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OUR MISSION IS UNCHANGED

by Linda Lynch, President



Election day has come and gone, but the fatigue remains. The Voter Service report reads

like the

Twelve Days of Christmas, with many ballot measure presentations, including two in Florence, the gubernatorial debate, a booth at the Home Show and 1500 Voters' Guides - all gone. Plus, the League of Women Voters of Oregon was highly visible in the Yes on Measure 97 campaign. Not every member or League supporter was happy about that, but that issue provided us the opportunity to discuss our dual roles of education and advocacy.

Perhaps not surprisingly, a wide range of emotions has

followed election day. Also not surprisingly, the League's high visibility lingers. Almost every day since election day, the League has received emails of inquiry about joining, volunteering, holding events in the evening, suggestions for teen and young 20-somethings involvement. Almost. Every. Day. Clearly, energy around the election remains even if there is fatigue among some. The emails are from people who want to join a progressive organization that is taken seriously and one which works to inform voters. Sounds simple enough, but we all know it is not that easy.

If you were a Clinton supporter, first take time to grieve. If you were a Trump supporter, first take time to be happy. Then, get back to work! Our work is as important next month as it was last month. It is even more important as a new administration without government experience forms.

We will continue to

- study issues
- respect various opinions on those issues
- value critical thinking
- reach consensus to create fact-based policies
- register voters
- lobby the legislature, Congress and local decision makers
- write letters to the editor
- provide forums for the public to learn how decisions affect their lives
- raise the voices of those least heard, and more!

One thing each of us probably needs to work harder to achieve is to understand our own personal bubbles. That phrase - personal bubble - has developed recently to describe the small world we make for ourselves, individually. It is our family, the news we read and listen to, our regional identity, our friends, where we shop, where we work, where we play. The League of Women Voters is an excellent vehicle for learning how

people we don't know think, for learning how other electoral and government systems work, for at least looking outside our own comfort zones. If we are to continue striving for a more perfect democracy, we have to learn how others perceive their world, their bubbles.

December units are where we examine League positions and consider new topics. It's the perfect time to think about what the League can or should do in the coming year or two. Where should we place our emphasis? How are we going to engage the young people who are writing us?

The League is a political organization. We encourage informed and active participation in government. We influence public policy through education and advocacy. That is our mission. It is unchanged.

THIRD THURSDAY SPEAKERS

You may have wondered how we get such timely and interesting speakers for our events.

Wonder no more - it is **Nancie Fadeley**. It may be her impressive work as a state representative, or for Older Women's League, or at the University of Oregon that gives her connections to so many accomplished people. Her powers of persuasion are great since our League has heard from Oregon governors, secretaries of state, treasurers, numerous legislators and legions of community leaders and educators.

Thank you, Nancie, for your work in making our Third Thursdays not-to-be-missed events!

DECEMBER UNITS - by Paula Bassett, Chair

LWV of Lane County Board & Off Board Roster 2016-17

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KELI OSBORN

We had 58 members and four guests attend unit meetings in November for discussions on voter rights and voter protection. It was a timely topic to reflect back on historical milestones in voting issues during election week and to recognize that there is still more work to do to ensure that all citizens have access and be entitled to one equal vote. Election results left many to question the current electoral college system, also.

(See Program Planning article below for discussion material to bring to December's Units.)

Monday, December 12

10 am - S. Willamette

430 E. 46th Avenue
H- Flo Alvergue 541-344-3430
C- Anne Best 541-343-5124

2 pm - Harlow Road

394 Cherry Drive
H- Barbara French 541-485-9090
C- Mary Keating 541-344-4889 &
Chris Donahue 541-344-2803

Tuesday, December 13

Noon - Springfield Unit

Springfield Chamber of Commerce
101 South A Street
Brown bag lunch
H- Flo Alvergue 541-344-3430

Unit Briefing

Tuesday, December 6th, 3 pm
Atrium - Sloat Room,
10th & Olive, Eugene

Wednesday, December 14

10 am - East Eugene

555 E. 15th, Central Presbyterian
H- Stephanie Winsor 541-342-8243
C- Diana Grandberry 541-342-8402

1 pm - Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove LCC
H- Gayle Downing 541-942-1858

3 pm - S. W. Eugene

1375 Olive St., Apt. 606
H- Sally Weston 541-484-4404

Thursday, December 15

9:30 am - Coburg Rd.

Potluck Luncheon

2315 Rocky Lane
H- Dorothy Cruickshank 541-342-2577
C- Linda Ferdowsian 707-208-6007

Friday, December 16

10:30 am - Cascade Manor

Cascade View Room
C- Frank Carlton 541-434-4140
C- Pat McDaniels 541-434-4210

PROGRAM PLANNING

by Linda Ferdowsian & Susan Tavakolian,
Program Co-chairs

December units will be reviewing our local and LWVOR positions, which are listed briefly in our new local directory.

Please bring your directory and Everymember material to unit meeting.

For complete LWVOR statements of positions, go to <http://www.lwvor/take-action/our-positions/>.

THANK YOU - LEAGUE MEMBERS

by Janet Calvert

It is an exceptional honor to be named the fourth recipient of the LWVLC Annabel Kitzhaber Education and Advocacy Award. The November, 2016 Third Thursday when I was presented the award, is a day I will always remember and cherish.

Charlcie Kaylor prepared a power point program including old photos of me doing some League work- none from when I spent a night in the "new" jail.

President Linda Lynch gave me a wrist corsage and the large glass plate shown below.

Sharon Posner announced that you, my League colleagues, had purchased two plaques in the Reference section of downtown library.

Pat Hocken and Sharon Posner shared some of their thoughts and impressions, which were amazing and heart warming.

Sue Boyd was instrumental in pulling a lot of the information together.

It was also a family reunion with both of our sons and their spouses, my sister and her husband and Len's cousin Liz and two of her daughters. Great fun.

I made some remarks and closed with the quote from John F. Kennedy 53 years ago that spoke to today's civic quandary.

"Let us not be blind to our differences - but let us also direct attention to our common interests and the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

Again, thank you.



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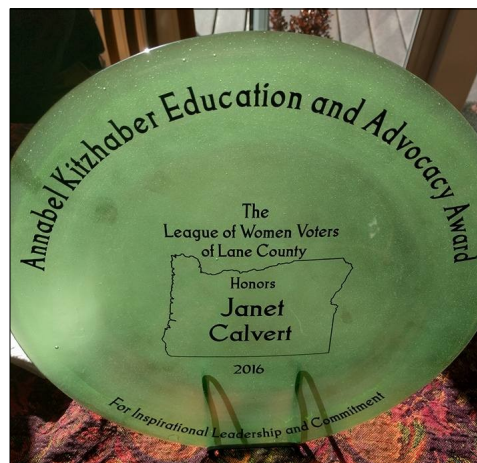


PHOTO BY DOUG CALVERT



In her remarks as she accepted the Annabel Kitzhaber Award, Janet Calvert mentioned someone most members have probably never heard of: **Phyllis Montgomery.**

Janet said, "When asked why I have been involved in League for so long, I remember Phyllis Montgomery, a woman of unmatched intellect and determination who knew lots about taxes. My first leadership role in League was chair of the tax committee, and she was a member. I was overwhelmed, scared and intimidated. She was encouraging and kind. I asked what kept her going, and she replied that League members like to

be 'where the action is'. That is still true."

Phyllis Montgomery (1910-81) moved to Eugene in the early 1940's, when her husband accepted a position at the University of Oregon in the speech department. She joined what was then the Eugene League a few years later and was president from 1951-53. She went on to become president of the League of Women Voters of Oregon from 1959-63 and then to the national League board to serve as secretary and treasurer from 1964-70. She is, thus far, the only member of our League to serve on the national board.

Sue Boyd

LOCAL ACTION

by Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

Action Committee Meeting

**Wednesday,
December 7,
9:30 am
600 Waterford Way**

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.

Springfield 2030 Comprehensive Plan

The League submitted comments on October 13 regarding the proposed expansion of the urban growth boundary (UGB) in the Mill Race and North Gateway areas. The League requested that the staff do a detailed analysis of and respond to the issues raised by citizens about available land within the existing UGB for commercial/industrial purposes and the process that had eliminated the Seavey Loop area from consideration. The city staff prepared an extensive technical report that addressed the issues raised and concluded that the existing proposals for UGB expansion were appropriate and in keeping with state land use laws and regulations. At a joint meeting of the Springfield City Council, the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and the Lane Planning Commission on November 7, the three bodies moved the proposal forward for final adoption in early December.

Envision Eugene

The Eugene City Council at its meeting on October 24 approved two strategies to accommodate about 1600 multi-family homes within the existing urban growth boundary. This action provided the last direction needed for the staff to prepare all the legal documents and findings necessary for the City to adopt a new UGB and appropriate urbanization policies. The documentation is expected to cover about 1000 pages. The Eugene Planning Commission began its review in November and public hearings will be held in 2017. The League continues to follow this many-year process and will likely testify one last time in 2017.

Jarrett Walker presentation

Nationally recognized transit consultant Jarrett Walker will make a presentation November 30 entitled "Abundant Access - Public Transit as an Instrument of Free-

dom." Walker will describe the principles that allowed him to successfully redesign the Houston transit network to provide better routing and more frequent service with the same resources. The League is a co-sponsor of the free event to be held at the Downtown Athletic Club beginning with a reception at 4:45 pm. (See page five.)

December Action Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Action committee will be Wednesday December 7 at 9:30 a.m. The location will be at the Waterford Grand retirement facility, just off Goodpasture Island Road. Kappy Eaton has just moved to the Waterford Grand and has already arranged a meeting space for the committee. Contact Pat Hocken at 541-343-1138 or jphocken@comcast.net for detailed directions. Any League member is welcome to attend.

Interview a Legislator

Local League members will interview legislators in the districts covered by our League prior to the beginning of the session in early 2017. State senators and representatives will be asked their views on League's legislative concerns, and the answers help our lobbying efforts.

Would you be interested in pairing with another Leaguer to interview one of our legislators? Depending on the timing, it could be during our Legislative Day event in Salem or another time and place such as at the local League office.

Don't worry if you are a newbie. We'll partner you with an experienced member and there is a script of questions to ask.

Contact Pat Hocken at 541-343-1138 or jphocken@comcast.net if you are interested.

VOTER SERVICE

by Rhonda Livesay & Keli Osborn, Co-Chairs

As readers of this space already know, League members have been busy with Voter Service activities throughout 2016. This fall, we reached more than 300 community members at ballot measure presentations scheduled in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Florence. We talked about voting with a classroom of middle schoolers, registered voters at two senior living facilities, and distributed more than a thousand Voters' Guides. The gubernatorial debate in October drew 300 and reached thousands via our partners, KLCC and OPB. And, those who staffed the League booth at the fall Home Show met with many more community members eager to obtain information to aid their voting decisions.

The next Voter Service meeting is set for Friday, December 9, at 2 pm. We invite your participation, as a committee member or project volunteer. In the coming weeks and months, we'll continue to inform and educate - and members will be taking a look at how our local League can better meet the needs of working people and young adults who want to be informed and involved in our democracy.

In this time of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the hard work, dedication and support of League members and community allies. Thank you.

Better Eugene-Springfield Transit, AIA-SWO Design Excellence lecture Series, and Livemove Speaker Series invite you to -

A FREE PUBLIC LECTURE ON DESIGN & COMMUNITY

JARRETT WALKER, PH.D.

ABUNDANT ACCESS: Public Transit as an Instrument of Freedom

November 30, 2016

Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St, Eugene
5 pm Light Reception/ 5:30 pm Presentation

Register Now: best-Oregon.org/walker
(FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

Dr. Walker is an international expert in public transit network design and policy. Author of "Human Transit: How Clearer Thinking about Public Transit Can Enrich our Communities and Our Lives."



Answering the Call:

Oregon Secretary of State
Jeanne Atkins

**talks candidly about
her time in office**

Wednesday, Nov. 30
5:30 pm
184 Knight Law Center
University of Oregon

free and open to the public



FRUIT SALE

by Marj Maxwell, Head Loop

Together we have purchased or sold over 275 boxes of fruit. Thank you for all you did to make this League fundraiser a success.

You will be contacted when fruit is available. Pick up is expected to be December 2, 3 and 4 but is subject to change by our supplier. An email will notify you of the pick up schedule once the fruit have arrived. If you did not supply an email, you will be getting a phone call from one of our Fruit Loops team.

If you have not heard about your order by December 3, you should text, email or call Marj Maxwell for pick up information:

marjmaxwell@gmail.com or 541-521-3051. You can also call the League office during office hours or ask any committee member. The pick up schedule will be posted on the building door.

Fruit ordered for donation to Food for Lane County will be picked up by Food for Lane County. You will receive a letter confirming your

donation. You will not receive a phone call or email notifying you of the pick up unless you also ordered fruit for yourself.

Fruit Loop Committee members: **Merle Bottge, Janet Calvert, Barbara French, Mary Keating, Phyllis Loobey, Linda Lynch, Sally Mills, Sharon Posner, Sue Reynolds, Linda Roe and Sheila Sundahl.** **Fran Boehner** continues as an honorary member.

Shirley McNair (1926-2016)

Shirley, a former member of our League, passed away on October 29th.

She loved dark chocolate, black coffee and a good read.

Donations on her behalf can be made to League of Women Voters or Food for Lane County.

LWVLC at NATURALIZATION CEREMONY



PHOTO BY LINDA LYNCH

Stephanie Winsor helping new citizens register to vote

Fifteen people from eight countries became citizens in the court of Judge Thomas Coffin on November 18. Judge Coffin focused his remarks on the protections granted citizens in the legal system, including the need for a warrant from an unbiased source, a judge, before a search of one's home, protection from self-incrimination, the right to a jury trial and the right to counsel. He asked each new citizen to introduce themselves and tell where they are from. The country drawing the gasp of surprise from the audience was Myanmar. The ceremonies are always interesting; the different judges approach the ceremony differently; there is always some emotion that I think the new citizens did not expect to feel.

If you are interested in helping register these new citizens to vote, tell Stephanie Winsor. Thank you to Stephanie, Barbara Bryant and Miriam Aiken this time around.

Linda Lynch

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Statement on Election Night Results

11/09/2016 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson** released the following statement on Tuesday night's election results:

"The League of Women Voters congratulates the American people for turning out to participate in our democracy.

"Unfortunately, in too many cases, voters had to overcome significant barriers that were erected by elected officials and other political operatives. These ongoing threats to voters' rights are unacceptable.

"This is the first presidential election in 50 years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act. Thousands of eligible voters were purged from the rolls. Onerous voter ID laws prevented eligible voters from casting their ballots. We saw cases of misinformation and intimidation at the polls.

"We can and must do better. All year the League has worked in more than 700 communities, in every state, to register and help eligible Americans get ready to vote. In the 2016 election, more than 4 million people used our digital voter resource, VOTE411.org to find the election information they needed.

"The League of Women Voters will continue our work to expand participation in the election process and work to give a voice to all Americans."

Interesting Tidbits from Aurora Jackson, LTD General Manager

The city of Eugene is the 154th largest city in America. Lane Transit District in the top 25 of transit use.

New buses will have USB ports for laptop power.

LTD will add ten electric zero-emission buses to its fleet over the next two years.

January Third Thursday Speaker Dr. Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent Eugene School District 4J





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LANE COUNTY

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League events, meetings,
positions and the ARGUS,
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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

30 - 5 pm - Jarrett Walker Lecture - pg 5

30 - 5:30 pm - Jeanne Atkins, Sec. of State to talk - pg 5

DECEMBER

NO THIRD THURSDAY IN DECEMBER

6 - 3 pm - Unit Briefing - pg 2

7 - 9:30 am - Action - pg 4

9 - 2 pm - Voter Service - page 5

12- 16 Unit meetings - pg 2

14 - 12:30 pm - Board meeting in League office

16 - Midnight - ARGUS deadline

SAVE THE DATE
League Legislative Day
January 10, 2017

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.*

LWVLC Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
11 am - 1:30 pm

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Unique Properties

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to a friend**



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you will receive the monthly
newsletter from LWVLC
(*Argus*), which has informa-
tion about our monthly and
unit meetings, and the
quarterly newsletter from the
Oregon League (*Voter*).

Mail the form and check
payable to LWVLC to:
LWVLC
338 West 11th Ave, Suite 101
Eugene, OR 97401

League of Women Voters of Lane County

Membership Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household (Two people at the same address) | \$97.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual after February 1st | \$32 |

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