



# LWV Corvallis

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May 2004

## MEET THE Oregon House of Representative MAY 18th PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES



**Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 7:00–9:00 PM**  
Corvallis–Benton County Public Library  
Moderator: Ann Brodie

**District 15**  
Edgar Hahn, Jr. (D)  
Andy Olson (R)  
Wesley B. Price (D)  
Lee R. Shindler (R)

**District 16**  
Sara Gelser (D)  
Arn McKenna (R)  
Kelley Wirth (D)\*

\* incumbent

**District 23**  
Brian Boquist (R)  
Jackie Lawson (R)  
Cheryl Lentsch (R)  
Dick Reynolds (D)  
Jim Thompson (R)  
Jim Welsh (R)

## LWV Corvallis Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 6:30 – 9:00 PM Corvallis–Benton County Public Library

- **“State of the County” Address** – Linda Modrell, Benton County Commissioner 6:30 – 7:00 PM
- **Dessert Buffet** – Hosted by LWVC Board 7:00 – 7:30 PM
- **Annual Meeting** – Adoption of Program, Budget and Board Members 7:30 – 9:00 PM

*\* A detailed agenda for the annual meeting is provided on page 5. \**

Both events are co-sponsored by the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library and will take place in the Main Meeting Room of the Library, located at 645 NW Monroe Avenue in Corvallis. If you need a ride, volunteer drivers may be available. Contact a Board member for more information.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The May LWVOR Council meeting, the LWV Corvallis annual meeting, and the June LWVUS meeting mark the conclusion of our year. The annual meeting will be our local wrap-up. One of the agenda items is the celebration of new/past Board members. A few of our retiring Board members have given many years to LWV Corvallis. Marolyn Tarrant was a past president from 1994 to 1997 and she has kept track of our membership since then. She has asked to resign from the Board and begin another phase of her life. We have reluctantly accepted her decision and have been grateful for all her help over the past ten years. Thanks Marolyn.

Kirk Bailey and Walter Barkan have concluded their terms as directors on the Board and decided not to re-up. They have added a measure of logic and male life experience to our deliberations. It's been a positive contribution and other male members would be welcome on the Board. Both have helped us with our budgets and finances. Thanks also to Kirk for his expertise in city planning and Walter for his knowledge of computer systems.

Doris and Dick Waring have passed on the finance baton to Lois Zaerr and her husband. The two couples organized the grapefruit sales together in the past year. The husbands of many members are pressed into service at grapefruit delivery time, and it has been an amazing operation to watch as the truckload of grapefruit boxes are dispersed to private cars and homes. Thanks to Dick and Doris for their organizational skills.

Carolyn Madsen joined the Board a year ago for voter service duties. The Unitarian Church has taken her away from us, and Kathryn Conner will step in for voter service along with co-chair Pat Bishop. Thanks to all three of these ladies for helping with one of the League's pivotal services.

Corrine Gobeli, former president from 1997 to 2001, has been sending e-mail announcements and action alerts to our members for the past three years. Corrine is now employed full time in the OSU Business School and has less time for volunteer activities. Corrine submitted an appeal for a substitute to take over this task.

Shelly Murphy asked for a break from publicity but will continue to help with the mailing list. Mel Walter has been the mailing clerk for the Bulletin over many years and she would like to relinquish this task. Thanks to Shelly and Melvina for the many hours helping with League communications. Thanks also to Shelly for her assistance with the LWV Corvallis website.

As you can deduce, we have a number of active members leaving the Board. We have former Board members coming back to the Board, but we need some new members to step in and take over some jobs. These Board jobs can be shared. Even if each member did one job (short term), it would help distribute the tasks.

-- 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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## MAY 4 CANDIDATE FORUM

The Corvallis League of Women Voters is sponsoring a candidate forum on May 4 at 7:00 PM in the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library. Candidates in the primary election for the Oregon House of Representatives, Districts 15, 16, and 23 have been invited.

Candidates will have three minutes to tell why they are running for the office, including their qualifications and why constituents should vote for them.

The following people have been invited to participate:

**District 15:** Edgar Hahn, Jr. (D)  
Andy Olson (R)  
Wesley B. Price (D)  
Lee R. Shindler (R)

**District 16:** Sara Gelser (D)  
Arn McKenna (R)  
Kelley Wirth (D)

**District 23:** Brian Boquist (R)  
Jackie Lawson (R)  
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Jim Welsh (R)

They will be asked to state their positions on tax reform, economic development and education K–12 funding. Additional questions will be taken from the floor. Ann Brodie will moderate the forum.

— Pat Bishop

### Job Opportunity: E–MAIL ALERTS

Here's a chance to hone up your computer skills – and enhance communication among Leaguers. We are looking for someone to take over maintenance of the LWVC e–mail alert list. Corrine Gobeli has been doing this for the last ??? years and is ready for a break. This job involves entering League e–mail addresses into a group e–mail list(s), updating the list and sending out announcements of upcoming meetings or action alerts. It's a good way to keep on top of what is happening in League. If interested, call or e–mail Karen Nibler or Corrine Gobeli.

## SETTLE DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK: LWVC BOOK CLUB

On May 10th, the Book Club meets for the last time this program year to discuss *The Inextinguishable Symphony* by Martin Goldsmith. Join us on Monday, 7:30 PM, at Ann Brodie's to talk about this moving story of Goldsmith's parents, their love for each other and music as they experience World War II in Germany. Let Ann know if you plan to attend – and bring along book ideas for summer reading.

## FUNDING OPTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COMMITTEE REPORT

The key objectives of the "Funding Options for Local Government" Study were to survey local governments around state with similar demographics, identify revenue raising options for local government, and educate the membership and the community about what is available. To accomplish these objectives, the Committee met with Jon Nelson, Corvallis City Manager, and Nancy Brewer, City Finance Director. They provided us with city budget information and revenue projections. They also provided us with a survey compiled by the Oregon League of Cities on revenue options used by cities around the state.

The Committee published articles in the Bulletin and organized two forums to convey the information to members and the community. The first forum, in January 2003, brought together representatives from community agencies who described the local impacts should voters turn down ballot Measure 28. The second educational forum, held in November 2003, was a public discussion led by Nancy Brewer and Pat Cochran, County Budget Officer entitled "Community Services: Who Pays for Them? Who Decides?" The Committee members were Sue Mariner, Miriam Miller, Jo Anne Trow, and Shelly Murphy.

— Shelly Murphy

## LWV PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The LWV Corvallis Board recommends that no new studies be adopted for the coming year. No requests for new local studies or updates have been received by the Board prior to the deadline for publishing this Bulletin. The Board recommends that the Department of Human Services study be continued because the budget outcome affecting this agency will not be known until August. The committee evaluating this study will write a summary and locate a glossary of relevant abbreviations and terms in the fall. The Board further recommends that the Judicial System study be continued for 2004–05 in conjunction with the LWVUS Judicial Independence Study, in its third year.

## LWV CORVALLIS BOARD NOMINATIONS

The following individuals are nominated to serve on the LWV Corvallis Board for 2004–2005:

### Board Members:

–Karen Nibler	President
–Jean Nath	Vice President
–Diana Carsten	Treasurer
–Kathy Conner	Director, Voter Service
–Liz Frenkel	Director, Growth Management
–Lois Marie Zaerr	Director, Finance
–Paula Krane	Director, Action

### Off Board:

–Miriam Miller	Event Coordinator
–Shelly Murphy	Communications
–Kathy Seeburger	Bulletin Editor
–Nominating Committee chair –	
	Patty McClintock
	Jo Anne Trow

### Continuing Officers/Board Members:

–Sue Mariner	Secretary
–Pat Bishop	Director, Voter Service

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Jo Anne Trow, Patty McClintock, Ruth Gallagher, Paula Krane.

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ, SEE, HEAR ALL ABOUT IT -- ON THE WEB

The Oregon Primary concludes on May 18. Given the critical choices that we face at the national, state and local levels, it is especially important this year not only that all qualified citizens vote, but that they base their votes on accurate, unbiased information.

The League has a long and proud history of providing such information through its printed Voters' Guides. This year, the complete state Voters' Guide plus a number of local League Voters' Guides are available on-line. Additional information is available through DNet, the election information partnership between LWVUS Education Fund and Capital Advantage. A one-hour video of the forum for state judicial candidates (State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals) produced by LWVOR is also available on-line. Unlike broadcast video, the availability of streaming, on-line video is not restricted to any schedule. It can be viewed at any time.

All of the above materials can be reached through a single source, the LWVOR web site, [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org). You can also get there through the LWV Corvallis web site, [www.lwv.corvallis.or.us](http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us).

In addition to its other advantages, the web is always at hand and available. The printed Voters' Pamphlet and Voters' Guide are easy to mislay. They may accidentally wind up in the bottom of the birdcage or be sacrificed to a pet emergency, but the web is always there at the click of your mouse. Take advantage of it to help you make informed choices and be sure to return your ballot by May 18.

-- Walter Barkan

## MAY 12 FORUM ON HEALTH CARE

The League received an announcement regarding a "Weighing Health Care Solutions" forum to be held on Wednesday, May 12, 7:00–8:30 PM, at the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library Conference Room. The programs and proposals to be discussed include: consumer driven health care; Medicare Modernization Act; Oregon Health Plan; Oregon single payer universal health care; and Oregon Health Assessment Project. The presenters include:

- **Jane–Ellen Weidanz:** Staff to governor's Commission on Senior Services, former staff to Senator Ron Wyden.
- **Hersh Crawford:** Former director, Oregon Medical Assistance Program.
- **Dr. Rick Wopat:** Vice-president, Samaritan Health Services.
- **Rich Lague:** Physical therapist, OSU Student Health Center, co-author of the 2002 Universal Health Care Measure 23.
- **Julie Manning:** Vice president for development and community relations, Samaritan Health Services.

Opening comments will be provided by Cosimo Stoniolo, an internist with Samaritan Internal Medicine. Tom Eversole, an administrator with the Benton County Health Department, will moderate. This event is sponsored by MidValley Health Care Advocates; for more information, call 754–1858.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTE

It has come to our attention that membership dues do not have to be paid to LWVUS if a member has been active for 50 years. We have a few members who have been in LWV Corvallis for 50 years; Marge Chilcote, Jean Marvell and Kitty McPhearson joined in 1954 and Lee Callahan joined in 1955. There are seven more who joined the Corvallis League in the 1950s and some members who may have joined another local League in Oregon or another state 50 years ago. If you joined another League before you moved to Corvallis, please let us know. We would like to celebrate these milestones next year.

# **LWV CORVALLIS**

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

May 18, 2004, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Corvallis–Benton County Public Library Meeting Room  
645 NW Monroe Avenue

*Featured Speaker, 6:30 – 7:00 PM*

*Dessert Buffet, 7:00 – 7:30 PM*

*Business Meeting, 7:30 – 9:00 PM*

### **Featured Speaker:**

**Linda Modrell, Benton County Commissioner**

**“State of the County” Address**

*(Note: May is Budget Process Month and Linda will have to leave for a budget meeting after her remarks.)*

## **Annual Business Meeting**

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Parliamentarian
3. Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes
4. Quorum Determination
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Report on the LWVOR Council for 2004
7. Recommendation of the 2004–2005 Program:

- *The Board recommends no new studies or updates.*
- *Retain all current positions for action.*
- *Continue the Judicial System study along with the third year of the Judicial Independence Project.*
- *Continue the Department of Human Services study until the final outcome of the state budget process is known.*

8. Discussion of Proposed Program
9. Treasurer’s Report
10. Adoption of Program
11. Adoption of Budget
12. Report of Nominating Committee:

*The nominating committee offers the following candidates for the LWVC Board for 2004–2005:*

- *Officers: Karen Nibler, President, Jean Nath, Vice–President, and Diana Carsten, Treasurer*
- *Elected Directors: Paula Krane, Kathryn Conner, Liz Frenkel*
- *Continuing Officer: Sue Mariner, Secretary*
- *Continuing Director: Pat Bishop, 2 vacant positions*

13. Election of Board Members
14. Directions to the Board From Members
15. Recognition/Celebration
16. Announcements
17. Adjourn

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## Upcoming Events: May 2004

- May 4** Candidates Forum, 7:00–9:00 PM  
Corvallis/Benton County Library  
Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe.
- May 12** Health Care Solutions Forum, 7:00–8:30 PM,  
Corvallis/Benton County Library  
Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe.
- May 18** LWVC Annual Meeting, 6:30–9:00 PM  
Corvallis/Benton County Library Main  
Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe.
- May 25** LWVC Board Potluck, 4:00–7:00 PM,  
Karen Nibler's home.
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**Mark Your Calendar  
Thrift Shop Consignment  
Days**

**May 13, 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Call ahead to make arrangements  
Miriam Miller 753-7261**

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