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The League of Women Voters

a nonpartisan political
organization –

- * encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government,
- * works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and
- * influences public policy through education and advocacy.

League of Women Voters of Corvallis



60th Annual Meeting



Wednesday, May 26th, 6-9 pm

Corvallis Public Library Meeting Room
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Dinner Buffet, 6–7 PM

Send in dinner reservation coupon, page 9

Business Meeting, 7–7:45 PM

Speaker: Dr. Jo Anne Trow, 7:45–8:45 PM

Women's Suffrage in Oregon: Why Did It Take So Long?



*Photo by Theresa Hogue,
courtesy of Oregon
State University*

We continue League's 90th celebration year with a 50-year League member,

Dr. Jo Anne Trow, telling how women in Oregon got the vote.

Co-sponsored by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



President's Corner — Annette Mills

Many thanks to Corrine Gobeli, David Eckert, and other members of the LWVC's Water Committee for an informative and engaging program at our April general meeting. The two presenters and three exhibitors provided a wide array of tools, techniques, and practices for us to use in "water-wising" our homes and yards. With an eye toward moving our audience members from awareness to action, Corrine

distributed slips of paper and invited attendees to jot down water-wise actions they planned to take as a result of the program. The responses are reported on page 5.

The 2010 Primary Elections are coming up this month. Ballots will be mailed April 30 through May 4 and are due by Election Day on May 18. Our League will once again be distributing Voters' Guides which provide a wealth of information. Please make sure to pick one up at the library.

As the League year draws to a close, we invite you to join us at our Annual Meeting on May 26, when we will have the pleasure of hearing a special presentation by Dr. Jo Anne Trow, a 50-year League member and former Vice Provost for Student Affairs at Oregon State University. In celebration of the LWVUS 90th birthday year, Jo Anne will speak on "Women's Suffrage in Oregon – Why It Took So Long."

Our Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Louise Marquering, Kate Mathews, and Laura Evenson) has been working hard to plan a delicious dinner and fun social gathering prior to our business meeting. *Please fill out the reservation form on page 9 and send in your check TODAY.*

Our local League will be well-represented at the **State League Council in Bend** on May 15 and 16. Attendees from Corvallis include Paula Krane, Kate Mathews, Peggy Lynch, Annette Mills, and Karen Nibler. The Corvallis League is alive and well, and we will no doubt share our passions and perspectives with other Leaguers from around the state.

The LWVUS Convention is June 11 – 15. Kate Mathews and Shelly Murphy will go to Atlanta to represent our League. More information on the National Convention is on page 3 and on the LWVUS website: www.lwv.org.

Hope to see you at Annual Meeting!

May Election News

Debates are ON: Live Televised Gubernatorial Primary Debates

KATU Channel 2 - May 1, 7-8 PM & May 2, 6:30-8 PM

KVAL Channel 13 – May 1, 7-8 PM & May 2, 11:30 PM-1 AM

May 1—*Democratic candidates* & May 2—*Republican candidates*.

All the candidates will be present for the debates – 3 Democrats and 9 Republicans.

Debates sponsored by the League, KATU 2, and AARP/Oregon

LWV Voters Guides are available at the library.

Election Ballots must be returned by 8 pm on Tuesday, May 18th.

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This bulletin is the news-letter of the *League of Women Voters of Corvallis*, produced 10 times a year.

We welcome your input. If you have suggestions, story ideas, comments, or submissions for the Bulletin, contact Louise Marquering – lwvcLouise@AOL.com.

Submissions must be received no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. League membership is open to men and women of all ages.

LWVC LOCAL FOOD POSITION (Adopted 2010)



The League of Women Voters of Corvallis' Local Food position applies not only to governments but to all sectors of the community.

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis:

have access to safe, local, nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

2. **Supports** convenient access to grocery stores, food service businesses, food banks and soup kitchens within communities.

3. **Encourages** local laws and land use plans that include reservation of space for food production, i.e. farmland, community gardens on public land and in future private developments in the city and county.

4. **Encourages** local agricultural businesses in food production, storage, distribution and processing

1. **Believes** that all community members should

facilities that are sustainable and support a viable food system.

5. **Supports** sustainable farm practices, including conservation of water and energy.

6. **Believes** local agencies should be responsible for enforcement of food safety and disease prevention.

7. **Encourages** local agencies and schools to teach people of all ages the skills and knowledge essential to food production, safe preparation and preservation, and the importance of food choices on health.

8. **Encourages** local agencies, schools and businesses to purchase and serve locally grown food.

9. **Recommends** collaboration and coordination by local food groups in support of local food policies.

The LWVC Book Club Is Going on Summer Vacation!



However, we invite all League members to recommend books for next season's reading.

To recommend a book (readily available in paperback, please), send the name of the book, the author and a short annotated recommendation to Corrine Gobeli at gobelic@comcast.net by *May 30th*. You may also mail your recommendations to her address on the LWV membership roster.

Corrine will compile the list and send it out for voting via e-mail or hard copy to everyone who responds, as well as all attendees at this year's book gatherings. The final selections will appear in the summer bulletin. The next meeting of the book club will be in October.

All book recommendations are accepted: We've read an eclectic selection of books in the past, from classics (*Emma*) to general fiction (*The Cunning Man*) to non-fiction (*John Adams*).

National Convention, June 11-15, Atlanta, Georgia

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: A HISTORY OF CHANGE. A FUTURE OF HOPE.

The LWVUS invites all members to join fellow Leaguers from 50 states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong to celebrate 90 remarkable years of League achievements and chart the course for the next biennium of League programs.

All League members are invited to attend Convention, but Presidents of local, state and ILO Leagues appoint their allotted delegates. Non-voting members can be part of the excitement as the Convention delegate body debates and adopts the 2010-2012 National Program, the LWVUS Budget for the next fiscal year, and amendments to the LWVUS Bylaws. Delegates will also be choosing the LWVUS Board officers, directors and nominating committee for the next biennium.



Special Funds Awarded to LWVC Water Study Committee

At its April meeting, the LWVC board approved the recommendation of the Special Funds Review Committee — Louise Ferrell, Carolyn Gardner, Marilyn Koenitzer, Nancy Schary, and Marolyn Tarrant— to award \$2490 from the League’s Special Memorial Funds to the LWVC Water Study Committee.

The funds are from an unrestricted account in honor of long-time members Kay Dick and Grace Phinney (*see below*). This is the first grant awarded under the new criteria, guidelines, and application process that were established in 2008-09.

In her cover letter, Water Study Chair Corrine Gobeli explained, “Our participation in the State Water Study has increased our awareness of the need for innovation in terms of both water conservation and user education. This project addresses both those needs.”

The Water Study Committee will use the grant to fund the design and production of 18 permanent displays at a publicly accessible site (First Alternative Co-op, South Store) to educate the public about water conservation techniques for homes or businesses.

The Co-op, the City of Corvallis, and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition will fund the design and installation of the water conservation demonstration project.

The 18 displays will educate and advocate for low-flow technologies, rainwater collection, greywater re-use and system design improvements aimed at reducing water use by 50%, reducing water discharge into the municipal wastewater system by 50%, and reducing stormwater discharge into the municipal system by 50%. The LWVC displays will form the backbone of all outreach projects for this permanent demonstration.

The displays will be installed in visible areas, organized into a self-guided tour, and will be located both outside and indoors on the site. Each display will include a designated space noting that the LWVC funded the display.

As the displays will be digitally produced, they will also be used on the LWVC website, shared with other Leagues around the country, and used on partner websites, publicizing this work of the LWVC.

This unique demonstration of water conservation does not exist anywhere in Corvallis or in Oregon, and it is anticipated that the LWVC will receive significant recognition for its education and advocacy efforts.

Special Funds — Special Women: Grace Phinney & Kay Dick

Who but Grace Phinney could inspire Nancy Brooks’ musical saw rendition of “Amazing Grace” at a League meeting? *We* knew she was amazing.

In 1947, Grace arrived in Corvallis with her husband Harry to teach biology at OSU. When university policy changed so that only one member of a married couple could teach in a department at OSU, Grace left OSU to work with the League, the State of Oregon, and a plethora of civic and environmental causes—while raising their three children.

Grace served on the Corvallis board and was local League president; she wrote the state League’s 1980 publication on Nuclear Energy. She was a member of the state Environmental Quality Commission, the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, and a variety of other government panels.

Grace died in 1995, leaving many memories as well as these memorial funds for League’s special projects.

Kay (Kathryn) Dick was an apple-cheeked, matronly widow who came from Iowa to Corvallis in 1967.

Service on the local League board was just part of her legacy. Kay hosted unit meetings for years, stored League files in her home, and worked on the Land Use committee.

She served on the Corvallis Parks Board and worked on Corvallis’ first sign ordinance. Kay belonged to Hoolyeh Folk Dancers, the National Audubon Society and Common Cause, as well as being a resident adviser to OSU sororities—to name just a few of her other activities.

Kay was an adventurous traveler on a slender budget: she went to Russia with the OSU choir and made several trips to Europe, always with a large jar of peanut butter and box of crackers to save on meal expenses!

Kay left an indelible image on the Corvallis League and a substantial bequest, when she died in 1993.

Water-wise Your Home and Garden: An Informative Time Was Had by All

The LWVC Water Study Committee hosted *Water-wise Your Home and Garden* at the Corvallis- Benton County Public Library Tuesday, April 13.

Hazen Parsons, representing Lane Community College, presented options to reduce water consumption inside the home and David Sandrock of Sandrock Sustainable Landscapes discussed ways to reduce water in the landscape. Parsons provided data about the water consumption of various household appliances as well as low-tech, behavioral ways to reduce water usage.

Sandrock suggested that we use too much water, the wrong kind of water, and that we water inefficiently. Solutions include using native plants and plants that are adapted to our climate (wet in the winter and dry in the summer), to consider using water other than treated drinking water (think rainwater and, in the future, grey water) and to use low-volume irrigation systems including drip irrigation, or that old stand-by, hand watering.

To implement these solutions, attendees visited displays by Joe Richards of JTI Supply—rainwater harvesting supplies; Esther McEvoy of Willamette Gardens—drought-resistant and native plants; and Mark Taratoot, of the City of Corvallis Water Conservation Program—water saving audits and incentives.

Audience members were asked to write down personal goals for reducing water consumption. Twenty people took the challenge and noted 36 water saving goals.

Following are the numbers of people who made different types of goals/pledges to save water:

- **Adapt landscape design:** less lawn, more drought-resistant, native plants - 8



- **Reduce outdoor watering:** drip or low-flow irrigation, let lawn go brown – 4
- **Explore alternatives to potable water for landscape:** rainwater harvesting - 7
- **Make behavioral change:** take shorter showers (or no baths at all!), turn water off while brushing teeth, fix leaks - 8
- **Purchase appliances that use less water:** toilets, clothes washer, showerheads - 6

Thanks to everyone who made this evening possible: Dave Eckert for arranging for speakers and vendors and e-mail publicity; Shelly Murphy for designing the flyer; Robert Scott and Anne Harding for assisting with set-up; Doris Waring for library arrangements; Nancy Schary for publicity; and Liz Frenkel, Denise Nervik and Peggy Lynch for ideas and support.

– Corrine Gobeli, Water Study Chair



Water in Oregon: Not a Drop to Waste — Part 2, Issues and Perspectives, from the state League is almost ready for distribution. The Water Study Committee found that gathering all the information and putting it into study form was a daunting task, but now the project is complete. The full report is at the printer, and will be mailed directly from there. In the meantime, you may see an executive summary and PowerPoint presentation online at:

lwvor.org/recentstudies.htm#Water.

League of Women Voters of Corvallis 60th Annual Meeting

May 26, 2010



Dinner Buffet 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Business Meeting 7:00 – 7:45 PM

Agenda

Call to Order – *Annette Mills, President*

Welcome and Introductions

Review of the Year

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes

Quorum Determination

Adoption of Agenda

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of the Proposed Program (*page 7*)

Recommendation for the 2010-2011 Program (*page 7*)

Presentation of the Budget (*page 8*)

Discussion and Adoption of Program

Discussion and Adoption of the Budget

Report of Nominating Committee (*page 7*)

Election of Board Members

Recognition

Directions to the Board from Members

Announcements

Adjournment

Featured Speaker 7:45 – 8:45 PM

Jo Anne Trow – Women's Suffrage in Oregon: Why Did It Take So Long?



League members are invited to bring a dessert to the Annual Meeting.

If you do plan to bring one, please call Louise Marquering, 541-753-0012, or e-mail her at:

LWVCLouise@AOL.com.

Annual Meeting Recommendations

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee—Jo Anne Trow, Kate Mathews, Bettie Muckleston, Shelly Murphy, and Doris Waring—offers the following candidates for the:

LWV of Corvallis Board, 2010-11

2nd Vice President – Katherine Merriam (2010-12)

Treasurer – Sara Ingle (2010-12)

Directors – Paula Krane, Governance (2010-11)

Janet Wolf-Eshe, Membership (2010-12)

Kathy Conner, Voter Service (2010-12)

Shelly Murphy, Community Planning (2010-12)

Nominating Committee – Jo Anne Trow, Doris Waring, Patty McClintock (2010-11)

Continuing Officers

President – Annette Mills (2009-11)

1st Vice President – Kate Mathews (2009-11)

Secretary – Pat Bishop (2009-11)

Continuing Directors – Louise Marquering, Bulletin (2009-11)

Nancy Schary, Public Relations (2009-11)

Off Board – Corrine Gobeli and Liz Frenkel, Water
Marilyn Koenitzer, Community Planning
Karen Nibler, Social Policy
Beth Thoennes, Bulletin
Doris Waring and Laura Evenson, Events

BY-LAWS CHANGES

There are no By-laws changes being proposed for 2010-11.

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FOR 2010-11

The LWVC Board recommends:

- Review current local positions, and re-organize them for consistent text and format.
- Take action based on our positions, with emphasis on Housing, Local Food, and Water.

Proposed Budget, 2010-2011

	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2009-10</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2010-11</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>notes</u>
Income				
Non-Member Contributions	\$ 577.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	
Grapefruit Receipts	10,235.00	10,000.00	10,750.00	c
Interest from CD	128.11	100.00	100.00	
Income from Savings/Investments	1,364.97			d
Money Market Interest	0.57			d
Miscellaneous	712.00	600.00	650.00	
Member Contributions	10,767.50	150.00	750.00	e
Membership Dues	6,805.50	6,903.00	6,298.00	a
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Merchandise	283.53	300.00	300.00	
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>\$30,874.18</u>	<u>\$18,103.00</u>	<u>\$19,348.00</u>	
Expense				
Action	\$ 775.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	
Events offset by receipts	550.00	550.00	550.00	
Grapefruit Expense	6,778.98	6,500.00	6,750.00	c
LWVOR Education Fund PMP credit	-180.49	-400.00	0	b
LWVOR PMP	3,327.71	3,249.00	2,903.00	a
LWVUS Education Fund PMP Credit	-520.00	-600.00	-550.00	
LWVUS PMP	2,956.95	3,477.00	3,360.00	a
Membership	167.06	160.00	150.00	
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,466.94	1,392.00	1,500.00	
Website	419.40	380.00	500.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	275.00	
PO Box, Permit, Voice mail, Corp.	505.30	330.00	550.00	
President, Treasurer, Secretary	56.05	60.00	60.00	
Program PR, Committee Material	549.22	350.00	500.00	
National Convention	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Regional Mtgs, Dues, Assessments	0.00	50.00	0	
State Convention/Council	924.25	1,005.00	1,000.00	
Voter Education	29.01	50.00	100.00	
<i>Total Expense</i>	<u>\$17,805.38</u>	<u>\$18,103.00</u>	<u>\$19,348.00</u>	
Net Income	\$13,068.80	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	

Budget Notes

- a. Local dues are as low as possible to be able to cover the Per Member Payments (PMP) for both state and national. If there is a dues increase, we will do further fundraising to cover it.
- b. We no longer get a state credit for money sent to LWVOR Education Fund.
- c. The grapefruit fundraiser covers our local expenses - bulletin, committee expenses, website, general meetings, and travel funds.
- d. We do have income from savings and investments but it is variable and is not put in the budget.
- e. Includes a \$10,000 bequest from Clara Shoemaker's estate. (See November 2009 bulletin for Clara's obituary.)

***To reserve dinner for the Annual Meeting,
Please clip this form and return it with your check for \$12.00 by May 19***

Mail to: LWVC Annual Dinner, c/o Louise Marquering 1640 NW Woodland Drive Corvallis 97330-1742

Main course selections:

- Browned chicken breast with roasted cherry tomatoes with basil and parmesan
- Mushroom ravioli with browned butter/sage/wild mushroom sauce,
- Baby glazed carrots

Salad: Spinach salad with sliced strawberries, mango, toasted almonds and coconut, with Mango dressing

Delectable desserts will be provided by League members

Compostable utensils and dishes provided by EcNow Tech

Name: _____

- _____ I plan to attend the LWV Annual Meeting, May 26th
- _____ I will need a ride
- _____ I can offer someone a ride

League Volunteers Needed at Farmers Market

The LWV of Corvallis will share and help staff the Corvallis Farmers Market Booth on Wednesday, May 5 and Saturday, May 8. We'll register voters, hand out Voters Guides and other League literature, and answer questions. We will also feature our water display.

Can you help? It would be nice to have 2 people for each 2-hour shift: Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 and 5 to 7 and Saturday morning from 9 to 11 and 11 to 1. I'll do the setup and takedown. E-mail: kate.mathews@comcast.net or call me at 541-754-1172, if you are willing to help with this very enjoyable activity!

— Kate Mathews



Long-time League member Miriam Hall Miller



died on March 24, of cancer. She came to Corvallis in 1955, where she worked for the OSU Benton County Extension Service and the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*.

Miriam was active in the League of Women Voters and the OSU Folk Club, and was a longtime volunteer at the First Alternative Co-op. She loved nothing more than to be

outdoors and she rode her bike everywhere. Until the end, she was filled with humor and grace.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 50 years, Donald (DJ) Miller; her two children, Amy and Bruce Miller; and brothers, Jerry and Edgar Hall. Memorial donations can be made to the Greenbelt Land Trust in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

“Those who knew Miriam know that we have lost a wonderful League member and friend. Miriam was faithful about taking in thrift shop donations from our members for many years. She also helped with meetings and refreshments. Most importantly, she lived her values all the time,” says Jean Nath. Our sympathy goes out to Miriam’s husband and family.



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League Calendar

Tuesday, May 4 – Board Meeting 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16 – LWVOR Council, Bend
Tuesday, May 18 – Primary Election Day – Ballots Due
Wednesday, May 26 – Annual Meeting 6-9 PM
Friday-Tuesday, June 11-15 – LWVUS Convention, Atlanta, GA

Join the League!

Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip+4 digits _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

\$55* individual membership \$82.50* household membership \$27.50* student membership
_____ Contribution**

I'm a new member– *please call me.* I'm renewing my membership. *I first joined the League in* _____ (year).
 I'm interested in working with LWVC this year. *Please call*

Membership in LWV Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages. The membership year begins in October. **New members joining April thru July pay half dues.* Please make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to: LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

** Regular dues are not tax-deductible. However, contributions to the *LWVUS Education Fund*, paid with a separate check, are deductible.