



The Lexington Voter September 2013

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The League of Women Voters of Lexington

LWV Gearing Up for Action



At the April annual meeting the League of Women Voters of Lexington elected officers and board of directors for the 2013-2014 year.

Tammy Fagley was re-elected as president; **Cindy Heine**, 1st vice-president; **Karen Anderson**, 2nd vice-president; **Lynne Flynn**, secretary and **Steve Senft** was re-elected as treasurer.

Board members include **Richard Heine**, **Judy Johnson**, **Barbara Sterrett** and Transylvania University senior **Kerri Kolarik**.

Now, after a few weeks of summer to focus more on our families, the 2013-14 year is beginning and there are events to plan, dates to put on your calendar, and the latest news both locally and nationally to follow.

Schedule of Board Meetings

Generally, 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Faith House.

Aug. 17, 2013	10:00 a.m.	at Tammy Fagley's house.
Sep. 12, 2013	6:30 p.m.	
Oct. 10, 2013	6:30 p.m.	
Nov. 14, 2013	6:30 p.m.	
Jan. 11, 2014	10:00 a.m.	(immediately after full membership planning meeting)
Feb. 13, 2014	6:30 p.m.	
Mar. 13, 2014	6:30 p.m.	

Members are encouraged to attend any board meeting that interests them. They can also share concerns and questions with their elected representatives at any time.

Special Meeting and Events

- Sep. 21, 2013 9:00 a.m. **Civics Education Study Consensus Mtg.** at Faith House
- Oct. 6, 2013 2:00 p.m. **Movie *Iron-Jawed Angels***—at Parish Theater in Central Library—viewing and discussion
- This is a membership recruitment event. Bring a friend!*
- Nov. 6, 2013 6:30 p.m. **Dinner & Democracy**, location TBA. Topic: City Planning
- Dec. 7, 2013 9:00 a.m. **Holiday Party** Location TBA
- Jan. 11, 2014 9:00 a.m. **Program Planning Mtg.** for 2014-15 at Faith House
- Mar. 8, 2014 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast & Democracy** Topic: Legislative Issues... panel of our government representatives. Location TBA
- Apr. 19, 2014 9:00 a.m. **Annual Meeting** at Faith Lutheran Church

League Contact Information

- Officers and board members can be reached the Lexington LWV email: lexingtonlwv@gmail.com.
- Lexington LWV website is: lwvlexington.com.
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- Kentucky LWV website is: www.lwvky.org.
- National LWV website is: www.lwv.org.

BLUE SHEETS: Updated contact sheets for government offices are now available. You will find either a paper or electronic copy with this issue. Additional copies will be available at every LWV event or they may be obtained by contacting the League.

Voter Registration Report

On Friday, August 2, 2013 Richard Heine and I helped 48 new Americans, representing 25 countries, begin their new lives by starting the voter registration process. Some registered right on the spot and others took applications to be mailed in at their convenience. As always, this naturalization ceremony was moving, exciting and joyful.

It is such an honor to represent the League of Women Voters as we welcome our new neighbors and assist them to exercise their rights as full citizens of the United States of America.

There will be two more naturalization ceremonies this year, **Friday, September 27th** and **Friday, November 15th**. They are held at 11:00 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse in Lexington. You are certainly welcome to come celebrate and assist at these events. Please contact me at **859-554-5666** or **heise@twc.com**. I promise pride and gratitude will be present in your life as you share this day with these very special people.

Roz Heise

On Wednesday, August 21st Judy Johnson and I greeted new graduate students, shared League materials and distributed voter registration cards at the UK Graduate Student Resource Fair. Because many students change residences from year to year there was a strong demand for cards to change voting residence addresses. This event is always a good opportunity to talk about the League and our work here in Lexington.

Later that afternoon Judy personally delivered the signed registration cards to the county clerk's office.

Richard Heine

Transylvania University Alpha Lambda Delta spent the last week of August engaged in service to the community, with a special emphasis on voter registration. The week began with a voter registration training session, including practicing asking people to register.



Above: Rachel Ferrill, Ashley Watson, Erin Triplett and Malory Thelen of Transylvania University's Alpha Lambda Delta First Year Honorary registered voters at UK Fusion event.

"The scenarios we practiced really prepared us for problems and situations we actually encountered," said Ashley Watson, sophomore.

On Monday the group registered UK students to become voters as the students returned from a morning of service in the community.

On Wednesday the group offered voter registration for first year students at Transylvania University during student lunch and dinner times.

Karen Anderson, the Coordinator of Community Service and Civic Engagement at Transy and vice president of the Lexington LWV reported that the team of industrious students completed 27 hours of service to the League and collected a total of 45 registration cards.

In appreciation the League treated the students to pizza at Joe Bologna's. The students shared insights on how to improve outreach to college students and expressed an interest in future joint efforts, especially working with high school voter registration drives.

Other service projects Alpha Lambda Delta accomplished included partnering with Seedleaf, the UK Arboretum, the Catholic Action Center and AVOL. For more information about Transylvania University's Alpha Lambda Delta Week of Service, contact Karen Anderson at **Kanderson@transy.edu**.

Come to Consensus

On Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m., LWV members will meet to come to consensus on the questions below. When our answers are complete they will be sent to the state League to be compiled with responses from other chapters into the state LWV position on the topic of civics education.

The Role of Kentucky Schools in a Democracy

1. Should schools prepare students to be informed and engaged citizens?
2. Should civics education be focused on knowledge and understanding of governments (e.g., U.S.—local, state, and national and other forms), including their structures, functions, and effects?
3. Should civics include preparing students with the skills to participate critically and solve problems in civic life?
4. Should schools provide practice in working cooperatively as a community of citizens with rights and responsibilities?
5. Should civics be taught as a separate course (e.g., 10th grade civics), or should civics be integrated with history, geography, and economics throughout elementary, middle, and high school?

Should high school graduates have learned the following?

6. The ability to influence the legislative process on an issue of importance to themselves as well as others;
7. To be responsible citizens involved in providing for the general welfare;
8. The skills, inclinations, and self-confidence to participate as informed citizens in the electoral, legislative, judicial, and administrative processes of government;
9. To work on projects cooperatively in various size group activities;
10. To understand the effects of voting on their own and others lives.

Resources:

For Kentucky's basic framework of social studies—<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/SS/Pages/default.aspx>

For the big picture of how the Common Core Standards will shape social studies education—<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy> (History/Social Studies is approached through the broader standard of Language Arts.)

Help Wanted: Members to Lobby

The Kentucky LWV Legislation Committee needs members to join us in Frankfort to lobby for bills the League of Women Voters supports. We speak to legislative committee members as well leadership of both parties. The new session starts in January but we get to work much earlier by calling/visiting our legislators about prefiled bills. If you are interested in joining us, we will have our first meeting some time in September.

Two examples of bills we support—restoring felons' voting rights, as well as public financing of judicial campaigns. Please email (nitavotes@aol.com) or (terrynaydan@aol.com) if you would like to join us in this work.

Terry Naydan and Nita Smith



Constitution Day 2013

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.
Transy Campus Center Gym

"What the US Constitution Means to Me"

Dr. Don Dugi, Transylvania University professor of political science, is the speaker. Dr. Dugi was recognized for excellence in teaching as the 2003 Kentucky Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation. He has served as sponsor for both the College Democrats and the College Republicans and taught classes exploring U.S. political behavior and American thought.

Christian Muslim Dialogue

Saturday, September 28 from 10 to noon
(followed by potluck lunch)

at
Masjid Bilal Mosque
1545 Russell Cave Rd.

"The Prophet's Words to the Christians of the World"

Guest speaker Dr. John Andrew Morrow, an internationally recognized research scholar of Islamic writings, will discuss words attributed to Mohammed which some in the Western World might find surprising.

The VOTER is now in electronic format. If you also receive a paper copy and want only the electronic copy, please contact Judy Johnson at judylex@twc.com. The paper copies will remain black and white due to printing costs.



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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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| Thur. Sept. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. |
| Sat. Sept. 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Consensus on Civics Education Study membership meeting at Faith House |
| Sat. Sept. 28 | 10-12 noon | Christian Muslim Dialogue, "The Prophet's Covenant with the Christians of the World," Dr. John Andrew Murrow, guest speaker. Location is Mosque Msjid Balil at 1545 Russell Cave Rd. Potluck lunch follows discussion. |

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