



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- New DATE and LOCATION for general meetings ->
Town Hall Meetings
Pay Equity Conference
UN Day Celebration

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GENERAL MEETING

Why Does LWVRV Support Measure 49?

TAKE NOTICE—NEW DAY AND LOCATION

2nd FRIDAY of each month at BLACK BEAR DINER

Join our panel discussion led by State Representative Peter Buckley. Learn why local growers support the measure and how Measure 37 Claims will impact Jackson County if the Ballot Measure fails.

Date: Friday, October 12th

Place: Black Bear Diner, 1150 East Barnett Road

Time: 11:30 lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 presentation

* For reservations, call or email Joan Rogers rogers4290@aol.com or 245-6920.

(construction traffic tip: If traveling west on Barnett, pass the diner, turn right at the next traffic light and turn around in the Dairy Queen parking lot to head back.



TEXAS STAR GRAPEFRUITS AND TEXAS NAVAL ORANGES

The LWVRV is happy to announce that we will be selling grapefruits and oranges this year. And - get this folks - at the same price as last year - No Increase! And, this year, we are adding oranges!!!! Delivery: 2nd week of December

Grapefruits - \$15.00 a carton - 16 to 24 luscious Rio Stars

Oranges - \$15.00 a carton - 30-44 juicy Naval oranges

Grapefruits/Oranges Combo - \$16.00 - 10 Grapefruits & 16 Naval Oranges

You will be contacted shortly by a friendly League sales person. If you can't wait to give us your order, please call me, Lorraine Werblow, at 245-3641 and I will be happy to help.



TICK TOCK, TICK TOC - IT IS TIME.....

to renew your League membership. Use the application blank on Page 7 of this newsletter and send it in today so you won't miss out on any of our programs and activities planned for this year. Call Mickey at 773-2968, Marcia at 779-7630 or Mary at 858-4585 for information.



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

When Does the League Take "ACTION!"?

The LWV sometimes takes action on an issue. Since we are taking action on pending Ballot Measure 49, I thought this would be a good time to give a refresher course on how the league determines to take action. Quoting from an LWVOR publication:

After reaching agreement and announcing a position, local, state or national Leagues take action by:

- *Lobbying*
- *Working with other organizations (coalitions)*
- *Speaking out through letter-writing and email campaigns and through visits to Legislators and public officials. Based on our positions, we support or oppose legislation, ballot measures, etc.*
- *Publishing and distributing pertinent materials*
- *Testifying at legislative and administrative hearings*
- *Monitoring elections and other government activities*
- *Litigating to help clarify laws in public interest.*

The league has earned its reputation as a thoughtful organization that has an impact on government activity. Next time you received a call to Action, take a careful look. For a complete explanation of league positions, visit our web site www.lwvrv.org

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." Helen Keller

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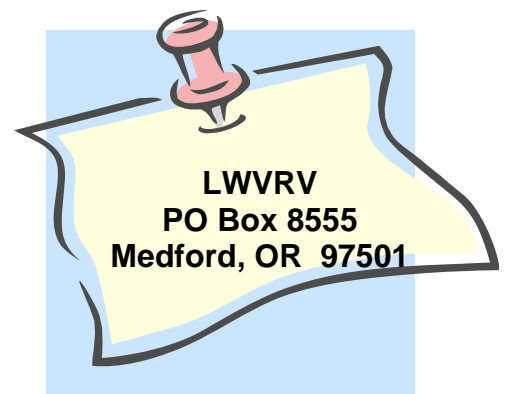
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PAY EQUITY CONFERENCE

RCC/AAUW PAY EQUITY CONFERENCE

Friday, October 26, 2007, 9 am-3pm

Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus

7800 Pacific Ave., White City

Many thanks to those of you who took fliers to distribute for this exciting, one of a kind event. I hope you were able to post them where they could be seen by young women aged 16-35, especially those who are concerned about their earning potential. Even without a flier, if you know young women starting or returning to college or going into the job market, please inform them about this opportunity. Powerful speakers, interesting workshops and a free lunch !

Although sponsored by a grant from AAUW, the goals of this conference are similar to those of the League and our Rogue Valley branch is listed as an official supporter. Four League members - Jackie Baker, Patty Finch, Marlene Olson and Shiena Polehn are on the planning committee so there is definitely a League connection. Please spread the word. Space is limited. Registration must be by October 19th at <http://www.roguecc.edu/payequity>. If you have questions, please call Shiena Polehn at 773-4177 or e-mail at polehn@mind.net

Shiena

The Iraq War Comes to Southern Oregon

The LWVRV ushered in the fall program series with a presentation by representatives from the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (a big mouthful for what many call the White City VA Dom). At the September luncheon meeting, Scott Walker, Clinic Administrator and Wayne Bell, Chief of Chaplin Services, explained the impact of the Iraq war on veteran services being offered at the facility.

Approximately 150 men and women who have returned from Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan are being treated at the center. The center has an annual budget of \$56 million and serves approximately 14,000 veterans from Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Klamath counties. With the advent of high tech body armor, many soldiers are surviving injuries that would previously have proved fatal. There are greater numbers suffering from severe amputations and traumatic brain injuries. A large number of the veterans returning from war suffer the ill effects of post traumatic stress disorder.

Veterans from 40 different states are being treated at the facility, which has a 600 bed in-patient hospital. Plans are afoot for a new 15 bed unit dedicated to traumatic brain injuries. Over the past thirty years, the demographics of the clients being served at the center have changed. The average age group used to be 65 years old and is now 49 years of age. Also, approximately 6% of the veterans being served are women. 70-75% of the inpatient clients suffer from a dual diagnosis manifested alcohol and drug abuse.

Soldiers returning from war suffer a huge transition as they attempt to reintegrate into society. The loss felt is like any grief and loss issue, which may include shock, denial, anger, bargaining, frustration, confusion and, hopefully, acceptance. According to Chaplin Bell, the bottom line is that there are very different rules for surviving in a war zone versus survival in day-to-day society. The VA is dedicated to working with veterans to improve physical and mental health with goals of reintegrating the individual into society.



Voters' Choice Tea™ The League of Women Voters

LWVRV is selling Voter's Choice Tea™ for \$4.50 per box. Boxes will available at our membership meetings or contact: Margaret Keene, 826-6911, or margaret2@clearwire.net

☞ **100% of the profits from this special program go to support the League's activities.**

→ *Eve's Café and Tearoom*, 15090 Hwy 38, Applegate, OR, 846-9019, now carries our tea.

VOTER SERVICES

- ☞ Deadline to register for the November 6, 2007 election is October 16th. You must be 18 by November 6 and have a valid driver's license or Social Security number.
- ☞ Ballot Measure #49—modifies #37 (clarifies the right to build homes, limits large developments, protects forests, farms and ground water
- ☞ Amendment #50—amends the Constitution, dedicating funds to provide health care for children and funds tobacco prevention through increasing tobacco tax.
- ☞ Speakers Bureau—experienced Leaguers will accompany newer members as they explain and discuss Ballot measures to local organizations. Call Eileen Adee, 773-4450 to join the fun!!!

LWVOR

The Voters' Guide this year will be an abbreviated one due to few issues or offices being on the November ballot. Explained, with Pros and Cons, will be Measure 49 on land use and Measure 50 on health care for kids. This will be a single page on both sides, and Leagues and members can make and distribute as many copies as desired.

While the Ed Fund's Voters Guides present both sides of an issue, scrupulously objective and balanced, LWVOR can and does take sides when we have studied the issue and adopted a position. We are supporting Measure 49 which makes some much needed revisions of Measure 37 on land use. LWVOR has no position on Measure 50 because it places some worthy legislation in the Constitution, where we do not think it belongs.

These "two hats" that Leagues wear - voters' education and advocacy - have been further separated by LWVOR this year by having different people heading them. Marge Easley is the state president and Janet Calvert is chair of the Ed Fund.

The Ed Fund is qualified to receive Foundation and other grants because it is classified as 501(c)(3) by IRS, and IRS regulations mostly prohibit advocacy by educational non-profit organizations whose contributors get tax breaks on their donations.

LWVOR, on the other hand, can and does advocate vigorously, and this past year successfully, for legislation our members support. Contributions to LWVOR are therefore not tax-deductible.

The two heads of these two League organizations will probably spend a good part of their time this year figuring out how to coordinate but not duplicate their work. Hopefully it will end up with workloads for each of them that are smaller than our state presidents have had in past years when they also doubled as Ed Fund chairs.

Biennial Reports on LWVOR and LWVOREF activity in the past two years are being prepared and will be mailed to all members and supporters in November. Local Leagues may request more copies of these if they wish to distribute them for public relations purposes.

--Jean Milgram

JACKSON COUNTY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

ATTEND



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It's time for your voice to be heard

Medford City Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm
411 W. 8th Street, 3rd floor

Find out

- How the county budget is constructed
- What services are funded
- Where the money comes from

Speak

- What services are important to you
- How would you prefer to fund those services

Be Heard

- By the County Commissioners
- By your community leaders
- By your neighbors and friends

**HELPERS
NEEDED!!!**

Rogue River—Thursday, October 4 Rogue River VFW Hall, 7:00pm

Ruch—Thursday, October 11, Ruch Elementary School gym, 7:00pm

Free Independent Judiciary Publication Available (NEW)

The [Safeguarding U.S. Democracy: Promoting An Independent Judiciary](#) project is offering a free publication, *Courting Danger: How the War on Terror Has Sapped the Power of Our Courts to Protect our Constitutional Liberties*. This insightful publication was compiled by LWV partner, the Justice at Stake Campaign, and covers crucial topics pertaining to the effect war has had on our judiciary. Please email David Ward at dward@lwv.org if you are interested. Be sure to include your name, League, and mailing address.

LAND USE ISSUES in JACKSON COUNTY

After 8 years of meetings with citizens, planners and elected officials, the Regional Problems Solving (RPS) plan is ready for public review. Those that are concerned about the future of the growth in Bear Creek Valley are asked to review the plan and to provide input at a public hearing: Oct. 10 at the Talent Community Center, 206 East Main in Talent. The hearing starts at 5:30 pm.

The RPS plan will guide growth up to 50 years when the population could double. It identifies what lands are reserved for urban expansion and what lands are left for farming. The plan will determine the connectivity of streets, feasibility of transit routes, and location of employment centers. You can review the plan and the maps showing the proposed growth areas at the hearings, the city you live in or near or at the Rogue Valley Council of Government in Central Point. Questions could be asked of Greg Holmes of 1000 Friends in Grants Pass (474-1155). However, the Goals and Policies of the plan must be addressed. Both written and verbal comments will be accepted at the hearings. Written comments can also be mailed before October 10th to RVCOG, P.O. Box 3275, CP 97502.

Some Measure 37 claims filed in Jackson County which would be limited to 3 houses under Measure 49:

1. 155 acre farm Old Stage Road near Jacksonville for a 38 lot subdivision
2. 712 acre farm on Dead Indian Memorial Rd for a 70 lot subdivision
3. 162 acre forest on Old Siskiyou Hwy for 32 lot resident development
4. 260 acre farm on Hwy 140 for a 45 lot subdivision
5. 1217 acre farm on N. Valley View Rd, Ashland for quarries and rural residential home sites
6. 314 acre farm on Hanley Rd near Central Point for 2 acre subdivision
7. 679 acre forest on Dead Indian Memorial Rd for 105 lot subdivision
8. 3,189 acre farm on Green Springs Hwy 66 for residential development.

Is this the kind of development we want under M37?

Porter Lombard, member LWVRV

UN AND WORLD BANK JOIN FORCES TO HELP POOR NATIONS RECOVER STOLEN ASSETS

An estimated \$40 billion worth of assets owned by developing countries are stolen by corrupt leaders and sent abroad annually. "There should be no safe haven for those who steal from the poor" said President of World Bank, Robert B. Zoellick, in presenting a new plan with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, recently, according to the New York Times [9/18/07]. The problem is most acute in Africa where an estimated 25% of countries' GDP is lost to corruption.

The World Bank estimates that between \$1 trillion and \$1.6 trillion annually is lost to cross-border flow of global proceeds from criminal activities, corruption and tax evasion. Even a small portion of this loss could provide financing for much needed health and social services. For example, \$100 million could provide immunizations for four million children or provide water connections for 250,000 households. The plan is being developed in partnership with the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. A former finance minister of Nigeria, Ms. Okonjo-Iweala, who oversaw the recovery of \$505 million from Switzerland said the new plan would help countries like hers by denying corrupt officials a foreign place to hide the money. The UN Convention Against Corruption which went into effect in December 2005 has obliged ratifying nations to cooperate and seems to have helped some. Unfortunately, 98 member nations of the UN [almost half] have yet to ratify the Convention. The new plan is expected to further strengthen the effort to stop the flow of stolen assets.

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007, join us in celebrating the UN DAY at the Southern Oregon University, Rogue River room. Program begins at 6:30pm with a reception followed by music, dance, and a Keynote address by a senior UN official from New York. The event is free and open to public. Your League is a proud cosponsor of this wonderful celebration which will be presided over by Dr. Mary Cullinan, President, SOU. Please tell your friends and acquaintances.

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

LWVRV BOOK CLUB FORMING

ENJOY READING???

HAVE WE GOT A GROUP FOR YOU!!!



The LWVRV Book Club’s formulating meeting will be at the home of Carol Hazeltine (*see directions below*) on Friday, October 26, 10:00am—noon. At this time, the group will select the type of books which will be featured during the year, how often and where the group shall meet, should everyone read the same book or each member read a relevant book on the selected subject and any other thoughts for the group.

Please bring suggested fiction and/or non-fiction books or book titles which would make for interesting discussions.

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

Carole Levi

664-9943

mpkettle@hotmail.com

Directions: Hwy 238/California Street towards the Applegate Valley. As you pass the Britt, watch for the 45mph sign on your right. Pass the sign and turn right on the first road—Pair-a-Dice Ranch Road. 135 is the first drive on the left. Follow the drive to:

135 Pair=a=Dice Ranch Road

Jacksonville, OR 97530

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

Check which of the following you are most interested in attending at a branch meeting:

Land Use Planning

Health Issues

Local Government

Other (list):

Transportation

Children at Risk

Education

National Issues

Election Issues

OCTOBER 2007 Calendar of Events

Friday	Oct. 12	11:30am — 1:00pm	General Meeting—” <i>Why Does LWVRV Support Measure 49?</i> ” Black Bear Diner, Medford.
Monday	Oct. 15	11:30am—1:00pm	Board meeting, Sun Oaks Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.
Tuesday	Oct. 16		Deadline to register for November 6th election.
Wednesday	Oct. 17	7:00pm	Jackson County Town Hall Meeting, Medford City Council Chambers, 411 W. 8th Street, 3rd floor.
Tuesday	Oct. 23	6:30pm	UN Day, Southern Oregon University, Rogue River Room.
Friday	Oct. 26	9:00am—3:pm	” <i>Pay Equity Conference</i> ”, Rogue Community College, Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Avenue, White City.
Friday	Oct 26	10:00am—12noon	LWVRV Book Club, Carol Hazelton’s house. 135 Pair-a-Dice Ranch Road, Jacksonville

DID YOU KNOW that...

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *US v Wesberry* that **the right to vote is the highest right we have as citizens**, and without it, all other rights are purely illusory.



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