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GENERAL MEETING



**Topic:** Economic Development  
**When:** Thursday, February 11, 2010  
**Where:** Medford Library, Main Meeting Room  
**Time:** 11:30 Brown bag lunch, optional  
**Speakers:** 12 noon

County Commissioner Dr. Dave Gilmour will address "Federal Stimulus Dollars in Jackson County: Yesterday, Today," from noon to 12:20. Ron Fox, Executive Director of Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. will address "Economic Development in Jackson County" from 12:20 to 12:30. Jim Fong, Executive Director of Job Council, will address "Employment in Jackson County," at 12:30 to 12:40. Mr. Fox and Mr. Fong will be available to answer questions, 12:40 to 1:00p.m.

The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are welcome.

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May 13, 2010

Details to follow

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

Be strong is the motto for 2010 as we look ahead...

Within Oregon, as we look to the results of voting on Measures 66 and 67, (still unknown at the time of this writing), Oregonians will need to be strong. Yes on 66 and 67 will help with funding, but there are more issues to come before we reach a fair and equitable tax structure overall. And No on 66 and 67 brings more to mind than this writer can deal with, so we aren't even going there.

Before leaving the Oregon situation, a very heart-felt thank you to all people who worked on the 66-67 campaign, whether talking to friends, family, and neighbors, or calling, posting lawn signs, canvassing, or contributing funds. It was a very intense campaign at a very difficult time (holidays and post-holidays in mid-winter), at a time when everyone could have been doing something else.

On a larger scale, the efforts for health care reform seem to have hit a big obstacle as the numbers in the Senate are shifting. That whole scenario is yet to be completed, but without a doubt, all of us who have worked for health care for all in this country are now called upon to BE STRONG. Don't accept defeat at first blush. Instead, ask what can be done at this point? Do we still want all citizens to have adequate access to affordable health care? If the answer is yes, then let your Congressional delegation know that. This is certainly a time to ask our Representatives and Senators in Washington to be strong and do what is good for the country. I think this is the most appropriate time for every citizen concerned about what their government is or should be doing to voice that concern to those elected officials.

This is a good time to remind everyone that we are facing an election year with a number of offices to be filled at the State level, as well as, Federal and local levels. While the League does not endorse or recommend candidates, we do have positions on issues. This is the time to start thinking of issues and becoming that informed voter.

Back to Jackson County, take note of our Thursday, February 11 meeting at the Medford Library, Main Meeting Room, with brown bag at 11:30 where we will hear from a panel of speakers on the economy, stimulus dollars, and employment, presented by Commissioner Dave Gilmour, Ron Fox of SOREDI, and Jim Fong of the Employment Office. Hope to see all of you there.

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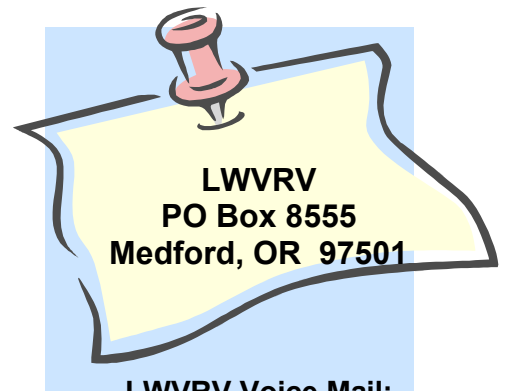
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# LWVRV BOARD MINUTES

LWVRV Board Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse, 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford

## 1. Call to Order

President Barbara Davidson called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Present were Barbara Davidson, Willi Bijon, Carol Hazeltine, Joan Rogers, Marcia Smith, Cynthia Lora and Carole Levi.

## 2. Brief Check-in

## 3. Approval of minutes:

Approved as written.

## 4. Treasurer's Report;

Accepted as reported by Willi Bijon. Available to members upon request.

## 5. Correspondence: Not receiving newsletter from LWVA. Barbara Davidson to check.

## 6. Reports:

Public Relations: No report. Need February announcement for Mail Tribune

Action: No report. Barbara Davidson will submit statement regarding LWV position on Measures 66 & 67 to the Mail Tribune.

Studies: Water is still being studied at the state level.

Membership: Marcia Smith and Cynthia Lora report 53 members. LWVRV dues are half price, or \$28.00, from January 31, 2010 through June 1, 2010. Notice will appear in Voters Voice.

### Program:

February General Meeting will cover local economy and stimulus money.

Speakers to include Dave Gilmore, Ron Fox and Jim Fong who have been invited to join us for an 11:30 a.m. lunch.

Voters Service: No report.

Voters Voice. Carole Levi needs all articles by Saturday, January 23, 2010 deadline. Will need thirty hard copies for mailing.

## 7. Other Business

Thursday, May 13, 2010 is the Annual Meeting. Program to be determined. Joan Rogers and Barbara Davidson to meet and decide upon guest speaker, or entertainment for this event.

Need program for March 11, 2010 General Meeting.

## 8. Studies: On-going Jackson County funding. Need more time to complete study. A one-year extension for this study was approved by the Board.

## Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.; 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford

## 9. Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

## SUMMARY OF LWVRV JANUARY PROGRAM MEETING

LWVRV members met January 14, 2010, to review the national positions on issues as part of the grassroots process prior to the next national convention this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. A brief statement of review is given here. More detailed information is available in your Membership Directory and on the national website: [LWVUS.org/public\\_policy](http://LWVUS.org/public_policy).

**REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT:** Sub-headings: **Voting Rights**, DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation.; **Election Process**; Campaign Finance; Selection of the President; **Citizen Rights**: Citizens' Right to Know/Citizen Participation, Individual Liberties, Public Policy on Reproductive Choices; **Congress and the Presidency**: Congress, The Presidency.

(All areas were affirmed. One area of concern if there was an opportunity to revisit any of these positions would be the procedure for selection of the President.)

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** **United Nations, Trade, U.S. Relations with Developing Countries, Arms Control, Military Policy and Defense Spending.**

(All areas were affirmed. Again, concern was expressed that the area of Military Spending Purposes would be the first area for reconsideration.)

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** **Natural Resources, Resource Management, Environmental Protection and Pollution Control:** Air Quality, Energy, Land Use, Water Resources, Waste Management, Nuclear Issues; **Public Participation; Agriculture Policy.** (All areas were affirmed.)

**SOCIAL POLICY: Equality of Opportunity:** Equal Rights, Education, Employment and Housing; **Fiscal Policy:** Tax Policy, Federal Deficit, Funding of Entitlements; **Health Care, Immigration, Meeting Basic Human Needs:** Income Assistance, Support Services, Housing Supply; **Child Care: Early Intervention for Children at Risk, Violence Prevention, Gun Control, Urban Policy, Death Penalty.**

(All areas were affirmed. Some discussion centered around the issue of terrorism with resulting large numbers of fatalities and whether the death penalty might need revisiting based on history of the last decade.)

The positions developed over the years by the Rogue Valley League of Women Voters may be found in the back of the Membership Directory under Local Positions. **Land Use, Juvenile Justice (Jackson and Josephine Counties), Medford City Charter, Home Rule Charters, Jackson County Government Adult Mental Health Josephine County, Farmworkers in the Rogue Valley.** It was also noted that our local League is currently doing a study of the County Budget Process. (All areas were affirmed.)

### Nominating Committee Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the Nominating Committee after the general meeting on February 11.

## SUMMARY OF LWVRV DECEMBER MEETING

Thanks to all of you who contributed cash, food and gifts for Kids Unlimited/the Maslow Project at our December 10 meeting. Those who took the tour thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks, again for your support.



*Shiena Polehn*

## MEMBER NOTES

### In Memoriam

Fumi Kobayashi, long-time member of League of Women Voters, passed away in October, 2009. She and her husband moved to the Rogue Valley Manor in 1992. Several friends from the Manor encouraged her to join the League. When her daughter-in-law, Normary Barrett, moved to Medford the following year, she asked her to join the League and eventually Normary became the president of the LWV. Fumi felt she learned a great deal from the LWV and looked forward to the Great Decisions meetings, also.

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### Speedy Recovery

After spending a few days in the hospital, Mickey Ketchum is recuperating at home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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League members enjoyed a great potluck, at the home of Lorraine Werblow, while discussing our positions on League issues.



## LAND USE ISSUES IN JACKSON COUNTY

*Porter Lombard*

Research from Portland presented at Copenhagen showed that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMTs) is only part of the Greenhouse Gas problem in USA. We must consider the "urban morphology" such as the compactness, walkability, transit availability, building size, the orientation of the building and the urban shaping of the building, and the open spaces for parks, trees, plants, wetlands etc for CO2 consumption and water clarification. These factors can add roughly 50% again of energy and emissions over auto emissions. This research suggest that a change in the way we build cities can, in the coming decades, cut total emissions by one third or more. Conversely, if we do nothing, the way we build cities and suburbs in the U.S. will likely continue to increase emissions. For example, those living in cities with average European morphological characteristics such as compact, walkable, transit-served with a good distribution of daily services, generate emissions per person of about half of what a resident in an American city would generate.

# United Nations

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

## Preventing Nuclear Proliferation While Preserving Nuclear Deterrent

A few days ago I wrote a brief Guest Opinion piece in the Ashland Daily Tribune, [1.8.2010] on "Nuclear Proliferation: An Existential Threat". I reminded readers about the 64-year history of UN'S attempts to refrain nations from indulging in nuclear proliferation. I also noted that Russia possessed 13,000 and the U.S. 9,400 nuclear warheads and asked how many nuclear warheads do we need to annihilate our enemies. I also referred to the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the 1995 Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty. The nonproliferation treaty stands on three principles still valid today:

- **The Principle of Non-Proliferation:** The non-nuclear-weapon States refrain from acquiring nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon states agree not to transfer nuclear weapons or parts to them and others and also not to transfer fissile material to non-nuclear-weapon States.

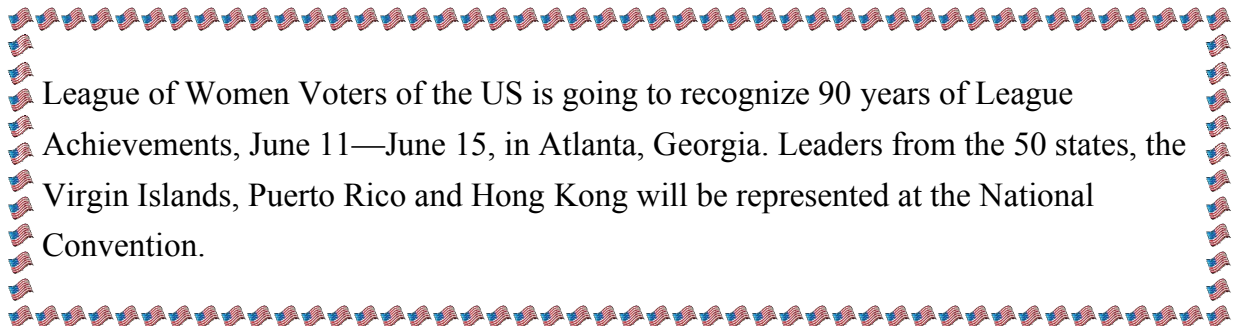
- **The Principle of Disarmament:** The nuclear-weapon States and other parties to NPT commit themselves to an early stage nuclear disarmament.

- **The Principle of Access to Peaceful Nuclear Technology:** NPT recognizes the right of all parties to develop and be assisted in the development of nuclear energy for civilian purposes.

Now, a serious concern is raised by four very prominent citizen-experts about the protection of our nuclear deterrent. Writing in the Wall Street Journal [1.19.2010], George Schultz, William Perry, Henry Kissinger and Sam Nunn said, *"The four of us have come together, now joined by many others, to support a global effort to reduce reliance on nuclear weapons, to prevent their spread into potentially dangerous hands, and ultimately to end them as a threat to the world. We do so in recognition of a clear and threatening development."* The concern of these distinguished leaders is that while the global community works through the UN on the ultimate goal of total nuclear disarmament, we need to keep a close eye on the proper and sufficient maintenance of the weapons we possess to ensure continuing deterrence. This seems a little problematic: keep existing stockpile in tip-top shape and simultaneously work on total nuclear disarmament.

Something for the readers of VV to contemplate.

# LWVUS



League of Women Voters of the US is going to recognize 90 years of League Achievements, June 11—June 15, in Atlanta, Georgia. Leaders from the 50 states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong will be represented at the National Convention.

LWVRV's



CLUB

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

February 19, 2010

April 2, 2010

The Pillars of the Earth, by Ken Follett

The Lacuna, Barbara Kingsolver

Hosted by Lorraine Weblow, 541-482-7261 Barbara Beaupain, 541-734-5793

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May 14, 2010

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June 25, 2010

Saving Fish from Drowning, by Amy Tan

Guns, Germs, Steel by Gerald Diamond

Hosted by Carol Hazeltine, 541-899-6894

Hosted by Mary Sinclair, 541-772-2372

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August 6, 2010

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September 17, 2010

Angle of Repose, by Wallace Stegner

Good Harbor, by Anita Diamant

Hosted by Agnes Chirwin, 541-773-3234

Hosted by Carole Levi, 541-664-9943

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) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** New Members who join in January, February, March or April can join for half-price membership. Your \$28.00 dues will cover January 30-June 1, 2010.

# FEBRUARY 2010 Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6/7
8	9	10	11 LWVRV General Meeting, <i>p. 1</i>	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13/14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15 <b>President's Day</b>	16 LWVRV Board Meeting, <i>p. 3</i>	17	18	19	20/21
22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
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