



The Lexington Voter NOVEMBER 2014

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

A Sampler of LWV Candidate Forum Candidates



Right—LWV moderator Richard Heine, Family Court Judge candidates Traci H. Boyd and John Schrader.



Left—LWV member Lynne Flynn, candidate Anthony Beatty Sr., WKYT host Bill Bryant, candidate Jim Gray, and LWV members Donna Blue, Erin Kidder, and Tammy Fagley at mayoral forum.



Above—Judge Executive candidate John S. Roberts, LWV moderator Lynne Flynn, and candidate Alayne White.



Left—LWV moderators Lynne Flynn and Cindy Heine, Council-at-large candidates Chris Logan, Steve Kay, Kevin O. Stinnett, Bill Cengelka, Jon Larson, and Richard Moloney.



Above—Family Court Judge candidate Jennifer McVay Martin, LWV moderator Richard Heine, and candidate Kathy W. Stein.



Above—6th Dist. Council—Candidate Angela Evans, LWV moderator Joy Arnold, candidate Tom Hern, and Bessie Jackson of the Lexington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



Above—Sheriff candidate Brian A. Potters, LWV moderator Cindy Heine, and candidate Kathy H. Witt

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THE NUNS ON THE BUS COME TO TOWN!



Above: the bus carried a clear message.

Left: LWV members Carolyn Holmes, Barbara Sterrett and Donna Blue were ready to assist with voter registration.

Thursday, October 2, the Lexington LWV joined several other local nonpartisan groups in welcoming the Nuns on the Bus campaign to mobilize “We the People, We the Voters!” The rally was held on the plaza in front of the judicial buildings on Limestone between Main and Short Streets.

Sister Simone Campbell, the social justice spokesperson who originated this method of reaching communities across the country, spoke clearly about the need to vote, to encourage others to vote, and to hold candidates responsible. As she said, “When the people vote, politicians listen.”

Sister Simone was joined by several eloquent speakers, including some local candidates and social justice advocates, all speaking to the importance of exercising our right to vote.

The League provided voting information and the opportunity to register to vote for those attending the rally. If you missed the event, check out the website <http://www.networklobby.org/bus2014>.



Click on [Bus Events](#), find the Lexington date, and read the account of the nuns’ visit.

Barbara Sterrett and other LWV members sent their signatures rolling on across the country with the bus.

Sister Simone Campbell, Catholic religious, poet, lawyer, lobbyist, and Executive Director of NETWORK encouraged listeners to counteract the influence of money in politics by exercising their right to vote.



Know Your Candidates...

Check out the Forums

This fall the Lexington League has made a strong effort to present as many candidates for office as possible in forums that can be accessed easily on demand. The final number totaled **19** forums held through the months of September and October featuring candidates for state and local offices.

The work to present these forums began in June working with the library to set a tentative schedule. There was much to do through the summer. Finally, each session needed moderators, time keepers, volunteers to collect and review questions. In all, it was a very big job!

Cindy Heine was the guiding force who held the whole process together and made everything come together seamlessly. Her team included: **Joy Arnold, Tee Bergman, Donna Blue, Tammy Fagley, Lynne Flynn, Richard Heine, Roz Heise, Judy Johnson, Erin Kidder, Jean Sabharwal, Steve Senft, and Barbara Sterrett.** One forum was co-sponsored with social action committee of the Lexington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated. **Chrysanthia F. Carr-Seals** and **Shayla Johnson** co-chair the committee and were joined by committee members. **Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas** and **Bessie Jackson.** The school board candidate forum was co-sponsored with the 16th District PTA and president **Kathy Smiley** co-moderated with LWV member **Joy Arnold.** This forum can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fcpsnet>.

The forums in Parish Theater can now be viewed on youtube through www.youtube.com/lexlibrary. A full listing of all candidates and forums is now available at <http://www.lwvlexington.com>.

The end result of all the hard work was twofold: many hours of good information for voters and candidates who complimented the League on the unbiased fairness of its format.



Come Watch with Us—Tuesday, November 4—from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

League members are invited to gather at the home of Barbara Sterrett, 776 Longwood Road, to watch election returns. Bring an appetizer and join us as we celebrate our voter education/ registration work and the end of a hectic campaign season.

More Information for Voters



An interesting tool for voters seeking information about candidate positions on issues is Project Vote Smart's website votesmart.org. Typing in a candidate's name will bring up a number of choices—Bio, Votes, Positions, Speeches, Funding. Obviously, there will be more information on incumbents than challengers. This project is the work of a nonpartisan grassroots organization that is gaining national respect.



On the local level, the ballot is lengthy this fall, running to two full pages. It is wise to go to the Fayette County Clerk website fayette-countyclerk.com and select the tab **Elections**. From the drop down window choose **My Registration Information/Sample Ballot**. Enter your Social Security Number and birth date and a sample ballot will appear. Print this off ahead of time, study it, mark your choices. On Election Day take it with you to the polls.

Ordinarily voting takes less than two minutes but this year allow extended time. One last hint—the machines usually record a completed ballot when the VOTE button is pushed one time. This election when the summary ballot appears voters will need to press the VOTE button two times to record a completed ballot.

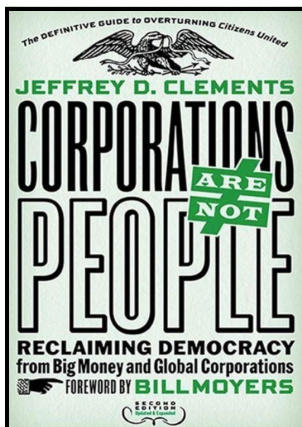
October 31 is the deadline for entries in the LWV Essay Contest. We will provide an update on entries in the December Voter and announce the winners in the Winter edition.

The nonpartisan group Move to Amend and the Unitarian Universalist Church invite you to hear Jeffrey D. Clements, the author of *Corporations Are Not People*.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thurs.,
Nov. 13

WHERE: At the UUC, 3564
Clays Mill Rd

Jeffrey D. Clements is the co-founder of "Free Speech for People", a national nonpartisan effort to overturn *Citizens United v. FEC*, challenge excessive corporate power, strengthen democracy and republican self-government.



You may notice a new face among LWV members pictured on Page 1. That would be Erin Kidder, who has already brought a healthy dose of youthful energy to the League. Welcome, Erin!

LWV Continues Lobby for Gun Safety

America faces an epidemic of gun-related violence that puts us in great need of stronger gun safety measures. Every day, 32 Americans are murdered with guns and 140 are treated for a gun assault in an emergency room. Death due to gunshot wounds is the second-leading cause of death for young people in the U.S., with a death rate that is nearly 12 times higher than that in other developed countries.

The League of Women Voters believes that it is past time for Congress and state legislatures to establish common sense solutions to prevent gun violence. Since 1990, local and state Leagues have held community meetings, testified before state legislatures and organized rallies in efforts to find common ground when it comes to gun safety.

In efforts to protect public health and safety, the League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of guns, including banning assault weapons and limiting high capacity ammunition magazines, as well as funding much-needed research on gun violence in America. The League has also shown support for mandating waiting period for background checks, closing the gun show loophole and increasing penalties for straw purchases of guns.

Millions of Americans are at risk every day from senseless gun violence. The League is committed to working at the local, state and national levels to implement gun safety measures that will protect all Americans.

Do you know where your candidates stand on the issue of gun safety?

The VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question or concern about 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.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, GENERAL ELECTION

Polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VOTE and then join League friends for a **WATCH PARTY** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at home of Barbara Sterrett, 776 Longwood Rd.

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| Thurs. | Nov. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board Meeting at Faith House, 1000 Tates Creek Road |
| Thurs. | Nov. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Jeffrey Clements at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. |
| Sat. | Nov. 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Christian-Muslim Dialogue Thanksgiving Service and Conversation about Gratitude followed by turkey and potluck lunch. Bring dish to share. Hunter Presbyterian, 109 Rosemont. More information at www.cmdlex.org . |