

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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Fall 2019 Events



9-20-19	Friday Noon – 1PM	Roseburg Climate Strike	Fred Meyer on the street in front	National Climate Strike
9-24-19	Tuesday 6-8 p.m.	Fall Kick-Off Event	Backside Brewery 1640 NE Odell	National Voter Registration Day!
10-1-19	Tuesday 12-1 p.m.	First Tuesday Talk Time	428 SE Chadwick	See President's Letter



President's Message

Greetings LWWUV Members –

Ahh, it's hard to let go of summer! But fall brings with it opportunities for reflection, refocusing, and planning special events.

2020 will mark 100 years of women's suffrage in the U.S! Century Celebrations are being planned. This is a chance to party in honor of the hardworking women, and men, who diligently kept up the effort to secure what seems like an obvious civil right to us today. The state League is hosting a special event in Salem on March 7, 2020. Save the date!

Our local League wants to do something special here, too. Do you enjoy planning special events? Want to help? We want to put together a Century Celebration Committee.

We are still unsure about what measures or candidates will show up on our ballots this fall and spring, but we do want voters to be registered and ready. In Oregon, sixteen year-olds can now pre-register, and vote-by-mail will be even easier when prepaid postage is included. We have convenient voting with a paper trail. The puzzling question is why don't all states do it our way?

Our League plans to be at the Umpqua Farmer's Market, and other sites, assisting folks with voter registration. We will also provide information about the U.S. Census. Can you spare a few hours on a Saturday morning to sit at our table along with another member? Do you have ideas for other places we can register voters?

We plan to hold First Tuesday Talk Times again, starting **October 1, from 12:00-1:00**. This is a casual hour of discussion. We talk about local issues, books we are reading, all kinds of things. Bring your lunch if you'd like and we'll provide beverages and snacks. We'll be meeting at 428 SE Chadwick, in a space graciously offered by Dr. Marcia Hall.

Finally, this is the time of year we ask you to **renew your League membership**. Your dues go to help make good things happen at the national, state and local levels. In national news you hear about many of the important issues LWWUS is addressing in the "Making Democracy Work" campaign. Gerrymandering, campaign finance reform,

and voter suppression are just a few. I hope you enjoy the updates you get from LWVUS president Chris Carson and LWVOR president Becky Gladstone, who both want to keep you informed. You can find a lot of information at their websites, linked to ours at lwwv.wordpress.com.

We face deadlines to get the dues in, so sooner is better. We are setting a deadline of **November 15**. Please plan to pay your dues by then. You'll be receiving a letter and return envelope in the mail.

We look forward to seeing you at our fall kick-off event at **Backside Brewery, Tuesday, September 24, 6-8 p.m.** That's National Voter Registration Day, and we'll be in solidarity with lots of active citizens working to help voters have their say! And while you're there, you can play ping pong, toss beanbags and sign up to help with local League activities. See you soon!

In League,

Jenny Carloni



Four Local Leagues of Women Voters from Coos Bay to Malin and LWVOR Call for State and Federal Agencies to Deny Permits to Jordan Cove Energy Project

Shirley Weathers, LWVRV Climate Change Coordinator and Christine Moffitt, LWVCC Board

At the 2018 Convention of the LWVUS, grass-roots membership from around the nation approved a Resolution: "The League of Women Voters supports a set of climate assessment criteria that . . . require that the latest climate science be used to evaluate proposed energy policies and *major projects*" The Resolution hits home for the four local Leagues in southern Oregon counties that, along with their communities, have faced for over a decade the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project (JCEP). Canadian Pembina Corporation seeks to build the two-part JCEP, consisting of a 530-acre liquefied natural gas storage and export facility known as the Jordan Cove LNG project on Coos Bay and a 230-mile 36" Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline to supply it from a hub in Malin, Oregon. Proponents see jobs (mostly temporary) and tax revenues as benefits; Pembina spares no expense on high-dollar promotional efforts. Opponents, including the four local Leagues and the LWVOR, see unacceptable negative impacts on the natural environment from air to water to aquatic and wildlife, as well as serious safety risks. Build a massive LNG

storage and export facility hosting 950-foot tankers traveling in and out of the bay in the Cascadia Subduction and tsunami zone? This activity near the largest population center on the Oregon coast—an important fishing port and tourist center with many schools and regional health centers? Allow a foreign corporation to bury a highly pressurized natural gas pipeline across 230 miles of drought-stressed, heavily timbered and landslide-prone terrain, while exercising eminent domain against hundreds of private landowners for right-of-way takings? Install a massive new, methane-emitting fossil fuel infrastructure in Oregon—or anywhere—with a climate emergency already upon us?

Based on our understanding of the potential impacts of this proposed project and an ample list of League positions, the local LWVs of Coos County, Umpqua, Rogue Valley, and Klamath County have determined that this project is contrary to the public interest. We have exerted extensive efforts to stop it through regulatory advocacy. This means submitting well-researched, substantive technical comments to effect denial of key state and federal permits JCEP needs to move forward to construction. We will not drag you “into the weeds” with us. Our local websites, as well as that of the LWVOR, have our four major comments posted for anyone interested. More are on the way. We also act individually in our own local communities, sponsoring presentations for our members and the public, testifying at public hearings, supporting comment writing workshops hosted by allied groups, and encouraging League members to write.

This joint action by the four local Leagues, taken in solidarity with other community members and organizations and Tribes, is a step in the long journey to stop this harmful project. We thank the LWVOR for their support and welcome the participation of local Leagues and Leaguers statewide.

Celebrate 2020!

Help celebrate a Century of Accomplishment by recommending those you would honor by an invitation or award!

Recognizing these two historical moments and their significance, as well as honoring those who made them possible, the LWVOR Century Celebration Committee has arranged a **jubilee luncheon celebration on March 7, 2020 at the Salem Convention Center.**

The Celebration committee requests that we, local League members, choose several living members of our League to receive one or all of the items below. Email your nominations and invitation list to Sarah Andrews (s.andrews@lwwor.org) in the LWVOR office. You'll also see a similar request in the LWVOR's *Voter* newsletter.

☞ "Distinguished Service Award 1995 to Present": Who in our League would you say should receive this award? Several can be nominated. The nominees will be listed in the luncheon program and honored at the event. They do not have to be League members. Short bios are needed.

☞ "Carrie Chapman Catt Award": Please nominate hard working, pivotal local League members for the singular "Carrie Chapman Catt Award". Provide names and contact information, and again, tell the committee why, and include a short bio that will be printed in the event program and honored at the event. Only one person will receive this award.

☞ Invitations to the event: Email us contact names and addresses of nonmembers, coalitions, businesses, and others from your area who may be interested in attending this special event.

☞ For the event's slideshow, there's still time to send in photos of your League's past century events. If you have not already, please email them to Debbie Runciman (runciman@onlinemac.com) and Jane Gigler (jg@efficientfrontier.com), or ask them for advice.



Mark your calendars with the League's Century Celebration on March 7, 2020! Tables will be available for purchase as well as individual seats. Check our web page periodically for updates: <http://lwwor.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-league/> and look for *Voter* articles that come out quarterly.

The Committee asks that we get our information to them **by Jan. 10, 2020.** For more information, contact Robin Wisdom, Committee Chair, phone 541-672-6982, or email: rwisdom@jeffnet.org.



The U.S government uses data from the census, conducted every ten years, to determine congressional representation and guide the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funding to states and communities.

The League of Women Voters is one group in our area who is helping to educate citizens about the importance of a complete count.

Also - The government is now hiring census workers, at \$14.50-\$16.00 per hour. Taking a job with the census will not jeopardize other government benefits the worker is receiving. Perhaps you know someone who'd be interested. For more information or help applying call 1-855-562-2020. Find more census information online at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

Gardens of Delight



A big, blooming THANK YOU to Nancy Farris and our Garden Tour Committee extraordinaire! Nancy, Connie Page, Peppi Melick, Susan Uravich, George & Virginia Roth pictured here, and Robin Wisdom who put in many hours of planning and publicity. Many other folks gave their time as greeters. We appreciate you all. The 2019 tour last June brought in over \$3,000 to help our local League carry



on its work. Fantastic gardens are already lined up for the 2020 and 2021 LWWUV Garden Tours. We can hardly wait!

Volunteer Opportunity

NEW LWWOR study, [Pesticides and Other Biocides in Oregon](#), is recruiting volunteers and committee members. Volunteers will learn about the diverse pesticides and other biocides used to control unwanted pests. This study will allow the LWWOR to develop detailed positions on the use of pesticides and other biocides, and will help us prepare better testimony. All levels of expertise and all different perspectives are necessary for a successful study. Please contact a.nestler@lwwor.org to learn more and volunteer!

IRS Application

We sent our application to the IRS to convert to a 501(c) (3) on August 5. Currently we are classified as a 501(c) (4). A few days ago we heard back from the IRS saying they have received our application and will be back in touch with us in 90 to 180 days. If there's no problem with the application, we should hear back in about 90 days.

Save the Date

Sept. 24th

6-8 p.m.



Let's get together on **National Voter Registration Day**, Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m., to socialize and renew our League energy fueled by **free pizza and no-host beverages**. Join us at **Backside Brewery**, 1640 NE Odell Ave, Roseburg, and **bring a friend!** We'll talk voter registration and Century Celebrations, and have some fun!

LWVUV Board Members

President: Jenny Carloni

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Member at Large: Jo Van Krevelen

Member at Large & Nom. Com: Pat Sherman

Member at Large: Joe Yetter

Nominating Committee: Tina Arredondo

Join Us! Participate in democracy and be informed! We welcome new friends!



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

I am enclosing:

- ___ \$0 for Student Membership
- ___ \$60 for Individual Membership
- ___ \$90 for two Household Members
- ___ \$30 for Living Lightly 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)

This form will also be mailed to you with a return address envelope. Please return by Nov. 15.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail check(s) and form to LWVUV, PO Box 2434, Roseburg OR 97470
For more information,
Contact President Jenny Carloni, 541-672-1914, jennifer.carloni@gmail.com or
Treasurer Robin Wisdom, 541-672-6982, rwisdom@jeffnet.org

Optional: Fill out the section below & return it with the membership form above.

What are your strengths? _____

What are your interests? _____

Some examples of ways to be involved are:

Voter Service – register and inform voters _____

Governance – attend public meetings as Observer Corps _____

Social Policy – educate about issues, government policy and citizen action _____

Set up/take down for events _____

Other way(s) you want to help: _____

Best way to reach you: _____

Thank You!