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League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

NANCIE PEACOCKE FADELEY TO BE HONORED AT SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

by Pat Hocken



At the luncheon on September 23 the League of Women Voters of Lane County (LWVLC) will recognize Nancie Peacocke Fadeley for her many contributions to Oregon and the League. At that meeting she will receive the Annabel Kitzhaber Education and Advocacy Award

as the fifth recipient of the award established in 2005 by our local League. The purpose of the award is to honor individuals who have made significant long-term contributions to the League's mission to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government, increase understanding of major public

policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. Other criteria are leadership and positive impact in the community and the League.

Nancie represented Lane County citizens in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1971 to 1981. She played a key role in the passage in 1973 of Senate Bill 100, which created the Land Conservation and Development Commission, the Oregon regulatory agency charged with preserving agricultural and forest lands, reducing urban sprawl and regulating industrial development. Nancie continued her support of environmentally-sound development as a board member of 1000 Friends of Oregon, a statewide group that pushed back several efforts to repeal SB100 and continues to bring legal challenges against attempts by local governments to by-pass land-use restrictions.

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**SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER THIRD THURSDAYS WILL BE
ON THE *FOURTH THURSDAY* OF THE MONTH.
BOTH WILL BE IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL.
(See page two for more details.)**

**U of O former women's basketball head coach
and Kidsports' executive director**

BEV SMITH

**will be our speaker on
September 23
at Valley River Inn**

**To register see details on page two.
More about Smith on page four.**



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Anyone wishing to participate in the *Biocides and Pesticides in Oregon* consensus study is invited to an in-person meeting Tuesday, September 14 at 10 am in the League office. Vaccinations required and we will be wearing masks. If you did not receive the copy of the study, it is accessible on the LWVOR website, www.lwvlc.org/studies. If you need a copy of the consensus questions, contact the office by phone, 541-343-7917, or by email, office@lwvlc.org.

Monthly unit meetings are resuming in October. If you would like to serve as a unit chair or hostess for virtual or in-person meetings, contact Mary Keating, myrnalouise@hotmail.com.

PROGRAM

Linda Ferdowsian and Sabree Hamel, Co-Chairs

The *Wildfire Risk in Lane County* committee has begun to research and compile information for November's unit meetings. The next committee meeting will be Friday, September 10 at 10:30 am, in the League office.

The committee preparing the material for *Elementary and Secondary Facilities*

(*Broadband access in Lane County*) will be meeting Thursday, September 2, 10:30 am, in the League office.

If you would like to attend by Zoom, please email Linda Ferdowsian, program@lwvlc.org to receive the link. More volunteers are needed for this topic.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS AT THE VALLEY RIVER INN

Charlcie Kaylor, President

After learning the procedures from the staff at Valley River Inn (VRI), the board was assured of the safety of the attendees

- The meeting will be in VRI's largest banquet room, which normally holds 20 tables of eight persons. At our luncheon there will be about 12 tables with no more than six people seated at each table, and tables will be widely spread out in the room.
- Food will **not** be a self-serve buffet but dished up by VRI staff cafeteria style.
- Beverages will not be self-serve. Roving staff (masked and gloved) will serve at tables.
- Masks will be required while not eating.
- Seating available for public free of charge.

IN PERSON AT VALLEY RIVER INN

Doors will open at 11am

Lunch service begins at 11:30 am

Cost \$20

Credit cards will not be accepted at this time. Please bring cash or check.

Program begins at noon.

RSVP required by September 20.

Call: 541-343-7917 (leave message) or

Email: Contact@lwvlc.org

VIRTUAL

To register, go to lwvlc.org
click on Register for Lecture Series.
Please register by September 20.

ACTION UPDATE - 4J SCHOOLS **Freddi Weishahn**

Students in all grades who will be attending in person will have their first full day of school on Friday, September 10th. Safety measures will strictly follow the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education Guidelines. Face masks are required to be worn indoors by all students, staff, and visitors. Other safety measures include increased ventilation, frequent hand-washing, limited contact between cohorts, and regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. Schools in violation of the safety protocol could be fined \$500/day, and educators in violation could possibly lose their license.

The district will provide online learning options for middle and high school students through the Eugene Online Academy which provides a flexible, asynchronous schedule for independent learning. Elementary students may request to enroll in K-5 Connect, a real-time classroom option, or the Eugene Online Academy if a more flexible, asynchronous model is preferred. The online programs are district-wide and are not tied to a specific school.

The 4J Board unanimously agreed to purchase two residential properties in the River Road area near the Northwest Expressway. The land will be used for the future Build Project, a new career technical education (CTE) program in which students will learn skills such as planning, designing, budgeting, and construc-

tion. A licensed teacher along with community mentors will head the program. The district has agreed to pay no more than \$85,000 for each of the lots. In keeping with Lane County’s need for affordable housing, the homes built through the program will be sold to a community program that helps low-income families transition to homeownership. The Build Project plans to use proceeds from the sale to purchase another property for the next home.

The board is considering the process of adopting a new language arts and social studies curriculum for elementary schools after learning that the current curriculum no longer aligns with the latest research. Studies show an increase in reading comprehension when combining social studies with language arts. The adoption team will consist of 55 elementary teachers along with district staff and will provide input from parents, teachers, and community members. A language arts curriculum has not been adopted for elementary schools in 4J since 2007, and the new adoption team will have until the spring of 2022 to offer its recommendations.

A language arts update is also being considered for middle and high school students with an adoption team of 28 teachers along with district staff. The process will allow for input from families and the community with recommendations due by the spring of 2023.

Action Committee Meeting
September 1, 10 am
In the League office and
Via Zoom - To receive the link
contact action@lwvlc.org

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY **Paula Grisafi, Voter Service Chair**

September 28th is National Voter Registration Day this year. The LWVLC has previously recognized the day by having a voter registration table at varying events or publishing a letter to the editor in *The Register-Guard* about the importance of registering to vote, keeping your voter registration up to date and voting. This year we would again like to observe the date in some way. We are looking for ideas from our membership on the best way to do

this. Any suggestions can be sent to voterservice@lwvlc.org.

Protecting our voting rights requires participation, so let us hear from you. Spread the word among your family, friends and communities about other initiatives like Voter Education Week, Vote Early Day and #VoteReady so that they know how, when and where to vote once they are registered.

Voter Service Meeting
September 9, 10 am
In the League office and
Via Zoom - To receive the link
contact voterservice@lwvlc.org.

A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS TOGETHER, PLAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

by Linda Lynch

Bev Smith, legendary basketball player and coach, and Executive Director of Kid sports for over a decade, will keynote the League's kickoff luncheon, Thursday, September 23, Valley River Inn.

Bev Smith is a native of Salmon Arm, British Columbia. She grew up in a family with a focus on sports. She was part of a community of kids we would think of as gym rats, but who were called rink rats because they spent so many hours at the hockey rink where her father coached a minor league hockey team. Those and other similar community experiences helped her hone her basketball skills and also point her toward college in the States, seeking a high level of competition. She brings a sense of the importance of community involvement in kids' lives and activities to her work today as Executive Director of Kidsports.

Coach Smith played basketball at the University of Oregon from 1978-82, enrolling for an overload of courses each fall and winter term in order to play for the Canadian National Team in the spring and summer. She was the first woman player at the U of O to be named an All-American. Having learned as a young

Nancie Fadeley

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During her time in the Oregon legislature, Nancie also tackled the growing problem of "displaced homemakers," that is, divorced or widowed women who were faced with supporting themselves, after years of not participating in the work force but staying at home raising children. Nancie successfully sponsored legislation to address this problem by creating programs throughout the state such as the University of Oregon Widowed Services Program. She later became a charter member and national board member of the Older Women's League, a grassroots organization focused on raising awareness of the issues facing this demographic such as poverty, health care and wage inequities, midlife career obstacles, and family care-taking.

Nancie has also served as a mentor for Sponsors, a local program for men and women recently released from prison.

She is a 50-year-member of the League of Women Voters of Lane County and served as co-president with Flo Alvergue from 2005 to 2007. For over 20 years Nancie identified and scheduled the speakers

girl that there are not as many opportunities for women athletes to play professionally in Canada or the United States, she played in Europe for 15 years, and participated in two Olympics as a member of the Canadian National Team. Following the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, she retired as a player but turned to coaching. She was the women's head basketball coach at her alma mater from 2001-2009.

The Kidsports schedule is organized so that kids can play year-round in some sport. They do not have to choose one over another. Since its founding in 1953, Kidsports has been dedicated to providing positive youth team sports experiences through family and community involvement and by having minimum playing time standards that ensures the Kidsports' philosophy "All kids play." Nine core sports are offered to kids from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County.

Coach Smith led the effort to build the new Kidsports facility, courts and turf field at the Civic Stadium site and already has plans for Phase 2. Who better than a great coach who works every day to build community to help us start a year of League research, education, and advocacy?

for LWVLC's Third Thursday luncheons - an amazing challenge to provide the hundreds of well-qualified, interesting, and relevant speakers that League members were privileged to hear. She also was an active member of the LWVLC Action Committee for many years.

Nancie was born in St. Louis and as the daughter of a pastor in rural Missouri towns grew up learning the importance of activism to support those in need. Nancie has a MA in journalism from the University of Oregon. After her legislative service, she was director of public affairs for the University of Oregon's KWAX, at that time an NPR radio station, and then served as an assistant vice provost at the university.



2021 GENERAL ELECTION EXPENDITURES

Kathy Madison, Public Relations Chair

Every election presents many opportunities for LWVLC to encourage citizens to register to vote, update their voter registration and participate in their government's decision-making process.

The ads and other materials we create for the election could provide other opportunities, as well.

In the past, LWVLC simply used the size of the market to determine where to buy ad space or time. And since the largest markets were found in the most populated, urban areas. that's where LWVLC spent its advertising money. There is no specific audience

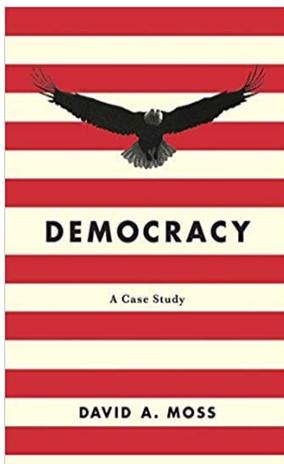
identified, no outcome or goal articulated and no plan to attain a goal if we had one. A plan that identifies these components will help us determine **who** is our audience, **what** message we want them to hear, and **where** to place our ads.

With such a plan, LWVLC can coordinate the look and feel of the ads and other components such as posters, post cards, etc. These elements will clearly be identified as products of the League and in that way, advance the LWVLC brand.

DEVELOPMENT

Freddi Weishahn, Chair

Just a reminder: LWVLC keeps only 11% of our annual dues for our operational expenses and activities. Your donations in addition to the membership fee give our budget a boost as we begin a new fiscal year - - - which includes some high-stakes elections!



STILL TIME TO JOIN A DISCUSSION GROUP

Several members are interested in having discussions for David A. Moss's book, *Democracy - A Case Study*, (2017) which is available online through the Harvard bookstore, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble for \$20.50 (softcover version). The discussion for Case #19 - *Citizens United* and corporate speech will be held in late August or early September, the place and time to be announced. If you would like to join in the discussion, please contact Sharon Amasha at sharonamasha@gmail.com.

Freddi Weishahn

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - 10 am, Action meeting (page 3)
- 2 - 10:30 am, Broadband in Lane County (page 2)
- 9 - 10 am, Voter Service meeting (page 3)
- 9 - 2 pm, Membership mailing party
- 10 - 10:30 am, Wildfire Risk in Lane County (page 2)
- 14 - 2 pm, *Biocides and Pesticides in Oregon* consensus study (page 2)
- 15 - 1:30 pm, Board meeting
- 16 - 2 pm, Membership meeting finalizing luncheon plans
- 23 - 11:30 am, League luncheon (see pages 1 and 2)
- 24 - **Midnight**, *Argus* deadline

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

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to our League in the past year!

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