



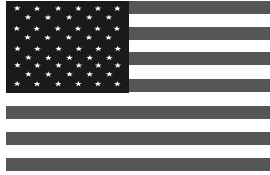
LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

The Lexington Voter

September 2010

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

Message from the Board....



League membership has dwindled over the last 20 years, requiring our board to carefully choose how to focus our resources and energies around our key LWV key objective—**promoting active citizen participation in the democratic process**. One of our activities, hosting public candidate forums prior to elections, has always been well received within the community. However, these forums have become even more important as a source of unbiased voter information in this era of increasingly intense partisan political bickering.

Today's campaigns are focused more on attacking opponents than engaging in a serious discussion about the many critical issues facing our community, state, and nation. The League offers a refreshing approach—a nonpartisan format with established ground rules for candidates to address issues and community concerns in a public setting. Nothing could be more important than this League function.

2010 is an especially busy election year with races for Congress, state Senate and House and numerous local offices. The Lexington LWV will be co-

sponsoring forums with the Lexington Public Library and the 16th District PTA. Specific information is contained in this issue of the **Voter**. Be sure to put the dates and times on your calendar.

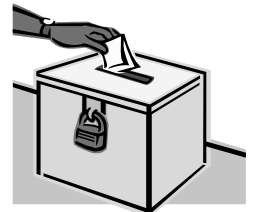
The library and Fayette County Public Schools have graciously agreed to videotape these forums and air them on their local cable channels (20 for the library and 13 for the schools) prior to the elections.

Your assistance is needed to generate questions for the candidates, recruit audiences for these events and host these forums. Please contact one of us if you can help.

In addition to helping with these forums, we need your help in two other ways.

- First, we ask that you help recruit new members to the League to support its important work. Talk with friends, family members, neighbors, newly retired—anyone who wants to do something about the current political climate.
- Second, we need **your** financial support. You will be receiving a request for a contribution to the Lexington LWV in the near future. Please seriously consider this request to support your League.

Cindy and Richard Heine
272-3500



League registers new citizens...

The Lexington League helped newly naturalized citizens from Fayette and seven other Kentucky counties register to vote at the August 13 naturalization ceremonies.

Lillian Gentry, Nancy Chesser, and Betty Higgins assisted at the morning ceremony which saw 60 applicants from 26 countries of origin sworn in as new citizens. Presiding U.S. District Court Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove noted in his remarks that more than one million applicants will become new citizens in the U.S. this year.

A total of 49 applicants representing 24 countries of origin were sworn in during the afternoon ceremony with U.S. District Court Judge Joseph M. Hood presiding. After the ceremony, League members **Mary Hughes, Abby Volpini**, along with Betty, assisted in voter registration.

The next naturalization ceremony in Lexington is set for **11 a.m. Friday, December 10**. If you'd like to attend and assist, please contact **Betty Higgins** at 278-1898 or by email at e.higgins@insightbb.com.

Meet the Candidates Forums
Lexington Public Central Library Auditorium
140 East Main Street

Sunday, September 12

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Urban County Council at Large

George A. Brown, Jr.

Chuck Ellinger II

Linda Gorton

Steve Kay

Kathy Plomin

Don B. Pratt

Sunday, September 19

1:30-2:00 p.m.

State Senate District 12

Don Blevins

Alice Forgy Kerr

2:30-3:00 p.m.

District Court Division 3

Maria Ransdell

Kim Wilkie

3:15-3:45 p.m.

District Court Division 5

Mike Sanner

Megan Lake Thornton

Thursday, September 23

6:00-6:30 p.m.

State House District 45

Stan Lee (R)

Matthew Vanderpool (D)

6:45-7:15 p.m.

State House District 76

Richard M. Marrs (R)

Ruth Ann Palumbo (D)

7:30-8:00 p.m.

State House District 77

Jessie Crenshaw (D)

Sunday, October 17

1:30-2:00 p.m.

Urban County Council District 1

Marty Clifford

Chris Ford

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Urban County Council District 5

Cheryl Blanton Feigel

Bill Farmer, Jr.

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Urban County Council District 7

K.C. Crosbie

Chris Logan

3:45-4:15 p.m.

Urban County Council District 10

Doug Martin

Kevin T. Williams

Forums for Fayette Co. Board of Education

At the Fayette County Public Schools Central Offices
Conference Room C, Second Floor
710 East Main Street

Monday, September 20

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Fayette County Board of Education, Division 4

Amanda Main Ferguson

Rick Queen

6:45-7:30 p.m.

Fayette County Board of Education, Division 2

Douglas Barnett

Thomas Duncan, Jr.

Kirk Tinsley

*These forums are cosponsored by the Lexington
LWV and the 16th District PTA Council.*

Thanks, Lowell!

Board member **Lowell Eberwein** set a great example for active support of the League when he took informational flyers about the upcoming candidate forums to the Farmers' Market on two recent Saturdays. In total, he distributed 100 flyers, talking with people and answering questions. This was great representation for our work and Lowell said he truly enjoyed the experience of talking with so many people one on one about the League. If we are to build our visibility in the community more of us will need to follow his lead.

LWV Registers Voters at UK Grad Student Resource Fair

On Tuesday, August 18, the Lexington LWV provided voter information for new graduate students at the annual Resource Fair held in the UK Student Union. **Richard Heine** and **Judy Johnson** answered questions and gave voter registration materials to the students. Twenty-four voter registration cards were completed (most for change of residence) and several forms were taken home for spouses to complete. Students expressed appreciation for the convenience.

COME TO THE FUNdraiser !!

★ The Kentucky LWV and the Lexington LWV are co-sponsoring "An Evening with Joel Pett — a Fundraiser for the state League." Mr. Pett is an American Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. ★ The evening will feature Kentucky wines and beers, hors d'oeuvres, home-made desserts, and coffee.

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010

Place: Terry Naydan's home at 3010 Charleston Gardens Blvd.

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person; \$40 per couple (Two League members can be a couple.)

★ Make out your check to LWV of KY. Send to LWV of KY, Suburban Park, 1009 Twilight Trail, Building D, Suite 103, Frankfort, KY, 40601 by September 25. ★ But hurry! Space is limited.

★ If you have questions, call Nita Smith at 272-5827 or Terry Naydan at 971-7227.

The League of Women Voters of Lexington 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

Return Service Requested

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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, September 11 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at Faith House, Faith Lutheran Church,
1000 Tates Creek Rd.**

**September 12, 19, 20, 23,
and October 17 Candidate Forums (details on page 2 of this issue)**

**Saturday, October 2 6:00 p.m. Kentucky LWV fundraiser at Terry Naydan's
house, 3013 Charleston Gardens Blvd.**



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