



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The new LWVRV year is beginning with a birthday bash!

At the September 16, 2010 meeting, to be held at the Medford Main Library, 205 S. Central Avenue, at 1:00pm, we shall celebrate the founding of the LWVUS and LWVOR, 90 years ago, as well as our LWVRV's 39th birthday!

Why were we founded?

What have been our achievements?

Why is the LWV still a vital force for citizen education and encouragement of the electorate to participate?

Democracy is not a spectator sport!! Be part of an informed electorate!!

Come see and hear what we are doing and prepare to be involved in this fall's election!

We shall be honoring Agnes Chirgwin, Jean Milgram, Jean Maack and Lois Kent Vander-Ploeg for their 50 years of membership and service in the League of Women Voters. Please join us for cake and beverages as we salute these women, the LWVRV, LWVOR and LWVUS.

PLEASE DRESS IN RED, WHITE and BLUE FOR THIS MEETING!

MEETING DATES

LWVRV General Meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of the month. *Please note, the exception for September's meeting that will be held on the third Thursday, September 16, 1:00pm at the Medford Main Library.* Locations to be announced in the monthly Voters Voice newsletter.

LWVRV Board meetings are to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse at 1:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

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.

❖NOTE! LWVRV General Meeting will be held on the third Thursday of September, September 16, 2010, see p.1

❖Volunteers needed for September 16th general meeting, see p.5

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Barbara Davidson

Due to personal issues and health problems, Barbara was unable to compose her column for this month.

We look forward to her informative column in the next Voters Voice issue. I am certain Barbara would encourage everyone to bring their friends and family to our September 16th meeting.

Please join me in extending our best wishes to Barbara and her family.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION

As the LWV is a lobbying group, your membership is not a tax deduction

however ~

Your contribution **is** tax deductible **if** you donate to:

LWVOR-EF*

mail to: PO Box 8555

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*The League of Women Voters of Oregon **Education Fund** conducts our Voter Service and citizen education activities and is a 501 (c)(3) corporation.

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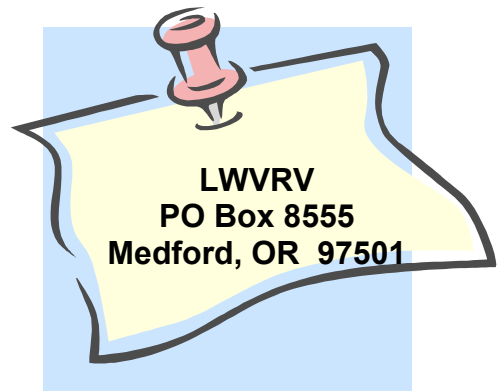
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Thursday, July 15, 2010

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse

314 Eastwood, Medford, OR

1. Call to Order: President Barbara Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.. Present at this meeting, Barbara Davidson, Marcia Smith, Lorraine Werblow, Joan Rogers, Cynthia Lora, Agnes Chirgwin, Marylou Schnoes, Carol Hazeltine, Shiena Polehn, Mary Sinclair and Nancy Swan. Carole Levi and Willi Bijon excused.
2. Brief Check-in: Busy summer for all. Barbara Davidson attended the LWV Annual convention held in Atlanta in June and shared her experience with all. A moving and powerful event for Barbara.
3. Approval of Minutes (Annual Meeting): Approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: Available upon request.
5. General Meetings, Programs and Board Meeting for 2010 – 2011
6. General Meetings: Second Thursday of the month
September 16, 2010 (third Thursday, due to observance of Rosh Hashanah on 09-09-10)
Medford Main Library; 11:30 a.m. Brown bag lunch, 12:00 Program
Agnes Chirgwin to check availability and book room for the year.

Board Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month

September 21, 2010, Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse

Programs (General Meetings)

September, 16, 2010	Kickoff, Membership drive, "What is LWVRV?"
October 14, 2010	12:00 noon, Medford Main Library, "Ballot Measures"
October 14, 2010	7:00 p.m.. R.C.C. Education Building "Candidates"
	Barbara Davidson will book venue. Agnes Chirgwin will contact RVTV for filming event.
November 11, 2010	12:00 noon, Main Library, "Regional Water Update", (Veterans Day)
December 21, 2010	12:00 noon, Main Library, "Youth Outreach"
January 13, 2011	12:00 noon, Main Library, "Local Program Planning"
February 10, 2011	12:00 noon, Main Library, "County Budget Study"
March 10, 2011	12:00 noon, Main Library, "Land Use RPS Update"
April 14, 2011	12:00 noon, Main Library, To be determined
May 12, 2011	12:00 noon, Annual Meeting, Venue to be determined, "Immigration"

Convention Dates

May 13-14, 2011	LWVOR State Convention, Salem, OR
June 12 -15, 2011	LWVUS National Council, Washington D.C.

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LWVRV BOARD MINUTES *continued from p.3*

Membership: Marylou Schnoes presented ideas for recruitment of new members. Some ideas included articles and League information to be printed in local college and university student newspapers, General Meeting announcements to be placed on public bulletin boards, getting League program information out to other groups in the community such as Rotary and Soroptomists. Marylou will work with Lorraine on a flyer with LWVRV information. Marylou will also write information article for student newspapers at SOU and RCC.

Fundraiser

Lorraine Werblow will work with Carol Ingelson on Grapefruit sales.

Newsletter

Carole Levi continues as Newsletter editor. Deadline for September Voters Voice is August 15, 2010.

Book Club

Continues to meet approximately every six weeks. Next meeting:

Friday, August 6, 2010, Agness Chirgwin's home, *Angle of Repose*, Wallace Stegner

Voters Service

Barbara Davidson to contact Normary Barrett regarding Speakers Bureau.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

*-Cynthia Lora, Marcia Smith and
Marylou Schnoes*

Your LWVRV Membership Committee extends a warm welcome to Returning and New Members and/ or Visitors & Guests, especially in the Year we celebrate the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters.

We thank those of you who have already remitted your membership dues for 2010- 2011 year.

If you're a New Member or Returning After Absence Member, please stop by our Membership Table at a General Meeting, **as we'd like to meet and personally welcome you ! "**

Also, please be advised that our Membership Directory for 2010- 2011 will only include the names of members who've remitted their dues by Friday, OCTOBER 8th. This date allows said Directory to be printed in a timely manner and distributed to our Membership by late November or early December, 2010.

Dues for 2010 - 2011 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 !



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

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UNITED NATIONS/USA

Russy D. Sumariwall

Still Waiting... When will the U.S Ratify the Women's Rights Treaty?

Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women[CEDAW]

Thursday, August 26 is celebrated as the Women's Equality Day, the day of the passage of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote after a prolonged struggle stretching over 70 years. Almost 30 years have passed since CEDAW came into force on September 3, 1981. We are the only developed nation that has not ratified this landmark treaty. Adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 1979, the treaty has been ratified by 186 member nations of the United Nations. The United States stands in the company of Iran, Nauru, Palau, Somalia, Sudan and Tonga.

So what's the problem? Why wait any longer? What's holding up the ratification of this treaty by a country that prides itself as a leader and champion of human rights? Recall that the 1995 Beijing Conference on Women asserted in its Platform for Action "women's rights as human rights" and committed specific actions to ensure respect for those rights.

Some may argue that with all the gigantic problems our country is facing now this treaty is not a priority for the Congress. But that will be always the case. The right time will never come. There will always be some other item ahead in the Congressional queue. Others argue it does not apply to us ... we are good. But that's beside the point, even if it is true. *(continued on p.6)*

VOTERS SERVICE

-Normary Barrett

This is an exciting time for all League members. We will be celebrating the League's 90th birthday in September. Then in October, we can educate ourselves about the ballot measures and candidates.

October 14th, we will meet at noon in the library to go over our ballot measures. That evening, we will gather again to host a candidate fair at RCC/SOU Higher Education Center at 7pm. Details will be in our October Voters Voice.

One of the primary reasons that people join the League is to become better informed voters. I know this is why I joined our League in 1993. I am excited to be Voter Service chair, again. Our board is working diligently to create interesting and informative League meetings this year.

If you have any interest in helping with Voter Service, please feel free to contact me. The best way is by email, normary@grrtech.com.

The tasks are short-term and I guarantee that it is a learning experience. If you feel you may need some training, it will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for September 16, 2010 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MEETING

We would love for you to join in with the camaraderie and:

Set-up and/or take-down chairs and tables

Decorate the room for the party

Be a greeter

Serve refreshments

Please contact Cynthia Lora, clnrrn@charter.net ~ 541-776-3361 to volunteer.



JOINT LWVA/LWVRV JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET STUDY

The LWVRV and LWVA adopted a one-year continuation of the joint budget study to examine and evaluate the Jackson County Budget process, income sources and services, focusing on the county's Health and Human Services Department and Public Safety.

The goals of the study are to:

1. Identify the sources of county revenue
2. Understand the way in which Jackson County budget is developed and presented
3. More clearly understand the budget document
4. Help make the county budget process more "citizen friendly" by encouraging and enabling greater citizen involvement.

We had great interview with Jackson County District Attorney mark Huddleston in late June.

This fall, the League County Budget Committee plans to:

1. Complete arrangements to interview the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff
2. Complete a comparative 10-year analysis of the income and expenditures of HHR and Public Safety
3. Compare the Jackson County budget to those of some other Oregon counties
4. Clarify information on the sources, purpose and uses of the "rainy day" reserve fund
5. Analyze the county services that are contracted out
6. Develop a LWV Jackson County Budget Fact Sheet
7. Develop consensus questions and submit a report, including recommendations for the League and the County

Please join us for the grand finale and help "wrap up" the budget study.

For more information, please call Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689.

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The September 2000 Millennium Declaration integrated gender issues in the Millennium Development Goals, specifically Goals 3 and 5: *Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women* and *Reduce by Three Quarters the Maternal Mortality Ratio*, respectively. On July 10, 2010 the UN General Assembly unanimously voted to create a single UN body to accelerate progress in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. The new entity will merge four of the world's body agencies and offices all concerned with women's issues and rights.

Is it not high time that the United States ratifies CEDAW?

Russy D. Sumariwalla,

Past President and Current Program Chair, UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

LWVRV



BOOK CLUB

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

September 17, 2010

October 29, 2010

Good Harbor, by Anita Diamant

Corner of Bitter Sweet, by Jamie Ford

Hosted by Carole Levi, 541-664-9943

Hosted by Barbara Davidson, 541 245-2729

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

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) _____

September

LWVRV Calendar

2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
		1	2	3	4/5
6 Labor Day	7	8	9 Rosh Hashanah	10	11/12  Grandparents' Day
13	14	15	16 LWVRV General Meeting, <i>see p.1</i>	17 LWVRV Book Club, <i>see p.7</i>	18/19 Yom Kippur
20	21 LWVRV Board Meeting, <i>see p.3</i>	22	23 First Day of Autumn 	24	25/26
27	28	29	30		



Looking Ahead

October 14, 2010

12:00 noon, Medford Main Library, LWVRV general meeting. Topic is "Ballot Measures"

October 14, 2010

7:00 p.m.. R.C.C. Education Building. "Meet the Candidates"

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