



# The Lexington Voter April 2019

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## April 6 LWV Lexington Annual Meeting to Feature DeBroun Thomas and Russell Allen



R to L: Russell Allen and DeBroun Thomas at 2016 press conference.

cate the Confederate era statues of John C. Breckinridge and John Hunt Morgan from the front lawn of the old County Courthouse to the Lexington Cemetery.

The work of ensuring accurate and fully inclusive representation of the city’s history continues. These two young men have much to tell us!

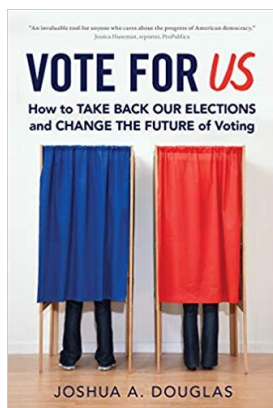
The meeting will adjourn at noon. Please put this event on your calendar and make a reservation by **April 2**.

The League’s Annual Meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd., on **Saturday, April 6** beginning with coffee and breakfast items at **8:30 a.m.** Cost is \$10 (to cover breakfast and materials) and you can pay at the door.

In the business portion, members will receive yearly reports from various committees, vote on the proposed slate of officers and board members, approve the 2019-2020 budget and approve updates to the member handbook.

At 10:00 a.m. DeBroun Thomas and Russell Allen will join members to talk about “Take Back Cheap-side,” the initiative they co-founded in 2016 to ensure that Lexington’s official history was united with the memories of all its people. With a strong coalition of supporters they convinced city government to re-

## Are You Wondering If We Will Ever Improve Voting for All Citizens?



Here is just the remedy for voter depression! The League will cosponsor a launch party for UK Prof. Josh Douglas’s book *Vote for US: How to Take Back our Elections and Change the Future of Voting* on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Pivot Brewery. The location is 1400 Delaware St.

Come, enjoy the fellowship and pick up your copy of a book that looks at local initiatives aimed at voting rights reform across the country. In very readable fashion Prof. Douglas tells the positive stories of those working on expanding voter eligibility, easing voter registration rules, making voting more convenient, enhancing accessibility at the polls, finding ways to push back on big money through local and state efforts, using journalism to make the system more accountable and improving civics education.

## LWVKY Annual Meeting

The state League will convene its annual meeting on **Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, in Hopkinsville, KY.** All League members are invited to participate. State convention is a great way to network with other Leagues and learn about plans for the coming year.



Registration information is available on the website [lwvky.org](http://lwvky.org). Anyone interested in carpooling should contact **Cindy Heine (859-351-9419)** or [cynthia.heine@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.heine@gmail.com).

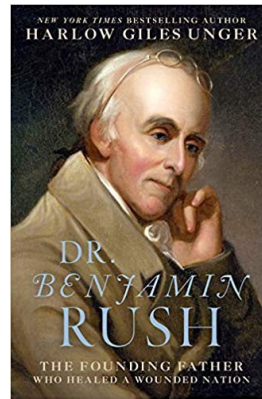
The dinner Friday evening will feature as guest speaker UK Prof. Josh Douglas who will share ideas about positive efforts across the country to increase voter turnout and improve voting procedures.

## Voter Registration Information

**Any members who would like to work future voter registration opportunities must complete a mandatory training. The next training, which requires preregistration as the number of participants is limited, will be Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beaumont Public Library branch, 3080 Fieldstone Way on Beaumont Circle. Sign up on the Lexington LWV website [www.lwvlexington.com](http://www.lwvlexington.com) under Events.**

**Next voting registration—Voices Centered tabling event on Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up will be at 9:00 a.m. The location is Centered Yoga Studio at 309 N. Ashland Ave., # 180. Register on the LWV website.**

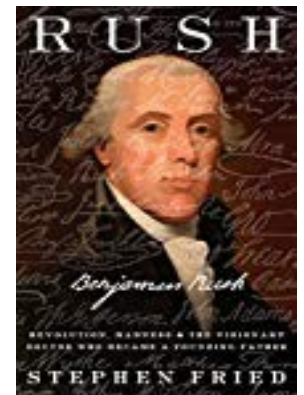
## Lexington LWV Book Club to Discuss Dr. Benjamin Rush



The LWV Book Club will meet **Tuesday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m.** at Terry Naydan's house. The focus of discussion is the historical figure of Dr. Benjamin Rush. The group selected the book *Dr. Benjamin Rush: The Founding Father Who Healed a Wounded Nation* by Harlow Unger. However, members have the option to read *Rush: Revolution, Madness, and Benjamin Rush, the Visionary Doctor Who*

*Became a Founding Father* by Stephen Fried. Katheryn White will lead the discussion.

Terry's address is 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. If you have not previously attended a session of the book club, please contact Terry at [terrinnaydan@aol.com](mailto:terrinnaydan@aol.com).



## Christian-Muslim Dialogue

On **Saturday, April 27**, Dr. Ann Wainscott, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Miami University, will be the guest speaker for the Christian-Muslim Dialogue. Her presentation "Regulating Religion: The Moroccan Approach to Countering Extremism" will focus on anti-terrorism efforts in Morocco.

The session will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and will be followed at noon by a potluck meal for all who wish to stay and continue the conversation. The location will be **Masjid Bilal Ibn Rabah**, the mosque at **1545 Russell Cave Road**.

Here is a link to a podcast with Dr. Wainscott about her book on the topic: <https://pomeps.org/2018/05/09/bureaucratizing-islam-a-conversation-with-ann-marie-wainscott/>

The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend.





LWV members Mary Jo Rogers, Cindy Heine and Diana Clevett wait for Voting Rights Rally to begin.

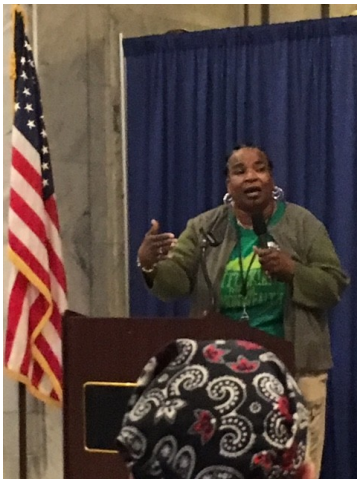


New LWV member Maureen Murphy with Mary Hughes, speaker Josh Douglas and Tammy Fagley at community discussion of successful voting initiatives.



Community member talks with Josh Douglas after presentation.

## What We Have Been Doing



Voting Rights Rally speaker Tayna Fogle



One of many banners displayed at the coalition sponsored rally.



Josh Douglas explains one of the many ideas put forth in his new book "Vote for US: How to Take Back our Elections and Change the Future of Voting."

## Lexington LWV Getting Ready to Host Primary Forums

**May 21** is the date for primary elections in KY and the LWV is making preparations to host forums for primary candidates.

LWV of Kentucky is working with Gray Television and the UK Student Government Association to host a forum for gubernatorial candidates on **April 22**. Invitations have been issued and details will be finalized and shared soon. **Hold the evening of April 22!!**

The Lexington LWV is organizing a forum for Fayette Circuit Judge, 22nd Circuit, 4th Division. Watch your inbox for details!

We believe these forums provide an effective non-partisan way to educate voters before they go to the polls. When plans are definite, think about supporting the forums by volunteering to help, spreading the word about the events and encouraging all friends and family members to watch and learn. Call **859-494-3203** to volunteer.

## ACT NOW FOR THE PEOPLE!

Want to do something to improve representative democracy in our country? Here is a simple action every one of us can do and it only takes only a few minutes.

- Go to the national LWV website [www.lwvus.org](http://www.lwvus.org).
- Click on the link under the heading **Support the For the People Act in the U.S. Senate**.
- Fill in the required information and your message will be sent to your two senators.

In addition, the LWVKY is beginning a calling, emailing and postcard campaign supporting the bill! Come to the Annual Meeting to learn more and sign a postcard.

**VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question about or information for the newsletter please contact her at [lwvlex-voter@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlex-voter@gmail.com).**



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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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