



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ **VOTE!!!!** Ballots must be received by 8pm, November 4.
- ◇ **Support LWVRV!** Buy Grapefruits and/or Oranges
- ◇ **Land Use Action Taken, p.3**
- ◇ **Get Involved in your League, p.5**

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**Funding Jackson County**

November General Meeting – Joint with LWV Ashland

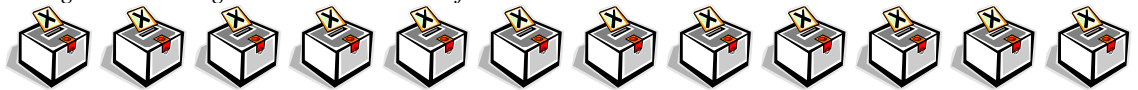
Kicking off the League County Funding Study! Sheriff Mike Winters and Danny Jordan, Jackson County Administrator, will be attending.

Thursday, November 13, 2008; 12:00 – 1:30; Elks Club – Ashland

East Main Street (enter from rear – directions below)

Lunch available for \$11.00 RSVP for lunch to Vanya@mind.net

*From Main Street, traveling east. Go to Second Street. Turn left. The second parking lot on the left is the Elks parking. The entrance to the lot is just before you get to Lithia Way. Turn left into the parking lot, pass the open-gated arm and park in the lot. Follow the sign on the building that says Elks Dining. The meeting hall is on the second floor.*



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**REMEMBER**

Your ballot must be received by the county election office or

designated drop site no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Postmarks do not count.

**Successful Voter's Service Effort Comes to Close**

The LWVRV has had a "very successful effort," says Eileen Adee, Chair of Voter's Service this year. "We were involved in several candidate fairs, ballot measure programs, provided a speaker's bureau, helped register voters, distributed the League's Voters Guides and got lots of publicity out about voting," she added.

Several events were televised on public television. The League answered over 40 telephone calls for information on the League's phone number.

Some of the League members involved were Agnes Chirgwin, Barbara Davidson, Dick Simonson, Normary Barrett, Robin Stroh, Carol Ingeleson, Nancy Swan, Carol Burnett, Mickey Ketchum, Jean Milgram, Cynthia Lora, Trish Bowcock, Mary Sinclair, Shiena Polehn and Marcia Smith.

"We can't thank these members enough for donating their time and effort to the goals of League of Women Voters," Eileen added.

*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 CORNER -Trish Bowcock

Most of you will remember our series of town hall meetings seeking citizen input on funding Jackson County. We learned a lot, including the fact we had much to learn about the way Jackson County government collects and spends money. Out of these meetings came a proposal to study how Jackson County collects revenue and targets expenditures. This league study kicks off with a presentation at our November General Meeting, a joint meeting with LWVA to be held in Ashland. County Administrator Danny Jordan will make a presentation on the basics of the county budgeting process. Our study emphasizes Public Safety and Health and Human Services. Sheriff Mike Winters will educate us on budgeting from the Sheriff's perspective. Health and Human Services Director Mark Orndorf will be out of town so Danny Jordan will also act as the H&HS representative. Come prepared to ask questions!

If you are interested in the Funding Jackson County study, plan to attend the November General Meeting. We will pass around a sign-up sheet and set the date for our first planning session. The League committee (comprised of those of you who sign-up) will decide what information we need and embark on the collection / interview process. We hope to emerge with a solid League position on Funding Jackson County Government. This will enable us to take action should we see something, either good or bad, that needs public input. If you can't make the meeting, but want to be part of the committee, call me.

In last month's newsletter, we sent a questionnaire. Twelve members answered the survey. We learned that most folks won't mind receiving the newsletter electronically and that lunch at the General Meetings, although nice, isn't a necessary amenity. Hands-down, the library was approved as a meeting venue.

After the first of the year, our goal is to begin sending the newsletter electronically to those of you who have email. If you don't have email, then you will continue to receive a hard copy.

In closing, I share a quote: *It has long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things. Elinor Smith*

*Trish*

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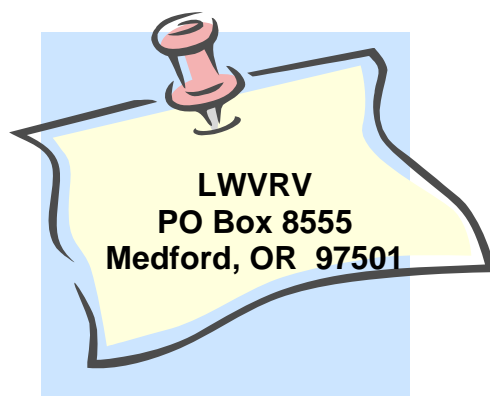
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## SAVE the DATE

Election Methods: Review of Alternative and Oregon Proposals

Thursday, December 11, 2008 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Medford Library – Large Meeting Room

*We will have a LWV member consensus discussion regarding election methods in Oregon. In early October LWVOR mailed all members a thirty page pamphlet full of information on elections in Oregon. Please save this publication, read it and come to the December meeting to discuss. If you don't have your pamphlet, let us know. We have extra copies. This is our chance to voice opinions on any changes we think might need to occur in the Oregon election process.*

## THANK YOU

We're very grateful to the Grange Co-Op for giving us the space, people power, and machinery to storage and sort the grapefruits so that we may distribute them. Additionally, they are offering a \$10 coupon for a purchase of \$30 or more at any Grange Co-OP location.

## GREAT DECISIONS

**Great Decisions** is a discussion group using a Briefing Book prepared by the Foreign Policy Association. Programs begin with a 25 minute DVD featuring an interview with two experts on each of the eight topics. The 2009 topics are: **U.S. and the Rising Powers, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Energy and the Global Economy, The Arctic, Egypt, Global Food Supply, Cuba After Castro, and Human Rights.**

If you're interested in joining this discussion group, call Eileen Adey at 773-4450 before November 14th..Sessions will begin in February at a Medford location. Starting date and time will be announced. Join 2008 members who are continuing the program. Email Anita Nevison at [nevison@jeffnet.org](mailto:nevison@jeffnet.org) for more information about how the program works, or visit the web site at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

Great Decisions is a national program of civic participation in foreign policy issues, begun in 1954. Participants read "comprehensive, impartial analyses written by experts and reviewed by specialists on eight of the most thought provoking challenges facing Americans."

Through discussion, group members clarify their thinking and give individual input. The goal is greater understanding of some of the 195 countries on our planet and U.S. policy affecting those countries.

## LANDUSE ACTION TAKEN

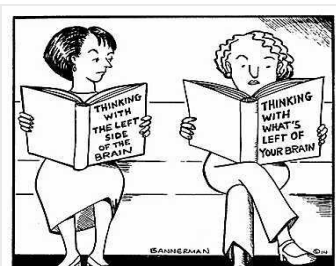
*LWVRV weighed in on two important land-use topics:*

1. The Big Look Committee Town Hall meeting was a big disappointment. The meeting, billed as an opportunity for citizens to give input, was held in a tiny venue. Many Rogue Valley citizens were turned away. LWVRV wrote the Chairman of the Big Look Committee and requested that they return to Medford to allow meaningful citizen input. Another meeting was held at South Medford High on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, publicity of this meeting was not widespread.
2. For some reason LCDC decided to schedule the Greater Bear Creek Regional Problem Solving Project (RPS) plan for consideration at their meeting in Prineville. LWVRV sent a letter expression concern with this decision (why not have the meeting here, where it counts?). We requested that any serious consideration regarding the adequacy of the RPS plan be delayed until the plan has been properly vetted by going through the appropriate and legally required local processes.

## VOTER'S CHOICE TEA

We are continuing to sell gourmet Voter's Choice Tea. It is a fundraiser and also gives an opening to talk to new people about the League. There are four flavors: Eleanor's Breakfast, Citizen Grey, Grassroots Green and Vanilla Rooibos (caffeine-free herbal). It costs \$4.50 a box and has been produced especially for the League by the Strand Tea Company to support the League. It is available at our general meetings and is now being sold on consignment for us by Karen's Massage 1641 Veranda Park Dr. in Medford. Her phone number is 541-301-8096. If you have a business that would like to help us sell our tea please contact Margaret Keene at 541-826-6911 or email her at [margaret2@clearwire.net](mailto:margaret2@clearwire.net)

*Margaret*



## LWVRV's BOOK CLUB

*"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I [haven't] read."*

If you enjoy stimulating conversation and the reading a variety of interesting books, please join us at our book club meetings. We meet on selected Fridays from 10:00am –12noon. Please contact the hostess for details and address location. Below is a calendar and book selections for the next several meetings. Everyone is welcome.

**November 14, 2008**

*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

**Host: Lorraine Werblow**

**245-3641**

**January 16, 2009**

*Infidel* by Ayaan Hirshi Ali

**Host: Eileen Adee**

**773-4450**

## LWVRV MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to new members of League of Women Voters - Rogue Valley

Bob and Kathy Beckett

Beverly Warmington



Thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships. There are just a few from whom we haven't received their renewals. Those who have not renewed by November 4, 2008 will unfortunately be dropped from membership. We will miss you!



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## **FUN OPPORTUNITIES!!!**

Do you have opinions about the League?

Do you want to make an impact?

This is YOUR organization.

All Members are welcome. Experience is NOT necessary

.1. Our Funding Jackson County Study will kick-off in November. This is our opportunity to explore all aspects of Jackson County funding and become informed. We plan to weigh-in on the process.

Call Trish if you want to participate, 899-9557

2. The LWVRV Member Handbook needs an update. Call Eileen if you would like to help. 773-4450

3. We will be hosting LWVOR Convention in May 2008. To volunteer, call Trish, 899-9557

4. Are you interested in what your Board decides? Do you have ideas? Attend our next Board Meeting.

Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 1:30 Medford Library Meeting Room. Just show up!

5. Would you like to write for our Newsletter? If you regularly attend meetings where topics important to the League are discussed, this is a great opportunity to share. Call Trish 899-9557.

6. To participate, from the Rogue Valley, in LWVOR Statewide Water Study, call Trish 899-8557.

## ANOTHER YEAR !! IT'S OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!!

*Where, oh, where has the time gone  
Hope you enjoyed these past 12 months and had fun  
We're back on track with grapefruits (and oranges, if you wish)  
Now, you'll be able to garnish that dinner dish  
You can also brag and boast  
That you helped the League the most  
By buying, you support us so much  
You help us print and mail information by the bunch  
And being better informed is what we're all about  
Now it's time for me to shout....*

This year we are selling the Texas Rio Star Grapefruit, the finest and best-tasting grapefruit for \$16/carton (\$8/ for  $\frac{1}{2}$  carton). This is a slight increase in cost no doubt due to fuel costs.

We are also offering Navel Oranges. If you choose to take a chance ~ something like a Texas hold em ~ on this year's quality, we will oblige you. A full carton will sell for \$16 and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  carton will be \$8.00.

Mail order forms and payments to Carol Ingelson, #316, 822 Golf View Drive, Medford, 97504,, 245-6380.

**Order forms are due November 17<sup>th</sup>, with payments to: LWVRV**

**Pick up of produce will be at the Grange Co-Op, 2531 S. Pacific Highway.**

**If you cannot buy, please consider contributing the cost of a box (or two) to the League.**

**If picking up the produce presents any difficulties, please let me know so that I can arrange to assist you.**

**Please accept my thank you very much for your support in this endeavor.**

**Lorraine Werblow, Grapefruit Co-coordinator, 541/245-3641 werbys@charter.net**

## LANDUSE IN JACKSON COUNTY

The Big Look Committee had their second hearing in Medford Monday Oct. 20 and I hope you had another chance to listen to a more reasonable testimony than in the first. The Task Force has received hundreds of comments from Oregonians urging them to strengthen existing safeguards while an independent research conducted for the Task Force show that the Oregon land use program is effective at controlling sprawl and supporting agriculture.

Unfortunately, the Task Force continues to advance ideas - such as the wholesale reclassification of rural land - that would undermine years of accomplishments. Rather, than be forward looking, The task force decided not to work on the well known connection between land use development patterns and global warming pollution from cars and trucks.

These shortcomings are a move in the wrong direction and it is up to to change their course. Everyone who took the time to attend a public workshop, write a letter, or send an email. Thank You!

The Task Force is now discussing draft legislation. These next few weeks are the last chance for you to submit comments before the proposals are final. It is best to send it by email to john.evans@state.or.us. We must prepare for global warming by reducing the amount Oregonians need to drive, we must strengthen Oregon's land use planning program to prepare for the challenges ahead. not weaken it.

*Porter Lombard, member of the RVLWW*

# Women in Politics: Good News on the Horizon

Over 18 percent of parliamentarians worldwide are women, according to a recently released study by the United Nations Development Fund for Women[UNIFEM] -- an increase of seven percent over 1995, reports the New York Times of 9.19.08. A little too slow for my taste but still encouraging in view of the current stage of human development.

"We need to convince women that the only way to make a real change is to stop complaining and just be the owner of power" said Senator Cecilia Lopez Montano, Speaker of the opposition Liberal Party in Colombia.

To reach parity for women [ 40 to 60 percent elected to parliamentary seats] in developing countries, it will take until 2045. But I don't believe we need to accept that and be complacent about it. According to the study, Countries with reserve seats requirement quotas for women have done better than those without -- 19.3 percent versus 14.7 percent. For example, of the 22 countries with 30 percent women parliamentarians, 18 have quotas.

Recently, Rwanda became the first country in which women will hold the majority of seats [44 out of 80]. Perhaps genocide had something to do with it as it motivated women to get more involved politically during the country's reconstruction and recovery, observes the above-mentioned New York Times report. The UN study also found high correlation between the number of women elected and legislation related to women's issues from Day Care to Street Lighting. And where there were women candidates, women turned out in higher numbers to vote. All encouraging news!

[Note: You can join the UNA-USA by going to [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org) Become a member today]

*Russy D. Sumariwalla, President*

UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

**Return this application with your check for dues, please**

2008/2009 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

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) \_\_\_\_\_

# November Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
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3	<b>4 ELECTION DAY</b>	5	6	7	8/9
10	11	12	13 LWVRV General Meeting, Ashland Elks Club, 12 noon	14 Deadline to join Great Decisions Group, <i>p.3</i> LWVRV Book Club, 10am-noon, <i>p. 4</i>	15/16
17 Grapefruit order forms due—Nov. 17, <i>p.6</i>	18 LWVRV board meeting, Medford Library, time TBD. All members welcome	19	20	21	22/23
24	25	26	27	28	29/30

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