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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.



## PUBLIC FORUM

# Accommodating Growth, Preserving Neighborhoods

A review of neighborhood activities and a one-year update on the work of the City/OSU Collaboration Project

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013, 7 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library  
645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis

### PANEL on OSU Growth and Corvallis

#### *Representing Neighborhoods:*

B.A. Beierle, PreservationWORKS

Charlyn Ellis, Chair, Citizens for a Livable Corvallis

#### *Representing Corvallis/OSU Collaboration Project Work Groups:*

Neighborhood Livability: Robert Reff, Coordinator, OSU Substance Abuse Prevention

Parking & Traffic: Steve Clark, OSU V.P. for University Relations & Marketing

Neighborhood Planning: John Corden, Corden Properties LLC

*Moderator:* Betty Griffiths, LWV Community Planning Committee

Following the panel presentations, questions from the audience are invited.

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## President's Corner – Kate Mathews

As I write this message on January 15, I am thinking about Martin Luther King's Birthday and the milestone we celebrate with it.

**We go forward to February 14** and the birthday of the League of Women Voters, and how it was formed from another milestone, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. When I think about our current political situation, I wonder if perhaps Washington should take an example from the League of Women Voters and try collaboration and reaching consensus.

**Back to our own League's activities.** Our Legislative Town Halls begin the first Saturday in February (February 2) and continue on the first Saturdays through June. On February 12, we have an excellent panel to discuss Corvallis, OSU, and what is happening locally. On February 14 we will have a "Birthday Party" for League. I hope to see you at many of these functions.

**The Nominating Committee** will start soon to line up a slate of candidates for next year. One half of the board is elected each year for two-year terms. So the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary, and 3 board members will be elected. If you are asked to be a candidate, please seriously consider saying yes to this rewarding experience. If you are not able to serve, let the committee know how you might be willing to help.



## Membership Matters

**WELCOME**  
New Member Arne Landsberg!

Updated LWV of Corvallis membership directories will be available in February. To reduce mailing costs, copies will be sent by mid-February via email to

everyone with an email address, unless you specifically request a printed copy. Printed copies will be available at February and March general meetings. To request a copy via postal service, please call Corrine Gobeli at 541-745-7736 or [cgobeli@comcast.net](mailto:cgobeli@comcast.net).



## January 9 Board Meeting Notes

**Adding Electronic voting** to the Bylaws, for board action between meetings, was proposed for approval at Annual Meeting.

**Noon-time Program Planning meeting** was suggested for next year.

**Legislative Town Halls** – Legislators have been contacted. Monthly Town Halls will be on first Saturday mornings, February through June.

**Meeting speakers** – Dick Waring will be asked to speak on Climate Change at the April 9 meeting. Jill Van Buren, retired Benton County Elections Supervisor, was suggested as our Annual Meeting speaker. (Both have accepted.)

**Life members** – 50-year members will be recognized at the May 28 Annual Meeting.

**Dagmar Johnson** reported on the dental program, dental vans and vouchers.

**Goals input** – League has submitted two goals for the City's goal-setting process: updated housing policy and increased citizen participation.

**Children at Risk** – Victoria Martinez updated us on the Education committee's work and LWVOR's letter on the ethnic school discipline gap to Ron Saxton, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and a member of the governor's educational issues team.

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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.



## Legislature 2013 Town Hall Meetings

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 10 AM

*Saturdays:* February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1

**Come to League's Town Hall Meetings!** Invited to participate in the Town Hall Meetings are: Senator Betsy Close, Representative Sarah Gelser, Representative Andy Olson, and Representative Jim Thompson.

Legislators will present their individual priorities and hopes for the session, emphasizing budget and legislative process. Then the meeting will be open to audience questions, followed by time to meet with legislators one-on-one.

The organizational session of the 77th Legislature convened Monday, January 14, 2013. The 77th regular session convenes on February 4. For more information, see the Legislature's website: [www.leg.state.or.us/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/). Legislative information also is available on the League web site – [www.lwvor.org/current-issues-2/legislative-report/](http://www.lwvor.org/current-issues-2/legislative-report/).



## League Submits Goals for Corvallis

In January, community members were invited to submit proposals for Corvallis City Council Goals

for 2013– 14. League's proposals, summarized below, were among nearly eighty received.

**PROPOSAL:** Adopt a City Council goal to increase citizen participation and community resilience by improving citizen notification and participation and supporting stronger connections at the neighborhood level.

**PROPOSAL:** Adopt a City Council goal to actively support a healthier, more diverse and affordable housing environment through 1) review and update of Comprehensive Plan housing policies, and 2) completion of an up-to-date Buildable Land Inventory.

**At a January 4th work session,** the new City Council narrowed the proposals down to 6, with 3 that were carried over from 2012. Those proposed to be continued are economic development strategy, city budget, and City/OSU collaboration.

**New goal proposals are:** Providing a better mix of affordable and desirable housing; producing a citizen's engagement program by getting more people involved in civic affairs and recruiting a wider variety of candidates for public office; and tackling homelessness and finding a permanent location for a cold weather homeless shelter.

**A second Council work session** on goal setting is scheduled for February 27 and a final vote on the goals will take place at a Council meeting in March.



## Dental Coalition Adds Vouchers to Vans: Oral Health Coalition 2013 Update

The Benton County Oral Health Coalition has initiated a voucher program for eligible adults after conducting a local needs assessment and studying how other communities address the need for emergency adult dental care. This program will supplement the dental vans, and is made possible through a grant from Samaritan Health Services.

Uninsured adults 19 and over are eligible to apply for screening at one of the community dental vans. Eight local dentists have agreed to participate, and they will see the

patients in their offices. The \$100 vouchers cover an emergency examination, x-ray, and a service for a specific tooth or area of the mouth (extraction, filling or isolated root planing).

During a special adult dental day at the Boys and Girls Club, patients were surveyed about their willingness and ability to pay something for dental services. The majority said they would be willing to pay something, so voucher recipients are being asked to pay \$10 for the voucher to help with sustainability of the program. – *Dagmar Johnson*



## Gazette-Times' MVP List Includes Mills

A recent Corvallis Gazette-Times' survey listed Annette Mills in the mid-valley's most powerful people. Mills is a past president and currently 1st Vice President of the Corvallis League; she is facilitator for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition.

Annette observes, "We're living in a world in which the primary paradigm is still one of dominance – dominance of the "haves" over the "have-nots," dominance of humans over the natural world. So we all – women, as well as men – tend to operate within that paradigm. In reality, everything is interconnected. My well-being is dependent upon your well-being and the earth's well-being. ...

In practical terms, those influential women and men who understand interdependence are good listeners, are able to understand another's perspective, and are actively seeking points of connection. Women have an edge over men in that regard, but I see more and more men with those qualities. What women might learn from men is to have more confidence – to know that their voices and perspectives matter a great deal.

Annette's advice to a young woman: "Leave your ego behind. See yourself as a vehicle for something much bigger than yourself. Know your purpose, and act upon it. Take a genuine interest in everyone you meet by seeking points of connection. And be willing to work very hard."

## Capitol Rally: Health Care for All



On February 4, 2013, from 10AM to 3PM, Health Care for All Oregon will hold a rally on the Capitol steps in Salem to demonstrate the breadth of support for this cause. The schedule, transportation options, and details are at: [hcao.org/feb-rally-for-health-care](http://hcao.org/feb-rally-for-health-care). To reserve a place on the bus from Corvallis, email Bobbi Hall: [rlhall@peak.org](mailto:rlhall@peak.org).



## Grant Applications Due February 15

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 board. *The application deadline is February 15 for project start-up in May.* Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from our website—[www.lwv.corvallis.or.us](http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us).

## Our River, Our Money, Our Choice

Member David Eckert's article "Our River, Our Money, Our Choice," in a recent Sierra Club newsletter, *The Benchmark*, addresses the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) problem faced by the City of Corvallis. The city contemplates spending millions of dollars on cooling outflow from its wastewater plant into the Willamette River to meet federal standards.

Take a look at the article for David's explanation of the city's options and possible solutions: [oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/marys\\_peak/benchmark/pdf/Winter2013.pdf](http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/marys_peak/benchmark/pdf/Winter2013.pdf). Information also is available on the City's Public Works website, with additional links: [www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=138](http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=138).



*Willamette River near Corvallis*



**"Get Off to a Good Start" on March 12!** League's Education Committee will present a panel on Early Childhood Readiness, including Cindy Bond (Old Mill Center), Bobbie Weber (OSU Public Health), and Joanne Sorte (OSU Head Start). They will focus on programs for children ages 0-6 and Oregon's Early Learning Council goals. The program is at the Library, March 12, at 7PM and includes a local program resource guide. – *Victoria Martinez, Education Committee Chair*



### Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, League of Women Voters!

LWV planks presented to the 1920 Democratic convention. First LWV President, Maud Wood Park (1920-1924)

“The fight,” of course, was for the vote, which was extended to U.S. women on August 26, 1920, the date that the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect.

**The League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920** in Chicago.

It brought to life a 1919 proposal by Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, for the

***Celebrate League!***  
You are invited to a Birthday Tea –  
Drop in between 4 and 5:30 PM  
Thursday, February 14  
at the home of Paula Krane  
3363 NW Crest Drive  
(Northeast corner of Crest & Alta Vista)

creation of a league of women voters to “finish the fight” and aid in the reconstruction of the nation.



### Happy 154<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Oregon!

Oregon’s path to statehood began in 1841, when trapper and entrepreneur Ewing Young died leaving great wealth, no heir, and no system to probate his estate. At a meeting following Young’s funeral, a probate government was proposed and Dr. Ira Babcock was elected Supreme Judge. Babcock then chaired two meetings in 1842 at Champoege to discuss wolves and other animals of concern.

Before long settlers flooded in on the Oregon Trail and the 1855 Donation Land Claim Act brought more.

The 1857 Oregon Constitutional Convention sent the matter of statehood to Congress—which delayed for two years, then approved Oregon’s admission as a free state. President Buchanan signed the bill on February 14, 1859, making Oregon the 33<sup>rd</sup> state of the Union.

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### Fruit Fundraiser Thanks



A huge thank you goes to all who helped with League’s Fruit Fundraiser. 152 non-members and 59 members purchased 360 cases of fruit. The LWV of Corvallis netted \$2,891, including \$325 in donations. Unsold cases were donated to Alsea Gleaners, Marys River Gleaners, Stone Soup, and Norwood Foster Care.

#### Unloaders

Doug Brodie    Louise Marquering    Kate Mathews    Michael Quindlivan    Harvey, Jeremy & Philip Thoennes

#### Fruit deliverers

Jan & Bud Ames	Dagmar Johnson	Patty & Tom McClintock	Ann Smart
Pat & Norm Bishop	Marilyn Koenitzer	Jean Nath	Doris & Dick Waring.
Ann & Doug Brodie	Paula Krane	Denise Nervik	
Carolyn Brumley	Laura Lahm Evenson	Jo Overton	
Marcia Cutler	Kate Mathews	Jeanne & Richard Raymond	

Thanks also to Beth and Harvey Thoennes, who let us use their garage to receive and store the fruit for a couple of days.

**Think ahead!** Some people have mentioned others who might have bought fruit. You can think now of groups you belong to and people you know who might support League by buying fruit. You don’t have to do the asking – we will mail them a letter in the fall. Send their addresses to me now at LWVCLouise@aol.com. Thank you! – Louise Marquering



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*February 2, 10AM*  
**Legislative Town Hall**  
*Corvallis Public Library*



## February

- Sat 2 Legislative Town Hall, 10AM, Library
- Mon 4 Legislative Session begins, Salem  
Health Care for All Rally, Salem
- Wed 6 Board Meeting, 10AM
- Tue 12 General Meeting: *Accommodating Growth, Sustaining Neighborhoods*, 7PM
- Thu 14 LWV's 93<sup>rd</sup>, Oregon's 154<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
LWV Birthday Tea, Paula Krane's, 4PM

## March

*Women's History Month*

- Sat 2 Legislative Town Hall, 10AM, Library
- Wed 6 Board Meeting, 10AM
- Tue 12 General Meeting: *Children At Risk*, Library, 7PM
- Thu 14 Sustainability Fair; Town Hall, 5-9PM

## April

- Wed 3 Board Meeting, 10AM
- Sat 6 Legislative Town Hall, 10AM, Library
- Tue 9 General Meeting *Climate Change*, Library, 7PM

## 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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