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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.

Primary Election Candidates Forum

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 7-9 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Avenue

Democratic Party Candidates for Benton County Commissioner, Position 1

Quintin C. Kreth – Farmer, Government Policy Analyst, Planning and Nonprofit Management

Pat Malone – Self-employed Tree Farmer, Community Volunteer, Community College Instructor, University Teaching Assistant

Anne Schuster – Community Volunteer, Corvallis School Board Member, Research Associate in Plant Pathology and Genetics

Candidates will introduce themselves, present their priorities, then discuss these questions:

- What are your spending priorities?
 - What do you think is the best process for the county to follow for decision-making on complex issues such as the Bailey Branch, expansion of the jail, the round-about on 53rd?
- Candidates will respond to written questions from the audience, then make closing remarks.

The candidates' websites can tell you more: www.kreth.us; www.patmalone2014.com; and www.anneschusterforcommissioner.com.

Note: Republican Candidate Jerry Jackson, Sr. runs unopposed in this Primary Election

Candidates and Ballot Measures- www.co.benton.or.us/elections/2014_primary_election_index.php

Co-sponsored by Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



You are invited to the 64th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis

Tuesday, May 28th – 6 to 9 PM

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

6:00 PM – Dinner Buffet

7:00-7:45 PM – Business Meeting

7:45 – 8:45 PM – Guest Speaker, Linda Modrell

“Politics And Me— What I’ve Learned... And Didn’t Learn”

Linda Modrell was first elected Benton County Commissioner in 1999 and was re-elected in 2002, 2006, and 2010. She worked in the health policy field before being elected. Her focus is on transportation, health, and governance issues. Linda has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis since 1996.

Little-known fact: Linda’s great-great-great-grandfather was a Linn County Commissioner!

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Dinner Reservation form, page 7— *Return it by May 21*



President's Corner – Ann Brodie

The year has gone by very quickly! We had many wonderful public meetings covering such topics as education, agriculture, and health care. Our committees were active—presenting testimony, staffing tables at events, organizing voter town halls and forums and supporting the Corvallis tax levy with a voters pamphlet letter.

Although the Supreme Court doesn't seem to understand the power of money, we in the LWV do. Our budget is very tight with our active committees, voter service and state-wide participation. I urge you to tell friends about our grapefruit sale next fall and to give names of prospective buyers to the Fruit Fundraiser chair, Louise Marquering. Please renew your membership next fall; additional donations are always accepted. Another way to help is to take nice items to the OSU Folk Club Thrift shop; Corrine Gobeli or Kate Mathews can consign them for the League.

Our April meeting showing of "The Healthcare Movie" attracted a large audience. A wide variety of many thoughtful questions expanded on the theme of the movie. Many thanks go to Nadine Grzeskowiak and Laurie Labbitt from the Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates for their expert answers and summary.

Don't forget to send in your reservation for the Annual Meeting dinner! This is our final meeting of the year when we elect a new board, pass the 2014-15 budget and programs, and receive summaries from the our committees. It will be fun to hear Linda Modrell's "inner thoughts" on being a County Commissioner!

Other League business—LWV of Oregon meets for State Council May 16-17 in Roseburg, with several representatives from our League. Claudia Keith and I will be your delegates to the LWVUS convention June 6-10 in Dallas, Texas. Look for delegates' reports in the summer Bulletin.

I hope that you have a pleasant summer and come back in the fall refreshed and ready for another stimulating year. I would love to hear of any suggestions or ideas that you have for next year.



Rounding Up Archives

The Archives Committee has developed policies for draft document retention and archiving and is exploring the Benton County Historical Society and Museum as a repository for our files.

We continue to sift and sort files to ensure a complete and accurate record of our League's history, activities and accomplishments. We welcome any local committee studies and reports, photos, or news articles about the LWV of Corvallis. If you have *any* of these contact any committee member: Corrine Gobeli, Paula Krane, Shelly Murphy, Karen Nibler, or Beth Thoennes (*pictured*).

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This bulletin is the newsletter of the **League of Women Voters of Corvallis** and is produced 10 times a year.

If you have suggestions, comments, submissions, or story ideas for the Bulletin, contact Beth Thoennes or Louise Marquering. We welcome your input.

Submissions must be received no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.

League of Women Voters of Corvallis – 64th Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 6-9 PM

Agenda of the Business Meeting

Ann Brodie, President



- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of the Year
- Introduction of Parliamentarian
- Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes
- Quorum Determination
- Adoption of Agenda
 - Treasurer’s Report, *page 4*
 - Presentation of the Proposed Program, *below*
 - Recommendation for the 2014-2015 Program
 - Presentation of the Budget, *pages 4-5*
 - Discussion and Adoption of Program
 - Discussion and Adoption of the Budget
 - Report of Nominating Committee, *page 6*
 - Election of Board Members
- Recognition
- Directions to the Board from Members
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Guest Speaker – Linda Modrell, Retiring Benton County Commissioner

“Politics And Me— What I’ve Learned... And Didn’t Learn”

Recommended Program, 2014-2015

With input from the membership at January’s Program Planning Meeting, the Board of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis recommends that we retain our current program for 2014-2015:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| At Risk Youth | Corrections | Know Your Schools |
| Benton County Charter | Financing the Public Library | Local Food |
| Child Care in Benton County | Health Services in Benton County | Prevention of Violence |
| Community Planning | Housing | Local Taxing Districts Study |

Treasurer's Report April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

Sara Ingle, Treasurer

	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013
CURRENT ASSETS		
Checking/Savings		
Citizens Bank	\$10,384.11	\$ 8,903.51
Citizens Savings	4,575.37	4,423.71
Washington Federal CD 5/7/14 .25%	5,114.58	5,101.81
Washington Federal CD 5/14/15 1.391	10,630.16	10,483.32
Total Checking/Savings	\$30,704.22	\$28,912.35
Other Current Assets		
Investments		
Federated Prudent Global Inc	\$10,167.97	\$10,475.30
Vanguard Inflation Prot. Sec. F	7,365.38	10,060.41
Total Investments	17,533.35	20,535.71
Total Other Current Assets	17,533.35	20,535.71
Total Current Assets	48,237.57	49,448.06
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,237.57	\$49,448.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	\$49,448.06	\$49,903.40
Net Income	-1,210.49	-455.34
Total Equity	48,237.57	49,448.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$48,237.57	\$49,448.06

Proposed Budget, 2014-2015

Treasurer Sara Ingle submitted a very tight 2014-15 budget to the Budget committee after collecting board expectations for the coming year.

A request was made for \$500 additional funds for action, specifically for the new Climate Change Committee. The Budget Committee, in balancing the budget and offsetting the new expense, has asked that the Annual Dinner pay for itself and that every effort be made to increase grapefruit sales. Sales this year went well. Members are encouraged to send addresses for new customers (perhaps people you share your grapefruit with) to Louise Marquering.

At the same time, dues will remain the same; member and non-member donations are appreciated. We depend on tax-deductible donations by our members to the League of Women Voters (US) Education Fund, given through our League, that offset 50% of the per-member-payment to LWVUS.

The Budget Committee submitted this balanced budget and the board approved it for referral to the general membership at the annual meeting. We recommend approval of this balanced 2014-15 proposed budget.

– Budget Committee: Ann Brodie, Doug Brodie, Sara Ingle,
Carolyn Brumley (Chair)

Proposed Budget –

	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Annual dinner	\$ 540.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Direct Public Support			
Creekside Donations	3,460.00		
Individuals, Business Contributions	0.00	650.00	
Non-Member Contributions	650.00		650.00
Grapefruit Receipts	8,629.50	10,000.00	9,500.00
Interest from CD	159.61	150.00	120.00
Interest from savings	1.66		2.00
Program Income			
Member Contributions	628.44	400.00	200.00
Membership Dues	6,780.00	7,200.00	6,450.00
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Merchandise	253.89	100.00	300.00
Total Income	\$21,103.10	\$19,000.00	\$17,822.00
Expense			
Action			
Creekside expense	\$ 4,500.00		
Sustainable water	934.70		
Action - Other	1,307.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Events offset by receipts	598.70	450.00	600.00
Grapefruit Expense	4,937.04	7,000.00	5,440.00
LWVOR Educ. Fund PMP credit	-236.69	-100.00	-240.00
LWVOR PMP	3,155.61	3,252.00	3,273.00
LWVUS Educ. Fund PMP Credit	-1,490.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00
LWVUS PMP	3,557.25	3,638.00	3,689.00
Membership	52.10	100.00	75.00
Operations			
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,277.06	1,300.00	1,300.00
Website	299.85	400.00	300.00
Other Types of Expenses			
Miscellaneous	0.00	200.00	
PO Box, Permit, Corp.	476.55	400.00	475.00
President, Treasurer, Secretary	57.27	60.00	60.00
Program PR, Committee Material	521.14	300.00	400.00
Suffrage Celebration	12.60		
Travel and Meetings			
National Convention	513.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Regional Mtgs., Dues, Assessments	0.00	50.00	
State Convention/Council	809.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Voter Education	12.80	250.00	250.00
Total Expense	\$21,295.93	\$19,000.00	\$17,822.00
Net Ordinary Income	-192.83	0.00	0.00
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted income	-1,017.66		
Net Income	\$ -1,210.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Nominating Committee Report

The following candidates are offered for election by the Nominating Committee of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis. – *Charlaine Beschta, Kate Mathews, Annette Mills, Tanya Shively, Mary Youmans (Chair)*

LWV of Corvallis Board, 2014-2016

<i>Co-Presidents</i>	Ann Brodie (2014-2015) and Laura Lahm Evenson
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Open
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sara Ingle
<i>Directors</i>	Claudia Keith Kate Mathews (2014-2015) Shelly Murphy
<i>Nominating Committee, 2014-2015</i>	Charlaine Beschta, Tanya Shively, Mary Youmans

Continuing Officers, 2013-2015

<i>1st Vice President</i>	Annette Mills
<i>Secretary</i>	Lois Marie Zaerr
<i>Directors</i>	Carolyn Brumley, Karyle Butcher, Beth Thoennes

Community Planning Update



Now Is Your Chance to Make a Difference!

Are you interested in how Corvallis grows? Would you like to study and propose measures regarding land development that “promote the public interest, health, safety, comfort, convenience, and welfare”? (*from Corvallis Municipal Code*) If your answer is yes, please consider applying for a spot on the Corvallis Planning Commission. There are three commissioners’ terms expiring July 1.

Planning Commissioners conduct hearings on land development applications, review proposals, and make the

final decision in many cases. On some development-related issues, they provide information and recommendations to the City Council. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

An application for Planning Commission—and other Boards and Commissions—can be found at www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=1043.

Unlike most boards and commissions, whose members are appointed by the Mayor, the City Council appoints Planning Commissioners.

– *Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair*

They’re Bound for Big D, My, Oh Yes!

The June 6-10 biennial convention of the LWV of the United States will be in Dallas, Texas. Our League’s representatives will be President Ann Brodie and Climate Change Committee Chair Claudia Keith.



They’ll have a full plate as they consider League business—officers, budget, program, and bylaws—and meet with other League members from across the United States. Expect an exciting report from them in your summer Bulletin!



Do we have your correct email and mailing addresses?

When you change your address, please notify us to insure timely receipt of League messages and publications.

Send changes to kranep@peak.org or Paula Krane, 3363 NW Crest Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330.



To reserve dinner for the Annual Meeting

Please clip this form and return it with your check for \$16.00 by May 21

Mail to: LWVC Annual Dinner, c/o Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis 97330-1742

Menu: Roasted spring veggies – Spanakopita with layers of phyllo, feta and spinach

Tuscan chicken breast with prosciutto, sage, parmesan, in a light creamy wine sauce – Spring risotto with lemon and peas

Catered by Valley Catering – Compostable utensils and dishes provided by EcNow Tech

Name: _____

___ I plan to attend the LWV Annual Meeting, May 28th ___ I would like a ride ___ I can offer someone a ride



Climate Change: Put People Before Polluters

By Elisabeth MacNamara, President, LWVUS
April 18, 2014

This week, Americans, including members of the League of Women Voters, honors our environment and celebrates Earth Day. Many of our fellow Americans realize that climate change is the greatest environmental challenge of our generation, and the reason for this grave concern was recently made clear yet again. According to a [study released last week by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#), the leading United Nations climate science body, time is running out to protect our planet and prevent the disastrous effects of [global climate change](#).

The report warns that if major global action is not taken before 2020, the world will face a whole range of irrevocable effects, including dangerously high temperatures, rising seas, acidified oceans, severe crop failures and mass extinctions of plant and animal species. “The longer we wait, the more costly things will be,” warns Stanford University economist Charles Kolstad, a lead author of the report.

The League of Women Voters takes these findings seriously. We’ve been at the [forefront of the environmental protection movement for decades](#), working to [build grassroots support for action on climate change](#) nationally and at the state and local levels. We’re particularly invested in one of the clearest, most direct solutions to preventing climate change: reducing carbon pollution from power plants.

Not only are power plants the single largest source of carbon pollution in America, but they are also [the leading cause of climate change](#). Carbon pollution is responsible for increased air pollution that [can cause thousands of deaths every year](#) if left unchecked, in addition to [chronic asthma and respiratory illness](#).

That’s where you come in. [This Earth Day, we’re calling for Americans everywhere](#) to take action and submit a comment telling the EPA to follow through with the proposal and limit industrial carbon pollution from all new power plants.

According to the UN report, which included contributions by leading scientists and political representatives from over 110 governments, [atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are rising faster than ever](#). In other words, the world needs urgent action. [We must let the EPA know that we need to act immediately to protect the future of our planet, including our lives and the lives of our children.](#)

This Earth Day, put people before polluters. If supporters like you stand up and demand the strongest standard possible, we can put our country—and our planet—on the path to a sustainable future and ensure a cleaner, healthier future for everyone.

If you see this online, you can click on blue text links in this article to read more on this subject. Note: This was originally posted on LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara’s Huffington Post blog—www.huffingtonpost.com/elisabeth-macnamara/this-earth-day-put-people_b_5175525.html?utm_hp_ref=green



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Don't forget to VOTE
by May 20, 8 PM



LWV Calendar

May

- Fri-Tue 2-6** Ballots mailed to voters
- Wed 7** Voter Service: *Candidate Forum*
- Thu 8** Board meeting, 2-4 PM
- Fri-Sat 16-17** LWVOR Council, Roseburg
- Tue 20** Primary Election Day
- Wed 28** LWV of Corvallis *Annual Meeting*, 6 PM

June

- Fri-Tue 6-10** LWVUS Convention, Dallas, Texas

July

- Fri 4** Independence Day



Join the League

Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ \$60 individual membership ____ \$90 household

____ \$30 student ____ Renewal ____ Contribution*

I would like to be considered:

Active ____ **Inactive Member / Supporter** ____

I first joined the League in ____ (year) _____ (place).

What special skills/talents/interests would you like to share with the League?

LWV's membership year begins in October. *Those joining after March 31st pay half-year dues.*

Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:
LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

* Regular dues are not tax-deductible. However, contributions to the LWVUS Education Fund, paid with a separate check, are deductible.