



LWV Corvallis

Serving Benton and Linn Counties

September – October 2004

LWV is proud to present

PROFESSOR GARRETT EPPS

University of Oregon Law School

speaking on

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Corvallis–Benton County Public Library Meeting Room

Garrett Epps, a former staff writer for the Washington Post, is also the author of two novels. He has written for the New York Times, the New Republic, and the New York Review of Books, and served as articles editor of Law and Contemporary Problems. His most recent book concerns Oregon's famous peyote case: To an Unknown God: Religious Freedom on Trial.

ACLU officers and OSU International Education faculty will frame questions for Prof. Epps.

Questions will be taken from the audience following the discussion.

Co-sponsored by ACLU and the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Election Activity

Your state and local league boards have been aflutter with activity to prepare for the November election. LWVOR has written the **Voter's Guide** which should be printed and available at the September meeting. LWVOR has also prepared Ballot Measure information for local league presentations.

The Ballot Measure Forum will be a pro and con format on 6 state initiatives and 2 referrals from the legislature. The forum has been scheduled on October 5 at 7:30 pm at the Corvallis Library. The LWVOR board has taken positions opposing Ballot Measures 36 and 37. The state league is advocating for its positions separately from the educational efforts for the Voter's Guide and Forums

The Candidates for **Oregon House of Representatives** for Districts 15, 16 and 23 will be introduced on October 14, a Thursday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Library The **Benton County Commissioners** will be hosted on Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for a discussion with 5 candidates for 2 commissioner positions. The candidates will respond to written questions from the audience, which will be screened and presented by the moderator.

The **City Council Candidates Forum** will be on Saturday morning, October 23, from 9:30 to 11:30. The format will start with general questions for all candidates followed by the opportunity to break into small groups for ward issues. We hope that Corvallis citizens and league members will come for this important forum on local city issues.

Membership dues are collected at the September meeting or collected by mail. The bad news is that the PMP payments to LWVOR and LWVUS will take all but \$1.20 of our \$50. individual dues. The good news is that we have a large local membership to help support LWV at all levels. The **Grapefruit Sale** will be an important source of funds to support our local operating costs. The letter and order forms will be sent with the bulletin or will be available at the September and October meetings. We need the support by you, your families, neighbors, friends, and community members.

LWV Corvallis is off to a running start this year with help from Pat Bishop and Kathryn Conner for Voter Service. Marilyn Koenitzer is organizing the City Council Candidates Forum, and Pat Bishop has taken charge of the Commissioner and State Representative forums. Kathryn Conner has researched the Ballot Measures and has a team of experienced presentors for the speaker's bureau. Jean Nath has taken on Publicity and distribution of the Voter's Guides. I am grateful to these loyal league members who continue to do the work for the election season.

Thanks to all. Karen Nibler

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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 LWV Corvallis and is produced nine times a year. Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older.



Schedule of Voter Service Events for September/October 2004

September 25–26 - Fall Festival - Voter Registration in front of Library

October 5 - Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Ballot Measure Forum
Corvallis Public Library - Kathryn Conner at 753–4797 (Speakers can be available for other groups.)

October 14 - Thursday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Candidate Forum - State House of Representatives - Districts 15, 16 and 23 -
Corvallis Public Library
Pat Bishop at 752–4547

October 19 - Tuesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Candidate Forum - County Commissioners - Corvallis Public Library Pat Bishop

October 23 - Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Candidate Forum - Corvallis City Council
Corvallis Public Library - Marilyn Koenitzer at 754–0656

Voters Guides will be available at the Library in Corvallis and other libraries in Benton and Linn Counties. Contact Jean Nath at 753–3414 for copies.

Civil Liberties - the LWVUS highest priority in 2004

The LWVUS National Convention adopted a resolution: Be it resolved that the LWVUS focus on the urgent need to defend civil liberties by making the League's position on Individual liberties and citizen's right to know the highest priorities for education and advocacy. Convention attendees this year donated private funds to facilitate staff efforts to provide information to the local leagues.

Our local league board decided this summer that civil liberties were a concern for Corvallis citizens and voted to focus on Civil Liberties for the September kickoff meeting. Since civil liberties are decided in the courts, we wanted to have a speaker who had a legal background.

Garrett Epps, University of Oregon Law Professor, was recommended and has agreed to come to Corvallis, the home of the other Oregon University. Professor Epps spent 15 years as a news writer before he went to law school. In 1992 he was hired at the U. of O. Law School by Dean Frohnmeyer, now the University President. Professor Epps has appeared at the Eugene

City Club for a presentation on the Bill of Rights Today: A Historical Perspective, and he has participated in LWV Lane County discussions.

LWV Corvallis has invited representatives from the ACLU, the Oregon State Bar and OSU International Education and Political Science faculty to participate in this program. Gordon Grant, ACLU, and Bill Smart, OSU International Education, have accepted our invitation. Our invited participants will ask questions following Professor Epps comments. Written questions will be accepted and presented by the Moderator.

Epps is a former staff writer for the Washington Post and the author of two novels. He has written for the New York Times, the New Republic, and the New York Review of Books. He served as articles editor of Law and Contemporary Problems. He joined the faculty in 1992 after a clerkship with the Honorable John O. Butzner, Jr. of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia. His interests include constitutional law and history, federal civil rights, and comparative law.

COMPUTER WHIZ APPLY HERE

Needed: Member proficient with computer programs and e-mail access, who can collect and format articles for our bulletin. Kathy Seeburger has adopted a new baby boy, so she is busy with motherhood. Kathy had the computer skills and had an interest in learning about the league, which was a fortuitous situation for the league. If you can spend a few days a month on this task, you would earn the gratitude of the board and membership. If no volunteer is available, we will be limited to flyers, the website, and e-mail announcements. Thanks to Will Koenitzer for his work on this issue of the bulletin.

So Many Good Books...– Corrine Gobeli

It's that time again – time to choose a new slate of books to read and discuss over the upcoming year. You are all invited to join the LWVC Book Club October 11, 7:30 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth Thomas' home. Call Mary at 757-3612 if you plan to attend. If you can't join us, give us your ideas anyway. Send an e-mail to Corrine Gobeli at cgobeli@aol.com or call her at 745-7736. And we promise – no hanging chads or unverifiable electronic voting in this book selection process!

OREGON STUDENT MOCK ELECTION

LWVOR has offered the middle and high schools the opportunity to participate in the mock election. Voting will be on-line from October 21-27 in the participating schools, and the results will be announced during a daylong program from Salem on October 28. Sandy Thixton, a part-time educator in the Corvallis district, agreed to be the local coordinator and made contacts with 21 schools in Benton, Linn and Lincoln Counties. She provided printed copies of the information for teachers rather than an e-mail address only. Sandy said she directed the materials to people she knew within the schools and had the most positive response from the 6 schools she contacted personally. What great initiative! She was certainly the right person for this job. Look for the follow-up reports in future issues.

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE?

If the other democracies can assure health care for all their people,
WHY CAN'T WE?

Thursday, September 23, 2004, 7 p.m.
Friends Meeting House, 3311 N.W. Polk, Corvallis
Moderator: CLIFF TROW, former State Senator

Speakers: DR. RAY TRICKER and DR. CHUNHUEI CHI CHI, associate professors of public health, Oregon State University. Dr. Tricker will present information about universal health care in Great Britain and New Zealand. Dr. Chi will speak about health care in Taiwan. *Written information about health care in Canada and Germany will also be available.*

PAUL GORMAN GORMAN, M.D., associate professor of medical informatics, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland. Dr. Gorman will discuss highlights of HR 676, U.S. National Health Insurance Act, currently before Congress.

Following presentation by panel members, there will be ample opportunity for questions.

Sponsor: Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates in cooperation with the following churches: Calvin Presbyterian, Church of the Nazarene, Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis Evangelical, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace Lutheran, Northwest Hills Community, Peace Lutheran, Philomath Community, St. Mary's Catholic and Suburban Christian Fellowship. For more information: 752-3207

2004 LWVOR Fall Workshops

Local Issues, Local Needs Helping Your League to Help Your Community

Agenda

9:30	Registration, coffee & pastries, networking
9:45	Welcome
10:00	Local Land Use Concerns and Action
11:00	Applying League Action Principles to Land Use Issues: Land Use 101
12:00	Guest Speaker: Measure 37, Lunch
1:00	Build Your League to Build Better Communities
	– Fulfilling the League's Mission by Involving More Members
	– Using Innovation to Preserve Tradition
	– Creating a League of Leaders; Opportunities Ahead
2:45	Evaluation
3:00	End

2004 LWVOR Fall Workshops REGISTRATION FORM

Print and mail with payment

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

League: _____

I will come to the following workshop: (Check one)

___ #1: Sept. 10, Medford, Rogue Regency Motel **Registration due Sept. 3**

___ #2: Oct. 2, Portland, Holladay Park Plaza **Registration due Sept. 24**

___ #3: Oct. 8, Salem, Salem Public Library **Registration due Oct. 1**

I have enclosed a check made out to LWVOR for: (Check one)

___ League member registration: **\$16.50**

___ Guest registration: **\$21.50**

___ I prefer a vegetarian lunch

Exact locations and directions will be provided in advance by email and to local League Presidents. Questions? 503-581-5722; lwvor@lwvor.org; www.lwvor.org

Please return form and payment to LWVOR, 2659 Commercial SE, Suite 260, Salem, OR 97302

Upcoming Events: September & October 2004

- September 23** Why Can't We Have Universal Health Care? 7 pm Friends Meeting House
Sponsored by Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates
- September 30** Thursday 7:30 PM — Professor Garrett Epps, University of Oregon Law School,
speaking on Civil Liberties. LWV Annual Kick-Off Meeting to follow.
- October 5** Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.– Corvallis Public Library – Ballot Measure Forum–
Kathryn Conner at 753-4797 (Speakers can be available for other groups.)
- October 8** LWVOR Workshop at Salem Public Library (see enclosed form)
- October 9** Ballot Measure Forum – ? Place not determined
- October 14** State Rep. Forum – 7 pm – Corvallis Library
- October 19** Benton County Commissioner Forum – 7 pm Corvallis Library
- October 23** City Council Candidate Forum – 9:30 – 11:30 – Corvallis Library
- October 28** ACLU – Safe and Free Road-show – LSC 7pm Engineering Hall
- November 2** General Election – **Ballots due by 9 pm to Benton County Elections**
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