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☐ LWVRV Board meetings, open to everyone, will now be held at 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford, the third Tuesday of the month 1:30—1:00pm

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

**When:** Thursday, September 10, 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:** Health Care Reform. Keynote speaker is Steve Neuberger who is the Southern Oregon Organizer for the nation- wide group, Health Care for America Now (HCAN). Steve will address some of the activities and individuals involved at the Congressional level and discuss some possible timelines as Congress reconvenes in September. Both the Oregon League and the National League of Women Voters have positions of support for Health Care Reform, which gives equal access to all citizens for affordable quality health care—that 47 million of us without any coverage under the current system is endangering both our economy and or healthy communities.

A question and answer session will follow the speaker.

Health Care for America Now is a national grassroots campaign of over 1,000 organizations representing 30 million people dedicated to winning quality, affordable health care in 2009. The principles of HCAN include:

- Coverage You Can Afford
- Comprehensive Benefits You Can Count O
- Choice of Private or Public Health Insurance Plan
- Equal Access to Quality Care

Please contact Barbara Davidson, 541-245-2729 or [barbdav@charter.net](mailto:barbdav@charter.net), if there are questions.

*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

Welcome to all of you. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

As the Rogue Valley League's newly-elected president, I look forward to the coming year's activities with excitement and some trepidation.

Outgoing President Trish Bowcock did such an outstanding job in her years of leadership with the League of Women Voters Rogue Valley! Thank you, again, Trish, for your hard work and focus on the League's mission. Your "shoes" will be hard to fill, but you have left such a solid and cohesive group of leaders that I feel more confident already.

The League's purpose—to promote civic involvement with an informed citizenry—calls forth and puts into practice those ideals on which this county was founded. By recognizing an issue, studying all aspects of the issue and then following up with action(s) as applicable makes education/knowledge a major part of our involvement with government at the local, state, and national level. I am honored and humbled to be involved with the League and its history of civic engagement.

Back to the here and now—The League of Women Voters Oregon has requested all members to become active on behalf of the budget just passed by the Oregon Legislature which recognized the importance of schools, seniors, and safety and the funding thereof.

Please consider the following: "Decline to Sign" or "Think before You Ink" as initiatives are being circulated which would overturn the budget accomplished by the Oregon House and Senate. The League's position in support of public education, social policy and human resources has guided the Oregon League in taking this action.

So...we are off and running! I hope to see all of you and your friends at our monthly programs. If you have comments or suggestions, please let me hear from you. Remember that this is a volunteer organization, and we have an excellent group of officers and off-board leaders. If you would like to become more involved, welcome!!

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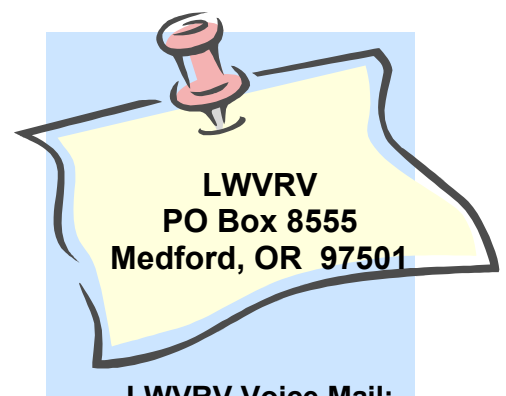
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# LWVRV BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

July 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order; President Barbara Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Barbara Davidson, Jean Milgram, Joan Rogers, Marcia Smith, Mary Sinclair, Carol Ingelson, Cynthia Lora, Willie Bijon, Carole Levi, Carol Hazeltine.

2. Brief Check-in.

3. Approval of Minutes (Old Board / New Board Meeting). Minutes approved as written.

4. Treasurer's Report, Willie Bijon:

Checking Account: \$1,130.66 Money Market : \$7,067.22

There is \$436.00 available for the Local League Grant Program. Money to be used for public education such as voters education, seminars and public meetings. Need B. Davidson on accounts

5. Programs 2009 – 2010

Following are tentative dates, venues and presentations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Program</u>
09-10-09	Medford Library	Stimulus & Oregon
09-15-09	Medford Library	Board
10-08-09	Jacksonville. Library.	Ashland Merger/Library update
10-20-09	Clubhouse	Board
11-12-09	Medford Library	Ballot Measures
11-17-09	Clubhouse	Board
12-10-09	Central Pt. Library	Kids Unlimited
12-15-09	Clubhouse	Board
01-14-10	Medford Library	Open
01-19-10	Clubhouse	Board
02-11-10	Private Residence	Program meeting
02-16-10	Clubhouse	Board
03-11-10	Medford Library	Cnty. Budget Survey
03-16-10	Clubhouse	Board
04-08-10	TInt/Phoe. Library	Water Board/fld.trip
04-13-10	Clubhouse	Board
05-13-10	T.B.A.	Annual Meeting
05-18-10	Clubhouse	Old Board/New Board

Scheduling:

Barbara Davidson; Medford Main Library

Cynthia Lora; Clubhouse

Mary Sinclair; Talent, Phoenix & Jacksonville Libraries

Carole Levi; Central Point Library

Dates and Times;

General Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month,

11:30-12:00 p.m. social/brown bag, 12:00-1:00 p.m. - meeting

Board Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., brown bag if desired

# LWVRV's BOARD RETREAT MINUTES *(continued from page 3)*

Membership: Marcia Smith & Cynthia Lora

Request to purchase new name badges, 50 @ \$1.50 each was approved.

Send Newsletter to visitors via e-mail or US Mail Service( three issues)

Sending 25-30 Newsletters via US Mail Service.

Dues due September meeting. If not received by October 10 name will not be included in Member Directory. Late member renewals will be listed in Newsletter.

New member recognition. Blurb in Newsletter with photo. Introduce at meeting. Have a "welcome partner".

Review current publications, bylaws, Member Handbook. Do we need updates? No updates required at this time.

Nuts & Bolts Duties/Arrangements"

Meetings at Library / need to schedule, See above Programs # 5

LWVRV Phone, Barbara Davidson will determine current status of phone

LWVRV Post Office Box, Need to locate keys that have been issued. Need to update Boxholder information . Barbara Davidson and Mary Sinclair to follow-up.

Web Site, Has been destroyed. Helen Scholom aware and working on this. Barbara Davidson to check status.

E-mail/Action Alerts: Carole Levi and Mary Sinclair will work together on the most efficient way to alert members.

Voters Voice, Carole Levi

1. Deadline for next Newsletter is August 22, 2009

2. Deadline is *Always* the Saturday after the Board Meeting.

Mailing, No Report

Calendar Items, See Programs #5

Book Club, Carol Hazeltine

Continues into second year meeting every six weeks.

Nice social and unstructured group.

Grapefruit, Lorraine Werblow will continue to coordinate this most successful fund-raising effort.

LWVA/ Merger

Barbara Davidson reports a meeting has been scheduled for July 30, 2009 for discussion . Eileen Adee will chair this meeting with LWVA representative and Barbara Davidson. Barbara to contact Marge Easley, LWVOR President, for consultation. Barbara to research "Unit" status in regards to or instead of merger. Also need to know LWVUS guidelines for potential merger.

Development, Jean Milgram

Willing to work towards fundraising and growth . An opportunity for a LWRV member to have a mentor in this in this endeavor.

LWVRV "OLD FILES"

Eileen Adee requests help with purging of files maintained in her home.

Carole Levi and Carol Hazeltine will contact Eileen in Oct/Nov 09.

**. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2009, Medford Main Library**

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

## 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 !

# LAND USE UPDATE

*By Porter Lombard*

A review of the 2009 legislature:

The legislature and the governor passed the Metolius Protection Act, designating the Metolius River Basin as the First-ever Area of Critical State Concern in Oregon. The passage was the effort of Central Oregon Landwatch, Friends of the Metolius, and of groups and individuals.

Attempted to reform the Destination Resort siting to protect farm and ranch lands, updated big game habitat protections, reduced risks from wildfires and requirements to mitigate traffic impacts from the resorts in HB 2227. Both houses barely passed the bill but the senate and house have not been able to reach agreement before legislature adjournment.

Transfer of Development Rights can use new tools for farm and forest land protection. This bill, SB 763, added development in receiving areas, defined as land within urban growth boundaries or land within urban reserves.

HB 2001 was a comprehensive transportation package designed to raise revenue while addressing climate change. However, it also included a list of road building projects that will increase sprawl and greenhouse gas emissions, cut transit and bike funding.

HB 2186 was amended to set a low carbon fuel standard by creating a task force to develop a bill for the 2010 session extending blueprint planning to the Eugene, Salem, Corvallis, Bend, and Medford areas.

HB 3099 will require that schools sited in the EFU zone must serve primarily a rural population.

Attempted to required land owners must go through the state to hire a soils classifier instead of hiring unqualified people. HB 2761 was passed in the house but it died in the Ways & Means.

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

Hope you had a nice, happy and healthy summer.

*Lorraine Werblow, Grapefruit Chairperson*



# LWVRV WEBSITE UPDATE

*By Helen Scholom*

*Due to circumstances beyond our control, we now have a new domain name called " <http://lwvroguevalley.org>". Right now, when you search for our lwvr.org you click on it and you will be redirected to our new lwvroguevalley.org. It will take some time and then the lwvr.org will be eliminated and replaced by lwvroguevalley.org.*

# UNA—USA, Climate Change -- Urgent Action is Needed Now

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

There is irrefutable evidence of increased global warming; 11 of the past 12 years ranking among the warmest in surface temperature since 1850

The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased from pre-industrial value of 278 parts-per million to 379 in 2005

Sea level is rising: the rate of observed sea level increased from the 19th to 20th century estimated at 0.17 meter, far higher than during the previous 2000 years

Snow cover is decreasing in most regions -- about seven percent in the Northern Hemisphere since 1900.

Glaciers are melting at a faster rate in both hemispheres

Average Arctic temperatures increased at almost twice the global average rate in the past hundred years

Climate change is inducing extreme weather events including, storm surges, floods and droughts. Small islands, mega-deltas in Asia and Africa and in the African region in general are most vulnerable

Much work is under way to slow down this threatening development at local, national and international levels. The big global event involving heads of states will be in Copenhagen in December 2009 under the auspices of the United Nations. United States must fulfill its responsibility. Along with China we are responsible for 40 percent of the current deteriorating situation. Please contact your lawmakers to support strong action if you believe the problem is real.

## 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 2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY\*\*\***

# September Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
	1	2	3	4	5/6
7  LABOR DAY	8	9	10 LWVRV General Meeting, 11:30—1:00pm. <i>see p. 1</i>	11	12/13
14	15 LWVRV Board Meeting, 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford 11:30—1:00. Brown bag lunch, optional	16	17	18	19/20
21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26/27
28	29	30			



October 8 meeting - Medford Library, Adams Room. Topic: Jackson County Libraries Update.

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