



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Great Decisions Group returns
December and January meeting information
2009 State Convention in Medford!

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: Friday, December 14, 2007
Place: Black Bear Restaurant, 1150 East Barnett, Medford
Time: 11:30am, Luncheon (pre-planned \$10)
12 noon, Program: Teen Pregnancy Prevention, The Rogue Valley



A panel discussion with Jane Stevenson from STARS (Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex; MARS (Men Advocating Responsible Sex) and Planned Parenthood.

This promises to be a live and informative discussion.

Please RSVP to Joan Rogers, 772-4290 or rogers4290@aol.com to reserve your meal.

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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Date: Friday, January 11, 2008
Place: Black Bear Restaurant, 1150 East Barnett, Medford
Time: 11:30am, Luncheon (pre-planned \$10)



12 noon, Program: Join in the member consensus discussion on Immigration in America. We will discuss and reach a consensus that will be included by LWVUS in the formulation of a position from which the League can then take action.

Come prepared to voice your opinion ---www.lwv.org. Click "Immigration" on the side panel. You will be able to access and download pertinent materials.

Contact Joan Rogers, 772-4290 or rogers4290@aol.com to reserve your meal.

LWVRV WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to new members of the League of Women Voters-Rogue Valley:

- Willie Bijon, Gail Lamy, Bettie Henry, Charles Sinclair, Mary Sinclair

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Trish Bowcock

This fall has proved exciting for LWVRV. We partnered in a non-partisan coalition with four other dynamic organizations to stage five Town Hall meetings. Our partners were LWV Ashland, AAUW Medford, AAUW Ashland and Citizens for County Solutions (which was comprised of Anne Billeter, Paulie Brading and Lynn Howe).

The folks that worked on that committee really produced! From our league, Nancy Swan jumped right in followed by Barbara Davidson and Diane Davidson. Bill Mansfield remained an ever adept league moderator. Somewhere in there Lynn and Paulie joined our league. They did all this while I traveled in Europe. If I were paranoid, I would suspect mutiny. In reality, I feel very proud to be part of such an undertaking.

The purpose of the town hall meetings was to increase county-wide citizen input in county government through a controlled moderator forum, which disseminated budget information and received comments from audience members. The five open and well publicized meetings were held in Ashland, Eagle Point, Ruch, Rogue River and Medford. The Medford meeting was televised. Hundreds participated.

The organizations met with county commissioners, prepared a report and presenting the findings at a well attended televised commissioners meeting. More than 40 people turned out for that hearing, which was held the morning before Thanksgiving.

LWVRV is launching a Town Hall Forum on the web, sponsored by our web site, administered by Helen Scholom and moderated by Lynn Howe. Check it out at www.lwvr.org

Our December meeting promises to be interesting with a three person panel of experts on Teen Pregnancy Prevention. In January, we will discuss immigration in a guided member-only forum. Look for more information on the web site. Remember, our Voters Voice editor gets a month break, so don't expect the next issue until early February (Thank you, Carole!)

Until February,

Trish

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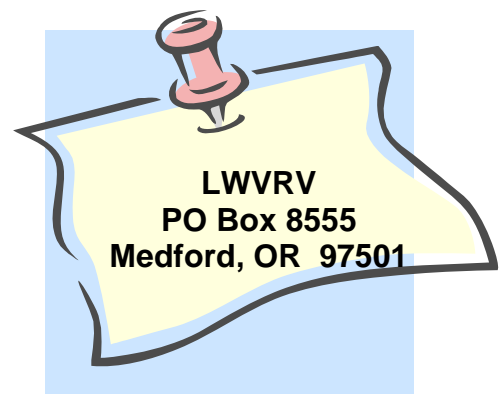
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NEWS FROM LWV

Mickey Ketchum

Jane Carpenter Featured on JPR's "As It Was"

Jane Carpenter, who now has honorary status for more than 50 years as a LWV-RV member was featured November 13, 2007 as a subject for their series, "As It Was."

The following article was taken from their web site

Modern Day Emigrant Brings Social Services to Rogue Valley

Tuesday November 13, 2007

By Nancy J. Bringham

As It Was: Tales from the State of Jefferson

When Jane Hoyman Carpenter and her husband, Dunbar, emigrated from San Francisco to the Rogue Valley in 1946, she worried about raising children in a rural area.

Jane had spent the first 15 years of her life in Egypt, where her parents were missionaries, and where she developed an interest in social concerns. Jane arrived in the valley with a master's degree in social work only to find a serious lack of human services in the area. She was appalled to find there were no social workers, no juvenile court system, and no one doing anything about it. Together with the League of Women Voters, she helped create a juvenile court system.

Establishing the first mental health services for young people was another priority. In 1965, Jane helped to put in place Rogue Valley's first Head Start and Planned Parenthood programs.

From 1972 to 2006, Jane was president of the Carpenter Foundation, formed with the stated purpose of "adding opportunity, choice, inclusiveness, enrichment and a climate for change for those living in the Rogue Valley."

Neither Jane nor her children have regretted the move from San Francisco, a move that greatly enriched the valley.

As It Was is a co-production of JPR and the Southern Oregon Historical Society. To share stories or learn more about the series, visit asitwas.org.

Source:

Bringham, Nancy. "The Founding Carpenters," Southern Oregon Heritage, December 2002, Vol. 4, No. 12

LWVOR



LWVRV will host state convention in 2009!!!

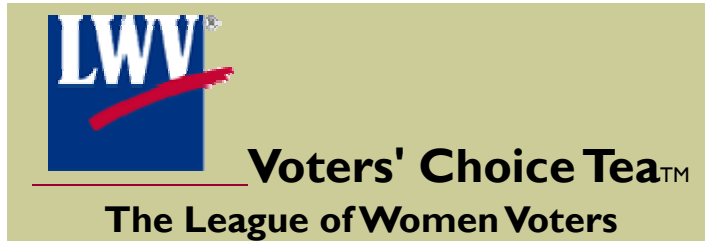
LWVOR has selected the Rogue Valley as its 2009 meeting site. President Marge Easley, accompanied by LWVOR Board member Bea Epperson met with LWVRV and toured several potential sites.

The final details will be coming, but it looks like Medford and the Red Lion will be the place.

Reserve your calendar for the 3rd Friday in May, 2009!



TEA FOR YOU



We are selling Voters' Choice Tea as our new fundraiser. This delicious premium tea will be available at our general meetings and at Eve's Garden Cafe and Tearoom, located at 1590 Hwy 38 in Applegate. The phone number is 846-9019. The tea comes in 4 flavors and costs \$4.50 a box.

Please support us and buy a box for yourself and one to sell to a friend. All proceeds go to LWVRV.

For more information call Margaret Keene at 826-6911.

GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

The Great Decisions foreign policy study group is back by popular demand. We had exciting, intelligent discussions last year and are hoping for even better ones in 2008. The group will meet every Monday except the 3rd one of the month (the day of the LWVRV board meeting) from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Medford. The first half hour will be devoted to watching the video and the rest of the meeting to discussion. The first meeting will be on February 25 and there will be 9 meetings. Margaret Keene will be leading and Eileen Adee co-leading the group again. **MARGARET WILL ORDER THE BOOKS DECEMBER 14 AFTER THE DECEMBER MEETING SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR MONEY TO HER BY THEN.**

If ten books are ordered there will be a discount. The \$20 will cover \$18 for the book and \$2 toward the video. You can also order your own book with an additional \$5 or thereabouts for postage. You can bring a brown bag lunch to the meeting. The church is located at 86 S. Holly St. For more information, call Margaret at 826-6911. Please send your check to Margaret Keene at 7536 Gladstone Ave, White City OR 97503.

Margaret Keene

THANK YOU SO MUCH

A Big Cheer For All Those Who Helped.

To those sold and bought grapefruits and oranges, the LWVRV thanks you. We had a very successful endeavor ~ or as Deborah-Miriam Leff wrote it was "a very *apeeling* fundraiser". I will give you a final report next month. My personal and special thanks to Carol Ingelson, who was treasurer in this event.

Lorraine Werblow, Chair

******And a special thanks to Lorraine for her hard work and for including oranges this year so more of us could enjoy the delicious Texas fruit.



UN and the DEATH PENALTY

As I write this, Thanksgiving is only a couple days away and I realize we have much to be thankful for, but abolition of the death penalty at the global level is not among them. The UN has worked hard over the years to accomplish this but without success. Once again, UN is trying to put an end to this barbaric practice as this piece is being written.

Outraged by the continued use of death penalty by 25 nations that carried out executions in 2006, a petition carrying five million signatures has been presented to the UN for a global moratorium that could lead to a complete ban. As of 11/14/07, a draft resolution was sponsored by 85 states, including all 27 EU members. Our own country which executed 53 people last year was expected to vote against.

According to The Independence [11/15/07], 91 percent of all death sentences carried out took place in just six countries: China, the US., Pakistan, Sudan, Iraq and Iran -- China occupies the pride of place with 2,790 executions 2006.

Death penalty is abhorrent and a grave abuse of human rights observes Amnesty International which notes that global moratorium is long overdue; "In the overwhelming number of cases .. a prisoner will be executed after receiving an unfair trial in violation of international laws and standards ... Capital punishment is always cruel and unnecessary, it does not deter crime and runs the risk of executing the innocent".

The UN General assembly requires 97 votes to pass the resolution which is non-binding on member states but will help those countries considering their own moratorium. Let us pray that this slow process moves at least a few steps further to the day when all nations on earth abolish death penalty.

Peace

Russy D. Sumariwalla, President

UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

DIRECTIONS TO BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS ON OUR BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

December 7, 2007

Trish Bowcock's home

705 9th Street, Jacksonville

From North 5th Street (the one that runs in front of Ray's Market) turn east on D Street. Go four blocks to 9th Street and turn right. The second driveway on the left is my house. Park in the driveway and come in the side gate. The house is surrounded by white columns and the address is 705. Phone is 899-9557

January 18, 2008

Carole Levi's home

2216 Lara Lane, Central Point

Take Rte 5 to exit 33 (Central Point). Bear right. The first light you pass is Peninger. The second light is Hamrick. Turn left onto Hamrick. Pass Mon Desire Restaurant on left. The first major left is New Haven. Turn left onto New Haven. Continue on New Haven until the street dead ends (Ivan). Make left onto Ivan. Go until it dead ends onto Lara Lane (1/2 block). Turn left onto Lara Lane and continue to 2216 Lara Lane. Our house is on the right side of the street (beige and taupe house).

2216 Lara Lane 664-9943

LAND USE ISSUES IN JACKSON COUNTY

I believe that most Oregonians are pleased with the election results, the passing of Measure 49, but there seems to be confusion about the Measure 37 claims that have been awarded prior to the election. M49 scales back development allowed under M37 approved earlier, but it did not dissolve the friction between individual property rights and community's ability to determine their developmental plan. Several community leaders believe the "Big Look" Committee should be activated again in an effort to solve the conflict and prevent continued ballot measures that will undermine and destroy the state planning system. The legislature would hopefully restore the funding in the February session. In the mean time the M37 claimants who had started to develop their property will be able to proceed. But large subdivisions, and commercial and industrial development in the countryside should be prevented.

EnvisionOregon sponsored by 1000 Friends, the Bus Project and over 50 other organizations have identified the shared goals 2200 participants from over 140 towns and places in Oregon which can be summarized as: 1. Economic security for our families by the protection of farm and forest lands, rivers, habitat, and other natural resources from damaging development; 2. Improved health for our families by the protection of clean water and air, safe neighborhoods for pedestrians and bicyclists, and local farms for healthy foods. 3. Protection of the places that make Oregon a place we're proud to call home, i.e. verdant farmland, vibrant cities, pastoral coastline, rugged mountains and inspiring deserts. Key strategies are being developed to meet these goals which will be followed up with certain action items related to the challenges of future climate changes. These strategies will be presented to the Governor and the legislature for their consideration and action.

Porter Lombard, member of the RVLWV.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!!!!

The next issue of the Voters Voice will be our February 2008 issue!!

May everyone have a safe and happy holiday season and a Happy 2008 to all!!!

Carole Levi

LWVRV's BOOK CLUB



The first meeting of our new venture was lively and interesting, as we chose the books and formatting for this club. .It promises to provoke some lively discussion. If this group peaks your interest, please join us. Call the host of the month to let her know that you will be attending. Carpools will be formed.

December 7, 2007

10:00 - Noon

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

Trish Bowcock's house

899-9557 (see directions on page 4)

January 18, 2008

10:00 - Noon

Two Lives: Gertrude and Alice by Janet Malcolm

Carole Levi's house

664-9943

February 29, 2008

10:00 - Noon

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Agnes Chirgwin's house

773-3234

April 18, 2008

10:00 - Noon

Blue Shoes & Happiness by Alexander McCall Smith

Eileen Adee's house

773-4450

May 30, 2008

10:00 - Noon

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Carol Hazeltine's house

899-6894

2007 / 2008 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Membership in League of Women Voters is open to all women and men 18 years of age and older and includes subscriptions to local, state and national League publications.

Year Dues \$56.

Spouse dues \$28

Send check, **payable to LWVRV**, and application to: Box 8555, Medford, OR 97501

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues |
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DECEMBER/JANUARY 2007-08 Calendar of Events



Tuesday	January 1	NEW YEARS DAY 2008	HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Friday	December 7	10:00am -12noon	LWVRV Book Club Meeting @Trish Bowcock's house, 705 9th St., Jacksonville
Friday	December 14	11:30am luncheon 12noon speaker 1:00 short board meeting	General Meeting Black Bear Restaurant, Medford
Friday	January 11	11:30am—1:00pm	General Meeting Black Bear Restaurant, Medford
Monday	January 14	11:30am—1:00pm	LWVRV board meeting, Sun Oaks clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.
Friday	January 18	10:00am—12noon	LWVRV Book Club Meeting @ Carole Levi's home, 2216 Lara Lane, Central Point.
Monday	February 25	11:00am—1:00pm	Great Decisions Group Discussion begins at First Presbyterian Church, 86 S. Holly Street, Medford

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USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) is piloting a test version of the naturalization exam to volunteer citizenship applicants in Miami and nine other areas across the country. During the trial period, volunteer applicants who choose to take the pilot exam can immediately take the current test if they incorrectly answer a pilot question. USCIS provides volunteers with advance study materials, including the questions and answers for the U.S. history and civics portion of the pilot exam, as well as vocabulary lists to practice for the English reading and writing portions of the pilot. Study materials for the pilot exam are also available on the USCIS web site at: <http://www.uscis.gov/natzpilot>.

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