

# ARGUS

## PART OF THE SOLUTION by Linda Lynch, LWLC President



The new year begins and I know we are all surprised that the Iowa caucuses and

New Hampshire presidential primary are already here. (Yes, that is just a bit sarcastic.) What has become background noise, because it has gone on so long, is now probably going to be more pointed, more urgent and more contentious. Yes, the elections!

Contested seats range from President to Eugene city council. I thought the beginning of the year would give me the perspective to consider what our role will be or should be during the

year. Instead, in just one week, I saw two other organizations reminding us of our collective responsibilities.

Monday, January 28, NAACP Lane County President Eric Richardson asked people in the crowd of several hundred who was running for office. Several people raised their hands. He told the crowd, "There they are. Go talk to them! Find out what they're thinking." It was a very smart thing to do.

On the following Thursday, I watched OSPIRG note the sixth anniversary of the (infamous) Citizens United Supreme Court decision by releasing their research report on the influence of large donors in the 2014 Oregon elections, "Oregon's Multimillion Dollar Democ-

racy." As we know, because Oregon does not have campaign contribution limits, it is an expensive state in which to run a campaign. OSPIRG's report can be found on their website, [OSPIRG.org](http://ospirg.org). The key findings are that

1/ in 2014, Oregon candidate and ballot campaigns reported receiving just over \$6.5 million from donors giving \$100 or less. Oregon law does not require the identity of these small contributors to be public, but OSPIRG estimates that these contributions came from between 46,000 and 91,000 donors.

2/ In contrast, the approximately one thousand large political donors who gave \$5,000 or more contributed

over \$64 million, nearly ten times more than all small donors combined. On average, each of these large donors gave about five hundred times more than one \$100 donor. The top 25 donors alone gave almost six times as much as all small donors combined and on average over 15,000 times the contribution of one \$100 donor.

Their conclusion? Big money wins.

Against the background noise of contested primaries in both major parties is the encampment by publicity-seeking ranchers at Malheur Wildlife Refuge. Nicholas Kristof, the Oregon born New York Times columnist, was not writing about them when he wrote last week

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### THIRD THURSDAY February 18 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

The subject for our February 18 Third Thursday will be **"How Can We Improve Oregon's High School Graduation Rate?"**

Our speaker will be

**Joy Marshall, Lane County  
Director of Stand for Children.**

Joy's political savvy, organizational skills, and tireless commitment to public education for every Oregon child has enabled her to lead numerous successful efforts for better school funding, quality schools, pre-schools, and children's health. Since February is short session time for our legislators, this is a good month to hear what grade Joy will give them on children's issues.

<http://stand.org/oregon>



## FEBRUARY UNITS - Flo Alvergue, Chair

### LWV of Lane County Board & Off Board Roster 2015-16

- President**  
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FLO ALVERGUE
- Voter Service**  
RHONDA LIVESAY

It's nice to report a good attendance of 70 members who engaged in discussions of "Money in Politics" at January units. Taking consensus on the topic nationwide will help LWVUS in its future lobbying efforts in the area of campaign finance reform. At both units I attended discussion was both lively and thoughtful.

March is "Unit Choice" month, so there will not be a briefing. I would like each unit coordinator to send me a report of the activity you are planning and note if others may attend as well. Ideas may include guest speakers, field trips, a book discussion, or lunch at a favorite restaurant, perhaps with a program. One year Unit #1 had a tour of the Veneta Community Library and the director discussed county library services. We then had a delightful lunch at "Our Daily Bread," an old church converted to a cafe.

### Monday, February 8

**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, February 9

**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, February 10

**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, February 12

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

### Unit Briefing

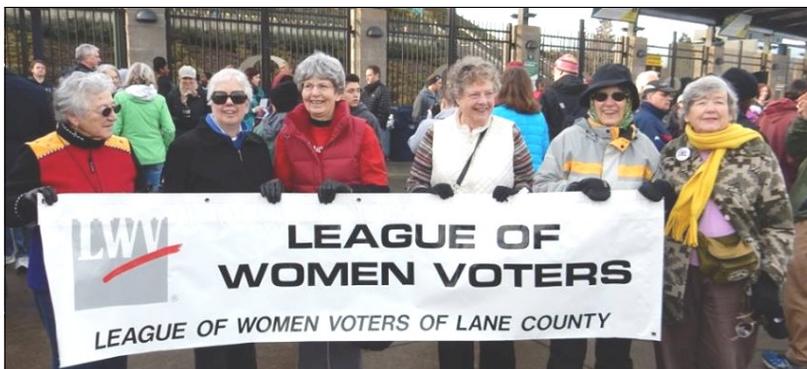
Tuesday, February 2, 3pm  
Atrium - Sloat Room, 10th & Olive Eugene  
All are welcome

## UNIT TOPIC- Mental Health for Adults

**Linda Ferdowsian and Susan Tavakolian,  
Program Co-chairs**

A consensus on the update of the language of our local mental health position is the main focus for February units.

Briefing will feature **Jose Soto**, Executive Director of NAMI, Lane County National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Mr. Soto will talk about local agencies providing services for clients of mental illnesses and their families.



### League members at MLK Jr. Day march

Veronika Walton, Carol Hildebrand, Janet Calvert, Linda Lynch, Pat Hocken, Flo Alvergue.

John Hocken photo

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

## The Legislature's Priorities

The short session of the Oregon Legislature begins February 1 and must adjourn by March 8, although political leaders want to finish before the end of February. The January Interim Legislative Days brought forth dozens of legislative concepts which will become formal bills to be addressed when the actual hearings begin. With really less than 35 working days, all bills have to be heard, acted upon and moved to the second chamber in five days. Many proposals will not be considered, and others will die in committee. Following are some of the issues included in the concepts and the Governor's plan for the year, including legislation and executive actions.

Some of the issues which moved out of the Interim committees include:

- a constitutional amendment repealing property tax Measure 50 and reinstating real market value as the tax tool

- a proposal to continue the adjustments to income tax credits, make it possible to donate the kicker refund to education, and address energy credits
- a proposal that raises the Earned Income Tax Credit for specified families from 8% to 12%, 14% and 16%
- a proposal that maintains the status of Oregon minority political parties for the 2016 elections
- clarification of the definition of "district" for initiatives and referendums
- clarification of the intent in the Oregon Promise legislation that each enrolled student receives the educational mentoring necessary for success, including working with family and community.

Action is expected on the public records recommendations from the Secretary of State's audit (see Governor's priorities), climate change, affordable housing, revisions to alcohol distribution and taxation, ground water, and higher education, among others. The Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform has submitted its required report to the Legislature. However, though some recommendations were made, the final recommendations to change the system are not expected until the 2017 legislative session.

## The Governor's Priorities:

Governor Kate Brown has outlined her five priorities for 2016:

**A Seamless System of Education** that includes establishing an Education Innovation Officer charged with improving Oregon's high school graduation rate. Creation of the Governor's Council on Educator Advancement charged with coordinating comprehensive

support to deliver excellence in teaching through leadership development, mentorship and best practices.

**A Thriving Statewide Economy** that includes support for small business through (1) legislation to expand the Office of Small Business Advocate for support regarding state and local policies and procedures; (2) Governor's Small Business Advisors to recommend small business supports; (3) legislation to increase the minimum wage (see below); and (4) legislation to continue the expansion of affordable housing statewide.

**Excellence in State Government** through accountability and transparency. This will include (1) legislation to create a technical ombudsman in the Dept. of Administrative Services (DAS) to assist state agencies with large electronic public records; (2) an executive order requiring all agencies to have a public records policy in place and DAS to implement the 2015 audit recommendations for public records, including statewide standards; and (3) legislation to tighten deadlines for lobbyists disclosure/register clients to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC), OGEC to make that information available online within two days.

**Healthy, Safe Oregonians** by (1) establishing a Governor's Campus Safety Working Group; (2) providing funds to enhance safety at Umpqua Community College; (3) and funds to offset expenses incurred during the occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

**Responsible Environmental Stewardship** by (1) appointing a State Resilience Officer; (2) drought funding to help local communities plan; and (3) wildfire funding to cover the 2015 costs.

## Initiative Petitions

With 80 citizen initiatives now filed and 10 circulating for ballot access, the Legislature is specifically concerned about those to increase Oregon's minimum wage of \$9.25 an hour (4), and those increasing the minimum corporate income tax rate (7). There is agreement among the Democratic leadership for the Governor's wage proposal. It is a five year plan, starting in 2017, and providing a different rate for the Portland metropolitan area - \$11.79 and the rest of the state at \$10.25. By 2022, the hourly rate would increase to \$15.52 for the metro community and to \$13.50 for the rest of the state. The current ban on cities and counties raising local wages remains in place. The initiatives call for \$15 across the state, some incrementally. Indications are that the citizen campaigns would not be deterred by legislative action.

An increase in the corporate tax is strongly opposed by businesses wanting increased revenue for K-12 and higher education, but not from them.

## LWV Activities

The League's Legislative Day is scheduled for February 22. Paul Warner, Director of the Legislative Revenue Office, will talk about the mandated two year study of the Oregon tax system and the possible ways to improve it in the 2017 session. Check LWVOR.org for information. With the session in full swing, there are opportunities to meet with your senator and representative and to attend hearings.

## Action Committee

### Meeting

9:30 am

February 3

### Subject to change

1021 N. Pond Rd.

Eugene

Kappy's home

Any League member is welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact

Pat Hocken at

541-343-1138 or

[iphocken@comcast.net](mailto:iphocken@comcast.net)

## ACTION - Local

### by Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

#### Governor's Transportation Vision Panel

Linda Lynch and I attended a local forum sponsored by the Governor's Transportation Vision Panel, which is a year-long effort to develop a series of recommendations addressing transportation issues across all types of transportation and all regions of the state. Members of the panel include legislative representatives, business owners, and civic leaders from across Oregon. It is expected that proposals for the 2017 Legislative Session will result from this effort. Our local League will likely submit testimony to the panel in the next month.

Strategies and concepts that have emerged as key preliminary findings include:

- Reduce roadway bottlenecks and enhance freight network alternatives;
- Invest in strategic intermodal freight structure;
- Invest in transit service improvements targeting road congestion and system gaps;
- Invest in bicycle and pedestrian improvements targeting safety, system gaps and road congestion;
- Invest in seismic resiliency; and
- Increase the flexibility of K-12 student transportation services across the state.

And underlying all those strategies are possible financing strategies for the short and long term.

#### Street Safety

There are several local initiatives to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and users of mobility devices, in response to recent fatalities and as part of efforts to encourage more people to use transportation options other than motor vehicles.

The Eugene City Council has adopted a resolution which sets as official policy Vision Zero's goal of zero fatalities or serious injuries on the transportation system with emphasis on the most vulnerable users. The City will establish a task force to develop an action plan. The Council also has approved participation in the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets. In addition the City will soon launch a Crosswalk Safety Campaign designed to educate motorists about Oregon laws for motor vehicles which require treating every corner as a potential crosswalk.



In the City of Springfield, Mayor Lundberg described in her 2016 State of the City speech the safety improvements along Main Street that have been completed or are planned for 2016.

Using state grant funding, the City installed a "rapid flashing beacon" crossing at 58th and Main near Thurston High School and will install two others elsewhere on Main Street in 2016.

#### Bus Rapid Transit Research

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems such as Lane Transit District's existing and proposed EmX routes can provide benefits such as more frequent service for riders, cleaner air and less congestion for communities, significantly lower construction costs than light rail systems, and lower operating costs for the transit agency. However, it has been assumed that BRT does not have the same beneficial affect on development patterns as fixed rail systems.

A report of a study on development impacts performed by Arthur C. Nelson of the University of Arizona was recently released by Transportation for America. This study found that BRT can shape real estate and attract jobs if it is done "right." According to a news article about the study (<http://usa.streetsblog.org/2016/01/12/new-evidence-that-bus-rapid-transit-done-right-spurs-development/>)

BRT can spur walkable development and job growth, but it needs to be designed to a high standard with features like dedicated bus lanes, level boarding platforms, and off-board fare collection. The news article highlighted a picture of one of our local green EmX vehicles pulling into a station.

### Day at the Legislature February 22

Mark your calendar and check [lvor.org](http://lvor.org) for registration and other details.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



#### Solution

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about unfairness in our current political system, but he was writing about alienation. He said, "We need political solutions to repair our democracy so that ordinary citizens count along with the affluent. ...The challenge will be to leverage the populist frustration into constructive postelection policy."

I am sure there is a role for the League to play in this very messy process and

in what so far is a messy election season.. It will take quite a few of us both to determine that role and then to carry it out. \*We need more help.\* Rhonda Livesay leads a talented and dedicated Voter Service committee, but they need more of you to help this year. *Nine months, plus one week will do it.* The tasks are not really overwhelming by themselves if there are enough people to take them on. Rhonda has been working to form a

coalition with other community groups to conduct forums with candidates in local races. It is what we should be doing. We are the leaders. We are the talent. Those groups are excited to be part of the process with us, but they expect us to make the arrangements. Call or email me or Rhonda if you are willing to help.

We need to be part of the solution, this year especially!

## BYLAWS CHANGES ANYONE? by Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

At the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lane County (LWVLC) in late April, members will vote on a change to the bylaws that is being recommended by the LWVLC Board. A summary of the proposal is found below. In addition, any member can propose amendments for consideration at the annual meeting; the process for doing so is also described below.



### Bylaws

Most organizations, including the League of Women Voters of Lane County, have a set of bylaws that serve as a constitution in guiding the operations of the entity. Such documents describe the organization's mission, membership requirements, leadership structure, election and meeting rules, and financial proce-

dures. They also provide a way to amend the bylaws. The current version of the bylaws is found on the LWVLC website ([www.lwvlc.org](http://www.lwvlc.org)) under the Publications tab or can be requested from the board secretary.

The LWVLC Board recommendation is to amend the bylaws as part of a process to change the tax exempt status of the local League from its current exemption under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 501(c)(4) to exemption under IRC 501(c)(3). This topic was discussed at the 2015 LWVLC Annual Meeting in the context of a proposal to change the tax exempt status of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR). At that time, local members approved a motion to direct the LWVLC board to research a conversion for the LWVLC if the LWVOR conversion was approved. The LWVLC Board recommendation to amend the bylaws is a result of that research.

Unlike the situation with the current tax exemption, if LWVLC converted to a 501(c)(3) organization, then members' dues, all contributions, and out-

of-pocket volunteer expenses would be tax deductible. In addition, LWVLC could qualify for grants and vendor discounts. The conversion would impose some limits on expenditures for direct lobbying, but these limits are unlikely to prevent any existing or future advocacy efforts. There will also be a one-time cost for Internal Revenue Service filings and some minor record keeping requirements. The Board believes that the advantages of the conversion far exceed the disadvantages.

The 2016 Annual Meeting Workbook, which will be distributed in late March, will contain more details of the recommendation and amendment language.

The LWVLC bylaws also provide for member-initiated amendments. Proposed changes must be submitted to the Board two months before the Annual Meeting, in other words by the February 17, 2016 Board meeting. After reviewing the proposal, the Board will make a recommendation to the full membership. The proposal and recommendation would also appear in the Annual Meeting Workbook.

## children at Risk

### NEW LWVOR POSITION



The League of Women Voters of Oregon recently announced a new Children at Risk statement of position. It appeared in the LWVOR Winter 2015 newsletter, but in case you missed it, it is reproduced below. Our League unit meetings in April 2015 were devoted to discussing study materials and answering the consensus questions that were the basis of this new position.

**Pat Hocken**

#### **New Children at Risk Position**

*The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the early years of a child's life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. Early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies, pro-*

*grams, and funding at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children. These include:*

- *Nutrition and food access for vulnerable children and families*
- *Access to affordable, safe, and stable housing*
- *Early screening (physical, dental, mental, and behavioral) for all children; early prenatal care and*
- *Ongoing health care for children (physical, mental, dental)*
- *Access to affordable, quality child care (see LWVOR Child Care position)*
- *Access to early literacy and pre-school programs, including but not limited to Early Head Start and Head Start*
- *Programs for mental health and addictions treatment for parents*

- *Family support, including but not limited to home visiting, parenting classes, and family relief nurseries*
- *Comprehensive services for children with developmental and cognitive disabilities*
- *Use of evidence-based practices in child welfare and foster care programs to reduce poverty by providing parents with assistance in job training and education*
- *Policies and legislation to reduce racial or ethnic minority status inequities*

*The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the governments, at all levels, have a responsibility to oversee and coordinate a comprehensive network of services to maximize children's readiness to be successful in school while optimizing available resources.*

## VOTERS SERVICE

### by Rhonda Livesay, Chair

#### Elections are looming!

Soon Oregon will be swooped up into the fervor of the primary debates. It promises to be an exciting and very busy year. The Voter Service Committee is planning to work with other local organizations on debates and forums. The deadline for candidate filing is March 8. We are hoping to have several events scheduled this year to give the candidates an opportunity to share their vision and to give the community time to learn.

If you have not yet volunteered to help at one of the events, please call the office and have them put you on the volunteer list for Voter Service.

If you are interested in joining the Voter Service Committee, please call Rhonda Livesay at 541-228-4373 or email [livesay.lww@gmail.com](mailto:livesay.lww@gmail.com).

#### LWVLC Website

Our website has new information about the activities of the Action Committee

and also has information about the ballot measures that are currently circulating for signatures. We hope to have additional information posted as the measures are approved for the ballot.

Also, our Every member material is placed on the website for easy access. If you have suggestions about what you would like to see on our website, please email [livesay.lww@gmail.com](mailto:livesay.lww@gmail.com). We would like to make our website reflect the interests and needs of our membership.

#### Oregon Statehood Day February 14

This history is from the web version of the *Oregon Blue Book*.

*Three parties vied for political control in Oregon. The Democrats were an odd lot, including northerners opposed to slavery and southern diehards who supported an institution barred by the Organic Act of 1848. The Whigs held political patronage in the early 1850s but watched their party disintegrate nationally. The Know-Nothings were opposed to the political clique that had managed territorial government in Salem.*

*Without enabling legislation from Congress, Oregonians voted in June 1857 to hold a constitutional convention. The delegates assembled in Salem during the summer and drafted a governing*

*document. An agricultural people, the convention delegates argued, had little use for frivolous expenditures or unnecessary institutions. In the fall voters faced three questions. Did they approve the constitution? They voted yes. Did they want slavery? They voted 7,727 no and 2,645 yes. Did they want freed African-Americans to live in Oregon? They voted eight to one against permitting their residency.*

*The actions in 1857 were predictable. Oregonians hungered for control of their own government and an end to the patronage appointments produced by shifting administrations in Washington, D.C. They also affirmed they did not want slavery in Oregon. The question of driving free African-Americans from the new state revealed resoundingly racist attitudes. They did not see*

*freed slaves, Indians, or women standing equally before the law.*

*In June, 1858, residents of the territory elected officials as defined by their new constitution. For months the fate of Oregon statehood floated on shifting political coalitions distrustful of changing the fragile balance of power in Congress. It was known Oregon would be a free state, yet its newly elected senators—Joseph Lane and Delazon Smith—were proslavery Democrats. Finally Congress acted and on February 14, 1859, President Buchanan signed the bill. Oregon joined the federal union.*



## STUDENTS TO HELP LWVLC BRIDGE THE DIVIDE

### by Kathy Madison, Public Relations

Ask a young adult what the League of Women Voters is, and the answer may surprise you. Many don't know about the organization; some have never even heard of the League!

To better understand why awareness of the League is so low among young adults and how we can better communicate with this age group about the relevance of our work to them, LWVLC has enlisted the help of four young adults.

Taylor Davis, Erica Hawley,

Ashley Watkins, and Brody Foster-Cohen (left to right below) are all seniors at the UO and enrolled in the Public Relations program's capstone class, "Campaigns."

Their term-long assignment is to help a real client (in this case LWVLC) resolve a public relations problem. This "real life" assignment is one rea-



son the UO's PR program is highly ranked nationally. They will conduct research to determine the extent of the League's disconnect with young adults at the UO, develop and implement a plan to raise awareness of the League among students, evaluate the effectiveness of their plan, and advise us on

continuing efforts we can take to bridge the divide.

Several League members met recently with the foursome to brief them on the League (none was aware of the League before getting this assignment) and set the following goals to achieve by the end of winter term: raise awareness of the League among U of O students surveyed by 20%, get five students to demonstrate interest in the League by "liking" our Facebook page, and get one young adult to join the LWVLC.

# WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE

By Jeanne Armstrong

## STEPHANIE STEELE



Stephanie grew up in Roseburg, where her interests in political matters and community involvement were first introduced by her father, a union official and political activist. She

values the League's studied and balanced positions and activities and plans to participate in discussing issues at unit meeting.

Stephanie earned her teaching credentials at Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University. When she and her husband Leo moved to Tacoma, where Leo was stationed at Fort Lewis, Stephanie taught second grade at Wainwright Elementary School. Subsequently, the Steeles were stationed in Germany at Landstuhl US Air Force base where they took advantage of the opportunities they had to travel by car to Paris, Switzerland, and other points of interest in Europe – an education in itself.

On their return to the states, Stephanie was a stay-at-home mother for their daughter and son before returning to work for 21 years in various positions for the US Postal Service, including both pre- and post-automation periods. Lots to learn! She has been retired for eight years and is looking forward to increasing her community activities.

The Steeles live on five acres in Eugene's south hills. Maintaining all of that property keeps them fully occupied. Both of the Steele children and their families live in the area, so Stephanie has the pleasure of watching their four granddaughters, ages 7 – 17 years, grow and develop.

## CATHY VESPER-WILSON



Cathy was born in the hub of politics in Washington D.C., but her early school years were spent in Webster Grove, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri where she notably had six years of instruction in Spanish in secondary schools. When it came time for university, Cathy was back in Washington at American University, where she earned her BA in Spanish which led to a position as a linguist for a government agency in the D.C. area. She later enrolled at the University of Oregon to complete a master's degree in Library Science.

After serving as a high school librarian in Sutherlin for eleven years, she began her PhD studies in educational administration at American University back in Washington D.C. She moved to Gold Beach, Oregon where her husband Sam was working as an educator. Cathy finished her research and thesis while commuting back and forth from Gold Beach to D.C. While living in Southern Oregon, she served as Director of the Curry Public Library and as a school librarian in the Brookings Public School system.

Cathy misses the ocean views she enjoyed in Southern Oregon but feels more comfortable in the political environment of Eugene. She and Sam enjoy traveling and plan a spring cruise that will include stops in Stockholm, Helsinki, and St. Petersburg, Russia. She has enjoyed travel to China, New Zealand, and throughout Europe and has cruised around South America. She would like to land there one of these days and put her Spanish to use! It is not surprising that Cathy and her husband have hosted students from various countries, including Germany, New Zealand, and the Republic of Georgia.

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## JEANNE WONG



Jeanne expresses her interest in politics in ideal League language: engage in study and conversation with other informed persons of various points of view, consider them all, and develop one's own positions

based on that study and review. As a new member, Jeanne has especially appreciated the quality of the study materials. She plans to visit various units.

Jeanne and her husband, Roger Wong, retired to Oregon 12 years ago after Roger's work as a corporate executive in the restaurant business took them to Washington State, Hawaii, Idaho, Texas and New Hampshire/Boston. Prior to their retirement Jeanne taught second grade and special education students for five years in New Hampshire. She especially enjoyed visits to Boston during their East Coast residency. Their daughter serves as a physician with the Air Force in Texas, and their son is a trainer for the men's basketball team at the University of Michigan. They enjoy their two grandchildren, ages ten and seven years.

Jeanne began quilting - the "by-hand" kind - while living in New Hampshire, and continues that favorite activity in Eugene, where she met other League members and was invited to participate. She engages in another typical Eugene-style activity - distance walking. She "contributes" five miles per week to her team that intends to complete 2016 miles in 2016. That means she will walk 500 miles this year. She lives near Alton Baker Park and takes advantage of the paths there along the river. We may have trouble keeping up with Jeanne! But we are happy to learn what she has to contribute to the conversations.

### In Memoriam

Minna Van Tilburg, a long time League member, died January 15, just three days after her husband's passing. Minna and her husband Van moved to Eugene in 1989, and she frequently attended the Southwest Eugene Wednesday afternoon unit. Donations are suggested to the University of Oregon.



Educating Voters

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LANE COUNTY

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# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

- 2, 3 pm - Unit Briefing (pg 2)
- 3, 9:30 am - Action committee meeting (pg 3)  
Date and time may change, confirm w/Chair
- 8-12, Units - Mental Health for Adults (pg 2)
- 15, Reservation deadline for Third Thursday
- 17, 1:30 pm - Board meeting, League office
- 18, 11:30 am - Third Thursday (pg 1)
- 19, Midnight - Argus deadline for March issue
- 22, Day at the Legislature - details at lwvor.org
- 22, 2 pm - Voter Service meeting - 5320 Fox Hollow Rd.
- 23, 3 pm - Chat & Chew at Fifth Street Public Market

The League office is open  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
11am - 1:30 pm  
Closed Presidents Day 2/15

**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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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:  
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**League of Women Voters of Lane County**

Membership Form

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

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