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# The Lexington Voter October 2015

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Gubernatorial Candidate Debate Sunday, October 25



**Matt Bevin (R)**

your **voice**  
your **vote**



**Jack Conway (D)**

**Sunday, October 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. ET**

at

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Center for the Arts**

Co-sponsored by

**EKU, League of Women Voters of KY, WKYT-Lexington and WLKY-Louisville**

**Matt Bevin** and **Jack Conway**, candidates for governor, will meet in a debate on **Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:00 p.m.** at EKU's Center for the Arts in Richmond. The debate is co-sponsored by EKU, the Kentucky League of Women Voters, and CBS affiliates WLKY-TV Louisville and WKYT-TV Lexington. Both stations will broadcast the program live and live stream the debate on their websites. Other stations will also broadcast the event including WYMT, WBKO, WPSD, WLWT, and WSAZ.

**This forum is free and open to the public but tickets are required. Tickets can be reserved by emailing kentuckywv@gmail.com or calling 502-875-6481 no later than Oct. 20.** Reserved tickets may be picked up from state League members in the lobby the evening of the debate. Members may bring guests. Just be sure to reserve enough tickets.

**Important to remember—This will be a live broadcast so audience must be seated by 5:30 p.m.**

## Lt. Governor Forum Provides Candidates Opportunity to Speak Up on Issues



*Left to right: Candidate Jenean Hampton (R); Cindy Heine, Lexington LWV vice-president; Erin Kidder, Lexington LWV board member; Lauren Wallace, Lexington LWV member; Terry Naydan, LWV/KY co-president; Richard Heine, Lexington LWV board member, Vicki Dortch of WLKY and Bill Bryant of WKYT, co-moderators; Donna Blue, Lexington LWV board member; Bonnie Lynch, LWV/KY vice-president; candidate Sannie Overly (D); and Tammy Fagley, Lexington LWV president.*

On Wednesday evening, September 23, the two candidates for lieutenant governor—Democrat Sannie Overly and Republican Jenean Hampton—clearly defined themselves and their platforms as they answered questions posed by the moderators and members of the public viewing the forum online. The Anne Hart Raymond Center auditorium at Midway University was filled for the event with faculty and students, LWV members and guests, as well as candidates' staff and supporters and members of the media.

Moderators Vicki Dortch of WLKY and Bill Bryant of WKYT posed questions using the League format and time limits. Each candidate had two minutes to respond to each question, with additional time allowed if follow up was necessary. After some mike adjustments prior to broadcast time, the program proceeded uninterrupted.

The candidates took differing positions on such topics as early childhood education and childcare, public education standards, Kentucky's state health care exchange (KYNECT), ways to improve the state's economy and jobs, solutions to the state employee pension problems, and ways to improve Kentucky's overall health rating (47th). The forum provided a way for citizens to examine the differences in the candidates' views, priorities and plans for the next administration to effectively address the needs of the Commonwealth.

Now the League will focus its efforts on the gubernatorial forum at EKV on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.



### Is Money Corrupting Our Politics?

#### Do We Need a Constitutional Amendment to Fix It?

Join League friends in a lively brunch and discussion as we prepare to to answer these questions **Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon** at the Bronte Bistro in Joseph-Beth Bookstore.



The LWVUS is looking for consensus on broad language that will be durable for years as guidance for supporting or opposing actions that affect campaign finance or that would add provisions to the U.S. Constitution. The League is planning to update positions on campaign finance reform through two studies. The *Money in Politics* study looks at the effect of money on elections, and the *Constitutional Amendment* study looks at the process of amending our Constitution.

Guest for our morning discussion will be George Schuhmann of the Louisville League, who serves on the national LWV Committee for the Money in Politics study.

Participants attending this event will be billed individually for their meals. Please call the League phone 859-494-3203 to make your reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Friday, Oct. 9.**

## Oct. 13 Voting Rights Symposium



*Ari Merman, writer; Dorothy Gilliam, journalist; Jon Meacham, writer will be among the special guests at the UK Martin School Symposium.*

On Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 9 p.m. the UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration will host a special symposium on voting rights. Included in the participants will be Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham, the first female African-American reporter Dorothy Gilliam, and national correspondent and author of newly published *Give Us the Ballot* Ari Berman.

Additional guest speakers will include David Becker, director of election initiatives for the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Hon. Pedro A. Cortes, secretary of state for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; retired U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman, Judge Robert Hunter of the NC Court of Appeals, NC voting rights attorney Daniel Donovan, and Josh Douglas of the UK College of Law; former Lexington mayor Pam Miller, KY Lieutenant governor Crit Luallen and former KY secretary of state Trey Grayson.

The League of Women Voters of KY is proud to co-sponsor this prestigious event which will be held in the Recital Hall of the UK Singletary Center for the Arts at 405 Rose St.

KET will televise the entire symposium live on **KET KY** and **KET.org/live** and will air highlights from the conference a total of five times between Oct. 18-23 on both **KET2** and **KET KY**. Both the afternoon and evening sessions are free and all are encouraged to attend.



The book selected for the Tuesday, Oct. 20, meeting of the LWV Book Club is *Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment* written by Eleanor Clift. This is a riveting account of the brave figures who spent their lives supporting the women's movement over the course of seventy-two years.

The book club meets at 1:30 p.m. at Terry Nandan's house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd. All members are invited to participate in a lively discussion to be led by Richard Heine.

## Local Syrians To Tell Their Stories

The Saturday, Oct. 24, meeting of the Christian-Muslim Dialogue will address "Syria in Crisis: Local Syrians Recount their Experiences." The discussion will be facilitated by Father Thomas Gallaway of St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Lexington. After he speaks briefly of his own experiences in Syria, Syrian newcomers will tell their own stories about their individual journeys to the United States.

**NOTE:** The meeting will begin at **9:30 a.m.** and there will be no potluck lunch in order for people to get to the mosque at 1545 Russell Cave Rd. for its grand opening planned for 12 noon. The mayor and other dignitaries will attend the opening to mark the occasion.

The location for the meeting is the usual—Hunter Presbyterian Church at 109 Rosemont Garden (corner of Rosemont Garden and Nicholasville Rd.).

## Membership News

- Welcome, new member **Lauren Wallace**! Lauren is a graduate student in political science at UK and has already taken her membership seriously. She participated in the trip to Equus Vineyard, worked the LWV table at the Community Peace Fair, and ushered at the League forum for lieutenant governor candidates.
- 50 year member **Jay Ogden** will celebrate her 100th birthday on Oct. 14. It would be a lovely gesture for League members to shower her with cards which can be sent to her at 792 Longwood Road, 40503.
- Tom Eblen's article in the Herald-Leader about the exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Paris schools included a bit of history shared by League member **Kenney Roseberry**. ([http://www.kentucky.com/2015/09/15/4038013\\_tomeblen-paris-independent-schools.html?rh=1](http://www.kentucky.com/2015/09/15/4038013_tomeblen-paris-independent-schools.html?rh=1))

## Tech Tip:

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## Calendar

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

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| Tues.  | Oct. 13 from 1 to 9 p.m.     | UK Martin School Symposium on Voting Rights, co-sponsored by the LWVKY at Singletary Center for the Arts  |
| Thurs. | Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.         | LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Road  |
| Sat.   | Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon | Brunch and discussion at Bronte Bistro in Joseph-Beth Bookstore (Money in Politics)   |
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| Sun.   | Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.            | <u>Forum for Governor Candidates at EKV Center for the Arts in Richmond</u>   |

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