



The Lexington Voter Winter 2018

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

LWV Lobby Day at the Capitol Is Wed., Feb. 14

The League of Women Voters studies issues and works for effective legislation to deal with those issues. On **Wednesday, February 14**, all members can personally take part in this effort. The League has legislative liaisons who maintain a constant presence in Frankfort throughout legislative sessions but Lobby Day is an opportunity for all of us to speak up.

All members are invited to gather in the Capitol Annex Cafeteria beginning at **10 a.m.** Please come and learn about important legislation. The next two hours would be a good time to visit your legislators or leave messages at their offices. **Please call ahead for appointments—800-564-8100. Ask for your legislators and their assistants will be happy to help you.**



- At **12 noon** we will meet in Room 129 of the Annex where Jared Smith will answer questions regarding lobbying.
- At **12:30 p.m.** we have invited several legislators to stop by and say a few words about any proposed bills or just to chat with us about the session in general.
- At **1:00 p.m.** we will hold a press conference where we will release the state LWV report on redistricting.
- At **2:00 p.m.** the House and the Senate convene. If you would like tickets to either session, please let **Terry Naydan** know so reservations can be made. She can be reached at terrynaydan@aol.com or call her at **859-971-7227**.

Helpful information for hesitant first-timers:

Where to Park—Capitol Parking Garage, between the Annex and the Kentucky River. Enter off Old Lawrenceburg Road (420) or from the top of the parking garage on Capitol Ave between the Capitol and the Annex. Take the elevator to the first floor. If the garage is full, drive around the back of the Annex and look for a space. There will be lots of people so plan to arrive early! If you would like to carpool, call the League phone number: **859-494-3203**.

Where to Enter—the front Annex entrance, middle doors, behind the Capitol building.

What to Have for Security Check—your ID. You will go through metal detectors and guards will check purses or bags. They may ask your destination (the Cafeteria).

What about Lunch—The Annex cafeteria has a buffet, sandwich line and salad bar. There are also two snack shops in the basement with sandwiches and drinks, one in the Annex and one in the Capitol which is connected by a tunnel.

To see Representatives: Check in at desk on third or fourth floor of the Annex (depending on office number). You'll be asked to fill out a card with your name and the member you wish to visit. Then you'll need to wait for instructions.

To see Senators: Go to the second floor of the Annex and look for the Senator's room number. The receptionist in each section will help you.

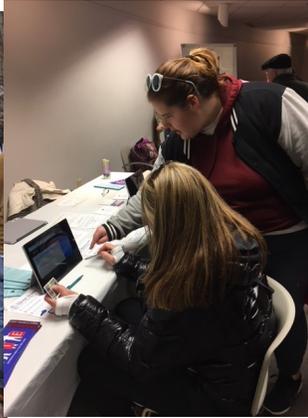
TIP: Wear comfortable shoes for walking and, if the weather permits, leave your coat in the car rather than carry it with you all day.

Women's March Anniversary Rally on Jan. 20

The weekend of January 20 and 21 marked the one year anniversary of the Women's Marches that occurred in cities around the world, celebrating unity for all human rights. In Lexington a rally was held on the plaza downtown on Saturday afternoon, spearheaded by the KY chapter of NOW. Lexington LWV members participated in the afternoon's activities that, in addition to speakers, included an information fair, voter registration and a very popular candidate forum (pictured below), all located in the central branch of the Public Library across Main Street from the plaza. The energy for activism continues!



Above: Lexington LWV members Tammy Fagley, Donna Blue, Laura Zimmerman and Cindy Heine carried the banner.



Above: Two voters explored the online registration process at the League table.

Below: Many candidates participated in the forum held at the Central Library.



On the Table 2018

Last spring over 11,000 participants from every residential zip code in Lexington came together around 1,100 tables to elevate civic discourse and foster collaborative actions across the city. The League of Women Voters of Lexington was part of the citywide conversation that helped inform Lexington's Comprehensive Plan.



The annual forum will continue on **Wednesday, March 28**, and the League is asking for your participation. First, we need a host for the discussion. Please contact Carol O'Reilly, who took on that role last year, if you are willing to lead a discussion for League members. She can answer any questions you might have. Carol can be reached at gagaday@aol.com.

The format will remain the same as last year. We will gather for an hour or so over breakfast, lunch, dinner, a coffee break, or at any time members select to talk about issues that matter to us. The conversation can inspire new ways to work together to make our community safer, stronger and more dynamic.

Want to Be More Involved? How about Working at the Polls on Election Day?

In this time of increasing activism, individuals often say, "I want to do more but I don't know what needs to be done." For members in that quandary, here is a thought.

The Fayette County Clerk's office welcomes potential workers to oversee the polls during elections. Interested persons must complete an application which can be obtained by calling **859-253-8352** or **859-253-8354**. If accepted, candidates must complete a 2 hour training on voting equipment and a 2 1/2 hour training on voting procedures. Training time as well as time spent working at the polls is compensated.

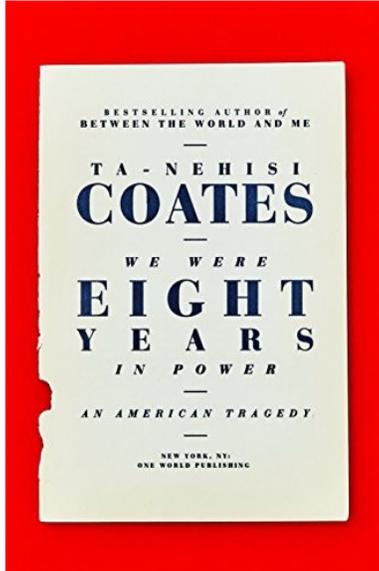
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE AND CRIME

WHEN: Thurs., Mar. 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Eastside Branch of Public Library, 3000 Blake James Drive

WHY: To discuss current issues of concern and possible resolutions

February LWV Book Selection



The book to be discussed at the **Tuesday, February 20** meeting of the LWV book club is Ta-Nehisi Coates' newest offering *We Were Eight Years in Power: an American Tragedy*. This collection of essays examines "the new voices, ideas and movements for justice" that emerged over the eight years of the Obama administration.

The book group will meet at **1:30 p.m.** at **Terry Naydan's** house, **3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.** The conversation will be led by **Diana Clewett**. All members are welcome. Just let Terry know if you plan to attend the meeting (**859-971-7227**).

Legislative Update

Two bills with potential for impacting public school funding are **HB 134** and **SB 36**. Both of these bills propose tax credit for tuition assistance based on contributions to qualified scholarship granting organizations. The LWV **opposes** these bills and the board will publish a position statement soon. Right now **HB 134** is in the (H) Appropriations and Revenue Committee and **SB 36** is in the (S) Education Committee. **Members are asked to call members of both committees to express opposition to these two bills. To leave a message for local legislators or members of a specific committee, use the toll-free number 800-372-7181.**

On Thursday, January 25, **Nita Smith, Terry Naydan** and **Cindy Heine** attended the House Budget Committee meeting. Presidents of the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Kentucky State University testified about the negative impact of the governor's proposed 6.5% budget cut and the elimination of 70 programs statewide would affect their programs, reducing services, research and scholarships. Rep. Jim DeCesare said the testimony would be helpful to committee members when they consider the final budget proposal.

ONE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

The 2018 One World Film Festival eleven selections have been announced. These films will be shown between February 4 and March 10 and include such thought-provoking selections as *Queen of Katwe* and *Lipstick Under My Burkha*.

Check lexfilm.org for information about specific dates and locations.

CHRISTIAN MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the Christian Muslim Dialogue will present **Dr. Tara Strauch, Assistant Professor of History at Centre College.** Her topic will be: *The Religious Other and the American Revolution.* She will talk about how religious minorities were treated during the war and how ideas about religious "others" shaped the new nation.

The discussion will be held at **Masjid (Mosque) Bilal ibn Rabah, 1545 Russell Cave Road.** It will be followed by a potluck lunch. If you wish to stay for lunch and additional conversation, please bring a dish to share.



March 20th-6th District Candidate Forum at KSU

April 7th-Lexington LWV Annual Meeting at Faith Lutheran

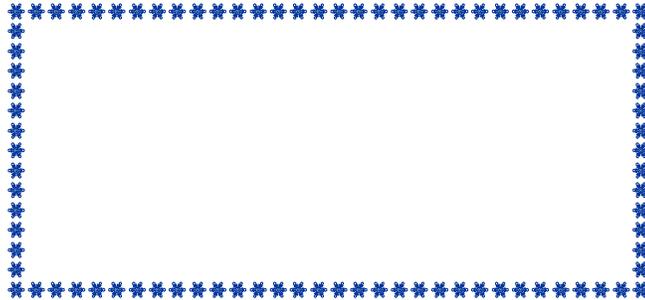
April 14th-KY LWV Annual Meeting at Faith Lutheran

In Memory of...

Rose Garden, who passed away December 19, 2017, was born, raised and lived most of her life in New York. Several years ago she moved to Lexington and joined the League shortly thereafter. She was very interested in civic affairs and had a long history of working for women's rights. A memorial service was held for her at Temple Adath on December 29.



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

- Sun. Feb. 4 at 2:00 p.m. First 2018 One World Film *Life Animated* at UK Chandler Hospital, Pavilion A Auditorium. See website lexfilm.org for rest of schedule.
- Tues. Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m. LWV board meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. (Faith House).
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