# LEAGUE LINES

A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley
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**January/February 2016**

## Calendar of Events

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<td>January 28</td>
<td>General Meeting Program Planning</td>
<td>Mercy Community Education Center Room 2</td>
<td>6-7:30 PM</td>
<td>Soup Supper All LWVUV members please come.</td>
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<td>First Tuesday Talk Time</td>
<td>428 Chadwick Roseburg</td>
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<td>February 22</td>
<td>Day at the Legislature</td>
<td>Salem</td>
<td>Look for updates to come at lwvor.org.</td>
<td>Carpooling options.</td>
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<td>February 23</td>
<td>Public Meeting Are We Crazy About Our Kids?</td>
<td>Ford Rm. DC Library Roseburg</td>
<td>7-8:30 PM</td>
<td>Supporting early learning for local children.</td>
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<td>March 8</td>
<td>Dialogic Reading Training Early Teaching Project</td>
<td>UCAN Martha Young Family Service Center Conference Rm. 280 Kenneth Ford Dr. Roseburg</td>
<td>10-11:30</td>
<td>Learn a fun and easy way to teach preschool children using picture books.</td>
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March 10 | Great Schools, Great Communities | Ford Room DC Library | 6-8:30 PM | Everyone come.
March 15 | Dialogic Reading Training | UCAN same as above | 6:30-8:00 PM | For those who can’t attend the first session.

President’s Message
Are You Feeling Heard?

Are you feeling heard? In 1863, at Gettysburg, when President Lincoln spoke of government, “…of the people, by the people, for the people…” his implication, if not the reality, was that “the people” meant everyone. Yet the question of how the people will be heard is flummoxing us still.

Have you felt heard in regard to your thoughts on local park management, the LNG pipeline, gun violence prevention, local public health services (to name a few high-profile issues) lately? We all live busy lives and finding time to compose our thoughts and direct them to where they might make a difference is not always easy to do.

This month the national League wants to hear from members about changes we’d like to see regarding money in politics. It’s also seeking our input on which national LWV positions need to be reviewed or updated. We’ll consider and decide what our priority issues are as a local League and plan our local actions accordingly. You can make your voice heard on this subject by attending our annual Program Planning meeting. We’ll even serve you supper!

With a practical action inspired by the state League’s Children at Risk study, our league wants to be heard on the importance of early brain development and opportunities available to our youngest citizens. We’re launching our Early Teaching Project by holding an informational event and following that with training sessions to help more people be early and effective teachers in children’s lives.

In order to be heard, somebody has to be listening. Really listening. In a bold effort, LWVUV wants to initiate a culture of listening in our community, promoting opportunities for civil conversation and genuine efforts to reach solutions that everyone can feel a part of. We know that divisions exist in our community, and that ways of seeing the world are diverse, but we think there might be some common ground on which we all can stand. LWVUV is planning a Listening Tour, inviting members from a wide variety of community groups to gather for conversation with folks they may not have spoken with before. We’ll be collecting the people’s thoughts with the ultimate goal of helping them to be more widely heard.

Sixty by 2016 and Seventy by Summer!
Of course, elections are another way the people get heard, and LWVUV will be doing all it can to make sure voters are registered and able to vote. We’ll hold candidate forums where your concerns can be heard by those who seek to represent you. We’ll try to learn how they plan to make it easier for the voices of the people to be heard on an on-going basis, at the front-end of the process, when making decisions with consequences for the people’s lives.

Need a new resolution at this point in the year? Maybe we should all resolve to listen deeply and make our voices heard widely.

For details of the many ways that U can participate in LWVUV, please see our calendar in this newsletter, check our website lwuv.wordpress.com, or email or call me at Jennifer.carloni@gmail.com or 541-672-1914.

Jenny Carloni
HIGH SCHOOL AND EVENT VOTER REGISTRATION

Jean Galleher has volunteered to coordinate our voter registration drive in the high schools and at local events this year. She will need League volunteers to help with this project. Give her a call or e-mail her that you would be available to volunteer for a 2 hour shift (541-459-2189 – dcjean45@gmail.com).

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Two Early Childhood Education Opportunities

Please spread the word to all parents or caregivers of 3/4 and or 4/5 year olds planning to attend and living in a Roseburg school attendance area that the Roseburg school district will hold a series of three classes for the parents or caregivers called Ready for Kindergarten.

These fun-filled evenings will be taught by kindergarten teachers. Adults will learn what children need to know to be successful in kindergarten, and how they can help to prepare them. Free childcare, materials, toys, and dinner will be provided.

Classes will be held Feb. 11, Mar. 10, & Apr. 14 from 6-7:30 PM. To register call 541-440-4005. Classes will be held at Eastwood, Fir Grove, Fullerton IV, Green, *Hucrest, *Melrose, Sunnyslope, or Winchester. (*4/5 year old classes will not be offered at Hucrest or Melrose.)

Early Teaching Project
The League of Women Voters Umpqua Valley is initiating the Early Teaching Project and partnering with UCAN to help spread a technique for sharing books with toddlers.

The technique, Dialogic Reading, can also be called talking and books. The goal is to expand the vocabulary of young children using picture books, by commenting, questioning and responding in ways that encourage more advanced speech.

We are seeking volunteers to learn the Dialogic Reading technique and teach it to other groups in our community. We’ll lead you through. See the calendar for notice of our Feb. 23 kick-off event and two training sessions, one daytime and one evening, scheduled for March.

In Memory

The League would like to acknowledge the passing of two of our former members, Nancy Kendall Francis and Cynthia Shepard. Our thoughts are with their families and friends at this sad time.
1/16/16 by Robin Wisdom rwisdom@jeffnet.org

Great Schools for All Oregonians!

A “Great Schools, Great Communities” forum is coming your way soon. The League of Women Voters of Umqua Valley and the Great Schools’ team have scheduled a forum in Roseburg at the Douglas County Library Ford Room on Mar. 10 from 6PM to 8:30PM. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information.

The approx. two-hour long “Community Café” forum, loosely based on The World Café model, will open a conversation about how we would like to envision our schools, and how to get there. Great Schools, Great Communities informs and advocates for increased funding for education in general, focusing on K through 12 but also community colleges. We point out the current and past tax and education issues, and what is now possible for increasing funding, but we do not advocate for any one position, ballot measure, legislation, or solution.

Two facilitators from the Oregon Center for Public Policy, Juan Carlos Ordóñez, Communications Director, and Tyler Mac Innis, Policy Analyst, will guide us through an informative presentation and small-group break outs. The goal is to educate and ask Oregonians their solutions to our funding crisis in education. We will go over the possibilities and ask you for your ideas.

This is a forum for everyone who cares about the status of education, especially those with children or grandchildren in school now, students, and League members. We also encourage inviting members of other organizations to attend or people you know who are interested. There will be room for about 50 participants at the library.

Keep an eye open for more news on this subject. You will be hearing more about this in February, and you will have a chance to reserve a spot. Here’s our web page for now: http://voteoregon.org/issues/great-schools/. A new web page is a work in progress. For more information call Robin Wisdom, project coordinator, at 541-672-6982 or email her at rwisdom@jeffnet

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Yes! I want to join the League! □ as a new member □ as a renewing member

I am enclosing:

___ $60 for Individual Membership
___ $85 for two Household Members
___ $30 for Student or Limited Income Member
___ $____ Contribution to LWVUV budget (not tax-deductible)
___ $____ Total to LWVUV (not tax deductible)
___ $____ Contribution to LWVOR (tax deductible; requires separate check to LWVOR)
   (LWVUV can use these funds for educational projects or Per-Member-Payment to LWVUS)

Please mail your check(s) and form to Treasurer Robin Wisdom, 1260 Arcadia Drive, Roseburg OR 97471

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