



League of Women Voters of Corvallis

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LWVC Wins Energy Challenge Competition

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis has won the Energy Challenge competition that was launched in March by the Energy Trust of Oregon. The announcement was made at the Sustainability Town Hall meeting on June 25th, when Energy Trust Communications Director Jan Schaeffer presented a \$1,000 check to Shelly Murphy, who coordinated the League's Energy Challenge efforts.

"This just shows that the League is about action," Shelly told the crowd of 350 that was gathered in the Corvallis High School auditorium. "If you want to be part of the action, then join the League!"

The Corvallis League was competing with other partner organizations in the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to gather sign-ups for free home energy reviews. League members signed up over 200 members, friends and neighbors over a 3-month pe-



riod. Runners up for the competition include the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, First Alternative Co-op, City of Corvallis, and Corvallis School District 509J.

This competition is part of a year-long campaign called the Corvallis Energy Challenge which is designed to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in Corvallis. Energy Trust selected Corvallis and the Sustainability Coalition last fall, after searching for an Oregon community that could take the lead by piloting a community energy program. The program is testing whether such an effort

is effective at promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in Oregon.

For more information about the Energy Challenge or to sign up for a free home energy review, go to www.corvallisenergychallenge.org.

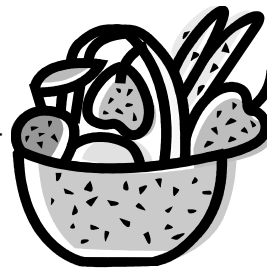
Save the Date



Our Fall Kickoff meeting will be Thursday, September 18th from 7 to 9PM at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Besides learning about the 2008-09 League activities, we will hear featured speaker John Kaufmann of Oregon's Department of Energy talk about "Peak Oil: Status and Prospects". Details will follow in the September Bulletin.

Local Study On Food

The Corvallis League this year will look into the accessibility, security, and sustainability of local food supplies. For more information on how to get involved in this study contact Diana Carsten. And watch the bulletin this year for more information on local food.



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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.

Let's Grow Our Membership This Year

Ask! Everyone is a prospective member. Carry membership brochures so that you are ready to provide information to colleagues at work, people in your book club, civic organization, or church, and to newcomers to your neighborhood.

Current members are reminded that the LWV Corvallis dues year begins in October. Dues are still \$52 for an individual, \$78 for a household, and \$26 for a student. There is a form on the back of this newsletter for you to use.

Dues are not tax deductible. If you would like to support the Corvallis League with a tax deductible donation, you must write a separate check to the League of Women Voters of the U.S. Education Fund and enclose it with your dues check. We are able to use your Education Fund donation to meet up to 50% of the per member payment we owe to the national League. Donations may also be made to the LWV of Oregon Education Fund. The Corvallis League does offer scholarships to prospective members who find the dues prohibitive. If you are interested in a scholarship, contact the Membership Chair or another member of the League Board.

...Shelly Murphy, Membership Director. 754-1184 or shel-lym@peak.org

President's Column Annette Mills

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, with plenty of time to enjoy these heavenly blue-sky-and-sunshine-days and cool evenings. It may be vacation time, but there has been a lot of activity in the League at all levels since you received your last Bulletin. Here's a brief update:

In May, the Corvallis League hosted the bi-annual LWVOR Council, which was held at Salbaugeon Suites. A big "thank you" is in order to Dagmar Johnson, Host League Coordinator, who did a terrific job attending to the many details that needed to be handled to make sure everything went smoothly. Dagmar assembled a wonderful crew of LWVC volunteers who welcomed Leaguers from around the state.

Our Annual Meeting was also held in May, just a few days after State Council. We are very grateful to Laura Lahm Evenson for creating a very festive atmosphere with her wonderful decorations and beautiful table arrangements – and for working so hard to coordinate the food service for a hungry crowd! Following dinner and a business meeting in which new officers were elected and a new study adopted, we heard an engaging presentation by Jeanette Hardison on what local businesses are doing to meet the Energy Challenge.

In competition with other organizations participating in the Corvallis Energy Challenge, LWVC members continued to gather sign-ups for free home energy

reviews right up until the deadline on May 30. And our efforts paid off! (See article on page 1.)

In June, the LWVUS Convention was held in Portland. Pat Bishop and I served as delegates representing the LWV of Corvallis, and we had a great time! This was my fourth national convention, and, as always, it was packed with lively plenary sessions, valuable hands-on workshops, and thought-provoking caucuses. Please take a minute to read our report on page 3. The convention reaffirmed my belief that Leaguers are among the brightest, most dedicated people I know. (A special treat for me at convention was an opportunity to visit with my sister, who is president of the LWV of Alaska.)

In early July, our newly-elected board met at the home of Kate Mathews (thank you, Kate!) to begin planning for the coming year. With the upcoming election, two LWVUS education and advocacy campaigns, a new national study, two state studies, and a new local study, it's going to be a very full year. We'll share the details with you in the September Bulletin.

As you begin to think about what role you would like to play in the League this year, please consider joining our new study committee on Local Food, headed by Diana Carsten, or the new Membership Committee, chaired by Shelly Murphy. If you'd like to volunteer for "spot jobs" such as making phone calls or serving as a greeter at our various events, please let us know. Everyone's participation is needed to make sure our League thrives. We look forward to hearing from you as we head into 2008-09.



State Council Thank You

Over 60 people from Leagues around the state gathered at the Salbasgeon in Corvallis last May for the annual State Council meetings. The event was a huge success, and our guests were very appreciative of how smoothly everything ran and of our hospitality.

I want to express a HUGE thank you to

the board and League members for your time, expertise, and generosity during the event. Many hands really did make the work light! Thank you.

Dagmar Johnson
Host League Coordinator

Leaguers from 49 States Gather in Portland for LWVUS Convention

The LWV National Convention was held in Portland on June 13-17 and attended by two delegates from Corvallis, Annette Mills and Pat Bishop. Other participants from Corvallis were Paula Krane, Peggy Lynch, Shelly Murphy, Jean Nath, Karen Nibler, and Nancy Roberts.

Approximately 700 delegates from all over the country enjoyed wonderful weather and warm hospitality. Highlights of the convention included addresses by two former governors: Barbara Roberts, the first woman governor of Oregon speaking on "Women as Political Leaders – Our History and Experience," and John Kitzhaber, whose topic was "The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century." In addition, a panel discussion on Climate Change featured Dr. V. Ramanathan of UC San Diego, who provided an overview of the global impacts of climate change; and Heather Kaplan of Oxfam America, who spoke on the effects of climate change that are already being felt by people in the developing world.

Convention delegates attended to many business items, including election of the new LWVUS Board which includes Norman Turrill of Portland, the first man in League history to serve in that position. Norm has been serving as the LWVOR

first vice president and state action chair. He was also recently appointed by LWVUS President Mary Wilson to co-chair a newly established Election Audits Task Force.

After much discussion, convention delegates adopted the following national program items:



A **Health Care** program to educate members and communities to be better prepared to do health care advocacy;

A multi-level education and advocacy campaign to promote solutions to **Global Climate Change**; and

A fast-track study of the **National Popular Vote Compact**. (The National Popular Vote bill would guarantee the Presidency to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.)

It should be a very busy, interesting and active year and you are encouraged to participate in any of these endeavors. Watch future issues of the Bulletin for details and upcoming opportunities!

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**Dates
 To
 Remember**

- August 15—LWV Corvallis Board Meeting
- September 18—Fall Kickoff Meeting
- September 19—LWV Corvallis Board Meeting
- September 20-21 Fall Festival—
Voter Registration
- September 27—LWVOR Fall Workshop—
Eugene
- October 13—LWV Corvallis Book Club
- October 14, 16 and 23 Voter Service Forums
- November 4—Election Day

Join The League

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, Zip+ 4 digits _____
 Phone _____
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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 want to join but dues are prohibitive. Contact me about a scholarship.
- 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. 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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