



# League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

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- ☐ **Paulie Brading has taken a leave of absence from her position on Voter Services**
- ☐ **Last issue of Voters Voice until September**
- ☐ **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**

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## GENERAL MEETING

WATER UPDATE FOR 2010: Do we have enough? What happens next??

Speaker: **Laura Hodnett, Medford Water Commission**

When: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Time: Program at noon, brown bag at 11:30

Ms. Hodnett will give the history of water in the Rogue Valley and the Medford Water Commission serving Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix, and Talent. The Medford Water Commission also serves White City and the following water districts: Jacksonville Highway, Elk City, and Charlotte Ann.

She will discuss the current water situation and what might be anticipated if water shortages occur this summer.

The public is invited. Bring a brown bag lunch and visit with League members prior to the noon program.

Contact Mickey Ketchum, 773-2968, if there are questions.

## LWVRV ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 13, 2010

11:30am—2:00pm

Red Lion Inn, Medford

**Details will follow in a separate Annual Meeting packet.**

Anne Peugh from the Southern Oregon Historical Society will present "Wasn't That A Time?" She is a retired school teacher and has been a volunteer for SOHS for five years.

***You can pay your 2010-2011 dues at the luncheon. Checks will not be deposited until June 1, 2010.***

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Barbara Davidson

Looking at the calendar, March, April, and May promise to be very busy. It is spring and many of us have cleaning and gardening and putting all those special touches to our gardens and grounds so that we may enjoy beautiful color and scents throughout the summer and fall. Finally, there are so many of those events and activities which define us as League of Women Voters. Just take a look:

The League's last program for this season is Thursday, April 8, 2010, 11:30 for brown bag, and noon for program on Water in Jackson County presented by Laura Hodnett of Medford Water Commission. Laura will discuss history of water in Jackson County, current water picture, and what happens if we don't get enough moisture during the rest of March, April and May.

**A Candidates' Forum for County Commissioner** will be held **Thursday, April 29, 2010**. All thirteen candidates will be invited to participate in the Forum, 6 pm to 9:00 pm, Thursday, at the Presentation Hall First Floor of RCC/SOU Education Building, Medford.

**An Open House by State-level Water Resources Strategy** will be held in Medford on **Tuesday, May 11**, 4-7 p.m. at the Medford Library. Put May 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come to find out more about water issues around the State. There will be an opportunity for public input, also.

LWVRV have scheduled their **Annual Meeting for May 13, 2010**. Check out the details in another article and join us for our Annual Meeting and Program at the Red Lion, Medford, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. This includes a luncheon which requires a reservation.

May 18 is another important date: **Oregon's Primary Election**. A limited number of LWV Oregon *Voters' Guide* will be available at the Libraries, County Clerk's Office, and most Senior Retirement Centers.

If you haven't completed the Census form which came in the mail recently, please take a few minutes to make sure you and your household are counted and put it in the mail -before it gets buried and forgotten.

I hope to see many of you at one or more of the upcoming events. Special wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

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# LWVRV BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse

314 Eastwood Drive, Medford

1. Call to Order at 12:10pm by President Barbara Davidson.

Present were Barbara Davidson, Willi Bijon, Joan Rogers, Marcia Smith, Cynthia Lora, Carole Levi, Mary Sinclair, Eileen Adee and Trish Bowcock.

2. Brief Check-in.

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved, with the addition that Mary Sinclair had been excused from the February board meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report - Accepted as reported by Willi Bijon. A budget committee was appointed to prepare and present the budget for 2010-2011. Meeting time to be decided, but report must be given to Trish Bowcock by April 1 for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Packet. Members include Willi Bijon, Barbara Davidson, Lorraine Werblow and Carole Levi.

5. Correspondence – none

6. It was reported that Paulie Brading has taken a leave of absence from her position on Voter Services.

7. Reports

- a. Public Relations – Barbara Davidson stated an article, announcing the March general meeting, had appeared in the Mail Tribune.

- b. Action and Studies - County Budget – Trish Bowcock reported that the study is proceeding slowly. Several members of the committee are committed to moving forward on the budget. The committee is getting closer to having enough information to compile a report.

- b. Membership – Cynthia Lora and Marcia Smith reported we have 55 members. The statement on the membership form in the Voters Voice announcing half-price dues, will no longer appear on the application. A notice will be posted in the April Voters Voice announcing that dues for the year 2010-2011 will be accepted at the May Annual meeting, but the checks will not be deposited until June 1.

- c. Program – Barbara Davidson reported she had received a call from a Grants Pass resident, thanking her for getting out, at the March general meeting, the information on disaster preparedness. Due to Grants Pass' location and topography, that area might sustain more serious damage than Medford.

- d. Voter Service/Observers - Forum for County. Commissioner Candidates, April 29. We have the room reserved from 5:30 – 9 :30 at RCC. The event will begin at 6:00pm. There will be 13 candidates. Barbara Davidson reported that Pam Vavra from Ashland will coordinate with us on this forum. Barbara suggested that two people from the Ashland league and two from ours meet, coordinate and organize this event. Our representatives will be Eileen Adee and Trish Bowcock.

- e. Voters Voice – Carole Levi reported that the deadline for last issue until September will be March 20.

8. Annual Meeting – Joan Rogers reported the Annual Meeting will be held on May 13, 2010, 11:30-2 at the Red Lion in Medford. She discussed the menu and cost.
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## 9. New Business

- a. *Call to Council*, Bend, OR on May 15-16 (registration due by Mar 29). Barbara Davidson asked if anyone was interested in attending as a delegate. Joan Rogers will check to see if she is available to attend.
  - b. Water Resources Strategy Open House, Medford, May 11, 2010, 4-7pm at the Medford Library. Barbara Davidson reported that we were asked to send several volunteers to help. Trish Bowcock and Cynthia Lora volunteered to check on their availability to assist.
10. Barbara Davidson discussed having an email list sent out as a reminder for meetings. Trish Bowcock volunteered to create this, as she has many email lists of people, other than League members who might be interested in the reminder.
11. Trish Bowcock has volunteered to prepare the Annual Meeting packet for this year, as she has a lot of the forms on her computer. All reports and information and reports for inclusion, must be received by Trish by April 1. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levi, acting Secretary

## LAST ISSUE FOR THIS YEAR

This will be the last Voters Voice issue until September. The Annual Meeting Packet, to be mailed to each member, will substitute for the May newsletter.

I know it seems early, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a wonderful and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

*Carole Levi*

## MEMBERSHIP

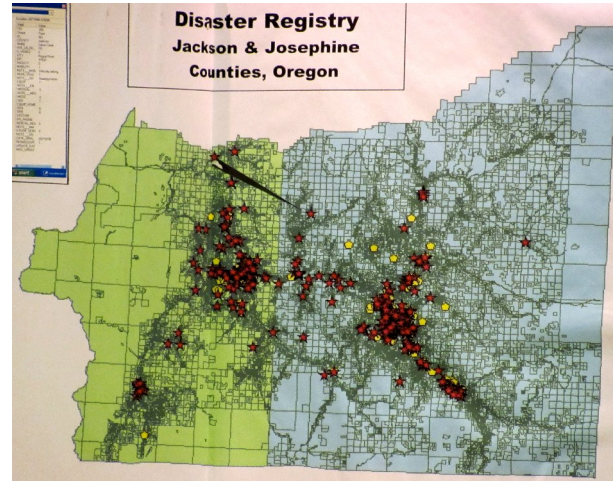
The membership committee has announced that they will begin accepting LWVRV dues for the 2010-2011 year at the Annual meeting, to be held on May 13, 2010. The annual dues will remain at \$56.00 per member and \$28.00 per spouse. If you pay by check at the meeting, your check will not be deposited until June 1, 2010.

Please welcome the LWVRV's newest member, Annette Fried, 3216 Century Way, Medford, OR 97504. 541-773-4477; gsfried@juno.com

# MARCH GENERAL MEETING



Michael Curry, Program Manager, Jackson County Emergency Management, discussed the Jackson County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained how we, as citizens, can prepare ourselves for natural hazard events by having a disaster Supply kit. This should include enough food and water stored for three days' use., medications, first-aid kit, bar of soap, toilet paper, clothing, tools, to name a few. A booklet entitled, *Jackson County Emergency Preparedness Plan for Families*, was distributed, containing all of this information.



save the date

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Candidate Forum

April 29, 2010

6:00pm

RCC/SOU Presentation Hall

Medford

Meet the Candidates/Hear Their Positions

# United Nations

## **Millennium Development Goals[MDGs]: The UN Secretary-General Calls on World Leaders to Attend a Summit in September 2010 to Boost Progress.**

*"We must not fail the billions who look to the international community to fulfill the promise of the Millennium Declaration for a better world. Let us meet in September to keep the promise" -- UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon*

In 2000, 189 UN Member States -- including 147 Heads of States -- adopted the Millennium Declaration which proved to be a defining moment in global cooperation in the 21st century. In the introduction to his 35-page report to the UN General Assembly [2.12.2010], "Keeping the Promise", the UN SG made the following points summarized here:

The Millennium Declaration captured previously agreed goals on international development, and gave birth to a set of concrete and measurable development objectives known as the MDGs. The Declaration spurred leaders of both developed and developing countries to make a commitment to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

MDGs are the highest profile articulation of UN-led world's quantified, time-bound targets for addressing extreme poverty, hunger and disease, and for promoting gender equality, education and environment sustainability -- an expression of basic human rights of everyone to good health, education and shelter.

During the past decade, the MDGs have resulted in unprecedented commitments and partnerships reaffirmed in successive summits and meetings to push towards these goals.

With five years to go to achieve the 2015 targets, our challenge today is to agree on an action agenda so that we do not fail. Failure is unacceptable both from the moral and practical standpoint because the dangers in the world -- instability, violence, epidemic diseases, environmental degradation, runaway population growth -- will all be multiplied.

Achievement of the MDGs remains feasible with adequate commitment, policies, resources, and effort. The Millennium Declaration represents the most important collective promise ever made to the world's most vulnerable people -- not based on charity or pity but on solidarity, justice and recognition that we are increasingly dependent on one another for our shared prosperity and security.

The SG's report calls on all stakeholders, including national Governments, donor and other supportive Governments, the business community and civil society at large, to work in concert to ensure that the MDGs are met by 2015.

For SG's full report go to: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org) and to become a member of UNA-USA go to [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org) .

**LWVRV's**



**CLUB**

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

April 2, 2010

*The Lacuna*, Barbara Kingsolver

Barbara Beaupain, 541-734-5793

May 14, 2010

*Saving Fish from Drowning*, by Amy Tan

Hosted by Carol Hazeltine, 541-899-6894

June 25, 2010

*Guns, Germs, Steel* by Gerald Diamond

Hosted by Mary Sinclair, 541-772-2372

August 6, 2010

*Angle of Repose*, by Wallace Stegner

Hosted by Agnes Chirwin, 541-773-3234

September 17, 2010

*Good Harbor*, by Anita Diamant

Hosted by Carole Levi, 541-664-9943

October 29, 2010

*Corner of Bitter Sweet*, by Jamie Ford

Hosted by Barbara Davidson, 541 245-2729

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

*Dues for the 2010-2011 year will be accepted at the Annual Meeting, May 13, 2010. Checks will be deposited June 1.*

# APRIL 2010 Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
			1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday LWVRV Book Club, p.7	3/4 Easter
5	6	7	8 LWVRV General Meeting, p.1	9	10/11
12	13	14	<b>15 Income Taxes Due</b>	16	17/18
19	20 LWVRV Board Meeting	21	22 Earth Day	23	24/25
26	27	28	29 Candidate Forum, p5	30	



May 11, 2010 - Water Resources Strategy Open House, Medford Library, 4-7pm.

May 13, 2010 - LWVRV Annual Meeting

May 15-16, 2010 - Call to Council, Bend, OR

May 18, 2010 - Oregon's primary election