

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley
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Calendar of Events

Due to COVID19, the League is using the Zoom app to connect with members. Links to each Zoom meeting will be emailed to members on the day before the meeting.



April 29	LWVOR People Powered Day of Action	7:00 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.
May 10-16	State League Convention	Various Times	Zoom Virtual Mtg.
May 13	Board Meeting	11:00 AM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.
	Garden Tour Committee Mtg	1:00 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.
May 18	LWVUV Annual Meeting	3:00 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg.



With Zoom, we persist. *Pictured: Donna Cohen, Robin Wisdom, Jenny Carloni.*

President's Message, April 2021

Greetings LWWUV Members,

Spring is upon us, and in some ways, things are looking up! I think we are all hopeful that vaccines and continued responsible behavior will allow us to enjoy a summer and fall that seem more like old times. I hope this finds you safe, healthy, and looking forward to the new, sort-of normal.

There is a lot that needs to be done as our country works to reimagine and rebuild in ways that work better for everyone in the future. There are many great ideas and real opportunities for recovery and improvement. I am impressed by the work that LWWOR's Action Team continues to do in the state legislature, following bills and providing testimony that aligns with League positions. At the national level, LWWUS is taking bold positions on civil rights issues and supporting increased access to the ballot and programs that will help everyone recover and thrive in a post-COVID world.

This year, your local League has tried to bring you some interesting programs through the wizardry of Zoom. I hope you were able to join in. There is no end to what a person can learn through the internet these days, so we know we have stiff competition for your time. We do hope you will join us virtually again for this year's **LWWUV Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 18. Please start joining in starting at 2:45. The meeting will commence at 3:00 PM.** It will probably take about one hour. We do need a quorum to conduct important business, including the election of a new president. You will receive more detailed information by email, and by USPS, in advance of the meeting. Please **Save the Date!**

Please note that we are still in need of two Nominating Committee members for 2021-2022. This is just a one-year commitment, with the work commencing around January of 2022. You may nominate yourself, "from the floor" on Zoom. If you decide you want to join our board, you may do that, too.

The convenience of meeting online is something that our League board, and many other groups I'm sure, will continue in the future. But we are hopeful that other opportunities to gather in person will arise, and we are starting with our Spring Garden Tour 2021 on June 12. Since this is an outdoor event, we think it can take place safely. Nancy Farris and her crew have been hard at work to make this tour, our major annual fundraiser, grow again! Revenue from the Garden Tour, your dues, and generous donations, are what has made it possible for us to pay for the online workshops we've offered you this year.

As we approach the Primary Election of May 18, please note that the Vote411.org website will be up and running. This is a great resource to inform voters. Many thanks to Joe Yetter, our League member who gathered candidate contact information this time around. That's a huge job! Once again, we plan to advertise this Vote411.org service on the radio and in the newspaper. Please help us spread the word!

I have enjoyed serving as LWWUV president, but it is time for a change. We are fortunate that Robin Wisdom wants to take the lead next. It will be a smooth transition, as Robin already does so much.

In League –
Jenny Carloni



2021 GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 12th from 10 AM to 5 PM,

We are excited to bring a long-awaited social activity to the people of Douglas County! After a year of COVID restrictions, this will be an offering of community, sharing, and socializing with local artists and musicians in each garden. It will be COVID-safe with special LWVUV masks worn by our volunteers and paper masks offered to our guests along with hand sanitizer at each host table.



Tickets will be on sale beginning May 11th for \$15 at our 5 ticket outlets:

While Away Books, Umpqua Sweets & Treats, My Coffee,
Central Feed & Supply in Sutherlin, ATOM Coffee & Bistro in Glide

OR purchase tickets through **PayPal** for \$16 from May 11th through June 3rd.

(Visit LWVUV.org for instructions)

OR tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at Garden A at 29 Country Hill Dr., Roseburg. Tell your friends! Buy a ticket as a Father's Day gift! Be sure to come! Each garden has a spectacular view!

We have had a great response from League members to be volunteers at host tables. A grateful **THANK YOU** to each of you! The following members have signed up:

Bentley Gilbert	Beverly Paulson	JoAnn Despain	Donna Prchal
Elaine Teague	Lisa Sabol	Joe Yetter	Alice Lackey
Julee Wright	Kim-Wilbur	Jenny & Ken Carloni	Sherry Couron

A handful of friends of the League have also volunteered to share time at our tables!

Another group of volunteers we are grateful for are the numerous local artists and musicians who will spend their day in a garden. Go to <https://lwwuv.org/garden-tours/garden-tour-2021/> to find a list of participants. A violinist, clarinetist, guitarist, accordion player, and painters, potters, and jewelers are among the many!

Umpqua Sweets & Treats will be serving coffee and sweets at Garden C, 422 Winter Creek Ln.

The League will once again be selling Pocket Constitutions for \$1 and LWV Coffee Mugs for \$5 at Garden E, 1779 NW Riverview Dr.

Submitted by Nancy Farris, Garden Tour Chair

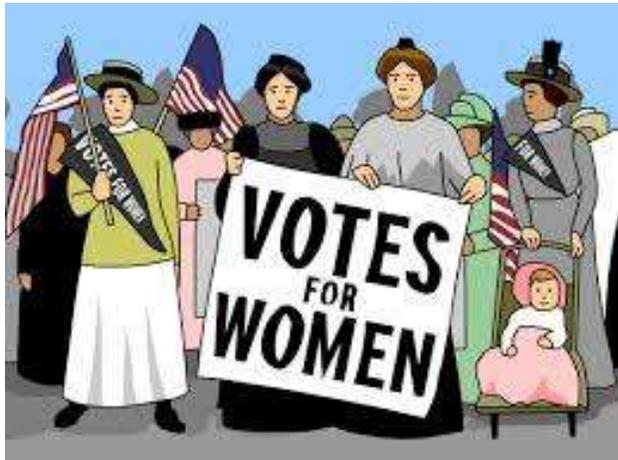
Celebrating Women's Suffrage Musical

An update on our project with Jason Heald and his musical "*Frontier Family Feud – Abigail Scott Duniway and Harvey Scott*" may be characterized as 'slow but sure!' It reminds me of the hare and tortoise story.

There have been many setbacks on the journey to achieve a video version of the musical and surprisingly not all include Covid19. The most recent video version created additional dialogue around characters, costumes, set decor, and editing.

As you may recall, the long-term plan, post Covid19 restrictions, is to bring this project as a live performance to schools. Until then, a video of the performance is in production. Along with educational materials, it can be disseminated at no cost to schools in Douglas County and possibly beyond.

We have secured funding from The Ford Family Foundation to assist with costs associated with getting this project off the ground and into our local schools.



Jason has enlisted another videographer and editor, and a new costume is currently being made for Abigail's character to name a few exciting changes.

We are closer to the finish line than ever before and look forward to hosting an event to showcase the final production.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to LWVUV member Sherry Couron at couron121@msn.com or mobile 541-315-0048.



Be an Observer at the LWVOR Convention

The online state (LWVOR) convention will be held May 10-16 with two to four events per day. Caucuses will be May 10, 11, and 12. As this will be a virtual event, there are no registration fees. All League members in Oregon are encouraged to register as observers as soon as the convention information comes to us from LWVOR.

Would you like to attend virtually? Contact Jenny Carloni, jennifer.carloni@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Misinformation and Constitution Workshops

LWVUV contracted with Donna Cohen, MLIS [Master of Library and Information Studies], M.Ed., to present her online workshop “Misinformation, Fake News, and Political Propaganda” on Oct. 27, 2020. It was fascinating. Donna is a wealth of information. Here are links to even more information on her website regarding misinformation – <https://bit.ly/3rNrlX7> & <https://bit.ly/3sL6jJT>.

In 2021, LWVUV hosted two online workshops with Donna Cohen, on Feb. 4 and Mar. 15 entitled “The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy’s Promise?” The first one was so interesting and popular that we scheduled a second one.

Here are links to additional information online: <https://bit.ly/3umqoa1>, and a writing by Benjamin Franklin: <https://bit.ly/3sL8fID>, and <https://bit.ly/2PVsBtR>.

Check out Donna’s website: <https://www.civictinker.info>. She lists new workshops, some of which anyone can register to attend: <https://www.civictinker.info/schedule>.

The LWVUV board of directors hopes you were able to take in one or more of these events.



Contact Us!

Here is a variety of ways to contact your LWVUV board of directors and see what’s going on in your local League and around the state. Let us know what’s on your mind. We are always happy to hear from you.

Official email: info@lwwuv.org

Website: <https://lwwuv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVUV>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3bfyx60>

Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/groups/lwv_umpqua_valley/

Please visit these links and “like” or “follow” us. The more people that follow us, the more “cred” we get in the online world.

And you can always call us -- President Jenny Carloni’s number - 541-672-1914.

Thank you!
Robin Wisdom
541-672-6982

Voter Registration Deadline: April 27

May 18, 2021 is also the date of a Primary Election in Oregon, featuring candidates for many special district positions throughout our county. Isn't it great to live in a state where ballots will be mailed to us a couple of weeks before that Voting Day deadline? Please help remind others that the last day to register, or update registration, in order to vote in this Primary Election is **Tuesday, April 27**. This is easily done online at sos.oregon.gov. If needed, the Douglas County Elections office can help. Call them at 541-440-4252 if you have questions.



April 29 - Save the Date!

Online Event - Redistricting in Oregon

Join us on April 29 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM for LWVOR's People Powered Day of Action event by Zoom!

As part of the LWVUS's People Powered Fair Maps (PPFM) initiative, LWVOR will be working in tandem with other groups and organizations to explain the importance and the process of redistricting to Oregon residents in the coming months.

On **Thursday, April 29**, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**, as part of PPFM national Day of Action activities, LWVOR will join with local Oregon Leagues and other groups in sponsoring a Zoom meeting to provide resources to League members and others for understanding the process of redistricting, why it is important to individuals, where the process now stands, how an individual can help shape their state legislative and congressional districts for the next ten years, and to answer questions from participants.

LWVOR President Becky Gladstone and IP 57 (People Not Politicians) Chief Petitioner Norman Turrill are expected to participate in the discussions.

Watch for Zoom connection information in the future.



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