



Hooray.....Units Are Back!

LWV State Study on Children At Risk

How many Oregon youth are homeless? Why are they separated from their families?

Now is your chance to talk with other League members, learn about homeless youth in Oregon and contribute your opinions to consensus. The Committee needs members' input in order to form a state level position on Homeless Youth as part of Children At Risk. This is the best of League traditions. See page 5 for the consensus questions we will discuss and please join us for November Unit. Study materials have been printed and mailed. If you have not received them, please contact the membership chair.

<p>Corvallis Caring Place Assisted Living Facility 750 NW 23rd Street (by Catholic Church) 9th/Walnut)</p> <p>Dates: Monday evening, Nov. 13 Time: 7 to 8:30 pm</p> <p>Come in front door, turn right into living room ample lighted parking</p>	OR	<p>US Bank at 2600 NW 9th (corner</p> <p>Dates: Wednesday, Nov. 15 Time: 1:30 to 3 pm</p> <p>Meeting room is upstairs, There is no elevator, ample parking</p>
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This subgroup of the homeless population remains one of the least understood, most vulnerable, and most difficult to reach. Most are homeless due to issues associated with family problems, economic difficulties, and residential instability. Once on the street, they are doubly victimized as they are exposed to dangers that equal or exceed the home situations they sought to escape."

According to the Homeless Shelter 'Nightcoun't conducted by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) in January 2005, the primary reasons for youth being homeless, whether with their families or unaccompanied, are financial. Lack of affordable housing also is clearly a major cause of all homelessness: In addition, economic hardship can lead to inadequate health care, frequent moves, lack of consistent caregivers, abuse/neglect, substance abuse, mental illness and domestic violence.

Tim Loewen, President of the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association told the League, "The state is typically responsible for addressing state policy and funding for services to runaway and homeless youth. Local communities are responsible for providing collaborative services to address the issue. Parents are responsible to provide a safe home for their children whether with them or with others such as relatives or friends. Parents should also be responsible to pay back some or all of the services their families receive."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - Give thanks!!!

Election day will be the climax of our fall activity. We are grateful for the work done by league members and elected officials and candidates during this election season. Specifically, thanks to league members for these activities:

Organizing the Ballot Measure Forums in Albany and Benton County – Kathy Conner and volunteers JoAnne Trow, Peggy Lynch, Paula Krane, Kathy Vohland, Ann Brodie, Diana Carsten and Patty McClintock

Organizing candidate forums - Nancy Roberts

Forum Facilitators - Peggy Lynch, Marilyn Koenitzer and Kathryn Conner

Refreshments – Kate Matthews, Pat Bishop and Louise Marquering

Advertising Voter Service events – Leah Bolger - the Gazette Times editorial page.

Candidate Forum participants –Frank Morse and Mario Magaña (OR Senate), Sara Gelsner, Robin Brown, Sam Sappington, Brian Boquist and Jason Brown (OR House of Rep), Linda Modrell and Ron Wright (County Commission), Diana Simpson (Sheriff), Mayoral candidates Chris Nusbaum and Jay Sexton, Philomath, Bill Courier of Adair Village; Rob Gandara and Charlie Tomlinson, Corvallis, and Corvallis City Council Candidates: Bill York, Robb Vancil, Patricia Daniels, George Grosch, Dan Allen, Mike Beilstein, Dan Brown, Stewart Wershow, Chris Nordyke, David Hambly and Hal Brauner.

Distributing Voters Guides throughout Benton and Linn County: Kathy Vohland, Kathy Conner, Leah Bolger and many others.

Registering for Mock Elections and sending students to LWV Voter Service events – middle and high school government teachers.

When the election confetti has settled, may the elected office holders work for the benefit of all citizens of Oregon and allocate tax monies in the most efficient way to earn the trust of the citizens. May the tax paying citizens be content with the level of services they have chosen on the ballot.

Karen Nibler, Acting President, LWV Corvallis

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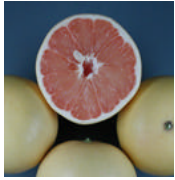
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Friday, Nov. 17th.

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Membership Updates

Doris Waring's new email address is:
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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

LWV Corvallis wants to know something about your interests as a member of the league. Please fill out this form and leave it for the membership chair at any of our meetings.

STUDY COMMITTEES – attend committee meetings and conduct research for

- National Studies – Immigration _____
- State Studies – Redistricting _____
- Local Study – Health Care Issues _____
- Growth Management (ongoing) _____

OBSERVER CORPS –

Would you like to attend city/county/school district meetings and report back to the board?

- ___ City Council meetings
- ___ City Planning Commission
- ___ Benton County Commissioners meeting
- ___ Benton County Planning Commission
- ___ Corvallis School Board meetings
- ___ Corvallis School District Budget Committee

Do you currently serve on a city/county/school district committee? Which one?

LOCAL OPERATIONS – Could you help with the following activities?

- ___ Grapefruit sale – deliveries
- ___ Voter Registration
- ___ Refreshments for meetings
- ___ Facilitator for Discussions
- ___ Moderator for forums

\$\$ Dues Are Due\$\$

Individual memberships are now \$52 and households \$78. Please send the coupon on the last page of this bulletin along with your check made out to LWV Corvallis to LWVC, PO Box 1679, Corvallis 97339. The coupon is used to update membership information. Please include your current email address as we often send email notices out between newsletters.

...Shelly Murphy, Treasurer



So Many Books...

Calling all readers - here's the 2006-2007 LWV Book Club reading list. All meetings, held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:15 PM (note change of time), are open to all LWV members. November 13, we'll meet at Mary Thomas's home to talk about Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell: Adventurer, Advisor to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia, by Janet Wallach. The title is rather self-explanatory - and we'll have a great chance to talk about the role of women then and now, the situation in what is now Iraq, then and now, and what we have and have not learned since then. Call Mary at 757-3612 to let her know if you'll be coming.

December 11, at Roxana Bodine's, *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder

January 8, at Martha Brookes', *1776* by David McCullough

February 12, *The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom* by Slavomir Rawicz

March 12, at Nancy Schary's, *March* by Geraldine Brooks

April 9, *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler

May 14, *Intuition* by Allegra Goodman (available in paperback 2/27/07)

Other books suggested but not selected are *Middlesex*, *The All-True Travels and Adventures of Liddle Newton*, *The Patron Saint of Liars*, *A Last Life*, *Paris to the Moon*, *Shadow Divers*, *Snowstruck*, *The Terminal Man*, and *The Senator and the Socialite*.

Legislative Process Day will be November 16 at the Oregon State Capitol Bldg, Room 357. The registration form can be found online at lwvor.org. The program starts at 10:00 with lunch provided and adjourns at 2:30. Cost is \$15.

Let's Discuss Health Issues in Benton County

At several Corvallis League meetings lately, members have cautiously expressed an interest in studying health care services available in Benton County. We pull up short of recommending a local LWV study, knowing how much woman power it takes to get it done. So, as a tentative first step toward a Health Care Study, we would like to ask League members about their experiences getting medical services here. Your stories will provide a springboard for discussions during unit meetings in January, giving us a possible outline for a needed study.

1. Have you required health care services in the past 2 years?
2. How did you select your doctor(s); did you shop around?
3. How accessible is your doctor (e.g. Did you have to wait for an appointment?)?
4. How do you pay for your medical expenses? (private insurance, Medicare, public assistance, a combination)
5. Are there any services you haven't been able to get in Benton County; that is, have you had to go to Salem or Portland for care?
6. What preventive health services do you use and where do you get them (PAP, mammogram, chest X-ray, etc)?
7. Were you satisfied with the medical care you received?
8. Which hospital would you use for surgery. Why?

You may e-mail me us (shellym@peak.org or cbburley@hotmail.com) or write it down and bring it to the November unit meetings.

We hope to discuss aspects of reproductive healthcare, prescription drugs, primary care, care for the frail elderly, mental health, dental care, and veterans' services. It is a big canvas, and we may need to pare it down in order to define a focus for the study. Please take a few minutes to write us about your health care experiences.

-Carolyn Brumley & Shelly Murphy