

ARGUS

BOARD NOTES

NANCIE FADELEY by Sue Boyd

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COMING UP
At its April meeting, our League board agreed to continue holding Third Thursdays at Valley River Inn next year. The board also decided that VRI would be the venue for our membership luncheon in September.

To say that we appreciate Nancie's efforts in arranging speakers for our Third Thursday luncheons is such an inadequate understatement. Our lives would be much duller and we'd be much less well-informed without the Third Thursday presentations she arranges for us. Our many thanks to Nancie!

-- Susan Tavakolian, President

Susan's "thank you" is richly deserved. For more than 20 years Nancie Fadeley has been finding speakers for our popular Third Thursdays.

It was 1989 or thereabouts when the events, then known as "Issues Luncheons" began to appear regularly on the League calendar. Sharon Posner, the initial organizer, recalls those first luncheons. "There were at least two motives, an opportunity for members to get together in a slightly different venue and to provide some insight into issues that weren't necessarily covered in units and our regular program."

After three years, Sharon turned the organizer's role over to Nancie, who has handled it ever since. "She's done a heroic job," Sharon noted.

Coming up with ideas and speakers can be a challenge. Nancie points out, "Since we have only six Third Thursdays a year, it's very, very difficult to decide which is-

sues/speakers are the six we should schedule. Priority consideration goes to topics the League is studying and issues in the news. A lot of ideas for Third Thursdays come from LWVLC members. I keep a list of those ideas. We also get suggestions from folks who have their own agendas and are seeking opportunities to talk to League audiences. Those suggestions don't get on my list."

She also notes that as often as possible, she schedules female speakers.

In recent years, our Third Thursday speakers have included University of Oregon presidents Dave Frohnmayer, Richard Lariviere and Michael Gottfredson; local school superintendents Nancy Golden, Sheldon Berman and Hertica Martin; Secretary of State Kate Brown, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Oregon First Lady Mary Oberst, 1000 Friends of Oregon co-founder Henry Richmond and retired Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court Paul De Muniz, among many others.

A special highlight was the Third Thursday celebrating the ninetieth anniversary of LWVUS. Our speaker was Oregon's first and only woman governor, former Governor Barbara Roberts.

April's event, featuring State Representative Val Hoyle and Senate President Peter Courtney discussing recent mental health legislation, was the last of the current League year.

A member of the League for more than 50 years, Nancie has a background in both politics and journalism. She earned her MA in journalism from the University of Oregon and went on to represent a small part of east Eugene and the City of Springfield in the Oregon House from 1971 to 1981. In 1973, she chaired the House Environment and Land Use Committee, which oversaw the passage of an iconic bill, Senate Bill 100, the pioneering statewide land use planning legislation.

Following her Legislative service, she was director of public affairs for the UO's KWAX, at that time an NPR radio station, and then served as assistant vice provost at UO. She was a charter member and a national board member of the Older Women's League (OWL), a grassroots organization that advocates for women as they age. As a freelance journalist, Nancie writes about Oregon history, environmental issues, and concerns of older women.

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UNITS - Charlcie Kaylor, Chair

Monday, May 12

10 am - S Willamette
90 Westbrook Way
(Block beyond 46th)
H: Barbara Greenley 684-9127
C: Anne Best 343-5124

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

Tuesday, May 13

9:30 am - Coburg Road
2135 Rocky Lane
H: Dorothy Cruickshank 342-2577
C: Rhonda Livesay 228-4373

ALL WEEK - On line

In pajamas - at midnight?
Contact Charlcie 686-0124
charlcie@efn.org

Wednesday, May 14

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

2 pm - Cottage Grove/Creswell
Cottage Grove campus of LCC
H: Gayle Downing 942-1858
C: Gary Harmon 767-1429

4 pm - S.W. Eugene
2365 W. 23rd Avenue
H: Pat McDaniels 343-4728
C: Sally Weston 484-4404

Friday, May 16

9:30 am - Cascade Manor
Cascade View Rm, 65 W. 30th
C: Lorraine Abbott 434-4107
Frank Carlton 434-4140

Unit Briefing
Tuesday, May 6
3 pm
Atrium - Sloat Room
10th & Olive Eugene
All are welcome

LANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPDATE

By PAT HOCKEN, Action Co-chair

The May units will continue the process of reviewing our local League's statement of position on Lane County Government. This month we will look at the method of electing the board of commissioners and the commissioners' role in administering the County. Our position may be amended based on member input.

Included with this Argus is Everymember Material, titled Lane County Government. Please read it before your unit meeting as background for the discussion. Everymember materials from prior years include Lane County Government, April 2013, and Lane County 101, May 2012. If you don't have copies,

please check the League's website: www.lwvlc.org. They should be posted soon.

Everyone is welcome to attend any unit meeting at the above times and places as well as the briefing. Hope to see you.

During our recent discussions about agriculture there were some concerns expressed about the **biogas waste to energy** facilities. There is a distinction between atmospheric methane- which is a bad greenhouse gas- and the result of combusted methane. Methane escaping into the air is bad, but if you look at the formula below, you will see that combusting the gas is a good way to create energy.

formula from: www.elmhurst.edu/~chm/vchembook

Veronika Walton

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

Next Action Committee Meeting

9:30 am - May 7
1021 N. Pond Road
(this meeting only)
Any League member is
welcome to attend.

Planning for 2015

The Interim committees of the Oregon Assembly will begin their discussions on issues for the 2015 session from May 28-30, with the Oregon Economic Forecast for June scheduled on May 28. The remaining two series of hearings are set for September 15-17 and December 8-10. Bills for drafting are due September 22, and completed drafts from Legislative Counsel on December 5. Proposals of interest during the 2014 session, expected to receive attention, include gun registration regulations, the Columbia River Crossing (Portland to Vancouver), legalization of marijuana (depending on results of the probable November initiative ballot), redistricting by an independent commission, and state tax reform, among others.

Possible November 2014 Ballot Measures

Originally, there have been 59 initiative petitions submitted to the Secretary of State for the General Election. As of April 18, 2014 only seven have submitted signed petitions towards the statutory or constitutional numbers required for certifi-

cation to the ballot, and 32 have been withdrawn. Eighteen others are still considered active, although no petitions have been turned in. The deadline is July 3.

The League will monitor all of the initiatives and make a decision in August as to which, if any, to take a position on of those certified for the election. Following is a list, by number, of possible League issues:

#8. Right to Marry and Religious Protection

This proposal would allow same sex marriage and protect discrimination by individuals or businesses on the basis of religious belief.

#20. The Right to Petition

This proposal deals with the Oregon laws governing signature verification, ballot titles, voter qualifications, and the permission of law suits.

#34. Equal Rights Amendment for Women to be equal to Men.

This proposal would amend the Oregon Constitution section relating to the rights of all individuals by making it more gender specific.

#44. Labeling of Genetically Engineered Raw and Packaged Food

This proposal would mandate the specific labeling of most available food products as to their modifications through genetic alteration. It would be comparable to the Washington law.

#54. Unified Primary Elections

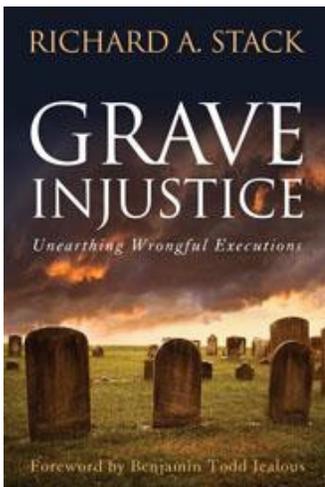
This proposal calls for one ballot at a Primary election on which all candidates would be listed and the two top vote receivers would move to the General Election.

#55. Open Primary

This proposal is very similar to the Unified Primary approach. There would be one common ballot with all of the candidates. An elector could vote for more than one candidate with the top two going forward.

Both #54 & #55 are awaiting Supreme Court decisions on ballot titles.

Other initiatives still out there include the Oregon Liquor Control Modernization Act, Banning Union Dues for Public Employees, Protecting Government Workers' Rights, and Protecting Religious Freedom by Certain Exemptions to Discrimination.



Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty Annual Meeting

Tuesday May 13th

There are no "do-overs" when it comes to death penalty executions.

Richard Stack, American University Professor and author of "Grave Injustice"

will be the keynote speaker. Public is Invited,

Temple Beth Israel

1175 E. 29th Ave, Eugene 97403

6PM Dinner and 7PM Meeting and Program

Public is welcome Tickets \$25

Buy on-line at www.oadp.org and order thru Pay Pal with your credit card.

Or Call (503) 990-7060 to reserve tables of eight

LOCAL ACTION - Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair



Testimony on Eugene Budget

The League will testify twice regarding City of Eugene fiscal issues - once about a potential local option levy for library services and once about the FY15 general fund budget.

As reported in last month's Argus, the Eugene Budget Committee requested that the city manager include continued funding for both the Bethel and Sheldon branches in the FY 15 budget proposal that he will present on April 29. However, this is just a one-year solution because money must be taken from reserves for this purpose. A sustainable revenue source, such as a local option property tax levy for library services, is needed for the future. Library supporters, including the League, will address the Eugene City Council on April 28 to urge it to direct staff to research and craft such a levy for the Council to place on the November 2014 ballot. The League board approved the following testimony:

The League of Women Voters of Lane County has studied and been an advocate for adequate public library services for every resident since 1957. The League believes that the financing of library services should be stable and equitable and that operating budgets should be adequate for effective staffing, current materials, and on-going services such as computer access.

We, therefore, support the recommendation of the Eugene Budget Committee to keep both the Bethel and Sheldon branch libraries open for one more year by

using some one-time funding. This is not a sustainable solution but allows time to find a more permanent funding source.

We urge the Council to take the first step toward obtaining new revenue by directing city staff to develop proposals for a local option levy for library services that could be placed on the November 2014 ballot. There is a need for resources to at least fund the branch operations at service levels in place before previous cuts and to restore the hours of the half-day Sunday reduction that will be made in July.

Please give citizens the opportunity to show their support for adequate libraries.

The League will also address the Eugene Budget Committee at a public hearing on May 1 on the overall FY 15 proposed budget. The purpose of this testimony is to reiterate our support for several items that had been on a list of spending cuts but which are now expected to be funded. The League had previously spoken about these items in January. The League board approved the following statement:

The League of Women Voters of Lane County has followed the City of Eugene Budget Committee's deliberations about the FY15 budget since last fall. The committee's comprehensive process has allowed a thoughtful investigation and discussion of options to address the projected FY15 revenue shortfall in the general fund. The process has also provided opportunities for citizen input, which has impacted the alternatives that have moved forward into the city manager's proposed budget.

In general, the League believes that budget reductions should be determined by prioritizing services rather than by using across-the-board decreases.

The League supports several decisions that have been incorporated into the budget proposal before you. Specifically, we are pleased that the Human Services Commission Discretionary Funding will not be reduced and that funding for the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency and for membership dues for the Lane Council of Governments has been included.

We also support the use of one-time sources to continue the operation of the Sheldon and Bethel branch libraries for one more year while more stable funding is sought. We believe that voters should be given the opportunity to approve a local option levy that would restore funding for the downtown library and branches to a more adequate level.

We appreciate the time and effort expended by the Budget Committee to craft a well-considered plan for FY15.

Lane County Budget

The Lane County Budget Committee began its deliberations on April 22. It is expected that 2014-15 budget will be very similar to the budget for the current year. The League will review the actual proposed budget as soon as it is made available to the public.



VOTER SERVICE

by Rhonda Livesay, Chair

Elections are around the corner and the debates are beginning.

There are some real battles being fought this year, and the more you know the better prepared you will be to vote. On April 25, the League and City Club of Eugene will co-sponsor a West Lane County Commissioner Candidates Debate between Jay Bozievich and Dawn Lesley. The program begins at 12:05 pm. Go to <http://www.cityclubofeugene.org> for more information.

The second candidate forum we are co-sponsoring is with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The forum will

have the candidates running for the Springfield Commissioner, and the second half will be for County Commissioner – East. Faye Stewart and five other individuals are running for that position.

We would love to see some League members at both events. Check our website calendar for more information about the Springfield debate.

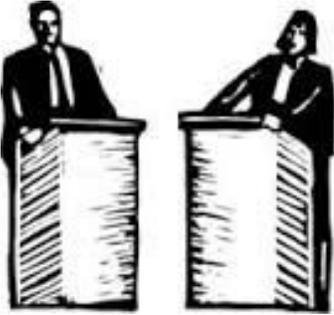
Voter Registration needs help from our members. The primary and general elections are speeding toward us. The League of Women Voters is instru-

mental in developing voting rights for this country and registering voters.

We cannot become complacent in our task. Presently, **Karen Rikhoff** and I are working on making sure that all our senior retirement home community members are registered to vote. We have several homes that need visiting. Will you help to make sure all our citizens are registered to vote?

Please contact me for more information.

Rhonda Livesay,
541-228-4373 or email at livesayr@comcast.net



COFFEE, CHAT AND CHEW

by Anne Best, Membership Co-chair

Come on down to **Fifth Street Market** for a spring coffee date with fellow League members. We are meeting just for the fun of it on May 29, upstairs at the room next to the outside courtyard, 3 p.m.

We might try talking about what we enjoy about the League and tackle some ideas about the direction of the League. What current issues are nagging at you? This might be a great opportunity to share. Hope

you can all come. A big crowd would be welcome!



FIELD TRIP: DON'T MISS IT!

by Lois Taylor

We are on schedule for our May 8 field trip to two remarkable agricultural sites, the National Clonal Germplasm Repository near Corvallis and the Gathering Together Farm near Philomath. Call the LWV office if you haven't yet reserved your place on the bus.

Our education fund is covering the cost of the bus, but we'll each buy our own lunch, made by the chef at

the G T Farm from their own produce. They do request only one ticket, so on the bus we'll collect \$17.50 from each diner in cash or check to the LWV. That does cover gratuity as well. Then Susan Tavakolian can write one check to the farm restaurant. No charge, of course, if you plan to bring your own brown bag. But do bring a couple of dollars each to tip our driver.

On May 8, arrive by 8:00 am at the SW corner of the Wilamette Christian Center at 18th and Hawkins. Enter via the Hawkins Lane driveway and park just to the right near the grassy knoll south of the church. We should return around 4 or 4:30.

We plan fun, food and fascinating education in equal measure!



UNIT FIVE'S CHOICE FOR APRIL

by Diana Grandberry

We had a great, informative discussion for each of us. City council member Chris Pryor, planner Robin Hostick, and Permit Review Manager Mike McKerrow joined us in a conversation over our concern with the addition of ugly buildings in Eugene. The first and most important fact was that the codes or standards do not apply to the downtown area. That was stunning and led to a discussion of the ways the city is going and what has been learned from the

Capstone Project, which did not follow through on original plans. Although there have been many new student housing structures, they hopefully will mean the old, poorly built ones of years ago will be demolished.

The city is looking at a design review component, which is what we want to see added, and more flexibility with code requirements. I suggest you go to the current draft outline of

the Community Design Guide and a brief introductory video "What is a Community Design Guide?" at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/designguide>. After the 10 minute video is the draft of eleven pages, followed by a questionnaire.

We covered other connecting concerns, such as the UGB with expected population increase of 35,000 in 20 years. Our guests were glad to hear from us and welcome more opportunities.



Unit choice Grassroots Garden tour with Rhonda Livesay, Susan Tavakolian, Jean Damon, Dorothy Cruickshank and Janet Calvert.

APRIL THIRD THURSDAY



Sheila Sundahl introducing Hoyle and Courtney

Third Thursday Speakers - Oregon Representative, Val Hoyle and Senator Peter Courtney



YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL

As a member you support the League at the local, state and national level by paying your dues. Many of you also support the League in Lane County when you buy fruit, staff the League office, help collate the ARGUS, host the League unit in your home, contact members to remind them of the unit, attend unit meetings, serve on the

Board of Directors and read the "Everymember" information that is the basis of unit discussion. Thank you.

To make all of these Lane County League activities possible, we ask - only once a year - that you contribute a little extra to the League of Women Voters of Lane County. A check to LWVLC supports the League advo-

cacy, membership activities and administration. Donations to the LWV Ed Fund supports voter service, study programs and citizen education.

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

Janet Calvert

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: A reminder that the LWVLC annual meeting will be Saturday, May 3, at the :
: Garden Club, 1645 High St. in Eugene. Remember to bring your copy of the annual :
: meeting materials and come at 9:30 for a breakfast potluck. Coffee and tea will be :
: provided. If you can help with clean-up after the meeting, please let us know by :
: calling the office or emailing to league@lwvlc.org. :
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Correct mailing and e-mail addresses. We all need to change our e-mail addresses occasionally. When that happens, please remember to notify the office to insure timely receipt of the Argus and other notifications.

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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).

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CALENDAR

MAY

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- 13, Alternatives to Death Penalty Meeting - page 3
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The League office is open
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
11 am to 1:30 pm
Closed Memorial Day, May 26

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.