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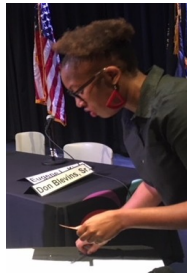
The League of Women Voters of Lexington

A Full Schedule of Candidate Forums

The sixteen September candidate forums were informative and well worth the effort expended. Each session provided clear information, elicited in the form of questions and answers that should be helpful as voters make decisions about who will be their candidates of choice.

The series of events called for many League volunteers to greet candidates and audience members, give out information and answer questions, collect and sort through questions. Most important to a smooth flow of events were the jobs of moderator and timekeepers, so competently handled by League members seen here—

BELOW: **Richard Heine** moderated the first Urban County Council session



LEFT: **Shayla Lynch** preparing to moderate a session

RIGHT: **Lauren Wallace** at the far right with Urban County Council candidates James Brown and Anita Rowe Franklin



ABOVE: Timekeepers **Donna Blue** (left) and **Barbara Welsch** (right)



ABOVE: Timekeeper **Tee Bergman** (left) with **Donna**



ABOVE: **Liza Holland**, in the middle, with Candidates for State Senate, District # 12 **Paula Setser-Kissick** (left) and **Alice Forgy Kerr** (right)



RIGHT: Greeters **Mary Hughes** and **Nancie Watson**



ABOVE: **Jennifer Jackson** ready to moderate a session

A very popular new event was the Open Forum. All candidates regardless of office sought, whose opponents had a conflict or declined to participate in the regular series of forums, were invited to participate. They each had five minutes to introduce themselves and talk about issues important to them. All of these candidates agreed this is an idea worth keeping. Open Forum candidates were: George A. Brown, Jr., Denise Gray, Cherlynn Stevenson, Ruth Ann Palumbo, Gary Ginn, Angela Evans, Josh Hicks, Jon Larson and John Edward Reynolds.

Thank you to all members who volunteered and a special note of gratitude to **Cindy Heine and Liza Holland** who, together with their team, planned all the minute details related to the forums.

Videos of all of the LWV forums held in conjunction with the Lexington Public Library and the Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of The LINKS, Inc. will be posted on YouTube with links at the Library's website lexpublib.org. and the Lexington League of Women Voters website lwvlexington.com. **All videos will be posted by Oct. 8.**

Learn More about Candidates at Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, October 4—Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association and the LWV of Lexington Mayoral Forum**
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Spectrum Building (formerly Spencerian College), 1575 Winchester Rd.

The Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association and the Lexington LWV are hosting a forum for mayoral candidates Ronnie Bastin and Linda Gorton. League member Lynne Flynn will moderate using League policies to guide the discussion. The public is welcome to attend and submit questions for the candidates.

- **Thursday, October 4—*Hey Kentucky* on LEX 18**
7:30 PM

An interview with Lexington LWV Chair of Voter Services Jennifer Jackson will be featured. The topic, of course, is voter registration.

- **Monday, October 8—ARC of KY/Autism Society of the Bluegrass/ARC of the Bluegrass Candidate Forum**
6:30 to 8:30 PM
Eastside Branch of Lexington Public Library, 3000 Blake James Dr.

This will be a meeting with legislators and community leaders that is open to the public. Although the LWV is not a sponsor of the event, the League always encourages citizens to take advantage of all opportunities to become better informed voters. The event will be planned to provide an opportunity for candidates to talk about issues affecting individuals with autism and other physical and mental challenges, existing resources and unmet needs. The League will have a table to provide voter registration.

- **Monday, October 8—WKYT News**
6:00 PM

Amber Philpot will interview Jennifer Jackson, Chair of Voter Services for the Lexington LWV.

Televised Mayoral Forum: Monday, October 29th.
Watch for details coming soon.



The Lexington League is sponsoring a Voter Guide using **VOTE411.org** again this year. This online guide is hosted by the national LWV and provides information to citizens across the country. Voters can access it at: www.vote411.org. With electronic system, you can see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print

out a "ballot" as a reminder to take with you to the polls on Election Day. This voter information site can be especially helpful for military and overseas voters.

Our local League is working to encourage more voters to register and vote in this year's elections. One of our target audiences is younger voters who get their news and information online. The **VOTE411.org** guide has several questions covering issues of importance to younger citizens.

League member **Lauren Wallace** is handling the technical issues involved in using **VOTE411.org**. Candidates must respond to an invitation to participate, verify their email addresses, receive the appropriate questions, complete their answers and submit them—all of this electronically. Lauren is managing with ease what many of us would find impossible!!

Be sure to check out the website - after October 8!

Bee a Citizen Leader and Informed Voter

*presented by
the Fayette County Extension Homemakers*

Date/Time: Mon., Oct. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fayette Co. Ext. Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way

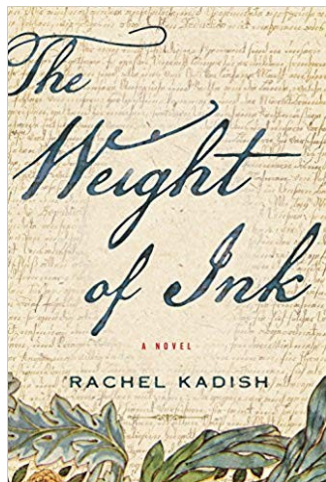
This is a nonpartisan event to learn:

- How to be more involved in elections
- How to vote absentee
- How to support candidates and issues of your choice
- How to get more information about upcoming elections

LWV representatives and local individuals who have diverse experience serving as volunteers will participate.

Call 859-257-5582 to register.

LWV Book Club



The next meeting of the Lexington LWV book club is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 16**, at Terry Naydan's house. The address is 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.

The book chosen for discussion this month is *The Weight of Ink*, a historical novel written by Rachel Kadish. It has been described as "an intellectual and emotional jigsaw puzzle." Set in both the

1660s and the early 20th century, the complex story follows the work of modern scholars as they attempt to discover the identity of an ancient scribe responsible for documents which have recently been discovered.

The book won a National Jewish Book Award and is a USA Today Bestseller. It is certain to be a fascinating read.

The Book Club meets at **1:30 p.m.** If you have not participated before, you are welcome. Just let Terry know at terrynaydan@aol.com.

Technology News

By Jennifer Jackson

As the renewal for our website provider approached, board members discussed other website options that might provide a more updated, user-friendly site. The result—a new website where you can find more information about the Lexington League: links to programs, events like the September candidate forums and videos of those sessions, a voting guide, ways to donate and volunteer and much more, all online. You can find the new streamlined web information at the old and current address: **www.lwvlexington.com**. Questions? Email **Jennifer Jackson** at: lexlwvoterservices@gmail.com.

Although the site has been up for only a month, it has had almost 400 visits and over 1,000 page views! We are hoping this new website will allow our local League to better fulfill our mission of informing voters and engaging citizens in the democratic process. We also hope the site will provide better "real time" communication about upcoming events to encourage member engagement with community events. So check back often! This is election season and new information and events are being added each week.

We have created a social media team consisting of **Sadie Bogard, Melena Sanchez, Shayla Johnson** and **Jennifer Jackson** to work with our expanded social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Be sure to stay connected through all these platforms. Note—on Facebook follow "The League of Women Voters of Lexington KY." If you have news items for us we can be found at: **www.lwvlexsocialmedia@gmail.com**.

Observer Corps Volunteers Wanted

New member, **Cathy Anderson**, has become our first 'Observer.' She is following the work of the Lexington Public Library Board and attended their September meeting. We welcome other members' involvement with this program that informs us and lets public councils and agencies know that we care about their work. Contact **Richard Heine (859-221-5770)** if you would like to participate in this important work.

VOTER editor is Judy Johnson. If you have a question about or information for the newsletter please contact her at lwvlex-voter@gmail.com.



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

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| Tues., Oct 16 | 1:30 p.m. | LWV Book Club at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. |
| Wed., Oct. 24 | 6:00 p.m. | LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Blvd. |

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS OCTOBER 9TH.

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