



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

The Lexington Voter

December 2010

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Message from the Board...

There is probably no activity that provides a better showcase for the League's commitment to our democracy and its open and transparent approach to issues than the candidate forums we sponsor. Prior to the recent election the Lexington LWV presented forums for four contested district council races, two state house races, one state senate race, two district judges' seats and two board of education seats. These forums that we co-sponsored with the library and the board of education were taped and televised several times in order to reach a broader audience. The League also partnered with community groups to present two mayoral forums, one co-hosted with UK and the other presented with the Eastland Park Neighborhood Association.

Our forums, known for fairness and insightful questioning of candidates about important issues, received both newspaper and television coverage.

Over time we have developed effective policy and practice for our election forums. Yet in each cycle we learn something that will improve our efforts. This year we have discussed providing forums for more local races, more extensive candidate surveys and various ways to publicize candidate positions on important issues.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in this effort – moderators, timers, organizers, greeters, card gatherers and others. Your hard work once again made evident to our community the League's strong commitment to voter education. And if you are a member who has not participated in the forums, think about volunteering to help out next time around. You will find it a very interesting experience!

Richard Heine, Board Member

Help Register New Voters...

The Lexington League will offer a welcome and an invitation to register to vote during a Friday, Dec. 10 naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse.

If you can assist with registration, please contact Betty Higgins at 278-1898 or e.higgins@insightbb.com

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. but plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. The ceremony lasts about 30 minutes and registration is finished around noon. Parking is available in the city garage across the street from the Federal Courthouse on Barr Street.



Fundraising Report

In this season of giving thanks, the Lexington League is grateful for the generous response to its fall fundraising appeal. As of the deadline for this newsletter, the League has received a total of 20 donations, nine for the General Fund and eleven for the Education Fund.

Gifts for the General Fund:

Tammy Fagley
 Gilbert and Janet Freidell-- *in honor of Cindy Heine*
 Shirley Hendrix
 Mary Hughes
 Theresa and Bob Naydan
 Susan and Stephen Senft
 Richard Seckel
 Ruth and Bob Strauss
 One Anonymous gift

Gifts for the Education Fund:

Lowell Eberwein
 Betty Higgins
 Rose Lucas
 Nancy McDuffie --*in memory of Alberta Coleman*
 Eve Podet
 Judy Saxe
 Susan and Stephen Senft
 Barbara Sterrett
 Martha Jane Whiteside
 Two Anonymous gifts--*one in memory of Barbara Sterrett's son Paul*

Please note: If your gift was mailed prior to November 15 and was not listed here, please contact Steve Senft, treasurer, at 273-3324.

Mark Your 2011 Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 8

“Dinner and a Guest”

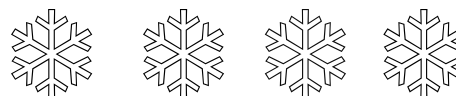
(hot food and hot topics)

at Puccini's in Chevy Chase

Watch for more information in next issue.

2010 LWV Essay Contest

Winners (first, second, and third place) have been selected and will be notified after December 1. The next issue of the Voter will carry full information about these students and their work.



Want to make a difference?

The Lexington LWV depends on a strong core leadership group to function effectively. That group—officers and board members—has for some time depended upon several individuals who have given unselfishly of their time and energy...year after year.

As we look to a new year, we encourage members who previously may not have thought about participating in a more active way to consider offering a year of service. Specifically, there is a member position open on the Nominating Committee. In addition, **Betty Higgins**, who has done such a great job as secretary, is leaving the board this month, although she will continue to handle Voter Services for the remainder of the term. In the spring other officer and board positions will be open. Current board members have served long and well but every organization is fresher and stronger if new voices are heard among the decision makers.

We invite ALL members to think seriously about new ways to continue the League's work. **If you are interested in the positions open now or would like to explore further the possibility of board membership in 2011, call the League phone number (859-494-3203).** The work is not demanding and the rewards are many. Your League needs you!



You are invited to...

LWV HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Sat. Dec. 4 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Please come (bring a dish to share) to the home of Susan Webb and John Twitchell for good food and conversation with friends old and new.

Directions:

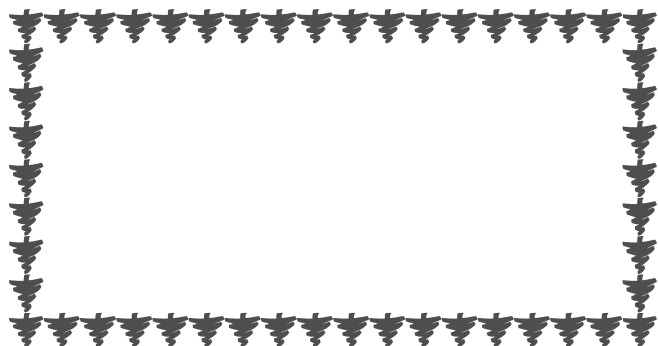
- At intersection of Man O War and Tates Creek, turn south.
- Go through two stoplights, past the first Hartland Pkwy and Kenesaw.
- Immediately after the new McAtee Run subdivision, turn left into Hartland (second Hartland Pkwy).
- Go through first stop, past clubhouse on left, past Bonhaven, and turn right onto Abbeywood.
- 2217 is 4th house on the left (number on mailbox).

Phone:

- 859-523-6863

Hope to see you there!!

The Lexington League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed, active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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Calendar

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



Saturday
house,

Dec. 4

9:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH at Susan Webb's
2217 Abbeywood.

Everyone welcome!

Saturday

Jan. 8

10:00 a.m.

Board meeting (with program planning
to follow) at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000

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