

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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SPRING 2018

Tuesday April 17	7-8:30 p.m.	Umpqua Valley Arts Center Gallery Room	1624 Harvard Roseburg 97471	DC Board of Commissioners' Candidate Forum
May 4,5,6		Gold Beach		LWVOR Council
Tuesday May 15	5:30 p.m.	Roseburg Country Club	5051 Garden Valley Rd. Roseburg 97471	LWVUV Annual Meeting and Dinner

President's Message



Spring has arrived, and signs of new growth are everywhere! Transition and change is ongoing. Here in Douglas County, two of the seats on the Board of Commissioners are being contested, with five candidates in the race for Position 2 (currently held by Tim Freeman) and four candidates seeking Position 3 (currently held by Chris Boice). Our League will host a Candidate Forum on **Tuesday, April 17**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center in Roseburg. This is a change from our plan to show a movie about healthcare which we now plan to do in the fall. Please mark your calendar, think of questions you'd like to ask the candidates, and spread the word. If you'd like to help put on the forum, just let me know.

Also, please "Save the Date" **Tuesday, May 15** for our LWVUV Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Country Club. Like last year, we'll have dinner and cheesecake. We'll need a quorum to conduct official business like adopting a budget and electing board members. We are fortunate that Julee Wright has agreed to stand for re-election as Secretary. Julee does triple duty, also editing this newsletter and providing tasty refreshments at our public meetings. Sally, Robin, and Jenny are midway through their terms as Membership Chair, Treasurer, and President respectively.

We are seeking more at-large board members, specifically folks who have an interest in coordinating Voter Service activities or doing publicity for our events. If you are adept with social media, please share notices of League events with your friends. Outreach to younger folks is especially needed and appreciated. If you have another idea for a niche you can fill with our League, please contact me about it. We'd like to continue to grow and change for the better as we strive to inform voters and make democracy work for us all, germinating some new League leadership along the way. Enjoy the spring blossoms!

In League,
Jenny Carloni

LWVOR Council 2018

Your state League, LWVOR, alternates each year between a Council meeting and a Convention. This year LWVOR is holding a Council on May 4, 5, and 6 in Gold Beach sponsored by the LWV Curry County.

This year's Council theme is "Watershed Moments". Bill Bradbury former Secretary of State is the keynote speaker that has been confirmed. He will speak about climate change.

We will also vote on new state board members, changes to bylaws, and network with other League members from all over Oregon. There are also interesting workshops being planned.

If you would like to attend, let your board know. You could possibly be reimbursed for your travel and overnight stay, depending on how many people want to attend. We have set aside funds in our budget for this purpose.

Robin Wisdom

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

Things to consider before signing an initiative petition

Is it TOO COMPLEX? - Some decisions may be simple yes or no votes. Other decisions will affect many areas of government. Make sure you understand the implications and consequences if this petition becomes law.

Is it CLEAR? Some proposals aren't well-written. They may have conflicts requiring court interpretations or resolutions.

Does it BELONG in the Constitution? Is it a fundamental law that should be protected? Changes or mistakes would require another (costly) election to amend the Oregon Constitution.

Is it an "unfunded mandate?" Would the Legislature need to pull funds from other essential programs? Initiatives should generally not earmark, restrict, or obligate specific General Fund revenue percentages.

Before you sign, ask to see ID. Paid gatherers must carry photo ID issued by the Secretary of State. State law requires them to show ID to certain officials, but not to voters. If they don't, voters can reasonably wonder why. Numerous instances of fraud could have been avoided by insisting on seeing ID. If fraud is found, your information could help.

From LWV Lane County Newsletter

Phoenix School – Career Fair Day

Pat Sherman, Robin Wisdom, Jenny Carloni, and Anna Willman met with one of Phoenix Schools' group advisors, DJ, six students, and Nicole, Phoenix's AmeriCorps person, on Mar. 20.

The main event we discussed is their Career Fair that will be held on April 12th from 8am to 2:25pm at the school.

Classrooms of students will visit rooms that will each have a different focus, i.e., political, how to dress for job seeking and employment, and possibly a League room, or



we might share space with others. Pat will be a presenter about her life's journey in becoming political.

There will be 15 to 22 minute sessions at each classroom. Our group may have a room for teaching others how to register people to vote and perhaps show them OLIS online if WIFI is available. There will be a tech person there.

If you would like to be involved with this delightful crew and great opportunity to connect with our youth, let us know. We will be figuring details in the near future.

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Community Café #MeToo

LWVUV held a general meeting on March 20 in response to #MeToo and women's stories of sexual misconduct. After much discussion in a "World Café" type of round table, small-group discussions, we are interested in developing something more community-related. Members are now researching and talking about potential future conversations, letters to the editor, and more.



Robin Wisdom

LWVUV 2017-2018 Board

President: Jenny Carloni

Secretary: Julee Wright

Treasurer: Robin Wisdom

Membership: Sally McKain

Garden Tour: Nancy Farris

Member at Large: Tina Arredondo

Member at Large: Sandra Huffstutter

GARDEN TOUR



~ LWVUV's Fund Raiser~
Saturday, June 16, 2018
10AM to 5PM

Five gardens and one home tour within 6 miles of each other in the Garden Valley area.

~ Local artists and musicians ~

Explore a fairy garden, xeriscaping, roses, Asian miniatures, water features, a solar greenhouse, and a plush multi-layered vegetable garden.

TICKETS ON SALE MAY 1 in time for Mother's Day gifts!

Tickets \$15

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED.

1. "Table Hosts" work a half day shift of 3 1/2 hours.
2. "Poster Posse" Deliver posters to predetermined locations.

Get involved in making our major fundraiser a success!

Call:

Connie Page, our volunteer coordinator @ 907-888-0460

(League dues are collected in the fall and are due in January. This form appears in every newsletter.)

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)

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