

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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Calendar Spring 2017

Tuesday April 18	7-8:30 PM	Ford Room DC Library	1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Roseburg	Charles Young UCC Professor Electoral College
April 21	Friday	Capitol Building	900 Court St NE Salem	Day at the Legislature
May 5-7	Friday afternoon- Sunday morning	Holiday Inn	25425 SW 95 th Ave, Wilsonville	LWVOR Convention
May 16	5:30-8:00	Roseburg Country Club	5051 Garden Valley Rd.	Dinner and Annual Meeting



President's Message

I think there is a saying, be it a blessing or a curse, that goes something like, "May you live in interesting times". Well, I think it's pretty clear that we are doing just that. The political intrigue at the federal level gets more convoluted every day, and our local county government can seem equally baffling, when contemplating a future without libraries or museums. This tumult has brought more people into the political arena, as awareness and concern lead to a desire to take action. Marches, letters to the editor, and outreach to members of Congress are evidence that the public cares, and wants a say in, the policies being made.

In politically chaotic times it can be somewhat reassuring to occasionally tune out the political world and get back to the natural one. That's what I was privileged to do over the recent Spring Break. I accompanied my husband and his students on a ten-day trip to the Baja Peninsula. We were treated warmly by all the Mexicans we met, but the Mexican scientists were the most remarkable of all. Marine biologists, paleontologists, botanists, and geologists all shared their passions for their specific projects and efforts to save the ecosystems that are fundamental to the continuing generations of life on Earth. They spoke of collaborative efforts they are involved in, working sometimes with scientists from countries all over the world and in some cases mobilizing local citizens to take action to protect their local environments.

We searched the tide pools for amazing creatures in unique niches. We patted a baby gray whale joyously barrel-rolling, making eye contact and seeking our touch. We studied ancient cave paintings depicting humans and animals in intriguing rock wall compositions located far off the beaten path even in ancient times. We marveled at the adaptations that allow plants to thrive in hot, dry and salty conditions. We gazed at California Condors, sunning themselves on rock outcroppings high up in a remote protected reserve.

There is an order and predictability to the natural world, a logical cause and effect in most cases. Scientists are generally orderly, logical and patient as they go about the work of understanding what is or what has been. They are not in the business of imposing a new anthropomorphic order and expecting nature to comply with our changes.

In the midst of these "interesting times" let's do what we can to effect positive change, moving forward together while keeping ourselves grounded in the ongoing, steady rhythms of our one shared planet.

In League,

Jenny Carloni



State Convention

The League of Women Voters of Oregon will hold their convention in Wilsonville this May 5 - 7, 2017 at the Holiday Inn. A special rate for rooms will be held for participants until April 13. If you wish to attend you should contact the hotel directly at 503-682-5598 to make your own reservation.

The convention allows three people from our local League to be voting delegates, and any number to be observers which are non-voting participants. The second call will soon be sent to members with the details about this event.

The event starts on Friday with a *Willamette Falls Legacy Project* presentation. There will be a no host dine-around, some caucus meetings, and a session about Parliamentary Procedure.

The business session 1 will be on Saturday, all day, and session 2 on Sunday morning. The business will include budgets, program, officers, elected, program items, and other business as needed.

Saturday luncheon will feature LWVUS board member Amy Hjerstedt, who previously lived in Portland and now resides in Virginia. Keynote speaker for the banquet on Saturday will be Rick Shenkman, an author from Seattle. One of his books will be offered for sale, 'Political Animals - How Our Stone Age Brain Gets in the Way of Smart Politics'. His speech will be titled: The Mysterious Voter: How They Make Up Their Minds.

Workshops will be offered about MLD, Membership-Leadership-Development. Also there will be a workshop about Civil Discourse.

This is an exciting time for League. Politics is so dramatic and unpredictable these days. Many voters are looking for affiliation with groups to participate in these changes. The League can be such a group, to work together within our community and speak with one voice for fairness and democratic principles.

Sally McKain

Oregon Membership 2017-2018

No.	League Name	Primary	Addl	Student	Life	Total Members
1	LWV of Portland	220	33	2	16	271
2	LWV of Lane County	147	15	3	10	175
3	LWV of Corvallis	107	25	1	7	140
4	LWV of Clackamas County	59	12	0	9	80
5	LWV of Marion & Polk Co.	65	9	0	4	78
6	LWV of Rogue Valley	67	4	0	3	74
7	LWV of Umpqua Valley	48	13	0	3	64
8	LWV of Deschutes County	36	9	0	4	49
9	LWV of Oregon (statewide MALs)	31	8	0	0	39
10	LWV of Coos County	28	4	0	0	32
11	LWV of Lincoln County	17	1	0	3	21
12	LWV of Curry County	18	0	0	0	18
13	LWV of Klamath County	12	0	0	0	12

The table above is sorted by size of the League. The Linn Benton MAL and Umatilla MAL (Members-At-Large) numbers are included in the LWV of Oregon Members at Large group. The Umpqua League is right in the middle. I corrected the membership figures for the Umpqua League in the above table I received, which we will have to correct with national, but our numbers are correct according to our Membership Chair, Sally McKain.

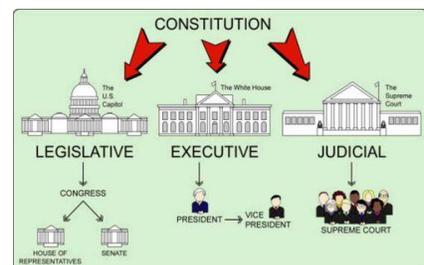
Robin Wisdom

Civics Literacy

The committee is exploring ways to improve knowledge of civics among the adult population throughout Douglas County.

As a brand new committee we are still in the process of brainstorming ideas about how to achieve our goals. We welcome input from everyone. Anyone interested in joining may contact me at patsherman45@gmail.com

Pat Sherman



Garden Tour 2017

The 2017 garden tour is set to go! It will be the third Saturday in June this year, rather than the second. (June 17, from 10AM to 5PM)

The tour is to the north and east of Roseburg: two in Sutherlin, and three gardens right on the North Umpqua River off of North Bank Road. Among the gardeners is a Dahlia expert whose garden will take you back in time with his garden statues and formal brick paths. Not to be missed is the garden at the original home of Annie *Sutherlin* Waite. The owners plan to include a tour of their restored home as well!

As always, we feature local artists and musicians at each of the gardens, and highlight local eateries on the garden tour route, to make this a true community event. (2 new restaurants in Sutherlin - yum!)

Tickets are \$15 and go on sale May 15 at While Away Books, Hanson Jewelers, My Coffee, Umpqua Sweets & Treats in Roseburg, Ruff Day Lattes! in Sutherlin, and Munchies in Glide.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We always need League members to sit at Garden host tables. Shifts are from 10 - 1 and from 1 - 5. The first shift picks up their supplies at a designated location, and the second shift returns their supplies to same. Please contact either Jenny Carloni or Nancy Farris if you would like to participate! All volunteers receive a free ticket for the garden tour.

Nancy Farris

FYI

**Health Care
for ALL Oregon**

Douglas County activists participated in the February 25th Roseburg Health Care March and Rally. HCAO and Common Ground also held a local rally on April 1st. Rick Staggenborg, MD spoke at the Umpqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation Adult Education program on Wednesday, April 5th. His speech was titled Health Care as a Human Right.

There will be a statewide HCAO rally in Salem on Thursday April 20th. HCAO leaders will be providing testimony to the State Health Care Committee on SB 631(Single Payer Health Care System) and the RAND report (the health care financing study funded by the State Legislature). There will also be a rally at noon in front of the Capital and HCAO volunteers will be meeting with their legislators on that day as well.

For more information on all of these items check out the HCAO website (hcao.org). For more information about HCAO Douglas County check out our Facebook page or contact me directly.

Jean Galleher
Member, LWVUV
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Early Teaching Project

Q: How can you help a preschool-age child?

A: Use Dialogic Reading

Q: Why?

A: To help develop the child's vocabulary

Q: What materials do you need?

A: A children's picture book

Q: Where can you do this?

A: Just about anywhere

Q: What do you do?

Remember the acronym **CAR**.

As you sit with the child and look at a picture book follow the child's lead and.....

Comment and wait. (at least 5 seconds)

Ask a question and wait.

Respond by adding a little more. Go to (LWVUV@wordpress.org)
Click on Projects and You and Me Reading to see videos and more information.



LWVUV Board Members 2016-2017

President: Jenny Carloni

Vice President: Bentley Gilbert

Secretary: Julee Wright

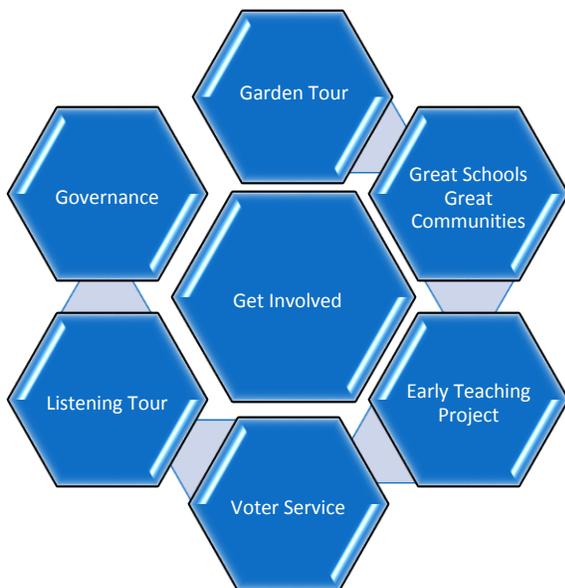
Treasurer: Robin Wisdom

Membership: Sally McKain

Garden Tour: Nancy Farris

Member at Large: Tina Arredondo

Member at Large: Sandra Huffstutter



Yes! I want to join the League __, as a renewing member __ as a new member.

I am enclosing:

___ \$60 for Individual Membership

___ \$90 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
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