

## THE RETURN OF THIRD THURSDAY SPEAKERS

Just because we have to stay home and hardly ever get an escape from our own cooking, it does not mean that the world stopped. (As you well know.) For the foreseeable future, which I know is not foreseeable at all, speakers on Third Thursdays will be online, via Zoom.

You will need to RSVP in order to get the invitation with the Zoom link, which will come in an email from Rhonda Livesay. You used to get lunch with that RSVP, but now you will have to brown bag it, order in, or maybe just sit back and listen. Speakers will still appreciate a good audience, and there will be a way to ask questions. You will have to write out your question instead of making your way to a microphone.

In September, the speaker will be state **Senator James Manning**. Senator Manning is co-chair of the Joint Interim Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform. He also sits on the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety. He has shepherded a series of measures that address these topics (see page 4) and will speak to us at our first virtual Third Thursday.

Senator Manning's professional and community service started as a state corrections officer, and later a police officer, railroad special agent and private investigator prior to enlisting into the United States Army in 1983. During his military career a few of his assignments included serving as a Military Diplomat to the Australian and New Zealand Defense Forces, U.S. Army Assistant Inspector General, Garrison Community NCO, and Chief Administrator Supervisor United States Army Southern Command.

He has served on the Eugene Water and Electric (EWEB) Board, the Bethel School District Budget Committee, and the Bethel School District Long-Term Facility Planning Committee. He is a co-founder of a community supported nonprofit foundation that provides scholarships to underrepresented and low-income area students.

Senator Manning was appointed by two Oregon governors to the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs serving three consecutive terms as chair. He served six years as a member of the City of Eugene Police Commission chairing the Police Commission Outreach Resources Committee and co-chairing the Gang Awareness Planning Committee.

He was appointed to the Oregon State Senate for Senate District 7 December 12, 2016, and was elected to the office in 2018. His district includes North Eugene, West Eugene, Santa Clara, and Junction City.

**On Thursday, October 15**, the speaker will be Lane County Senior Public Health Officer **Dr. Patrick Luedtke**. Dr. Luedtke is a preventive medicine and primary care physician. He serves as Lane County's Senior Public Health Officer, as well as the Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Health and Human Services' nine divisions and its six clinics. He has become a familiar voice to Lane County residents during this time of COVID-19.

Watch for more information in your next *Argus*.

**Linda Lynch**

**Virtual Third Thursday  
Noon, September 17  
Senator James L. Manning Jr.  
"Legislative Solutions for  
Police Accountability"**

Open to the public  
**Reservations are required by noon  
Monday, September 14**  
to allow time to create the Zoom invitation list.  
Leave your name and email address at  
541-343-7917 or [contact@lwwlc.org](mailto:contact@lwwlc.org)



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## UNIT DISCUSSION IN SEPTEMBER DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN ACTION

These past few months have posed new challenges and new circumstances for us all. We have had to find new ways to communicate and stay connected. In hopes that we as a League can continue to be informed and be active participants in our communities, we will be addressing through our programs the local issues that are vital to building and maintaining a stronger democracy. This month's *everymember* is drawn from the LWVUS *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Guide* to help us study and find ways to become more diverse and more inclusive.

Not all units will be hosting a Zoom meeting. You are invited to attend any of the three listed here.

Date, time, and contact person is listed. If you cannot join us virtually, we invite you to respond to this month's *Everymember* material with your input: suggestions, questions, concerns, to [program@lwvlc.org](mailto:program@lwvlc.org). or LWVLC, 380 Q Street, Suite 250 Springfield, 97477.

**Monday, September 14, 10am, hosted by Nancy Mills. Contact information: [nmills@trinity.edu](mailto:nmills@trinity.edu)**  
(Nancy is also offering to host a Zoom tutorial. Contact her by Friday, September 11.)

**Monday, September 14, 2pm, hosted by Mary Keating. Contact information: [kmyrnalouise@aol.com](mailto:kmyrnalouise@aol.com)**

**Tuesday, September 15, 10am, hosted by Linda Ferdowsian. Contact information: [lferdowsian@yahoo.com](mailto:lferdowsian@yahoo.com)**

If you haven't already, you still have a chance to participate in the **Privacy and Cybersecurity Consensus** process. LWVOR will host a virtual meeting in September. To join send your email address to [contact@lwvlc.org](mailto:contact@lwvlc.org).

*Linda Ferdowsian*

Our first **Briefing** meeting will be by Zoom  
**Tuesday, September 8, at 2pm.**  
In order to receive the link  
RSVP Linda Ferdowsian  
at [contact@lwvlc.org](mailto:contact@lwvlc.org).

## MEMBERSHIP WELCOMES...

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome these newest members to the League:

**Marissa Chizum**  
**Carrie Cordova**  
**Leah Murray**  
**Judy Rideout**  
**Karla Rusow**  
**Katie Vendrasco**

Leah expressed an interest in the Membership Committee. Thank you.

A reminder to new and older members: if you would like to know and learn more about the League, we have a mentor program. An experienced mentor can answer your questions. For more information on this please contact:

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**Veronika Walton, Membership Chair**

## HOCUS FOCUS

What's the first page you turn to when you pick up what passes for the R-G these days? For me, it's the obits; no point getting ink on my fingers if my photo or name shows up there!

Instead, I skip over pandemic and politics and go directly to desert: Comics (good-bye Jan Eliot, and thanks!) and the crossword puzzles. (Fun Fact: Will Shortz graduated from Indiana U with a degree in enigmatology, the study of, wait for it..., puzzles). The rest of the fare in that area is questionable. Jumble; two grown men earn their livelihood doing that? Cryptoquote; obviously for Comparative Lit majors. Boggle? I prefer Bogle; Winery of the Year, 2019.

Then there's Hocus Focus. Find at least six differences between the panels. I am out-foxed by my 11-year old grandson, the Lego Master. I struggle to focus on the differences; turns out most of the details in the two panels are **exactly** the same.

Put the Hocus Pocus test to work on any of the recommended readings from the LWV list of books dealing with diversity, equity, and inclusion. (Thanks, Linda Ferdowsian, for the list). Extra credit for adding a new book to the repertoire.

**Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance is my first suggestion. I flipped through the CDs rather than read this book; I cooked or (dare I say) ironed while listening to the redolent tones of the author reading his own words.

J.D. migrated, too, away from the drugs and dysfunction. Always the struggle to give up what is known and, somehow, accepted as normal

to a new beginning, new opportunities, new ways of seeing the world, new ways of defining oneself.

There must be guilt: To move from a white working-class family mired in abuse, alcoholism, poverty and the ensuing trauma via the escape hatch of the Marines to graduating Yale Law School. Why me? And can the escape also damp the demons of a chaotic family drama? Take a look inside this life; it is not ***Ma and Pa Kettle on the Farm***.

The second book, ***The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*** by Isabel Wilkerson is a definite must-read. Wilkerson was a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist before writing this, her first book. And one with such luscious prose!

She manages to wrap her alphabetic arms around the micro and the macro of the story of the movement, between 1915 and 1970, of six million Americans from the South to Northern cities.

Wilkerson interviewed more than 1,200 people, but focused mostly on the stories of three Southern African-Americans who pulled up roots and got out of town, often to save their lives, always with the goal of a better life for them and their families.

And, just like Google maps, a new book was published by Random House on August 4, 2020 detailing how to get home again.

***Wandering in Strange Lands: A Daughter of the Great Migration Reclaims Her Roots***, by Morgan Jerkins.

This New Jersey woman traveled North to South to find her roots, a

word that has many more meanings than the uninitiated would imagine. In Jerkins findings, root is connected to black magic, curses, and all matter of intrigue.

She also focusses on the current disinherited status of Black citizens in areas where their ownership of family-held property was based on inherited, not titled. Check out her reporting on Hilton Head, where families with inherited property face crippling property taxes which ultimately force them to sell their homes to developers who build gated communities, many with the word Plantation in the name.

While Jerkins does not write with the timbre of Wilkerson, her excavations reveal the shards of her family history, creating a mosaic that is informative and compelling.

Since the LWV of Lane County is committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion it behooves us to at least read for understanding and education. The ultimate goal is to recruit and include BIPOC in the League for the strength that diversity will bring to the work of the League.

History is story. Read for both the differences and the similarities. When Story is told and understood, we are all more alike than different. That's the secret to understanding the magic of Hocus Pocus!

PS - For fun, read Black author James McBride's novel, ***Deacon King Kong***. You will laugh and scratch your head, sometimes at the same time!

**Sherrill Kirchhoff**

Thanks to Eileen Adee for drawing attention to this quote from ***Finding Moon*** by Tony Hillerman.

In a newsroom –

*Hubbell did not bother to look up from his duties, which at the moment involved chopping copy from the teletype machine into individual stories and sorting them into trays. The trays were variously labeled PAGE ONE, SPORTS, FEATURES, FUNNY, SOB STUFF, and PIG IRON—the pig iron being what Hubbell considered “seriously dull stuff that the League of Women Voters reads.”*

## POLICE REFORM IN OREGON 2020

When the world watched George Floyd's death in horror on May 25, reaction across the United States and around the world was swift and often violent. Protests across the country continued day after day, grew and continue still. Three weeks after Floyd's death on June 16, Governor Brown called a Special Legislative session. The legislators met on June 24-26 and quickly passed six police reform bills:

**SB 1604:** Makes it harder for arbitrators to overturn police disciplinary findings if the arbitrator concurs that misconduct occurred and disciplinary policies were followed.

**HB 4201:** Establishes Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform. The panel is supposed to make recommendations by the end of the year for additional legislative action.

**HB 4203:** Bans use of chokeholds except in situations where using deadly force is warranted.

**HB 4205:** Requires officers to take action to prevent or report a fellow officer engaged in misconduct.

**HB 4207:** Requires Oregon to maintain public records on police discipline that law enforcement agencies around the state must check when hiring an officer.

**HB 4208:** Allows use of tear gas only after police announce they intend to use it and requires police give people time to disperse. Police must first declare a riot is occurring under Oregon law before using tear gas.

*Source: OPB*

Oregon's basic law on use of force is located in Chapter 743 Oregon Laws 1971. Although one of its provisions requires the safeguarding of offenders against excessive, disproportionate, or arbitrary punishment, the law widely allows the use of deadly force against perceived danger. Not until 2007, thirty-six years later, did the legislature pass another law on police reform. This law requires law enforcement agencies in each county to develop policies for the use of deadly force.



The Joint Committee first met on July 8, under the leadership of co-chairs Sen. James Manning (D-District 7) and Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-District 51). The committee quickly invited testimony from experts in Oregon and from other states. As a result, seven Legislative Concepts (LC) emerged from the work of the Joint Committee:

**LC 742:** Regulates use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles and sound devices by law enforcement agencies.

**LC 743:** Establishes requirements for peace officer uniforms. Establishes requirements for displaying identifying information on peace officer uniforms and for disclosing identifying information to public upon request.

**LC 745:** Provides that peace officer or corrections officer may not use force that impedes normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure on throat or neck under any circumstances.

**LC 751:** Relates to statewide law enforcement disciplinary standards and declaring an emergency.

**LC 761:** Modifies justification defenses available to peace officer who uses physical force or deadly physical force upon another person...

**LC 762:** Directs Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to establish publicly available database of certain information about

misconduct and discipline of public safety employees established by Department of Public Safety standards and Training.

**LC 763:** Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to establish statewide database of reports of use of physical force by police officers and corrections officers...

*Source: olis.oregonlegislature.gov*

On August 10 following the Joint Committee's work, the Legislature passed HB 4301, which incorporates both LC 761 and LC 745. The measure strengthens the restrictions on use of chokeholds and updates use of force guidelines.

**Sen. Manning Jr.** (District 7) said "It's long past time we disallowed officers from using chokeholds. It's wrong and it can be lethal. It is not a tool to deescalate it's a tool to take life. Chokeholds have been used disproportionately against Black and Brown people, and sometimes even used against our kids. There's no excuse for that. Law enforcement should approach their work as peace officers, not as if they are going into battle. This change in law is important. It will save lives."

According to **Rep. Julie Fahey** (District 14) "The Committee is slated to continue its work and provide further recommendations to the Legislature, potentially during a future special session this year if another one is called, but definitely for the 2021 regular legislative session."

From the less than three-month timeline beginning with George Floyd's death to passage of HB 4301, it is clear that Oregon has moved swiftly to address the need for police reform. For this we are grateful. Even so Legislators are quick to point out that impressive as these actions are, they represent only a first step. Or as a very wise person once said: A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

*Donna Michel*

## ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

During the August 5 Action Committee, which was held via Zoom, several members shared updates on future League involvement with Lane County redistricting, League support of the library levy, and LWVOR support of voting issues for Oregon tribal members living on reservations.

### Redistricting

The Lane County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has asked the LWVLC to give a five minute presentation on September 15<sup>th</sup> to help clarify the process in appointing an independent commission that would redraw district boundaries in the decennial. Interested Action committee members will meet to plan the format and content of the presentation. Over the last two years, the League has become a trusted resource to the BCC in offering options for a more transparent, fair and inclusive approach to redrawing boundary lines. They are now in agreement in their support for eliminating partisan influence and will enact an ordinance, and ultimately a charter change, to create the redistricting commission.



### Library Levy



The Eugene City Council has determined that the 2020 proposal for a renewal of the library levy will fund the library at the same rate as the 2015 library levy. The goals for the library will remain the same: keeping branch library hours at 48 hours per week, restoring Sunday morning hours to the downtown

library, expanding literacy outreach to preschoolers, and providing \$300,000 annually for books and materials. Some funds may also be used to increase digital accessibility to address the need for more laptops and tablets for check out, mobile hot spots, and making more of the collection available online. The city of Eugene has agreed to provide Eugene and Bethel School Districts with library cards for all students, including those outside the city limits and library service area.

The Action Committee has recommended, and the LWVLC Board has approved endorsement of the 2020

library levy, including an endorsement in the Voters' Guide or other media.

### Indigenous Voting Rights Issues in Oregon

During a July 30 Zoom meeting, representatives from the LWVOR and a member of our local League met with Will Miller, Director of Community Advocacy for the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), to discuss issues with voting by mail for tribal members. NAYA acknowledges the disenfranchisement felt by many who live on reservations and has been proactive in trying to help tribal members understand ballot issues, acting as an unofficial ballot drop site, hosting forums, and using different media to keep members informed.



Miller plans to assess pockets across the state to see where more outreach and engagement are needed, and NAYA will collaborate with LWVOR on shared lobbying issues, election events, forums and debates. LWVOR will give NAYA 200 printed voter guides for distribution along with PDFs of voter guides to NAYA's list serves. The LWVOR will also offer more radio and newspaper spots for VOTE411 on tribal lands and may possibly supply Election Observers for those not using vote by mail.

There are thousands of tribal members who live among us in urban areas all across the state who may feel more affiliation to their tribal communities than to the communities in which they live. Their disenfranchisement may keep them from engaging in local issues, and we are waiting to hear from Will Miller and LWOR to see if there is a role for LWVLC, as well as other Leagues within Oregon.

*Freddi Weishahn*

### Action Committee Meeting

September 2, 10am

Via ZOOM

All are welcome.

If you wish to attend let ????? know and you will be added to the invitation list.

# CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE SISTERS QUILT SHOW

On Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at noon the clocks in Beacham's Clock Company in Sisters, OR chimed quietly in unison. It was significant in that it was a small reflection of the thousands of church bells that chimed across America at exactly noon 100 years prior to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment. A gathering of mostly women, some from the LWV, some from several local quilters guilds and some who were just happy to celebrate the occasion, were present to view the 14 quilts that had been designed and sewn by the women of the guilds to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the

realization of women's right to vote. It was an achievement that had required 70 years of effort from several generations of women.

The quilts were as varied as the women who made them. Many incorporated the colors of purple, white and yellow, the colors of the suffragist movement of a century ago. While the event was only an hour long, there were several speakers to commemorate the occasion including; Carol Loesche, the President of the LWV of Deschutes County, and Mayor Arlene Burns. Two of the quilters, Kristan Collins and Diane Tolzman,

spoke about what or who had inspired their designs. For Ms. Collins it was her great-grandmother Ethel who represented the strong and passionate women whose service and struggle expanded opportunities for modern women.

While the quilts will hang in the clock shop for only a week, another chance to view them will occur in November when they will be exhibited in the Black Butte Lodge in Black Butte, OR. Here are pictures of a few of the quilts and a group photo of the women who made them.

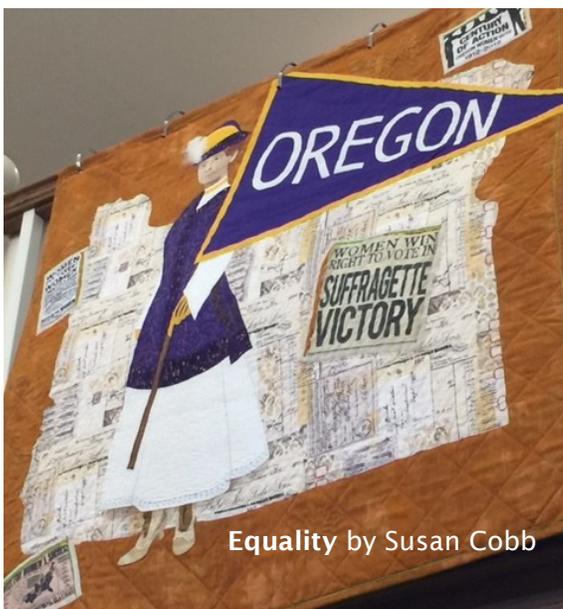
**Paula Grisafi**  
*Chair Voter Service*



Dear Ethel by Kristan Collins



Rebel for Rights by Karen Hewer



Equality by Susan Cobb



The Quilters

To view a video of the 100 year celebration quilts—  
<https://www.sogs.org/100-years-of-suffrage>

While investigating potential recipients for the League's Turnipseed Scholarship, we made the acquaintance of the Refugee and Immigration Services Program (RISP) and some of the services it provides in the Cottage Grove area.

This RISP program works with approximately 600 underserved community members who live in the Cottage Grove area. RISP is currently helping these asylum seekers in addition to its work as a resettlement agency.

All of the families are from Central America, primarily Honduras and Guatemala. The needs of these asylum seekers are enormous and range from housing, lack of food and health care to education, literacy training and legal assistance. Most of these people, young and old, are in deep poverty, and their need for help in adjusting to life in the United States is great indeed.

Although most of the asylum seekers from Central America can speak Spanish, some speak mainly

an indigenous language. Basic literacy is important for seeking employment and for primary communication in shopping, education and medical care. The adults are primarily (90%) agricultural workers, with a smaller sub-group doing home and business cleaning and yard care. The refugees and asylum seekers are primarily families, but there are also single men and women in the community.



RISP operates under the aegis of the Catholic Community Services and is located in their Springfield offices. For any additional information, please contact Lise Colgan, Intake and Outreach Specialist, Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Community Services of Lane County, 541-345-3628, ext 303, <[lcolgan@ccls.org](mailto:lcolgan@ccls.org)>

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*Sharon Posner*

### DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Can't remember if you paid your dues?

Contact the office at 541-343-7917 or [treasurer@lwvlc.org](mailto:treasurer@lwvlc.org)

## WE ARE WORKING FOR THEM

Tired of Zoom meetings?  
Miss going to the gym?  
Would love to go out to eat?  
Need a haircut?  
Pining to travel?  
Cringe when you see someone without a mask?  
Wish you could hug family and friends?  
Worry about schools opening?  
Aggravated?  
Exhausted?  
Yeah, me too.  
All of the above make League efforts harder but we must not slow the work we do.  
One of the many reasons why - FUTURE VOTERS.  
I want democracy to work for my grandson, now, and in 12 years when he is old enough to vote.

**WE CAN'T SLOW DOWN.  
FUTURE VOTERS ARE COUNTING ON US.**

*Charlcie Kaylor, President*



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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 - 10 am, Action Committee
- 10 - 10 am, Voter Service Committee
- 14 - 10 am and 2pm, Unit meetings (see page 2)
- 15 - 2 pm, Unit meeting (page 2)
- 15 - 2 pm, Membership Committee
- 16 - 1:30 pm, Board meeting
- 17 - Noon, Third Thursday (see page 1)
- 18 - Midnight, *Argus* deadline

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

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