



# Argus

League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter  
December 2017

## IT'S ALL ABOUT PROGRAM! (AND RESOURCES) by Linda Lynch, President



You know when you walk into a football stadium, someone yells,

"Program, program, you can't tell the players without a program?" The idea is that knowing the names and numbers and *positions* of the players will help you understand the game, predict the outcome of a play, perhaps understand the odds of success.

That is a pretty good analogy for League program, our December unit discussion groups' topic. Program planning allows us to assess the League's work, affirm its mission, align priorities at all levels, If we focus our resources, develop a strategy based on good research--a game plan, so to speak - we know where to act and what to say when we get there.

Many members are first attracted to the League because they have an interest in

a certain issue; for example, water, or water rights on a particular river, or low income housing, or higher education, or children's mental health, or corrections. The list could go on and on, as the League has been studying issues for all of its 98 years. The process we use now became institutionalized in the League in the 1960s. Meet each year to review positions, assess the likelihood of using those positions as written, recommend areas for new or further study. Every year we look at local positions, plus either state or national policies.

This year we are to consider local and League of Women Voters of the U. S. (LWVUS) program at the same time the national League is "undertaking a transformational journey to strengthen the organization while also engaging new and future activists around the League's core issues" (from *LWVUS Program Planning Guide*). Melding these two efforts poses quite a challenge. LWVUS Delegates to the 2016 national convention adopted a work plan strategy called The Campaign for Making Democracy Work. The LWVUS

Board is recommending that Program 2018-2020 continue the Campaign, with Leagues throughout the country working on its core elements:

- ◆ Voting Rights
- ◆ Improving Elections
- ◆ Campaign Finance/ Money in Politics
- ◆ Redistricting

That is the national board's recommendation. We are not required to roll over, however. If there is an area that needs study, we should recommend it. For example, local Leagues are currently being lobbied by LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula/ San Pedro to propose a national study on Artificial Intelligence, (AI) They believe "that the pace of development of AI and the implications of its advancement make this an extremely timely subject. AI is becoming an important part of our society - from medical uses to transportation to banking to national defense." (Discuss)

Locally, the questions are: What should we be learning about? Where should we have taken action but couldn't because we hadn't studied the issue? The answers to those questions will describe our future local program. In our current program year, we

have looked at the initiative process and civil discourse. There was considerable interest in the issues raised by the current world refugee crisis and how the concept of "sanctuary" applies at the local level. A group of our members is working on study material for us to discuss in March. And we plan to look at campaign finance at the local level in April.

Those studies are where the interest was most keen. This was evidenced by the willingness of members to study the issue and write the resource material. Ultimately, program depends on resources, both human and financial. What would you be most willing to work on? Will others also help? It takes about four to eight people to create and execute a study, although when resource material is available from other sources, it can be done with three people, as it was for the Civil Discourse material.

League Program is the heart, the core of the League. It is what we are about. I hope you will join your colleagues to chart its future course!

(Please see related Program announcements below.)

### January Unit Program

January Program will focus on Ballot Measure 101, the only question on the January 23 special election ballot. In addition to unit discussions, the Thursday luncheon will be on the *second* Thursday, during units week. This will be a forum with speakers supporting and opposing the ballot measure, with time reserved for extended discussion after the speakers.

### February will be Unit Choice

This is the time for some ideas of interesting tours or talks to which you could invite other members. Past choices have included the water intake plant at Hayden Bridge, the new Serenity Lane campus in Coburg, different treatment facilities, housing projects. See Pat Hocken's article (page 5) about a Housing Summit February 21.

This might be an excellent option!

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It's December and time for that League perennial, program planning. This year we will be reviewing the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) advocacy agenda as well as our local positions. As a recent LWVUS publication pointed out, "Program planning is an essential League tool for focusing and prioritizing our work and insuring that League resources, human and financial, from our grassroots volunteers to our professional staff, are engaged where they have the most impact."

Please PLEASE remember to bring your brand new directory to units. It contains summaries of all the various positions we will be discussing.

*Sue Boyd*

### Monday, December 11

#### 10 am - S. Willamette

430 E. 46th Avenue

H-Flo Alvergue 541-344-3430

C- Anne Best 541-343-5124

#### 2 pm - Harlow Road

(*This month only* at Waterford Grand, an assisted living facility. Guests must sign in at the front desk.)

600 Waterford Way, Apt. 234

H - 541-344-2027

C- Mary Keating 541-344-4889 &

Chris Donahue 541-344-2803

#### 5:30 pm - Eugene Downtown

Ambrosia Restaurant **New location**

174 E. Broadway

C- Charlcie Kaylor 541-686-0124

### Tuesday, December 12

#### 9:30 am - Coburg Rd.

The Springs at Greer Gardens **New location**

(Main Building)

1282 Goodpasture Island Rd.

H- Dorothy Cruickshank 541-342-2577

C- Linda Ferdowsian 707-208-6007

#### Noon - Springfield Unit

Washburne Cafe

**New location**

326 Main Street

H- Flo Alvergue 541-344-3430

### Wednesday, December 13

#### 10 am - East Eugene

555 E. 15<sup>th</sup>

Central Presbyterian

H- Stephanie Winsor 541-342-8243

C- Diana Grandberry 541-342-8402

#### 1 pm - Cottage Grove

(No host lunch)

The Axe and Fiddle

657 East Main

H- Gayle Downing

541-942-1858

**One time only**

#### 3 pm - S. W. Eugene

On hiatus.

### Friday, December 15

#### 10:30 am - Cascade Manor

Cascade View Room

C- Frank Carlton 541-434-4140

C- Pat McDaniels 541-434-4210

### Unit Briefing

Tuesday, December 5, 3 pm

Atrium - Sloat Room,

10<sup>th</sup> & Olive, Eugene

All are welcome

## Immigrants in our Midst: from Sanctuary to Inclusivity

This March 2018, sanctuary and other immigrant issues will be explored for our unit study topic. We will be defining "sanctuary," as it relates to immigrants, and how this term has evolved; many cities and other entities are using the term "inclusivity," rather than sanctuary, to avoid possible adverse federal repercussions. With this foundation, we will be looking at immigration policies on the national, state and local level, both from a historical perspective and current trends, and exploring the legal, ethical and moral implications of our attitudes and policies toward our immigrant neighbors.

If you would like to help us research and develop this important and timely topic, please contact Susan Tavakolian at 541-999-4197 or Therese Picado at 541-556-8011 or [therese@picadocurtis.net](mailto:therese@picadocurtis.net).

# VOTER SERVICE: Live in the moment but 2018 is coming!

By Keli Osborn, Chair

## January 23, 2018 Special Election Important Dates

- 12/09/2017  
Out-of-country and military ballots mailed
- 12/26/2017  
Out-of-state ballots mailed
- 01/02/2018  
Voter registration deadline
- 01/04/2018  
Ballots mailed;  
official drop sites open
- 01/23/2018  
**Election Day**
- 02/12/2018  
Last day for county clerk to certify election

Rebecca Gladstone, Lane League member and LWWOR 1st Vice President 2017-2019, reported to Voter Service volunteers state-wide that a *Speakers' Kit & Voters' Guide on Ballot Measure 101* will be available after Thanksgiving.

ORESTAR lists *135 filed candidates* and here is the race summary:

- Governor
- Five (all) Congressional Districts
- BoLI (Bureau of Labor & Industries) Commissioner
- 13 State Senators races
- 38 State Representatives races
- 14 District Attorney races
- Judges- 2 Supreme Court, 2 County, 38 Circuit Court

And don't forget the many local races and ballot measures!  
**May 15, 2018**

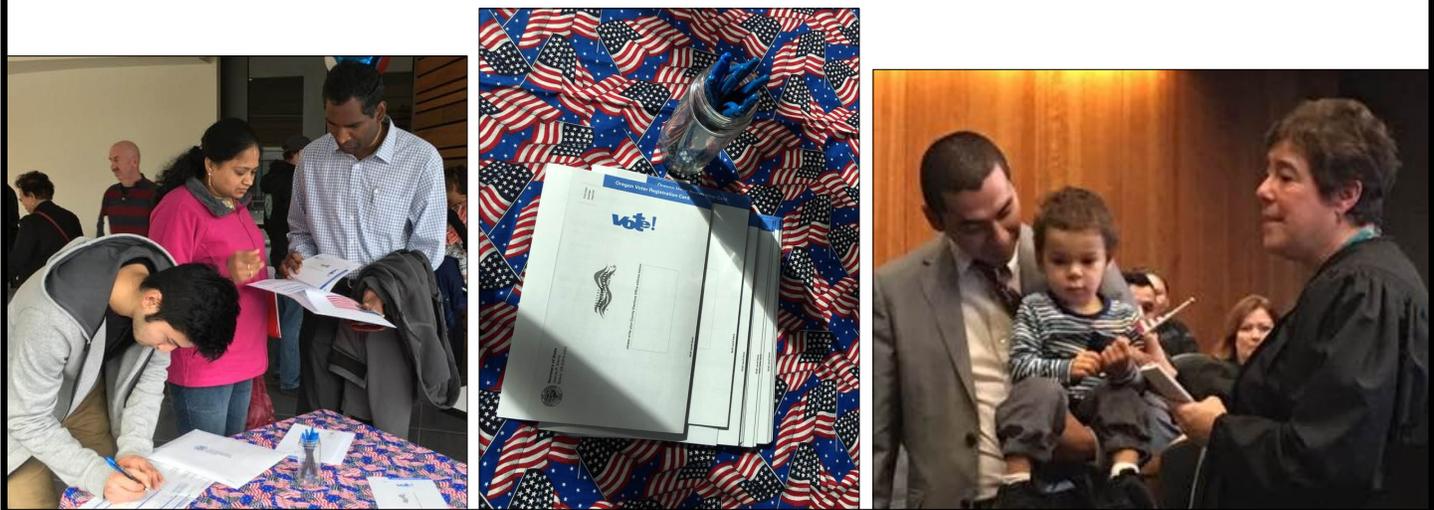
You don't have to come to Voter Service meetings to help us with the work. Maybe you'd like to help with ballot measure presentations or assist at a forum? Contact Keli Osborn, [kelimos-born@gmail.com](mailto:kelimos-born@gmail.com) to plug in.

**Voter Service  
Committee Meeting  
December 8, 2 pm  
League Office**

## Primary Election Important Dates

- 9/07/2017  
First day to file for candidacy
- 2/01/2018  
First day to file for precinct committeeperson
- 3/06/2018  
Candidate filing deadline
- 3/15/2018 5pm  
measure filing deadline
- 3/30/2018  
Out-of-country and military ballots mailed
- 4/16/2018  
Out-of-state ballots mailed
- 4/24/2018  
Voter registration deadline
- 4/26/2018  
Ballots mailed;  
official drop sites open
- 5/15/2018  
**Election Day**
- 6/04/2018  
Last day for county clerk to certify election

Naturalization ceremonies November 17 presided over by the Honorable District Judge Ann Aiken. Our League registered new citizens to vote. Photos by Barbara Carter.



# STATE OF THE STATE

## By Kappy Eaton, Action Co-Chair

### Action Committee Meeting

**December 6  
9:30 am  
Apt. 234  
600 Waterford Way  
Eugene**

**Please contact  
Pat Hocken at  
541-343-1138 or  
jphocken@comcast.net  
If you have  
questions**

**All League members  
are welcome to  
participate on the  
committee that makes  
recommendations to  
the LWVLC Board about  
possible League  
advocacy on local  
issues.**

### 2018 Citizen Initiative Proposals

No new initiative petitions (IPs) have been filed since October, with the total 37. This is the lowest number for several years, but more can be brought forward. Only four have been certified for circulation, meaning they have reached at least 1000 signatures. Access to information about the petitions has become more difficult with the change in the Secretary of State (SOS), although it still is available via the SOS Election Division computer analysis.

Reviewed in November were (a) IP 1 – Constitutional amendment to stop public funding for abortions; (b) IP 5 – Constitutional amendment to require all registered voters to re-register before the 2020 presidential election; and (c) IP 22 – Repeal the law that limits state and local law enforcement from enforcement of federal immigration legislation.

The newly qualified petition, IP 2, deals with grassroots petitions. It will require the SOS to allow all petitions that are filed to be considered. Currently, the SOS has a five day require-

ment in which to review any proposed IP against specified criteria before referring it to the Attorney General for a ballot title.

We will continue to monitor the initiative process and keep informed with the status of those filed. Usually most are submitted by early in the new year to allow as much time as possible for signatures prior to the July deadline. Among those are the following:

IP 13 and IP 18 – Oregon Vaccine laws  
IP 19 – Maintain Citizen Legislature  
IP 28 – Get Big Money Out of Politics

### Ballot Access

Oregon continues to be clear of voter suppression, which is now limiting citizen access to voter registration and participation in government activity across the country. That status is being challenged by IP 5 and possibly IP 2. At the same time, progress is being made in several states. The North Carolina legislature passed a law in October that lowers the number of signatures for newly-qualifying parties. It was vetoed by the governor but overruled. It also lowers the

number of signatures needed on petitions and addresses deadlines.

The changes are expected to help the struggle in other states that require very large numbers of petition signatures for candidates of parties outside Republicans and Democrats. The only states requiring more than 25,000 signatures for all presidential candidates are California, Indiana, Michigan and Texas. Oklahoma changed from requiring a large number to a very large fee. The California law is being challenged in court.

The new North Carolina statute is the biggest gain for ballot access since 1998, when Florida voters passed a ballot measure eliminating mandatory petitions for ballot access for new parties and non-presidential independent candidates. The North Carolina success is especially significant because it had been introduced in the legislature for the past 28 years.

## LOCAL ACTION

### By Pat Hocken, Action Co-Chair

#### January 23 Election *Wait!! What did you say? An election in January?*

Yes, we really are having a statewide election in January on Measure 101, and it is important. On January 23, voters will be asked to ratify a bill passed by the Oregon legislature to fund health care for Oregonians. Passage of this measure in January will ensure that 95% of Oregonians will maintain access to health care and will reduce premiums for those who buy their own coverage.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is urging a yes vote on Measure 101.

If Measure 101 does not pass, healthcare funding in Oregon will be cut by between \$210 and \$320 million, resulting in the loss of a potential \$5 billion in federal funding and creating a large deficit in the state budget and a crisis for low-income children, families, and those with disabilities.

The funding mechanism consists of assessments on healthcare providers including hospitals and insurance companies that support this approach.

This is not a new or exotic way to fund Medicaid. It has been used in Oregon since 2004 and is used in 49 states in compliance with federal law. The revenues generated by these assessments will allow people to receive lower cost preventive care rather than treatment in the emergency room. They will fund a reinsurance program that will actually reduce premiums.

More information is available at the website of Yes for Healthcare <http://yesforhealthcare.org>

League support is based on the national League position which promotes a health care system that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all and controls health care costs.

#### Housing Summit

LWVLC is a community partner in the organizing of Better Housing Together, a forum to be held February 21 from 5 to 7 pm at the University of Oregon. This meeting is part of a broad effort to support local affordability and more quality, walkable, age-friendly housing. It is a way to address the serious

situation in the Eugene area, which is considered to have the second tightest housing market in the nation. The event is a follow-up to the missing middle presentation and workshop last April and a continuation of League study and discussions in last March.

Other community partners include AARP Oregon, the Eugene Association of Realtors, Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation, the American Institute of Architects, and elected officials, and numerous other groups.

The meeting will be held in the Erb Memorial Union ballroom on campus. This will be a free event, but reservations will be required. As a League member you will have the opportunity to register before the general public. Watch for information about how to sign up.

#### Eugene Road Bonds

Eugene voters by a wide margin approved the renewal of a bond measure for street repairs and bike and pedestrian improvements. LWVLC had submitted an argument in support in the Voters Pamphlet and letters to

the editor urging a yes vote.

#### Envision Eugene

One of the two ordinances that comprised the City's long range growth plan has been approved (acknowledged) by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Approved was the ordinance to expand the urban growth boundary (UGB) to provide additional land for employment, parks, and schools. The other ordinance, which established the sufficiency of the UGB for housing purposes, has been appealed by the Homebuilders Association of Lane County, with a decision expected in early 2018.

#### Springfield 2030 Comprehensive Plan

League testified in late 2016 on Springfield's long range growth plan, which proposed an expansion of the UGB for employment purposes. DLCD staff has recommended that the Land Conservation and Development Commission approve the plan. However, appeals have been filed by 1000 Friends of Oregon, Willamette Water Co. and Johnson Crushers International.

**“Civility costs nothing and  
buys everything.”**

David V. Brewer,  
Retired Supreme Court Justice

# MEMBERSHIP

## by Betty-Coe de Broekert, Chair

### External Trends Equal Engagement Challenges and Opportunities for League Members

*Excerpted from the League's Membership and Leadership Development Guidance for December 2017*

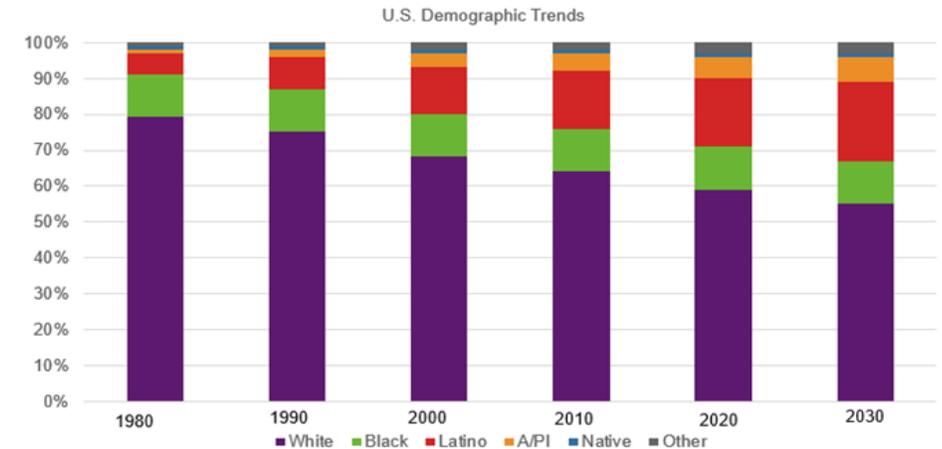
As the League looks to the future, there are three external trends that are impacting both our current and future members. These three trends are: Volunteerism, Demographics, and Technology. While these trends may not sound new, each one impacts the League and offers us both challenges and opportunities.

#### Volunteerism

Over the last several decades, volunteerism has changed. In the 1950s, volunteers were generally women in the home dedicating a full-time commitment to an organization. Today's volunteers have professional careers and limited time to devote to volunteering. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports that there has been an overall

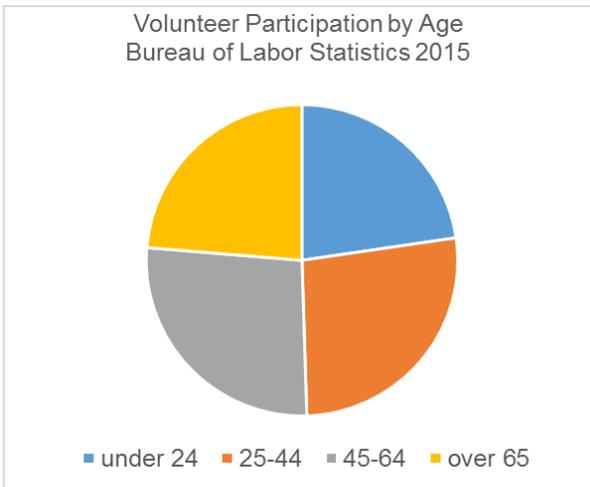
decline in the number of people volunteering since 2002. However, while the size of the volunteer pool may be shrinking, statistically there are not significant differences among generations. One trend is that a higher percentage of women volunteer (28.4%) than men (22.2%).

*What may be different is that today's volunteers have higher expectations for what they want to get out of their experience. There*



is less inclination to simply "help out." Volunteers want to feel as if they are making a valuable contribution to the League that will also better themselves.

One implication for our League is to assure that we are offering meaningful, exciting and high-quality opportunities to maximize their valuable time.



*How do we do this? Virtual volunteering presents a flexible and less time-intensive opportunity to serve with the League. The Nonprofit Times suggests that there is evi-*

dence of numerous potential volunteers with technological skills that are not being utilized.

Some ways a League can engage in virtual volunteering are:

- ◆ Hold an online fundraising campaign
- ◆ Use Social Media as a platform to distribute messages and information
- ◆ Have those who can't volunteer in person use social media to recruit potential volunteers

#### Demographics

The generational and racial makeup of the United States is changing and changing quickly. This too presents challenges and opportunities to the League. We must adapt to serve and *appeal to younger and increasingly diverse members.*

The good news is that there is strong interest in our mission and impact work. We need to engage individuals around our work in different ways, but our core mission and values have universal appeal. *What does that look like? Providing engagement opportunities that allow people to "make a difference."* This also means listening to new members or volunteers. To our Lane League members, what are you interested in? What talents/opportunities/assets do you have to share that would help to further the League's shared interests and mission? What are your ideas for engaging the community?

#### Technology

Technology's growing role in society has had an impact on volunteering and civic engagement. With the expanding role of technology comes the increasing role of social media. According to a Pew survey, 70% of all adults use social media, with Facebook being the number one preferred platform.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

by Marj Maxwell, Loop Leader

Thanks to your diligence and generosity this year's sales have matched and slightly exceeded last year's fruit sale totals. Exact figures will be reported in January.

Fruit donated to Food for Lane County will be picked up by Food for Lane County. Donors will receive a letter they can use for tax purposes.

Individuals who ordered for themselves or others will be notified by email or phone when we are sure of the fruit's arrival. Those that did not provide an email address will be contacted by phone. If you are having difficulty with your email around December 1 be sure to let us know so we can get you on our phone notification list. If you are picking up for someone who or-

dered, they will receive a notification. It will save any confusion and extra trips if you have clearly communicated with them that you are picking up the fruit. Delivery has been requested on December 1 or as near to that as possible. Pick up times will be included in the notification. You will be picking up from the League office.

Questions can be directed to Marj Maxwell, 541-521-3051 (phone or text), contacting any of the Fruit Loop team or by leaving a message at the office. Fruit Loop Team: Merle Bottge, Janet Calvert, Barbara French, Mary Keating, Phyllis Loobey, Linda Lynch, Sally Mills, Sharon Posner, Sue Reynolds, Linda Roe, Sheila Sundahl and Fran Boehner (honorary).

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

by Janet Calvert, Finance Chair

Revenue from the advertisers in your new Directory fund the printing and mailing costs of this valuable League tool. Besides the names and contact information of members, it lists our Board of Directors, League's Advisory Committee members, League's principles and mission statement and short summaries of member determined League positions of Lane County, the Oregon League and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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Facebook and others like Twitter or Instagram, provide unique opportunities to both get free publicity as well as engage members and promote discussion. The Lane League already uses these social media services which are ways to engage members who cannot be physically present at League events.

### Member Feedback Requested

Your Membership Committee would like to hear your ideas.

- ◆ What expectations do you have as a League Member?
- ◆ What expectations do you have as a League volunteer?
- ◆ What would you like to see that would be a meaningful, high-quality, exciting League member experience?
- ◆ Are we meeting your member / volunteer desire to make a difference?
- ◆ Do you have talents and skills that you would like to share to further the League's interests and mission?
- ◆ What ideas do you have for engaging the community with the work of the League?

For more information contact Betty-Coe R. de Broekert, [busybee78@comcast.net](mailto:busybee78@comcast.net) or phone 541-357-4443.

**Next Membership Committee meeting will be in January**

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**CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

**No Third Thursday**

- 5 - 3 pm, Unit Briefing (pg. 2)
- 6 - 9:30 am, Action Committee (pg. 4)
- 8 - 2 pm, Voter Service (pg. 3)
- 11 to 15 - Unit meetings (pg. 2)
- 20 - 1:30 pm, LWVLC Board meeting, League office
- 22 - Argus deadline - midnight!

**JANUARY**

- 11 - ~~Third~~ Second Thursday - Measure 101 (pg. 5)

**Our Mission**

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

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11am - 1:30 pm

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Membership Form - July 2017 thru June 2018

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- Household (two people at the same address) \$105
- Student \$ 20

Name

Address

Phone

Email (for League use only)