



The Lexington Voter May 2018

LEAGUE OF
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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

LWV Forums Introduce Candidates and Their Views



LFUCG Council-at-Large (L to R): Steve Kay, Arnold Farr, Richard Moloney and Chuck Ellinger II.



LFUCG 11th Dist. (L to R): Sandy Shafer, Jennifer Reynolds, Bill Swope and David Jones with LWV member Cindy Heine. (Charles Lloyd agreed to participate but did not attend.)



LFUCG Council-at-Large (L to R): Lillie E. Miller-Johnson, Harry Clarke, Adrian Wallace, Matt Miniard and Tod Hamill with LWV member Lynne Flynn.



House 88th Dist. (R to L): Cheryynn Stevenson, Josh Mers and Gail Swanson with LWV member Joy Arnold.



County Judge Exec., Dem. (L to R): Don Blevins, Sr. and Eugene Kiser with LWV member Shayla Johnson.



Circuit Judge Family Court Div. 1 (R to L): LWV member Shayla Johnson with Gregory Napier, Libby Messer, Eileen O'Brien, Nam Nguyen and LWV member Tammy Fagley.

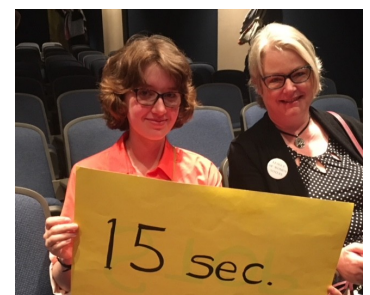
In addition to the forums pictured above, on Mon., April 23, the League co-sponsored with the Lexington Public Library, the Lexington *Herald-Leader*, WKYT and WLAP, a forum for 6th Congressional Dist. Participating were Democrats Jim Gray, Daniel Kempf, Reggie Thomas, Theodore David Green, Amy McGrath, and Geoff Young as well as Republican Chuck Eddy. (Andy Barr declined to participate.)

PLEASE NOTE: On Mon., May 7, the League and its cosponsors will present a forum for LFUCG Mayor at 6:00 p.m. in the Farish Theater of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main St.

The 6th Congressional Dist. Forum can be viewed at <http://www.wkyt.com/content/news/6th-District-Congressional-forum-Monday-ahead-of-May-primary-480527471.html>.

The other forums can be viewed at <https://www.lexpublib.org/lpltv>.

Below—Time Keepers (L to R): Student LWV member Sadie Bograd worked with LWV member Liza Holland.



What Is the Work of the League of Women Voters?

So what is your reply when someone asks you, “What does the League do? What does it stand for?” To refresh your memory, here is a handy summary of League work. Keep it for reference so the next time these questions are posed, you are ready with several answers.

The LWVUS is a non-partisan group that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Our priorities:

- Educating voters and increasing voter registration
- Fighting voter suppression and increasing voter access
- Opposing partisan and racial gerrymandering that strip rights away from voters
- Protecting our representative democracy by working to limit SuperPACS and secret donors so that elections are about voters not big money interests
- Working to insure that every citizen has access to adequate, affordable quality health care
- Supporting immigration laws that are fair and just, promoting family reunification, addressing business and employment needs and being responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises
- Promoting legislation that protects our environment from physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity

REMINDER—

With this issue the **VOTER** takes a summer break until late July-early August. Until then, watch your email for opportunities to volunteer and information on current events.



KY LWV Meets in Lexington



Don Blevins, Jr. addressed voting issues at the dinner opening the state meeting.

On Friday, April 13, state League representatives (including members of the Lexington chapter) gathered for a lovely dinner at UK’s Hilary Boone Center. Don Blevins, Jr., the Fayette County Clerk, answered many questions and provided interesting insight into voting issues.

The next day delegates from Hopkinsville, Louisville, Callaway County, Bell County and Lexington met to elect directors, add amendments to the bylaws and approve the 2018-19 budget.

State priorities for the next year include:

- Education—especially the proposed state take-over of Jefferson County schools and the implementation of charter schools
- Health care—the redesign of Medicaid and pharmaceutical costs
- Membership—capitalizing on the renewed interest in League work
- Money in politics
- Redistricting
- The need for real tax reform that generates revenue to meet the state’s needs
- LWV Centennial celebrations across the state

Lunch speaker on Saturday was Allyson Parks Taylor, Director of the Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution initiative in the Attorney General’s office.

At the conclusion of the state meeting, the local Lexington League met to elect officers, set program, and approve budget for 2018-19.



The Lexington LWV will **not** be participating in VOTE411 **this spring** due to technical problems. Rather than roll out a plan that might pose frustrations for some potential users, we will wait until fall to participate in the national voter guide. (This guide allows you to see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side and print out a sample ballot indicating your preferences to take with you to the polls as a reminder on Election Day.) By September we should be able to guarantee that all users will be able to easily access candidate information.

When we are confident that the system will work smoothly, we will let all members know. Then you will simply go to www.vote411.org and enter your address to access the information source. There will be easy to follow instructions!

Lexington League's New Board

At its annual meeting on April 14, the following members were elected to lead the group for the 2018-19 year:

2nd Vice President—Donna Blue (2 years)

Secretary—Richard Heine (1 year)

Treasurer—Barbara Sterrett (2 years)

Directors (1 year)

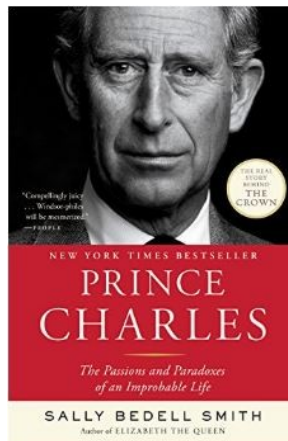
- Liz Holland
- Mary Hughes
- Jennifer Jackson
- Lauren Wallace
- Barb Welch
- Laura Zimmerman

Appointed directors:

- Diana Clewett
- Cindy Heine
- Judy Johnson
- Carole O'Reilly

(President Tammy Fagley is serving second year of two year term. First Vice President is vacant.)

LWV Book Club Luncheon Meeting



The LWV Book Club will meet at the Hilary Boone Faculty Club on Tues., May 15 at 12:30 p.m for lunch and discussion. The designated book is *Prince Charles: The Passions and Paradoxes of an Improbable Life* by Sally Bedell Smith.

“*Prince Charles* brings to life the real man, with all of his ambitions, insecurities, and convictions. It begins with his lonely childhood, in which he struggled to live up to his father’s expectations and sought companionship from the Queen Mother and his great-uncle Lord Mountbatten. It follows him through difficult years at school, his early love affairs, his intellectual quests, his entrepreneurial pursuits, and his intense search for spiritual meaning. It tells of the tragedy of his marriage to Diana; his eventual reunion with his true love, Camilla; and his relationships with William, Kate, Harry, and his grandchildren.” *New York Times review*

The League discussion will be led by Nita Smith. Join what should be a delicious lunch and a fascinating conversation about the first in line of succession to the British throne. To make a reservation call or email Terry Naydan at **859-971-7227** or terrynaydan@aol.com.

Deadline for reservations is Tues. May 8.

REMEMBER—The forum for candidates for Mayor of Lexington will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Mon., May 7, in the Farish Theater of the Lexington Central Library. Bill Bryant, WKYT anchor and political editor, will be the moderator. The League is cosponsoring this forum with the Lexington Public Library, WKYT, WLAP and the *Herald Leader*.

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

- Mon. May 7 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. LWV Candidate Forum for LFUCG Mayor to be held at the Farish Theater of the Lexington Public Library Central Branch, 140 E. Main St.
- Tues. May 15 12:30 p.m. LWV Book Club at Hilary Boone Faculty Center, 500 Rose St.
- Thurs. May 24 6:00 p.m. LWV board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Cr. Rd.

 ★ **Tuesday, May 22 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** ★
 ★ **PRIMARY ELECTIONS** ★
 ★ **BE SURE TO VOTE!!** ★

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