



LWV Corvallis

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May 2005

LWV CORVALLIS ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 2005, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Public Library Meeting Room
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Dinner Buffet, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. catered by Valley Catering

Featured Speaker: **Margaret Noel, LWVOR President**

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

“Report on the 2005 LWVOR Convention”

Business Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Adoption of Program and 2005-06 budget and election of Board Members (Agenda on page 5)

Co-sponsored by the Corvallis-Benton County Public. Car-pooling recommended.

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Legislative Town Hall Meeting

Legislators will begin the May Town Hall Meeting by addressing ‘Financing Education’, a subject that sparked lively discussion both in Salem and at our recent School Board Candidate Night. **Join us on Saturday morning, May 7th at 9:30 in the Corvallis/Benton County Library.** We will talk about K-12, Community College and University funding. Last month’s Town Hall Meeting attracted a large crowd and four local legislators. We expect this next one to be equally exciting. Ann Smart will moderate.

And don’t forget our final Town Hall, **June 4th** where we will discuss Health Care Issues.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: End of the Year

It's time to wind up our year's activities and plan for next year. Our annual meeting is time to review our accomplishments and to honor our board members, especially those leaving the board. This year Sue Mariner and Lois Zaerr will finish their tours of duty and turn in other directions. Sue has been our events organizer for two years and secretary for two years, and she helped organize Leadership Corvallis Government Day and Legislative Days for the past 3 years. I appreciated her organizational skills in setting up these daylong workshops. Lois Marie Zaerr came on board to assume the Grapefruit fundraiser, and she and her husband did yeoman's duty. Fortunately, Kate Matthews has agreed to take on the Grapefruit Sales task and has already talked with former fundraisers.

Most of our board members are continuing for another year, for which I am very grateful. This group is committed to the league mission and gives its energy and talents to this organization. Shelly Murphy continues as Treasurer, Paula Krane as Action, Liz Frenkel as Growth Management, and Kathy Conner and Pat Bishop as Voter Service. Carolyn Brumley, our new Bulletin Editor, joins the board. Some of our board members will take on other jobs off-board. JoAnne Trow will become Events Coordinator; Jean Nath will be Membership Chair and plans to greet new members next year. Patty McClintock will help her with the electronic database. Ruth Gallagher, our former secretary, will leave the nominating committee this year. We have three long time league members assuming the nomination task for next year. At the time of this bulletin, we still need volunteers for secretary and publicity for next year.

This year our attention has been turned toward Salem and the legislative process. We have distributed hundreds of the Funding Oregon booklets to organizations, schools and citizens in Corvallis. We distributed 300 Tax Myth flyers on April 15 at the Post Office. We have had programs on Hunger in Oregon, Campaign Finance Reform, and Land Use History in Oregon. We have held Candidates Forums and Ballot Measure Forums, and hosted Legislative Town Halls through June 4. We are looking forward to the outcome of this legislative session and would like to plan a wrap-up forum after the session adjourns.

Next year we will be able to focus on more local activities and engage in studies. Please read the local program planning article and give us some input about the areas you would like us to research and study or suggest program topics for the coming year. Now is your chance to give your opinions, a favorite league activity. Hope to see you at the annual meeting.

-Karen Nibler

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Off Board

JoAnn Trow (Nominating Committee)

Marolyn Welch Tarrant (Membership)

Miriam Miller (events)

Lois Marie Zaerr (Grapefruit Sale)

Carolyn Brumley (Bulletin)

Mission

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.

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Challenge yourself with a good book

Join us at Roxana Bodine's, May 9, 7:30 p.m. to talk about *Don't Think of An Elephant, : Know Your Values And Frame The Debate*, by George Lakoff, professor of cognitive science and linguistics at UC-Berkeley. Call Roxana at 753-5612 for directions for her home and to let her know you'll be attending.

We'll also be recommending books for 2005-2006 reading, so come with your favorite books or the ones you'd like to read. If you can't make the meeting, send suggestions to Corrine Gobeli, cgobeli@aol.com.

April LWV Activities

LWVC took part in Tax Day at the Post Office April 15th, handing out LWV's *Tax Myths and Facts*. Flyers were well received and the mood remained cheerful, even in the rain. Thanks go to volunteers Shelly Murphy, Kathy Conner (and her two grandchildren), JoAnne Trow, Pat & Norm Bishop, Sue Mariner, and Charlie Tomlinson.

We're trying something new –



Conversation and Coffee

2 PM Tuesday, May 17, 2004
New Morning Bakery

Old members, new members, bring a friend....this is a chance to visit without an agenda, to learn more about LWV and to meet Leaguers. How long has it been since we've had a chance to get to know one another and our newest members? You may purchase refreshments at the bakery counter and join us to chat for as long as you like. Board members will be there from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. We're saving you a place!

-Shelly Murphy and Carolyn Brumley

LWVC NOMINATIONS - Spring 2005

The following individuals are nominated to serve on the LWV Corvallis Board for 2005-2006:

Board Members:

- 1st Vice President no nominee
- 2nd Vice President no nominee
- Secretary no nominee
- Director Carolyn Brumley
- Director Pat Bishop

Nominating Committee:

- Corrine Gobeli
- Nancy Schary
- Jean Marvell

Off Board:

- Membership Jean Nath
- Finance/grapefruit sales Kate Matthews
- Events Coordinator JoAnne Trow
- Leadership Corvallis Liaison

Continuing Officers/Board Members:

- President Karen Nibler
- Treasurer Shelly Murphy
- Director Kathy Conner
- Director Liz Frenkel
- Director Paula Krane

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Jo Anne Trow, Patty McClintock, Ruth Gallagher, Pat Bishop, and Kathy Conner.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The board discussed changes in the end of the budget year and changes in the timing of the annual meeting. It was decided to delay the annual meeting until after the LWVOR council or convention in the spring. We can report on the budget decisions and program decisions from the state level, which helps in our budget and program planning for the following year. Since the annual meeting occurs after the end of our budget year, which is March 31, the final numbers for the completion of the budget year can be published in time for the annual meeting. The board recommends that the budget year remain the same, April 1 to March 31, but that the annual meeting be changed from April 1 to April 30 to May 1 to May 30. The following bylaw change is submitted for a vote of the membership.

Article VII. Necessary Meetings: Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. "An annual meeting shall be held between May 1 and May 30, the exact date to be determined by the board of directions."

LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING

What subjects would you like the league to study? Three years ago we adopted the study, Reorganization of the Department of Human Services, interviewed staff in the local DHS agencies, and presented an educational program with representatives of five local branches of state human service agencies. A short article on the reorganization was in the bulletin but a study paper was not written nor was a new position adopted. The board recommends that we not continue this study, but we turn our attention to Health Care in our regional area.

Two years ago we chose The Judicial System in Benton County as a study, but we have not had a committee. We have had programs in the past two years on Judicial Independence, which was sponsored by LWVUS. Judicial Independence continues to be a concern at the federal and state level. LWVUS is exploring further educational efforts or studies on the Federal Judicial System. An Oregon Judicial study has been proposed for the LWVOR convention. Since both the national and state level will be exploring this topic, the local league recommends we continue to highlight this program area.

The **Growth Management** Committee has been monitoring Corvallis planning decisions and has taken positions on the Big Box proposals. Undoubtedly, they will continue to meet when planning issues arise. This committee will closely watch the city and county's responses to Measure

7 claims. An update on the land use planning changes as a result of M37 may be indicated in the future. Action is the emphasis now.

Another local study possibility is **Affordable Housing**, a follow-up on our March program; a look at funding changes on the federal and state levels and the effects on the local level. **Hunger** in our community is impacted by changes in federal and state funding, as well as the national economy. An update on **Know Your City** is a possibility although the City does good public education through its newsletter and website. The **Know Your County** booklet was written but not printed; it could be finished.

Health Services in Benton County was the topic of most interest to board members. Board members will propose a study of Local Health Care with a survey during the first year of availability, access, and affordability of our public and private physical and mental health services. This will be presented for members to approve, amend, or reject at the annual meeting.

At the end of the business meeting, we will have time for directions to the board. At this time, it is appropriate to suggest topics for programs or improvements in operations. Last year, it was suggested that the league have afternoon meetings and we have had two afternoon programs plus this early dinner meeting. We will continue this effort next year. Please give us your observations and opinions so we can meet your expectations.

Planning to attend Annual Meeting on May 26th? Clip this and return with your check to Jean Nath by May 18th

Mail along with your check for **\$13.00** made payable to **LWV Corvallis** to:

Jean Nath
2265 NW Brownly Heights Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

Menu: Spanikopita & Mediterranean Chicken, Croissants, rice pilaf, Greek salad, fruit salad, strawberries & cake.

NAME: _____

_____ I plan to attend the annual League of Women Voters of Corvallis meeting, May 26th at 5:30 at the Library

_____ I will need a ride _____ I can offer someone a ride

**LWV CORVALLIS
Annual Meeting Agenda**

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Featured Speaker, 6:30 – 7:00 PM
Business Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 PM*

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Report on the 2005 State LWV Convention**

Annual Business Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Parliamentarian
3. Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes
4. Quorum Determination
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Recommendation of the 2005-2006 Program:
 - *The Board recommends one new study.*
 - *Retain all current positions for action.*
 - *Continue the Judicial System study along with LWVOR and LWVUS.*
 - *New study proposal - The Board recommends one new study - Health Care Services in Benton County*
 - Discussion of Proposed Program
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Adoption of Program
9. Adoption of Budget
10. Report of Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee offers the following candidates for the LWVC Board for 2005-2006:

 - *Officers: vacant, Vice-President, and vacant, Secretary*
 - *Elected Directors: Pat Bishop, Carolyn Brumley*
 - *Continuing Officers: Karen Nibler, President, Shelly Murphy, Treasurer,*
 - *Continuing Directors: Paula Krane, Kathryn Conner, Liz Frenkel*
 - *Nominating Committee: Corrine Gobeli, Nancy Schary, Jean Marvell*
11. Election of Board Members
12. Proposed Bylaw Change Vote
13. Directions to the Board From Members
14. Recognition/Celebration
15. Announcements
16. Adjourn

Upcoming Events: May '05

May 7 - Legislative Town Hall, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Corvallis Library

May 9 - Book Club at Roxanna Bodine's home
7:30 pm (see article)

May 17 – LWV Social hour at New Morning Bakery
2:00-4:00pm.

May 26 – LWVC Annual Meeting, Invited Speaker Margaret Noel, President of LWVOR
6:30 – 8:30pm at Library

Mark Your Calendar Thrift Shop Consignment Days

Open Thursdays for consignments.
Call ahead to make arrangements
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