they are to listen.

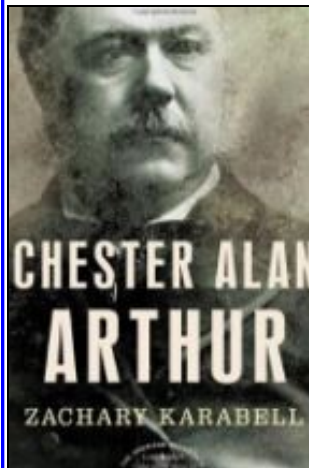
This issue is too important to ignore. Make yourself heard....**NOW!**

Berea Branch of AAUW Brunch to Feature KY Writers

Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the American Association of University Women will sponsor their Authors' Brunch and Silent Auction at Boone Tavern in Berea. Featured speakers will be Kentucky nominated Pulitzer Prize authors Margaret Verble, Dr. Maryjean Wall, and acclaimed writer and illustrator Robert A. Powell.

Tickets are \$25 (\$12.50 for students) and may be reserved by calling **859-623-5832** or emailing **cecilel@roadrunner.com**. Proceeds from tickets and book sales will help support scholarships for women.

LWV Book Club Choice for March Features 21st President



The Lexington LWV book discussion group will meet **Tuesday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Terry Naydan, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. Book for the meeting is "*Chester Alan Arthur: The American President Series: The 21st President 1881-1885*" by Zachary Karabell.

The subject of this book was a most unlikely choice to serve as president, never having held elected office before he was nominated as James Garfield's running mate in 1880. Four months after the election Garfield's assassination he was thrust into the presidency.

Karabell presents a balanced picture of Arthur's negatives as well as his accomplishments as he completed Garfield's term. As one review summarized it, "the dry life of a dry man with a few intriguing glimpses of the Gilded Age."

All members are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Terry at **terrinnaydan@aol.com**.

Christian Muslim Dialogue Presents

A TRILOGUE OF FAITH
Sunday, March 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.

at **Ohavay Zion Synagogue**
2048 Edgewater Court

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin, Dr. Aiyub Palmer, professor of Islamic studies at UK, and Bruce Caldwell, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Lexington will form a panel to discuss today's issues relating to religion and answer questions from the audience.

The VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question or concern about 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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| Thurs. | Mar. 16 at 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board Meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek |
| Sat. | Mar. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Berea AAUW's Authors' Brunch and Silent Auction at Boone Tavern, Berea |
| Tues. | Mar. 21 at 1:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club Meeting at Terry Naydan's home, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. |
| Sun. | Mar. 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. | Christian Muslim Dialogue at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court |
| Fri./Sat. | Mar. 31 to Apr. 1 | KY LWV Convention in Louisville. Fri. at Ramono's Macaroni Grill and Sat. at Lang House. |
| Sat. | Apr. 8 | LWV ANNUAL MEETING, Conference Room A at Central Branch of Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St. |

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