



The Lexington Voter April 2018

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Combined State and Local LWV Meetings April 13, 14

The combined state and local LWV meetings are fast approaching. Here is the deal:

KY Council Meeting:

Fri., April 13 reception and dinner at Hilary J. Boone Center, 500 Rose Street.

- 6:00 p.m. Reception (cash bar)
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Don. Blevins, Jr. *"Does My Vote Count?"*

Sat., April 14 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd.

- 9:00 a.m. Legislative recap and local reports
- 12-1:30 p.m. Lunch with Allyson Cox Taylor *"State of Child Trafficking in KY"*
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. Business session

- 3:00 p.m. Lexington League will meet to conduct annual business, election of officers and board, adoption of budget and plan for 2018-19 programs.

To participate in state meeting, complete the registration form posted on www.lwvlexington.com by April 9.

There is **no cost** to participate in the local meeting at 3 p.m. on Sat. at Faith Lutheran Church.

The proposed slate of officers and board members appears on page 2 of the VOTER. The proposed program and budget for 2018-19 accompany this newsletter.



Mark Your Calendar Now for the Primary Candidate Forums

The LWV Primary Candidate Forums have been set and it is a full schedule. All will be held in the Parish Theatre of Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St.

Sat., April 21

- 9:30 a.m. 5 candidates for LFUCG Council-at-Large
- 10:45 a.m. 5 candidates for LFUCG
- 1:00 p.m. LFUCG 11th District
- 2:15 p.m. 88th House Dist. Dem.

Sun., April 22

- 1:15 p.m. 88th House Dist. Rep. *Ashley Boggs Bruggeman declined*
- 2:00 p.m. County Judge Exec. Dem.
- 2:45 p.m. Circuit Judge Family Crt. Div. 1
County Judge Exec., Rep. CANCELLED Jon Larson accepted; James Mark Sizemore declined

The April 21 and 22 forums are sponsored by the Lexington LWV, the Lexington Public Library, and Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of the LINKS Incorporated. (Recorded for later viewing.)

Mon., April 23

6th Congressional District

- 6:00 p.m. All candidates have been invited

Mon., May 7

- 6:00 p.m. LFUCG Mayor
7 candidates

April 23 and May 7 forums are sponsored by LWV Lexington, Lexington Public Library, WLAP with WKYT and the Lexington Herald-Leader. (Streaming live.)

FULL DETAILS ON THE LWV WEBSITE
lwvlexington.com

Volunteers are needed for all forums. Check League website for sign up form or call 859-494-3203.

LWV to Cosponsor 6th District Candidate Forum in Frankfort

On **Tues., April 10** the Lexington LWV will co-sponsor a 6th District Candidate Forum with Together Frankfort and the American Association of University Women. The forum will be held at the Cooperative Extension Building on the Kentucky State University campus in Frankfort **from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** and all candidates for the office of 6th District Representative have been invited to participate.

The forum will follow the League guidelines and KSU visiting professor Laura Glasscock will act as moderator.

The Extension Building is the second building on the left after turning on University Dr. from Main St. It is easy to locate on campus map found at <http://kysu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/campus-map.pdf>.

Nominations for LWV of Lexington 2018-2019 Officers and Board

Officers

2nd VP: Media/PR/
Arrangements:

Donna Blue

Treasurer:

Barb Sterrett

Secretary (one-year
term):

Richard Heine



Board

Voter Services: **Jenn Jackson and Laura Zimmerman**

Candidate Forums: **Liza Holland**

VOTE 411: **Lauren Wallace** (also part of Voter Service)

Program Development: **Mary Hughes**

Essay Contest: **Barb Welch**

Appointed

Membership: **Diana Clewett**

Essay Contest: **Judy Johnson**

Candidate Forums: **Cindy Heine**

Education and 100 Year Celebration: **Carol O'Reilly**

VOTER: **Judy Johnson**

Nominating Committee: **Steve Senft, VACANT, VACANT**

Tell Congress to Pass Sensible Gun Laws

This message from the national LWV: "It is time to stop the violence. Legislation with common sense solutions to prevent gun violence will protect our children, our citizens and help restore our public confidence. Tell congress to move forward with common sense gun legislation.

Add your voice to that of the millions of children, parents and concerned Americans calling on Congress to move legislation that ends the gun violence that is plaguing our nation. Some of the proposed solutions include closing the gun show loophole, increasing penalties for straw purchases of guns, banning assault weapons, placing limits on high capacity ammunition magazines and funding research to report on gun violence in America.

Curbing gun violence is a critical matter of public safety and public health. Tell Congress this issue is too important to ignore any longer and that common sense solutions to gun violence will save lives."

Our elected representatives are:

Sen. Mitch McConnell www.mcconnell.senate.gov.

Rep. Andy Barr www.barr.house.gov.

March for Our Lives in Lexington



Yes, despite the rain, snow, sleet and hail, Lexington League members participated in the student-led **March for Our Lives** event on Sat., Mar. 24.

Students from area high schools planned a rally with speakers and music to carry their demand for sensible gun laws. Afterward they led a march to the Fifth

Third Pavilion where community group had set up informational tables. LWV members used the opportunity to offer voter registration information to many of the estimated 1,000 people, young and old, who braved the weather to support activism among students.

Please Note Change to Usual Christian Muslim Dialogue Event



On Sun., April 29 the Christian Muslim Dialogue will meet from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Ohavay Zion Synagogue, 2048 Edgewater Court. This is a change from the usual Saturday meeting time and place.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Beth Goldstein, associate professor in educational policy studies and evaluation at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Goldstein's specialty is sociocultural foundations of international education. She has interests in issues related to gender, family literacy and educational border-crossing.

Report From the General Assembly- Mar. 31

This is our last full report on what is happening in the General Assembly, as most days from now on until dismissal will be veto or concurrence days.

On Thurs. night, Mar. 29, the Senate tacked a Committee Substitute to a sewage bill, SB 151, and turned it into a Pension Reform bill. (J. Carney). It was a 291 page bill which many legislators did not have time to read or digest. Teachers and other state workers felt that they were not allowed to be heard before votes were taken on the final version of the bill. The vote was 22-15 in the Senate and 49-46 in the House. It now goes to the Governor.

Note: Teachers and other state workers continue to rally to direct attention to the budget which is yet to be signed.

Bills that passed one chamber or bills that passed both chambers:

HB 227 - (J.Gooch, Jr. et al) the solar net metering bill - This bill passed the House with Committee Substitute 49-45. Sent to Senate. (We oppose.)

HB 185- (D.Blanton et al) This bill increases the line-of-duty death benefits to wives and children. Passed the House with Committee Substitute and one floor amendment 89-0. Passed the Senate 37-0 with one floor amendment. (We support.)

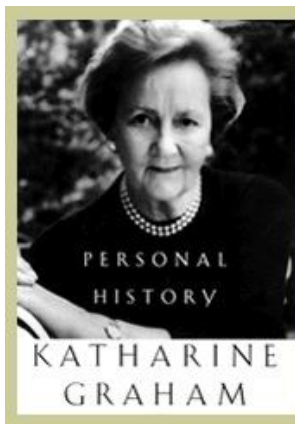
HB 363 - (R.Huff) This is a public assistance reform bill. It had passed the House and this week it passed the Senate 31-6. Sent to Governor. (We will monitor.)

HB 1 - (D.Meade) This bill requires inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted disease curriculum. This bill passed the Senate 31 - 6. It was delivered to the Governor.

Nita and I would like to thank all of you who responded to our "Calls to Action" through the ten years that we were your legislative liaisons. We enjoyed working with the members of the LRC and our legislators as well as hosting our League Lobby Days.

Terry Naydan and Nita Smith
859-971-7227. 859-948-4541

LWV Book Club to Discuss Katharine Graham Story



PERSONAL HISTORY
By Katharine Graham.
Illustrated. 642 pp. New York:
Alfred A. Knopf. \$29.95.

On Tues., April 17 the LWV Book Club will take up the inside story of the woman who ran the *Washington Post* during one of the most turbulent times in the history of American media. The book won the Pulitzer Prize for biography.

Journalist Nora Ephron captured the essence of this work in one sentence: "Katharine Graham turns out to have had not two lives but four, and the story of her journey from daughter to wife to widow to woman parallels to a surprising degree the history of women in this century."

The League group will gather at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd., at 1:30 p.m. Maureen Taurpey will lead the discussion. Members are always welcome. Just call Terry at (859-971-7227).



Save the Date

Sat. April 14 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Duncan Park
(E. Fifth St. between N. Limestone and MLK Blvd.)

Antonio Franklin, Jr. Violence Intervention
PEACE WALK

The League will be registering voters at this event.

PAY MEMBER DUES NOW FOR 2018-19

Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the League membership form which should be returned with your check to the LWV address: P O Box 22045, Lexington, 40522. Please return as soon as possible. When payment of dues is delayed until later in the year it causes confusion as members see forms for the next year and think they have already paid. Remember, April is "dues time."

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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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