



# League of Women Voters of Corvallis

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### 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.

## Fall Kick-off meeting

### Tuesday, September 25

### 7:00 PM

## Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

### "Protecting Ag Land AND Property Rights: Yes on 49!"

### Speaker: Lane Shetterly

Lane Shetterly, former Director of the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development, will be the main speaker at our **Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** kickoff meeting at **7 p.m. at the Corvallis- Benton County Public Library**. Lane will provide details on Measure 49, which modifies the 2004 statutory initiative related to land use.

Having seen more than 7,500 claims filed, over 200 lawsuits, and more than 500 land use applications to date as a result of those claims, the League of Women Voters of Oregon supports Measure 49. This Measure 37 "fix" modifies the original initiative to assure that qualified claimants can have up to ten home sites (three under an "express" process and additional if they can prove loss of value), while protecting our high-value farmland and not allowing large subdivisions, commercial or industrial developments.

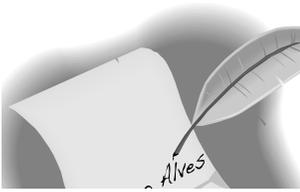
Measure 49 answers many of the questions brought by the lawsuits and clarifies

the rights of long time property owners, while also protecting those neighbors who purchased property in the last 30-plus years.

Our kickoff meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with an overview of League programs for 2007-08. Come and learn how you can be involved with a variety of League issues. At 7:30p.m., our focus will shift to Measure 49. Come learn the details, have your questions answered and learn why the League asks that you Vote YES on Measure 49!



## President's Corner



The Corvallis League is set for a wonderful year. Our new board has met three times already. We all talk at once, but we do get a lot done!

We are especially pleased to welcome Annette Mills, our new vice-president. She is new to Corvallis, but has had extensive LWV experience in her former life, back in Virginia. She is also very active with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and is an expert on a variety of environmental issues.

Our committees are shaping up nicely with good membership on the Water, Immigration, and Land Use committees. We are still looking for volunteers to work on the Voter Service committee and to help with the grapefruit sale. You will have a chance to sign up for any of these committees or other volunteer tasks at our fall meeting on Sept. 25th. Give some serious

thought to how you would like to participate this year.

Our kick off meeting promises to be both fun and informative. Lane Shetterly will be our keynote speaker, explaining the ins and outs of Measure 49, which is the revision of Measure 37. As you no doubt recall, this is the measure that requires local government to pay property owners if the value of their land has been adversely affected by zone changes. Forty nine will be on the ballot in November to address the worst aspects of that law. Lane is a former legislator and also the former director of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. He is a great speaker, as well as being very well informed.

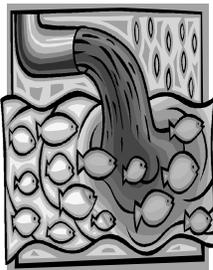
Since this will be such an exciting meeting, this would be a good time to bring a friend who might be interested in joining the League. I look forward to seeing you all on Sept. 25th.

## Barbara Ross

## "Water Currents In Oregon"

### "Water Currents In Oregon"

This amazing study of water by Oregon's water resources, published by LWVOR in 1985, is a wonderful backgrounder for how water is managed in Oregon and the realities of the cost of water. It is just one of the many resources related to water that are being identified by the LWV Corvallis Water Committee which held its first meeting August 30<sup>th</sup>. (Printed copies are available from Liz Frenkel.) The Corvallis League is embarking on a year-long study of local water issues in connection with the



LWVOR state water study.

The next meeting of the LWV Corvallis Water Committee will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, at 10 AM to noon, at Liz Frenkel's (4954 Hollyhock Circle). Join us at the "info" stage. It's fun, educational and provocative. Issues related to water quality and quantity, water supply and demand affect you, your neighbor, and your community.

For more information or directions to the meeting or to be added to the Water Study e-mail list: Corrine Gobeli (745-7736) cgobeli@aol.com or Liz Frenkel (754-6790) lizbobfrenkel@proaxis.com.

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The bulletin is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis and is produced 10 times a year. We welcome your comments, suggestions, story ideas and submissions. Contact Paula Krane or Louise Marquering. Submissions must be received no later than the Monday after the board meeting. Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older.



### Dates to Remember

**September 21**—10:00 AM  
LWV Corvallis Board meeting

**September 22-23**  
Fall Festival Voter Registration

**October 6**  
LWVOR Fall Workshop

**October 16 and 23**—7:00PM  
Voter Service Forums

**November 6**  
Election Day

# LWVOR FALL WORKSHOP 2007

First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## Dues are Due!

LWV annual membership dues for the 2007-2008 year are payable now. You can use the coupon on the back of the bulletin to mail them in. They will also be collected at the Kick-Off meeting on September 25th. Individual membership is \$52; Household membership (2 persons at the same address) \$78. Student memberships are \$26.

In addition to dues - which are not tax deductible - many folks make a tax deductible donation at this time. If you wish to do so, make out a **separate check** to either the **LWVUS Education Fund** or the **LWVOR Education Fund** and mail it to me with your dues check. If you do this, I will send it in with our quarterly Per Member Payment (PMP)\* to either the LWVUS or the LWVOR. **The amount of your contribution to the Education Fund will be deducted from the PMP amount that we owe.**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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\*Per Member Payment is the amount we send for each member to our national and state organizations. LWVUS gets \$26.80 (2<sup>nd</sup> household member \$13.40) and LWVOR gets \$25 (2<sup>nd</sup> household member \$12.50). That leaves 20 cents to run the LWV Corvallis, which is why we have a major fundraiser each year like the grapefruit sale!

- 9:30 Registration, networking, coffee, etc.
- 10:00 Welcome and introductory remarks
- 10:15 Energizing our Local Leagues:  
Membership Recruitment Ideas that Really Work
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 "Water, Water Everywhere": A Water Study Preview
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Measure 49: Yes on 49 (Land Use) - Senator Floyd Prozanski
- 1:30 Measure 50: Pros and Cons of the Healthy Kids Initiative
- 2:00 Break
- 2:10 A Forum to Share League Success Stories and Ideas
- 2:50 Wrap-up and Evaluation

**ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Bring a guest!**

Registration for LWVOR Fall Workshop – DUE SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

League: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (nonmembers only): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment is enclosed (includes coffee, pastries, lunch and hand- outs). Please make checks payable to LWVOR:

- \$17.50 for League members
- \$20.00 for guests
- I prefer a vegetarian lunch

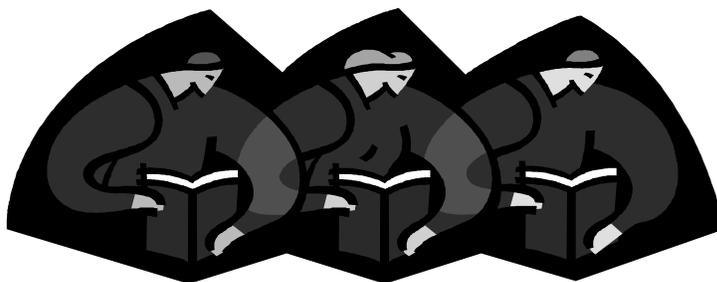
Mail to: League of Women Voters of Oregon, 1330 12th Street SE, Suite 200, Salem, Oregon 97302 by Sept. 26, 2007. Questions? Contact Rebecca at lwvor@lwvor.org or 503-581-5722.

Map and directions are available on [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org) Members Site. Login in with username "lwvor" and password "carriecatt". Go to "Events" for link.

# National Immigration Study

LWV-Corvallis has an Immigration Study Committee and we are gearing up for the Consensus Meetings in January. That may seem like a long way off, but there is a lot for all us to do before we can make an informed decision. For starters on November 8th we will have a public forum about the Impacts of Immigration (Documented and Undocumented) on Benton and Linn Counties.

For some background information, the February 2007 and June 2007



issues of the *National Voter* have two Study Briefs and an article on a Historical Perspective of Immigration. For those with internet access, I strongly recommend that you go to [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org) and check out the information they have for the

study. In particular the consensus questions we will be discussing are on-line and available for pre-view.

In the upcoming months the local study committee will be sending out more information to help you

with the consensus process. There is still lots of work that needs to be done. If you would like to join the Study Committee or if you would like more information, please contact Tanya Shively at [tanya22@msn.com](mailto:tanya22@msn.com) or at 929-6498.

## OPPORTUNITIES

League is in need of a new webmaster. This is a good job for a person who would like to do something for the League, but has limited free time. The person must have a computer and an internet connection.

The webmaster inputs up-to-date information to the current, already designed website, and posts the newsletter. The information for the updates and the

newsletter is provided once a month. It is estimated that it would take about 60 to 90 minutes per month. Our outgoing webmaster has agreed to help her successor.

If you would like to provide this service to the Corvallis League, please contact Shelly Murphy (754-1184 or [shellym@peak.org](mailto:shellym@peak.org)).

Volunteers needed for Voter Registration during the fall festival (September 22nd and 23rd). There

are still some two hour shifts available. Our booth this year will be at corner of NW 8th and Monroe. Contact Kathy Conner (753-4797) to sign up or for more information.

### VOTER REGISTRATION



## Support our Local League

Fall is around the corner and --- IT'S **GRAPEFRUIT** TIME AGAIN Our annual grapefruit fundraiser will be from October 8 to November 16. Funds raised are used to support our local programs. Very little of the dues money is returned from National LWV. Details in



the next bulletin. We did very well last year and I hope everyone will be prepared to go out and sell!

The mailing will be the

first week of October. I could use help getting it out. I have not set a date for the mailing party, but if you could help sometime during that week please give me a ring.

Kate Mathews 754-1172

# LWV Joins Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

*Sustainability = Using natural, financial, and human resources in a responsible manner that meets existing needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

(From City of Corvallis Sustainability Policy – adopted May 17, 2004)

At their June retreat, the LWV of Corvallis Board of Directors appointed Diana Carsten to serve as the League's liaison to the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition – a network of non-profit organizations, businesses, faith communities, educational institutions and government entities in Corvallis and Benton – all of whom are working together to accelerate the creation of a sustainable community.

The League joined the newly formed coalition last February. With our strong positions in resource management, environmental protection, and social policy, the League has long been a leader in taking us in the direction of creating a more sustainable world.

The League is committed to set-

ting an example on issues related to sustainability. As a Sustainability Coalition "partner," the League can increase our effectiveness by reaching more citizens, learning from other partners' successes, and participating in demonstration projects with community-wide visibility. As the League's representative, Diana will attend quarterly Coalition gatherings, provide input from the League, and receive and distribute communications from the Coalition to League members.

So far, the new Coalition has accomplished several important steps:

- Encouraged the Corvallis City Council to establish Corvallis as the leading sustainable community in the state. City Council responded by including "begin to develop a community-wide sustainability initiative" as one of its goals for 2007-08.



- Established an *ad hoc* Steering Committee.

- Developed a vision, mission, goals, and operational plan for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition.

- Formed task groups to complete

short-term projects related to energy, green building, land use, local food, and sustainability education. (Example: the new rainwater collection system at the South Co-op is a completed project of the Green Building Task Group.)

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is growing, with new partner organizations and individuals joining each week. Go to [www.sustainablecorvallis.org](http://www.sustainablecorvallis.org) for more information, including a complete list of current partner organizations.

Members are encouraged to contact Diana ([carsten@peak.org](mailto:carsten@peak.org)) with your ideas.

## Book Club



The LWVC Book Club will meet this fall to select books for the upcoming reading season. The time and place for the first meeting has not yet been set, but it will be during the day rather than in the evening. In the meantime, if you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings or have books to recommend, please contact Corrine Gobeli, 745-7736, [cgobeli@aol.com](mailto:cgobeli@aol.com).



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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$52 individual membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$78 household membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$26 student membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a new member! Please call.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm renewing my membership.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in working with LWVC this year.  
Please call.

Membership in LWV Corvallis is open to all citizens 18 years and over.

The membership year begins in October. Please make checks payable to the LWV Corvallis and mail to: LWV Corvallis, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679.

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

