



The Lexington Voter WINTER 2014-15

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

League Day at the Legislature

Plan now to join all your League friends on **Wednesday, February 25**, to observe “Democracy in Action.” The planned schedule for the day is:

9:00 to 9:30 a.m.—Register with Terry Naydan and Nita Smith in the Capitol Annex cafeteria.

9:30 to 10:00 a.m.—The legislative team will present an overview of the bills we are supporting or opposing.

10:00 to 12 noon—Observe a committee meeting or meet with legislators. **ALSO AT NOON**—A Domestic Violence Rally will take place at the Capitol. Members who want to observe or join in can join other LWV members in the cafeteria for lunch after the rally.

12:10 to 1:30 p.m.—Lunch together in the cafeteria. Everyone buys her/his own lunch. We invite legislators to speak to us informally about bills.

2:00 p.m.—League members observe a session of the House or Senate.

Wednesday Schedule of Standing Committee Meetings

SENATE

10 AM Health and Welfare	Rm 131
11 AM Nat Res/Energy	Rm 154
12 Noon State/Local Gov't	Rm 154

HOUSE

10 AM Bank/Insurance	Rm 149
11 AM Human Resources	Rm 129
12 Noon Judiciary	Rm 171
12 Noon Local Gov't	Rm 131
12 Noon Vets/Pub Safety	Rm 169
12 Noon Econ. Dev.	Rm 125

IMPORTANT:

- ✓ To make appointment with your legislator, call **502-564-8100**. Operator will connect you with his/her office.
- ✓ To observe House or Senate session in the afternoon, a pass is required. This can be picked up Wednesday morning when you arrive.
- ✓ Everyone buys his/her own lunch.



PLEASE INFORM NITA OR TERRY IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE—

- ✓ Nitavotes@aol.com or 859-272-5827
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- ✓ Questions?? Contact Nita or Terry.

WELCOME...to newest member Maureen Laura Tarpey! Thank you for supporting the LWV.

Henry Clay Again Tops List of LWV Essay Contest Winners

An 11th grade student at Henry Clay High School, Amir Abou-Jaoude won first prize in the LWV 2014 Essay Contest. This was the second time Amir won top honors in the competition. Pictured here (left to right) are Scott Brown, social studies teacher in the HCHS liberal arts academy; Amir and his mother, Jackie Sugarman; LWV board member Barbara Sterrett; with HCHS principal Greg Quenon.



Second place honors went to HCHS 9th grade student, Claire Thompson, second from right in photo to the left.



This year, for the first time, the third prize was a special recognition prize given to Lafayette HS 12th grade English as a Second Language (ESL) student Devi Upreti in photo to the right with (left to right) Ellie Sutter of the LWV contest committee; Tim Mitsumori, LHS ESL teacher; and LHS associate principal David Scholl.

Students were invited to take on the topic of how to address the surge in unaccompanied children entering the U.S. without proper immigration documents. They soon discovered the topic covered a complicated situation.



Contest judges this year included **Lynne Flynn, Judy Johnson**, new LWV member **Christine Sieber, Barbara Sterrett, Ellie Sutter**, and special guest **Isabel Taylor**, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government multicultural coordinator. Many thanks to them for the hours spent reading and discussing student writings!

Now it is time to begin planning for the 2015 LWV essay contest. There are two ways to help.

First, think about challenging topics related to citizenship. Ideas should be serious issues, timely, and interesting to teenagers. They should challenge students to research their writing and propose solutions or defend positions.

Second, offer to serve on the essay committee. Take an active role in designing the contest and selecting the winners.

To offer ideas or time, please contact Judy Johnson at judylex@twc.com. Working with the contest committee is a great way to get to know other members, discover what our young writers are thinking about, and take a more active role in the work of the League. Please consider this opportunity!

Lexington LWV Schedule for Spring

Thurs., Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.	LWV board meeting at Faith Lutheran Church
Wed., Feb. 25 begins 9 a.m.	League Day at the Capitol
Mon., Mar. 23 at 6:30 p.m.	Dinner and Democracy at Joseph-Beth Bronte Bistro
Fri. and Sat., Apr. 10-11	LWVKY Annual Meeting, Shakertown hosted by Lexington LWV
Sat., Apr. 18	LEX. ANNUAL MEETING

(The entire 2015-16 calendar was set at the planning meeting January 17. It will be presented at the April 18 meeting.)

What Is Next for the LWV Book Club?

At 1:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 10**, the LWV Book Club will meet at the home of Terry Naydan (3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.)

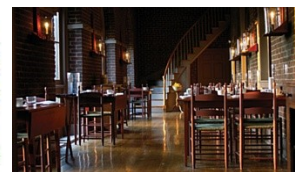
A discussion of the book *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg will be led by Maureen Tarpey. This investigative report tells the powerful story of young girls growing up disguised as males in a culture that marginalizes women. If this sounds interesting, contact Terry at **859-971-7227** to let her know you plan to participate.

Christian Muslim Dialogue Continues

TOPIC:	<i>Revisiting Islamophobia: How do current events shape our understanding and response.</i>
WHEN:	Sat., Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon
WHERE:	Hunter Presbyterian Church, 107 Rosemont Garden
PANEL:	Shahied Rashid, Imam Masjid Bilal; Ronald Walker, Assistant U.S. Attorney General, Eastern Region of KY; Ms. Roula Allouch, Attorney and Rep. to Council on American-Islamic Relations, Washington, D.C.

Pot luck luncheon follows session.

Make Reservations Now for State LWV Annual Meeting at Shakertown



Join League friends from across the state at the Annual Meeting this year hosted by the Lexington LWV at the lovely Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, known locally as Shakertown. The dates are the evening of **Friday, April 10**, and all day on **Saturday, April 11**.

Registration cost is \$40 which includes breakfast and lunch. For Friday participants there is an additional dinner charge of \$25. (The meals are delicious and worth the price!) Comfortable overnight accommodations are available for \$110 and it is best to reserve now as the Village tends to fill up quickly with the usual tourist guests.

Besides the usual business sessions, informative workshops and a legislative update will be offered. What better way to participate actively in the League, enjoy pleasant surroundings, and spend time with like-minded friends?

A full agenda will be printed in a future issue of the VOTER but make plans now, especially if you plan to spend the night. Accommodations can be booked by calling **800-734-5611**.

A registration form will be sent with the next VOTER. If you have any questions, you can contact Cindy Heine at cynthia.heine@gmail.com.

From the Lexington LWV nominating committee comes a request that anyone interested in serving as a board member in the upcoming year contact **Donna Blue** at donnablue@twc.com or **Barbara Sterrett** at bsterrett@twc.com. The committee is now working on the slate to present for a vote at the annual meeting on April 18.

The VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question or concern about the newsletter or if you would like to work on the newsletter, please contact her at judylex@twc.com.



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

Tues.	Feb. 10	1:30 p.m.	Lexington LWV Book Club at Terry Naydan's home
Thurs.	Feb. 12	Noon	"I Love Mountains Day" Rally at the Capitol sponsored by the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (Information at www.kftc.org/events/i-love-mountains-day-2015)
Thurs.	Feb. 12	6:30 p.m.	LWV Board Meeting at Faith House, 1000 Tates Creek Road
Wed.	Feb. 25	9 a.m.	"League Day at the Legislature" at the Capitol Building in Frankfort
Sat.	Feb. 28	10:00 a.m.	Christian-Muslim Dialogue at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 107 Rosemont Garden