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Meet and Greet State Legislators Jan. 16

By **MARY JO RODGERS**

Ever wanted to ask a question or discuss an issue with your state senator or state representative? Well, here's your chance!

The League of Women Voters of Louisville will host an evening with Jefferson County state legislators **Monday, Jan. 16.**

The evening begins at **5:30 p.m.** at Lang House. Wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be served from **5:30 p.m.**



until **7:30 p.m.** As with all of our general-membership events, the public is invited.

Bring a friend!

Forum Highlights LWV Lobbying Positions

By **IVONNE ROVIRA**

What's coming up at the General Assembly in 2017?

You can hear firsthand from League of Women Voters of Kentucky's co-presidents, Terry Naydan and Nita Smith. The pair, who have been lobbying in Frankfort for decades, will discuss the General Assembly on **Monday, Feb. 20.**

Smith and Naydan will also highlight the positions that the state and national League have on the various issues that arise in this year's short legislative session.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dinner and Democracy: Meet area state legislators, Jan. 16
- Dinner and Democracy: 2017 General Assembly Update, Feb. 20

Your League Needs You!

By DEE PREGLIASCO
League Members, friends and
other activists:

Going forward, we continue to have lots of work to do and lots of education to share about our citizen voting rights. The most recent edition of *Ms* magazine captured the essence of this work on its cover: “Never Go Back.”

The League of Women Voters of the United States has assembled the list below of priorities. On the local level, we need to put our shoulders to the grindstone and keep at the work we do best: registering voters, fighting voter suppression by any means and educating voters on all the important issues.

Please make a commitment for the New Year and going for-



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ward to work hard and support the League in these efforts.

Happy Holidays, Dee

1. Sign the League of Women Voter's Petition

“I stand with the League to ensure that elections are always free, fair and accessible. I will work with the League to stop voter suppression tactics that threaten our democracy and the right to vote.”



2. Become an e-Activist

Receive updates from the League and hold your elected officials accountable by taking action on the League's key voting rights and other priorities.

3. Volunteer Your Time

We are working to make a difference and actively engaging people in more than 700 communities. Sign up to volunteer!

4. Donate to our Defend Democracy Fund

Your support makes it possible for LWV to take a stand in statehouses and courtrooms across the country.

5. Spread the Word

Stay engaged every day, and leverage your social media followers to get involved too! Follow the League on Twitter and Facebook to find out how to make an impact.

6. Attend a Community Meeting

Learn about local issues and hear from elected officials. You can connect and organize with people already active in your community. Check your local government's website or contact your local League.

7. Register to Vote, and help others Register

Make sure your family and neighbors are up to date on their registration. The League works year-round at schools and community events to prepare eligible voters. Check out VOTE411.org for more information.

8. Contact your Representatives

Elected officials work for the people and need to hear from concerned citizens like you.

9. Run for Office

You can directly contribute to the direction of local politics in your own back yard. From school board to the state house, there are many opportunities to run for office and make a difference.

10. Write a Letter to the Editor

Newspapers print concerns from readers and love to hear about local concerns. Tailor the issue for your community and support local newspapers when possible.

Welcome, Members!

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

New Members

Judy Berzof
Dawn E. Hamilton
Jill Hudson
Denise S. Hook
Leslie Marcellino
David Nicholson
Linda Sewell
Jacqueline Strange
Patricia VanHouten
Valerie Viers
Rosettia Wood

17 New Members Attend League's Annual Luncheon

By **BARB KELTY**

The New Member Luncheon, hosted by the Board and the Membership Committee, drew a record crowd — at least in recent memory at least. That's because this year more than 40 new members joined the League of Women Voters of Louisville!

Held at Lang house on Dec. 3, the number of the board and chairpersons nearly equaled the 17 new members in attendance. We first filled our plates, then President Dee Pregliasco welcomed everyone and spoke of our mission of voter education and voter service. She then gave the floor to chairs and board members for each to give a brief sketch of their work for the League. And finally each new member had a turn to intro-

duce her/himself and to speak of what brought them to League.

Honorees in attendance were new members: Judy Berzof, Sylvia Burns, Gina Kay Calvert, Susan Foley, Catherine Mekus, Sally Rhyne, Maria Schrenger, Suzi Schuhmann, Robert Stenger, Linda Valentine, Randolph Wieck, Rose Wood and Donna Zapata. Leslie Marcellino took home a member packet and joined the next day!

So good news: Able reinforcements have arrived, and we have new possibilities because they are with us! And, lest we forget, happily we live in a democracy where we have a say in how we

are governed. That's why we join together in the League to better inform ourselves and strengthen each our voice.



Seventeen of the League's new members attended the New Member Luncheon last month. Clockwise, from top: Membership Chair Bob Kelty discussed the work of her committee. Above, 17 members and the League's board and committee chairs enjoyed a delicious repast. At left, new member Maria Shrenger discussed her interest in regulating charter schools. Far left, League President Dee Pregliasco welcomed the new members and urged them to become involved in one or more committees.

Photos by Bill Lieshoff

Forum Highlights LWV Lobbying Positions

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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.

"It is important that the State League's positions be recognized and measured against the proposed legislation," Mary Jo Rodgers, first vice president for the League of Women Voters of Louisville. "We want to familiarize our members on the (state) positions, to understand which legislation will affect these positions, to know the priorities set by the League of Women Voters of Kentucky and to become



League of Women Voters of Kentucky Co-Presidents Terry Naydan (above) and Nita Smith

skilled at lobbying."

Issues that are expected to arise in the 30-day legislative session that begins Jan. 3 include bills to introduce so-called "Right to Work" to limit unionization, end prevailing wage on state construction projects and charter schools.

Due to recesses and holidays, the session is not expected to end until March.

You can get a preview of the League's state positions at <https://lwvky.org/about/positions/>. The national League's Public Policy Positions are at <http://lwv.org/content/public-policy-positions>.

Give the Gift of LWV

By IVONNE ROVIRA

You've been a League of Women Voters member and understand how the League has battled for nearly 100 years to register and educate voters — in short to make democracy work!

In honor of that past, would you consider making a gift to guarantee the League's future?

Consider giving a gift membership to your daughter or son, granddaughter or grandson. A student membership costs a mere \$15. Giving a gift membership to a like-minded person exposes that person — be it spouse, daughter or son, friend or colleague — to all that the League of Women Voters has to offer. And it greatly increases the likelihood that the recipient of a gift membership renews the membership next year.

An individual membership costs \$55. Each additional membership in that family is a mere \$25.

So what are you waiting for?

Give the gift of League today.

For those who do wish to give gift memberships, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the League of Women Voters' Education Fund, which will help support voter



If you are willing to help with meal preparation for the monthly Dinner & Democracy meetings, please contact Gail Tucker at gatucker1209@gmail.com.

You could do all or part of the meal. Also, she could use one person to stay about 45 minutes after the meeting for kitchen cleanup.

League Hosts Book Discussions

By PAT MURRELL

Three more brown-bag book discussion are scheduled. All discussion take place at **12:30 p.m. at Lang House.**

The first will be **Wednesday, Jan. 18.** Susan Rostov will lead the discussion of *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen.

Pat Walker will lead the discussion on *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg on **Wednesday, Feb. 15.**

Then on **Wednesday, March 15,** Barb Kelty will lead a discussion of *What Then Must We Do? Straight Talk about the Next American Revolution* by Gar Alperovitz.

Note that, even if your library doesn't carry one of the books discussed at one of the brown-bag book discussions, you can still get it through inter-library loans.



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

Jane LaPin to be Remembered With Park Pavilion

By DEE PREGLIASCO

As a long time member and two-term League President, Jane LaPin continued to support the League even while living at Treyton Oaks.

Her family is committed to honoring their mother, who died in 2006, by raising money to renew the Central Park Pavilion designed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1904. They have created the Jane Durning LaPin Memorial Fund managed by the Community Foundation of Louisville.

Tax deductions can be made to the Fund % Community Foundation of Louisville, 325 W. Main St., Suite 1110, Louisville, KY 40202 or online at <https://cflfund.net/NetCommunity/myfund-pages/donation-page--lapin>.

Benefit LWV Through Amazon

By IVONNE ROVIRA

Any Amazon purchases you make could mean money for the League of Women Voters of Louisville, if you sign up for the Amazon Smile program.

The Amazon Smile program donates 0.5 percent of your eligible purchases (no third-party purchases) to the League when you shop at Amazon. You can use your existing Amazon account at Amazon Smile.

Just go to this URL: smile.amazon.com. On your

first visit, you'll be asked to select a charitable organization to receive donations. Please select the League of Women Voters of Louisville. You only have to designate us once; Amazon Smile will remember your choice.

From then on, instead of going to www.amazon.com, just head to smile.amazon.com instead, and the League will benefit. That's all there is to it!



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Calendar

Monday, Jan. 2, 6 p.m.: LWV
Board meeting. **Lang House.**

Thursday, Jan. 5, 6 p.m.:
Save Our Schools KY, a Frank-
fort-facing grassroots public
education advocacy group, will
host a special screening of the
film *Education Inc.*, a documen-
tary on how money and politics
are changing our schools. **Aero
Club at Bowman Field, 3333
Roger E Schupp St.**

Monday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.:
Meet and Greet with State Leg-
islators. Wine, cheese and hors
d'oeuvres served from 5:30
p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Please in-
vite a friend to come along!
Lang House.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12:30
p.m.:** Book discussion of
Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the
People*. Discussion Leader: Su-
san Rostov. **Lang House.**

Thursday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.:
Speaker: Carol Anderson, au-
thor of *White Rage: The Unspo-
ken Truth of Our Racial Divide*.
Sponsored by sponsored by
Empower West, a group of
black and white pastors who

began meeting weekly following
the Charleston, SC church
shooting. **Crescent Hill Baptist
Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave.**

Monday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.: LWV
Board meeting. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 12:30
p.m.:** Book discussion of
Nancy Isenberg's *White Trash:
The 400-Year Untold History of
Class in America*. Discussion
Leader: Pat Walker. **Lang
House.**

Monday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.:
Dinner & Democracy: 2017
General Assembly Update.
Speakers: Terry Naydan and
Nita Smith, co-presidents of the
League of Women Voters of
Kentucky. Donations accepted
for the dinner. Dinner begins at
5:30 p.m.; program begins at 6
p.m. **Lang House.**

**Wednesday, March 15, 12:30
p.m.:** Book discussion of Gar
Alperovitz's *What Then Must
We Do? Straight Talk about the
Next American Revolution*. Dis-
cussion Leader: Barb Kelty.
Lang House.