



LWV Corvallis

Serving Benton and Linn Counties

May/June 2006

LWV CORVALLIS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2006, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Public Library Meeting Room

645 NW Monroe Avenue

Buffet Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. by Valley Catering

Featured Speakers:

Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent

Kathy Rodeman, Business Services



'School Financing for Corvallis School District 509J'

7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Adoption of Program and 2006-07 budget and election of Board Members

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Co-sponsored by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

----For dinner reservations Clip this and return it with your check for \$14 by May 17th ----

Mail to:

LWVC,

P O Box 1679

Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

Chicken and Vegetarian entrees plus the trimmings and dessert.

Name: _____

_____ I plan to attend the LWV Annual Meeting, May 24th.

_____ I will need a ride

_____ I can offer someone a ride

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – Annual Report

This year we tackled substantive topics for our programs, starting with an Evaluation of the 73rd Legislative Session, progressing to an Update on Civil Liberties and Homeland Security, Meet Your Local Judges, Transportation in Benton County, a Benton County Budget Revenue, Openness in Government: and Homeless Youth in Benton County.

The Oregon Judiciary has been a study topic all year as we started with an interview with our local court administrator for the Circuit Court. The interview helped us to set up the Meet the Judges program and write questions for the LWVOR study committee. Thanks to JoAnne Trow for interviewing and facilitating the local program.

The Everymember pamphlet for the Oregon Judiciary Study has been drafted and sent to expert reviewers. It should be available in the fall as background material. The local leagues have interviewed judges and the responses are being compiled by members of the state committee. Once issues are identified, discussion questions will be written and sent to local leagues in the fall for consensus. We thank Paula Krane and JoAnne Trow for interviewing Benton and Linn County Judges and Court Administrators and for participating on the LWVOR study committee.

The Homeless Youth Study began with local interviews and each local league submitted a summary of responses to the LWVOR Study Committee. The state committee is compiling a statewide report. LWVOR committee members are also conducting interviews with state agency heads and policy makers in order to understand current policy and level of services. The LWVOR committee plans to continue working this summer in order to prepare study materials for winter or early spring.

The Homeless Youth Study for Benton County was submitted this spring and some of the information was presented at the last public meeting. The topic drew community interest and a good turnout. There were local recommendations attached to the report which the local league can act upon next year if the board approves. Thanks to Kathy Heath, Barbara Ross, Marianne Nusrala and Louise Marquering for interviewing, compiling and editing our local report. We look forward to the next phase of the study.

Karen Nibler

Board of Directors '05-'06

President Karen Nibler
VP, Communications – vacant
Secretary Pat Bishop
Treasurer Shelly Murphy

Directors:

Kathryn Conner (Voter Service)
Liz Frenkel (Growth Mgmt)
Carolyn Brumley (Bulletin Editor)
Paula Krane (Action)
JoAnn Trow (Events)
Kate Matthews (Grapefruit Sale)
Corrine Gobeli (Nominating Committee)
Jean Nath & Patty McClintock (Membership)
Leah Bolger (Publicity)

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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The bulletin is the newsletter of the LWV Corvallis and is produced nine times a year. Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older.



Membership news

League member Robert (Bob) Tarrant died on April 6, of complications from surgery. Bob was a distinguished member of the College of Forestry at OSU, a naval officer in both World War II and the Korean War, a banjo player who toured with several Dixieland jazz bands, as well as a volunteer in many service organizations. Bob recently became a charter member of Veterans for Peace in Corvallis. We send our sincerest sympathy to his wife, Marolyn Tarrant, a past president and long time board member of LWV Corvallis.

Member Noted in Passing: Althea Martel

New Member. Please welcome new member Samantha Sied, 124 NW 7th St. Apt. 101, Corvallis, ph 758-8079

Please change the phone number for Leah Bolger in your roster to 541-207-7761

2006 Homer Campbell Award

The Audubon Society of Corvallis' annual Homer Campbell Award honors a person in our region for outstanding contributions to environmental protection and for stimulating increased public awareness of conservation issues. This year Corvallis Audubon selected **Liz and Bob Frenkel**.

Although Bob has worked on wetland preservation in several areas, including the Salmon River estuary, the Willamette River Greenway, and the Owens Farm, he is best known for his efforts on behalf of the Jackson-Frazier Wetland since the 1970s. His contributions included fundraising, personal financial contributions, service on planning commissions, and securing thousands of hours of volunteer effort needed to complete the 3400-foot raised Bob Frenkel Boardwalk through the wetland.

Liz works tirelessly through the **League of Women Voters** and the Sierra Club. In 1995 she was described in a Sierra Club listing of "Earth Day Heroes" as "a doggedly tenacious powerhouse who thinks nothing of racking up \$300 home-phone bills for the environmental cause." Her local volunteer positions include Legislative Coordinator for the Oregon Sierra Club Chapter, Natural Resources Action Coordinator of the **Oregon League of Women Voters Action Committee**, and member of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan Revision Steering Committee. She spends thousands of hours lobbying and

testifying before the Oregon Legislature and other governing bodies, earning a reputation as one who knows both land-use planning and how to push the levers of government to make things happen. She fights to defend funding for State Parks, to defeat State Initiative 37, to block dam construction on the Upper Klamath River, and to open our Legislature to more public scrutiny. We're proud to claim Liz and Bob among our most active LWV Corvallis members. Congratulations are well deserved.

Oregon State University's 2006 Women of Achievement Award

recipients will be honored at a public reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at the campus Women's Center. The OSU Women's Center is recognizing five women this year: Diane Crocker, a teacher at Philomath Middle School, Lisa Ede, Barb Gartner and Donna Champeau, faculty members at OSU and our own **Paula Krane**, LWVC board member and active member of the League of Women Voters of Oregon. These annual awards are to honor the contributions and commitment of women whose work has benefited the women of OSU, the local community and Oregon.

Paula Krane has been active in the League of Women Voters since 1969. She served as President of the Corvallis Chapter, then the state of Oregon Chapter. As an extremely dedicated and hard working volunteer, she championed the Vote-By-Mail ballot measure in Oregon, which allows more stay-at-home women to vote in Oregon. Krane's peers say she is a tireless advocate for citizen rights for access and input to legislative session in Salem. She has made a commitment to equality and dedicated her work to furthering the status of women.



Join Other LWV Readers

LWV readers move to the gritty plains of Montana to read about Judy Blunt's life on an isolated cattle ranch in the 60's and 70's in the memoir *Breaking Clean*, May's book club selection. The book, which began as an essay for an English/creative writing course at the University of Montana, has won praise for its depiction of life in a beautiful yet harsh country, of the challenges of ranch life, and of the struggles of its author with the traditional role of a ranch wife. Join us May 8th, 7:30 at Nancy Schary's. Let Nancy know if you'll be joining the group: 752-1629

Events of interest:

May 1 - co-sponsored with Mid-Valley Health

Advocates - time and place TBA

May 17 City Forum on establishing a Police Citizen Review Board, 7:00 - 9:00 at Corvallis/Benton County Public Library.

Voters Service:

LWVOR recommends that LWV members **not** sign the petition for Initiative Measure #6, the TABOR Initiative. For election information:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/election>

<http://www.oregonvotes.org/>

<http://www.co.benton.or.us/elections/menu.htm>

April 25th is the deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the primary, May 16th. And remember....Postmarks don't count! Ballots must be received in the Elections Office or official drop box by 8:00pm, Tuesday, May 16th.

PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATION

The discussion at the April 11 meeting hovered around health care. Suggestions were made that a health care study should cover the accessibility of health services in the community, including dental and prescription drugs. Other concerns were lacks of services in the community, youth health services, and reproductive health services. No one volunteered to chair a study.

Our local health position covers Public Health, which includes family planning information and techniques (1967) and recognition of drug abuse as a health problem (1971) and Health Care for Elderly. It does not cover well baby and preventive care, school clinics, epidemiological tests and treatments, environmental safety, and mental health. The position does not reflect current health services provided by the county.

LWVOR has a position on Adult Mental Health as well as Children's Mental Health. Adult Mental Health position was written in 1987 and updated in 2001, so it is the most current health position. The LWVOR's position on Mental Health Services for Children & Youth (1975) covers community level services, prevention programs, training, consistent state funding, utilization of local resources and basic state standards. Support of funding for special education is the second part of the position. LWVUS position is to promote a health care system for the U.S. that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

The board recommended at the April 14 meeting that the local league schedule unit meeting discussions on health care lead by league facilitators. It is anticipated that this process will lead to a focus on certain issues of concern to our members. At that point, we can zero in on definite health topics for further exploration.

Nominating Committee Report

President - open

Vice-president - open

Elected Directors -

Karen Nibler: chair, state homeless study

Marilyn Koenitzer: Land Use

Kathryn Conner (one year): Voters Service

Nancy Roberts: co-chair, Voters Service

Nominating Committee: Jean Marvell, Mary Ann Nusrala, and Tanya Shively

Off Board -

Events: Doris Waring

Continuing

Secretary: Pat Bishop

Treasurer: Shelly Murphy

Continuing Elected Director:

Carolyn Brumley - newsletter

Continuing Appointed directors :

Leah Bolger - public relations

Paula Krane - judiciary

Off Board

Kate Mathews - grapefruit

Jean Nath, Patty McClintock - membership

Submitted by C. Gobeli, J. Marvell, N. Schary

In preparation for the Annual Meeting:

LWVOR Position: School District Financing. The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes:

1. The major portion of the cost of public schools should be borne by the state.
 - a. The state should provide sufficient funds to give each child an equal, adequate education.
 - b. All specifically state mandated programs should be financed by the state.
2. Local districts should be allowed funding alternatives to provide educational programs.
3. Apart from state mandates, local control of the educational programs should be maintained.
4. A stable state system for financing public schools is crucial for long range planning

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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 for the 2006-2007 Program:
 - The Board recommends no new study.
 - Retain all current positions for action.
 - Continue the LWVOR studies on Homeless Youth and the Oregon Judiciary
 - The Board recommends Discussion of Health Care
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 2006-2007:

 - Officers: President and Vice-President, vacant,
 - Continuing Officers: Shelly Murphy, Treasurer, Pat Bishop, Secretary
 - Elected Directors: Marilyn Koenitzer, Nancy Roberts, Karen Nibler
 - Continuing Directors: Paula Krane, Kathryn Conner, Leah Bolger, Carolyn Brumley
 - Off-Board: Doris Waring, Kate Mathews, Jean Nath, Patty McClintock
 - Nominating Committee: Jean Marvel, Marianne Nusrala, Tanya Shively
11. Election of Board Members
12. Directions to the Board from Members
13. Recognition/Celebration
14. Announcements
15. Adjourn