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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.



General Meeting

Dr. Mark Hixon –

“Ten Coming Changes in Oregon’s Ocean: the Usual, the Inevitable, and the Insidious”

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

645 NW Monroe Avenue

We are pleased to have Dr. Mark Hixon once more present his insights into Oregon’s coastal concerns, including such topics as invasive species, tsunamis, and ocean warming.

Dr. Hixon is professor of Marine Ecology and Conservation Biology in Oregon State University’s Department of Zoology. His expertise is the ecology of coastal

marine ecosystems, and he focuses on what naturally regulates populations and sustains biodiversity. He recently co-chaired a state-appointed committee that designed the new marine reserve and protected areas off Cape Perpetua.

This evening is a good warm-up to League’s December consensus on “Coastal and Nearshore Oregon.” Throughout the presentation keep League’s consensus questions in mind—they’re included with this Bulletin.



The Coastal Zone in Oregon is a watershed-based area as it was defined by the Oregon Legislature in 1971 and again in 1973. The Oregon Coastal Management Program applies to all land and water areas within this zone, except lands owned by the federal government or those held in trust under Indian tribal jurisdictions; it is structured around all watersheds in Oregon that drain to the Pacific Ocean.

Bring a friend to this introduction to a very important League study!

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President's Corner – Kate Mathews

You will receive this Bulletin a few days before the Election, after we've had our Candidate Forums and presentations of the ballot measures, and delivered League's "Voters Guides."

At the risk of repetition, I feel this has been a most unsatisfying election. I sometimes wonder if there is any candidate out there who could honestly say that the truth has not been compromised or an outright lie been put out in their name, and who would apologize if it were definitively shown. The overall participation in our Voter Service Forums was a bit low both in candidates and audience, after navigating the tricky course of scheduling during the times of Presidential and Vice Presidential debates.

Now on to more positive things. Three of us attended the State Workshop in Eugene. Two interesting presentations were: 1) the pro and con for Measure 80 and 2) the founder of Oregon Center for Public Policy speaking on "Because Facts Matter." National Food Day was a fun event celebrated with speakers and food. Lastly, I hope some of you may yet have time to attend the Nov. 1 and 2 Woman Citizen Symposium at OSU, co-sponsored by our League.

About the Coastal Study: Mark Hixon will present an overview to prepare you for the December consensus meeting. *Please read the study material* sent to you by the state and look at the consensus questions enclosed with this bulletin, so you will be prepared. The consensus is due right after the first of the year—which is why we decided to put off our Soup Dinner/Planning Meeting until January.

Is your fruit order in? If not, make that order now, then you can eagerly await the first week of December. (Once again, we can always use help with delivery.)

Finally, a Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Board Notes – October 3 Meeting

At the October board meeting we heard from Louise Marquering about our annual fruit fundraiser (we're back to our former provider) and finalized plans for the Voters Service forums.

We also discussed the National Food Day event organized by our Local Food Committee. Our Community Planning

Committee chair, Shelly Murphy, reported on the city's proposal to hire a "Hearings Officer" and proposed amendments to the Land Development Code.

Victoria Martinez reported that interviews are being conducted by our Education Committee, as part of the Children at Risk update. — *Annette Mills, Vice President*



to all who helped with voter registration: Eleen Baumann, Sheryl Bernard, Joan Canan, Kathy Conner, Ann Kimerling, Holly Lantz, Laurie Mason, Mary Anne and Jim Nusrala, Ann Schaubert, and Nancy William.

We spent a total of 34 hours at the Corvallis high schools and at the Fall Festival, and registered 42 voters. In addition to registration, we were able to answer many questions about voting and registering to vote. — *Ann Brodie, Voter Service chair*

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This bulletin is the newsletter of the *League of Women Voters of Corvallis* and is produced 10 times a year.

If you have suggestions, comments, submissions, or story ideas for the Bulletin, contact Louise Marquering or Beth Thoennes. We welcome your input.

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

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



Community Planning Update Creekside Center Development

We have been waiting since late June 2011 for the developer of Creekside Center to respond to the remand issued by the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

I'm sure you all remember that the Corvallis League appealed the City's approval of this neighborhood shopping center development at 53rd St and Philomath Boulevard to

LUBA because it seriously encroached on a highly significant wetland designated by the City for protection.

The applicant has now submitted a revised application, but at our bulletin's press time, the formal letter requesting a public hearing has not been received. The City's time deadline doesn't start until receipt of this letter. Stay tuned.

– Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair



Order Fruit by November 15!

There's still time to order a delicious box (or boxes) of your choice or choices of fruit—

- Ruby red grapefruit,
- Navel oranges, *or*
- Combo fruit boxes with a selection of grapefruit & oranges *or* grapefruit, oranges & apples.

Your order blank was in the October bulletin. You could also print the fruit order form from the League's website. Just click on "Buy Fruit" at www.lwv.corvallis.or.us. The

fruit arrives the first week of December and is delivered to your home. If you don't order fruit, please consider a donation to League. (Remember, gifts to LWV Corvallis are *not* tax deductible.)

Help!

You can add to our customer list by looking at your address books for names of folks who are potential fruit buyers.

If you can help with fruit delivery, contact Louise by phone or email, 541-753-0012 / lwvclouise@aol.com. The fruit will be here December 6, 7 or 8. – Louise Marquering



REMINDER Dues are Due

If there is a RED DOT on your bulletin label, you have not yet sent in your 2012-2013 dues.

Dues are \$60 for an individual, \$90 for a household and student membership is \$30. You may use the envelope you received with your September bulletin or clip out the membership coupon on the last page of this issue. Your membership is important to the League!

Thanks to the 45 individuals and 22 household members who sent in their dues, as of October 15. Your timeliness is much appreciated.

Why be a member of League? The information you receive as a League member from the local, state and national Leagues will keep you one step ahead on issues that affect your life. You can play a role in helping to make our community better. Even if you don't have time for active participation, your membership alone will strengthen the League's voice.

– Corrine Gobeli and Laura Lahm Evenson, Membership Co-chairs.

WOMAN CITIZEN: Past, Present, and Future

A Symposium to Commemorate the Centennial of Woman Suffrage in Oregon, 1912-2012

Thursday, November 1, 9 AM -5 PM

Friday, November 2, 9 AM -1 PM

LaSells Stewart Center, Construction & Engineering Hall, OSU
All events are free and open to the public

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/womancitizen/2012/09/14/woman-citizen-symposium-november-1-2-2012/>

REMEMBER
TO VOTE



Completed ballots must be received either at an election office or an official drop box by **8 PM, November 6**. Postmarks on that date will not qualify your ballot. If you have questions about the candidates check VOTE411.org.



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League Calendar

November

Fruit Sale ends – November 15

- Thu-Fri 1-2** Woman Citizen Symposium, OSU
- Mon 5** 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote in Oregon
- Tue 6** Vote! Ballots due by 8 PM
- Wed 7** Board Meeting, 10- NOON
- 7** General Meeting: Coastal Study – Presentation by Dr. Mark Hixon

December

Fruit Delivery – first week of December

- Tue 4** Coastal Study Consensus
- Wed 5** Board Meeting, 10- NOON
- Sat 15** Bill of Rights Day

Join the League!

Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ \$60 individual membership ____ \$90 household

____ \$30 student ____ Renewal ____ Contribution*

I would like to be considered:

Active Member ____ **Inactive Member/Supporter** ____

What special skills/talents/interests can you share with the League?

LWV’s membership year begins in October.

Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:
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P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

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