

ARGUS

ANNUAL MEETING by Sue Boyd

Annual Meeting, often described as our local League's version of a convention, will be Saturday, April 23 at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High Street, with brunch at 9 am and the business meeting at 9:30. Members may park in the lot across the street on the far north side.

You should receive your Annual Meeting Workbook soon. Please read it before the meeting and bring it with you. It has the information you will need to cast an informed vote on the proposed budget, bylaws change and slate of officers, and includes the agenda and meeting rules. All members, including those who normally receive the mailings online, will be sent the workbook in printed form

by US mail. If you do not receive it, please call the office. It will not be available on our web page. If you need an email version please contact Linda Lynch or call the office.

Program chairs Linda Ferdowsian and Susan Tavakolian are trying something new this year. Wanting to get a head start on planning, they will be seeking volunteers at Annual Meeting to help with next year's Everymember material. December's program units did not result in a push for any new studies. However, there was no shortage of suggestions for local reports based on current positions, similar to the April units on recent developments in water resource management.

Ideas proposed by two or

more units include tiny houses (micro-housing) and safe shelter for the homeless, local impact of climate change, air pollution, solid waste, sustainable landfill sites, water quality issues, and transportation, particularly related to bicycles. Among suggestions from a single unit were preparedness for natural disasters, gun control, and property tax exemptions for multi-unit housing. All interesting topics for discussion, obviously. However, Susan and Linda emphasize members will be needed to prepare the reports. Only those topics that people are willing to work on will be scheduled.

This year's meeting will continue the discussion begun in 2015 about changing our League's tax exempt status.

The LWVLC Board is recommending that members approve a conversion to a 501(c)(3) status for our organization. The change would make members' dues, all contributions, and out-of-pocket expenses tax deductible. More detailed information will be in the Annual Meeting Workbook.

League of Women Voters of Oregon President Norman Turrill will be a special guest. A former member of the LWVUS Board, he has also been active in the Portland League and served



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THIRD THURSDAY April 21

Valley River Inn

To *reserve your seat* at this important presentation and/or to request a ride, call the League office at 541-343-7917 by the Monday before.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Lunch is \$16

Beverage only is \$5

Lunch begins 11:30 am

The program begins at 12:15

THIRD THURSDAY by Nancie Fadeley

The subject for our April 21 Third Thursday

The Kids' Climate Crusade: Atmospheric Trust Litigation in the Court

Our speaker will be

Mary Wood - Philip H. Knight Professor at the University of Oregon School of Law and the Faculty Director of the environmental and Natural Resources Law Center

Her presentation will be timely because the federal case for Atmospheric Trust Litigation was recently heard in Eugene.



UNITS - Flo Alvergue, Chair

Who Owns Our Water?

April's unit topic is about the allocation of water, who controls how much and for what purposes?

Members are asked to bring to unit meeting a copy of their monthly water bill to use in the discussion.

Also, for a better understanding, all are invited to hear Michael Mattick, District 2 Water master, speak at briefing on April 5. Learn about his responsibilities for protecting ground and surface water in Lane and Linn Counties. *Linda Ferdowsian*

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Monday, April 11

10 am - S. Willamette
430 E. 46th Avenue
H- Flo Alvergue 344-3430
C- Anne Best 343-5124

2 pm - Harlow Road
394 Cherry Drive
H- Barbara French 485-9090
C- Mary Keating 344-4889

Tuesday, April 12

9:30 am - Coburg Road
2135 Rocky Lane
H- Dorothy Cruickshank
C- Linda Ferdowsian 707-208-6007

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

Wednesday, April 13

10 am - East Eugene
555 E. 15th, Central Presbyterian
H- Stephanie Winsor 342-8243
C- Diana Grandberry 342-8402

2:30 pm - Cottage Grove
Cottage Grove LCC
H- Gayle Downing 942-1858

3 pm - S.W. Eugene
1375 Olive St., Apt. 606
H- Sally Weston 484-4404

Friday, April 15

11 am - Cascade Manor
Cascade View Room
C- Frank Carlton 541-434-4140

Unit Briefing
Tuesday, April 5, 3pm
Atrium - **Saul Room**,
10th & Olive Eugene
All are welcome

No Units in May

The unit topic originally planned for May has been postponed until next year. As a follow up to this month's discussion about water, two tours are planned in May. We will tour the Mckenzie filtration plant on **Monday, May 9, 10 am**. On **Tuesday, May 10, 10 am**, we will tour the River Road Waste Water Plant. Members can attend either one or both. We will have sign up and other details in the next *Argus*, but units this month are encouraged to arrange car pools.

Linda Lynch

Coburg Road Unit Tours Serenity Lane

We visited the beautiful, new Serenity Lane Treatment Center, in Coburg. **Larry Bradley, Vice-President of Development at Serenity Lane** and Jeanne Armstrong's son-in-law, guided twenty-three members and guests through the



clinic, dining rooms, kitchen, lecture hall, hospital unit, living pods, and family visiting areas. He shared the center's history, mission, and philosophy, as well as his own personal experience with recovery.

Serenity Lane is a private, not-for-profit alcohol and drug addiction treatment center. The Coburg location serves as a hospital as well as a medical detox and residential inpatient facility.

Article and photo by Linda Ferdowsian

ACTION - State of the State by Kappy Eaton, Action Co-chair

Action Committee Meeting

9:30 am

April 6

1021 N. Pond Rd.
Eugene
Kappy's home

Any League member is
welcome to attend.
Questions? Contact
Pat Hocken at
541-343-1138 or
jphocken@comcast.net

While the 35-day, short, even-year legislative session passed several important bills, there was not enough time to carefully consider the many issues brought forward by policy committees and individual lawmakers. The lessons of the 2014 meeting were not remembered. The idea of an annual short session was sold on the premise that budget and emergency concerns would be the primary reason for meeting. So much for that. Following are some of the laws that passed.

Starting at the current minimum wage of \$9.25 across the state, the increases in the **Minimum Wage (SB 1532A)** will be implemented every July 1 through 2022. This year it will rise to \$9.75 across the state, and then a three-tiered program goes into effect, separating the Portland metro area from Salem and Eugene metro areas, and the small urban and rural areas. When completed, Portland will be at \$14.75, Eugene and Salem at \$13.50, and the rest of the state at \$12.50. Then the increases will revert to the Portland CPI (the annual consumer price index) for any increase. Initiatives have been discontinued. The measure passed on party lines with no Republican votes.

The **State Transient Tax increase (HB 4146C)** will increase from 1% to 1.8% on July 1, 2016. The bill went through numerous amendments to ensure that it would give the Tourism Commission the flexibility and charge to fund events and programs across the state with grants. The Legislative Revenue Office must form a work group and re-

port in September about distribution and other issues such as using 10% of the tax receipts for competitive grants, investment returns, geographic equity and community support. The House passed the bill 37-20 with bi-partisan support while the Senate passed it, 18-12, on party lines. It is expected that the Eugene-based group involved with the 2021 World Games at Hayward Track will request \$25 million in annual \$5 million grants, starting in 2017.

Recommendations from the **Secretary of State's audit of Public Records (HB 4130)** requiring faster responses to records requests within five days or estimates of time needed to respond and fees up to \$30 died in the Ways and Means committee. Improvements to regulations and procedures are badly needed. so consideration during the 2017 longer legislative session will be on the table.

Voter Access at public and private institutions of higher education around the state will increase with the passage of **SB 1586A**. (see March *Argus* for cost details). Ballot drop boxes must be within one mile of campuses, and opportunities for ballot issues discussions through forums, classroom discussions, and voter registration must be provided. The Senate passed the proposal 19-9, the House, 51-6, in a bi-partisan agreement.

Neither of the Campaign Finance bills passed. HB 4085A, which mandated transparency about Independent Expen-

ditures for candidates and issues through ORSTAR, died in Ways and Means after referrals from House and Senate Rules committees. HJR 205, a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature or a citizen initiative to set political campaign contribution limits, did not receive a hearing. Both issues are expected to be brought forward in 2017.

The Legislature did approve the establishment of a permanent **Legislative Policy and Research committee, SB 1569A**. It passed 26-4 in the Senate and 58-2 in the House, clearly bi-partisan in support. There is a fiscal impact with the appointment of a director and up to 11 staff members. The committee membership will be appointed by the House Speaker and Senate President with equal numbers of majority and minority political party members. The purpose is to provide legislators with long-term state goals and regular legislative review through non-partisan, independent research reports.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (HB 4110B) was passed 54-4 in the House and 26-2 in the Senate with bi-partisan support. The credit increases from 8% to 11% of the federal credit for low-income families with at least one dependent three years old or younger. The increase is estimated to rise from \$229 to \$315.

HB 3134A requires lobbyists to report changes in clients, either new or dropped, within five days to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. It easily passed both chambers – House 56-1 and Senate 28-0.

ACTION - Local

by Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

South Lane School Bond Measure

The LWVLC board agreed to support the South Lane School District 45J3 bond measure that will appear as Measure 20-240 on the May primary election ballot. This action is based on our local position on Elementary and Secondary School Facilities.

The Measure would raise about \$36 million for several projects. About \$19 million would be used to construct a new elementary school to replace a 60-year-old building that does not have adequate space for the current school population. Other projects include safety and security upgrades (\$1.5 million), deferred maintenance (\$2.3 million), network and technology upgrades (\$1.3 million), renovation of the community aquatic center (\$2.9 million), and project development costs (\$6.2 million).

The measure would allow levying a property tax to pay off the bonds in 25 years. The required debt service payments for these new bonds and for the existing bonds for the High School construction, which have nine more years of repayment, will be structured to keep the total property tax rate for bonded debt at or below \$2.00 per \$1000 of assessed value. This is comparable to the tax rate originally needed for the High School bonds when they were approved in 2000.

If the measure passes, the school district is in line to receive \$4 million in funding from the State of Oregon, which would also be used for capital projects.



Moving Ahead

The LWVLC board also recently approved the submission of testimony to the Moving Ahead project, which is a joint effort of the City of Eugene and the Lane Transit District. The goal of the project is to evaluate major transportation corridors for potential improvements for transit, bicycle, pedestrians, and mobility device users. League testimony was based on the position of the US League, which states "energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems should afford better access to housing and jobs," and on our local transportation and sustainable metropolitan management positions.

In our comments we supported the project's approach of a streamlined process, evaluation and prioritization of alternatives based on regional impact, and broad community involvement. We also pointed out the need to coordinate this planning effort with the LTD and City of Springfield current analysis of a potential EmX corridor along Main Street.

With regard to the specific corridors for which improvements are being considered, we supported continued investigation of the EmX alternatives for Coburg Road, River Road and Highway 99. We also supported the significant safety improvements for bicycles and pedestrians and users of mobility devices that are proposed for all the corridors.

The Eugene Council and LTD board will have a joint work session in April to provide direction for the next steps of Moving Ahead.



Passage of HB4126

During the 2016 Oregon legislative session, HB 4126 was enacted. The bill was introduced by Rep John Lively and supported by LWVLC. The purpose of the bill was to clarify the statutes and applicable regulations for jurisdictions that began reviewing their urban growth boundaries before January 1, 2016 but did not complete the evaluation or adoption by that date. The clarification provided by this bill was sought by the cities of Eugene and Springfield to ensure that the comprehensive plans they will soon complete are in compliance with state law.

Eugene Downtown Urban Renewal District

At its April 6 meeting, the LWVLC Action Committee will discuss a proposal by the Eugene City Council to extend the life of the Downtown Urban Renewal District to pay for potential new projects. The four projects under consideration are: expanding a publicly owned fiber optics network, improving the park blocks, making upgrades for a year-round farmers market, and renovating the old Lane Community College downtown building into an art and high-tech incubator.



Annual Meeting

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as the state League's first vice president, action chair, and voter service co-chair.

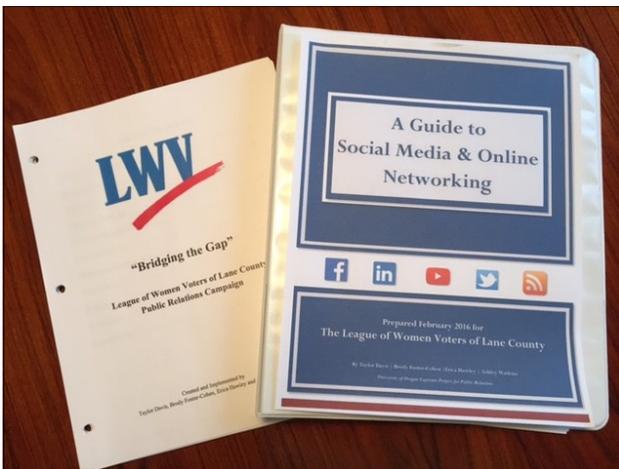
One of the most popular features of Annual Meeting is the potluck brunch beforehand, with member-contributed fruit and breakfast breads. The League supplies coffee and tea. It's also an opportunity to connect with other members and to check out the League's scrapbooks, maintained by historian Gayle Downing.

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR WORKBOOK!

LWVLC PUBLIC RELATIONS by Kathy Madison, Chair

Students to LWVLC: Reach Young Adults via their Communication Channels

To make more young people aware of the LWVLC, four UO students advised: you've got to "speak their language." Erica Hawley, Ashley Watkins, Brody Foster-Cohen and Taylor Davis reached that conclusion after they researched, developed and implemented a PR plan to help LWVLC close the gap with young adults. The as-



ignment came from the UO Public Relations Department's capstone class, Campaigns, that pairs student teams with local organizations to help solve a PR problem.

Specifically, the PR team recommended the LWVLC:

- Use social media to speak frequently to younger adults. They even provided a guidebook on social media and online networking to help us do so.

- Create an internship for a college-age young adult who could manage the League's social media and assist with other outreach to young adults.
- Partner with more UO student groups, particularly those that are interested in public policy.

Invite members of these groups to participate in League activities. The PR team gave the League the names and contact information for the groups they met with.

- Use the UO campus public radio station to publicize events.

Although the students did not formally analyze the effectiveness of their plan, we do know that while they were implementing it, *LWVLC gained 17 new "likes" on our Facebook page and one new member!*

A complete report on the students' work and their Guide to Social Media and Online Networking are available in the League office. LWVLC plans to work with another group of students during spring term to determine the best ways to encourage young adults to register and vote.

Eugene School District 4J is looking to the future.

I invite you to join us.

The district is launching 4J Vision 20/20, a strategic visioning and planning process to develop a roadmap for the next few years. The outcome will be a 3- to 5-year guiding plan that will reflect what our community wants our school system to look like and where limited resources should be targeted to best support student success.

The first step is gathering input... We want to hear your thoughts on the strengths, challenges and priorities for the future of our

community's public schools. Community meetings will be held on March 30 in English and on March 31 in Spanish.

A Visioning Committee has been established... to develop a vision and plan for the school district, to be presented to the school board and the public in fall 2016.

Community input is critical to the success of this planning process. I invite your input and hope you will take the time to share your insights and priorities.

The survey is available online through April 1. www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Jvision2020

Your input is an investment in our schools' and students' future. Thank you.

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Superintendent 4J Schools



VOTER SERVICE by Rhonda Livesay, Chair

Multiple Candidate Forums planned for April and May.

Your Voter Service Committee has been busy working with many organizations planning forums for the numerous races this year. We are partnering with City Club of Eugene, Springfield City Club, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC),

Eugene-Springfield National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Wayne Morse Family Farm, AARP-OR and several neighborhood associations, including Jefferson-Westside Neighbors and Southeast Neighbors.

We are in need of volunteers in the following positions: timekeeper, question reviewer and question collector. If you can help please email Rhonda Livesay at livesay.lwv@gmail.com or call 541-228-4373.

Below is the list of events with date, time and location.

Lane County Commissioner, Dist. 4 North Eugene	4/1/16	12 Noon	UO Academic Extension, Downtown Baker Center, 975 High St., Eugene
Eugene Mayor	4/8/16	12 Noon	UO Academic Extension, Downtown Baker Center, 975 High St., Eugene
Eugene City Council, Ward 1	4/12/16	7:30 PM	1st Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene
Eugene City Council, Ward 1	4/15/16	12 Noon	UO Academic Extension, Downtown Baker Center, 975 High St., Eugene
OR House District 14	4/19/16	7 PM	Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene
Lane County Commissioner, Dist. 4 North Eugene	4/19/16	8 PM	Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Rd. Eugene
OR House District 14	4/22/16	12 Noon	UO Academic Extension, Downtown Baker Center, 975 High St., Eugene
Eugene Mayor	4/28/16	7 PM	Harris Hall, 125 E. 8 th Ave., Eugene
Secretary of State	5/3/16	7 PM	Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main St., Springfield

OPPORTUNITY! by Lois Taylor for the Nominating Committee

Our League needs someone to organize the materials for units each month. The job title is Units Chair. As past Units Chairs have said, it's one of our easiest jobs, but with the benefit that you meet and hear first-hand the community experts who contribute to Briefing, and you also learn something of each distinctive unit and its members.

The task: attend to details of unit meetings (for example, attendance, recorders, announcements, extra copies of Everymember and *Argus*); and publicize each units' time and place. Attend briefing meetings to distribute materials to Unit leaders and to call the briefing meeting to order. After Units, compile information from Unit meetings for the board.

It requires about 2 hours on the day of Briefing, plus some additional time during and following units weeks. We have members ready to demonstrate the steps involved and also to help as back-up if you will be away at times.

For more information, call Linda Lynch, Pat Bitner, Sally Weston, or Lois Taylor.

DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE IMPRESSIONS by Linda Lynch, President

I asked members who attended the Day at the Legislature to send me their impressions or comments.

Janet Calvert appreciated that legislators listened politely to testimony that made her impatient.

Rosemary Isabell was impressed at how much work is being done to promote and improve the availability of quality higher education in the state of Oregon. I can't think of a more important goal.

Below is a great summary.

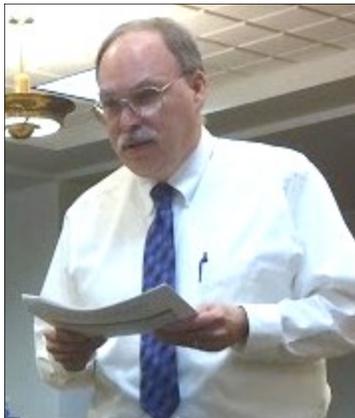
Reflections ...

A Day at the Legislature 2016: Morning Presentations and Impressions by Betty-Coe R. de Broekert

It was great to see and hear from LWVOR members from around the state. In addition to the Action Updates by League members, there were presentations about "Revenue Reform in Oregon" by Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer, and an overview of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) by the Executive Director of HECC, Ben Cannon. Members also attended Legislative Committee Hearings or visited with their local legislators.

Revenue Reform in Oregon

In Paul Warner's informative talk, he discussed the major premises of tax reform and outlined the key elements of tax structure. His materials included details



about the general fund revenue, state revenue characteristics, revenue forecasting, property tax, and the distribution of the tax burden for Ore-

gon's major taxes -- personal income, residential property, and business property. Mr. Warner indicated that the key elements of tax restructure involved reforms in the property and business tax structures, providing personal income tax relief, and strengthening state reserve funds.

The Legislative Revenue Office, established by the 1975 Oregon Legislature, provides nonpartisan analysis of tax and school finance issues. The legislative revenue officer is appointed by, and responsible to, the House and Senate committees that deal with revenue and school finance.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) has the responsibility for overseeing all public higher education in Oregon including the seven universities, 17 community colleges, four-year private career schools, state-paid financial aid and workforce training partners.

Established in 2011, HECC is a 14-member volunteer commission responsible for advising the Oregon Legislature, the Governor, and the Chief Education Office on higher education policy. Ben Cannon was appointed Executive Director of the



Commission by then Governor John Kitzhaber upon the formation of the HECC. Cannon, a Rhodes Scholar who served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives, said policymaking, not administering, is his strong suit.

In his discussion about the Commission's responsibilities, Cannon emphasized the word coordination. He talked about educational pathways and the vision of postsecondary education in Oregon being seamless from K-12 to community colleges, universities, a career, and including adult education. Oregonians, said Cannon, should have postsecondary educational opportunities that are accessible, affordable.

Robin Wisdom photos



Lunch at the Capitol

FINANCE

by Janet Calvert, Chair

Where did you file the letter sent by our president Linda Lynch?

It was a once-a-year request for your financial support of the League of Women Voters of Lane County. It's not too late!! Your donation to the League of Women Voters of Lane County is always needed and welcomed.

The LWVLC provided you:

Local studies: A review of the Mental Health position and the status of water in Lane County.

Public Education: Joint sponsorship of candidate forums with community groups, ballot measure explanations, naturalization ceremonies, *They Represent You* and **Terrific Third Thursday** issue forums for members and public.

Membership: Reduced dues for first year members, printed or electronic *Argus* newsletters and organizational support for member discussion groups and general meetings.

Website: A much improved website regularly updated to make it user friendly, appeal to diverse audiences and a go-to source for members for calendar and current information.

Outreach: Time on KLCC announcing the Membership Lunch, urging voter registration as well as "get out the vote" messages for the November election. We worked with a UO PR team to develop a campaign to inform students about the League and encourage membership.

Action Committee: Advocacy related to public safety issues in Lane County, funding for school and park facilities, Eugene Library Levy, EmX, multi-modal transportation improvements, Envision Eugene and Springfield's 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

To make all of these Lane County League activities possible, please contribute a little extra to the League of Women Voters of Lane County. Your donation can be tax deductible, if you wish.

- A check to **LWVLC** supports the League advocacy (lobbying), membership activities, and administration including office rent.
- Donations to the **LWV Ed Fund** supports voter service education activities **including candidate and ballot measure forums**, research and activities on state and local study programs and citizen education.

Send your contribution to LWVLC, 338 West 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401-3062.

The League has received a contribution in memory of **Kay Nordland**, a longtime League member.



The Women's Foundation of Oregon is a Portland-based nonprofit organization that grew from two very early foundations started in 1887 and 1924 to provide services to other women. The Foundation is currently in the process of conducting a statewide listening tour, Listen to Her. Mayor Kitty Piercy has specifically invited League members to attend the Eugene forum, **Saturday, April 16, 10 - 11:30 am, at South Eugene High School.**

What the Women's Foundation hears from us on the "Listen to Her" tour will become a major part of the upcoming Comprehensive Report on Women and Girls in Oregon, and that report will be shared

with decision-makers all over the state.

This is an interactive town hall to hear directly from girls and women as input into the report the foundation is in the process of writing. Spanish translation and childcare will be provided.

Mayor Piercy wrote: *We would very much like someone from LWV to attend. I also think this can be helpful in the great work LWV does every day to provide leadership opportunities for girls and women.*

If you are interested in attending or know someone who is interested, please let me know, preferably via email, lindalynch28@gmail.com. You may leave a message for me at the League office or call one of my numbers listed in the Directory.

Linda Lynch

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE

By Jeanne Armstrong

MARY FOUNTAIN



If you ask Mary Fountain where she came from, she will likely say San Diego, but she may also mention New York City, Tangier, Kenya, Hungary or Romania.

At the urging of her mother, Mary trained to be a secretary, as women often did in the 1950s. After pursuing that career for a brief time, Mary enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, earning a degree in International Relations. When she learned that entrance-exam standards for the United States Foreign Service were higher for women than for men, she chose the “next best thing:” travel.

First stop: Europe – and then, “hanging out” with friends in Tangier and elsewhere. She returned to UC Berkeley, earned a teaching credential, and subsequently taught history and English to high school students.

Mary and her first husband settled in New York City. After her husband’s death, she and their son Jack, age 13, returned briefly to California before heading to Kenya, where Mary secured a job with an aid organization and Jack attended school. On a second trip, they traveled overland to visit Zimbabwe.

In the early 1990s, Mary taught English for the Peace Corps in a small Western Hungarian town. Later that decade she lived and taught in a seminary operated by the Unitarian Church of Transylvania.

Mary and her present husband moved to Eugene from San Diego about a year ago and are enjoying the cultural offerings of the Lane County area. Mary brings a broad array of life experiences and an adventurous outlook to the Lane County League.

JAMIE McLEOD



Jamie is not entirely new to the League of Women Voters. She joined the San Jose/Santa Clara League in California before running for and winning a seat on the Santa Clara City Council, a position

she held for eight years. During her elected service, she worked for the neighboring city as a city planner and for the regional water district. Before that, she managed a refugee resettlement office and provided nonprofit management training for community based organizations throughout California. Since moving to Eugene as a student at the University of Oregon Law School, she has re-joined the Lane County League.

Jamie was born in Wisconsin but spent many of her childhood years in Tanzania, where her mother was teaching. When Idi Amin was on the rise in neighboring Uganda, Jamie was sent to a missionary boarding school in Kenya for safekeeping. Her last two years of high school were completed in Ashland, Oregon.

Jamie took a circuitous route to law school, having previously earned a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master’s degree in Regional Planning at Cornell University. She put her engineering skills to work in Bosnia and in Kosovo for the International Rescue Committee (IRC), helping with post-conflict reconstruction and water projects.

Jamie and her partner enjoy outdoor activities in the Pacific Northwest and hope to settle here in the future. She likes to read but, for the moment, most of her reading is limited to the thick tomes of the law school.

VICKI ZOOT



Vicki’s interest in women’s rights attracted her to the League of Women Voters in Texas, her home state, when the League was fighting hard for ratification

of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Vicki and her husband, Robert, a retired environmental engineer, moved a year ago to the Jasper Road area of Springfield to be closer to their son and his family. She completed her school years in Fort Worth. When Robert’s job required a move to Las Vegas, Nevada, a town of 800,000 people at the time, Vicki soon found a niche for herself and spent many years working for Lennar Corporation, a Fortune 500 home building company where she served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. She particularly liked the direct personal contact with customers that her job allowed. When the family headed for Springfield, the population of Las Vegas had burgeoned to 2,000,000 residents.

Vicki volunteers as co-leader of her nine-year-old granddaughter Jenna’s Girl Scout troop, based at St. Paul Parish School in Eugene. She is “in league” with other new members of the League, who particularly enjoy reading – in Vicki’s case, historical fiction and biographies – and likes discussing her readings with members of her book club.

She sews. In keeping with her work with new homes, her primary interest is in sewing pieces for home interiors: draperies, pillows, and other decorative items.

Vicki is adapting to new political realities in the Lane County area and specifically mentions what has surprised her most: vote-by-mail.



Educating Voters

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CALENDAR

APRIL

- 6, 9:30 am - Action committee meeting (pg 3)
- 11-15, Units (pg 2)
- 16, 10 to 11:30 am - South Eugene High School
- 18, Reservation deadline for Third Thursday
- 19, 2 pm - Voter Service meeting - 5320 Fox Hollow Rd.
- 20, 1:30 pm - Board meeting, League office
- 21, 11:30 am - Third Thursday (pg 1)
- 22, Midnight - Argus deadline for March issue
- 23, 9 am - Annual Meeting - 1645 High Street

Save the dates! Tour water and sewage treatment plants
May 9 and 10 (see page 2)

The League office is open
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
11am - 1:30 pm

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.

For the latest information about League events, meetings, positions and the ARGUS, visit our website lwvlc.org

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to a friend**



As a member of the League, you will receive the monthly newsletter from LWVLC (*Argus*), which has information 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

- Individual \$65
- Household (Two people at the same address) \$97.50
- Student \$20
- Individual after February 1st \$32

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email (for League use only) _____