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Annual Meeting Will Be June 5 at Bellarmine

By DEE PREGLIASCO

The League of Women Voters of Louisville's Annual Meeting on **June 5** will feature as speaker Michael Skoler, the President and General Manager of Louisville Public Media.

Skoler will address what we can do locally to come together as a community in conversations about our differences.

The meeting will be at **Bellarmino University's Frazier Hall** and begins at **5:30 p.m.** Bellarmine is located at 2001 Newburg Road.

Louisville Public Media is the parent company for Louisville's NPR news affiliate 89.3 WFPL News, the classi-

cal station 90.5 WUOL, the alternative music station 91.9 WFPK and the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting.

This year's recipient of the this year's Citizen Award is Richard Beliles, the longtime chair of Common Cause/Kentucky and a longtime member of the League of Women Voters. Beliles has worked tirelessly for good government through lobbying in Frankfort and using his legal skills to

challenge threats to transparency and accountability.

The cost for this year's Annual Meeting is \$75, with \$25 of the amount counting as a tax-deductible contribution to the League's Education Fund.

At the meeting, the Board will recommend an increase in dues to \$65 for a regular membership and to \$35 for each additional membership in the household. Student memberships will increase from \$15 to \$25.



Skoler



Beliles

State Convention Held at Lang House



New League of Women Voters of Kentucky President Bonnie Lynch is flanked by the outgoing co-presidents Terry Naydan (left) and Nita Smith.

Photo by Bill Lieshoff

By IVONNE ROVIRA

The League of Women Voters of Louisville hosted the League's State Convention at Lang House on April 1.

Thirty-three delegates from Louisville, Lexington and Hopkinsville gathered to determine League policy and strategy for the upcoming year. Additional League members also attended.

Delegates also elected some new officers for **(Cont'd on p. 4)**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Annual Meeting, Bellarmine University's Frazier Hall, June 5
- Women's Equality Day Special Event, Frazier History Museum.. 829 W. Main St., Aug. 26

Your League Needs You!

By DEE PREGLIASCO

We have had amazing Dinner & Democracy programs this year — from our meetings with legislators, State League lobbyists working with the Legislature, Sarah Cunningham's eye-opening talk on Louisville water, the JCPS program on new initiatives (thank you, Verna and Becky) and our housing program. That last program further educated us about Louisville's long history of segregation and redlining, both deterrents to making Louisville the city it



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could be. (Thank you to Vicky Markell for the latter). All our committees are busy and working to grow the League and expand our outreach to others in the community. In addition, of course, Jeanine Ashley and her crew of volunteers make every naturalization ceremony and register voters — yet another example of making our democracy work by creating the next generation of voters and involved citizens.

There are more books to read (and so little time), and the Racial Justice committee is moving ahead with efforts to change ourselves and our community.

We hosted the State League convention! Mary Jo Rodger, George Schuhmann, and Harriette Seiler — with the help of Jane Reiss and the indefatigable Sylvia Lieshoff — pulled off a wonderful event. Deborah Yetter of *The Courier-Journal* helped with her address at the dinner, as did Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, discussed tax reform at the luncheon for the State Convention.

Now we have our Annual Meeting to look forward to on June 5 at Bellarmine University. We are excited to have Michael Skoler, the new President of Louisville Public Media, as our speaker and thrilled to give Richard Beliles our Citizen Award. Make your reservations soon. We want a good turnout

for this important time in the life of the League and to energize ourselves for all the hard work ahead.

The politics of our country is not going to give us time to rest on past or present laurels. Voter suppression is in the wings, and we will have to be extra-vigilant moving forward.

Finally, Pat Murrell says she is retiring, but certainly the League runs more smoothly because of her spirit and commitment. Many thanks to Pat, and, actually, we don't agree that you can retire!

The League of Women

Welcome, Members!

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

New Members

Sue Albright
Ellen Ballard
Rosellyn Hamblen
Tanisha Hickerson
Andrea Kinser
Jane Kinser
Jules Marquart
Mary Lou McDonald
Ann McWilliams
Tim McWilliams
Stephanie Miller
Dennis Neyman
Linda C. Roosevelt
Michele Sacksteder
Tina Ward-Pugh

Needed items

- * A cart with wheels
- * Microphone equipment

Please donate if you can!

Pat Murrell Receives 2 Awards

By MARY JO RODGERS

Past President Pat Murrell has been honored with two awards for her service to the community.

Over 100 people attended the Annual Meeting of the Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc., on May 17 and celebrated the receipt of the Lyman T. Johnson Distinguished Leadership Award to Dr. Pat Murrell, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of Louisville. In the award, Pat was called "an outstanding early childhood development educator and community activist who has served the Louisville community for four decades."

This award recognizes individuals in the community who exemplify an active voluntary commitment to education, civil rights, human and/or community service.

Past recipients include Suzy Post, Wade and Alice Houston, the state Senator Georgia Davis Powers, and the Reverend Louis H. Coleman, Jr.

Pat's career and volunteer contributions to early childhood education, families, and community involvement demonstrate her qualifications as this year's honoree.



League Past President Pat Murrell, second from left, receives the prestigious Lyman T. Johnson Award at the Louisville Central Community Centers' Annual Meeting.

Photo by Dale Tucker

The Lyman T. Johnson Award is named for the civil rights leader who successfully opened the University of Kentucky to African-American students in 1949. Like Murrell, Johnson was an educator, serving as a teacher at Central High School and an administrator at several schools.

Murrell also received an Apple from the Teacher Spot-

light Award from JCTA (the Jefferson County Teachers Association) in March. The award honors someone who is neither a teacher nor a JCPS employee who has supported public education. Murrell was honored for extensive work preparing the League's charter school study.

Help to Build League Membership

By BARB KELTY

Want to help build the League of Women Voter's membership? The best way is to be present in the community.

The Membership Committee would like the League to have a presence at community events and fairs, but we will need volunteers to help staff our "booth."

Please go to the League website and contact Membership or call Barb Kelty or the League office if you can help for a couple of hours at such

events from time to time during the summer.

Also if you have a hand in any of the neighborhood fests and fairs that go on in our metro area, we would love to have your insider knowledge or heads-up on dates and contact people. The more places that the League of Women Voters goes, the more likely we are to find like-minded folks interested in the League's message of helping democracy work.



Louisville Hosts State Convention

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the state League: President Bonnie Lynch, Hopkinsville; Vice President Fran Wagner, Louisville; Vice President for Arrangements and Publicity Donna Blue, Lexington; Treasurer Donna McIntyre, Hopkinsville; Lauren Wallace of Hopkinsville was elected Director for Communications to fill the remaining year vacancy created when Donna Blue was elevated to one of the vice presidencies.

At the meeting, Caroline Self of Hopkinsville urged that the League capitalize on the new interest in people wanting to work for change since the election.

Carolyn said it was unfeasible to travel around the state to fulfill all of the requests for speakers on democracy and good government.

"What we can do is start more leagues," she said, adding that she had gotten calls from six areas in Kentucky wanting to start their own Leagues.

At the meeting, those attending heard from League member and past president, Marsha Weinstein, the national chair for the Women's Trail. She's helping the League prepare for 2020, when both the League of Women Voters and the Nineteenth Amendment, which granted women suffrage, mark their 100th anniversary. (The Women's Trail, like the Bourbon Trail or the national Underground Railroad Trail, will provide a map to areas nationwide that were instrumental to the advancement of women.

As part of this celebration of women's suffrage, the Frazier Museum will be staging an exhibit in 2019 or 2020. There will

also be a documentary and a companion book.

Weinstein would also like to reproduce a suffrage parade. A thousand women marched in a suffrage parade for 1913 inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson — including 75 women on horseback!

"See how much fun that would be?" she said.

Even though women have accomplished so much, Weinstein said, it's important for there to be public displays about their accomplishments. For example, if girls don't see women leaders in public art, "they'll think women didn't do anything," she explained.

Speaking at the dinner on March 31, *Courier-Journal* reporter Deborah Yetter led a lively discussion on "fake news," while the keynote speaker on April was Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy. He discussed different types of tax reform, including how statistics show that income taxes generate more and fairer economic growth than sales taxes.

At right, Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, discusses tax reform during the Convention's luncheon.

Below, the outgoing Treasurer Richard Heine, newly elected Vice President Fran Wagner, member Carolyn Self and newly elected President Bonnie Lynch discuss matters during a break.

Photos by Bill Lieshoff



At right, participants take a break during the day-long State League Convention.

Center right, Terry Naydan and Nita Smith, the state League's outgoing co-presidents, accepted gifts and recognitions for their service.

Center right, new President Bonnie Lynch hails from Hopkinsville.

Bottom left, Marsha Weinstein discusses a map to areas nationwide that were instrumental to the advancement of women, something similar to the Bourbon Trail or the Underground Railroad Trail. Weinstein, past League president, is the national chair for the Women's Trail.

Bottom right, member Pat Murrell and others help themselves to the delicious lunch provided.

Photos by Bill Lieshoff



Cunningham Discusses History of Louisville Water

By JOAN LINDOP

League of Women Voters member Sarah Lynn Cunningham gave a wonderful presentation on the history and status of Louisville's water recently as part of the League's Dinner & Democracy series.

"Those who were not able to attend March's forum missed an extremely informative Dinner & Democracy," said League President Dee Pregliasco.



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Calendar

Wednesday, May 24, 12:30 p.m.:
Book discussion of the many books
of David McCullough. Discussion
Leader: Carla Taylor. **Lang House.**

Wednesday, May 24, 3 p.m.: Ra-
cial Justice Committee meeting.
Lang House.

Monday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.: An-
nual Meeting. Speaker: Michael
Skoler, the president and general
manager of Louisville Public Media.
**Bellarmine University's Frazier
Hall, 2001 Newburg Road.**

Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m.: Voter
registration at the naturalization
ceremony. **County Courthouse.**

Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.:
Money in Politics Committee meet-
ing. **Lang House.**

Wednesday, June 14, 11:30 a.m.:
Education Committee meeting.
Lang House.

Thursday, June 15, 1 p.m.: Mem-
bership Committee meeting. **Lang
House.**

Thursday, June 29, 11 a.m.: Vot-
er registration at the naturalization
ceremony. **County Courthouse.**

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.:
Money in Politics Committee meet-
ing. **Lang House.**

Thursday, June 15, 1 p.m.: Mem-
bership Committee meeting. **Lang
House.**

Wednesday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.:
Education Committee meeting.
Lang House.

Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.: Voter
registration at the naturalization
ceremony. **County Courthouse.**

Monday, Aug. 7, 5:30 p.m.: LWV
Board meeting. **Lang House.**

Saturday, Aug. 26: Women's
Equality Day Special Event, Frazier
History Museum.. 829 W. Main St.