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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.

Happy Birthday to League! At 92 Years, Still Going Strong



WOMEN COMING OF AGE: Voices from the 40s to the Present

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
7:00 to 8:45 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Panelists: Helen Ellis
Katherine Cleland
Catherine Mater
Leslie Melnyk
Emily Stimac

Moderator: Paula Krane

This month's program features women of different generations, speaking from their different perspectives. Drawing from personal experiences, our panelists will discuss the changing roles of women, motivating issues, role models – and more!

Please join us as they share their stories. After the program, you're invited to celebrate the League's 92nd birthday with cake and more conversation!

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Corvallis
and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Register NOW for LWV of Oregon's "Day at the Legislature," Tuesday, February 7!
Registration Deadline is January 31 Register at: www.lwvor.org/events/day-at-the-legislature/
or use the registration form that was included with your January bulletin.
To carpool with other League members contact Paula Krane, kranep@peak.org or 541-752-2361.



President's Corner – Kate Mathews

We started off the new year with a wonderful program on “Rethinking the Economy.” From an analysis of our current crisis, to a state bank and local money, to investing in farm land there was much to talk about, as over 120 attended. A big thank you goes to Annette Mills for putting this program together.

I hope to see you all in February when we celebrate the League's 92nd birthday. We'll have a very different panel but it will be equally interesting.

You will find information on page 5 relating to our upcoming national League Privatization study. Please do start reading the material and prepare to attend the consensus meetings. We will devote our March and April meetings to this topic.

There is just enough time to sign up for “Day at the Legislature.” Registration information was in January's bulletin and is on the state League's website: lwv.or.org (deadline is January 31).

Did you attend the Legislative Town Hall on January 28 and hear how our legislators felt the short session would go? Be sure to come back on March 3 for the second Town Hall to see what the Legislature accomplished in the first of Oregon's annual sessions.

As ever, our Community Planning Committee is busy following developments in Corvallis and the Food Committee is gearing up again for activities. The dental health project report, funded by the Corvallis League, is linked to our website—www.lwv.corvallis.or.us. Take a look at the result of the League-funded research done by intern Jill Hill.



We extend our sympathy

To the family and friends of longtime League member
Barbara Boucot, who died November 9, 2011.



Welcome to League membership, Molly Engle and Nancy William

We are at an almost 100% renewal rate, thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships. If you intend to join League but haven't yet, join now! You will benefit from membership in this dynamic group, as we study local, state, national, and worldwide issues that touch each of our lives. You'll find a membership form on the last page of this bulletin. – *Janet Wolf-Esbe and Katherine Merriam, Membership Co-chairs*



February 15: Applications Due for League Grants

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis has unrestricted memorial funds that may be used by League members for League projects, pending review by the Special Funds Review Committee and approval by the LWVC board.

Applications are received twice a year, in February and October. *The application deadline is February 15 for project start-up in May.*

Guidelines and application forms are available upon request and can be downloaded from our website—www.lwv.corvallis.or.us. Submit your application to President Kate Mathews, to be forwarded to the Review Committee.

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This bulletin is the newsletter 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.



Community Planning Committee Update

Observers Needed: Be the Eyes and Ears of the League!

The best way for League advocacy to be effective is to be informed when an issue first comes up. One way to know what is happening is to have a League member observe meetings of the City Council, and other boards and commissions. Observers listen but do not speak at meetings. They report to the League’s Community Planning Committee or to the Board. Here are some of the governmental bodies for which the Community Planning Committee needs observers:

	Meeting Time	Location
City Council	1st & 3rd Monday at 12:30 & 7 PM	Downtown Fire Station 400 NW Harrison, 2nd floor
*Administrative Services Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 4 PM	Madison Ave. Mtg. Room 500 SW Madison
*Human Services Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesdays at noon	Madison Ave. Mtg. Room 500 SW Madison
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM	Downtown Fire Station 400 NW Harrison, 2nd Floor
*Urban Services Committee	1st & 3rd Thursday at 5 PM	Madison Ave. Mtg. Room 500 SW Madison
Economic Development Commission	2nd Monday at 3 PM	Madison Ave. Mtg. Room 500 SW Madison

*Three City Councilors make up each of the following committees. They make recommendations to the entire Council:

The Administrative Services Committee is responsible for the City’s financial policies, fiscal impact review, Capital Improvement Program fiscal review, risk management and litigation issues, personnel, and labor relations.

The Human Services Committee is responsible for social services, recreation, park and open space issues, law code enforcement, and library service issues.

The Urban Services Committee is responsible for Planning Commission recommendations, utility issues, infrastructure issues, Airport development, structural code enforcement, Fire Department issues, and the Capital Improvement Program.

Contact Shelly Murphy if you plan to observe or if you would like more information – shellym@peak.org, 541-754-1184.

To get notices of City Meetings go to the City Website: <http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us> and click on **Contact Us** or call City Hall: 541-766-6900.

– Marilyn Koenitzer and Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Co-chairs

Report Available on Dental Needs Assessment



The League of Women Voters of Corvallis funded the project for intern Jill Hill to develop and carry out an assessment of Benton County’s adult dental care needs. The project is a combined effort of dental and health care professionals, nonprofit organizers, government employees, and concerned citizens of the Benton County Oral Health Coalition.

The *Assessment of Dental Care Need in Benton County Adults* comes from community surveys, agency interviews, site visits, and the study of current epidemiological data. It connects statistics with personal experiences of those in direct contact with the population in need. It will form

the basis for the Coalition’s strategic planning and decision making. *The report is linked to the League’s web site under “This report just out”*

The Coalition hopes to bring a collective voice to the staggering lack of dental care options for uninsured adults in Benton County and work toward finding long-term, sustainable and realistic solutions.

The Community Health Centers staff of Benton and Linn Counties were given the task to seek funding for twelve dental van days in Benton County, as the Coalition further reviews and strategizes its options. Dental van funding for July 2011 to June 2012 has been provided by a Samaritan Health Services Social Accountability Grant.



SUSTAINABILITY FAIR & TOWN HALL 2012

Thursday, March 1 – CH2M Hill Alumni Center

725 SW 26th Street, OSU campus

All Corvallis area residents are invited to attend the Sustainability Fair and Town Hall Meeting. Don't miss out on one of our community's most important events of 2012!

Plan to arrive at 5:00 PM for the Sustainability Fair, which will feature exhibits by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's partner organizations and action teams. Come and learn about the wide variety of efforts that are already under way to create a sustainable community. Food, music, and informative displays promise to make this a lively and engaging event.

The Town Hall Meeting begins at 7:00 PM, as attendees gather in the ballroom; here the focus will be on the sustainability efforts of the whole community. Participants will be invited to engage in a community conversation about how we're doing and what else is needed to accelerate our efforts to become a thriving, sustainable city and county.

Event organizers plan a highly interactive program.

The event itself will demonstrate sustainability by analyzing various event features such as energy and water use, waste generation, and refreshments that are primarily local.

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis is a member of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, a network of more than 200 organizations in Corvallis and Benton County that are working together to accelerate the development of a sustainable community. The Coalition includes non-profits, businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations – all working on different aspects of sustainability.

Everyone is welcome to attend the March 1st Town Hall Meeting, but space is limited! On-line registration is strongly encouraged. Simply go to the Sustainability Coalition website (www.sustainablecorvallis.org) to register.



Thank You, League Supporters!

The League receives many donations throughout the year and we are grateful for all of them. Gifts received since April 1, 2011 include:

League of Women Voters of Corvallis for Creekside appeal

Warren and Marjorie Easley
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Jo Anne Trow – life member

LWVUS Education Fund (to reduce LWVC dues up to 50%)

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Sara Ingle

Coming soon!

LWWUS Study: Privatization of Governmental Services, Assets and Functions

The Privatization study was adopted at the League of Women Voters of the United States convention in 2010. Our study and consensus meetings are scheduled for March and April. More information will be in the March bulletin.

You are invited to join the study committee to learn even more and share it with the rest of our League. Call or email Paula Krane at 541-752-2361 or kranep@peak.org.

Scope of the Privatization Study:

“The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and the community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good.”

Today many nations are faced with financial challenges. In the United States these problems are apparent at the federal, state and local levels.

Encouraged by proponents of a conservative political philosophy, many people look to privatization as a simple answer to these financial challenges, a way to shift the

burden of government to the private sector while reducing the size of government itself. However, privatizing a government function or service is not simple, nor is its outcome assured.

If your interest is piqued and you'd like to know more:

The national League's website has three excellent articles at <http://www.lwv.org/member-resources/privatization>

Government Privatization: History, Examples, and Issues
“The Meaning of Privatization,” by Paul Starr. *Yale Law and Policy Review* 6 (1988): 6-41.

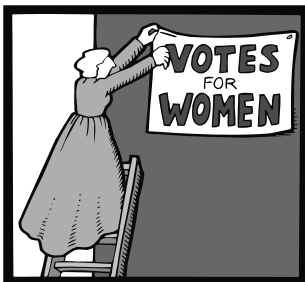
Privatization: A Seattle League Study.

The following background papers prepared by the LWWUS study committee also make interesting reading:

“Privatization of Prisons,” “Subcontracting Public Education,” “Privatization of a Publicly Owned Waste Water Treatment Plant,” and “Deregulation of Railroads,” by Ted Volskay.

“The Legal Framework of Transparency and Accountability within the Context of Privatization,” by Diane DiIanni.

— Paula Krane, *Privatization Study chair*



“Deeds Not Words” lecture series at Historical Museum

Oregon's Equal Suffrage Proclamation, signed Nov. 30, 1912, gave women the right to vote in all state and local elections. To celebrate, the Benton County Historical

Society and Museum features an exhibition and lecture series on local women's history, mid-January through December 2012. The exhibition is located on the first floor of the museum at 1101 Main St. in Philomath. It's free and open to the public, and includes a lecture series on local women's history throughout February and March.

The “Deeds Not Words” lecture series features talks by local women historians. All lectures begin at 10:00 AM, with coffee available beginning at 9:30 AM. Lectures take place in the Moreland Auditorium at the museum.

February 27 - “Women's Suffrage: Why did it take so long in Oregon?” Speaker: Jo Anne Trow, Oregon State University's last Dean of Women and its first female Vice President

March 5 - “Beyond Suffrage: Women's pursuit of economic citizenship in 20th Century USA.” Speaker: Marissa Chappell, OSU history professor

March 5 - “The Stories I Wish They Would Tell: Celebrating the women in the OSU archives.” Speaker: Tiah Edmunson-Morton, OSU Archives.

March 12 - “How Oregon Women Won the Vote in 1912.” Speaker: Kimberley Jensen, Western Oregon University history professor

March 26 - “Women in Preservation: How women led the way.” Speaker: B.A. Beierle, local preservationist



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Day at the Legislature
February 7, Salem



League Calendar

February 2012

- Wed 1** Board Meeting 10 AM
- Tue 7** LWVOR Day at the Legislature
- Tue 14** *Happy Birthday, League!*
General Meeting: "Women Coming of Age" Library 7 PM
- Wed 15** League grants applications due
- 27** "Women's Suffrage: Why did it take so long in Oregon?" BCHS 10 AM

March 2012

- Thu 1** Sustainability Fair & Town Hall
CH2M Hill Alumni Ctr. 5 & 7 PM
- Sat 3** Legislative Town Hall Library 10 AM
- Wed 7** Board Meeting 10 AM
- Tue 13** General Meeting: LWVUS
Privatization study Library 7 PM

League Membership

Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

___ \$55 individual membership ___ \$82.50 household

___ \$27.50 student ___ Renewal ___ Contribution*

I would like to be considered:

Active ___ **Inactive Member/Supporter** ___

I first joined the League in ___ (year) _____ (place).

What special skills/talents/interests would you like to share with the League?

LWV's membership year begins in October.

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.