



The Lexington Voter December 2017

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The Last Naturalization Ceremony of 2017



The last naturalization ceremony of the year was held on November 17, 2017 at the Federal Courthouse with Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove presiding. **Nancy Chesser** spoke for the League and members **Jennifer Jackson, Mary Hughes, and Cecile Schubert** joined her in assisting 11 new citizens to register to vote by paper and four others to register electronically. Instructions for online registration and paper registration forms were given to several more new citizens who wanted to register at a later time.



Having the Surface Pros provided by the Secretary of State's office available for new citizens to use ensures that their registrations are submitted immediately with no potential for loss or tampering. The online system is easy—a registrant simply opens a browser window and types in govoteky.com. No special training is necessary for League members who volunteer to help with future registrations. Anyone can be shown on site how to operate the laptops.

We are grateful to Nancy Chesser who has facilitated voter registration at naturalization ceremonies for three years. She now passes that responsibility to Jennifer Jackson who says her goal for 2018 is to increase our new citizen voter registration by 50%. Contact Jennifer at xanthine88@gmail.com to add your name to her list of volunteers.



League Holiday Party

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
at 1289 Standish Way

Bring an appetizer or dessert.
Spouses and guests are welcome!

*In the spirit of the holiday let us celebrate
good work done and yet to do.*

Need more information? Call the LWV at 859-494-3203 or email lexingtonlww@gmail.com.



League Book Club Celebrates a Year of Good Reads

The Lexington LWV book club members will gather for a holiday lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Hilary J. Boone Center of UK, 500 Rose Street at 12:30 p.m. No book is assigned for discussion. Instead it will be a good occasion to talk about the year's readings and suggest titles to explore in 2018, not to mention simply enjoying good company and conversation. To reserve a place in the group, contact Terry Naydan at terrinnaydan@aol.com. Think about books you consider important, books touching on history, politics, current events and biographies of individuals who shaped them. Come ready to share your suggestions for next year.



There is ample parking at the center. Just remember to collect a token before you leave the building.

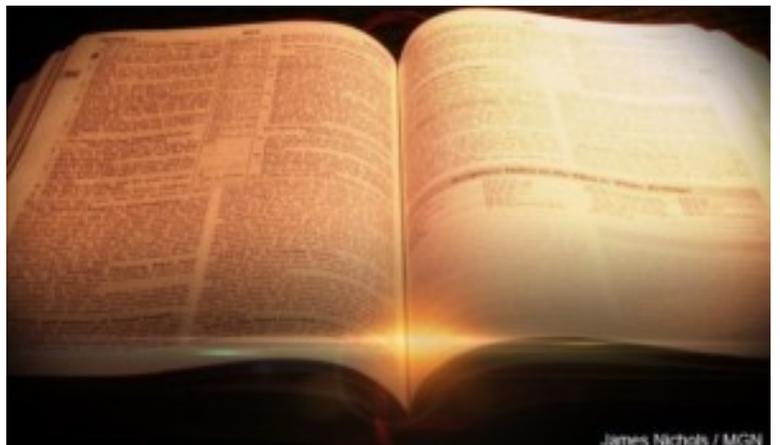
Please Review the KDE Bible Literacy Standards

The LWV of KY Education Committee asks that you respond to a request for comment by the KY Department of Education (KDE) concerning the proposed Bible literacy education standards. The passage of a state law in 2017 called for the Education Department to create academic standards for the following elective social studies classes: Hebrew Scriptures and the Old Testament of the Bible, the New Testament of the Bible, and Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of the Bible. Each of the three proposed courses will focus on the historical impact and literacy style of the identified texts and teach biblical content, figures, poetry and narratives that the department says "are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory and public policy." The courses are to maintain religious neutrality and accommodate diverse religious view, traditions and perspective. School-based decision making councils may offer the courses to students in grade nine and above.

- The KDE will collect initial feedback through **Sunday, December 10th**.
- To provide feedback on the proposed Bible Literacy Standards, go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bibleliteracy>.
- You may also direct any questions on the standards revision process to Kyle Lee at
kyle.lee@education.ky.gov

Please note that these courses have been designated as social studies courses, but they might best be taught as part of a literature course. In addition, there do not appear to be any assurances (only suggestions) that other religious books be used.

Keep in mind as you provide feedback that our religious heritage in the U.S. is not singular.



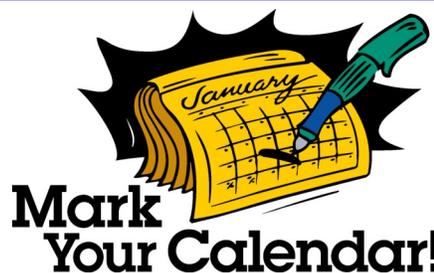
National LWV Call to Action

The LWVUS is calling on members to take three specific actions. On the website www.lwv.org, click on the link **TAKE ACTION**. At the top of the next page are three links.

1. **URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION ACT.** Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Robert Brady (D-PA) introduced the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2017 on June 14, 2017. The League is proud to support legislation that enhances access for eligible voters in our elections and works to modernize our electoral system. This bill will improve the accuracy of voter records, cut down on costs, modernize outdated registration systems while supporting implementation in states across the country. **PROVIDE THE IDENTIFICATION REQUESTED AND CLICK ON SUBMIT.**
2. **TAKE ACTION TO SAVE HEALTH CARE.** There are clear instructions for placing a call to the Capitol Switchboard and the message to deliver when connected. **CALL THE NUMBER PROVIDED.**
3. **STOP VOTER SUPPRESSION—SIGN THE PETITION.** The so-called “Election Integrity” Commission, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, is seeking to find potential fraudulent registration on voter rolls across the country. They’ve requested personal, confidential information from all fifty states that threatens the privacy of Americans...This Commission is not interested in facts, but rather false accusations in order to implement dangerous election policy. **COMPLETE THE INFORMATION TO SIGN THE PETITION.**

THREE SIMPLE ACTIONS. IF ALL MEMBERS ACT AND INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO DO THE SAME, WE WILL BE HEARD!

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The next issue of the Lexington VOTER will be the Winter newsletter, due to be published the first of February. Between now and then League members will continue to be kept up to date by email and announcements on the website. With this in mind, please put these dates on your calendar now for 2018.

- **Sat., Jan. 13**—Lexington LWV Meetings at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. Board meeting at **10:00 a.m.** followed by lunch and general planning meeting at **noon.**

As we look to a New Year, let us remember these wise words:

*"To the wrongs that
need resistance,
To the right that needs
assistance,
To the future in the
distance,
Give yourselves."*

Carrie Chapman Catt

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Calendar

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

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