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# The Lexington Voter September 2015

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

## Candidate Debates Scheduled for Sept. and Oct.

### Debate for Candidates For Lt. Governor



Jenean Hampton (R) and Sannie Overly (D)

Wednesday, Sept. 23  
7 to 8 p.m. ET  
at  
Midway University

(Anne Hart Raymond Building Auditorium)



### Debate for Candidates For Governor



Matt Bevin (R) and Jack Conway (D)

Sunday, Oct. 25  
6 to 7 p.m. ET  
at

Eastern KY University

Co-sponsors of both events are

League of Women Voters of Kentucky, WKVT-Lexington and WLKY-Louisville

The candidates for governor and the candidates for lieutenant governor of Kentucky have committed to these debates which will follow the League policies and procedures.

**Sept. 23 Lt. Governor Debate**—Tickets are not necessary but those planning to attend are asked to email [kentuckylwv@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckylwv@gmail.com) or call **502-875-6481** so that seats can be held for them. Bill Bryant of WKYT and Vicki Dortch of WLKY will moderate 60 minutes of questions on key issues impacting Kentuckians. The program will air live on WLKY and will be streamed live by both CBS affiliates so people need to be seated **no later than 6:45 p.m.** WKYT will air the program at 10 p.m. on the CW Lexington Channel (27.2). If you wish to volunteer to act as a greeter or usher, please contact **Cindy Heine at 859-351-9419.**

“The members of the League of Women Voters of Kentucky are delighted to co-sponsor a debate between the candidates for Lt. Governor,” said Terry Naydan, League co-president. “In order to make democracy work, we need an informed and engaged electorate. We expect that this debate will explore the important issues that confront the citizens of Kentucky in an interesting and informative format. We hope citizens will tune in and judge for themselves about which candidate is the most qualified to be the next Lt. Governor.”

**Oct. 25 Governor Debate**—Watch for details about the gubernatorial debate in the next issue of the VOTER. Volunteers will be welcomed for this event also. Again, Cindy Heine is the contact person.

## The Magna Carta Comes to Kentucky

2015 is the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, the charter English King John granted to his barons that is considered to be a funda-



L to R: LWV docents Donna Blue (Lexington), Harriette Seiler (Louisville) and Cindy Heine (Lexington).

mental document for modern democracy. It was used by our founding fathers as they created the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Among its principles are: the rule of law; the right to a speedy trial by jury; freedom from unlawful imprisonment; protections from unlawful seizure of property; the principle of “no taxation without representation;” and the concept that no one is above the law, not even the king (or president).

The Magna Carta Exhibit, developed by the American Bar Association and displayed at the KY State Fair, included *From the Powers that Be to the Power of We* and documents from the Kentucky Law Library, as well as panels and videos that demonstrate the importance of the Magna Carta in the development of Kentucky's Constitution.

Visitors, for the most part, were not familiar with the significance of the Magna Carta. One social studies teacher said her principal told her not to teach the Magna Carta because it wasn't that important! (She teaches it anyway!)

Many people took advantage of the opportunity to try out voting machines. However, I learned that most Kentuckians whom I spoke with still use paper ballots. And, of course, the voting machine is already outdated. It is not a “touch screen” and almost everyone, especially the children, tried to touch the screen to get started!

As a volunteer docent at this KY State Fair Exhibit, I found the experience to be educational and entertaining. I served with two young attorneys and spoke with dozens of KY citizens, adults and children, all because of my League participation. This opportunity is just another reason I value my association with the League of Women Voters!!

*Cindy Heine*

## Constitution Day Is Sept. 17

September 17 is an occasion to reflect upon the Constitution which has guided this nation for 226 years. Here are some interesting facts about the document:

- It was ratified June 21, 1788 and took effect March 4, 1789.
- At 81, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate to the Constitutional Convention and at 26 Jonathon Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest.
- Patrick Henry was elected as a delegate but declined because “he smelt a rat.”
- More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress and only 27 received the necessary approval from the states to become an amendment to the Constitution.
- The Bill of Rights constitutes the first 10 amendments. They became law in 1791 although Georgia, Connecticut and Massachusetts did not officially ratify them until 1939.
- Only one amendment, the 18th, has been repealed. It prohibited “the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors.”
- The word “democracy” does not appear once in the Constitution.
- Of all the written national constitutions, ours is the shortest—4,543 words.

If you haven't read it recently, September 17 would be an excellent day to get familiar with this important document!

*Information excerpted from [www.constitutionfacts.com](http://www.constitutionfacts.com).*

## Christian-Muslim Dialogue

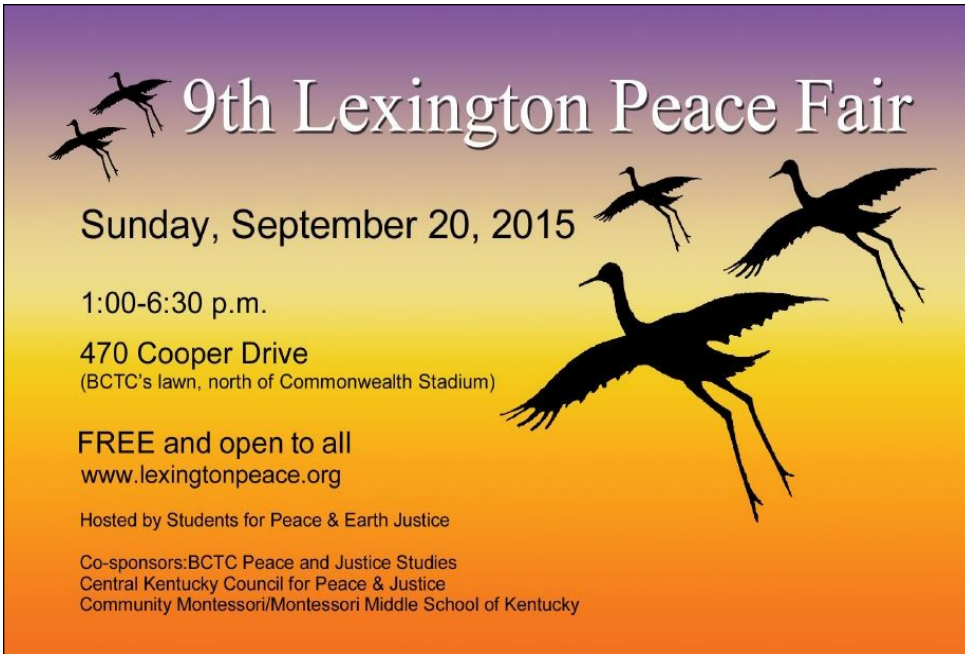
On **Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to noon**, the public is invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Ihsan Bagby, professor in the UK department of Islamic Studies. He will talk about “Islam and the Environment,” focusing on the Islamic viewpoint on our environment and highlighting similarities with Christian and Jewish thinking on the topic.

Please note location change: **Masjid (Mosque) Bilal ibn Rabah, 1545 Russell Cave Road**, Lexington, KY 40505. As usual, a potluck meal will follow the discussion.

## Mark Your Calendar Now!

The Lexington Peace Fair is coming and volunteers are needed to hand out information and offer voter registration at the Lexington LWV table. Please contact Judy Johnson at [judydex@twc.com](mailto:judydex@twc.com) if you would like to help represent the League at this afternoon of music, food, art and student involvement.

Entertainment will include: a drumming circle, performance by KY Poet Laureate George Ella Lyon and her husband musician Steve Taylor, John Gage, Cuban duo Yoisel and Legna, Cheryl Pan and the Chinese dancers. Epic Cure is the primary food vendor.



**9th Lexington Peace Fair**

Sunday, September 20, 2015

1:00-6:30 p.m.

470 Cooper Drive  
(BCTC's lawn, north of Commonwealth Stadium)

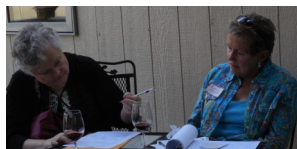
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[www.lexingtonpeace.org](http://www.lexingtonpeace.org)

Hosted by Students for Peace & Earth Justice

Co-sponsors: BCTC Peace and Justice Studies  
Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice  
Community Montessori/Montessori Middle School of Kentucky



### LWV Membership Event



Thursday, August 27 turned out to be a perfect evening to explore a vineyard, learn about wine making while sampling products and snacks, and simply enjoy the company of fellow League members, old and new.

On a warm summer evening the patio at Equus Run Vineyards in Woodford County offered welcome shade and a cool breeze. The winery representative, Jean, reminded her guests that Equus Run was celebrating its 15th year of operation. She provided interesting information about each wine sampled, answered all questions and led the group on a late evening stroll through the vineyards.

Once again, the wine event was a great kickoff for fall activities.

 *Welcome to Sheri Trail, newest Lexington LWV member!*



The LWV Book Club will meet **Sept. 29 at 1:30 p.m.** at Terry Naydan's house, 3013 Charleston Blvd. Nita Smith will facilitate the discussion. The book for this month is David McCullough's *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*.

If you have not yet participated in the group but would like to join the discussion, let Terry know you plan to attend. Her contact information is [terrynaydan@aol.com](mailto:terrynaydan@aol.com) and 859-971-7227.



Did you know you can access minutes and additional materials from LWV board meetings through the League website?

Just sign up for an account with an email to [lexingtonlww@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonlww@gmail.com) or a phone call to 859-494-3203. You will receive an email response containing a temporary password. Once you log in at [www.lwvlexington.com](http://www.lwvlexington.com) you can change that password to one of your own. Then, under Members you will find an option for Minutes.

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## Calendar

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

Thurs.	Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.	LWV Board meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Road
Sun.	Sept. 20 1 to 6:30 p.m.	9th Lexington Peace Fair on the lawn of BCTC Cooper Dr. Campus
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