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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Date: November 11, 2010

Time: 11:30: optional brown bag lunch; 12 noon : speaker

Place: Medford Library

Topic: "Water in Oregon—Not a Drop to Waste". League members will be asked to answer consensus questions from the State League regarding the two-year study on Oregon's water.

Speaker: Barbara Davidson

❖ To be counted, ballots must be received by County Election office by 8:00pm on November 2.

❖ 2010 - 2011 LWVRV Membership dues are DUE NOW.

ELECTION FACTS

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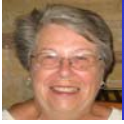
The **2010 United States midterm elections** will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. All 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and 37 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested in this election along with 38 state and territorial governorships, many state legislatures, four territorial legislatures and numerous state and local races.

"..For much of our history, America was a predominantly agrarian society. Law makers therefore took into account that November was perhaps the most convenient month for farmers and rural workers to be able to travel to the polls. The fall harvest was over, (remember that spring was planting time and summer was taken up with working the fields and tending the crops) but in the majority of the nation the weather was still mild enough to permit travel over unimproved roads.

Why Tuesday? Since most residents of rural America had to travel a significant distance to the county seat in order to vote, Monday was not considered reasonable since many people would need to begin travel on Sunday. This would, of course, have conflicted with Church services and Sunday worship.

Why the first Tuesday after the first Monday? Lawmakers wanted to prevent election day from falling on the first of November for two reasons. First, November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics. Second, most merchants were in the habit of doing their books from the preceding month on the 1st. Apparently, Congress was worried that the economic success or failure of the previous month might prove an undue influence on the vote!"
Infoplease.com, Federal Election Commission (FEC.gov)

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 CORNER

-Barbara Davidson

Our Voter Service chairs, Normary Barrett and Eileen Adee, have been quite busy during this election cycle. Thank you for all your work, so much of which is behind the scenes. Also, special thank you to Nancy Swan, who has stepped in to offer her expertise and skills, while Normary has been trying to recover from an illness which has kept her home and "under the weather." We had a very successful Candidate's Forum at the SOU/RCC Building in Medford on October 7. On October 12 our League members moderated a mayoral candidates' forum for the City of Talent and then reviewed the ballot measures on the Nov. 2 ballot. On Oct. 14, the LWV-RV, joined by LWV-A, hosted a review of the ballot measures as our October general program meeting at the Medford Library. On Oct. 15, House District 6 candidates appeared at the Manor for a meeting moderated by the LWV-RV. The City of Phoenix invited LWV-RV to moderate a candidates' forum with a review of ballot measures on Oct. 20. The LWV-Oregon Voter's Guide have been distributed to libraries, County Clerk's Election office, and various other locations. I hope you have voted and your ballot is at the County Clerk's Election office by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 2.

LWV-RV will focus on water issues in Oregon for our November 11 meeting. League members will be asked to answer consensus questions from the State League regarding the two-year study of water in Oregon: "Water in Oregon—Not A Drop to Waste." Each League member should have received Part 1 "Regulating Water in Oregon" in 2009. Part II: "Issues and Perspectives" was mailed several weeks ago. You are encouraged to review those two booklets and come to the Nov. 11 meeting ready to help answer the consensus questions for the League's State Study.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our November 11 meeting. Don't forget that this is a good opportunity to bring a friend and get more people involved.

The middle of October has passed and those November and December holidays will be here soon. Think GRAPEFRUITS!! Sales have started!!!

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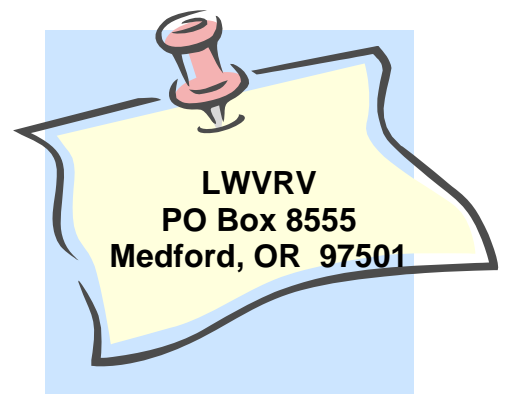
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CANDIDATES' FORUM OF OCTOBER 7, 2010



THANK YOU!

Dear LWVRV Voters Voice Editor,

Kudos need to be given to some hard working LWV members by the rank and file members of LWV (or maybe the silent majority LWV members.)

First Kudos are to Helen Scholom who quickly and graciously updates the LWV website no matter whether she is in Switzerland or leading a tour group in Yosemite National Park.

Then there are the Kudos to those who gave generously of time and money to the successful production of the LWV 90th birthday celebration. Lorraine Werblow, Nancy Swan, Cynthia Lora, Marcia Smith, Barb Davidson Trish Bowcock, Jean Milgram, Mary Lou Schones, Margaret Keene, Agnes Chirgwin, Joan Rogers, Carol Ingelson, Shiena Polehn, Carole Levi, Eileen Adee, and Normary Barrett. (I am sure I am missing some others but thanks to them as well).

This busy month has seen LWV volunteers doing yeoman duty for at least seven Voters? Forums for the upcoming elections. Doing lots of work are Normary Barrett, Eileen Adee,, Jean Milgram, Robin Stroh and fellow LWV members from the Ashland League plus many members mentioned above in connection with the birthday celebration.

The League of Women Voters-Rogue Valley salutes you all.

Mickey Ketchum, publicity chair

VOTERS SERVICE

Normary Barrett

Our League had very successful Voter Service events during this election session. To say this is a group effort would be an understatement. During the time that was set up for our Voter Service events, I became sick. Many of our League members covered for me during this time and I owe them a heartfelt thanks.

In October we held a number of successful candidate forums. The first one featured our State Senator candidates and four State representative candidates. This event had a good turnout and since we had it televised it was shown many times by RCC/SOU Community Public TV. Our League has to pay for the taping but we receive lots of exposure during the election season.

We also had our League meeting covering the State ballot measures. At the Rogue Valley manor we hosted the two candidates for State representative for their district.

Talent and Phoenix both asked us to moderate the candidates for their local elections.

I would like to thank Eileen Adee, Agnes Chirgwin, Barbara Davidson, Margaret Keene, Cynthia Lora, Bill Mansfield, Shiena Polehn, Robin Stroh and Nancy Swan. Having their support during this election time make my job much easier. We are fortunate to have them in our League.

A Salute to United Nations Peacekeepers [UNPK]

Organized in 1948, the UNPK have undertaken over 63 field missions which among other things, helped people in dozens of countries participate in free and fair elections and helped disarm over 400,000 ex-combatants in the past decade alone.

Today, 124,000 UNPK personnel are deployed with 16 distinct operations around the world directly impacting lives of hundreds of millions of people – a nine-fold increase since 1999. As of March 31, 2010, 115 countries contributed to UNPK personnel including: troops, military observers, police, civilian staff, and volunteers from over 160 countries.

Contrary to what one might conjecture, the UNPK operations cost much less than other forms of intervention and, more importantly, the cost is shared more equitably among UN Member States. The most recent 2009-10 budget for UNPK operations was about \$7.9 billion – a mere 0.5 percent of global military spending estimated at \$1.464 trillion. A US Government Accountability Office study estimated that it would cost the US twice as much as the UN to conduct a peacekeeping operation similar to the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti. In the words of Ambassador Susan Rice, U.S. Permanent representative to the UN, “If the US was to act on its own – unilaterally – and deploy its own forces in many of these countries, for every dollar that US would spend, the UN can accomplish the Mission for 12 cents.”

UNPK work in areas where no one would want to go – this at great danger to their lives and great sacrifice to their families. Hundreds have lost their lives while on the job as peacekeepers. Readers may remember the tragic incident in Iraq where the entire UN mission building was blown up by insurgents resulting in many deaths. I believe we owe a deep debt of gratitude to UNPK on this International Day of Peace [September 21, 2010] and salute them for their sacrifices and dedication to peacekeeping. For more information go to: www.un.org and www.unausa.org and become a member of UNA-USA.

Russy D. Sumariwalla

Past President & Current Program Chair

UNA-USA, Southern Oregon



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Theodora “Teddie” Hight, 1848 Woodlawn Drive, Medford, OR 97504

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Please join me in welcoming Teddie to LWVRV!



LWVRV FRUIT SALE



Dear Supporters of the LWV of the Rogue Valley ,

Thank you for helping the League with our 2010 fruit sale. We now call it a fruit sale as we again expanded our selection beyond grapefruits.

Again we offer: **20 lb. Box (16-20) Grapefruits from Texas \$20**



20 lb. Box (36-44) California Oranges \$20

22 lb. Box ~ Festival of Fruit \$25

2 layers of Texas Grapefruits



CA Oranges/NW D'Anjou Pears and WA Fuji Apple – 22 lb. Box (36 pieces)

As we have always sold ½ boxes, we will continue to do so; however, only on the Grapefruits and Oranges.

Please mail checks to **Carol Ingelson, 822 Golf View Drive #316, Medford OR 97504** , 245-6380

- Order forms are due on **November 17, 2010**
- League members who sell fruit will pick up their orders from Southern Oregon Sales –
18 Stewart Avenue – Medford on **December 5th, 2010**
- If picking up the order presents any difficulties, please let me know so that we can arrange to assist you. Also, let me know if you have questions about the sale. The LWVRV wants it to be a success, and will make every effort to ensure that you and your customers are well-served.
- If you cannot, or wish not to sell, please think of contributing the cost of a box, or two, to the League or purchasing for a food bank.

Thank you so much for participating,

Lorraine Werblow, Coordinator, 541/245-3641, werbys@charter.net

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BOOK CLUB

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

December 3, 2010

January 7, 2011

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Acheve

Coal Black Horse, by Robert Olmstead

Hosted by Betsy Robbins, 541-899-1714

Hosted by Lorraine Werblow, 541-245-3641

2010 - 2011 LWVRV Memberships are DUE NOW! Please, make out a check for \$56.00 for members, spouse dues are \$28.00. Send to P.O. Box 8555, Medford, OR 97501. Please give this your immediate attention. Thank you. Membership Committee.

Cynthia Lora, Marcia Smith and Marylou Schnoes

LWVRV MEMERSHIP APPLICATION

2010/2011 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) _____

November

LWVRV Calendar

2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
1	2 Election Day 	3	4	5	6/7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day/ LWVRV general meeting 	12	13/14
15	16 LWVRV Board Meeting	17	18	19	20/21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27
28	29	30			