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The Lexington Voter September 2014

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Proposed Fall Candidate Forum Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 27th

9:30—10:00 a.m. Alice Forgy Kerr & Kathy Warnecke Ryan, 12th State Senate
10:15—10:45 a.m. Ralph Alvarado & R. J. Palmer, 28th State Senate

Sunday, September 28

1:30—2:00 p.m. Richard Marrs & Ruth Ann Palumbo, 76th House
2:15—2:45 p.m. Ken Kearns II & Susan Westrom, 79th House
3:00—3:30 p.m. Robert J. Benvenuti III & Creasa E. Reed, 88th House
3:45—4:15 p.m. Jarred K. Carpenter & Michael S. Cope, 34th Senate

Tuesday, September 30

6:30—7:30 p.m. *League Moderates for Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association at Spencerian College Auditorium*
Anthony Beatty & Jim Gray, Mayor

Saturday, October 11

Council Districts

9:30—10:00 a.m. #2 Shevawn Akers & Michael Stuart
10:15—10:45 a.m. #3 J. “Jake” Gibbs & Chuck Ellinger II
11:00—11:30 a.m. #4 Julian Beard & Susan Lamb
11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. #6 Angela Evans & Thomas Hern

Sunday, October 12

Council Districts

1:30—2:00 p.m. #7 Jennifer Scutchfield & Michael Moynahan
2:15—2:45 p.m. #8 Fred V. Brown & LeTonia A. Jones
3:00—3:30 p.m. #9 Jennifer Mossotti & Victoria Fath
3:45—4:15 p.m. #10 Harry Clarke & Amanda Mays Bledsoe

Saturday, October 18th

9:30—10:00 a.m. Jonah Mitchell & Russ Meyer, 39th House
10:15—10:45 a.m. Ryan Schwartz & James Kay, 56th House
11:00—11:30 a.m. Ryan F. Quarles & Chuck Tackett, 62nd House
11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Dwaine Curran & Sannie Overly, 72nd House

Break

1:00 —1:30 p.m. John S. Roberts & Alayne White, County Judge Executive
1:45—2:15 p.m. Brian A. Potters & Kathy H. Witt, Sheriff
2:30—3:00 p.m. Larry Owens & Gary Ginn, Coroner
3:15—3:45 p.m. John Schrader & Traci H. Boyd, Circuit Judge, 22nd/2nd Family Court

Sunday, October 19th

1:30—2:00 p.m. Kathy W. Stein & Jennifer McVay Martin, Circuit Judge, 22nd/6th

Council-at-Large

2:15—3:30 p.m. Bill Cegelka, Steve Kay, Jon Larson, Chris Logan, Richard Moloney, Kevin Stinnett

- Unless otherwise noted, all forums will be held in the Farish Theatre at the Lexington Central Library, 180 E. Main Street.
- All candidates have been invited; responses are not yet in.



- ★ With a full schedule of proposed forums listed for the next two months there will be many opportunities for LWV members to take an active part. Jobs include greeting and signing in guests, collecting questions and timing responses. If you can help on any of the dates listed on page 1, please email Cindy Heine, cynthia.heine@gmail.com or call her at 859-351-9419.
- ★ Also the Lexington LWV is joining hands with leagues across the nation on National Voter Registration Day, **Sept. 23**, to register voters. We will work with local high schools to register students and we will need three teams of volunteers. If you can help for **two** hours that day before or after school or at lunch time, please contact Cindy.

LWV Membership Party A Success



Although sometimes heavy rain was intermittent, the afternoon of Saturday, August 9, proved to be a good time for League regulars **Tammy Fagley, Cindy and Richard Heine, Tee Bergman, Donna Blue, Lynne Flynn, Steve Senft, Joy Arnold, Jean Sabharwal, Carolyn Holmes, Barbara Sterrett, and Judy Johnson** to renew old acquaintances with the likes of **Nita Smith, Terry Naydan and Carol O'Reilly**. Several guests including **Angela Evans, Catherine Ferguson, Patricia Petro, Bev Raimondo, Donna Hunter, Linda Paling, Agnes Palmgreen and Leigh Arnold** added fresh enthusiasm. The conversations were lively and the time slipped away quickly.

Talon Winery offered a delightful environment with lovely views of the vineyards and rolling pastures, music on the patio, as well as some information about wines and tasty samples of the winery's products.

For those who missed this event, there is hope—members present agreed this is an experience to offer again, possibly on a yearly basis.

2014 LWV Essay Contest Opens

The Lexington LWV has released its Essay Contest topic for 2014. This year the topic focuses on the recent surge of unaccompanied children entering the U.S. without proper immigration papers.

Information about the contest has been sent to Fayette County high schools (both public and private) and all students in those schools are encouraged to participate. The usual prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 will go to the writers of the three essays deemed the best. An honorarium also goes to the sponsoring teacher of each winning student.

Information is available at lwvlexington.com. The contest deadline is **October 31**. Prizes will be delivered the first part of December.

A contest flier accompanies this issue of the Voter. Please encourage any Fayette County high school student in your family or among your friends to participate in this challenge. Personal contact is so much more effective than school announcements. The informational flier contains guiding questions to facilitate the writing process as well as the qualities judges will be looking for in the student essays.

Good Luck, Karen!



LWV Vice-President Karen Anderson, after 20 years with Transylvania University, has moved back to her home state of Minnesota to continue her work connecting students with their community at the University of Minnesota at Mankato.

A perfectionist, Karen worked long hours at her “day” job while, at the same time, always responding positively to responsibilities with the League. In fact, she sought out new ways to foster collaboration between students and League members focused on voter registration and citizen education.

She will be remembered as a LWV board member who not only fulfilled her standing commitments but looked for ways to be more helpful, more effective, more involved. The Lexington League already misses her and hopes she quickly finds a place in the Mankato LWV.

Thank you, Karen!!

Naturalization Ceremonies

The naturalization ceremony on Friday, August 1, saw 47 applications from 29 different countries take the oath of citizenship. The honorable Hanly A. Ingram, Magistrate Judge, presided.



Roz Heise of our League organizes voter registration after these events and always says a few words of welcome during the ceremony. This time Roz reminded the audience that ours is a participatory democracy. She explained that the Constitution and the amendment process give citizens the right and the means to participate, to have a voice in their own government.

Nancy Chesser and **Judy Johnson** joined Roz after the ceremony registering voters, handing out voting information and answering questions.

The ceremonies for the rest of the year have now been scheduled. Dates are Fridays—**September 26, October 31** and **November 14**. Ceremonies are held at 11:00 a.m. at the U.S. District Court-house, 101 Barr Street.

As always, Roz welcomes members who would like to help with voter registration after these naturalization proceedings. If you are interested in one, two or all three events, please contact her at heise@twc.com.

CIVIC OPPORTUNITY.... All citizens have been challenged to review the **Kentucky Core Academic Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics** and submit suggestions for improvement by **April 30, 2015**. These standards represent the **minimum** of what K-12 public schools students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

The standards can be found at <http://kentucky.statestandards.org>. They are searchable by grade, subject and key word. Whether from parents, educators or concerned citizens, thoughtful suggestions will be carefully considered.

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

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| Thurs. | Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. | LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Road |
| Sat. | Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to noon | Christian-Muslim Dialogue at Hunter Presbyterian Church—Representatives from UK Student Muslim Assn. |
| Tues. | Sept. 23 | National Voter Registration Day—LWV will be providing registration at local high schools |
| Tues. | Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. | LWV assisting Eastland Pkwy Neighborhood Assn. Mayoral Forum at Spencerian College, 1575 Winchester Rd. |
| SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER | | CANDIDATE FORUMS—Proposed schedule in this newsletter. |

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