

## Forum Explores City, Frankfort Lobbying

By GARY DREHMELE

The conventional wisdom is that Washington policy is subject to the whims of the highest bidders — those who spend the most on campaign contributions and lobbying. But what about on the local and state level? What do experts think?

Find out at the next Dinner and Democracy program, *Fair (and Un-fair) Lobbying Practices in Louisville and Frankfort*, on **Monday, Sept. 18**.

Speaking will be *The Courier-Journal's* longtime statehouse reporter Tom Loftus, former lobbyist Victoria Markell and state Senator

Julie Raque Adams, with Deborah Kent, former attorney for the Metro Ethics Commission and former League president, serving as moderator.

In the next few months, we will conduct interviews and compile a report in support of the League of Women Voters of Kentucky's study on the issue.

Dinner will be served at **5:30 p.m.**, while the program begins at **6 p.m.** and ends at **7:30 p.m.** Donations will be accepted for the dinner, and, as with all of our Dinner and Democracy programs, the public is invited.



Tom Loftus



Victoria Markell



Julie Raque Adams



Deborah Kent

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## Women's Equality Day Focuses on Past, Now, Future

By IVONNE ROVIRA

A program at the Frazier History Museum will celebrate the 97th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

The program on **Saturday, Aug. 26**, from **10 a.m. to noon**, at the **Frazier History Museum, 829 W. Main St.**, will feature Kentucky Secretary of State Allison Lundergan Grimes. The event, *Voting Rights for Women: Past, Present & Future*, will be one more

step building up to the celebration in 2020 of 100 years of women's suffrage and the League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters of Louisville along with two dozen sponsors of the event, which is free and open to the public.

An opportunity for networking kicks off at 9:30 a.m.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26
- Dinner and Democracy: *Fair (and Un-fair) Lobbying Practices in Louisville and Frankfort*, Sept. 18
- Dinner and Democracy, Oct. 16
- Dinner and Democracy, Nov. 19

# Your League Needs You!

By DEE PREGLIASCO

It may be summer, but the League has been busy! Two festivals for registering voters and making our presence known in the Community; naturalization ceremonies; committee meetings; Board meetings; book club discussions; a racial justice workshop; bystander training with Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice (LSURJ); reviewing our financial procedures with a CPA; and especially the many hours working on the Women's Equality Event for Aug. 26 under the ever-enthusiastic Marsha Weinstein. Whew!

Your calendar should have that date — Aug. 26 for Women's Equality Day — in big letters. We have 20-co-sponsors and lots of publicity in the works. You have been sent the flyer; please share this news



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with everyone! We want a big crowd.

In the meantime, we have been invited to headline the Women's Equality Day celebration at Fort Knox on Aug. 17.

We are busy planning the fall Dinner and Democracy programs: September is on local and state lobbying from the Money and Politics Committee. Issues of education, housing,

healthcare, the environment, pensions, taxes, voter suppression — the list is endless, and we have to be alert and ready to do what we do best: educate ourselves and our community.

We need volunteers for all our activities. Please consider how you can help. Our work is ongoing in these turbulent political times.

## Help with a Dinner & Democracy

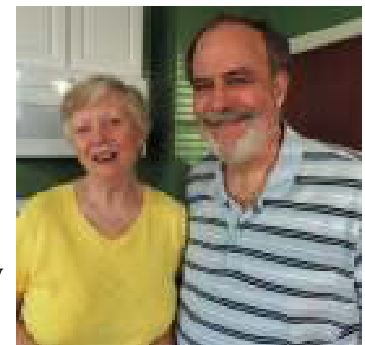
By IVONNE ROVIRA

Special thanks to Dale and Gail Tucker for taking care of the food for 12 months of Dinner and Democracy! We appreciate the deliciousness so much!

For years, the League of Women Voters of Louisville has been hosting forums on the third Monday of most months on important issues ranging from the schools-to-prison pipeline, the racial divide and the introduction of the Affordable Care Act to the future of the Kentucky state pensions, environmental issues and the scandals of charter schools in other states. At each of these forums, audience members have enjoyed lovely dinners. To continue these, we need you!

Can you volunteer to help with one dinner a year? No one has to handle any Dinner and Democracy events by themselves! We need people willing to help shop and cook, bring prepared food, and help with clean-up afterward. The League reimburses for expenses, and you can join others in brainstorming how best to cater the event you choose to help with.

This is your chance to help with one of the League's most popular outreach programs. If you can help — even if it's just one time — please contact the League office at 895-5218.



Gail and Dale Tucker

### Welcome, Members!

The League of Women Voters of Louisville would like to extend a warm greeting to its new members.

#### New Members

Kathryn Hilleary  
Joanmarie McGuire  
Amy Parker  
George Ramser  
Barbara Roney  
Carol Savkovich  
Linda Shapiro  
Erin C. White  
Susan G. Zepeda

# League Staffs Summer Festivals

By **IVONNE ROVIRA**

The League of Women Voters of Louisville participated in two summer festivals in July.

The League staffed a table at Crescent Hill Community Council's 4th of July Festival with 24 volunteers.

"Our thought was that there is a younger group of people who may need an introduction to the League, and it never hurts to show up at community gatherings to register voters, to remind people of what we do otherwise and to showcase our upcoming events," said Barb Kelty, chair of the Membership Committee.

At the festival, a few registered to vote, and more than 40 people signed up for the League's newsletter. Most took flyers announcing the Women's Equality Day celebration at the Frazier History Museum. (See p. 1.) Some posed for photos with our suffragettes — League members and sisters Alex and Laura Wolfe — and some brave souls took our history quiz.

The Membership Committee had long wanted a presence at

community events like fairs and festivals as other nonprofits do. So Jeanine Ashley contacted the Crescent Hill Community Council and started things rolling on the League's participation in their 4th of July Fest.

In addition to the 4th of July Fest, the League also had a table on July 29 and 30 at

Top right, members Jeanine Ashley and Jill Harmer were among the 24 volunteers staffing a table for the League of Women Voters of Louisville at Crescent Hill Community Council's 4th of July Festival.

Bottom right, suffragette sisters Laura and Alex Wolfe urged festivalgoers to register to vote and to join the League.

*Photos by Barb Kelty*

*The Louisville Defender's* West Louisville Appreciation Festival in Shawnee Park.

Like the idea of helping with future festivals? If so, please call the League office at 895-5218 and let us know! It's a fun way to help the League grow!



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## Annual Meeting Kicks Off Ambitious Program Year

By **MARY JO RODGERS**

The Louisville League's Annual Meeting on June 5 served both as closure for the 2016-2017 program year and a rousing kick-off to the new and ambitious 2017-2018 activities.

The current League positions were re-adopted, and the three current studies — that is, the Adjunct Faculty Study, the Charter Schools Study and the Study of Local Lobbying Practices — were reauthorized for the upcoming year. (The positions are on our website [www.lwvlouisville.org](http://www.lwvlouisville.org) under League Positions.)

The Membership also approved the increase in yearly dues from \$55 to \$65. The additional monies will be retained locally for operating capital for League activities, thereby raising how much we get to keep on a local level to \$18.

The Annual Meeting's guest speaker, Michael Skoler, is a

newcomer to Louisville; he arrived in December to become president and general manager of Louisville Public Media, the parent company of Louisville's NPR news station 89.3 WFPL News, Classical 90.5 WUOL, 91.9 WFPK Radio Louisville, and the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting. Skoler's remarks surveyed the Louisville media and described an initiative to encourage neighborhoods get-togethers to promote familiarity and trust.

Richard Beliles, longtime chairman of Common Cause Kentucky and longtime League member, was honored with the 2017 LWVL Citizen Award. In his acceptance remarks, Mr. Beliles encouraged the League member to be vigilant in

recognizing and protecting our citizen rights.

President Dee Pregliasco thanked the outgoing officers and directors for their willingness and time. New officers elected were Andrea Caldwell, as 2nd vice president, and Joan Lindop, as treasurer. The following directors were elected for one year terms: Jeanine Ashley, Verna Cahoon, Rebecca Harmon, Gary Drehmel, Barb Kelty, Vickie Markell, Harriette Seiler, and Carla Taylor.



Top right, League member Ann Hardman and outgoing Treasurer Jane Reiss check lists of those who had already paid for the Annual Meeting and their dues.

Bottom left, President Dee Pregliasco poses with Richard Beliles, president of Common Cause Kentucky and League member, right before he received the LWV Citizens Award for his decades of work in Frankfort for good government and transparency.

Bottom right, Dee Pregliasco addresses the audience at the Annual Meeting.

*Photos by Bill Lieshoff*



Above, Michael Skoler, the keynote speaker at the League of Women Voters' Annual Meeting in June, speaks with League members Suzy Post (left) and Carla Taylor. Skoler is the president and general manager of Louisville Public Media, the parent company of Louisville's NPR news station 89.3 WFPL News, Classical 90.5 WUOL, 91.9 WFPK Radio Louisville. Suzy Post, a 40-year League of Women Voters member, received the LWV Citizens Award last year for her lifetime work as a tireless advocate for the Bill of Rights.

Photo by Dee Pregliasco

At left, newly minted 2nd Vice President Andrea Caldwell and member Larry Rodgers smile for the camera during the League's Annual Meeting.

Photo by Bill Lieshoff



## LWVL Hosts Brown Bag Lunches, Open to Everyone

By PAT MURRELL

Four more brown-bag book discussion are scheduled. All discussion take place at **12:30 p.m.** at **Lang House** on the third Wednesday of the month. You don't have to be a member of the League of Women Voters to attend — just have an inquiring mind!

On Aug. 16, the discussion on the books *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance and *Night Comes to the Cumberland*s by Harry Caudill (from the July meeting) will continue, with Susan Rostov leading the discussion.

The discussion on Sept. 20 will be either Al Gore's *Inconvenient Sequel* (led by Sarah Lynn Cunningham) or *Giant of the Senate* by Al Franken (led by Joan Lindop).

Fran Wagner will lead the discussion on Oct. 18 on the book *White Working Class: Overcoming Class Cluelessness in Ameri-*



*ca* by Joan Williams, while Mary Jo Rodgers will lead the discussion on *Thank You for Being Late* by Thomas Friedman on Nov. 15.

Have a book you've really liked? Why not lead a brown-bag book discussion of it? Contact the League office at 895-5218.

## LWV Registers at Naturalization Ceremonies

By **JEANINE ASHLEY**

For new citizens, there's no prouder moment than when they take their oaths and are sworn in as new Americans. And the League of Women Voters of Louisville makes sure that we register these new citizens to vote so that they can undertake the highest responsibility of any citizen: voting.

We need volunteers to help with registering brand-new Americans at Naturalization ceremonies. Could you help with this effort? Registering people to vote usually only takes an hour out of your day, and it makes a lifetime of difference to newly minted citizens, who are more

likely to vote if we register them right away.

Here are the next dates and the times the Naturalization ceremonies begin:



Sept. 1	WorldFest	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	Brandeis School of Law	11 a.m.
Oct. 26	Federal Courthouse 601 W. Broadway	11 a.m.
Nov. 16	Federal Courthouse 601 W. Broadway	11 a.m.
Dec. 7	Main Branch, Public Library 301 York St.	11 a.m.

## Environmental Justice for Brownfields

By **JOAN LINDOP**

Environmental Justice requires every community to deal with vacant properties, even those contaminated when a defunct business leaves behind chemical byproducts. Called "brownfields," these health hazards contaminate ground water and creeks. Children sometimes play on these polluted sites.

Even assessing the extent of problem — much less, remediating the site — may cost millions; public funds from the EPA assist property owners or developers, but other sources are required. The level of clean up varies depends on the expected reuse, with residential use calling for the most extreme results.

Metro Louisville has a Brownfields program, a part of Louisville Forward, with Alison Smith managing. The Center for Health Equity is cooperating.



The Park Hill Corridor once included Philip Morris, American Standard, Reynolds Metals and Rhodia, SA Black Leaf. They've cleaned excavated the property to remove chemicals and added new soil to residential sites.

A \$29.5 million Choice Grant from HUD for the Russell neighborhood will redevelop Beecher Terrace with new housing at 9th and Muhammad Ali. Included will be training, employment and contracting oppor-

tunities for Russell residents. Minority-owned businesses will serve as subcontractors for at least 25 percent of the construction, while female-owned businesses will get 10 percent.

Louisville Central Community Center has helped with many local visioning meetings. Beecher Terrace residents will get supportive services to transition successfully to their new communities.

Marsha Weinstein and the Center for Integrative Health have done us an incredible favor in creating Youth Build Louisville. In July, Youth Build broke ground on a new phase. They will be able to offer job training and leadership to twice the number of young people.

This alone should create a positive change in our crime rate.

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 EDUCATION FUND FINANCIAL REPORT  
 FOR BUDGET YEAR 7/1/2016-6/30/2017

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Contributions	7,060	4,680.50
Non-member Contributions	5,446	2,000
Lang House: LWV Gen. Fund Rent	3,000	3,000
Tenant Rent	5,160	4,820
Special Event Rent	4,740	7,090
Parking Lot Rent	3,600	3,600
Interest	25	23.93
LWV Kentucky Rent	385	313
Miscellaneous	-	1,534.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$29,402</b>	<b>\$27,061.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Telecommunications	1,880	1,575.36
Lang House: Utilities	4,800	4,543.61
Insurance	1,864	1,864
Maintenance	2,540	3,723.96
Security	350	300
Supplies	150	249.83
Printing	560	1,206.54
Office Supplies	350	1,038.31
Postage	600	711.82
Professional and Advertising Fee	200	45
Kentucky State Department	15	25
Office Manager Compensation	12,480	11,483.25
Office Manager Payroll Fee	1,412	948.65
Program Expense	200	-
Voter Service	1,500	1,425.84
Miscellaneous Expense	100	1,515.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,001</b>	<b>\$30,656.67</b>

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 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT  
 FOR BUDGET YEAR 7/1/2016-6/30/2017

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Dues	6,600	5,145
Contributions	500	190
LWV of Louisville Dinner & Democracy	1,000	1,422
Interest	20	31.81
Miscellaneous Income	-	1,500
Annual Meeting Income	-	2,800
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,120</b>	<b>\$8,928.08</b>
Investment Transfer	4,500	3,000
<b>Total Income + Inc. Transfer</b>	<b>\$12,620</b>	<b>\$11,928.08</b>

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
National Dues	3,392	3,040
State Dues	1,590	1,425
Louisville Meeting Expenses	1,000	624.83
Printing & Postage	250	338.42
Annual Meeting Expenses	-	3,536.56
Rent to LWV of Louisville Ed Fund	3,000	3,000
National Convention/Council	1,000	-
State Council/Convention	400	-
New Member Luncheon	100	-
Metro Housing Coalition (MHC) Dues	120	120
Citizens Award	100	40
Kentucky State Department	15	25
Miscellaneous	100	1,531
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,067</b>	<b>\$13,880.81</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>(1,752.73)</b>

General Fund Checking Account, as of 6/30/17      \$8,419.23  
 Ameriprise, as of 6/30/17      \$63,066.46



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## Calendar

**Thursday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m.:**  
Membership Committee meeting.  
**Lang House.**

**Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.:** Women's Equality Day program: *Voting Rights for Women: Past, Present & Future*. Speaker: Secretary of State Allison Lundergan Grimes. **Frazier History Museum, 829 W. Main St.**

**Wednesday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m.:**  
Education Committee meeting.  
**Lang House.**

**Thursday, Aug. 31, 2:30 p.m.:**  
Racial Justice Committee meeting.  
**Lang House.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 5, 5:30 p.m.:** LWV Board meeting. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m.:**  
Money in Politics Committee meeting.

**Monday, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m.:** Dinner and Democracy: *Fair (and Unfair) Lobbying Practices in Louisville and Frankfort*. Speakers: *The Courier-Journal's* statehouse reporter Tom Loftus, former lobbyist Victoria Markell and state Senator Julie Raque Adams. Moderator: Deborah Kent, former attorney for the Metro Ethics Commission and former League president. Donations accepted for the dinner. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.; program begins at 6 p.m. **Lang House.**

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m.:**  
Membership Committee meeting.  
**Lang House.**

**Monday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.:** LWV Board meeting. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m.:**  
Money in Politics Committee meeting.

**Monday, Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.:** Dinner and Democracy. Donations accepted for the dinner. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.; program begins at 6 p.m. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.:**  
Money in Politics Committee meeting. **Lang House.**

**Thursday, Oct. 19, 11:30 a.m.:**  
Membership Committee meeting.  
**Lang House.**

**Monday, Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.:** LWV Board meeting. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.:** Money in Politics Committee meeting. **Lang House.**

**Friday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m.:** *Racial Justice in Zoning — One Century After Buchanan*, a symposium on the impact of that landmark case. Speakers: law professor Tony Arnold; history professor Cate Fosl and law professor Cedric Merlin Powell. **University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law.**

**Monday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.:** Dinner and Democracy. Donations accepted for the dinner. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.; program begins at 6 p.m. **Lang House.**