



LWV Corvallis

Serving Benton and Linn Counties

January 2007

January Unit Meetings Local Health Care and the Archimedes Movement

Monday, January 15, 7:00pm
Corvallis Caring Place, 23rd

Wednesday, January 17, 1:30pm
US Bank, corner Walnut and 9th street

What can we do with our Health Care positions?
What are we looking for in a universal health care
system?

I have a million questions about current health
services in Benton County. But even if all of
these questions can be answered, the answers
may soon become irrelevant. The movement for
universal health care is accelerating and there is
certain to be at least one proposal in the State
legislature in the upcoming session.

State and National LWV have strong positions
favoring access to health care for everyone. If
the legislature successfully launches a new
program, it may be very different from what we're
used to. What do we need to know to be effective
in our lobbying in Oregon?

Our position gives us some clues. LWVUS wants
to see:

- Equitable distribution of services
- Efficient and economical delivery of care
- Advancement of medical research and technology
- Reasonable total expenditure level for health care.

Since much of medical practice in the US is not
governmental, an Oregon universal health care
model will probably be a unique blend of public &
private service and public and private funding.
League can only address governmental policy in
this debate, but it will be to our advantage to
know how the game is played locally now in
order to recognize sensible changes as they are
proposed.

By looking at the local health care scene, we can
identify the kinds of problems that we want to fix.
Our discussion at the unit meetings will cover the
suggestion that we survey community needs in
search of gaps in service. We should also identify
our position in the coming debate over how (not
whether) to provide universal access to health
care in Oregon.

If you have a health service experience that
points out a problem in our medical system, bring
it along and share it with us.

–Carolyn Brumley & Shelly Murphy

Book Club

January 8, at Martha Brookes', 1776 by David
McCullough, call 753-1417 for directions.

Town Hall Meetings Scheduled

The 74th Legislative Session will start on January
8 and will consider the recommendations made
by the Public Commission on the Legislature.
One of those recommendations was to delay the
start of hearings, especially the budget
committees', since the forecasted revenue for the
new biennium is not known until May. In that
spirit, the topic for our first forum is **revenue
available** for this coming session.

This year's TownHalls will take place at the
Corvallis Library on Saturday mornings from 9:30
am to 11:30am on the following dates: January
27 (OR finances), March 31, April 28, June 2,
June 30. These meetings are always well
attended. Senator Frank Morse has been the
most consistent participant in TownHalls in the
past two sessions. They serve as an open
dialogue between state representatives and their
Benton County constituents. If you would like to
help or bake refreshments, please call Doris
Waring at 752-4635.

Seeking qualified, enthusiastic Leaguers!

LWVOR's nominating committee is looking for state board officers and directors for the 2007-2009 term. The following positions will be up for election at the 2007 Convention: the President, the 1st Vice President, three Directors, the Chair and three Nominating Committee Members. Any League member who is interested in serving or wishes to recommend a member for any of these offices should email Helen Scholom at helenpeace@juno.com or call (541) 535-8983. We would love to hear from you!

Helen Scholom
LWVOR Nominating Committee Chair

Local LWV Leadership Needs

Our local Nominating Committee is also looking for next year's leadership. Their report from the Program Planning Meeting is coming in next month's bulletin. Stay tuned.

Grapefruit Sales Very Successful!

A very quick wrap up of our Grapefruit Fundraiser. A more complete summary and thank you to all who helped will be coming next month. Together with Newport we increased our orders by 12%. 605 boxes were delivered to my home on December 8. This all worked very nicely. Newport took their 159 boxes and we had 446 to deliver. After expenses this netted our League about \$3400. A nice way to start the New Year.

Kate Mathews

LWV OR Immigration or Legislative Interviews?

If you are interested in participating in the state LWV study on immigration or legislative interviews, contact Shelly Murphy at 754-1184.

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