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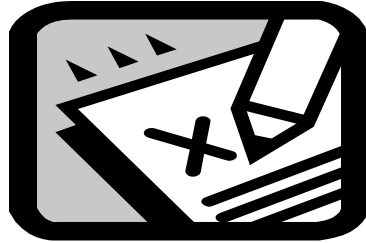
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Mission

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.

TO PREPARE FOR THE MAY 20th OREGON PRIMARY
ELECTION, THE LEAGUE IS SPONSORING TWO



VOTER SERVICE FORUMS

Tuesday, April 22 *
**State Offices and Ballot Measures
and**

Tuesday, April 29
US Congressional Offices and Ballot Measures
7:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Co-sponsored by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Details will be available on the League website, email, and in the GT FYI. The last day to register to vote is April 29th and ballots will be mailed out beginning May first.

*The Library is closed on April 22 but the meeting room is open. Entrance through the main doors only.

State Council May 17 & 18

LWVOR council meeting is shaping up to be a wonderful event, and there are still some opportunities to volunteer either during the meeting or ahead of time to prepare. Call Dagmar Johnson at 752-4415 or email her at Dagmar.johnson@linnbenton.edu if you're available to volunteer.

Also included in this bulletin on p. 2 is a coupon for you to sign up for the banquet. All Corvallis members, their spouses or an accompanying guest are welcome to join the state League Saturday evening.



LWVC ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, May 21st Save the Date!

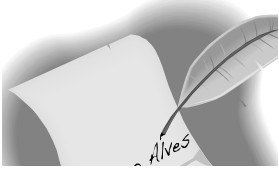
Plan to attend the LWVC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 21st, at the Public Library Meeting Room.

- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Buffet Dinner & Social
- 7:00 – 7:45 PM Business Meeting
- 7:45 – 8:45 PM Speaker

Jeanette Hardison, Administrative & Marketing Director, Resource Efficiency Program of the Corvallis Environmental Center, will fill us in on "How Local Businesses Are Meeting the Energy Challenge." Watch for further details and a dinner reservation form in the May Bulletin.

President's Corner

Barbara Ross



There are lots of exciting things going on this spring. With both presidential candidates visiting Oregon we certainly have more political buzz than usual. On the 17th and 19th of April, a group of League volunteers are going door to door registering voters. Then we are having two Voter Service Forums on April 22 and 29th to provide information to help prepare us for the May Primary.

In May we have the State LVW Council meeting in Corvallis, and then on May 21 we will have our annual Meeting. It is a busy time indeed. In your May bulletin you will be receiving the budget for next year as well as the recommended program and the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers. If you want to take a peak at who will be leading the league next year, you can find their report at our website after April 21st.

We owe a big thank you to the Water Committee and David Eckert for the water tours. Seeing things first hand certainly opens our eyes. We also got rave reviews for our forum on water issues at the Library last month. Special thanks to Dr. Stan Gregory for his presentation.

We are very pleased about the many league members who have signed up to have the free home energy reviews that are being conducted as one project of the Sustainability Coalition. We are also quite proud of the League members who worked so hard to make the Sustainability Town Hall meeting on March 31st such a success. Vice president Annette Mills played a key role in putting it together. As a partner in the Sustainability Coalition, we will need to continue to work to see that the plans they are laying are actually implemented and bring valuable results to Corvallis.

The Corvallis LWV is a great group! We can be proud of all our accomplishments.

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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.

COME JOIN US FOR THE LWVOR COUNCIL BANQUET!

Members and guests are welcome to attend the Council banquet dinner. It is a wonderful time to connect with League members from around the state, enjoy good food, and listen to an interesting presentation from John Kaufmann of Oregon Department of Energy on **Peak Oil: Status and Prospects**. The Saturday, May 18 at 6:30 PM, banquet is \$25 per person. Meal choices are Mediterranean stir-fry chicken with rice, salad, rolls and choice of dessert; Chicken Pasqualina (includes mushrooms, onions, prosciutto ham, sun-dried tomatoes in a Marsala wine sauce) with rice pilaf, salad, rolls and choice of dessert; or, Capellini Primavera (garden vegetables sautéed with bell peppers in a Parmesan cheese sauce) with salad, rolls and choice of dessert. Dessert choices are New York cheesecake or Black Forest chocolate cake. We look forward to seeing you there!

Banquet TICKETS FOR MEMBERS and GUESTS

Name(s)

Dinner Choice(s)

Dessert Choice(s)

Number of attendees x \$25 = Total \$ _____

Please return your form and check to LWVOR by May 2, 2008

1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302

Questions? 503-581-5722 or lwvor@lwvor.org

Sustainability Town Hall Meeting Draws Over 600

Citizens of all ages came together on March 31st to envision a sustainable future for Corvallis. The 500-seat ballroom at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center was alive with energy as participants gathered at tables of 10 to respond to two questions: "What would a sustainable Corvallis look like?" and "How will we get there?" Many League members participated in the discussions.

Interest in the Sustainability Town Hall meeting was so strong that an overflow room was added to accommodate 100 additional attendees. The meeting drew a diverse crowd, including an unusually high number of high school and college students. "Focus on the Future, Action in the Present" was the theme, and participants were asked to aim high in their goal-setting. A sustainable community is defined as one that meets the needs of the present without

compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Town Hall meeting marked the launch of an 8-month public process that will culminate in a community sustainability action plan by December 2008. At the close of the gathering, attendees were asked to sign up to serve on work groups that will meet during the next several months to formulate target goals, measurable objectives, and action strategies in a variety of topic areas (e.g., energy, housing, food, water, health, etc.). Nearly 200 people responded to the call.

The work groups will present an interim report and seek feedback from the community at the second Town Hall meeting on June 25. A third Town Hall gathering is scheduled for October 7. Mark your calendar!

Help Our League Win the Energy Challenge

In March, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and the Energy Trust of Oregon launched a year-long campaign to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in Corvallis. To kick off the challenge, Energy Trust invited partner organizations in the Sustainability Coalition to enter a competition: the organization that signs up the most people for a free Home Energy Review by Earth Day (April 22) will win \$1,000.

Our League is neck-in-neck with First Alternative Co-op for first place! As of April 5, we had nearly 90 sign-ups. But we need more to win. If you have not already done so, please sign

up for a free home energy review – and ask your friends neighbors, and colleagues to do so, as well.

During the one-hour review, an Energy Trust energy advisor will check your home for opportunities to save both energy and money. The advisor will also install FREE compact fluorescent light bulbs and FREE faucet aerators and efficient showerheads.

Help the League of Women Voters of Corvallis win the prize!! To sign up for a free Home Energy Review, go to www.corvallisenergychallenge.org or contact Shelly Murphy at shellym@peak.org or 754-1184.

LWV Book Club

Join Other LWV Readers



April 14, 2:30 PM is the next meeting of the LWV Book Club where we will talk about this year's classic selection, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night*. This book, published in 1934, tells the tragedy of psychologist Dick Diver and his wife Nicole. Some say the book draws on Fitzgerald's relationship with his schizophrenic wife, Zelda, as well their experience with the expatriate community in Europe after WWI. We'll

meet again at Ruth Gallagher's. Let her know if you will be attending.

Note that our May meeting has been changed. Our selection, *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan is also the Random Review selection for the month; thus, we'll join other readers at the Library, May 14, from 12 noon to 1:00 PM in the main meeting room, and, if there is sufficient interest, continue the discussion at coffee after the review.



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Spring Cleaning? A Great Way to Make Money for the League

Are you wondering what to do with all that clothing and other items you no longer use? Why not take them to the OSU Thrift Shop, 144 NW 2nd Street and consign them using the LWV Corvallis consignment number 1073. The Thrift Shop accepts clean, seasonal, functioning items. To check what they don't want, see <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/ousfolk/tsnotake.htm>. Call LWV Volunteer Miriam Miller 753-7261 to arrange for LWV consignment. Or you can go to the Thrift Shop during regular consignment hours and do it yourself. Consignment hours are Tues. - Thurs. 9:30 - 2, Fri. 9:30 - 12:30; Sat. 10 - 11 during the school year, and Tues.-Fri. 9:30 - 12:30 during the summer.



Dates to Remember

- April 9—Rock Creek Water Tour
- April 14—Book Club
- April 17—LWVC Water Study committee
- April 17—Storm Water meeting
- April 17—Voter Registration
- April 18—Board Meeting
- April 19—Voter Registration
- April 22—Voter Services forum
- April 29—Voter Services forum
- April 29—last day to register to vote in the Primary
- May 8—LWVC Water Study committee
- May 14—Book Club
- May 17-18—LWVOR Council
- May 20—Oregon Primary Election
- May 21—Annual Meeting
- May 22—LWVC Water Study committee
- June 14-17—LWVUS Convention—Portland

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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. (New members joining April-July, pay half dues.) 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.