



**September Kick-Off Meeting**  
**'Ladies and Gentlemen...Fellow Immigrants!'**

**Tuesday, September 26th**

**7:00-9:00pm**

Guest speaker:

**Dr. Mina Carson**

Corvallis/Benton County Public Library

6<sup>th</sup> and Monroe Ave, Corvallis

Co-Sponsored by Corvallis/Benton County Library

Dr. Mina Carson, guest speaker for our Kickoff Meeting was a 1984 graduate of Harvard and is currently an OSU Associate Professor of History. Her specialization is American social and cultural history from the Civil War to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Mina also earned a Masters in Social Work from Portland State University in 1995 and practiced as a therapist in local agencies. Her newest course is a history of psychotherapy. In 2004 Carson also published a book, ***Girls Rock!: Fifty Years of Women Making Music***. In spite of her wide interests, Mina will limit her talk at the league meeting to the history of immigration in the United States. This corresponds well with the upcoming national LWV study. (see page 5)

**BACK TO THE FUTURE**

UNIT: A single person or a group

Years ago when I joined LWV, 'units', held several times and several places each month were the way we got information to our members. Times changed. Units were dropped for large group meetings. There have been requests to break down discussion to small groups. Units will be offered in November and January. If successful, we will add meetings in February, March and April. We will enjoy lively discussions in the best tradition of League. Come and bring your ideas and opinions. Mark your calendars. You may attend either meeting. TWO PLACES: SAME INFORMATION

**Corvallis Caring Place Assisted Living Facility** OR

at 750 NW 23rd Street (by Catholic Church)

Dates: Monday evenings, Nov. 13 and Jan. 15

Time: 7 to 8:30 pm

Come in front door, turn right into living room

There is ample lighted parking

**USBank** at 2600 NW 9th (corner 9th/Walnut)

Dates: Wednesday, Nov. 15 and Jan. 17

Time: 1:30 to 3 pm

Meeting room is upstairs, no elevator, ample parking

Doris Waring

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER – AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM YEAR

LWV of Oregon is ambitious this year. Three studies are in process. The ***Oregon Homeless Youth Study*** is in final drafting stages and should come to us in time for November consensus meetings. The committee would like to formulate a position by the end of the year so the position can be used for advocacy in the coming legislative session.

***Redistricting*** was adopted as a one-year study and the committee is writing every member material now. Consensus units will be in February. The ***Oregon Judiciary Study*** has completed interviews of all presiding judges and trial court administrators (but 1) in the judicial districts. Most recently the committee has been conducting interviews with parties in the court process outside the Judicial Department. Since this study will require more time, the consensus units are not planned until April.

Discussion groups on local ***Health Care*** in January will give us an idea what some of the issues are from our members. Then we will decide if we want to explore certain aspects of Health Care or propose an 'Update' to our current position.

***Legislative Town Hall meetings*** are scheduled for mornings in late January, March, April and early June.

LWV Corvallis members have always been involved in the LWVOR Action Committee and will continue this session. Social Policy is the area that I have tracked in the past two sessions, and I will be taking on a more time-consuming role this session. I will continue as the Acting President for LWVOR through December. In January the board will share leadership responsibilities or a new president or co-presidents will come forward.

The league requires many multi-talented volunteers for all its activities. If you are a new member or a long time member, please consider volunteering to help with league studies, programs or activities. If you have some energy and spare time, we need your help starting with Voter Service in September and October. You will have the opportunity to learn much about issues and to work with other involved citizens.

Karen Nibler

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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.

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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.



## Support your local League



**IT'S GRAPEFRUIT TIME AGAIN!**

Our annual grapefruit fundraiser will be from October 9 to November 17. Funds raised will be used to support our local programs since very little is retained from our dues.

**PRICES THIS YEAR: \$18 FOR A WHOLE BOX  
\$8 FOR A HALF BOX**

Please order early (and often!) with the form below. Your boxes of delicious grapefruit will be delivered in early December. If you do not order grapefruit, please consider a donation. We make about 40% of the cost of a box.

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**GRAPEFRUIT ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Boxes	Amount
_____ Full Box(es) @ \$18 each	_____
_____ Half Box @ \$10 each	_____
Total	_____

Send to: Kate Mathews  
3336 SW Willamette  
Corvallis 97333

Checks made payable to LWV CORVALLIS  
Questions: 754-1172

## Candidates and Ballot Measures Forum on Health Care

7 pm, Monday September 18, 2006  
Corvallis Public Library  
645 NW Monroe

Free and open to the public  
Hear what their vision for health care in Oregon is.

Candidates:  
House District 16, Robin Brown and Sara Gelser  
House District 15, Andy Olson & Sam Sappington  
Senate District 8 Mario Magaña and Frank Morse

Sponsored by: **Interfaith Health Care Network**—  
First Christian, First Presbyterian, First United  
Methodist churches, Friends Meeting, Good  
Samaritan Episcopal, Grace Lutheran and St.  
Mary's Catholic Church, and Universal Unitarian  
Fellowship

### LWV Book Club – Another year of good reading



Monday, October 9th, join us at Corrine Gobeli's home at 7:30 p.m. to talk about Simon Winchester's tale of the San Francisco earthquake : *A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906*. In addition to describing the events of that fateful day, Winchester provides a well-researched story of the development of geology, and the concepts of plate tectonics.

Bring along your calendars and lists of books to read during the upcoming year. Anyone for *Desert Queen* or *1776* or ...? What would you like to read and chat about with others? Let Corrine know if you'll be attending this first meeting OR if you have suggestions of books to read. 745-7736, cgobeli@aol.com

## Membership Updates

Following are four new members nationally recruited. We hope to see them at our kick-off meeting. Please welcome them and help us find them a niche in our organization.

James Buckley 376 Jeffrey Pl. Philomath, 97370  
 Sarah Karr 1841 NW Woodland Pl Corvallis,  
 97330  
 Lita Schechter 1536 NW Dixon Pl Corvallis, 97330  
 Jane Sivetz 3635 NW Elmwood Dr. Corvallis,  
 97330

### Members Noted In Passing

We would like to send our condolences to the families of Crystalle Davis and Charlotte Harder who passed away early this summer. Both were longtime active LWV Corvallis members and they will be missed.

## VOTER SERVICE MEETING SCHEDULED

Monday, September 18 from 10 -12  
 Presbyterian Church Library (8th and Monroe)  
 across from Central Park

Kathy Conner will be setting up a booth for the Fall Festival for the league. It will be located in front of the Presbyterian Church this year, which will allow us to sell grapefruit there also. We need volunteers to staff the tables on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. Come to the meeting if you can help with Fall Festival, or if you can drive around Benton and Linn County to distribute the *Voters Guide*, or help with the Candidate Forums and/or the Ballot Measure presentations. Come learn about State Measures on the November ballot.

Lots of volunteers are needed in October for Voter Service. If you have not done any in the past and are interested, please come to the meeting at the church to learn about how we set up our Voter Service activity and what needs to be done. We hope to see several new and experienced civic-minded members come and join us.

- Kathy Conner and Karen Nibler

## 'Come to Community Meetings about Measures 41 and 48,' says LWVOR President Margaret Noel

Community organizations across Oregon are hosting informational meetings about the impacts Measures 41 and 48 will have on your town, neighborhood and family. What will happen in your local community if Measures 41 and 48 pass?

### Corvallis - September 13th

7-8 pm. Doors open at 6:30

Corvallis Public Library

654 NW Monroe Avenue

Hosts: Oregon PTA & Oregonians for Health Security

These two measures on the November ballot will have very real consequences for Oregon communities. Get informed. Get the facts.

## \$\$ Dues Are Due\$\$



And in case you have forgotten, we had to raise dues because LWVUS increased our per member payment. 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.

Patty McClintock will be happy to collect your dues at the kickoff meeting on September 25th.

Also, LWV Corvallis can deduct donations to the LWVUS Education Fund or the LWVOR Education Fund from its per member payment. Send these tax deductible donations paid with a SEPARATE check made to LWVUS Ed Fund or LWVOR Ed Fund to the LWVC PO Box.

...Shelly Murphy, Treasurer

## 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?

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**LOCAL OPERATIONS** – Could you help with the following activities?

Grapefruit sale – deliveries  
 Voter Registration  
 Refreshments for meetings  
 Voters Guide Distribution  
 Speakers' Bureau/ Ballot Measures  
 Facilitator for Discussions  
 Moderator for forums

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to receive E-mail announcements from the local league, please send your new e-mail address to Paula Krane at [kranep@peak.org](mailto:kranep@peak.org). Postal address changes go to Shelly Murphy at [Shellym@peak.org](mailto:Shellym@peak.org).

## IMMIGRATION STUDY BEGINS AT LWVUS

A 3-year study of immigration policy was adopted at the LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis this June. The study will include two years of education and a third year of consensus. The exact scope will be determined by the LWVUS Study Committee and approved by the LWVUS Board. During the first year the committee will develop a timetable, conduct research and post materials on the LWVUS website. In the second year, the committee will produce and disseminate background information, public forum materials, articles and resource lists, all information will be provided in electronic form. The third year will be devoted to producing and distributing an Immigration Study Leader's Guide, response forms and consensus.

The members of the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee have been selected and are: Chris Carson (CA), Katherine Fennelly (MN), Patricia Hatch (MD), Deborah Macmillan (NJ), and Dorrit Marks (FL). Carolie Mullan, LWVUS Board member (TX) will chair the committee. The committee's first task is to create a scope for the study, after which committee members will research and write papers on various areas of the issue. Carolie projects that the first article on the topic of immigration will appear in the January 2007 *National Voter*. Please feel free to email her at [carmelchai@aol.com](mailto:carmelchai@aol.com) if you want more information about how the committee will be proceeding.