

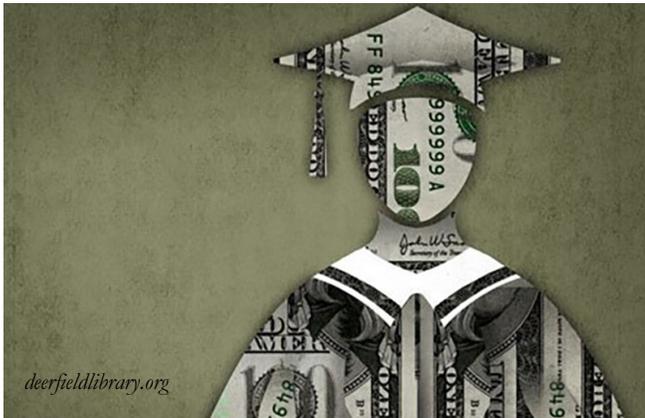


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# The Lexington Voter November 2017

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

## Lexington League Presents Discussion of College Costs on Nov. 4



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The League of Women Voters of Lexington will meet to explore college and postsecondary education access and affordability barriers for Kentuckians on **Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until noon** at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Newtown Campus, Classroom 107. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Members of the Student Voice team of the Prichard Committee will present their research findings on the topic. This group of students has studied data, interviewed students across the state and assembled a wealth of information to share. Recently the group released a new book, *Ready or Not: Stories from Students Behind the Statistics*.

The Student Voice team will be joined by Perry Papka, a policy analyst at the Prichard Committee with a focus on postsecondary education, and Erin Klarer, Vice President for Government Relations at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

For those not familiar with the Newtown Campus of BCTC, it is located at 500 Newtown Pike in downtown Lexington. The classroom building is the new building with blue-green windows that sits closest to Newtown Pike. Enter the glass doors and classroom 107 will be down the corridor on the left. The escalating cost of college education is of great concern. This discussion will be an excellent opportunity to hear details from students and experts in the field. Come and bring friends with you!

## LWV Members Consider Money in Politics

Lexington League members traveled to Frankfort on **Thursday, October 19** to participate in a program entitled *"Money in Politics: Our Republic in Crisis."* The event was sponsored by Together Frankfort and the New Kentucky Project. Together Frankfort is a nonpartisan volunteer group of Kentuckians who seek to exercise and protect the principles embodied in the Constitution by being engaged and responsible participants in democracy. The New Kentucky Project seeks to move the state forward and modernize it through a variety of policy initiatives based on discourse across party lines. The LWV of Kentucky supported this event and several Louisville members also attended the session.

Some of the issues discussed include unlimited expenditures to PACS, lack of disclosure of those expenditures leading to "dark money," public financing of campaigns and the power and lack of regulation of social media. Panelists included Adam Edelen, former state auditor and co-founder of the New Kentucky Project; Krystal Ball, founder of the People's House Project; Dr. Donald A. Gross, UK professor emeritus of political science; and Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for the Family Foundation of Kentucky.



Lexington LWV members Nita Smith and Tammy Fagley waiting for meeting to begin.

## Seeking Women Interested in Running for Office

The Lexington Kentucky Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to invite one and all to a candidate training forum "*Women! Let's Run for Public Office.*" This forum will take place on **Saturday, November 18, 2017** at the Charles Young Center, 540 East Third Street. The event is scheduled for **1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

The Sorority is excited that activist Bessie Jackson, Lexington Urban County Councilwoman Angela Evans, and Lexington Magistrate Chrysanthia Carr-Seals have agreed to serve on an informational panel.



The featured speaker will be the Honorable Denise Brown, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge, Family Division. Denise Brown graduated from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in 1985. She began her professional career with the Commonwealth's Attorney Office and went on to act as a civil litigator with the City Law Department. She has practiced family law for over 29 years.

This forum is **FREE** and open to the public. For more information, text or call **859-519-0639**.

## Setting the Table for Civility

As part of the national League's partnership with the National Institute for Civil Discourse, LWV members across the country are invited to participate in "Setting the Table for Civility." This is an opportunity for individuals, as we gather with friends and family for the upcoming Thanksgiving and year-end holiday season, to take action to promote civility. Suggestions include exploring three basic questions:

- **What are you most thankful for about living in America?**
- **How do you feel about the deep divisions and incivility we see now in our country?**
- **What can we do to revive civility and respect and find more effective ways to listen to each other and work together?**

The partnership's goal will be to get Americans of different points of view to talk together and, most importantly, listen to each other. This can begin with our friends and family as we gather for year end activities. Ask and listen.



## LWV Voter Registration Activity



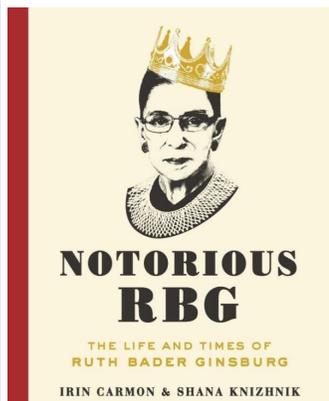
*LWV board member Richard Heine chats with residents at Connie Griffith-Ballard Towers.*

On Thursday, October 19, Lexington LWV board members Richard and Cindy Heine visited the Connie Griffith-Ballard Towers to register voters at the request of Andrew Merrill, Lexington Housing Authority Services Coordinator. Andrew was excited about League members visiting the complex which consists of two towers and over 250 apartments.

Cindy and Richard met a former League member among the many residents they talked with. One new voter was registered and several individuals updated their registrations. There were many questions to answer and the president of the residents' council issued an invitation for League representatives to return and speak to the council.

Andrew Merrill made a request for League members to return every third Thursday of the month to continue voter education among the residents. Anyone who would like to help with this outreach to elderly low income citizens, please contact Cindy at [cynthia.heine@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.heine@gmail.com).

## November Book Selection



The **Tuesday, November 14** LWV book discussion will take up “*Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.*”

Written by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, this book draws on interviews with close friends, colleagues and clerks, and the Justice herself. According to Jennifer Smith, writing in the *New York Times*,

“Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg never asked for fame—she has only tried to make the world a little better and a little freer.”

The League group will meet at Terry Naydan’s house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd, at **1:30 p.m.** The discussion will be led by Cecile Schubert. As always, guest are welcome to participate. Email Terry at [terrinnaydan@aol.com](mailto:terrinnaydan@aol.com) with any questions.

## Texas League of Women Voters Successfully Protects Voter Data

In October the League of Women Voters of Texas, the Texas State Conference of the NAACP, and an individual plaintiff won a temporary restraining order preventing the Texas Secretary of State from disclosing voter data to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. The plaintiffs are represented by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and Kirkland and Ellis, LLP.

The commission was created by executive order in May of 2017 because of the president’s repeated assertions that millions voted illegally in the 2016 election. The Brennan Center website carries the explanation that “for years, claims of fraud have been used to justify unwarranted voting restrictions. There is strong reason to suspect this Commission is not a legitimate attempt to study elections, but rather a tool for enabling voter suppression.”

Go to <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/trump-fraud-commission> for the background of commission and its likely agenda.

## Temple Adath To Host CMD

The Christian Muslim Dialogue issues an open invitation to its **Sunday, November 19** Thanksgiving dinner to be held at Temple Adath, 124 N. Ashland Ave. The event will be held from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Rabbi David Wirthschafter will open with welcoming remarks. There will follow time for others to express thanks for our many blessings in spontaneous remarks, quotes from poetry and prose, or other appropriate texts.

A potluck dinner will follow with halal turkey provided. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. More information is available on the group’s website [cmdlex.org](http://cmdlex.org).

This is a memorable way to celebrate a season of reflection and thanksgiving.



**6:30 p.m. Tuesday,  
December 14**

**LWV HOLIDAY GATHERING  
at Jennifer Jackson’s house.  
More information to come in  
the next issue of the VOTER!**

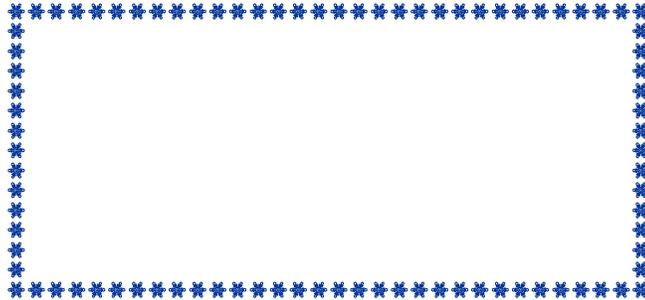
## Does One Vote Make a Difference?

A new study of the November, 2015 elections completed by the nonpartisan voting rights group Democracy North Carolina shows a surprising number of cases where a handful of votes made a difference.

Researchers identified 69 cities where the mayor or a council member won by five or fewer votes. In 31 cities, many of them small towns, how one person decided to vote made the difference between win or loss. In four communities a coin toss broke ties for council seats and in one town the winning council candidate’s name was drawn from a box.

Remember these results the next time you wonder if your one vote really makes a difference.

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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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| Sat.   | Nov. 4 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon | LWV discussion of College and Postsecondary Cost and Accessibility at Blue grass Community Technical College Newtown campus (Main and Newtown Pike), Classroom building Room 107. |
| Tues.  | Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.            | LWV book club meeting at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.  |
| Thurs. | Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m.            | LWV board meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. (Faith House)  |
| Sat.   | Nov. 18 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  | Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. candidate forum "Women! Let's Run for Office!" to be held at the Charles Young Center, 540 East Third St.   |
| Sun.   | Nov. 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  | Christian Muslim Dialogue thanksgiving dinner hosted by Temple Adath, 124 N. Ashland Ave.   |

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