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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.

*IMMIGRATION IS THE OLDEST AND NEWEST  
STORY OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE*

## **US IMMIGRATION POLICY LWVUS IMMIGRATION STUDY**

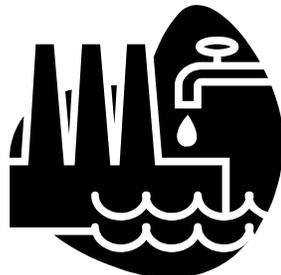


General Meeting on  
Tuesday, January 8th  
7:00—9:00 PM  
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Consensus Units on  
Monday, January 14th  
7:00—8:30 PM  
Corvallis Caring Place (750 NW 23rd)

AND

Wednesday, January 16th  
1:30—3:00 PM  
US Bank (2600 NW 9th—Walnut and 9th)  
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## **WATER TOUR**

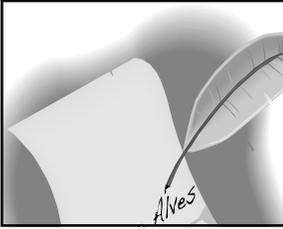
Friday, January 25th  
10:30 AM

H.D. Taylor Water Treatment Plant  
3140 Clearwater Dr. (off SE Goodnight Ave)

(Details on Page 4)

## President's Corner

**Barbara Ross**



With the excitement of the holidays behind us, it is time to look ahead to the new year. The LWV of Corvallis has an action packed schedule for 08 with lots of work and lots of fun. January has three meetings on immigration where we will be working toward consensus on critical issues. At the end of the month, the water committee

is hosting a tour of our water treatment plant. You have to register for this, sign up early so you won't be left out. February will see us attending a forum on the problems and progress in the child welfare system with Sandy Chase as speaker. In March we will be working hard on Voter Registration to encourage more folks to participate in the May Primary. We will also be defining the shape and size of the food sustainability study that is tentatively planned for next year. In late spring we will be hosting the State LWV Council meeting that is being held in Corvallis this year.

As you can see, we have a lot of activity in store. Luckily we have plenty of talented and energetic League members who are up to the tasks at hand. What we have already accomplished in the fall of '07 proves that. A big thank you to Kate Mathews, Louise Marquering, and Marilyn Koentzner for our best grapefruit sale ever.

In the meantime, dig that flyer from Allied Waste out of the left over holiday mail. It tells you exactly how to implement our new and improved recycling system.

Happy Happy Happy New Year!!!!

## TUNE IN FEBRUARY 12 FOR CHILD WELFARE PRESENTATION

How does Benton County rank with child welfare cases in comparison to the rest of Oregon? The 2005 Benchmark Target was less than 6.2% of the population of children. Benton County was at 5.8% and Oregon was at 12.9%. For 2006 Benton County recorded 107 children who were victims of child abuse/neglect (6.6%) which was worse than the previous year. Fifty-four percent of abused/neglected were under the age of 6.

Sandra Chase, Regional Manager for Child Welfare, and Rhonda Shult, lo-

cal caseworker, will come to our February meeting to share their experiences working in the child welfare system. Questions are always expected and contribute to a good discussion.

Desserts will be served before the meeting to celebrate the 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday of LWVUS and the 149<sup>th</sup> Oregon Birthday. We have a few more 50-year league members to honor too. Put this date on your calendar.

*Karen Nibler, Social Policy*

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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.



## Immigration Study Coming to a Close!!

The January 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and the January 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Unit Meetings are the final steps for our League in the LWV-US national immigration study.

The General Meeting will be a presentation by the Immigration Committee members on the following topics:

- Global Interdependence & Migration
- Immigration: Impact on U.S. Economy
- Federal Immigration Policy
- Family Reunification & Diversity Policies

Information for the presentations will be from LWV-US background papers and other reliable sources. While there are many issues that are very important in this complex discussion, we will concentrate on the 4 study areas put forth by National.

For those with internet access, please check out [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org) for Immigration Study materials.

The Unit Meetings will be for reaching consensus on the questions sent by National. A copy of the Con-

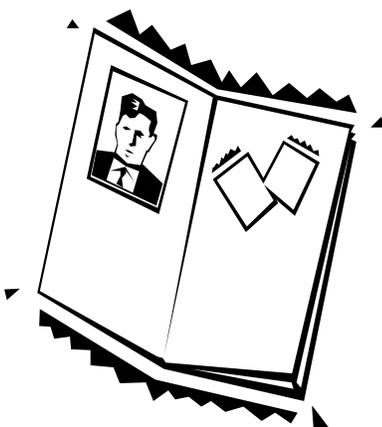
sensus Questions is available on line, and copies will be available at the General and Unit Meetings.

We are breaking the Consensus Questions into two groups. Questions 1, 3 and 5 will be discussed at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting. Questions 2, 4 and 6 will be discussed at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting.

Enclosed in the Bulletin is the Every Member Material for the Immigration Study. This information is from the San Jose/Santa Clara, California League. This material does not exactly match the LWVUS Consensus Form, but it was felt that it did a good job of providing background information in a more comprehensive format.

And finally, to quote from the LWV listserve on Immigration: *League positions are not for the day or the next 3 years. They will influence our work for decades. The League must step back from the fight of the moment and look at the larger landscape in time. We study in order to build a better future – a long future. What do we want for our nation?*

For more information, please contact Tanya Shively at 929-6498 or at [stanya22@msn.com](mailto:stanya22@msn.com).



## LWV Book Club

### Good Reading

To begin the new year, we'll talk about a book termed a

"superlative journalistic narrative" about average guys engaged in a seven year-long quest to identify an unidentified submarine located in deep water off the coast of New Jersey. *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II*, by



Robert Kurson (4.5 stars: Amazon) is the book in question. Join us at Ruth Gallagher's at 2:30 PM January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Note the earlier start time. For questions or to arrange a ride, contact Corrine Gobeli, 745-7736, [cgobeli@aol.com](mailto:cgobeli@aol.com). Please let Ruth (754-3112) know if you will be attending.

Meetings of the book club are scheduled for 2:30 PM, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Upcoming locations will be announced in this Bulletin. As always, discussions are open to all League members.

## Announcements

The League maintains a listserve 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](mailto:kranep@peak.org).

2007-08 Dues are past due. For those who have still not paid January 12 is the deadline to get your dues in. Coupon on the back page.

## WANTED: LEADERS FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OREGON BOARD

*Paula Krane, LWVOR Nominating Committee Chair*

The State Nominating Committee is searching for those special League members who would be interested in serving on the state board. This is an opportunity to improve your leadership skills while working with our successful organization and with interesting men and women. It is a wonderful chance to help the League move forward, and to participate in what is happening at the state level.

In May 2008 at the state Council in Corvallis, League members will elect a 2nd Vice-President, a Treasurer and 3 directors for the 2008-10 term. The LWVOR Nominating Committee is looking for a few of our best and brightest to serve in these positions. Any League member who would be interested in serving or who wishes to recommend a member for any of these offices should please contact Paula Krane at [krane@peak.org](mailto:krane@peak.org) or (541)752-2361.

### LWVC PLANS WATER TOURS

#### Sign Up Now for January 25<sup>th</sup> Tour

Do you know where your water comes from and where it goes?

Our League's Water Study Committee has arranged some exciting water tours – not ON the water, but AT local water facilities. Check out the schedule below, mark your calendar, and make your reservation today. *Space is limited!*



- Friday, January 25, 10:30 am – H.D. Taylor Water Treatment Plant
- Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 am – Wastewater Reclamation Facility
- Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 am – Rock Creek Water Treatment Plant and Corvallis Forest (city watershed property by Marys Peak)

The January and February tours will take approximately 1–1.5 hours. The April tour will take at least 3 hours.

Plan to carpool to the Taylor Water Treatment Plant in southeast Corvallis and to the Wastewater Reclamation Facility on NE Third Street. We are making arrangements with the city for transportation to the Rock Creek facility.

For reservations and carpool arrangements, contact Dave Eckert at 571-451-5867 (that's 571, not 541) or [deckert@willamettewatershed.com](mailto:deckert@willamettewatershed.com).

### RECYCLING ALERT!

Allied Waste Services will be rolling out a new recycling system in January 2008. Customers were sent a post-card early in December telling them that the change is coming. Then in late December they were to receive another flyer with more detail.

Here are the basics of the new process:

All customers will receive a 65-gallon recycling roll cart in early January

This cart will be emptied each week - All recyclable paper, metal, plastics and cardboard will go in this one cart.

Customers should check the communications from Allied Waste for information on new items which can be recycled.

- Glass, the only item to be separated, will be picked up during the first full week of each month. Customers should save one or more of their old bins for this purpose.

Customers can keep their old bins, or return them to Allied Waste Services, whichever they wish.

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition wants to take this opportunity to encourage more folks in our community to recycle and to encourage those who already have the habit to increase the amount they recycle.

One of the findings from research about recycling is that if residents have bigger containers, the volume of recycled material goes up. If a large number of citizens make a small change in their behavior, it can have a big impact for our community.

Technical questions should be directed to Julie Jackson at Allied Waste Services at 754-0444. Questions about the communication process can be answered by Barbara Ross at 752-3605 or Annette Mills at [amills@virginiavillageproductions.com](mailto:amills@virginiavillageproductions.com).



## Program Planning: Members Focus on Agricultural Policy, Judiciary, and Local Food

Over 40 members of the LWV of Corvallis met at the Unitarian Church on a brisk December evening to take a look at where we've been and where we want to go.

Following a delicious soup supper provided by LWVC Board members, we looked first at our national positions. After a quick review of existing positions in four broad program areas (Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy), members discussed the need for LWVUS to emphasize the following issues: Election of the President, Campaign Finance, Individual Liberties, Trade, Military Policy and Defense Spending, International Global Warming, Agricultural Policy, and Health Care.

It was the sense of the group that the LWVUS needs to update its position on **Agricultural Policy**, since many changes have occurred in the 20 years since that position was developed. In addition, members felt that we need to recommend a study on the **Judiciary**, to complement the existing LWVUS positions on Congress and the Presidency.

Our discussion on program at the local level began with questions about the

current study on water resources.

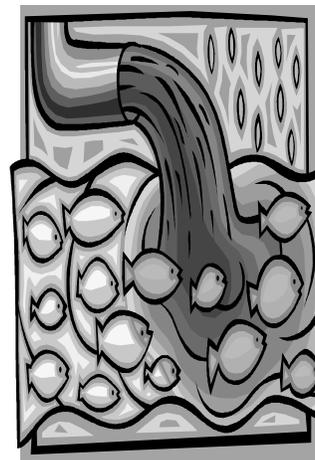
Other areas of concern raised for local emphasis were health care, homelessness, need for a new jail, stable funding for county services, and land use. The topic that generated the most discussion was **Local Food Security** – how can we support the development of a local food infrastructure to meet basic human needs? Several League members are working on drawing up a proposal for a local study on food security. The LWVC Board will consider this proposal – and any others that are brought forward – for consideration at their February and March meetings.



LWVC Vice President Annette Mills extends her thanks to all who participated in our program planning discussion – with special appreciation to Laura Evenson, Event Arrangements Co-chair, who did a wonderful job of creating a warm and festive environment for the evening, and to Louise Marquering,

Laura's sister Sarah, and Jean Nath for helping Laura. Thanks, too, to Shonard's for providing beautiful poinsettias at cost as our table decorations. Several happy Leaguers carried the flowers home after winning them in our silent auction!

## Water Resources



The Water Resources committee took a brief respite during December, but will resume a regular meeting schedule in January. Meetings are scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM and on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 12 PM. Locations of the meetings will be announced via e-mail. If you would like to be notified of these or any upcoming meetings, please send your request to Corrine Gobeli, [cgobeli@aol.com](mailto:cgobeli@aol.com).



## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 13-16, 2008

### LWVUS National Convention in Portland

The LWVUS National Convention is coming to the Portland Hilton next June! Our League will have delegates. **Volunteers are also needed.** Please contact Paula Krane if you are interested in being a volunteer - there are many different volunteer opportunities each day. More details later, however, reserve the dates on your calendar now. Be part of the excitement!



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### Dates to Remember

January 8 - General Meeting -Immigration  
 7:00 PM

January 10 - Water Committee

January 10 — US Senator Ron Wyden  
 Town Hall—4:00 PM

January 14 — Book Group—2:30 PM

January 14 — Units –Immigration  
 Consensus —7:00 PM

January 16 — Units — Immigration  
 Consensus—1:30 PM

January 18 — Board Meeting —10:00 AM

January 24 - Water Committee

January 25 — Water Tour — 10:30 AM

February 4 — Oregon Special Legislative  
 Session Starts

February 11 — Book Group

February 12 —General Meeting –Birthday Party

### Join LWV Corvallis

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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.



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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.

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