

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5	First Tuesday Talk Time	11:50 -1:00	Zoom Virtual Mtg.	See President's Message
May 12	Annual Mtg.	2:45 – 4:30	Zoom Virtual Mtg.	See President's Message
May 19	Primary Election		Mail in Ballot	Register by April 28

Due to COVID19, the League is using the Zoom app to connect with members. We have had one virtual board meeting and will be holding First Tuesday Talk Time and the Annual Meeting using Zoom. Please see the President's message for more information on using this new way of meeting together.

LWVUV CENTURY CELEBRATION 2020



Thank you to LWV Umpqua Valley members who came to Salem to celebrate the League's 100th birthday on March 7th. You made this such a special and memorable occasion. Two hundred thirty-six members and guests attended the LWVOR Century Celebration 2020.

Since then, the organizing committee has received wonderful comments about the enthusiastic and warm panel, the wonderful moderator, welcoming hosts, distinguished honorees and guests, and the delicious luncheon served by a very nice Salem Convention Center staff.

We extend our appreciation and sincere admiration for the honorees and our two top award winners. Marilyn Reeves (LWV Portland) received the Carrie Chapman Catt award, only the second time this award was bestowed in Oregon League history. Likewise, Norma Jean Germond (LWV Clackamas County) was honored as the Distinguished Service award recipient. Both women have worked tirelessly for years for the benefit of Oregonians.

Our local League honorees were League members whose service stands out. They were Lorrie Agost-Caley, Lois Allen, Alice Lackey, Betty Mack, Libby Mizell, Anne Nicholas, Beverly Paulson, Jacie Pratt, Robin Wisdom, and Marilyn Woodrich, a founding member of LWVUV. We were allowed only 10 nominees, so there are others of you out there who also deserve many thanks for years of service. We sincerely thank each of you.

To recap the event, the moderator was the esteemed former Governor Barbara Roberts, and panelists were Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Commissioner of Labor and Industries Val Hoyle, Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters, and Metro Council President Lynn Peterson. They were all energetic and inspiring, and grateful to the League.



There's a link on the home page of lwvor.org and you can watch the video shown at the event. Also see:

- <http://lwvor.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-league/>
- On the state League website under Member Resources there are two PowerPoint presentations that could be used to celebrate our 100th Anniversary -- <http://lwvor.org/member-resources/>

Robin Wisdom



Greetings LWVUV Members –

I hope you are all healthy and safe at home, with your basic needs being met. Unfortunate as it is, this pandemic is forcing us to look at our democracy with new eyes and explore ways to make it work better for all.

The League of Women Voters, at all levels, is working to ensure that all eligible voters are able to cast their ballots. Our two Oregon senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, are working with others to institute National Vote by Mail, which makes sense to those of us who've been voting this way for years!

Along with everyone else, the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley has had to cancel plans and embrace new ways of communicating. We recently held a board meeting using Zoom videoconferencing, and we plan to conduct our **Annual Meeting using Zoom** as well. You will still receive a paper program in the mail (USPS) ahead of time. It will contain copies of our Nominating Committee Report presenting the slate of officers and board members standing for election, our proposed budget for the 2020-2021 League year, and proposed changes to our Bylaws, among other things. The Bylaws changes are becoming a necessity for many organizations that want the option to conduct business electronically now and in the future.

Please read the program and plan to have it by your side on **Tuesday, May 12, at 2:45** as we begin virtually convening for our **Annual Meeting**. You'll note that we've set the meeting time at 3:00. (Since we can't offer you dinner, we thought you might appreciate an earlier meeting.) In the morning on May 12, Robin Wisdom will send you an email containing the link to the Zoom meeting. As it sometimes takes a while to get everyone into the meeting and ready to go, Robin will start things at 2:45, so you can join in between then and 3:00. We are happy that **Kris Wiley, Roseburg Public Library Director**, has agreed to be our featured speaker on Zoom. She will commence speaking at 3:15. Then we will conduct meeting business. We will likely be done by 4:30 at the latest.

Please note that we are still in need of two Nominating Committee members for 2020-2021. This is just a one-year commitment, with the work commencing around January of 2021. You may nominate yourself, "from the floor" on Zoom.

Personally, I have participated in four Zoom meetings in the last two weeks, having never done such before. They all took a while to get going but went smoothly after that. If you are uncertain about using Zoom, or just anxious to connect with fellow LWVUV members, you may

join us for **First Tuesday Talk Time on May 5 at noon using Zoom**. Robin Wisdom will send you a link that morning. You can join us for an informal chat and practice using the technology. There are various Zoom tutorials online that may help you as well.

If you do not choose to join the Zoom meeting, you may call in (541-672-1914) or email (jennifer.carloni@gmail.com) your votes on the board nominations, bylaw changes, and budget adoption for 2020-2021 no later than **May 12, 2020 by noon**.

As we approach the Primary Election of May 19, please note that the LWVOR will have an online Voters' Guide (at lwvor.org) and the Vote411.org website up and running. These are great resources to inform voters. Please help advertise them to your networks!

In League -

Jenny Carloni

GARDEN TOUR UPDATE



The Board of Directors met April 10 and decided to cancel this year's garden tour due to the unforeseen developments of the COVID19 pandemic.

I have contacted each of the five 2020 gardeners, as well as the local restaurants who were included on the tour's route. All have agreed to come back next year to participate! I'm particularly

glad, as these gardens are absolutely fabulous!

I want to thank those of you who volunteered to help with the tour this year and welcome you to come back next year!

Please stay safe this summer as we shelter in place to ward off the spread of this insidious virus.

Nancy Farris, Garden Tour Chair



I would like to send a note of gratitude to all the folks that signed up to help with the 2020 Garden Tour! Even though the tour will not be happening this year, I appreciate your willingness. I also hope that you will consider putting your name on the list for next year.

As you know, the Annual UVLWV Garden Tour is our group's largest fund raiser so you might consider donating the \$15 ticket amount to our league as a show of support for all the effort that was put into the tour before it was cancelled.

I appreciate you and look forward to working with you on the tour next year. Enjoy your spring and the new lessons we are all learning along this new path we are on.

Connie Page, Garden Tour Garden Host and Poster Posse Volunteer Coordinator.

SUFFRAGE PRESENTATIONS

LWVUV was invited by the Lions Club and by the Quilters Guild to do a talk about the history of the woman suffrage movement. Luckily, the research and the images needed to develop a PowerPoint presentation were at hand. With a bit of embellishment, the presentation was based on the library display. The programs were well received. It is a good thing for the community at large to see the LWV offering a variety of programs.

Speaking of the library display, it will be up at Roseburg Public Library until summer. And although the library is closed for now (but you can place books on hold and pick them up on Thursdays), the lobby is open. Sutherlin Library is eager to exhibit the display during the summer. Arrangements for exhibiting the display after summer are being considered.

Planning for additional centennial celebration events are on hold for the time being.

Pat Sherman

501c3 & Website News!

We are a tax-deductible nonprofit organization as of Mar. 1, 2020. The IRS has granted us a new status as a 501(c)(3). We were a 501(c)(4) since 1989.

The new designation doesn't change much for us as a League. We will still submit a 990-N online each year to the IRS (very simple). Now that we are a 501(c)(3), we must track all expenses related to lobbying. This includes direct lobbying, which cannot exceed 20% of our annual expenses, and grassroots lobbying, which cannot exceed 5% over a four-year period. We have never even come close to those amounts. Please see our web page for more information (<https://lwwuv.org/about/about-lobbying-vs-advocacy-and-education/>) or the IRS.

The great part of this new designation is that our membership dues and all donations to LWVUV are now tax-deductible. Remember to include these amounts when you file your federal and state taxes.

And we now have a 'Donate' button on our new Wordpress website (<https://lwwuv.org>). We bumped up to a paid version of Wordpress to get rid of advertisements and have more options. We're paying \$96 a year for this new site which is very much like our old site. We're updating the new site, so please have patience with the webmaster. You can also let us know what you think, give us ideas to improve the site, contribute blog posts about what you think is important, and relate any other ideas you have. Please email us at info@lwwuv.org (which is forwarded to lwwuv.info@gmail.com – you can use either address to contact us.)

Robin Wisdom, Webmaster

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