



- ☐ The LWVRV website address has changed, see p. 6
- ☐ LWVRV Board meetings, open to everyone, will now be held at 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford, the third Tuesday of the month, 12noon to 1:30pm

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OCTOBER MEETING

When: Thursday, October 8, 2009
 11:30 Brown bag lunch, optional
 12noon—1:00 Speaker and Program

Where: **Medford Central Library, Main meeting room**
 205 S. Central Avenue, Medford

Program: Jackson County Libraries under the management of
 Library Systems and Services, LSSI

Speaker: Denise Galarya, Director of LSSI, who has 20 years experience
 as a professional librarian.



LIBRARY FACTS

Libraries have always made information affordable, available and accessible to all people.

There are an estimated 122,611 libraries of all kinds in the United States today.

Two out of three Americans own library cards and use them.

43% of library users are between the ages of 35-54; 35% are 18-34; 22% are over 55.

35% are college graduates; 34% have some college education; 31% have a high school diploma or less.

69% of women and 60% of men own a library card.

Harrison County Library System, Mississippi



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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER -Barbara Davidson

Greetings to all,

It's hard to believe--gets more so every year--but September is fading and October is approaching!

For those of us involved with the League of Women Voters, at the national, state, or local level, we look forward to general program meetings, involvement with action studies, observation of local government committees, and generally more civic engagement. And don't forget the social side--the chance to see and visit with friends we may not have seen over the summer.

In Oregon, we now have the opportunity to **DECLINE TO SIGN** or **THINK BEFORE YOU INK** on petitions being circulated to repeal the budget signed by the Governor. That budget was developed in an effort to avoid extreme cuts to health, human services, safety, and education--cuts which hit hardest for those who have greatest need.

And the taxes imposed 1) update the 1931 Corporate Tax rate and still keeps us below California, Washington, and Idaho corporate rates; 2) affects less than 2 percent of tax payers.

Talking about need, your own League of Women Voters could use your help, also. If you want to support the Education Fund at Oregon or US, you can claim that donation as tax-deductible. To maximize the benefit of your contribution, send that separate check made out to LWV-OR for Education Fund or LWV-US for Education Fund directly to our local League ATTN: Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward the check appropriately and the local League will be able to use the amount of that donation to offset our national dues payment for members. Talk about getting the most bang for your buck!

We welcome your interest and involvement. Please join us for our next general meeting on October 8. If you are interested in any committees or just want to help on a limited basis, please contact us. And enjoy the fall colors!

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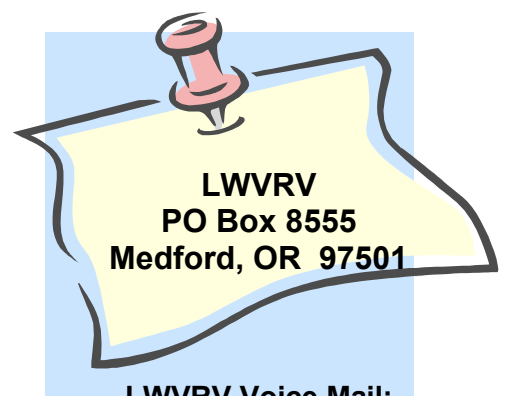
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LWVRV BOARD MINUTES

Carol Hazeltine, Secretary

Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse

1. Meeting called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Barbara Davidson. Present were Barbara Davidson, Marcia Smith, Cynthia Lora, Carol Hazeltine, Carole Levi. Mary Sinclair and Joan Rogers.
2. Brief check-in
3. Approval of July 28, 2009 minutes. Approved as written
4. Treasurer's report. Treasurer, Willie Bijon excused. No report submitted.
5. Correspondence. Portland organization C.I.O. offers help to those seeking USA citizenship. Contact Barbara Davidson for more information. Anne Billiter sent information on county budget study.

6. Reports:

Public Relations:

Information regarding LWVRV general meetings needs to be submitted for publication three weeks before publication in the Mail Tribune as well as TV, radio and service calendars. Mary Sinclair will be in charge of publicity until second vice president has been appointed.

Action:

No report

7. Studies:

Friday, September 18, 2009 1:30 p.m., Talent Library. Judith Benjamin and Cynthia Lora will have handouts and a report regarding Health and Human Services and meeting with Mark Orndorff.

LWVOR continues with water study.

8. Membership:

Membership for 2009-2010 due October 9, 2009. 30 paid
2009-2010 memberships to date. 44 outstanding/un-paid.

Program:

1. Revised as follows:

General Meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Social/ brown bag, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. General meeting with program

Board Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month

12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Brown bag if desired

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LWVRV's BOARD MINUTES (continued from page 3)

Date:	Venue	Program
10-08-09	Medford Library	LWVA merger/Lbry update
10-20-09	Clubhouse	Board
11-12-09	Medford Library	Ballott measures
11-17-09	Clubhouse	Board
12-10-09	Kids Unlimited	Kids Unlimited
12-15-09	Clubhouse	Board
01-14-10	Medford Library	TBA
01-19-10	Clubhouse	Board
02-11-10	Private residence	Review positions
02-16-09	Clubhouse	Board
03-11-10	Medford Library	Cnty Budget Survey
03-16-10	Clubhouse	Board
04-08-10	Medford Library	Water Board
04-13-10	Clubhouse	Board
05-13-10	TBA	Annual Meeting
05-18-10	Clubhouse	Board

Joan Rogers to contact Red Lion, Medford regarding Annual Meeting arrangements and luncheon. Joan will form a committee to assist with program arrangements for the annual meeting.

Voters Service / Observers: County budget meetings. No regular observers. Need to follow-up with Eileen Adee.

Voters Voice: Articles submitted by paid members only will be considered for publication. Barbara Davidson will check with LWVOR regarding content and the need to support League positions versus differing positions. September 19, 2009 deadline for all articles.

30 hard copies being mailed. 5 copies for hand distribution. Editor will e-mail Voters Voice to LWVA

Other business:

Proposed merger with LWVA. Meeting scheduled October 12, 2009 12:30 p.m.

Eileen Adee's home. Two members from each league will attend.

Need ideas for January 2010 program

Telephone- Barbara Davidson will check status.

New Business

LWVOR Workshop in Eugene. October 17, 2009. Barbara has information and the registration form will appear in the LWVOR newsletter.

Lynn Howe has resigned as 2nd Vice President. Need replacement for this office.

9. Meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

LWVRV's



CLUB

"The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, And all the sweet serenity of books". H. W. Longfellow

Loved to read books? The LWVRV Book Club affords camaraderie, stimulating conversation and just good, old-fashioned enjoyment. All LWVRV members are welcome to join us on selected Fridays from 10:00am—noon.

October 2, 2009

Travels with Charley in Search of America, by John Steinbeck

Hosted by Betsy Robbins, 899-1714

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January, 8, 2010

Luncheon of the Boating Party, by Susan Vreeland

Hosted by Eileen Adee, 773-4450

November 13, 2009

Pigs in Heaven, by Barbara Kingsolver

Hosted by Lorraine Werblow, 245-3641

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February 19, 2010

The Pillars of the Earth, by Ken Follett

Hosted by Barbara Beaupain, 734-5793

Now that fall is upon us, please Orange and Grapefruit. We'll be in touch!

Lorraine Werblow, Grapefruit Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Cynthia Lora, Marcia Smith and Estelle Womack

Your LWVRV Membership Committee extends a warm welcome to Returning and New Members and/ or Visitors & Guests.

We thank you who have already remitted their Membership Dues for year 2009 - 2010. If you're a New Member or Returning After Absence Member, please stop by our Membership Table at a General Meeting such that we can meet and personally welcome you !

Please also be advised that our Membership Directory for 2009 - 2010 will include only the names of members who've remitted their dues by Friday, OCTOBER 9, 2009 - this date is such that said Directory may be printed in a timely manner and to Membership by late November or early December, 2009.

Dues for 2009 - 2010 are \$ 56.00 (Fifty Six dollars) per member OR \$ 84.00 (Eighty Four dollars) per couple : membership fees cover both State and National Per Member Payments.

Thank you !

UNA—USA, The Long Nightmare is Over - A New Day at the UN

by Russy D. Sumariwalla, President, UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

I hope that the readers of Voters Voice heard President Obama's maiden speech at the UN on September 23 before the UN General Assembly and also when he presided over the Security Council. There's a 180 degree change in UN-US relations under President Obama's leadership. Here's what our Ambassador Susan E. Rice said at a press briefing on 9/18/09:

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These transnational security challenges can only be dealt with in cooperation with other nations. They can't by definition be dealt with by any single country in isolation. In the 21st century America's security and well-being is in fact inextricably linked to the security and well-being of people elsewhere. And the United Nations is thus essential to our efforts to galvanize concerted international action to make Americans safer and more secure."

The UNA-USA will once again celebrate the UN DAY on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 3:30PM. You and yours are all invited. It will be at SOU Stevenson Union, Rogue River Room in Ashland. Please mark your calendars now; details later. Thank you.

LWVUS

By Mary G. Wilson, President, LWVUS

Intentional lies. Disorderly conduct. Threatening and confusing actions. These are the desperate tactics of those who oppose health care reform.

And now the League of Women Voters is under direct attack by the very same people who mislead, confuse, and sow fear in an attempt to stop much needed reform.

A newly formed organization calling itself the "League of American Voters" is conducting an advertising campaign against health care reform that seeks to undermine public support by sowing fear and mistrust. We sent a letter calling them to task for using a name clearly designed to be confused with the League of Women Voters in order to disseminate misleading information and block health care reform. We asked them to reveal the major sources of funding for the advertising campaign. Their response? A blast email to their followers condemning the League of Women Voters.

As you know, our democracy depends on honest and open debate among real people. We must be vigilant against attack campaigns funded from unknown sources that mislead, confuse and scare Americans.

Make no mistake: The League of Women Voters believes quality, affordable health care should be available to all Americans. As a 90-year-old membership organization that is one of the most trusted nonpartisan voices in the United States, we know that health care reform must protect coverage for those who have it, provide coverage for those who desperately need it, and protect us all against skyrocketing costs.

Always remember that local and state Leagues can be the first line of defense in the fight for the truth. Take action now by speaking out in your own communities. The best antidote for misleading statements is the truth and civility.

LWVRV SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING RECAP

Steve Neuberger, the Southern Oregon Care for America Now (HCAN), spoke plans being considered and answering



Organizer for the nation-wide group, Health on health care reform, describing different our questions.

Tax deductible contributions to the LWVOR Education Fund can be used by our local League to pay for special projects and up to half of our per member payments to the LWVUS.

Separate checks, payable to the LWVOR, qualify us for the personal tax deduction. These checks, received by the treasurer, sent on to the state League office are then written for the special project or PMP dues.

Contributing this way helps our League and our personal bottom line with the IRS

Willie Bijon, LWVRV Treasurer

LWVRV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2009/2010 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

Membership Application

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Make out a check for Year Dues \$56. Spouse dues \$28 and include with an Application.

Send to Box 8555, Medford 97501

Check which of the following about which you are most interested in attending a branch meeting. List as many as applicable.

- Land Use Planning Local Government Transportation Children at Risk Education Election issues
 Health issues Environment National issues

Other (list) _____

******MEMBERSHIPS DUES MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 10, 2009 TO ENSURE YOUR NAME'S BEING INCLUDED IN THE
LWVRV 2009-20010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY******

October Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
			1	2	3/4
5	6	7	8 LWVRV General Meeting, Medford Library. See p. 1	9	10/11
12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17/18 LWVOR Workshop in Eugene. Contact Barbara Davidson
19	20 LWVRV Board Meeting, Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse, 12 noon-1:30pm	21	22	23	24/25 Deadline for Voters Voice articles
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



November 12 meeting – Medford Library, Main Meeting Room. Tentatively scheduled Topic: Ballot Measures. This could change if the petitioners fail to get enough signatures.

December 10, Kids Unlimited.