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*League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter*

## A GREAT DAY AT THE OFFICE

BY CHARLCIE KAYLOR, PRESIDENT

A lovely, sunny day welcomed our Open House/Recycling Day at the office. Downstairs, visitors were greeted by members who offered information about the League’s missions of voter education and advocacy. Upstairs were snacks, beverages, and schmoozers welcoming new members, mayors, and other political junkies. Outside, around the corner was Terry recycling and teaching the art to those who brought their plastics to recycle. Could she have shoved another plastic tub in her car?



Jeanne Taylor, Nancy Nathanson, Freddi Weishahn, Charlcie Kaylor, Sara Wolk, Janet Calvert, June Sedarbaum,



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Plastics Collection for Earth Day. Diverting plastics to get recycled may not be the ultimate solution, but it is a tool we have available today. Rethink. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. See you in the fall.



**Terry Parker, Vice President and Action Chair**



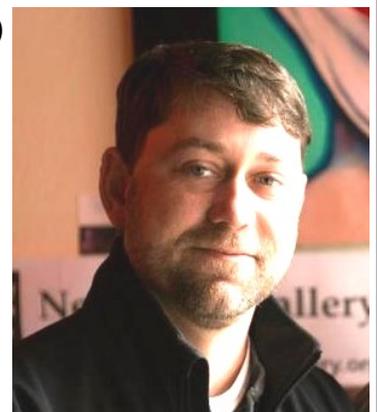
The membership committee, led by Chair **Karla Rusow (l)**, dealt with all the details to make this event happen. She and **Veronika Walton (r)** greeted visitors with League information.

### SPEAKER SERIES ON THIRD THURSDAY - MAY 19 OUR NOON SPEAKER WILL BE

**GABE FLOCK, PRINCIPAL PLANNER**  
City of Eugene, Zoning and Land Use Department  
speaking on

**Greenway Code Amendments**  
for proposed housing development within the Willamette River Greenway

Go to LWVLC website to register for the May webinar.



# UNITS MARY KEATING, CHAIR

## THOUGHTS ON APRIL'S UNITS BY LINDA FERDOWSIAN, PROGRAM CHAIR

### LWV of Lane County Board and Off Board Roster 2021-22

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Twenty-five members and two guests participated in April unit meetings. Attendees discussed the implementation of the 2020 Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. All were in agreement that it is too early to see if the act is having positive results and is addressing the need for more mental health treatment centers.

It was suggested that the topic be revisited to see what progress and effectiveness have been accomplished after two or three years. Many components such as funding, accountability, the lack of trained and certified mental health pro-

fessionals, compliance, and adequate incentives or penalties need to be examined and improved upon. The positive outcome from the measure was the shifting of the general mindset that addiction and substance abuse are mental health behavior disorders and not criminal offenses.

There will not be unit meetings in May. The proposed program for 2022-2023 is included in the Annual Meeting 2022 Workbook. Unit meetings provide an excellent opportunity for us all to learn, discuss, and promote our mission.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 14 - 9AM TO NOON

I've missed y'all. With any luck that is ending soon and we'll get to see one another. It's our once a year chance to get some business done and, of course, catch up.

We'll be at the Garden Club.

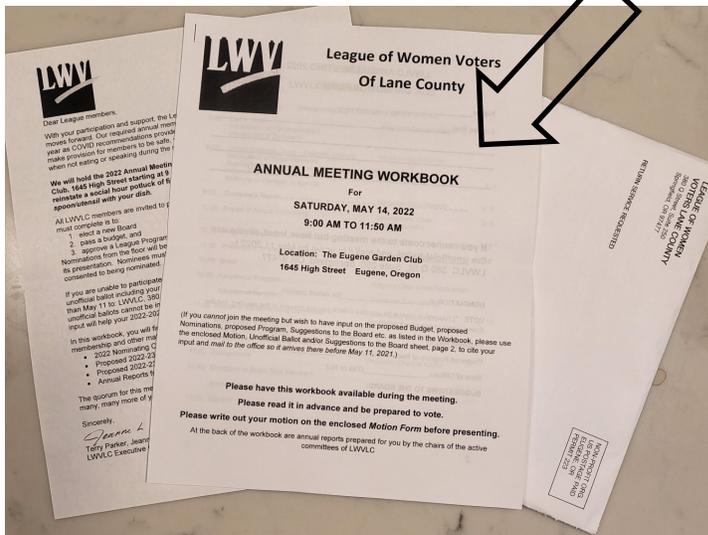
Bring the workbook that came in the mail - it looks like this...

Bring a pot-luck, brunchy type, finger or fork food. Tea and coffee will be there. BYO beverage if you'd like something else.

Read the workbook, and you'll find the gist of the meeting is to elect a new Board, pass a budget, and approve a program. It's interesting and important work.

I want to hear from you - to know what you think, what you want the League to do more - or less. There may not be enough time to do it all at the meeting, so let me know after.

See you soon.  
Onward.  
**Charlcie Kaylor,**  
**President**



## LOCAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

### BY PAULA GRISAFI, VOTER SERVICE CHAIR

On April 19, 2022 the League of Women Voters of Lane County and the Siuslaw Public Library District co-hosted a candidate forum for the County Commissioner for West Lane Position. Four of the five candidates attended, and the forum was moderated by retired Lane County Circuit Court Judge Jack Billings. The questions from the audience were wide-ranging, and candidates' responses revealed their positions on quite a few issues. The link for the forum can be found on our webpage and is <https://youtu.be/ljmmu3zhStM>

We have teamed up with Springfield City Club this year to co-sponsor several candidate forums, and recordings of those forums can be found on their Facebook page. We will also be hosting a webinar for Lane County Assessor Candidates on May 2 at 4PM independently. The attendee link will be posted on our

webpage and is [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8ANZuZ8bT7-msf-jo0zDYA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8ANZuZ8bT7-msf-jo0zDYA).

This has been a busy primary election season with many open seats, and candidate forums are a great way to become informed about local and state issues and the positions your candidates take on them.

Remember to go to Vote411.com as a resource for other candidate information.

#### Voter Service Meeting May 12, 1:30 pm

In the office and via Zoom.  
To receive the link contact  
[voterservice@lwvlc.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvlc.org)

#### Action Meeting

May 4, 10 am

In the office and via Zoom.  
To receive the link contact  
[action@lwvlc.org](mailto:action@lwvlc.org)

Terry Parker, when not being LWVLC Vice President or recycling plastic or sailing the north Pacific... is our Action Committee Chair. It fits her well. That blur around the League office is her. Interested in where and when League action happens? Attend a meeting.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### BY KARLA RUSOW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

#### JOINING US IN THE LAST MONTH:

June Sedarbaum, Carmel Snyder, and Mary Vuksich-Shafer.

As of April 20 we are now 161 strong. Membership was busy working with Terry Parker the past month planning the Earth Day Open House & Plastics Round-up, which was held Saturday, April 23 at the League office in Springfield. We will give a full report next month.

We felt we needed a Meet and Greet for new members to welcome them. It was to provide them a chance to visit with other members about LWVLC, get more information on our committees, and try to help them figure out where they might want to get further involved.

Our other focus was to revise some of the paperwork that goes into the membership packet. With Linda Ferdowsian's help, we edited the dues form and the

interest survey portion that listed all the committee descriptions. Thanks to her, we got it down to one page front and back. We hope that it will be easier for people to indicate to us where their interests are when they join.

We also decided that we will try to contact people as they join with a welcome, either via a brief call or email. We hope to open up another communication channel with them so they can ask questions and get to know us better.

Sadly, Kathy Madison has notified me that she can no longer participate on our committee. We will miss her and wish her the best.

#### Membership Meeting May 17, 2 pm

League office and Zoom.  
To receive the link contact  
[membership@lwvlc.org](mailto:membership@lwvlc.org)

# DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## BY FREDDI WEISHAHN, DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

We continue to update our donations from our Spring Campaign, which began on April 1. Our fiscal year contributions as of April 22 are \$10,770 from members and \$8,230 from non-members. Your generosity is so very appreciated, and your gifts will help add to our public relations and voter service budgets this spring and fall.

We are always looking for ways to expand our outreach within the community for our fall and spring campaigns. If you know someone who would like to learn about our League's mission, please submit their names and contact information to [development@lwvlc.org](mailto:development@lwvlc.org).

## INCREASING OUR DIVERSITY

The LWVLC is always working on ways to increase our diversity and support organizations that help our more marginalized communities. One of our board members recently mentioned that we should also try to recruit more men. So I decided to ask one of our members, Chris Cobey, Voter Service Chair of LWV Portland, what drew him to the LWV. I discovered that Chris had been a member off and on since the 1970s, primarily because the League's values reflect his values. He appreciates our well-documented studies, careful thought, and thorough work on local issues.



Chris's father was a California legislator, and he learned the importance of fair redistricting at an early age. Chris "followed with great interest California's establishment of a citizens' independent redistricting commission in the early 2010s." When he moved to Oregon, Chris "enlisted with one of the League's first male members, Norman Turrill, to join Norman's efforts in working to establish a similar commission here -- a struggle which continues to this day."

**Freddi Weishahn**

(from an email conversation with Chris Cobey, April 21, 2022)

## SEEKING INTERESTED PEOPLE FOR A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Greetings Charlie,  
I hope this message finds you well. I work with Sandy Belson (LWVLC member) here at the City of Springfield, who was kind enough to think of connecting me with you and the League of Women Voters of Lane County. I am reaching out to see if you are aware of anyone who is part of or who works with the League who may have interest in actively helping the City of Springfield simplify the land use research process and improve planning map information. The project team is currently recruiting members for a Project Advisory Committee.

### The Project

The map that currently shows the City's adopted vision for land uses in Springfield can be difficult to interpret. This map is the [Metro Plan Diagram](#), which outlines the boundaries of land use plan designations with very low resolution. Land use designations are types of uses that are generally allowed on a property. The City of Springfield is creating a property-specific Comprehensive Plan Map that will greatly in-

crease certainty around the designated land use types for specific properties. Unlike the Metro Plan, it will show property lines. Another expected outcome is to adopt this Map as a replacement of the Metro Plan Diagram for the portion east of Interstate 5. The project's aim is to clarify, not revisit or reimagine, how Springfield uses its land and where certain types of uses should go at this time (though we realize policy change is also an important aspect of our work). Clarifying the land use types for properties throughout Springfield will help answer people's questions about what may be possible with a property sooner and will provide a solid visual understanding of existing policies and planning documents. Once this map and our residential land inventory are in place, we will be better able to understand Springfield's existing supply of residential land to inform our Housing Needs Analysis.

### The Project Advisory Committee, Etc.

If you have some ideas about who could share insight about how the City could use this

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## REMEMBERING ROZ

### By Sharon Posner

Roz Slovic was a 50+ year member of the Lane County League, joining what was then the Eugene League, not long after coming to live in Eugene in 1964. She didn't want to do administrative tasks or be on the Board - what she really enjoyed was taking part in the study committees and the action that followed the study, discussion, and consensus. Some of the studies in which she was involved became integral to the League's work locally, including those on housing needs, the local jail and corrections establishment, and the need for mental health resources. Roz was also involved in a study on child welfare issues and then went on to take part in the early League work observing children in courtroom situations, which eventually evolved into the organization, CASA. Those League studies were also influential in the eventual establishment of the Relief Nursery program. Roz was part of the Future Power Committee and worked with the League



to prevent the construction of a nuclear power plant on the Oregon coast north of Florence.

After returning to school and receiving a degree from CSPA, she became a faculty member in the U of O College of Education, where she was a Senior Research Assistant in the Educational and Community Support group. Roz continued her League membership and closely followed League activities, as well as crediting the League for her early training in commu-

nity involvement and the development of study and research skills in the community. Roz died on March 5th, 2022, after 16 months of toughing it out with pancreatic cancer. It slowed her down just a little, but she continued her community involvement working on the resettlement of Afghanistan refugees until just weeks before her death. We shall miss her and her passion for humanitarian causes.

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effort to establish broader confidence in our land use planning process, I would be excited to:

- Welcome anyone affiliated with the League (e.g., Board, Committee Chairs, etc.) to apply for the Committee. We are looking for any and all who have interest or who may want this experience.
- Get any suggestions you have about potential members of our future Project Advisory Committee
- Have you pass this message on directly to spread the word to anyone that comes to mind and invite them to apply if their time and interest allow

The Committee will provide feedback and advice to help guide staff on the project and map products we create. The formal recruitment flier/application is available [here](#). It includes more detail about opportunities and expectations around participation. Applications are currently due by **5pm Tuesday, May 3**. A link to the project webpage is also on the form, but I wanted to provide it [here](#) too.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about the project. I would be happy to talk

with you and anyone else you think might want to connect on this.

Thank you very much for your time!

**MONICA SATHER, SENIOR PLANNER**

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## MAY CALENDAR

- 4 - 10 am, Action meeting (page 3)
- 12 - 1:30 pm, Voter Service meeting (page 3)
- 14 - 9 am to noon, Annual Meeting (page 2)
- 17 - 2 pm, Membership meeting (page 3)
- 18 - 1: 30 pm, Board meeting
- 19 - Noon - Speaker Series (page 1)
- 20 - Midnight, *Argus* deadline

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

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