



MARCH GENERAL MEETING

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Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011

Time: 11:30 optional brown bag lunch; 12noon, speakers' presentations

Place: Medford Library, 205 S. Central Avenue, Medford

Topic: Immigration Update

John Almaguer, a well-known Medford immigration attorney will be our speaker on current immigration law and the U.S. Citizenship process. He will also talk about the "Dream Act" concerning U.S. - born children of undocumented parents and the problems they face.

Anael Sanchez, a legal immigrant who is going through the citizenship process, will talk briefly about this experience and how he feels about becoming a new citizen.



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

-Barbara Davidson

Dear League Colleagues,

I realize that February will be history by the time you receive this message, but I still want to call your attention to some of February's events with your indulgence.

February 14 was Oregon's birthday as well as Valentine's Day. February 15 was Susan B. Anthony's birthday in 1820. It is notable to recognize that it was 100 years later when women finally won the right to vote. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and many other determined women of that era deserve our thanks for their perseverance.

What does this mean to you and me?? Well, utilizing the opportunities provided by their hard work could translate to becoming educated on the issues of the day identified by you and the League, sharing that knowledge with friends and neighbors, and communicating your concerns to elected officials. It just happens that our Oregon Legislature and Congress are both in session now, and you may want to respond to Legislators on some of the bills which have been proposed.

If you want to get up-to-date Legislative Reports, sign up via the www.lwvor.org website or email Rebecca at lwvor@lwvor.org, the League's state office. Remember that the League's goal is education and then action by individual citizens.

An opportunity for education is March 10 when the Rogue Valley League will sponsor a program on Immigration. I hope you will attend and bring a friend.

Barbara

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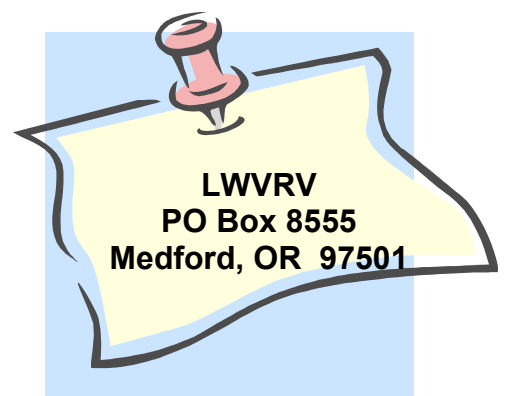
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2011

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse, 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford

Call to Order President, Barbara Davidson called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Present at this meeting: Barbara Davidson, Willie Bijon, Joan Rogers, Marcia Smith, Carole Levi, Carol Hazeltine, Cynthia Lora, Shiena Polehn, Nancy Swan, Mary Sinclair and Marylou Schnoes.

Brief check-in

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 18, 2011 LWVRV Board meeting are accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Willie Bijon submitted the current treasury balance which is available upon request. Willie Bijon reported that the 2012 Budget Committee has met and the report will be presented to the Board in March and will be included in the Annual Report. Budget Committee members are Willie Bijon, Carole Levi and Mary Sinclair.

Correspondence: President, Barbara Davidson had handouts for the following: LWOR Statement regarding legislative issues, LWVOR First Call to Convention 2011 and LWVOR Raffle 201. All information available lwvor@lwvor.org

Reports:

Public Relations: Collaborative meeting with LWVAshland. No report at this time.

Action: Legislative interviews. The meeting with Peter Buckley went well, Shiena Polehn and Lorraine Werblow attended the event sponsored by LWVA. Local legislators have been contacted and have responded to four questions posed by the LWVOR Action team.

Studies: The County Budget Study is drawing to a close. After two years the results of this study will be presented at the April, 2011 General meeting.

Membership: Cynthia Lora reports 55 members at this time. There is need for help with the membership directory. The printing company has suggestions that will expedite the 2011 issue.

Program: Thursday, March 10, 2011: Immigration Update, Shiena Polehn and Marylou Schnoes have presenters and "Flyers" for this meeting:

Thursday, April 14, 2011: Jackson County Budget Study; Nancy Swan and Committee members will present

Thursday, May 12, 2011: Annual Meeting; Location and time to be announced

Voters Service/Observers: No report

Voter's Voice: Carole Levi has deadline of February 16, 2011 for the March newsletter.

LWVOR: Mary Sinclair reports: State recommends no increase in membership dues. ICVICS and Classroom Law Project are supported by Multnomah County Bar Association. Much to be said about partnering with this project.

Other Business: Joan Rogers reports on venue for Annual Meeting. Considering Rogue Valley

Country Club, Rogue Valley Manor and other locations. Concensus is for a luncheon, with place to be determined. Marylou Schnoes will work with Joan and have decision by March Board meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Responsibility to Protect [R2P]

Mass atrocities committed against civilian populations during the last decade and continuing failure of some nations to protect their own population from genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity or ethnic cleansing has caused much soul-searching and debate at the local level and within the international community – both at the intergovernmental, UN level and among the NGO/civil society community globally.

Finally, September 16, 2005, The World Summit – attended by 150 heads of states and governments, largest such gathering ever – at the UN in New York, unanimously affirmed the “responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.”

The 2005 Summit Outcome Document spelled out three core principles of the R2P concept:

1. The responsibility of each member state to protect its population from the above-mentioned crimes [Genocide, etc.] and their incitement.
2. The responsibility of the international community to organize peaceful collective action to help states to exercise this responsibility including capacity-building and preventive diplomacy.
3. The responsibility of the international community to take collective action through the UN Security Council if states fail to protect their own populations from these four crimes.

R2P is now emerging as a priority issue for the UN system and the global community as some states have ignored the core principles of R2P and continued with business as usual in abusing its population. The UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon has made “protection” as one of his highest priorities and has urged all concerned to ensure that R2P principles are observed in words as well as in deeds by all states.

For more information click: www.responsibilitytoprotect.org .

Become a member of UNA-USA: www.unausa.org

A GENTLE REMINDER – LWVRV SPRING FINANCIAL DRIVE

So far our appeal for funds for our local branch of the League, has gone very slowly. We are hoping to wrap it up by April. For further details, please see the February issue of our newsletter.

You may have received a letter of appeal from our State League recently. If you prefer to donate to the our local League, please write your check to LWVRV for our general fund or to LWVOREF and write LWVRV on the memo line. This will be a tax-deductible donation. It goes to the LWVOR Education Fund, but part of it is sent back to our branch for our use for election expenses, etc. Mail to LWV of Rogue Valley P.O.Box 8555, Medford, OR 97501 or give to Willi Bijon, Treasurer

We very much appreciate your support,

Nancy Swan and Shiena Polehn, Co- Chairs, Development

IN MEMORIAM

The LWVRV extends its condolences to the family and friends of long-time League member, Genevra Melendy.



Genevra Anne Melendy - LWVRV member since 2008

I first met Genevra in 2009 at our General Meetings, which she attended several times with her husband.

From the Medford Tribune, February 11, 2011

Genevra Melendy passed away at home on January 22, 2011. Born in 1923 to Charles and Josephine Newman, she grew up on the family farm in Virgil, Kansas, with her two sisters and developed a lifelong love of gardening, nature and hard work. She graduated high school in 1941 and moved to Pasadena, (California) to attend college.

When WW11 broke out, she became a 'Rosie the Riveter' at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach... she married the love of her life, Clyde Melendy, in 1954...."

During their marriage the couple lived in Tatoosh Island WA, then Warrenton, Redding, and San Diego before moving to Portland and then to Medford in 2004. Surviving Genevra are her husband Clyde, a sister, four daughters, sons in law, and five grandchildren.

The family requests, " in lieu of flowers, please plant something in her memory or donate to Access, Inc/ Medical Equipment for Providence Hospice. A celebration of her life will be held later in Portland."

Cynthia Lora

HELP WANTED

Interesting, rewarding jobs available in May when the League of Women Voter's ends their present year. Vice president will stand in for Barbara Davidson when she needs to attend to daughter in Galveston and prepare to become president in 2012. Board secretary records and prepares minutes of the board meeting monthly. Eternal gratitude from all the League members is yours if you qualify and volunteer.

Call either Agnes Chirgwin or Carol Ingelson, nominating committee members.

FOLLOWING HOW OUR LEGISLATORS VOTE

The Library of Congress *THOMAS* site is the source for federal legislative information. If you are interested in browsing bills and resolutions, researching public laws, checking on the the status of appropriations legislation, viewing roll call votes or reading the Congressional Record, you might visit:

thomas.loc.gov

LWVOR

CALL to CONVENTION

The LWVOR 's convention will be May 13—15, 2011 at the Keizer Renaissance Inn and Conference Center, 51188 Wittenbert Lane N., Keizer, OR. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara Davidson.

RAFFLE

The LWVOR announces the LWVOR Raffle 2011. The winner will arrange his/her own dream vacation through travel agent, Doug Walker, Walker Travel, www.walkertravel.com using a \$3000.00 gift certificate. This certificate may be applied to travel anywhere in the world.

If you re interested in purchasing one or more tickets for yourself or to sell to family, friends or neighbors Please contact Barbara Davidson, 541-245-2729.



If you are interested in subscribing to the LWVOR Legislative Report to remain abreast of Legislative Session events, please sign up by going to the LWVOR.org website.

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BOOK CLUB

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

April 1, 2011

The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein

Hosted by Agnes Chirgwin, 541-773-3234

May 13, 2011

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

Hosted by Carole Levi, 541-664-9943

June 24, 2011

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Hosted by TBA

LWVRV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2010/2011 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

Half-Year Membership Application

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Make out a check for Dues \$28. Spouse dues, \$16 and include with an Application.

These half-year dues are for January-June 2011

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) _____

March

LWVRV Calendar

2011

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat/Sun |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 LWVRV general meeting | 11 | 12/13 Daylight Savings Time begins |
| 14 | 15 LWVRV board meeting | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19/20 First day of spring |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |