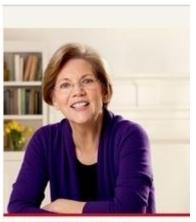
The Lexington Voter December 2014

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

League Book Club Off to a Great Start



A Fighting Chance ELIZABETH WARREN

The first meeting of the Lexington LWV Book Club, which was held Tuesday, October 28, focused on Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's memoir, My Beloved World. Against all odds, facing prejudice against minority women and with serious health issues, she obtained a first class education and became what she had dreamed she would become as a child—a judge. Hers is truly an inspiring story which led to interesting discussions about affirmative action, attitudes toward minorities and the state of our democracy in general.

The second meeting of the group will take up the New York Times bestseller, A Fighting Chance, written by Elizabeth Warren. A Times review describes this volume as "a potent mix of memoir and policy that makes politics seem like a necessary evil." Members will gather at Terry Naydan's home, 3013 Charleston Gardens Boulevard at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16.

Terry has issued an invitation for any interested members to join the group. Call Terry at 971-7227 or email her at terrynaydan@aol.com or Nita Smith at 272-5827 and nitavotes@aol.com to let them know you are coming. This is an opportunity for thought provoking conversation with friends new and old!

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Holiday season is upon us, a time to spend with family. Enjoy! It will pass so quickly.

IMPORTANT...for your calendar:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2015

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch with the LWV State **Board at Faith Lutheran** Church—come meet the board members and stay for.... 1:30-3:30 p.m. Lexington LWV Annual

Planning Meeting and

3:30-5:00 p.m. Lexington LWV Board Meeting



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LWV Registers New Voters at Last 2014 Naturalization Ceremony

On Friday, November 14, LWV members **Cindy Heine, Carolyn Holmes** and **Nancy Chesser** registered 20 new citizens as voters after the naturalization ceremony held in the U.S. District Court. **Roz Heise**,



seen with a new voter in the photo above, has been the League representative in charge of this registration effort for the last two years. However, due to her husband Herm's sudden illness, she was not able to participate in this event.

Roz has been an outstanding representative for the League. Given the opportunity to speak during the ceremony, she has always charmed new citizens with her warm welcome and, kindly but firmly, educated them about the importance of voting.

Nancy Chesser, who has been a faithful volunteer with the registrations, has graciously consented to take over Roz's duties for the next year. She will need helpers when the dates are confirmed

Our thoughts and good wishes are with Roz and Herm at this time.



LOOKING FOR WRITERS

Have an interest in writing? Want to help with the newsletter? Looking for a way to con-

tribute that is not too time consuming? Think about offering to write an occasional article for the VOTER. Original work or work with information provided—both are needed. Any help appreciated! Just contact Judy Johnson at judylex@twc.com.

Events Coming Up in 2015

- Jan. 10—Lexington LWV Annual Planning Meeting
- Feb. 25—LWV Lobby Day in Frankfort
- Mar. 19—Dinner and Democracy at the Bronte Bistro in Joseph-Beth. The speaker will be Charles Lanter, Lexing ton's Homeless Services Coordinator.
- Apr. 10 /11—the Lexington LWV will be hosting the LWV of Kentucky Annual Meeting Friday and Saturday, April 10-11 at Shakertown. \$40 registration fee includes breakfast and boxed lunch on Saturday; \$25 is cost of dinner Friday evening. More information to come.

April 18—Lexington LWV Annual Meeting

LWV Impact on Issues 2012-2014

Impact on the Issues 2012-2014, the official LWV guide to its public policy positions, is available at the national website <u>lwv.org</u>. This document is an invaluable resource to local Leagues as they work at state and local levels. It includes the two positions adopted in 2014—<u>Federal Agriculture Policies</u> and <u>Human Trafficking</u>.

The document can be read online, downloaded as a PDF copy, or purchased in print form (\$4 per copy).

One Last Task in 2014

Before we begin our busy holidays there is just one more very simple task we can do that could have important political impact. Just one simple step...

We must tell the FEC (Federal Election Commission) what they can do about *Citizens United*. Super PACS raised and spent more than **\$600 million** in 2014 to elect candidates who would do their bidding.

The Federal Election Commission can do something to stop the secret money and end the coordination between Super PACs and candidates, which would put a lid on much of the outside spending from special interests. We must tell the FEC to stop the coordinated spending that is poisoning our elections!

The FEC has authority under existing law, even after *Citizens United*, to set disclosure rules and rigorously define "coordination," but, thus far, they have refused to do so. **The FEC is now receiving pub**lic comment about steps they should take "to address corruption in the political process." As League supporters, we know how important specific regulations can be. <u>We need to tell the</u> <u>FEC to act and enforce the law</u>. It is as simple as that.

On the national LWV website there is posted a user-friendly email that can be sent to the FEC. You can use the language provided or tailor it to suit your own personal message.

PLEASE...take a few minutes to copy and paste this link into your browser—http:// participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/ common/public/?action_KEY=10471. Then read the email form you will find on that web page, modify it if you wish, add your contact information and SUBMIT. Just think of the impact if every League member took time to do this one simple action!

The Lexington League of Women Voters extends a warm welcome to Christine Sieber, our newest member. Christine took no time at all to jump into League work. She is busy reading essays submitted in the 2014 high school essay contest! We appreciate her cheerful willingness to join the Essay Committee and lend her wisdom and experience to the task. Thanks, Christine!

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

Please do not let your LWV membership lapse! There are a number of members who have not paid their dues for the **2014-2015** membership year which is 01 July 2014 – 30 June 2015. So often, because the League year begins halfway through the calendar year, come December some members are sure they are paid up when, in reality, they made late payment for the previous year.

Everyone wants to see this notice.....



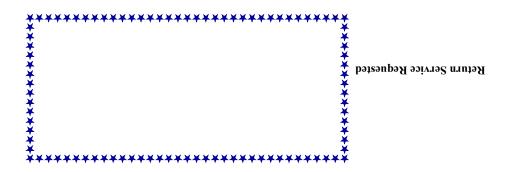
I will be sending an email to each of you with an attached membership form. Please send your dues of \$60 for an individual or \$t90 for a household to Lexington League of Women Voters PO Box 22045 Lexington KY 40522-2045 as soon as possible. The address is also on the bottom of the membership form. We value your membership and support.

Thank you,

Barbara Sterrett



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NOTE: Board meetings are open to all MEMBERS; programs are open to members and general public.

Sat. Jan. 10 12:30 p.m. Lunch with KY State LWV Board at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd 1:30 p.m. Lexington LWV Annual Planning Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church 3:30 p.m. Lexington LWV Board Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church



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