

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



Feeding our Community - Promoting Self-Sufficiency

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public

Library Meeting Room

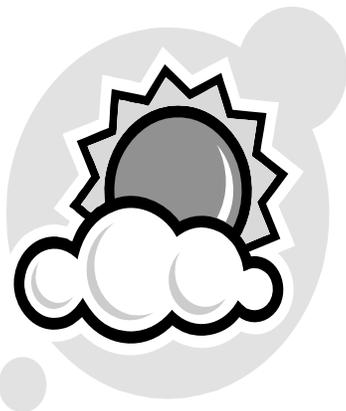
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The Local Food Policy committee will have a panel of speakers:

- To tell us about federal and state regulations on agriculture, present status of mid-valley agriculture, and its potential for feeding our population
- To tell us what sustainable agriculture means for our soil, our local food supply, our health and the downside of inexpensive industrial agricultural products.
- To tell us about the need for urban agriculture, some of the many local projects currently in operation or in the planning process, and some ideas about how local government can help.

Speakers will be announced later.

These presentations should provoke thoughtful questions, so we will leave plenty of time for this.



“NW Climate Change: Best & Worst Case Possibilities”

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church,

114 SW 8th Street

**Speaker: Dr. Philip Mote, Director, Oregon
Climate Change Research Institute, OSU**

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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 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. Submissions must be received no later than the Monday after the board meeting. Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.

**President's Column****Annette Mills**

As I reflect on what our League is currently working on, it strikes me that many of our educational efforts are focused on "the basics": water, food, and climate. We need a healthy and thriving life-support system in order to tackle other important quality-of-life issues. Environment, society, and economy are clearly connected.

Thanks to our local Water Resources Study Committee, led by Corrine Gobeli, we're becoming better educated about the status of water in our area. Our March meeting, titled

"Who's Tending the Tap?" drew a diverse audience of about 75 people. Members of the study committee provided an excellent overview of water resources in Oregon -- how it is allocated, used, and regulated. Following the presentation, many audience members stayed to participate in discussion groups that gave us an opportunity to go into greater depth and to explore some of the issues we face related to water. This will be an ongoing dialogue, and I encourage all LWVC members to read the outstanding study booklet (Part 1 of the study) that you should have received from the LWVOR Water Resources Committee.

This month, we invite your attendance and participation at two important League-sponsored

events. On Wednesday, April 8, we will be joining forces with the City Club of Corvallis to present Dr. Phil Mote speaking on climate change in the Pacific Northwest. The consensus among the scientific community is that it's time to move beyond debate regarding the reality of climate change, to look at what is happening NOW, and to prepare for what's to come. Dr. Mote will provide us with "best case" and "worst case" scenarios and what we can do to address a global problem that has local challenges and local solutions. As is customary at City Club events, there will be time set aside for small group discussion, as each table crafts a question for our presenter.



The following week, on Tuesday evening, April 14, our Local Food Study Committee, led by Diana Carsten, will present a program that should be of interest to everyone. Why is it that much of the food on our plates has travelled hundreds and even thousands of miles -- and yet much of the food that is being grown in our area is not consumed locally? Are there policies the League could promote to help bridge this gap? What are the environmental, social, and economic costs of our current local food situation? Come and be part of the discussion of this important topic.

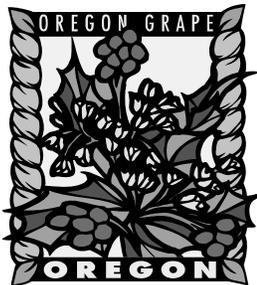
We're looking forward to seeing you at our April meetings -- and please bring a friend or neighbor!

A Trip to Another Place, Another Time

Join us Monday, April 12th, 2:30 PM at Ruth Gallagher's to travel back in time to 1868, Madrid where we'll



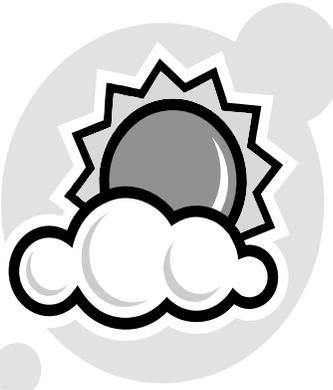
meet a man of honor, a mysterious woman, murders, and secret political documents as we talk about Arturo Perez-Reverte's *The Fencing Master*. Set during the reign of Queen Isabella II, the novel provides insight into a tumultuous time in Spanish history. Perez-Reverte's books have been translated into 19 languages.



Dr. Philip Mote, continued

Today's scientific consensus is that climate change is real. Dr. Philip Mote, a nationally renowned leader in climate change analysis, will bring it down to the local level for us.

- What is the "most likely" impact on the Northwest from climate change?
- If the "best case" scenario occurs, will the Northwest see much of a change?



- How bad does it get in the "worst case" scenario? What might change this forecast?

Join us for this important conversation, co-sponsored by the Corvallis City Club and the League of Women Voters of Corvallis.

This event is free for City Club members, first-time attendees, and LWV members; \$5 for non-members. Buffet lunch is \$10 (optional), with registration by noon 4/3/09. Be sure to register for this event online

at www.cityclubofcorvallis.org.

March 31st Sustainability Gathering to Highlight Action Team Projects and Business Efforts

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition will host a Quarterly Gathering of partner representatives on Tuesday, March 31, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

A lot has happened since October, when hundreds of community members gathered at the last sustainability town hall meeting hosted by the Coalition in 2008. Ten action teams have been launched, action projects are under way, and many of the Coalition's partner organizations are making progress toward becoming more sustainable. The March 31st gathering will be a great opportunity

- To hear from two of the Coalition's action teams about the exciting projects they're working on,
- To hear from two partner businesses about what they're doing to help create a sustainable community, and



To gather input from the community about what's working with the Coalition, what isn't, and what changes need to be made.

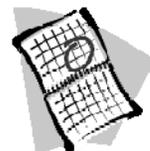
Since this is a noon-time meeting, light refreshments will be served. The

League is a partner in the Sustainability Coalition, so your attendance and participation at the March 31st gathering are very important!

Save the Date

LWVCorvallis's Annual Meeting—Wednesday, May 27th

Marge Easley, LWVOR President, speaker



LWVC Takes “No Position” on Proposed Urban Renewal District

In May, Corvallis voters will decide whether or not they support the creation of an Urban Renewal District (URD) in the downtown area. Responding to a request from Mayor Tomlinson that the LWVC support the proposed URD, the League board established an *ad hoc* committee to determine whether or not LWVC would take a public stance.

(chair), Kathy Heath, Marilyn Koenitzer, Nancy Schary, and Jo Anne Trow. Following an in-depth look at the URD proposal, in which they explored the pros and cons and reviewed the League’s positions related to this issue, the committee recommended – and the LWVC board adopted – “no position” on the proposed URD.



The board wishes to thank

The Ad Hoc URD Committee included Katherine Cleland, Louise Ferrell, Liz Frenkel, Cyrel Gable

Cyrel and the committee for the time, energy, and thought that they contributed to this effort.

Voter Service Forum

On

Urban Renewal District (URD)

Monday, April 27, 2009

Noon—1 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public

Library Meeting Room

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The Corvallis League’s Land Use Committee will present the pros and cons of the ballot measure on the Urban Renewal District which will be on the May 19th ballot.

Come learn what a yes and no vote will mean. How is this going to affect you and Corvallis.

THIRD TOWN HALL MEETING FOR THE 75TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Saturday, April 4th

10:00 —11:30 AM

Corvallis Benton County

Public Library

Meeting Room

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Hear from our Legislators about what is happening in Salem.

Muffins and fruit breads are needed for the April, May and June Town Halls on Saturdays 10 am at library meeting room. If you can't serve on a committee this year, maybe helping LWV in this way is a possibility for you. Please call Doris Waring, 752-4635 or Laura Lahm Evenson 753-6036 if you can provide food any of the events.



Want to contact your legislator quickly?

Go to <http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us>

Click on Elected Officials

The LWV Corvallis Website is linked to the US Congress, Oregon Legislature, the City, County, and School District.

The WEB site also has the newsletter, events, and voter information.

The League maintains a list serve for meeting announcements and action alerts. If you are not receiving these and wish to receive these emails please send your email address to kranep@peak.org.



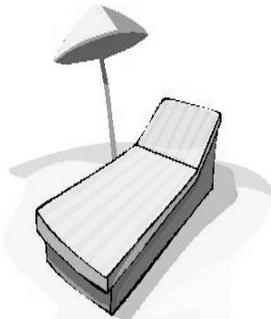
LWVOR Raffle 2009

Every other year, during odd years, the LWVOR holds a raffle to offset expenses. This year's Raffle prize choices have been announced.

- A Trip to Maui for Two, which includes airfare for two from Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego to Maui including taxes, 7 nights including taxes, a one bedroom condo, 8 days compact car rental with unlimited mileage, driver pays gas. (\$3000 value) **OR**
- Cash Award of \$2,500 (maximum cash award allowed by the OR DOJ)

Each raffle ticket costs \$10.00 and only 2,000 tickets are printed. The drawing will be held at the annual convention on May 16, 2009, Saturday night at 8 PM. The winner does not have to be present.

The Raffle will raise about \$15,000 after expenses for the prize, fees, postage, and printing, and has turned out to be an important revenue component to our budget. It raises funds to support Action activities and keeps convention costs and other expenses, such as PMP, down. It identifies non-members who are willing to support our programs.



Not only does this benefit LWVOR, but it also raises funds for local Leagues. If we sell the exact number of tickets as our total number of members, our League will receive \$1 back for each ticket sold. Tickets sold over the membership number will earn us a \$2 benefit per ticket sold. For example, if our total is 100 and we sell 120 tickets, our earnings will total \$140. That is, \$100 for the first 100 tickets sold plus 20 times \$2 = \$40, therefore the \$140 total.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale until April 28th. Please help LWVOR and our League by buying some for yourself and selling some to friends and family. Contact Kate Mathreus (754-1172) for your tickets.

LWVOR CONVENTION

“SHOOTING THE RAPIDS”

The 2009 state League convention will be held Friday-Sunday, May 15-17, 2009 at the Red Lion Hotel, Medford, Oregon. The League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley is the host League.



Convention is LWVOR's biennial meeting where we consider and adopt a program, elect officers, including the

president, and pass a budget. Convention activities also include the announcement of the raffle winner (see other column of this page). Delegates include the LWVOR Board and members chosen by local Leagues.

Any Oregon League member may attend as an observer. Observers may not vote but do have the privilege of the floor upon recognition by the chair. League members are urged to exercise this privilege and local Leagues are encouraged to bring many observers as possible to the convention. The Corvallis League is entitled to 8 delegates whose registration fees and lodging is paid for by the League. Transportation is by car pool. If you are interested in being appointed a delegate, call President Annette Mills.

One of the highlights of Convention is the luncheon speaker Lorraine Kenwood, founder of Next Step Recycling. Her topic is *Thriving on Challenges and Change*. Ms. Kenwood, winner of 2008's Women Business Leader of the Year award, has recycled more than 6 million pounds of electronics over the last year through her organization NextStep Recycling and donates refurbished computers to people who otherwise wouldn't have access. As someone who has overcome numerous serious challenges in her lifetime, she is an expert at "Shooting the Rapids."





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**Dates
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- April 4—Town Hall
- April 8—General Meeting—Climate Change
- April 13—LWV Corvallis Book Club
- April 14—General Meeting—Food
- April 17—Board Meeting
- April 27—Voters Service Forum
 Urban Renewal
- May 2—Town Hall
- May 8—Board Meeting
- May 11—LWV Corvallis Book Club
- May 15 –17 LWVOR Convention—Medford
- May 19—Election Day
- May 27th—Annual Meeting
- June 5—Town Hall

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- ___ \$78 household membership
- ___ \$26 student membership
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- ___ I'm a new member! Please call.
- ___ I'm renewing my membership.
- ___ I want to join but dues are prohibitive. Contact us about a scholarship.
- ___ I'm interested in working with LWVC this year.
- ___ Please call.

Membership in LWV Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages.

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.

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