

## Equality: A Work in Progress



As League members are happily celebrating our 100th anniversary and studying up on just how suffrage was finally extended to American women, we are necessarily wondering if women have in fact achieved political equality. On Thursday, March 19, former Eugene mayor **Kitty Piercy** will speak to the League on

*Equality: A Work in Progress.*

Piercy is well positioned to examine this topic. An LWVLC member, she has been a grassroots activist who took on the challenge of elected office with grace and grit. She served six years as a Democrat in the Oregon House of Representatives and as minority leader in her last term. She is the second longest serving mayor in Eugene's history, first elected in 2004, and again in 2008 and 2012.



As mayor, she led the city to embrace sustainability and what is called the triple bottom line as the lens through which community decisions should be made. The triple bottom line is people, planet and prosperity, or economic development, social equity and natural resource protection.



Twelve years as mayor plus six years at the legislature plus her work with Planned Parenthood and in community education has provided her and us with access to a wide range of issues and challenges. At her farewell speech to the City Club of Eugene, she said "the life of a city is iterative; there is no beginning and no end; it is ongoing." So too is the struggle for women to achieve parity. RSVP by noon, Monday March 16, to hear former Mayor Piercy's insights into such progress and its frustrations.

*Linda Lynch*

### Third Thursday Luncheon March 19 Valley River Inn

Doors open at 11 am - buffet served at 11:30 am  
Open to the public - **reservations are required by noon**  
**Monday, March 16**  
call 541-343-7917 or [contact@lwvlc.org](mailto:contact@lwvlc.org)

Buffet lunch is available for \$18  
Beverage only \$5  
Admission is free



**PLEASE NOTE** - If you know you will be attending, please notify us whether you will be lunching, just want a beverage or neither but want to attend. This helps the staff set up the room to better accommodate our needs.

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Editorial column by Kathy Madison  
Published in *The Register-Guard*

### LWV of Lane County Board and Off Board Roster 2020-21

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**LWVLC has partnered** with other groups to commemorate the League's 100 years, including the Lane County History Museum's exhibit, "Equality. Nothing Less. The League of Women Voters 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," which opened February 7; Wordcrafters' essay contest for high school students on the topic, *Women and the Vote*; and the Shelton McMurphey Johnson House is hosting numerous events. For details on these and more [lwv.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-League](http://lwv.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-League).

For the 72 years following the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, women in the United States lobbied, campaigned, wrote letters, marched in parades, held sit-ins, and were even imprisoned in their fight for voting rights equal to men's. When the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was finally ratified on August 26, 1920, the political power of women voters was unleashed.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave 20 million women\* a larger role in public affairs, but to be effective, they also had to be informed about issues. To support the new voters, the Council of Women Voters and the National American Woman Suffrage Association merged, launching the League of Women Voters of the United States. The founders called it the "mighty political experiment."

The League's mission then, as now, is to encourage informed and active participation in government. It works to increase public understanding of public policy issues through education and to influence local, state and federal governments through advocacy rooted in research and deliberation. The League is nonpartisan and does not endorse individual candidates or political parties.

The Eugene League of Women Voters was founded in 1939 and the Springfield League in 1956. The groups merged and became the League of Women Voters of Lane County in 1969.

During the past 80 years, the local Leagues worked with others to influence hundreds of policies that helped shape the community. Here are a few examples:

In 1944, the League advocated for, and Eugene voters approved, a city manager model of government.

In 1951 the League began its study of prevention and control of air pollution. For years thereafter the League joined others in advocating for clean air and pollution oversight. The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency was created in 1968.

In 1965, the League brought together individuals representing public and private social services to address the need for affordable day care. In 1968, a community-supported affordable day care center opened.

In 1970, the League placed an initiative on the ballot delaying construction of a nuclear power plant on the Oregon coast. The measure passed and the project shelved.

In 1998, the League urged the Eugene City Council to build a new library and to place a

four-year local option levy on the ballot to fund its operation. The League worked to inform voters about the levy and advocated for it. The measure passed, as did renewal of the levy in 2002 and again in 2006.

Examples of other policies the League supported include:

**1946** – Rural Schools Bill, equalizing and raising rural school standards

**1970s** – Funding and construction of a new county jail

**1970s** – Protecting and clarifying land use laws

**1998** – Independent Citizen Police Commission

**1999** – A regional transportation system

**2012** – "Envision Eugene," a 20-year growth management plan

To inform voters about election issues, the League began offering a speaker's bureau in 1946 that drew some 5,500 people in small groups to hear balanced information on ballot measures. The League continues to offer speakers during election cycles to help citizens understand public policies. In 1952, the League held its first candidates fair, giving citizens the opportunity to meet 50 candidates for elective offices ranging from Eugene Water and Electric Board Commissioner to U.S. Senate. Today, the League co-sponsors candidate forums to give voters direct access to candidates.

The League also publishes voter guides biennially in English, Spanish and online. Traditional and social media and online resources, such as [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org), are used to provide information about elections, issues and candidates statewide.

The League of Women Voters has changed over the past century—for instance, membership is open for men and to persons at least 16 years of age, regardless of gender. But we are focused on the fundamentals of "making democracy work": promoting civic education and participation, ensuring free, fair and accessible elections, and encouraging women and men across the nation to be informed and have a say in their government.

*\*Many women – and men – of color were denied the right to vote after the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment became law, some for as late as 1965, with passage of the Voting Rights Act.*

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Kathy Madison is a member of the LWVLC board of directors and chairs LWVLC's Centennial Committee.

## MARCH UNIT CHOICES

### March 9, 10 am South Willamette and Springfield

Tour the Eugene Mission



All LWVLC members are welcome - contact Flo Alvergue for more information and reservations. 541-968-7854 alvergue@hotmail.com

### March 9, 1 pm Harlow Road

Join us for a tour of the Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson house and to see the new suffrage exhibit. Contact Linda Berg 703-409-1368 to reserve a spot.



### March 9, 7 pm Cascade Manor - Auditorium 65 W 30th Ave, Eugene The Potholes of Willamette Street



Wondering when those potholes will disappear? Wondering what Willamette Street will look like when the reconstruction is complete? Patrick Cox, Eugene project engineer, will be at Cascade Manor to talk about the "South Willamette Street Enhancement Project" and answer your questions. Join the League of Women Voters in the Auditorium to learn more. This is how the City of Eugene describes the project: The South Willamette Street Enhancement project is a \$6.8 million project that will dramatically change how we experience Willamette Street between 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> avenues. The project is completely designed and will be headed into construction in the spring of 2020. The project will take most of calendar year 2020 to complete.

As for the work itself, the street will have a different look and feel than the current road. We will be reconstructing the road as well as rebuilding curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons. The sidewalks will be widened to nine feet throughout the project. We will install new lighting, both on the street and for people walking.

One thing that will remain the same is the current configuration: one travel lane and bike lane in each direction and a center turn lane in the middle. The project will also bring more green to the area. We will plant dozens of street trees along the sidewalks. This will create a more comfortable place to walk. We're excited for the work ahead and the results it will produce.

*Merle Bottge*

### March 10, 9:30 am Coburg Road Tour the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) clinic - Lane County 2260 Marcola Rd., Springfield parking available



The Tuesday morning unit invites you to visit the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) clinic. DeLeesa Meashintubby, executive director, will be our guide. VIM is a non-profit primary care medical clinic for low-income, underserved adults and their households in Lane County who can't afford health-care coverage. Services include primary care, women's health care, behavioral care, diabetes management, onsite pharmacy and physical therapy.

*Jeanne Armstrong*

### March 11, 10 am East Eugene Central Presbyterian 555 E. 15th Homes for Good, presentation and discussion.

If you plan to attend, contact Diana Grandberry 541-342-8402 or 76music79@comcast.net - to arrange for enough space.

Come join if you are interested in a discussion with people from Homes for Good, which is Lane County's hub for

affordable, low-income housing and services.

They were formerly known as the Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County, or HACSA and HASCA. They connect people with rental assistance and public housing, and their long-term efforts emphasize the creation of more affordable housing for low-income Lane County residents.

We expect a short presentation with questions we've brainstormed and submitted to them and, of course, any questions/comments based on what is said.

*Diana Grandberry*

### March 19, 6 pm Downtown

Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St., Eugene  
**Learn about Redistricting and Why You Should Care**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon, in collaboration with LWVLC, will hold a program about redistricting on March 19. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines that define political districts. In Oregon, state legislators draw congressional and legislative district lines. Redistricting following the 2020 census will be especially important because Oregon is projected to gain a sixth U.S. congressional seat due to population growth.

The program will provide information about Oregon's

current redistricting process, how it impacts elections, and proposed reforms such as a ballot initiative by *People Not Politicians* that advocates for fair representation and competitive districts and aims to prevent gerrymandering.

The program is free and open to the public.

*Kathy Madison*





## ACTION NEWS

A big thank-you to Action team members who study the issues. To help the League be effective, representative advocates, join us at a committee meeting, via email, for a small-group coffee date - whatever works. We have tasks small, medium and big. Just like Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Now, onto recent items:

### **Transit Tomorrow**

Lane Transit District representatives met with us February 12, sharing information on a major system redesign to address decreasing ridership and make our transit system more useful. What's the right balance between investments in broader coverage and more frequent service? More frequent service attracts more riders and supports community efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But more frequent service in some areas means less coverage in others, making public transportation challenging for some of our neighbors.

The LWVLC hasn't analyzed the specific Transit Tomorrow proposal, but our League in March 2019 submitted a letter to the LTD Board supporting

added service as the most appropriate use of new funds. Providing service that attracts the most riders is more important than providing service to more areas, then-President Linda Lynch wrote. Investing in more week-end service and in programs serving young people also should be considered.

In response to community feedback, the LTD Board in November asked LTD staff to create an option that would allow for more coverage, while maintaining the primary emphasis on ridership. This is scheduled to be presented in mid-March.

*What do you think? What information do you need? What should our League advocate?*

### **Redistricting**

League members continue to monitor redistricting discussions by Lane County Commissioners. We've also urged the Eugene and Springfield City Councils to begin deliberations ahead of the 2020 Census and 2021 decisions on ward boundaries.

### **Coming up:**

- March 19 public forum on statewide redistricting reform. Join us to learn more about the campaign to let Oregon voters decide how maps will be drawn for state legislative and US Congressional seats. 6 pm at Hilyard Community Center.
- April 22 event with California redistricting commissioners traveling across our state to engage Oregonians on independent redistricting commissions and how they can work here. Time TBA.

Learn more about state redistricting reform at [peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.org](http://peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.org).

*Can you participate in any of these redistricting discussions and efforts? What information would help you and people you know when it comes to redistricting?*

### **Next Action meetings**

March 4  
Wednesday, 10 am  
League Office



## LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

The LWVLC board on February 19 voted to **support** the Lane Community College capital im-

provement bond measure in the May 2020 election. Action Committee members deliberated earlier in February before making a recommendation of support to the board. Board members believed the measure's approval on balance would benefit Lane County residents. LCC makes a considerable and positive impact on students, residents and businesses, and the League supports the college's mission.

**What the bond measure would do:** If approved, it would provide \$121.5 million for maintenance and capital improvements and enable the college to leverage other funds such as state capital improvements projects funding, seismic improvement grants, and private fundraising. According to LCC representatives, property taxes would increase by \$3 a month or \$36 a year for a property assessed at \$300,000. The

bonds would be issued in more than one series and would mature over no more than 20 years from each issuance.

### **Arguments against the measure**

- The League believes tax measures are more likely to succeed when scheduled for general elections, which typically draw more voters. (However, it's also the case that we likely will see significant turnout in the May election in this presidential-election year.)
- Increased property taxes can be challenging for taxpayers, especially those with lower and fixed incomes.

### **Arguments for the measure**

- The League believes that local governments should strongly emphasize the maintenance of capital improvements. Our LWVLC position on *Economic Policy: Capital Improvement Financing* offers more on this. The LWVLC's positions don't specifically address community college infrastructure but do talk about the condition of elementary and secondary education school

facilities as important to the efficiency and effectiveness of the educational program. The board saw a similar relationship for LCC. See *Governmental Services/Elementary and Secondary School Facilities*.

- With revenue from the measure, LCC would invest in valuable capital improvements benefiting multiple communities and supporting economic development, education outreach and career technical education.
- Our existing tax system in Oregon makes a bond measure the only real option for financing these kinds of investments.
- After initially proposing a larger amount, the LCC Board reduced their "ask" in response to community feedback.

To learn more about the measure, check with a board member for background materials or visit: [YesforLCC.com](http://YesforLCC.com)

**Keli Osborn**

## A CHALLENGE TO OUR MEMBERS: WE NEED YOU

**“Making Democracy Work”** starts with commitment and passion and being intentional in League policy positions and strategies of advocacy, education, and leadership in the pursuit of our mission of **“Empowering voters. Defending Democracy.”**

All League operations, functions and activities including voter services, studies of issues, letting our voice be heard, discussion groups (units), office operations, events and forums, are planned and conducted by League volunteers.

We need more members to volunteer. Being proactive in safeguard-



ing democracy takes a lot of hands-on efforts by members who support the League's activi-

ties. What a great way to learn more about the League and how we get things done. And volunteering brings extra benefits of expanding one's knowledge about today's issues, increasing friendships, and even enhancing your resume.

We need more members to step into leadership roles. The Nominating Committee would like to hear from you, especially if you have skills and experience in leading a group or serving in leadership roles with other organizations. For members who would like to gain additional leadership experience or try on a new skill, the Nominating Committee would like to hear from you, too. We look to you to guide the League into the future.

There are opportunities to serve on committees, participate in a research project, volunteer in the office, lead a discussion, or co-chair an event. For the latest information about volunteer opportunities, call the League office at

541-343-7917 and check out our website <http://lwvlc.org/>.

The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of officers and directors to the membership at each annual meeting. The committee is also called upon to suggest who might fill a new or vacant volunteer leadership role. In addition, the committee is responsible for suggesting ways of leadership development for future officers and directors.

If you are interested in exploring ways to apply your passion for civic improvement through volunteer opportunities with the League, contact Nominating Committee Chair Betty-Coe de Broekert, at 503-780-3454 or [busybee78@comcast.net](mailto:busybee78@comcast.net). Other members of the committee are Linda Ferdowsian, Charlcie Kaylor, Jeanne Taylor, and Veronika Walton.

**Betty-Coe De Broekert**

## VOTER SERVICE

Starting in mid-March there will be many candidate and ballot initiative debates and forums sponsored by the Springfield City Club (SCC) and the Eugene City Club (ECC), some in conjunction with the League.

- SCC meetings are held at Hilton Garden Inn at 3528 Gateway St, Springfield at noon.
- ECC meetings are held at 975 High Street, Eugene at noon.
- Both events sell lunch for the event if you want it.
- KLCC broadcasts the Eugene City Club events the following Monday evening.

The May election is not just the primaries. It will also determine several officials who will hold office. Get educated and stay informed by attending the forums that interest you.

- 3/13/2020 Steve Trout - Election Security (ECC)
- 3/19/2020 Mayor of Springfield (SCC)
- 3/20/2020 Secretary of State (ECC)  
(May be in a different location)
- 3/27/2020 Lane County Commissioner (ECC)
- 4/3/2020 Eugene Council, Wards 1 and 2 (ECC)
- 4/10/2020 Eugene Council, Ward 8 (ECC)
- 4/16/2020 Republican candidates CD 4 (SCC)
- 4/17/2020 Eugene Mayor, Council Ward 7 (ECC)
- 4/24/2020 LCC Bond (ECC)
- 5/7/2020 Springfield Council (SCC)

**Paula Grisafi, Voter Service Chair**  
[voterservice@lwvlc.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvlc.org)

**Voter Service  
Committee Meeting  
March 10, 2 pm  
League office**

## GUN SAFETY UPDATE

### GIFFORDS LAW CENTER

TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

According to the Giffords Law Center, an average of 100 Americans are killed by guns each day of the year in the United States. Alaska, with its weak gun safety laws, has the highest gun death rate in the country while Hawaii with among the strongest gun laws has the lowest number of gun deaths. Each year Giffords grades states according to the strength of its gun safety laws. Oregon has a C+ rating.

With at least nine initiatives dealing with firearms proponents are hoping to qualify for Oregon's No-

vember 2020 General Election ballot. Three initiatives, all sponsored by faith-based Lift Every Voice Oregon, have recently received certified ballot titles. The qualification process has multiple steps which may be found in the *State Initiative and Referendum Manual* and online at <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/stateIR.pdf>.

**Initiative Petition (IP) #60:** On February 13 the Elections Division received a certified ballot title from the Attorney General for the initiative. The initiative would place restrictions on semiautomatic assault weapons and magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. On February 18 **IP #61** received a certified title. This initiative restricts the sale/transfer of certain semiautomatic firearms, requires background checks, safety training, age 21, and a waiting

period. On the same date **IP #62** received its certified title. This initiative prohibits manufacture/purchase/transfer of firearm magazines holding over ten rounds of ammunition with exceptions.

After ballot title certification, an appeal may be filed. When an IP ballot title is finalized after each appeal has been, the Elections Division issues official forms to be used in collecting signatures. At this point 112,020 valid voter signatures must be submitted by July 2, 2020 to qualify for the November ballot.

As opposition to gun safety legislation is well organized and strong in Oregon, it remains to be seen whether any of these three initiatives will survive.

**Donna Michel**

## NOTES FROM THE LWVLC FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING 2020

### LCC Bond Measure

The board voted in favor of the motion to support the LCC capital improvement bond measure in the May 2020 election. Support may include:

- 1) informing LWVLC members via the *Argus* and/or other means;
- 2) sending letters to newspaper editor(s);
- 3) permitting the campaign to use the League imprimatur in ads, etc.; and,
- 4) placing a statement in the voters' pamphlet (if there is one), subject to board approval of the cost and, if suggested, partner(s). See page 4 for more information.

### Climate Emergency

Additionally, the board passed a motion to support the Massachusetts League's request to National League for making climate emergency a national study and position.

### Other Business

- The board chose to defer the decision as to whether to financially support Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) this year particularly since our expenses have gone up.
- The board worked on planning for the Annual Meeting April 25, heard updates on the 100th Anniversary events and the birthday party February 12, planned for delegates to the state council in mid-May and national convention in June.

- The board requested the local bylaws be reviewed and possible changes given to the board for discussion. Proposed revisions will go before the members at the annual meeting in April.

The Board has extensive materials to preview before making decisions at the monthly meetings. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings and provide input. Members are welcome to contact Secretary Jeanne Taylor or Office Manager Linda Ferdowsian to see copies of the reports and reference information.

**Jeanne Taylor, Secretary**



**Board Meeting**  
March 18, 1:30 pm  
LEAGUE OFFICE

## PROGRAM PLANNING AND SELECTION OF UNIT DISCUSSION TOPICS



Program planning in December of each year helps determine the League of Women Voters of Lane

County (LWVLC) program topics for the Everymember material for the next year, which begins July 1. The months of June through September do not have unit discussion meetings, and so there are no topics for those months. In addition, program topics for some months are standard ones which occur every year: The October discussion topic is ballot measures (both state and local issues); the December topic is program planning; and usually either March or April is reserved for unit choice. The topics for November, January, February, March or April and May are selected at the annual meeting based on the program planning re-

ports from the December units. Program planning involves deciding whether to retain, drop, update or restudy a League position. Our local League positions are reviewed each year, and we alternate reviewing state and national positions. This past December we reviewed national positions, and next year we will review state positions, in addition to the local positions. The restudy of a position involves changing the position in some way, whereas an update means the position is studied for informational purposes only and would not be revised.

The results of the December program planning were that all positions (both local and national) be retained, and there were no recommendations to drop or restudy any positions. There were six positions that two or more

units recommended for update: urban services, housing, planning and zoning, sustainable metropolitan management, transportation, and ending violence in Lane County.

To select the five topics from the six recommendations for next year, the board will ask attendees at the annual meeting to volunteer to work on one of the topics; the board will also ask members who cannot attend the annual meeting to volunteer by emailing Susan Tavakolian at [susantavakolian@yahoo.com](mailto:susantavakolian@yahoo.com) by April 25 (the date of the annual meeting). The five topics generating the greatest interest would then be selected for the Everymember material topics for November 2020 and January, February, March or April, and May of 2021.

**Susan Tavakolian**

## SEISMIC RISK UNIT COMMENTS

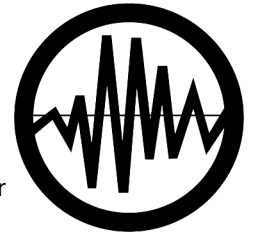
All the February unit comments about the Seismic Study have been reviewed and inventoried and the top observations were that:

1. Our board should recommend to the LWVOR that they include volcanos in the state position statement on preparedness.
2. "Map Your Neighborhood" is an effective way to help people prepare for regional disasters.
3. There were many who talked about varying government and company programs for preparedness but felt that the information about available resources and those programs was not well publicized. Public service announcements broadcast or radio and TV, and more extensive distribution

of government materials and our own study to other groups like neighborhood associations would help. Our LWVLC studies are already sent to other Oregon Leagues.

4. A few groups asked for more information about Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and thought those individuals would be a good resource in a disaster.
5. People were very engaged with the topic and there were many online resources in the appendix to the study materials that will give more of the requested information.

**Paula Grisafi**



## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY UPDATE

More than 100 LWVLC members returned completed surveys. Thank you, thank you. We hope to provide a full report to the board in March. Watch this space for more. Knowing *who we are* is one piece of better understanding our strengths and gaps - and how to support, grow, and partner in our work.

With the League of Women Voters commitment to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy, we commit to equity for all voters and the recognition that democracy is strengthened by the inclusion of all the diverse voices within the

community. We can do better! The LWVUS has compiled a diversity, equity and inclusion guide rich with resources - webinars, articles, slides and more. If you want to do some independent learning, check it out: <https://www.lvv.org/League-management/diversity-equity-inclusion/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-guide> Another way to get there is from the [lvw.org](http://lvw.org) home page > League Management button (lower right-hand corner) > See the Featured Content.

**Helen Beardsworth and Keli Osborn**



Terry's Oregon roots and love for the state run deep. She grew up in Astoria, the daughter of a commercial fisherman. She has sociology and gerontology degrees from the University of Oregon. Her career with the Lane Council of Governments and Lane Transit District involved advocacy, planning



and oversight of services for older adults and people with disabilities, much of the time specifically focused on public transportation.

*When did you first join the League of Women Voters and what drew you to the organization?*

I knew about the League and sought out their

well-sourced positions on state and local issues. At retirement (from Lane Transit District) Linda Lynch let me know that I no longer had an excuse for not joining the League. Along with my three dearest women friends from college we marched in the first Women's March in Washington D.C. that was a profound experience that propelled me to get more involved.

*If you had to name a democracy superhero, who would it be and why?*

If I had been a better student of our history, I would like to say it was Sojourner Truth and other early abolitionists/feminists. How brave they were! I know that now but, really, it was our own Linda that is my democracy superhero and mentor. She has such enthusiasm, knowledge and experience that you wish you could be like her.

*Book recommendation?*

These are the three books on my bedside table: *A Generous Nature - Lives Transformed by Oregon* by Marcy Cottrell Houle, 2019, and *Tightrope - Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, 2020, (these are to make you think I am a serious reader), but it is the latest Louise Penny novel *A Better Man* that really draws me.

**Keli Osborn**

## ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday morning, April 25, 9-Noon  
Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St.  
*Potluck brunch and business meeting*  
bylaws, elections,  
adoption of program, annual reports

## Help needed!

Contact Janet Calvert about setup and cleanup,  
jankcalvert@comcast.net or 541-686-2697



## LWVLC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FEATURED IN MUSEUM EXHIBIT

A new exhibit at the Lane County History Museum entitled, *Equality and Nothing Less 100 Years of the League of Women Voters*, celebrates the League's centennial this year. It also highlights the role LWVLC has had in shaping many public policies and shows off dozens of election artifacts from the museum's collection.

The exhibit includes a historic timeline of public policies that LWVLC has influenced since it was founded in 1939. These include Eugene voters choosing a council/city manager form of government, discouraging construction of a nuclear power plant at the Oregon coast, being the catalyst for the creation of affordable daycare, supporting local option levies to pay for operation of a new library, and many more.

The museum's collection of campaign buttons is on display - including one for the Communist Party. Other election-related items are a comic book featuring U.S. Senator Wayne Morse, photos from a women suffrage parade held in Lane County and a voting booth where you can cast your ballot!

The exhibit will be on display until February 2021.

**Kathy Madison**



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Jeanne Taylor,  
Veronika Walton,  
and Kathy Madison



## REMEMBERING LEAGUERS

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

**Phyllis P. Loobey**

12/3/1937 - 11/12/2019

Sunday, March 1, 2020

3 to 6 pm at

TSUNAMI BOOKS

2585 WILLAMETTE STREET  
EUGENE, OR

- 3 pm: Gather
- 4 pm: Share Stories ~ Celebrate the big, beautiful life she lived.
- 5 pm: Dance ~ Per her wishes, she wants us to shake a tail feather to some of her favorite tunes.
- 6 pm: Close

Finger foods and beverages provided. Limited parking available at venue, plentiful street parking. LTD bus routes #24 and #28 for mass transit transportation to event. More information: colpl888@yahoo.com

**Jeanne Weick**, who was born in Seattle in 1937, died February 3. She and her husband Richard moved to Eugene in 1996 when they both retired. She had enjoyed participating in community organizations wherever they had lived, and that was also true here. As a League member she served as treasurer and units chair. Music was a major part of her life, and in Eugene she sang for over 20 years in three choirs: the Eugene Concert Choir and two choirs in the Unitarian Universalist Church. In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations in her name to the Endowment Funds of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene or to the Eugene Concert Choir.

*Sue Boyd*



## UPDATE ON LOCAL BIRTHING OPTIONS, MIDWIFERY SERVICES

We will meet with  
**Our Community Birth Center**  
Wednesday, March 4, 11:30 am  
following Action meeting at LWVLC office,  
380 Q St., Springfield  
All are welcome.

## LWVLC AT THE HOME SHOW

Our League took part in the "Good Earth Home and Living Show" in January thanks to the generous offer of a "no charge" booth by Berg Productions, Inc. On very short notice League members stepped up and filled all 18 staffing slots (no one was alone). Our recent *Seismic Risk Everymember* information was very popular as was the challenge game of matching an official's name with the position each held.

League members staffing the booth included:  
Keli Osborn, Freddie Weishahn, Linda Lynch, Paula Grisafi, Carol Hildebrand, who also provided the floor covering, Terry Parker, Sherrill Kirchhoff, Leslie Gay, Jeanne Taylor, Marj Smith, Nancy O'Kief, Linda Ferdowsian, Dale Haynes, Donna Michel, Pat Kramer, Veronika Walton, Sharon Wilson, Kathy Madison and Janet Calvert. Many thanks.

*Janet Calvert*

## OPEN HOUSE/100TH BIRTHDAY IN THE NEW OFFICE



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**MARCH** (For more information see page reference.)

**No Unit Briefing - Unit choice month (see page 3)**

**4 - 10 am**, Action Committee (pg 3)

**4 - 11:30 am**, Update on local birthing options (pg 9)

**10 through 13**, Units (pg 3)

**10 - 2 pm**, Voter Service Committee (pg 5)

**13 - 2 pm**, Membership Committee

**18 - 1:30 pm**, Board meeting (pg 6)

**19 - 11:30 am**, Third Thursday (pg 1)

**19 - 6 pm**, Redistricting (pg 3)

**20 - Midnight**, *Argus* deadline

**LWVLC Office Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**(except holidays)**  
**11 am - 1:30 pm**

**SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, April 25, 9am to noon

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If our local League's work is important to you, please consider a gift bequest in your will or trust. It's fairly simple, but contact your legal advisor for assistance.

Thank you!