

# LEAGUE LINES



**Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley**  
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## Calendar Winter/Spring 2017

Tuesday January 24	7-8:30 PM	Ford Room DC Library	1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Roseburg	Program Planning
Thursday February 9	7-9 PM	Huffstutter's Residence	700 Cross Creek Rd Roseburg	Consensus Mtg. Election Methods
Thursday February 23	7-9 PM	Huffstutter's Residence	700 Cross Creek Rd Roseburg	Consensus Mtg. Post-Secondary Education
Tuesday March 21	7-8:30 PM	Ford Room DC Library	1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Roseburg	TBA
Tuesday April 18	7-8:30 PM	Ford Room DC Library	1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Roseburg	TBA



## President's Message

Following the November election, our League let out a big sigh and held a “soiree” at Jasmine’s. About forty LWVUV members and friends got together to share a nice meal and great company. It was a cozy evening and I thank everyone who turned out to make it special.

Our League was very active with election-related activities this fall. We held forums and we came out in support of Ballot Measure 10-145, the library taxing district measure. Though disappointed by its defeat, some of our members are still working with other community members to help find an alternative way to save our libraries.

With the new year will come new challenges and new opportunities. We think it’s important for people with differing viewpoints to come together to listen and engage in respectful dialogue. We know that other community members feel the same way, and we intend that our Listening Project will be part of that process, whatever form it takes.

Our Early Teaching Project will continue to reach out to groups we can train to use the dialogic reading technique that we call “You and Me Reading”. It’s never too early to start teaching youngsters to think and engage with language and books.

Our League will be holding three general meetings in January and February. In January, we’ll hold our annual Program Planning meeting. We will consider LWVOR’s existing program of positions and also decide what the focus of our local league will be in the coming year. Bring your ideas and energy with you! Bring a friend who is curious about League too!

In February, we have two state study updates with sets of consensus questions to discuss. One deals with Election Methods and the other with Post-Secondary (aka Higher) Education in Oregon. The study materials are all available online at [lwvor.org](http://lwvor.org) and will be sent to members in hard copy as well. See the schedule for our meeting dates and locations.

Curious about League’s consensus process? This description of consensus comes from the Corvallis LWV. “Consensus is mutual agreement of League members arrived at through discussion, not a vote. During discussion, members have an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue is examined from all sides. Consensus questions, created by the study committee and approved by the Board, provide structure for the meeting. Members discuss the pros and cons until it becomes apparent that consensus has or has not been reached on

each question. A committee then analyzes the consensus responses, looks for areas of member understanding and agreement and, using this information, creates a position statement, and forwards it to the Board.”

Why is it important for LWVOR to have updated positions on election methods and Post-Secondary Education in Oregon? The recent presidential election is a case in which the outcome did not necessarily reflect the choice of a majority of voters. Perhaps the use of an alternative such as a “ranked choice” voting method would have honored the choice of the majority better than our current plurality voting method. A ballot measure allowing ranked choice voting passed in Benton County, Oregon in November. When LWVOR’s position is officially updated, LWVOR may be able to support alternative voting methods in Oregon. If you’ve read the LWVOR study, you know that voting methods are analyzed for their likelihood of resulting in a “sincere” outcome, and being understandable to voters.

In 2011, Oregon adopted its 40-40-20 goal for education. It aspires to achieve, by 2025, a state population in which 40% attain a bachelor’s degree or higher, 40% achieve an associate’s degree, technical degree or certificate, and the remaining 20% have a high school diploma. LWVOR’s Post-Secondary Education study educates us about changes in the world of higher education and asks us to consider how the system can support students in an equitable way.

In our own League, we still need members for our nominating committee. This is a short term commitment. You’ll be working with Board member Julee Wright to finalize our slate of officers for election at our annual meeting in May. Please let me know if you can do this.

There’s plenty to hope for, and work toward in 2017.

In League,  
Jenny Carloni

## Share News and Post Information on Health Care Reform

Linda Mahan (LWV Larimer County, CO) and Linda Hawkins (LWV St. Tammany, LA) have started a Google Group ([lwwus4healthreform@gmail.com](mailto:lwwus4healthreform@gmail.com)). The purpose of this group is for League members across the country to share news and post information about health care reform.



The group began this fall and Linda Hawkins has termed it a League "work in progress". The group is for communication among League members only. Individuals will be required to sign their post with their name, the League that they belong to, and if they hold a position within the League. Interested LWVOR members should e-mail either Linda Mahan

([lmahan@alum.bu.edu](mailto:lmahan@alum.bu.edu)) or Linda Hawkins ([abitahawk@gmail.com](mailto:abitahawk@gmail.com)) with a request to join. Provide them with your name, the League that you belong to, and your e-mail address.

The bi-monthly HCR4US conference calls will also continue. These calls are also open to any League member interested in the topic of health care reform. To be added to the conference call list, e-mail either Jean Hopkins, LWV Champlain Valley, VT ([seaheidi@earthlink.net](mailto:seaheidi@earthlink.net)) or Linda Mahan, LWV, Larimer County, CO ([lmahan@alum.bu.edu](mailto:lmahan@alum.bu.edu)). There are currently over 45 League members from 17 States that are on the call list. The next conference call will be on Sunday, January 22nd, at 4:00p.m. PT.

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## 2017 Garden Tour Fundraiser

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!**

June of 2017 is our year to be on the north side of things, and so far we have two fabulous gardens lined up for the tour. One is near Sable Drive off of North Bank Road, and the other is in Sutherlin. The distance between the two is 13 miles.

We like to keep the tour within a radius of 20 - 25 miles. I am asking you all to send me suggestions of possible gardens to add to these two. We have visited 4 other gardens in that area, but none of those worked out.

Gardeners need time to prepare. We are running out of time.

*Spoiler alert:* One of the gardens is at the home of the late Annie Sutherlin Waite. The town was named after her father. In addition to the truly spectacular gardens at that site, the current owners will be opening their home for a tour as well!

Any ideas, please call or text Nancy Farris: 541 643 8113 (or any board member) or email: [nfarris73@hotmail.com](mailto:nfarris73@hotmail.com)

Nancy Farris  
LWVUV Garden Tour Chair



**Book Review: *The Gift of Caring: Saving Our Parents from the Perils of Modern Healthcare* by Marcy Cottrell Houle, MS and Elizabeth Eckstrom, MD, MPH**

might be considered a guidebook to the journey we're all taking into aging ourselves and caring for aging loved ones along the way. Through her father's decline due to Alzheimer's and then her mother's various health struggles, Marcy spent about 14 years as a caregiver. A biologist by training, she asked a lot of questions and kept a lot of notes. In this book we learn from both her experiences and the professional insights of Dr. Eckstrom, who is a director of geriatrics at OHSU. With tips for aging well, the book raises awareness of things to watch out for, and includes a list of medications (called the Beers List) that should not be (but often are) prescribed for older people. There's also the observation that our country will need more geriatricians who have the special knowledge and demeanor needed to care for our aging population in the years ahead. Well-written, cautionary but humorous at times, I think you'll find it a worthwhile read.

Jenny Carloni



“The **nominating committee** is charged with the important responsibility of identifying future League leaders. It is the task of the committee to promote service on the board as something that

not only enhances the organization but also provides a chance for members to serve the organization—and experience personal growth.” (From League Basics 2009)

**Please email [juleewright48@gmail.com](mailto:juleewright48@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve on this committee. It is a short term commitment!**

**LWVUV Board Members 2016-2017**

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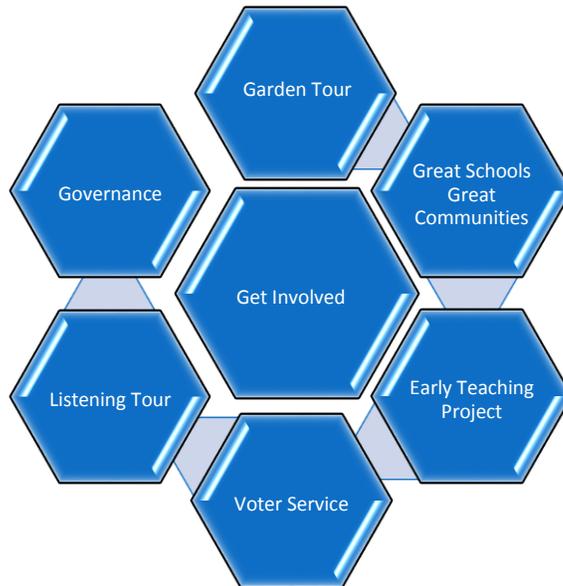
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Member at Large: Sandra Huffstutter



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