



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

The Lexington Voter

April 2010

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

I want to personally invite all members to attend the Lexington League's annual meeting on April 17th at the Faith Lutheran Church. We will have good food, good company and good times. It will be a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Also, we will be celebrating the League's 90th birthday. Come join the party!

I am issuing a second invitation—this to attend the state League convention on April 10th. This year it will be held in Elizabethtown, an easy drive. Sadly, attendance at both events has been down in the last few years. Details are contained in this issue of the VOTER. Let's see how many members we can turn out for both meetings. Come show your support for the LWV. I hope to see everyone at these two events.

Happy Spring!

Tammy Fagley

* **Look for Membership Form and** *
* **information in the May issue of** *
* **the VOTER.** *

Notes from the Past...

Throughout this 90th year it seems appropriate to explore the people and events that have made the League what it is today.



MY DAY...

was a newspaper column written by longtime LWV member Eleanor Roosevelt.

The following is an excerpt from her writing headed **March 13, 1948**.

“NEW YORK, Friday—Yesterday I journeyed to Philadelphia. In the evening, Miss Anna Lord Strauss, head of the **National League of Women Voters**, and I received the M. Carey Thomas Award at Bryn Mawr College. **This award is only rarely given and I feel deeply honored to be recognized along with Miss Strauss and the League.**”

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of a former U.S. President, a world-renowned activist in her own right, and a member of the LWV, was always proud of her affiliation the organization.

ISABEL YATES TO SPEAK AT LWV ANNUAL MEETING

Longtime member and prominent civic leader **Isabel Yates** will be the featured speaker at our April 17th Annual Meeting. Ms. Yates will share stories from past efforts and her vision for the future of Lexington. This is a treat not to be missed! Check out registration information on Page 3.



Become an LWV fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

LWV Candidate Forums Set for April 17 and 18

All candidate forums will be held in the auditorium at the **Central Branch of the Lexington Public Library, 140 E. Main Street**. They will be videotaped and the tapes will air several times on the library channel 20.

Office	Date	Time	Candidates
At-Large Council	Sat., Apr. 17	1:15-2:15 p.m.	Christopher Hignite Ralph Ruschell George Brown Chuck Ellinger Ismael Shalash
		2:30-3:20 p.m.	Steve Kay Don Pratt Kathy Plomin Linda Gorton
Senate District 12 Republican Primary	Sun., Apr. 18	1:15-2:00 p.m.	Alice Forgy Kerr Andrew Roberts
House District 45 Democratic Primary	Sun., Apr. 18	2:15-3:00 p.m.	Matthew Vanderpool Michale Coblenz
House District 88 Republican Primary	Sun., Apr. 18	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Jacob Hartlage Bill Farmer
District Judge Division 3	Sun. Apr. 18	4:15-5:00 p.m.	Kim Wilkie Maria Ransdell Joseph Rugg

More Ideas about Information Sources....

Concerned about partisan bias in media news sources? What is fact and what is opinion?

Northern Kentucky University hosted a panel discussion on March 4 focused on **“Newspapers in the Information Age.”** It can be viewed at www.ustream.tv/discovery. On the home page put the title of the forum in the **Search** window. Look for **Recordings**.

In Memory



Betty Ruth Love Gunther—died February 6, 2010, age 84. She was active in the LWV for many years and, more recently, with the Warm Up America Group.

Abby Marlatt—died March 3, 2010, age 93. Former UK nutritionist and human rights activist, Dr. Marlatt was a longtime member of the LWV.

Primary Election Information

- ◆ Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election — **Monday, April 19.**
- ◆ Date of Primary Election — **Tuesday, May 18.**
- ◆ Voter Registration — **Must choose one of the following classifications: Democrat Party, Republican Party, Other. If Other is selected, the voter may not participate in Democratic or Republican primaries but may vote for all non-partisan offices (i.e. urban county council). All eligible voters can vote in a general election.**
- ◆ Offices up for election in May primary —
 1. U.S. Senator
 2. U.S. Representative 6th Dist.
 3. State Senator 12th Dist.
 4. State Senator 22nd Dist.
 5. State Representative 45th Dist.
 6. State Representative 62nd Dist.
 7. State Representative 72nd Dist.
 8. State Representative 88th Dist.
 9. Dist. Judge Div. 3 (non-partisan)
 10. Mayor (non-partisan)
 11. Council at large (non-partisan)
 12. Council Dist. 10 (non-partisan)
 13. PVA
 14. County Judge/Executive
 15. Sheriff
 16. Constable Dist. 1
 17. Constable Dist. 2
 18. Constable Dist. 3
- ◆ Complete information available from the County Clerk's office at **859-255-VOTE** or website:
<http://www.fayettecountyclerk.com>



REGISTRATION

LWV Annual Meeting

April 17 at Faith Lutheran Church
1000 Tates Creek Road

- ◆ **Brunch at 9:30 a.m.**
- ◆ **Isabel Yates at 10:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Program to Follow**

\$15.00 per person Deadline: **April 12**

Make out check to **Lexington LWV**. Note **“Registration”** in the memo section and mail with your name/phone number to:

Lexington LWV
P.O. Box 22045
Lexington, KY 40522

New Citizens Register to Vote

Many of 52 new citizens took time to register to vote following a March 19 naturalization ceremony in Lexington. Many others took mail-in voter registration forms supplied by the League.

Assisting in the effort were **Mary Hughes**, her friend **Nancie Watson** and **Betty Higgins** who gave welcoming remarks during the ceremony. Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove presided at the ceremony with the Lexington Police Department Color Guard performing the Presentation of Colors.

The fifth grade class of The Lexington School, which included the judge's daughter, led the packed courtroom in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and in singing the *National Anthem*.

The next naturalization ceremony in Lexington will be in August. Contact Betty at 278-1898 or email at e.higgins@insightbb.com if you would like to help.

State LWV Meeting 10 –5 April 10 at Stone Hearth Restaurant in Elizabethtown. Cost is \$25. If interested, contact Terry Naydan at 971-7227 by April 5.

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Return Service Requested

Lexington League of Women Voters
PO Box 22045
Lexington KY 40522

Calendar

LWV of Lexington Website: www.lwvlexington.com

Phone: 859-494-3203

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

Saturday, April 10	10:00 a.m.	State LWV Meeting at Stone Hearth Restaurant in Elizabethtown
Saturday, April 17	9:30 a.m.	Lexington LWV Annual Meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd.
Saturday, April 17	1:15 p.m.	Candidate Forum for At Large Seats on Council at Central Branch of Public Library
Sunday, April 18	1:15 to 5:00 p.m.	Candidate Forums for State Senate and House Seats and District Judge Div. 3

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