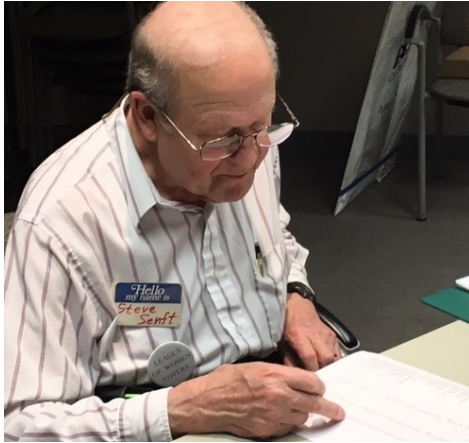




The Lexington Voter May 2017

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington



Images from the April 8 Annual Meeting (clockwise): Treasurer **Steve Senft** presents the 2016-17 budget for approval; guest speaker LFUC councilwoman **Angela Evans** listens to member's question; members **Donna Blue** and **Joy Arnold** follow the agenda; and members **Mary Hughes**, **Carol O'Reilly**, **Jennifer Jackson** and **Cindy Heine** discuss program issues.

The meeting was held at the Lexington Public Library Central Branch and a continental breakfast was provided. Members received committee reports and approved officers and board members, as well as the budget and program for 2017-18.



2017-18 Officers and Board Members

President

Tammy Fagley

1st Vice Pres.

Cindy Heine

2nd Vice Pres.

Donna Blue

Treasurer

Steve Senft

Secretary

VACANT (Lynne Flynn will continue to take minutes but other responsibilities will be handled by individual board members. If anyone is interested in taking a more active role by assuming this office, please contact the League at 859-494-3203 or lexingtonlwv@gmail.com.)



Board of Directors: Lynne Flynn, Richard Heine, Jennifer Jackson, Judy Johnson, Shayla Johnson, Carol O'Reilly, Barbara Sterrett and Lauren Wallace.

President's Report of 2016-17 League Activity

Following are highlights of President Tammy Fagley's report for the year ending May, 2017:

- 1 naturalization ceremony (Courthouse renovation should be completed by July.)
- Candidate forums—KY Supreme Court, KY state representatives, Fayette County school board
- Blue Sheets updated and distributed
- Member participation on Lexington Ethics Commission as well as the Community Action Council
- Membership wine tasting event
- Vote411.org Voter Guide participation for local races
- Monthly LWV Book Club meetings
- Collaboration with Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council in the "Promise to Vote" campaign
- KY Non-Profit Network participation and sent member to annual conference
- Informal forum for members and public on immigration issues
- Annual LWV Writing Contest for high school students and selection of winners
- Participation in the On the Table event
- Participation in League Lobby Day at the Capital
- Monitored and lobbied for issues during state legislative session (Thank you, Nita Smith and Terry Naydan for leading this effort.)
- Development of informational video about the League now on our website
- Nine issues of the VOTER

REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

The membership year extends from **July 1** of one calendar year to **June 30** of the next. Members are encouraged to **renew before June 1** so that the annual report is accurate when sent to national in June. To help facilitate payment, a membership form, which can be printed and mailed, accompanies this issue of the VOTER. There is no longer a national membership category. All dues must be made payable to the Lexington LWV and not the national League. National League bills the local League for the number of members submitted on the June report.

- PLEASE be sure your membership information is up to date and the dues submitted for the 2017-18 year.
- Also—resolve to be an **active** member this year! There is much work to do—one time tasks as well as on-going efforts. Surely, something for everyone. Contact a member, call or email the League, check the website.

CITIZEN ALERT! If you have a smart phone, try the app "5 Calls" to help you make your voice heard. It is free and easy to install and use. It will ask for your zip code and give you a menu of important topics to select from. Choose a topic, read the accompanying information as well as a suggested message. Then click on the link to the appropriate legislator(s) or committee to call. The app also contains a quick report function that allows you to record whether a message was given to an individual or left as a voice message. The idea is that anyone can make "5 calls" before breakfast!

LWV Speaks up about Immigration

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president, **Chris Carson**, issued the following statement in response to President Trump's immigration ban:

"The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants.

The League supports cities, towns, counties and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. Moreover, the Trump Administration's orders are of dubious legality.

It is simply wrong, and a perversion of the American system of justice, for the Executive Branch to refuse to obey federal court orders.

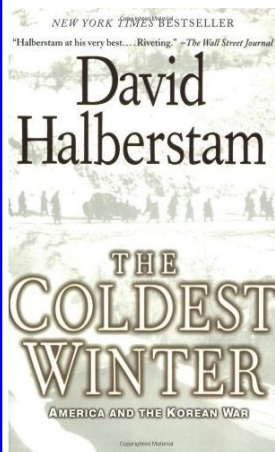
The LWV is opposed to discrimination, including discrimination in immigration, based on religion. The Trump Administration's orders appear to be targeted at Muslims and immigrants from majority-Muslim nations."



An executive order that would have temporarily banned immigrants from several Muslim-majority countries and halted acceptance of refugees remains held up in the court. States have also filed legal challenges against an order to withhold some federal funding from cities refusing to cooperate with immigration authorities. These are cities often referred to as "Sanctuary Cities."

These legal cases will work their way through the court system, possibly even to the Supreme Court. In the meantime, there are frequent reports of roundups and deportation of immigrants. Such actions are leading to more legal challenges on behalf of individuals. The League encourages members to continue to speak up for immigrants and refugees at both the local and national level.

LWV Book Club Meets Tuesday, May 16



"The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War" by David Halberstam is the selection for the meeting of the LWV book club on **Tuesday, May 16**.

On June 25, 1950, half a million North Korean Communist troops poured across the 38th parallel into South Korea, launching a conflict that would last three years and result in the deaths of two million people. The conflict has been called a war of blunders. This book tells the story of the politics and personalities behind the war.

Discussion, led by Richard Heine, will begin at 1:30 p.m. The location is Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.

The next meeting, on **Tuesday, June 20**, will be a social gathering for lunch at the Hilary J. Boone Center at UK. Members participating will have the opportunity to share a book of their own selection. Anyone planning on attending the June meeting should contact Terry Naydan at terrynaydan@aol.com at least a week prior to the event so she will have the correct number for reservations.

GLOBAL LEX ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, May 6 from 4-8 p.m.—Festival Dia de las Madres (Mothers' Day Festival) at Masterson Station Activities for the whole family.

Saturday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Farish Theater at the Main Branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St.—Nepali film "Gham Pani." \$12 advance sale; \$20 at the door. Love story between two childhood friends with different caste backgrounds.

With this issue the VOTER takes a summer break. The first issue of the 2017-18 year will be sent the first part of August. In the meantime, please check out the LWV website at www.lwvlexington.org.

The VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question or concern about the newsletter please contact her at judydex@twc.com.



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

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| Sat. | May 6 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Festival Dia de las Madres (Mothers' Day Festival) at Masterson Station Park, 3051 Leestown Rd. Activities for all families. |
| Tues. | May 16 at 1:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club Meeting at Terry Naydan's home, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. |
| Thurs. | May 25 at 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board Meeting at Faith House (Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd.) |
| Tues. | <u>June</u> 20 at 12:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club Meeting for lunch and book sharing at Hilary J. Boone Center at UK, 500 Rose St. |

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