



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Grapefruit and Oranges fundraiser on now
LWVRV new members welcomed
Great Decisions Group returns

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Friday, November 9, 2007
Place: Black Bear Restaurant, Medford
Time: 11:30am, Luncheon
12 noon, Speaker. Topic is "Immigration Discussion"
Brenda Gould, an immigration and Catholic Charities, will discuss immigration.



Please E mail or send reservations to Trish at: trishbowcock@charter.net or call her at 899 9557.

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LWVRV WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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

Paulie Brading John Hazeltine Phyllis McCreery Lynn Howe and welcome back to Estelle Womack

Addresses, phone numbers and e-mails will be available next month when the membership directory goes out to members.

We still have several of last year's members who haven't gotten their renewals in. The deadline for getting in this year's membership book is rapidly approaching. RENEW TODAY!

PLAN AHEAD--Our December meeting will feature a look at teen age pregnancy in the valley with some positive statistics to report. For those who would like to get in the Christmas spirit, there will be an opportunity to bring gifts or cash for children in the Teen Parent Program of the Medford School District. This is strictly a voluntary program. We will have more information in the December edition of the Voters Voice.

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*

I write this month's column from a hotel room in Ljubljana, Slovenia, using a laptop computer and wireless internet access. Slovenia is a small, prosperous country tucked among Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Italy. In 1991, Slovenia peacefully seceded as Yugoslavia dissipated. In 2004, it became part of the EU and now utilizes the Euro in its monetary trade. There is nothing gray and grim about this Eastern European country. Languages from the world over are heard in the streets. The Slovenes are struggling hard to maintain independence, while functioning as a part of the EU and addressing the needs of various ethnic groups. America is no different. My visit here emphasizes the fact that we live in a world economy. Countries are making adjustments in positions and attitudes as we try to adapt and learn in a world that is becoming increasingly connected.

American lawmakers are actively debating immigration policy. We are discussing how best to resolve challenges that immigration resents. Often, politically-charged rhetoric fuels debates surrounding immigration. The LWVUS has decided it is time for our organization to join the discussion and to take a position on immigration policies in the U.S. This month, locally, we will learn about the impact of immigration on the Rogue Valley. In January, within the structure of the LWVUS study, we will gather to discuss and record our opinions, which will be forwarded to the LWVUS for inclusion in a final report and position. The League is making plans to take a role in shaping the future of immigration policies in America.

I share a famous quote from Emma Lazarus:

*"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she with silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost, to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."*

Please join us in the discussion.

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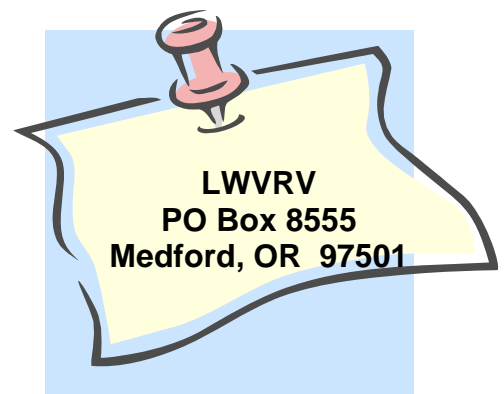
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## NEWS FROM LWVOR

The big fall event for our state League was a statewide workshop in Eugene on October 6. About 60 state League leaders attended. Joan Rogers and I were there from Rogue Valley and Judith Benjamin came from Ashland.

The venue, the First United Methodist Church, was one of the best I've ever seen for a workshop. It was held at in a lovely big room with plenty of elbow space. We had a delicious chicken salad lunch.

The program was extensive. Senator Floyd Prozanski took us through the legislature's look at revising Measure 37 and the resulting referral to the voters of Measure 49. The process involved trying to meet legitimate problems with Oregon's land use laws while avoiding giving an open door to development of agricultural and forest land. Compromises were made, but Sen. Proaznski (and LWVOR) felt that the result is a big improvement on Measure 37.

A preview of next year's state study of water was given by Barry Norris of Oregon's Water Resources Dept. and Dave Leland of Oregon's Drinking Water Program. The huge number of water districts, many of them very small, in Oregon that must be managed and inspected. An award was presented by Gail Shibley, from the Office of Environmental Public Health, to Liz Frenkel of the LWVOR action committee honoring her many years of advocacy for safe available water throughout Oregon.

Paula Krane and Kappy Eaton, both past state presidents, gave us a sample pro and con presentation on Measure 50, followed by talk s on membership recruitment ideas by Sandra Gangle of the state board and how to plan a forum by the Coos Co. LWV. Handouts are available from me.

The Portland League discussed plans for the national League convention next June 13-16. Helping during the convention and volunteering allows you to attend a national convention without paying a registration fee. Anyone interested should contact Carol Cushman at 503-288-3888.

*Jean Milgram*

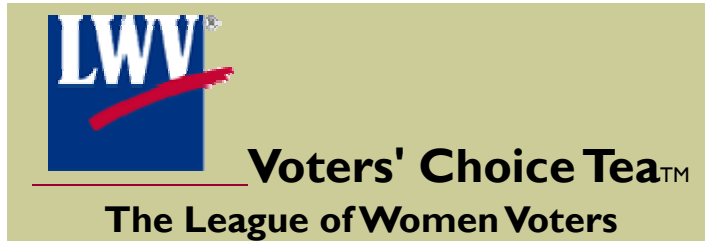
**LAST YEAR'S FUN!! JOIN THIS YEAR'S SQUEEZE** *See p. 7*



Call Lorraine Werblow to volunteer,  
245-3641



## 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 STUDY 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Adey co-leading the group again. Margaret will be purchasing the books in December and would love to have \$20 from you, if you would like to participate. 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.

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**BOOK CLUB**

**ENJOY READING???**

**HAVE WE GOT A GROUP FOR YOU!!!**

The LWVRV Book Club's formulating meeting will be held at the home of Carol Hazeltine on Friday, October 26, 10:00am—noon. Information on the types of books to be featured during the year, when and where the group shall meet and any other thoughts from the group will appear in the next VV issue.

If you are interested in joining this interest group, please contact:

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# LWVUS

**At its October 2006 meeting, the LWVUS board adopted the following scope for LWVUS 2006-2009 Immigration Study:**

- \* Underlying values and principles regarding immigration
- \* Reasons for migration from other countries, including but not limited to:
  - Effects of global interdependence on migration
  - Motivation of refugees and asylees
  - Motivation of other immigrants
- \* Current federal immigration policy, including but not limited to:
  - Overview
  - Effectiveness in uniting families
  - Effectiveness in meeting needs of businesses
  - Effectiveness of enforcement
  - Human right concerns
- \* Impact of immigration, including but not limited to:
  - Economic effects of authorized and unauthorized immigration
  - Diversity
  - Inclusion of immigrants in American society

***“Women's Empowerment is Key to Achieving UN's Goals”  
Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon***

Empowerment of women is vital to achieve peace and security, improved living standards, and respect for human rights stressed the SG speaking at a Gala for the Health and Dignity of Women organized to support the work of the United Nations Population Fund [UNFPA]. "Today, we understand, even better than our founders did, that the empowerment of women is a fundamental condition if we are to make progress towards the goals for which the United Nations was created", said Mr. Ban at the Gala on October 2, 2007.

Mr. Ban noted that too many women die during pregnancy and childbirth because their right to sexual and reproductive health is denied; too many women become infected with HIV because they do not have the power to protect their own health; and too many women are subjected to violence" one of the most systematic and prevalent human rights abuses in the world."

The Secretary-General encouraged Americans for UNFPA to continue their support for this vital UN agency adding that by doing so they are "contributing directly to the health and dignity of women in nations all over the world. To become a member of UNA-USA go to [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org)

Thank you and best wishes,

*Russy D. Sumariwalla, President*

**UNA-USA, Southern Oregon**

## LAND USE ISSUES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Board of Commissioners will continue the Public Hearing of the remanded Rural Use Amendment Plan October 24, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the Courthouse Auditorium. The Rural Use Plan would allow the residential development and subdivision on EFU and Forest land that is non-farmable or lack sufficient timber growth on more than 50% of the parcel. The minimum subdivision was set at 10 acres when the ordinance was passed in September 20, 2006. The city of Ashland and several individuals including me appealed to LUBA. LUBA remanded the ordinance to the County citing the County's obligation to coordinate with affected jurisdictions. Several vineyard growers met with one of the commissioners to ask him to change his support to 20 acres instead of 10, since sufficient size for a profitable vineyard on shallow infertile soil is 20 acres. He indicated he was convinced that 20 acres should be the minimum subdivision. Also, the planning staff met with several jurisdictions and the cities all indicated that the 20 acre was a better compromise for future urbanization. Therefore the planning staff have recommended to the commissioners that 20 acres should be the minimum subdivision.

The panel of Greg Holmes of 1000 Friends, Rep. Peter Buckley, and vineyard owner Dr. Don Moore covered thoroughly the reasons for the legislation, the contents, and why we should vote yes on Measure 49 at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Certain facts covered about Measure 37 claims in Jackson County are: the county ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for the number of claims and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the acreage of M37 claims. The 205 Measure 37 claims for subdivisions in Jackson County on farm land covers 35,725 acres which is the size of all the cities in Bear Creek Valley. Is this what we want under M37? Certainly, Measure 49 would limit subdivisions and save considerable farm land.

*Porter Lombard, member of the RVLWV.*

## LWV NOVEMBER CONCENSUS MEETING ON IMMIGRATION

### The LWVUS Two-Year Immigration Study Timeline

#### **September 2006 to January 2008 –**

Local Leagues help educate members and communities about immigration issues

#### **September 1, 2007 –**

The LWVUS distributes a Leader's Guide that includes consensus questions

#### **September 2007 to January 2008 –**

Local Leagues take consensus

#### **February 1, 2008 –**

Deadline for the LWVUS to receive consensus response forms

#### **February 1, 2008 to March 20, 2008 –**

Using consensus responses, the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee formulates the position

#### **Late March/early April 2008 –**

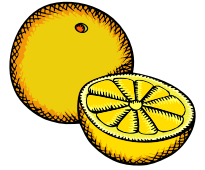
The LWVUS Board adopts the position

# TEXAS GRAPEFRUITS and ORANGES

The League of Women Voters' 2007 grapefruit sale is now underway. This **annual** fundraiser will help pay for voter education and community service projects.

This year, we are happy to offer the following items:

- Texas Rio Star Grapefruits: \$15/carton—16 to 24 per carton\*
- Texas Navel Oranges: \$15/carton—30-34 per carton\*
- Grapefruit/Orange Combo \$16/carton—10 grapefruits/16 oranges\*



\*count depends on size of fruit

**NOTE:** half box (1/2) orders on cartons: \$7.50

\*\*No half box (1/2) order on the Combo

The grapefruits/oranges will arrive by the beginning of December, in time for lovely and tasty holiday gifts, **as well as enjoying the fruit of your contribution.**

League members who sell the fruit will pick up the boxes from the sorting station and deliver the boxes to customers. Order forms are due on November 15, 2007.

Lorraine Werblow



## 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

- Land Use Planning
- Local Government
- Transportation
- Children at Risk
- Education
- National Issues
- Election Issues
- Health Issues
- Other (list): \_\_\_\_\_

# NOVEMBER 2007 Calendar of Events

Friday	November 9	11:30am luncheon 12noon speaker	General Meeting on “Consensus on Immigration”, Black Bear Restaurant, Medford
Monday	November 19	11:30am—1:00pm	LWVRV board meeting, Sun Oaks clubhouse. Everyone is welcome
Monday	February 25	11:00am—1:00pm	Great Decisions Group Discussion begins at First Presbyterian Church, 86 S. Holly Street, Medford

## DID YOU KNOW that...

All immigrants pay taxes, whether income, property, sales, or other. As far as income tax payments go, sources vary in their accounts, but a range of studies find that immigrants pay between \$90 and \$140 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes. Even undocumented immigrants pay income taxes, as evidenced by the Social Security Administration’s “suspense file” (taxes that cannot be matched to workers’ names and social security numbers), which grew \$20 billion between 1990 and 1998.

*National Academy of Sciences, Cato Institute, Urban Institute, Social Security Administration*



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