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- **Don't miss the gubernatorial debate, Oct. 25**
- **Call on the Voting Rights Act! See p. 2 for details**

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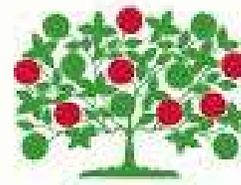
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## LWV Convention Takes on 3 Proposals

By **CINDY HEINE**

League members from across the state gathered at the Kentucky League of Women Voters Convention at the lovely Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, known locally as Shaker town. There, they elected new officers and agreed to explore Kentucky's beleaguered pension systems, civics education and the judiciary on the state and local levels.

Terry Naydan and Nita Smith, both of Lexington, were elected as co-presidents; Bonnie Lynch, Hopkinsville, was elected first vice-president; Steve Senft of Lexington was



SHAKER VILLAGE  
OF PLEASANT HILL

elected second vice-president; and Fran Wagner, Louisville, was elected secretary. They'll serve two-year terms, while Richard Heine, Lexington, will complete the second year of a two-year term as treasurer.

Members agreed to a program that includes a review of the legislative oversight of Kentucky's state-funded pension sys-

tems; follow up on Kentucky's recently adopted social studies frameworks with a focus on civics; and a review of issues related to the judicial system to determine a more targeted approach for future study and/or action.

A panel including Senator Whitney Westerfield, Christian County, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Gretchen Hunt, Staff Attorney with the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, and Bell County Attorney Neil Ward discussed HB 8, the so-called dating violence bill, enacted in the 2015 legislative session.

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LWVKY officers and board members (left to right): Carolyn Self, Hopkinsville; Tammy Fagley, Lexington; Beverly Moore, Louisville; Terry Naydan, Donna Blue, Richard Heine (all of Lexington); Bonnie Lynch, (Hopkinsville; Harriette Seiler, Louisville; Meryl Ward, Bell Co.; Steve Senft, Lexington; Joan Lindop, Louisville; Nita Smith and Cindy Heine (both Lexington). Absent: Fran Wagner, Louisville. Photo by Judy Johnson



# Presidents' Message



Co-presidents, from top to bottom: Terry Naydan and Nita Smith

**By TERRY NAYDAN and NITA SMITH**

We thoroughly enjoyed the Kentucky League's biennial convention at Shakertown this year. With a beautiful location, excellent food and informative, inspiring guest speakers, we couldn't have asked for more! We met League members from across the state whom we had never met before.

Besides electing officers for the new term, we also voted on three proposals and formed committees to act on them:

1. Reviewing oversight of how the state employee pension plans are being managed, with a focus on transparency and good practices;
2. Acting on our Civic

- Education position, including a review of Kentucky's social studies core curriculum and assessment;
3. Recommending that the Kentucky League and each local League review issues concerning their local judicial system. The goal is to determine the scope and direction for a more targeted approach to the issue of jails and money.

Also, the LWVUS's convention voted on two important studies: Money in Politics, and Amending the Constitution. ( See p. 5.)

With election season approaching, the Kentucky League will be participating as co-sponsors in a debates for governor

(Oct. 25) and lieutenant governor (Sept. 23). Cindy Heine will be in charge of coordinating the League's participation. She may call upon you for assistance at the debate/forums.

As you can see, the Kentucky board has ambitious plans for the Kentucky League, and we hope you'll join a committee, attend one of our debates, and encourage your friends and neighbors to vote during this important election. We need all members to be as active as they can.

We look forward to a wonderful and productive year for the Kentucky League, thanks to our magnificent members.

# Restoring the Voting Rights Act



Two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a key part of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), leading to a full-frontal attack on the voting rights of American citizens. Despite public outcry since the Supreme Court's decision, Congress has ignored widespread voter discrimina-

tion and the will of the American people. Every day that Congress fails to repair the VRA, Americans are in danger of increased barriers at the polls. Tell Congress to Stand with the American People and Restore the VRA!

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## KDE Seeks Feedback on Revised Standards

By **CINDY HEINE**

The Kentucky Department of Education is again seeking feedback on proposed Social Studies Standards. Following is a message from Commissioner Terry Holliday:

*As a result of previous feedback collected through December 2014, storylines preceding each grade level page of standards and 30% (52) of the proposed standards were revised to better capture the vision and outcomes for each grade level. Though this set of standards has met the criteria called for by Senate Bill 1 (2009) and has involved Kentucky educators throughout the drafting and revision process, it is time to seek additional feedback to inform next drafts/steps in the process of adoption into Kentucky's required Academic Standards.*

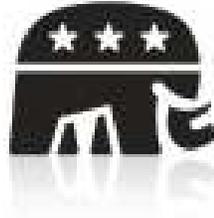
*Through Wednesday, Sept. 30, all who are interested are invited to review the proposed standards in social studies and share feedback and suggestions that may be used to refine them prior to final consideration for adoption.*

To see the proposed Social Studies standards and to provide feedback on the draft Social Studies Standards, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kyss2015>. You can compare the proposed standards with previous Kentucky Core Academic Standards at [http://govplan.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?](http://govplan.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8064b2a2d58656c22d58083d&id=bedd696650&e=5ba90899)

## LWV Hosts Debates for Governor, Lt. Governor

By **IVONNE ROVIRA**

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky will host a gubernatorial candidate forum in conjunction with Eastern Kentucky University and CBS affiliates WKYT-TV of Lexington and WLKY-TV of Louisville. In addition, the League will also host the debate between the candidates for lieutenant governor.



The debate between gubernatorial candidates will be Sunday, **Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m. (EST) at EKU's Center for the Arts in Richmond.** It will be aired live over many CBS stations. The event will be free and open

to the public, but tickets will be required. League members may request tickets at [KentuckyLWV@gmail.com](mailto:KentuckyLWV@gmail.com).

The debate for the lieutenant governor's race will be **Wednesday evening, Sept. 23.** The debate will be at Midway University in Midway, Ky. With this

debate, the League will be working with WKYT-TV of Lexington and WLKY-TV of Louisville., the same CBS affiliates as in the gubernatorial debate.

At this time, candidates have just confirmed so other details are in the planning stages. Details soon!

[u=8064b2a2d58656c22d58083d&id=bedd696650&e=5ba90899](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kyss2015) | e. Also, check out for comparison, the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework, widely recognized as excellent, Direct questions on the process to Karen Kidwell at [karen.kidwell@education.ky.gov](mailto:karen.kidwell@education.ky.gov).

Please take time to review the standards, and in particular those related to civics education, and comment. You may want to review LWV's position statement on Civics Education, adopted in December 2013, found on our web page under Civics Education Study and Position: <http://lwvky.org/about/civics-education-study/>

## Convention Hears from Several Experts

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They shared the extent of domestic violence in Kentucky and the need for expanding emergency protective orders. Senator Westfield described the bipartisan work on the bill over several sessions, resulting in support from both chambers.

Members also heard from Melissa Currence, former co-chair of the national LWV Young People Task Force. As a young member from Cincinnati, Currence shared trends related to the interests and needs of younger people as League members seek to engage younger members in their work.



## State Fair Hosts Equality Day Event

By **IVONNE ROVIRA**

In honor of Women's Equality Day, the 95th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment,

which granted women the right to vote, will be celebrated at a special event. Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Crit Luellen, who will speak on the importance of women in public service, is but one of the speakers at this free event at the Kentucky State Fair on **Wednesday**,

**Aug. 26, at 5:30 p.m.**

The venue is Toyota Motor Manufacturing Blue Ribbon Stage, **South Wing B Lobby**.

Also featured will be Eleanor Jordan, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women, and Jennifer Frazier, Kentucky State law librarian. Jordan will provide an overview on the Kentucky Commission on Women's current initiatives.

The event will also draw attention to new documentaries. One, produced by Jordan, is

*Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women*, which explores the many Kentucky women who paved the way toward suffrage and fought for equality. The other, *Raising Ms. President*, by Kiley Lane Parker, explores the reasons women are under-represented in government and politics. Parker will also be at the event.

The event is part of a larger Kentucky State Project, "The Power of WE," which celebrates the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.



## LWV to Study Money in Politics

In preparation for the Money in Politics (MIP) study later this year, you will want to read information now available on the LWVUS web site. The MIP paper on Independent Expenditures is now posted on the Money in Politics page.

MIP: Independent Expenditures describes

the history of independent expenditures and the evolution of regulations addressing them. It also examines recent trends in this type of spending and why it matters.

A second link is also posted to the e-book *The New Soft Money* by Daniel P. Tokaji & Renata E. B. Strause. This book



documents the effect of the new soft money on federal elections by interviewing those directly involved with the system.

# New Deadline for Constitutional Amend. Study

By **CINDY HEINE**

At its post-Council 2015 meeting, the League of Women Voters of Kentucky Board approved the Constitutional Amendment study questions so that Leagues can begin to meet and discuss this all-important issue. LWWUS will be asking for the results of your consensus meetings by Dec. 1.

The consensus questions are accompanied by short PRO and CON statements that will help League members consider their responses. Educational materials can be found at the Constitutional Amendment Study

page and others will be posted in the coming weeks. This will be an interesting, exciting and important way to kick off fall activities for the League!

Members, please plan on attending your League's meetings on this important issue. To read background materials that will better prepare you to contribute to the discussions, the Constitutional Amendment Study resource materials can be found at <http://forum.lww.org/member-resources/article/constitutional-amendment-consensus->

**questions** The consensus questions are abridged below; however, the parts are available in full, including the PRO and Con statements, at the LWWUS website, as indicated.



## Questions for Constitutional Amendment Study

### **Part I - Considerations for Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals**

1. What should or should not be a consideration in identifying an appropriate and well-crafted amendment?

### **Part II - Aspects of a Constitutional Convention**

2. What conditions should or should not be in place for an Article V Constitutional Convention initiated by the states?
3. Should the League oppose an Article V Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution because of unresolved questions about

the powers and processes of such a convention?

### **Part III - Balancing Questions**

4. Should the League consider supporting a Constitutional amendment that will advance a League position even if:
  - a. There are significant problems with the actual amendment as proposed?
  - b. It is being put forward by a procedural process the League would otherwise oppose?



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## Calendar

**Aug. 20-30:** Magna Carta commemoration, "From the 'Powers That Be' to the Power of WE" at the **Kentucky State Fair**, Louisville.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m.:** Women's Equality Day special event celebrating the 95th anniversary of women's suffrage at the **Kentucky State Fair, South Wing Lobby**, Louisville. Speaking: Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Crit Luellen; Eleanor Jordan, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women; and Jennifer Frazier, Kentucky State Law Librarian. Free.

**Saturday, Sept. 12:** LWVKY Board Meeting; **Elizabethtown**

**Monday, Oct. 5:** Last day to register to vote.

**Wednesday, Sept 23:** Lieutenant Governor Candidate Debate/Forum. **Time: TBA**

**Sunday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.:** Gubernatorial Candidate Debate, **Eastern Kentucky University's Center for the Arts, Richmond.**