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LEAGUE TO RECOGNIZE JANET CALVERT by Pat Hocken



At the November Third Thursday meeting, the League of Women Voters of Lane County will present the Annabel Kitzhaber Education and Advocacy Award to Janet Calvert. The award was created in 2005 to honor individuals who have made a long-term commitment to the community and to the League's dual mission

of education and advocacy. Janet will be the fourth recipient of this award, following Annabel Kitzhaber, Kappy Eaton, and Dorothy Anderson.

Janet has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Lane County for almost 50 years. She served as local League president from 1977-79 and from 2001-2005. Since 2005 she has served on the local board as Finance Chair. During 2007-09 Janet was the chair of the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund and a member of the LWVOR Board. She also served on the LWVOR board in 1979-81 and 2013-15. She participated in the Membership Leadership Development Program of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) as a coach to help local Leagues around Oregon grow and be

more effective. The statistics about Janet's League leadership positions are important to know but by themselves don't adequately tell the story of Janet's contributions. For the last 15 years, Janet has been involved in almost every aspect of League work, effectively serving in many roles: as leader, helper, mentor, recruiter, debate organizer, speaker, researcher, writer, editor, committee member, observer, fundraiser, cheerleader, historian, adviser, innovator, florist, and ambassador to local governments and community groups. She understands and can articulate how the League should properly navigate the sometimes obscure path between education and advocacy, always helping us to be disciplined about the separation of

those roles. Her fundraising efforts have provided the financial stability and resources that have allowed our local League to distribute educational materials such as *They Represent You*, voters guides, and research materials; to contribute to ballot measure campaigns and take other advocacy actions; and to fully support the LWVOR and LWVUS. She is always willing to step forward to volunteer for whatever must be done.

Janet has been very active in the community as well. She served on the Lane Transit District Board from 1983-93 and was president for seven of those years. She has served on the Eugene School District Budget Committee; she is a member and past president of the Eugene Garden Club. She

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THIRD THURSDAY

November 17th

Valley River Inn

To **reserve your seat** and/or to request a ride, call the League office at 541-343-7917 by the Monday before, October 17th

The program is free and open to the public.

Lunch is \$17

Beverage only is \$5

Lunch begins 11:30 am

The program begins at noon

THIRD THURSDAY

Our speaker will be
Aurora Jackson
General Manager,
Lane Transit District

"Charting the Course for Better
Transit in Eugene-Springfield"



NOVEMBER UNITS - by Paula Bassett, Chair

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We had 58 members and three guests attending October Unit meetings for the discussion of Ballot Measures. Discussion at my unit was very interesting. Thank you to those who returned the Recorder's report sheet with feedback.

The topic for November is Voting Rights and Voter Protection. Given the current political climate, it should be another intriguing issue for discussion.

Monday, November 7 10 am - S. Willamette

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

2 pm - Harlow Road

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

Tuesday, November 8

9:30 am - Coburg Rd.

2135 Rocky Lane
H- Dorothy Cruickshank 541-342-2577
C- Linda Ferdowsian 707-208-6007

Noon - Springfield Unit

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

Wednesday, November 9

10 am - East Eugene

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

3 pm - S. W. Eugene

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

Friday, November 11

10:30 am - Cascade Manor

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

Wednesday, November 16

2:30 pm - Cottage Grove

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

Unit Briefing

Tuesday, November 1st, 3 pm
Atrium - Sloat Room,
10th & Olive, Eugene

2016-2017 UNIT TOPICS

by LINDA FERDOWSIAN & SUSAN TAVAKOLIAN,
PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

November Units - Voter Rights and Voter Protections - November *Everymember* material consists of an overview of the Voting Rights Act and its history, of state laws that have impacted voting rights, of the prevalence of voter fraud, and of issues of voter participation in Oregon. The committee has included information gleaned from our interview with Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk, Lane County Elections Office. Please bring your *Everymember* material to unit meeting. (Some lefties may appreciate our fair and balanced stapling job!!)

December Units - Program Planning - New directories will be ready soon. We will be reviewing the LWVLC and LWVOR positions.

January Units - Election Methods (state update with consensus) Materials are available now on LWVOR website. Anyone who would like to serve on this committee, please contact Susan Tavakolian or Linda Ferdowsian.

February Units - Post-Secondary Higher Ed (state update with consensus)

March Units - Housing and the Homeless (Lane County) - This committee is forming and will have the first meeting, November 2nd, 1:30pm, at the League office. If you are interested, please come.

April - Unit Choice

May - Oregon and the 2013 White House Climate Plan

SPONSORS PRESENTATION

by Linda Lynch, President

The Third Thursday presentation October 20 informed those attending about the conditions faced by people recently released from jail or prison and how difficult it is for them to move forward in a positive productive way. We also learned about the great work done by Sponsors Inc., the local nonprofit providing wraparound services including housing to 400 women and men returning to Lane County from prison or jail.

Nick Crapser, Deputy Director of Sponsors, showed one slide after another detailing the growth in the incarcerated population and the incidence of addiction, poverty, and mental illness.



In 2016 an estimated 6000 people will be released from Oregon's fourteen prisons. Half of them will be released to homelessness. It is unknown how many of the other half are released to the same conditions or situations which got them into trouble in the first place. Mr. Crapser told us that Oregon has the highest rate of incarcerated people over the age of 55 in the United States.

America has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. There are 2.2 million in America's prisons today. Perhaps it is a surprise to learn that 97% of the total prison population will be released. How to reintegrate those 2.13 million peo-

ple into society is the challenge. That is the work that Sponsors Inc does.

Sponsors works with people from Lane County returning to Lane County. In addition to the 400 people receiving those wraparound services, 600 people not residing at a Sponsors facility received employment assistance and crisis support.

Sponsors Inc. has an amazing record of success. Every year for the past ten years, 65-75% of Sponsors' participants have successfully completed the program, transitioning with full time employment and stable housing. The newest project, The Oaks at 14th, will upon completion (slated for spring 2017), house 54 men in permanent housing. It will give priority to veterans, alter-abled and elderly persons who have successfully completed Sponsors transitional housing program and are ready for more permanent housing with some additional supports.

NOW IS THE TIME- A sequel to The Healthcare Movie
 Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7pm at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive, Eugene.
 Brings us up to date on the struggle and success of the movement toward
 healthcare equity. All invited, donations welcome. www.HCAO.org

Honor Calvert continued

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has been on the Eugene City Club Program Committee, and on the Eugene Street Review Panel (the audit committee for the bonds). The League is enriched by her experiences and challenges from each of those endeavors.

In her professional career, Janet worked for the Oregon State University Extension Service in Lane County for 15 years starting in 1984. She served as the home economist directing the nutrition education program for low income families and as staff chair for nine of those years.

Our League's Education and Advocacy award was named for its first recipient, Annabel Kitzhaber, who was our

local League president and then LWVOR president during the 1970s. She was considered the League's tax expert for many years.

Coincidentally, Annabel was also a member of the first Lane Transit District Board, serving a two-year term from 1967-69, and Janet served on Annabel's local League board as First Vice President.

The criteria for the award describe well Annabel's and Janet's roles in the League and in the community:

- Significant contributions to the principles of the League of Women Voters
- Positive impact in the community/ League Participation/facilitation in public issues for the common good

- Long-term commitment to education and advocacy of public policy issues
- Statesmanship in dealing with divergent points of view
- Dedication to "grassroots" involvement of citizens

The announcement of the first presentation in 2005 stated: *"The LWVLC wishes to acknowledge the significant, effective and long-term leadership of Annabel Kitzhaber in making local and state government more understandable and accessible to the average citizen. She has been an inspiration and a mentor to many of us."* Janet Calvert's name belongs in those two sentences. Please join us in honoring Janet on November 17.

ACTION - State of Voters' Rights

by Kappy Eaton, Action Co-chair

Action Committee Meeting

Wednesday,
November 2,
9:30 am
Location to be determined

Please contact Pat Hocken at 541-343-1138 or jphocken@comcast.net if you have questions.

All League members are welcome to participate on the committee.

VOTING CHALLENGES AND POSITIVE TRENDS FOR 2016

Voters in 15 states will have voting restrictions in place for the first time in a presidential election. The new laws range from strict photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to voter registration restrictions. The states are Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. The intent seems to be curtailment of ballot access for students, older citizens and minority groups.

There had been 17 states until the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a series of voter restrictions in North Carolina in July, and a federal court enjoined North Dakota's photo ID law in August. Despite a recent court victory mitigating the impact of Texas's restrictive voter ID law, the state still is included because its requirement is more restrictive than what was in place for the 2012 presidential election. Lawsuits challenging the restrictions, many supported by the League, have been introduced in several states.

Following are specific trends and results:

Automatic voter registration has taken off across the country, with Oregon leading the way by passing its "motor voter" law in 2015. It went into effect January 1, 2016, and is expected to register 250,000 new voters by the November 8, general election. California, Vermont and West Virginia have now passed automatic registration laws, and Illinois is considering it. There are 28 states overall and the District of Columbia reviewing the

concept. Bi-partisan support is positive.

States are passing fewer voting restrictions, but restrictions in 15 states will be in play for the first time. Voter IDs are the most common type of restriction, and most were passed since the 2012 presidential election. Nineteen states proposed 37 voter ID laws. Missouri passed a restrictive ID law, but it will require voter approval in November. While Virginia passed a less restrictive ID law, it also included automatic voter registration. Florida made its law less restrictive along with adding veterans' health, concealed carry licenses and government employee ID requirements.

Two states passed laws that may **limit voter mobilization**. Arizona made it a felony for anyone other than a family/household member or caregiver of the voter to collect and submit the voter's absentee ballot. In prior years, several states prescribed rules to limit third-party collection and delivery of absentee ballots. Arizona's would be among the strictest and may create significant barriers for minority or elderly voters. In Wisconsin, the state eliminated "special registration deputies" – volunteers who were previously permitted to verify voters' residency when they collected or submitted voter registration applications. The law threatens the ability of civic groups to conduct voter registration drives in the state.

Rights restoration remains a popular reform. After efforts to modernize registration with 27 bills introduced in 15 states, restoration of voting rights to those with

past criminal convictions was the second most popular type of reform. Maryland's legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto to restore the rights of 40,000 Marylanders. And in Kentucky, a dispute continues over Gov. Matt Bevin's suspension of an executive order restoring voting rights to the convicted of certain crimes. Legislation that would amend Kentucky's constitution to automatically restore voting rights passed the state house by a wide margin and received substantial bipartisan support but has stalled in the state senate.

States are passing fewer laws that restrict voting rights overall, but **voter ID** bills are still the most commonly introduced. The pace of states' adoption of restrictive voting legislation continues to slow, perhaps because many states already have them on the books.

Although voter ID bills are the most common form of restrictive legislation introduced, **other types** have gained traction. Nineteen states saw 37 voter ID bills introduced or carried over into the 2016 session. Legislators in Missouri introduced a photo ID requirement, though it will require voter approval through a state constitutional amendment. West Virginia passed a less restrictive voter ID requirement but as part of legislation that included automatic registration described above.

(Sources: Brennan Center for Justice, Oregon Secretary of State, ACLU, The Register-Guard)

ACTION - Local

by Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

Land Use Planning

In the last month the League of Women Voters of Lane County has submitted testimony to the City of Eugene regarding Envision Eugene and to the City of Springfield regarding the Springfield 2030. The Action committee is continuing to follow the land use planning process in each city as they both near completion in 2017. The Eugene City Council held a work session on October 24 to receive a staff report on the results of community outreach during the last few months. The Springfield Council will hold a work session on November 7.

Transit Design Seminar

The League is collaborating with Better Eugene Springfield Transit (BEST) and other community groups to co-sponsor an educational presentation by nationally-known transit consultant Jarrett Walter on November 30. He will speak about ways to design efficient transit routing that maximizes service with available dollars. He will describe successful redesigns in other communities that have potential applicability to our local area. The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin about 5 pm with other details to be announced soon.

Eugene Downtown

The League continues to follow the various proposals that are being considered for a new Eugene City Hall, a new Lane County Courthouse and an expanded Farmer's Market. The League has not commented on this issue in the past and has no plans at this time to do so. The six current options will be narrowed to three options that will be presented to a joint meeting of the Eugene Council and the Lane County Commissioners.

League's Dual Mission

The League of Women Voters has been a very active and visible organization in Oregon in this election season. In addition to sponsoring a gubernatorial debate and providing neutral information about ballot measures to numerous groups, the League has been widely seen as a proponent for the Yes on Measure 97 campaign in the media and the Voters Pamphlet. Some community members have been puzzled by these disparate roles for the League. This situation gives us the opportunity to remind ourselves and the public that since its founding the League has had two purposes: to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government

and to act on selected governmental issues. (Of course, we have to study and adopt positions on those issues first.)

Supporting Measure 97 continues a long history of advocacy for adequate funding for public schools, with recent examples being support for local option levies and capital bond measures. An example from 1946 (70 years ago) speaks to that history. At that time the League was concerned about the disparity in funding and standards for public schools between Oregon's urban and rural areas. It worked intensively for the passage of the Rural School Bill, an equalization measure to encourage consolidation and to raise the standards of rural schools. The League wrote and distributed throughout the state a memorandum explaining the measure. It also supported the basic school bill which provided increased state aid to schools. (This information is from a pamphlet entitled *Brief History of the League of Women Voters of Oregon* which reports on the period from 1920 to 1950.)

HELP NEEDED TO STAFF THE OFFICE

by Sally Weston



There currently are only thirteen volunteers on the list for staffing the League office. It is not an onerous task, and involves being in the office only from 11 am until 1:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and in summer, Tuesday and Thursday. What's involved is, usually, to unlock the office door by entering an easily remembered code on the key lock box; check for messages left of the telephone and follow up on them; telephone individuals to get commitments to work in the office on the days that have not yet been filled on the desk calendar. Sometimes a committee chair has left a project on which she'd appreciate some assistance. It's never complex and the directions are easy to follow. Usually a phone call or two will come in and require a little follow up: finding answers or conveying a message with another phone call. You are never asked to staff the office more than once a month.

If you'd like to receive some orientation, call Sally Weston at 541-484-4404 or email her at spice@uoregon.edu.

It's a job that needs doing that requires no preparation and merely and a half hours of your time. Think about it.

VOTER SERVICE - ROCKIN' THE VOTE

by Rhonda Livesay & Keli Osborn, Co-Chairs

Gubernatorial debate at Churchill High School

An estimated 300 people attended the Oct. 6 debate to hear three candidates for Oregon Governor—Kate Brown, Bud Pierce and Cliff Thomason. The event also was live-broadcast by KEZI-TV and carried by KLCC-FM Radio and OPB Radio. Moderated by OPB's Dave Miller, host of *Think Out Loud*, the debate offered viewers, listeners and audience members a chance to hear candidates talk on everything from taxes and education to their preference for *House of Cards* vs. *Veep*.

Among the special elements of the debate was attendance by young people (middle and high schoolers, college students), as well as participation by the Churchill High School community - especially the two-dozen students who pitched in on debate night.

If you missed the debate, you can still tune in: <http://www.opb.org/radio/programs/thinkoutloud/segment/live-gubernatorial-debate/>

SPECIAL THANKS

go to several people and organizations for the fabulously successful gubernatorial debate the League sponsored Oct 6 at Churchill High School. Many League members helped make the debate successful. Working with Churchill High students was both helpful and fun.

Overlooked in the thank yous the evening of the debate were:

AARP volunteers who worked with League members to greet, usher, and direct attendees; and

KLCC which promoted the event, naming us each time, and replayed the debate the following day.



It truly takes a village. Many thanks to those whose work made it happen:

League of Women Voters of Lane County - including Rhonda Livesay, Carol Hildebrand, Nancie Fadeley, Kathy Madison, Flo Alvergue, Veronika Walton, Sally Weston, Pat Hocken, Ruth Miller, Kappy Eaton, Janet Calvert, Linda Lynch, Therese Picado, Darla McVay, Shannon Flowers, Nancy O'Kief, Dorothy Cruickshank, Charlcie Kaylor, Jeanne Taylor and Rosemary Isabell

League of Women Voters of Oregon - Lane member and State Board member Becky Gladstone representing LWVOR

Lane County AARP - including Mary Grant, Charlotte Stirling, Bill Weir and Sandy Coffin

Churchill High School staff - including Jill Reents, Dorothy Stolsig and Lanny Mitchell

Churchill HS students - National Honor Society, AP Government & West End Productions

Oregon Public Broadcasting - including Sage Van Wing, Dave Miller and Zack Carver-Gustin

KLCC Radio - our local broadcasting partner!

The people who really made the event possible spent many hours negotiating details with Oregon Public Broadcasting and the candidates. They toured venues, worked with the Action Committee to develop questions for the candidates, lined up student help, generated student interest. There were lists; there were spreadsheets, even an insurance rider. Many thanks and kudos to them!

Becky Gladstone secured the interest of the candidates early, thus putting us in the position where co-sponsors sought out the League and set us on the path to the big event.

Kathy Madison led the public outreach that brought an incredible amount of attention to the local League. She

Ballot measure presentations

More than a dozen presentations have taken League members to Roosevelt Middle School in Eugene, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, Southtowne Rotary and Spirited Women in Florence, among others. Audiences like the LWVOR Voters' Guide, appreciate the League's straightforward presentations and ask a lot of tough questions! Presenters have included Paula Bassett, Janet Calvert, Barbara Carter, Kappy Eaton, Carol Hildebrand, Pat Hocken, Charlcie Kaylor, Keli Osborn and Rhonda Livesay.

Naturalization ceremony

The next one is set for Nov. 18, 10:30 am, in Courtroom 1 of the Morse Courthouse. Please contact Stephanie Winsor about helping. Volunteers should arrive by 10 am.

Next Voter Service meeting: Friday, Dec. 9 at 2 pm (no November meeting)

With sincere apologies to any volunteers whose names have been inadvertently left out.

worked with OPB, local TV stations, KLCC. She sent media advisories, posted to Facebook and Twitter.

Rhonda Livesay brokered everyone's interests, brought all materials, signs, and handouts to the event. She managed comings and goings before, during and after the event.

Keli Osborn was the general in charge! She was the principal contact for the event, fielding any number of questions, chasing down details for weeks in advance. (See the list above.) The evening of the event, she set herself apart with an apron stuffed with notes, pens, lists, schedules. She is the super star of the month!!

If you see her, tell her!

Thank you to everyone who helped!

Linda Lynch

LWVLC at the Home and Garden Show by Carol Hildebrand

Staffing a booth at the Lane County Home and Garden show was a lot of fun (even allowing for sore feet). What an appropriate time for us to be there! Thanks to the Home Show for offering free booth space to the League.

Rhonda Livesay had set us up with a big "Are You Registered to Vote?" sign, a dish of candy and a bean poll (drop a white bean in the jar for Yes on Measure 97, a black bean for No). While we didn't have a precise count on the M97 poll, an eyeball estimate suggested 60 percent "against" 97 vs. 40 percent "in favor" among Home Show attendees casting black beans and garbanzos. And, of course, *Voters' Guides*, registration forms, *They Represent You* and League brochures.

We covered the show from Friday afternoon through Sunday, Oct. 7, 8 and 9, right next to the spa tubs. We gave out about a thousand guides, at least two big bags of candy, a big handful of registration forms, and a ton of information.

When people discovered that we were there to talk about the Oregon election (not the Presidential race!), and we are the League of Women Voters, they came right over to us. I traded shamelessly on our reputation ("Reliable information about the ballot measures! We don't take paid ads!") Barbara Carter said it was like a Lucy booth; people really wanted to talk about the issues. They told us they wished we were still running the debates. (So we told them about the gu-

bernatorial debate.) Women said, "My mother was a League president..." They said they really trust our information. Of course, a few dudes said they couldn't take our material because they aren't a woman, but oh well. And we got lots of serious questions about registering and when the ballots will be mailed out.

Next time we should bring a clicker so we can keep track of how many people we talked to. It surely was hundreds. Thanks to volunteers Rhonda Livesay, Carol Hildebrand, Rosemary Isabell, Barbara Carter, Barbara Bryan, Janet Calvert, Veronika Walton, Flo Alvergue, Patricia Bitner, Keli Osborn, Sharon Wilson, Charlcie Kaylor and Janet Butler.



Carol Hildebrand & Rosemary Isabell

LOCAL STUDENTS IN 2016 NATIONAL MOCK ELECTIONS!

The League wants to help educate new voters and give students informed voices as Oregonians in their schools and communities. Schools can use LWVOR's free Civics Education curriculum to teach students how to vote.

Our lessons are Oregon-specific, with a full Civics curriculum supported by the Oregon Department of Education. Each lesson supports our Oregon Stu-

dent Mock Election. These award-winning, nonpartisan materials are classroom ready. And teachers say students help start thoughtful elections discussions with their families and communities.

Results will be available October 28, followed by a nationwide Mock Election television broadcast during the week of the general election.

Lane County schools participating include Churchill HS, Mohawk HS, North Eugene HS, Pleasant Hill HS and South Eugene HS, along with Stewart, Hamlin, Kennedy and Lincoln middle schools, and WALTERVILLE Elementary.

Keli Osborn

FRUIT SALE: KEEP THOSE ORDERS COMING!

by Marj Maxwell, Head Loop

Keep those orders coming ...

Selling two, three or more boxes of high quality, sweet, juicy oranges and grapefruit helps the League raise money to cover the supplies and costs associated with keeping the League running. Thank you for **printing clearly on order forms**. Additional order forms are available on the table outside the League office, inside the office or you can make copies.

The thrill of selling ...

Everyone wins when you offer your friends, business associates and acquaintances the chance to purchase a healthy alternative to the unhealthy snacks and sweets available this time of the year, and it will last weeks when stored in a cool place. You can also offer them the chance to buy fruit to donate to Food for Lane County, a

work-free purchase that includes a tax deduction for them. Get a rush, take a small risk, and share this opportunity to eat sweet, juicy navel orange and Texas grapefruit.

Review the basics ...

All orders must reach the League Office by Friday, Nov.

18. That means mail them before Nov. 15 or drop them off at the office by Nov 18 or bring your order to a unit meeting or Third Thursday. Use **green order forms for fruit donated to Food for Lane County. Food for Lane County will pick up the fruit.** White order forms for all other

types of orders. Contact information is used so that we can let you know when the fruit has arrived or send a letter verifying your donation. **You will be contacted when individual orders are ready for pick up, around December 2, 3 or 4,** subject to change by our supplier.



Thank you for your orders...

Marj Maxwell, Janet Calvert or any of our other fine Fruit Loop Committee members: Merle Bottge Barbara French, Mary Keating, Phyllis Loo-bey, Linda Lynch, Sally Mills, Sharon Posner, Sue Reynolds, Linda Roe, Sheila Sundahl and Fran Boehner (honorary) are ready to answer questions.

THREE NEW ADVERTISERS IN LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

By JANET CALVERT, Finance Chair

Soon you will receive your 2016-2017 Membership Directory. It has vital information: the contact information, phone number, email and address of all our members, which is not found anywhere else. This important membership tool is paid for by selling advertisements to area businesses, many of whom have supported our League for many years.

We are proud to have three new advertisers.

Coburg Road Car Wash

Alterations and Tailoring by Maria (Oakway Center Mall)

Christine Dambach of Farmers Insurance (Hilyard at 29th Street)

All 12 advertisers appear in our Directory, monthly ARGUS and our web site.

Please thank them and patronize their businesses.

EARN MONEY FOR THE LEAGUE WHILE YOU SHOP!

Members can now link their Fred Meyers Rewards Card to the LWVOR for the Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and earn some donations for the LWVOR.

Likewise, members can use AmazonSmile <http://amzn.to/2dOv2Ks> while shopping online to earn extra donations for the LWVOR.

HOW YOUR SIGNATURE CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR BALLOT

*By Saerom England
October 20, 2016
Secretary of State's Office*

So you've carefully read your Voters' Pamphlet, discussed the issues with your friends and family, and are ready to fill out your ballot.

Ballots have now been mailed, and your main focus, rightfully, may be what choice to make on each race. But there is another important step that requires your diligence: Your signature.

Your signature is important to Oregon's voting process in two ways: For elections officials to verify you are who you say you are and for you to attest that the ballot you are casting is legal.

First, let's talk about ballot security. The signature you write on your ballot will be matched with the signature on your registration card or on file with the DMV to verify you are who you say you are. The county employees who

do this are trained by forensics experts. If the signatures don't match, the ballot is set aside, and the voter is contacted about the issue. The voter will have a chance to prove that the signature is indeed theirs, but if they don't respond to the letter, the ballot will not be counted.

There are a few things *you* can do to ensure your ballot is processed smoothly.

- If your signature has changed, update your voter registration card and mail it to your local elections office.
- Sign your ballot envelope on a hard surface.
- Sign your ballot the same way your voter registration was signed. If you registered online, your signature should match the one on your Oregon driver license, permit, or ID card.
- Don't let anyone sign your ballot for you, and don't sign anyone else's ballot, even if you have guardianship or power of attorney.

Signing another person's ballot envelope is a Class C felony.

If you have a disability that keeps you from producing an identical signature each time, you can request special accommodations for a signature stamp or mark. Just call your county elections office to request a signature attestation packet.

Second, your signature is also used as your affirmation that your ballot is legal.

- Your signature affirms that:
- You are a U.S. citizen
- You are the person to whom this ballot was issued
- You are legally qualified to vote this ballot
- This is the only ballot you have voted this election

Ensuring that your signature matches your registration signature will go a long way in making sure your ballot will be counted without delay. Please make sure that this crucial step in verifying your ballot is carefully done.

A social media post circulating advises voters that due to the size of this year's ballot, voters need two postage stamps to mail in their ballot. While this may be true in some states, **you only need one first-class, or forever, stamp to mail in your ballot in Oregon.**

Don't want to bother with a stamp? Stamps are not required for ballots dropped off in official ballot drop boxes. Drop boxes can be located at OregonVotes.gov/dropbox.

Quoted from Oregon Secretary of State Facebook post.



CALLING TO FILL TWO EMPTY PLANNING COMMISSION OPENINGS

All applicants are required to be residents of Lane County.

- One of the vacancies must be filled by a resident of the coastal area Lane County or a resident who owns property in coastal Lane County.
- The other may be filled by an individual who resides anywhere in the Country.

Keir Miller, Planning Supervisor, 541-682-4631

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 pm, Monday, October 31, 2016



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LANE COUNTY

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

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

NO VOTER SERVICE MEETING IN NOVEMBER - (They're resting)

- 1 - 3 pm - Unit Briefing - pg 2
- 1 - 7 pm - *Now Is The Time* (sequel to *The Healthcare Movie*) pg 3
- 2 - 9:30 am - Action - pg 4
- 7 - 16 Unit meetings - pg 2
- 16 - 1:30 pm - Board meeting in League office
- 17 - 11:30 am Third Thursday Luncheon - pg 1
- 18 - 10 am - Naturalization Ceremony - pg 6
- 18 - Fruit order deadline - pg 8
- 18 - Midnight - ARGUS deadline
- 22 - 2 pm - Location to be determined

Our Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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

*Thanks to our
2015-16 Directory
Advertisers*

- Lane Forest Products*
- Baker Bay Bead Co.*
- Eugene Hotel Retirement*
- Alterations by Maria*
- Aayres Appliance Repair*
- Christine Dambach,*
Farmers Insurance
- Coburg Road Car Wash*
- Dot Dotson's*
- Eugene's Flower Home*
- Long's Meat Market*
- Maria's Alterations*
- Studio d Hair Salon*
- Unique Properties*

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

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Membership Form	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Household (Two people at the same address)	\$97.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual after February 1st	\$32
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Email (for League use only) _____	