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90th Year for Women’s Suffrage and the LWV

An art gallery event launched the year-long celebration of two events that commemorated great advances for women: the 19th Amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters.

“It was a wonderful event. Marsha [Weinstein] did a magnificent job,” said Beverly Moore, president of the League of Women Voters of Louisville.

As part of the celebration of Women’s Equality Day at the Pyro Gallery , Aug. 26, Cynthia Torp, graphic artist and web designer, unveiled the new Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust website she designed: www.elizabethcadystanton.org. Through images and quotations, the website allows visitors to gain a unique perspective on Stanton’s life work — a

struggle that ultimately resulted in the most extensive bestowal of democratic freedom in the history of our nation.

Aug. 26, 2010, marked the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. Kentucky played a significant role in establishing the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust and making this website possible.

Feminist and suffrage advocate Elizabeth Cady Stanton first publicly demanded the right to vote for women at the First Women’s Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., on July 19, 1848. After 72 years, women finally won the



right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920, resulting in the majority of those living in the United States finally becoming citizens. Unfortunately, very few Americans know this history. Pyro Gallery, the League of Women Voters of Louisville and the University of Louisville Women’s Center sponsored the event.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The next newsletter will not be until January; there will be updates via e-mail before then. Please go to our website, www.LWVLouisville.org, for announcements and articles in September, October, November and December.*
- *Please send your e-mail address to info@LWVLouisville.org so you don’t miss a thing! Those without e-mail or Internet access can leave a message at the League office (895-5218), and we will send you the information.*

Louisville LWV to Register High-School Students

The League of Women Voters of Louisville plans to register high-school students to vote in September. This voter registration drive provides a great opportunity to volunteer for a few hours during school lunch times.

Voter turnout among young people has been improving: In 2008, between 22 million and 24 million young Americans between the ages of 18–29 voted. Even though 2008 represents the second-highest turnout of young Americans ever, that

represents an estimated 49.3 and 54.5 percent, according to an exit poll conducted by CIRCLE, a nonpartisan research center at Tufts University.

We can do better! Registering high-school seniors is

just the place to start.

Those interested in volunteering, please contact Ameerah Granger at (502) 727-1722.

The Elegant Solution in Energy

By JOAN LINDOP

What is the elegant solution? Energy efficiency! It lowers utility bills, cools the planet and creates green jobs.

In November and December, the League of Women Voters of Louisville plans to add its voice to that of the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Kentucky on the necessity of formulating positions on clean energy and efficiency issues in Kentucky. We expect one or more energy-related bills to be introduced in the 2011 General Assembly, and, having specific *Kentucky* positions, we will be in a better position to advocate more effectively in Frankfort. We will review energy bills that have passed in the past three years as well as the existing Energy Plan.

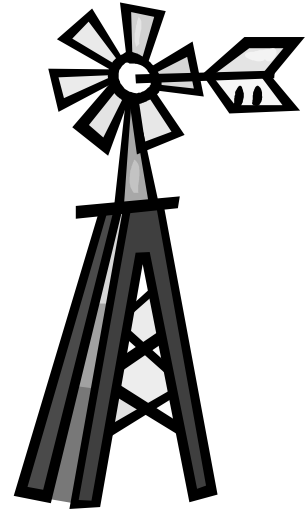
We will have nine questions to discuss and on which to reach a consensus. The first two follow as samples:

Rank each of the potential outcomes of a state energy plan on a scale of importance (1=not important, 5=very important, or not enough information)

- a. Creation of new sustainable jobs
- b. Manufacturing industry incentives to modernize
- c. Public health protection
- d. Financial transition package for coal industry
- e. Fewer greenhouse gas emissions (CO² sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide,

- f. Preservation of waterways (fines for dumping toxic chemicals)
- g. Lower or stable electric rates
- h. Lower or stable electric bills (If you home, lighting and appliances become more efficient, you bill goes down)
- i. New generation of renewable energy
- j. Acquisition of renewable energy from another state

This question gives you a flavor of the other eight.



It is important that **all Louisville League members** participate in the energy consensus, so we will revive discussion "Units." Units are small groups of members who meet to critique and discuss information from study materials, speakers and their own research. At the units, members will discuss the pros and cons of the issues and come to consensus on the nine study questions. Our League will offer daytime and evening unit meetings for our first restoration of units. The Morning Unit will meet Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. The Evening Unit will meet Nov. 15 and Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. Both units will meet at Lang House. Each League member should attend one unit meeting in November and one in December. Contact Beverly Moore (473-1114 or beverlydm@aol.com) for more information on units.

Please let Joan Lindop (jlindop@gmail.com) know if you are interested in participating.



Support the League of Women Voters of Louisville

Renewing your membership is one of the best ways in which you can support your League. Renew today!

- \$55 annual membership dues
- \$25 dues for a second (or third, et al.) member in the same household
- \$10 student membership dues

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Voter Returns

After a hiatus, *The Louisville Voter* is back! The house publication of the League of Women Voters of Louisville will appear in mailboxes periodically. The next Voter won't be mailed until January.

Two Panels Look Toward Political Fallout in November

By **DEBORAH KENT**

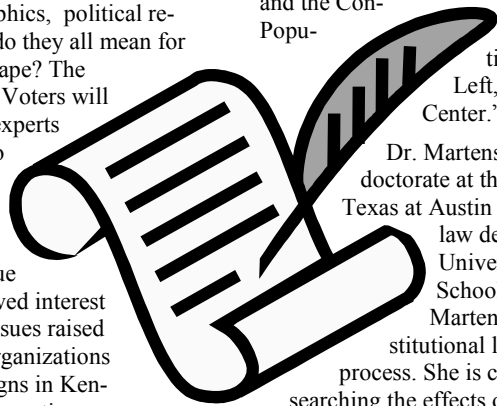
The rise of the Tea Party in America, changing demographics, political realignments. What do they all mean for the political landscape? The League of Women Voters will hear from several experts who will attempt to put these changes in perspective.

On **Monday, Sept. 20**, the League will examine renewed interest in Constitutional issues raised by the Tea Party organizations in political campaigns in Kentucky and across the nation.

Allison Martens, assistant professor of

political science at the University of Louisville, will speak on “The People and the Constitution: Popular Interpretations from the Left, Right and Center.”

Dr. Martens earned her doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin in 2007 and her law degree at the University of Texas School of Law. Dr. Martens teaches constitutional law and judicial process. She is currently researching the effects of social movement competition on constitutional development.



In **Monday, Oct. 18**, the League will host a panel of experts discussing “The Changing Political Landscape and How Local Demographics Will Impact the 2010 Elections.” Dr. Ron Crouch, director of research and statistics for the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; Scott Jennings, political strategist who served as special assistant to President George W. Bush and as deputy director of the Office of Political Affairs, working directly with White House Senior Advisor Karl Rove; and Dr. Phil Laemmler, professor emeritus in political science at the University of Louisville.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., while the programs being at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Louisville LWV to Host Multiple Candidate Forums

By **VICKY MARKELL**

The League of Women Voters of Louisville will again present candidate forums for many of the general elections races. The Third Congressional District candidate forum will be **Saturday, Oct. 16**, at 9 p.m. Partnering with WLKY-TV, the League will produce a forum for the mayoral candidates on **Saturday, Oct. 9**, at Central High School, 1130 W. Chestnut St., beginning at 8 p.m. The program will be broadcast live on WLKY-TV. A similar candidate forum is being negotiated with the candidates appearing on the ballot in the U.S. Senate race.

“The candidate forums are an excellent way for voters to get to know the candidates prior to the election,” said League President Beverly Moore. Additionally, the League is partnering with Metro TV to produce a series of candidate forums in the nine Metro Council Districts: the Fifth, the Sixth, the Ninth, the 13th, the 15th, the 17th, the 19th, the 23rd and the 25th Districts. These forums will be held in regional centers located either in or near the council districts. Metro TV will tape the forums and broadcast them many times before the November election.

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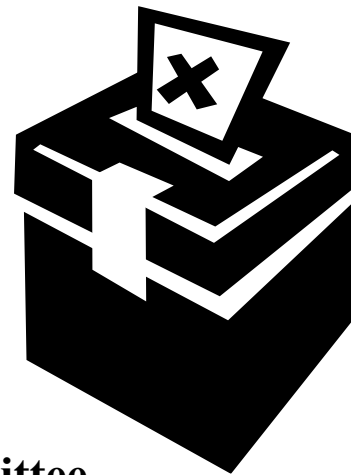
ter for Neighborhoods to present forums at community centers. They will be presented on Monday nights in September on dates to be announced.

The co-chairs of the Voter Services Committee, Victoria Markell and Pam Rogers, welcome assistance from any and all League members in this effort. Please contact them by leaving a telephone message at Lang House (895-5218) or by sending an e-mail to info@LWVLouisville.org.

Join Education Committee

Proposing a full and important agenda, the Education Committee will convene in early September. League members — and prospective members — interested in serving on this vital committee should leave a message at the League office (895-5218) or e-mail info@LWVLouisville.org.

Needless to say, of prime interest is discussing and formulating plans to address the school assignment bill, pre-filed by Senators David Williams, Elizabeth Tori, and Dan Seum (in conjunction with the League Legislation Committee).



The September agenda also includes the following: KACE update on meetings (Beverly), plans to attend Jefferson County Board meetings, and tracking the 2010-11 school budget.

Before the election, the committee will determine if candidates will be invited to attend meetings of if there will be a League forum. After the election, the committee will keep abreast of each school board member's actions on the school assignment plan and other JCPS concerns deemed noteworthy by the League.



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League of Women Voters Calendar

- Sept. 20, 5:45 p.m., Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave. "The People and the Constitution: Popular Interpretations from the Left, Right and Center," with Allison Martens, assistant professor of political science at the University of Louisville.
- Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m., LWV Board Meeting, Lang House.
- Oct. 16, 9 p.m., Third Congressional Candidate Forum.
- Oct. 18, 5:45 p.m., Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave. "The Changing Political Landscape and How Local Demographics Will Impact the 2010 Elections," with a panel of experts.
- Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m., LWV Board Meeting, Lang House.
- Nov. 10, 10 a.m. Unit Orientation and beginning of Energy Study Discussion.
- Nov. 15, 6 p.m. Unit Orientation and beginning of Energy Study Discussion.
- Nov. 29, 6 p.m. 90th Year Birthday Party of the League of Women Voters of Louisville.
- Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m., LWV Board Meeting, Lang House.
- Dec. 8, 10 a.m., and Dec. 13, 6 p.m. Completion of the Energy Study and Consensus.

