



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Please note change of venue for February's general Meeting
Volunteers needed for LWVOR convention

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Program Planning Takes a New Twist! As we review local and national positions and decide whether to retain, amend or drop... Our primary focus will be local. No formal presentation and lots of brain-storming. Join us! The more the merrier!

Is it time for a new Study???? There is a proposal afloat for a thorough review of the county budgeting process All members are encouraged to attend and share their ideas.

Friday, February 8, 2008, 11:30 - 1:30

Salad Pot Luck (please bring a salad—potato, fruit, green, pasta, egg, be creative!) to share

Home of Lorraine Werblow, 3071 Pineview Court, Medford

off of Brookdale Avenue ... (Spring takes you to Brookdale - turn left; McAndrews takes you to Brookdale - turn right), 245-3641

SEEING RED BECAUSE OF ORANGES

Thank you for purchasing, selling, squeezing, and delivering grapefruits and oranges in November/December.

As many of you are aware we experienced a problem (no use using words like "a concern", "an unhappy result" - it was a problem!) with the quality of the oranges that were shipped to us along with the grapefruits. We are happy to report the grapefruits continue to be of excellent quality.

In the past few years, many previous buyers were advised certain medications did not allow their eating grapefruits. With that information, we were happy to experiment by selling oranges for those who wished to support the League and still enjoy the fruits of our labor.

As chair of the Grapefruit Committee, being in immediate contact with the grower expressing our concern about oranges poor quality, was told t we were the only group who complained. At the time of this writing, I will be following up by sending copies of emails I received to the supplier, explaining and describing disappointment in the oranges in our members own words.

I wish to apologize to those of you who purchased the oranges and weren't satisfied with the product and thank you for your generosity by telling me "it was a donation". In the future, I will make every effort to try a product before we sell it.

You are kind people and, on behalf of the LWVRV, thank you.

Lorraine Werblow
Grapefruit Chairperson

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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

Think Before You Ink!

Spread the word. The League of Women Voters encourages its members and the public to be cautious during this period of circulation of initiative petitions. Voters will be asked to sign a variety of initiative petitions "just to get it on the ballot so people can vote on it." Share the League's position with everyone you know: "Your signature is valuable, more valuable than your vote, considering that far fewer signatures are required to qualify a petition for the ballot than votes to pass it on the ballot. Only sign an initiative petition that you believe belongs on the ballot."

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government".

Thank You Margaret Bradburn!

LWVRV Second Vice-President Margaret Bradburn has resigned from the board. Margaret remains a member, but health and family have taken precedence in her life right now. Margaret has been a tremendous asset to our league by taking a leading role in the Homeless Youth study and engaging in tireless hours of interviews and reporting. She has always been willing to contact members, arrange for speakers, testify before committees, or just show-up when asked. Her great letters to the editor, ready humor, sharp wit and great hats will be missed. Thank you so much Margaret for your work in bettering the League.

Welcome New LWVRV Board Member Lynn Howe!

Lynn Howe, who has agreed to fill the remainder of Margaret Bradburn's term, moved with her husband, Jim, to Medford in 2007. She had worked in Detroit as an occupational health nurse administrator. Lynn & Jim have been married almost 35 years and have grown children who both live and work in San Francisco. After growing up in Louisville Kentucky; Lynn graduated (political science) from Duke University and got a masters in history and education at Hunter College in New York. She has always been involved in anti-war, civil rights, women's rights, environmental and community groups and issues.

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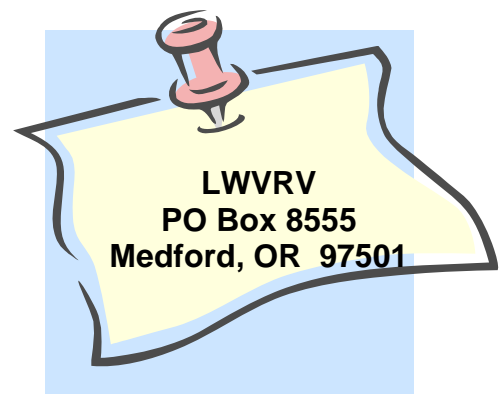
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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS TOGETHER

Please Volunteer to Work at the 2008 LWVUS Convention, June 13 - 17

Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR

Volunteers are needed:

Every day (June 13 - 17) Registration, Credentials, Information, Tours, Personnel

Friday through Sunday (June 13 - 15) Hospitality and Dine Around

Saturday - Tuesday (June 14 - 17) Door Keepers, Ushers, Timekeepers, Teller/Elections, Microphone Monitors

Questions? Contact: Carol Cushman, 503-702-9490 (cell) or chcrail@aol.com

Debbie Kaye, 503-223-4660 or djek53@aol.com

Portland LWV office, 503-228-1675 or lwvpx@aracnet.com

Return before the end of March 2008 to:

Debbie Kaye, 2235 NW Aspen Avenue, Portland, OR 97210-1218

or download from www.lwvpx.org or www.lwvor.org and email to djek53@aol.com

Volunteers will be notified of their assignments in early May.

Please print:

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **E-mail** _____

Address _____ **League** _____

Do you prefer e-mail? _____ US mail? _____

Area(s) of Interest: (mark in order of preference 1, 2, 3, etc)

Convention floor during Plenary sessions:				Other:			
	Door Keeper				Registration		Dine Around
	Usher				Information		Tours
	Timekeeper				Personnel		Dine Around Host
	Teller/Election				Credentials		Fundraiser
	Microphone. Monitor				Hospitality		Wherever Needed

Dates: Please choose time(s) and day(s) you are available to work and indicate AM, PM or all day. The number of hours you will be asked to work will depend on the number of volunteers and areas of interest.

Friday, June 13 (PM and/or Eve) _____ Saturday, June 14 _____ Sunday, June 15 _____

Monday, June 16 _____ Tuesday, June 17 (AM only) _____

Note: *Volunteers should note that the AM shift for most volunteers begins at 7:30.*

I am interested in B&B accommodations (limited number available): _____

Will you be a delegate to the Convention? ___Yes or ___No

Note: *Delegates will have to pay the registration fee. You may volunteer to work at the Convention and will be assigned a job that does not interfere with your duties as a delegate. Most delegates who volunteer will be assigned Friday or Saturday AM for Information or Hospitality, or Sunday as a Dine Around dinner host.*

TEA FOR YOU



Voters' Choice Tea™ **The League of Women Voters**

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 GROUP

For more information about the Great Decisions group, call Eileen Adee at 773-4450 while Margaret is out of town. Margaret will be back Feb 20th. The first meeting is Mon. Feb 25. If you've given Margaret money for your book you can pick it up at the 1st meeting or pick it up at Eileen's house

LWVRV's BOOK CLUB



If stimulating discussion peaks your interest, please join us. Call the host of the month to let her know that you will be attending. Carpools will be formed.

February 29, 2008

10:00 - Noon

Two Lives: Gertrude and Alice by Janet Malcolm

and a brief discussion of

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Agnes Chirgwin's house

773-3234

April 18, 2008

10:00 - Noon

Blue Shoes & Happiness by Alexander McCall Smith

Eileen Adee's house

773-4450

FREQUENTLY ASKED VOTING QUESTIONS

Can I still vote in person?

You can still vote in person in Oregon. Each County Elections Office provides privacy booths for voters who want to vote in person or voters who need assistance.

How do I know if my ballot was received?

Call 1 866 ORE VOTES or contact your County Elections Office. Each county keeps a record of every voter who has returned a ballot.

WHAT is UNIFEM and WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

“Violence against women and girls continues unabated in every continent, country and culture. It takes a devastating toll on women's lives, on their families, and on society as a whole. Most societies prohibit such violence -- yet the reality is that too often it is covered up or tacitly condoned.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, 8 March 2007

Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. At least one out of three women around the world has been beaten, forced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime -- with the abuser usually known to her. Perhaps the most pervasive human right violation that we know today, it devastates lives, fractures communities, and stalls development.

United Nations Development Fund for Women [UNIFEM] has launched a campaign "Say NO to Violence against Women" under the goodwill ambassadorship of Nicole Kidman to address this terrible situation. To learn more about this campaign please go to www.saynotoviolence.org

In 1996, the UN General Assembly established the UN Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women. This Fund is managed by UNIFEM and is the only multilateral grant-making mechanism that supports local, national and regional efforts to combat violence.

Since 1997, the Fund has awarded over \$19 million to 263 initiatives to address violence against women in 115 countries. Raising awareness of women's human rights, these UNIFEM-supported efforts have linked activists and advocates from all parts of the world; shown how small innovative projects impact laws, policies, and attitudes; and has begun to break the wall of silence by moving the issue onto public agendas everywhere.

If someone speaks to you negatively about the UN tells them about UNIFEM. To become a member of our Southern Oregon Chapter go to www.unausa.org.

Peace,

Russy D. Sumariwalla, President

UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

Founder-President

LWVUS

Mary G. Wilson, President

It's a new year--and a new opportunity to make an impact in your community! League members everywhere are rolling up their sleeves and getting started on the important work of making sure voters are ready for a landmark year. This election will affect everything from the future of education and healthcare, to the state of civil liberties in our country--so make sure your friends and neighbors get registered to vote!

Are You Ready to Vote in Your State's Primary?

Presidential primaries are fast approaching in many states! The outcome of this important election will affect you and your family---so register today! Just go to **VOTE411.org** to get started. While you're at it, make sure your friends and loved ones are registered too! VOTE411 is also your one-stop shop to request an absentee ballot, find your polling place, and much more!



LAND USE ISSUES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Local opposition to Measure 49 resulting from changes in M37 waivers has surfaced with a recent meeting held by a new group called Citizens for Constitutional Fairness. They are asking Jackson County to grant development for the 571 approved waivers even though only 15 waivers had a vested interest. It would be wise to monitor these waivers to make sure M49 rules are followed.

In 2007, bipartisan majorities in the Legislature passed HB 3543, establishing greenhouse gas reduction goals in Oregon law. It set up a Global Warming Commission and a climate research center within the Oregon university system. While an impressive step forward, the bill did not outline a strategy for reducing Oregon's share of global warming pollution. HB 3543 lacks a comprehensive approach to transportation and land use. It also does not give authority to the state to meet the new goals, nor does it hold the state accountable for addressing climate change. However, a public hearing was held this week in Salem on Legislative Concept 70 which would give HB 3543 a tune up to provide Oregon with two tools that form the foundation for any effective strategy to address global warming. LC 70 would call for a clear and accurate measurement of Oregon's carbon footprint, reporting on large CO2 emitters of greenhouse gases. LC70 would also require state officials to report to the Legislature on measures necessary to meet the goals. Since Oregonians want effective response to global warming, we need the accountability and a map of how we will deal with it from the legislature.

Local officials are searching for local applicants to replace recent resignations on the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Oregon Transportation Commission by two local commissioners. If any LWV member have suggestions, I would be glad to pass it on.

Porter Lombard, member of the RVLWV.

LWVRV WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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

Janet Miller

Rosemarie Stone

LWVOR

"We are really excited; we think it's just great;

You'll be coming to Portland in two thousand eight!"

With those words we invited national Leaguers to convention in Portland, June 13 – 17, 2008. The same sentiment goes to all state Leaguers. Come as delegates – or come as volunteers – a similar experience at a great price!

If members from LWVRV want to carpool, we will schedule your volunteers for the same day. Just make a note by the date selection on your volunteer form.

Be part of the excitement of "Reaching New Heights Together."

"Come where the League blooms, and roses await.

We look forward to welcoming you in O-eight."

NEWS FROM LWVOR

Jean Milgram

I found Rose Lewis's report to the state board on the activities of local Leagues really interesting. So much variety, so much determination "to make a difference" - from a meeting with the local newspaper about publicity ...to a list of facts an aspirant for U.S. citizenship needs to know ...to a formal challenge to the city government's transportation system plan.

Here is an interesting excerpt from Rose's report:

Coos County League. They include in their newsletter an interesting Redesigned Naturalization Test, or what immigrants need to know to become citizens - sent by Jane Gigler (source: www.usci.gov):

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
2. What stops 2 branches of government from becoming too powerful?
3. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
4. There are 4 amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
5. What are two rights only for US citizens?
6. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the US Constitution. Name one of the writers.
7. What territory did the US buy from France in 1803?
8. Who was President during World War I?
9. Name one US territory.
10. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

HOW MANY QUESTIONS CAN YOU ANSWER?



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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children at Risk | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Issues | |

Tell your friends: New members to the League of Women Voters pay 1/2 dues during February, March and April, only \$28. New members who join in May get all of next year for the price of \$56.

FEBRUARY 2008 Calendar of Events

Friday	February 8	11:30am—1:00pm	General Meeting. Lorraine Werblow's home, 3071 Pineview Court, Medford. 245-3641
Monday	February 18	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

Everything You Wish you Knew About the May 20th Primary

Eileen Adee

Deadlines:

Voter Registration—April 29; If you will be 18 by May 20th, register.

Sites: County Elections Office (corner of Main and Hamilton), DMV (727 Medford Center), Rogue Valley Mall (1600 N. Riverside, Ste. 1029)

Candidate Filing—March 11; Commissioner (C.W. Smith's position) and County Clerk (K. Beckett's retiring)

Initiative and Referendum—March 20

Statements for Voter Pamphlet—March 13

Join the fun!! Become a member of the Voter Service Committee!!!

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