

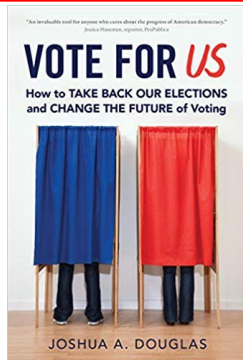


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# The Lexington Voter March 2019

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

## LWV Agrees with New Book Challenge: Vote for US



On **Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.** Lexington LWV is sponsoring a community discussion that will feature **Josh Douglas**, UK Law School professor and author of the soon to be released book *Vote for US: How to Take Back our Elections and Change the Future of Voting*. The session, open to the public, will be held in the large conference room of the **Eastside Public Library, 3000 Blake James Drive**.



An expert on our electoral system, Professor Douglas will discuss ways communities are working for real democracy with optimism and determination. He will focus on a couple of themes from the book which cover such topics as making voting easier, more accessible, more inclusive; using journalism to hold the system more accountable; pushing back on big money at local and state levels; returning redistricting to the voters; and improving civic education.

Members, you are encouraged to circulate word of this presentation, come yourself, and bring your friends for a conversation about positive actions that can be taken at the local level to actually cause change in a system which too often seems to be controlled by special interests.

**RELATED EVENT:** April 9 the Lexington LWV will be co-sponsoring a launch party for this book at Pivot Brewery, 1400 Delaware St. at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include readings from the book, discussion, and opportunities to purchase copies and have them signed.

## Join the Mar. 13 Voting Rights Rally at the Capitol

Plan now to join Voting Rights Coalition members, including the LWV, as we participate in a rally led by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth on **Wed., Mar. 13 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Capitol rotunda. There will be singing and speakers telling their personal stories of disenfranchisement. Messages will be delivered to the governor asking him to streamline the existing process for restoration of ex-felons' rights through individual partial pardons by the governor. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate the unity and energy behind the grassroots movement now focused on restoring rights to ex-felons.

To facilitate better planning, go to page <https://kftc.org/events/voting-rights-rally> and complete the form saying you are coming to the rally. It is always a good idea to carpool and arrive early. Parking usually available in the parking structure. To get to that structure, follow U.S. 60 to the East-West Connector (Rte 676). Take that west to first stoplight past the river (Rte. 420). Turn right and continue to Capitol parking garage on the left.



## LWV Lexington Annual Meeting Scheduled—Please Come!

The annual meeting of the Lexington League will be held on **Sat., April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon** at Faith Lutheran Church. This is the meeting where we adopt the program, elect officers and board members and approve the budget. It is also a good time to meet new members, enjoy breakfast together and hear an interesting guest speaker. The guest speaker and the schedule for the morning will be announced in a later email along with instructions on how to RSVP. The program to be adopted, the slate of nominated officers and directors and the proposed budget are contained in this newsletter so that members have time to consider them.

### Slate of Nominations

<b>President</b> (1 year)	Tammy Fagley
<b>1st Vice President</b> (2 years; change odd year)	Jenn Jackson
<b>2nd Vice President</b> (2 years; change even year— this would be to complete Donna Blue's term)	Judy Johnson
<b>Treasurer</b> (2 years; change odd year)	Barbara Sterrett
<b>Secretary</b> (2 years; change even year)	Richard Heine
<b>Board of Directors:</b> (1 year)	Chrysantia Carr-Seals Liza Holland Mary Hughes Toni Reiss Barbara Welsch Shayla Lynch Shambra Mulder Marlena Sanchez

### 2019-20 Program

#### Goals for the year:

- Continue to do research on and increase voter participation
- Work on redistricting (*This is a state project so we will be involved at the local level.*)
- Work on restoration of voting rights for ex-felons (*This is a state project so we will be involved at the local level.*)
- Increase our membership to over 100
- Continue and increase our engagement with the community

## Recent Activities involving League Participation

On Sun., Feb. 24, a statewide Felony Disenfranchisement Coalition of more than 20 advocacy groups, including the League of Women Voters, held an initial meeting in Frankfort. The primary goal of this group is to gain restoration of rights for ex-felons, following a 5 year plan toward automatic restoration of rights proposed by Dave Newton of KFTC. The group committed to monthly meetings. All groups represented here are supporting KFTC's Voting Rights Rally on March 13 at the Capitol.



Circled in group photo are LWV representatives Cindy Heine and Judy Johnson.

On Mon., Feb. 25 Cindy Heine joined state LWV President Bonnie Lynch to provide testimony in support of voting rights restoration for House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. A bipartisan voting rights bill proposed by Reps. George Brown (D), Charles Booker (D) and Jason Nemes (R) was under discussion. It opened a good conversation about automatic restoration of rights.



L to R: Bonnie Lynch and Cindy Heine

The committee was very supportive and the bill, in some form, will be presented in a future session of the legislature.

With the combined efforts of the Felony Disenfranchisement Coalition there is now grassroots energy to educate the public and work with legislators to make automatic restoration a reality.

## LWV Lexington Website

Please check the LWV website [www.lwvlexington.com](http://www.lwvlexington.com) frequently because information is constantly added. Programs, events, news items are kept up to date.

Look at the results of the essay contest—the prompt, topics and pictures of the winning students. Sign up to volunteer. Find information on League positions on current issues.

Finally, scroll to the bottom and click on **For Members Only**. To access this section you will need to enter a password (democracy). Here you will find information about member only trainings and the agendas and minutes for board meetings.

## ATTENTION: VOTER REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS

**There is a mandatory training for all volunteers who want to register voters. Each session is limited to 11 seats. The next training is scheduled for Apr. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beaumont Library. You can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/hYHRWvg>.**

## The Rise of Women Remembered

Breaking the Bronze Ceiling presents *The Rise of Women*, a one night only event on **Wed., Mar. 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan House, **210 N. Broadway**. A donation of \$20 at the door to Breaking the Bronze Ceiling is suggested. Seating is limited. Free parking available.



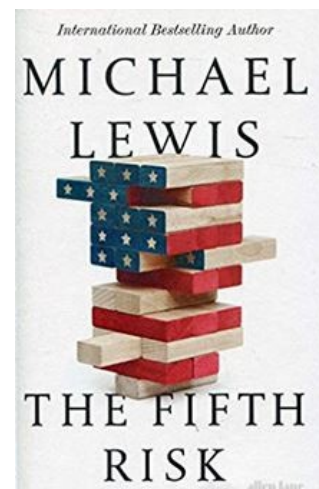
The event will feature three inspiring female panelists discussing their respective impressive careers in primarily male-dominated industries. They include **Judge Pamela Goodwine, Lexington Fire Chief Kristin Chilton and Jane Bowie, Distillery Maturation Specialist at Maker's Mark**. There will be a bourbon tasting from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with special musical guest **Ben Sollee**.

## LWV Book Club to Meet Mar. 19

The Lexington LWV book club will discuss Michael Lewis's *The Fifth Risk* on **Tues., Mar. 19 at 1:30 p.m.** The location, as usual, is Terry Naydan's house at 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.

Spoiler alert: Lewis identifies this risk as "project management" and tells a story of the current administration's approach to functioning government which he calls incompetence and neglect. He describes appointments that appear to be nothing more than "bumbling patronage" and others that seem to be "suspiciously like a wrecking crew." However, as the New York Times points out, "he does not delve too deeply into politics, preferring instead to focus our attention on technical functions of government that everyone takes for granted."

This discussion should be a lively one. If you have not participated previously, please contact Terry at [terrynaydan@aol.com](mailto:terrynaydan@aol.com).



## Christian-Muslim Dialogue

This month the Christian-Muslim Dialogue will move their meeting to **Sun., Mar. 24 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** The location will be the **Ohavay Zion Synagogue at 2048 Edgewater Court** (just off Alumni Blvd.)

The topic will be *Tolerance, Co-existence or Enmity: Christian, Jews and Muslims in the Medieval Iberian Peninsula*. The speaker, Oliver Leaman, teaches philosophy at the University of Kentucky and has focused his writing on figures of this time and place.

These presentations are always valuable and, as usual, all are invited to participate. Refreshments will follow the discussion.

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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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| Tues.       | Mar. 19       | 1:30 p.m.                | LWV Book Club meets at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.   |
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| Thurs.      | Mar. 27       | 6:00 p.m.                | LWV Board Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church (Faith House), 1000 Tates Creek Rd.   |
| <b>WED.</b> | <b>APR. 3</b> | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>         | <b>MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS at BEAUMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>SAT.</b> | <b>APR. 6</b> | <b>8:30 a.m. to noon</b> | <b>ANNUAL MEETING at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>   |

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