

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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**Spring 2019
Calendar of Events**



April 23	Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.	Hard Rock Mining Study	Roseburg Public Library South Umpqua Room	Consensus Meeting
April 29	Monday	Day at the Legislature	Salem	Details below
May 14	Tuesday 5:30-7:30	Annual Meeting	Roseburg Country Club	Speaker: Jacob Lebel
May 17-19	Friday-Sunday	State Convention	Ashland	Details below
June 15	Saturday	Garden Tour	Roseburg	

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER (and enjoy each other's company)



Hard Rock Mining Study Consensus Meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Public Library

This will be an opportunity to discuss the issue, and formulate our responses to the questions. If you find the whole study too daunting, just read the Executive Summary. Try reading the consensus questions first, to help you focus your purpose for reading. Our input will be combined with that from other Leagues around the state as LWVOR produces a position statement on the subject. The

position will allow advocacy that could influence important environmental legislation and decisions in the future.

All LWVUV members should have received a comb-bound hard-copy of the study in the U.S. mail. If you did not, and you want one, please call the LWVOR office at 503-581-5722.

Electronic versions of the study, Executive Summary, and set of five Consensus Questions were emailed to you. You don't have to answer the questions ahead of time, but do consider them. Sometimes it's the discussion that helps you form your thoughts, as we strive for consensus.

Monday, April 29, LWVOR Day at the Legislature. Learn about climate legislation, revenue, campaign finance reform, redistricting, and more. Speakers include Kristen Sheeran, Energy and Climate Change Policy Advisor to Governor Brown, Senators Tim Knopp and Jeff Golden, Representatives Dan Rayfield and Carla Piluso. We are carpooling to Salem and have room for more. Contact Jenny soon.

LWVUV Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Country Club. Come and hear from Jacob Lebel, one of our own local "Climate Kids", now grown up, who is challenging the U.S. government in court for the right to inherit a livable planet. This evening will also include our annual business meeting, where we'll elect a slate of officers and board members for the 2019-2021 term. We need you there! Dinner choices will be chicken or a vegetarian pasta dish, with cheesecake for dessert. The cost is \$20 per person, but we don't want the cost to deter anyone. Scholarships are available. Just let Jenny know if you'd like one.

LWVOR Convention, Friday- Sunday, May 17-19, Ashland Springs Hotel, Ashland, Oregon. LWVUV is allowed three voting delegates to this convention, and additional members may attend all or part of the event as "Observers". Convention is a great place to meet other League members from around the state and learn more about how League works. Dominick Dellasala of the Geos Institute will be the keynote speaker on Saturday evening, and his topic will be climate science. If you have an interest in attending, let Jenny know.

Jenny Carloni



President's Message, April 2019

I hope that spring finds you with a hopeful outlook and not too much repair work to do following the challenges Mother Nature has been sending our way.

Up in Salem, the Legislature is well into its session, and a lot is going on. You have received, and possibly taken action based on, the Action Alerts from your LWVOR Action Team. Their priorities this year were four-fold. Address climate change, increase revenue, advocate for anti-poverty programs and healthcare reforms, and protect democracy. That's no small bite at the apple! I am grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Closer to home, we've been doing what we can to inform the voting public. We held three candidate events in the fall, two redistricting forums and some other events. Please note that there is a **Special District election** coming up. Ballots will be mailed out in early May and are due May 21. If you know someone who needs to register, the deadline is April 30. The Special District election includes candidates for many important volunteer positions that make our community work. There are contested seats for the UCC Board, the Douglas County Transportation District, Douglas County Fire District #2, and many school district boards to name only a few. Many thanks to Sally McKain for entering contact information for all 216 Douglas County candidates into the VOTE411 database. LWVOR is making this resource available around the state as much as possible. It is a work in progress. Go to vote411.org to see how it is coming along. We hope to spread awareness of this resource.

We do not currently have plans to hold a candidate forum for these Special District candidates. **If we held one, would you come?** Which races are of most interest to you? Please drop me an email and tell me what you think.

As we approach our **Annual Meeting**, to be held **Tuesday, May 14**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Roseburg Country Club, please **SAVE THE DATE** and plan to join us for a lovely evening. We are pleased that our featured speaker will be Jacob Lebel, who is part of the lawsuit being

brought by Our Children's Trust against the U.S. government. Visit their website at ourchildrenstrust.org for more information.

I want to thank our intrepid Nominating Committee, Pat Sherman, Tina Arredondo, and Robin Wisdom. They did a terrific job of reaching out to you, and we are happy to have several new board members on our own slate of candidates. I am excited about our opportunities to have an impact for voters in the next two-year term. We welcome the infusion of new energy into our board as we move forward into the League's exciting 100th Anniversary Year and beyond.

In League,

Jenny Carloni

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2019 Annual Garden Tour



The 2019 LWVUV Annual Garden Tour will be on Saturday June 15th. If you are interested in volunteering this year please call *Connie Page at 907-888-0460 or email her at rkreofsky@gmail.com*. We are looking for garden sitters and poster posse volunteers. Connie will also be calling members in the next month to see who may be willing and available. Thank you for considering this fun opportunity. Please mark the date on your calendar.



The LWVOR Legislative Action Team prioritized four key areas for the 2019 session:

- **ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE** by supporting Clean Energy Jobs legislation to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions fast enough to avoid serious damage to the global climate ecosystem. The League has been at the forefront of national efforts to protect air, land and water resources. The League’s position is to “Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment” with a focus on demanding pollution prevention.
- **INCREASE REVENUE** because the State of Oregon has insufficient income to support its current responsibilities in education, human services, environment, criminal justice, elections, and health care without significant tax changes resulting in stable increases in Oregon’s revenue. LWV believes tax policy should provide adequate and stable funding for essential services while promoting equity and progressivity. Any tax proposal should be evaluated with regard to its effect on the entire tax structure and the tax system should recognize responsibility for government services by broadly sharing the tax burden.
- **ADVOCATE FOR ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE REFORMS** to help low-income people move toward financial stability and assure Oregonians have access to adequate and affordable health care. This session we will advocate for: adequate Medicaid funding, increased housing to address rising homelessness, help for working families, paid family leave and additional gun safety. The League has a long-standing national position on meeting basic human needs, which promotes self-sufficiency for individuals and families and invests in social programs designed to prevent or reduce poverty.
- **PROTECT DEMOCRACY** with gerrymander-free redistricting, small donor elections, secure and efficient election processing, from candidate filing to voting hardware using contemporary technology, and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The League has been guided by its core principles, including the cherished belief that every citizen’s voting rights should be protected.

Jenny Carloni

2019 State Convention Theme

“A Beacon of Democracy for 99 Years”

Please join us in fabulous Ashland for a splendid Convention and the chance to get together to discuss the issues. There’s lots to do in Ashland so come early and stay late! Second Call to Convention came out April 7. Reserve your rooms early to get the group rate.

You can reserve your rooms now – Call the Ashland Springs Hotel to reserve at 541-488-1700 or toll-free at 888-795-4545. All Convention-related events will be at the Ashland Springs Hotel. Rooms are available at both the Ashland Springs Hotel and the Ashland Hills Hotel (2 miles from the Ashland Springs Hotel).

Convention 2019

Ashland Springs Hotel

May 17 – 19, 2019

We are very excited about this as southern Oregon scientist [Dominick Dellasala](#) will be our keynote speaker for Saturday night. The League host is LWV Rogue Valley, and the convention theme is “A Beacon of Democracy for 99 Years”. Come for fun, great speakers, informative workshops, and networking.

Hope to see you there!

Contact [Jenny Carloni](#) regarding registration options.

Prepare to Celebrate in 2020



February 14, 2020 is the day the national League of Women Voters will be one hundred years strong! A state committee has been planning an event where we will revel in our accomplishments of the past one hundred years and look forward to the next one hundred.

Put this date on your calendar – March 7, 2020. That’s the day we will meet at the Salem Convention Center to mark the century. A luncheon is being planned and women leaders are being sought to present. Please plan on joining us. Our representatives will be at Convention and more information will be available.

Contact [Robin Wisdom](#) for more information at 541-672-6982 or email her at rwisdom@jeffnet.org.

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