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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.

General Meeting

? WHAT'S IN OUR AIR ?

Wood Smoke
 Fine Glass Particles
 Fine Particulate Matter
 Diesel Pollution
 Carbon Monoxide
 Volatile Organic
 Compounds



TCE
 PM 2.5
 Fluoride
 Sulfur Dioxides
 Hydrochloric Acid
 Hydrogen Fluoride
 Nitrogen Oxides

Spend an evening with air pollution information, air quality stars, and discussion

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7 PM

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

Speakers: Lisa Arkin, Marilyn Koenitzer, Dr. Diana Rohlman, OSU

Lisa Arkin is Executive Director of Beyond Toxics, a very successful Eugene, Oregon environmental advocacy organization. Lisa will present how Beyond Toxics contributes to air quality improvement; and report on current legislation affecting air quality.

Marilyn Koenitzer, is a member of the LWV of Corvallis and an environmental advocate. Marilyn will introduce the big picture of air pollution, and summarize the latest information on the Hollingsworth and Vose glass fiber plant's path to a new air quality permit.

Dr. Diana Rohlman, PhD, OSU, is a Toxicologist in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences in the department of Environmental and Occupational Health. Rohlman will discuss air monitoring projects for Corvallis neighborhoods and provide an overview of the health impacts of air pollution.

A Q & A PERIOD WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATIONS



Legislature 2017 Town Hall Meetings Continue

Saturday, March 4th, 10 to 11:30 AM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe

Meet your state legislators, hear about their work, and ask questions.

Legislators invited to participate are: Representative Andy Olsen, Representative Dan Rayfield, Representative Mike Nearman, and Senator Sara Gelser.

These events are co-sponsored by the LWV of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

Knowledge is power.

In my mid-twenties when I was living in California I had a job that I really enjoyed. After about a year in the position, I recognized that my supervisor was giving me only limited information. She was doing so to protect her position and knowledge. It gave her power over the employees she supervised.

Pondering this led me to think of all of the Leaguers who have shared their knowledge with me. In my life, names like Liz Frenkel, Jean Nath, Maryanne Staton, Marge Chilcote, Shelly Murphy, Annette Mills, Paula Krane, Marilyn Koenitzer, and Peggy Lynch are just a few who jump to mind. All of these people willingly shared information they had with me. They did not try to protect their positions or power by hoarding it. I don't think I have ever thanked any of them for their willingness to help me become a better citizen. Thank you!

The League believes in sharing information: non-partisan information to voters in order that they may make more informed decisions; information to Legislators and people in government to give them a broader perspective; and information to school children to help them understand what it means to live in a democracy. By educating ourselves and our communities, the League is helping spread power, often to the unheard and underrepresented.

In order to have a vital and informed League, we need *everyone's* knowledge and perspectives. Please consider serving on the Board, on a committee, as an observer at County or City meetings, or by helping behind the scenes so that the LWV of Corvallis can accomplish its important work.

I hope you can join us for an interesting program on air quality this month. Our local League has not had a program on this topic in recent memory, and it's time for one NOW. We have a community treasure in Marilyn Koenitzer who singlehandedly has followed this issue for almost thirty years!

Share the knowledge. Share the power.



WELCOME!

**New and Returning Members Kathy Seeburger, Deborah Clark,
and Connie Bozarth**

First Call to Convention 2017, LWV of Oregon

"Engaging our Communities, Preserving our Principles"

The biennial convention of the LWV of Oregon will be held Friday-Sunday, May 5-7, at Holiday Inn Portland South/Wilsonville, Oregon. It will consider changes to its Bylaws, adopt a budget and a program for action, and elect officers. The LWV of Corvallis is entitled to several delegates; any member may attend as a non-voting observer.

Save the Date! Wednesday, May 24, 6-8:30 PM

**LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting and Dinner
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**

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This is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis which is produced nine or ten times a year.

Contact Beth Thoennes or Louise Marquering with your suggestions, submissions, comments, or story ideas. We welcome your input.

Submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership in the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages and includes membership in the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the League of Women Voters of the United States.



The Clean Energy Jobs Campaign

The Clean Energy Jobs bill, SB 557, will reduce climate pollution threatening Oregon communities. It will create thousands of jobs by encouraging investment in cleaner energy sources, greater energy efficiency, and upgrading infrastructure threatened by climate change. Oregonians need the legislature to enact a Clean Energy Jobs bill that: 1) reduces greenhouse gas emissions by setting a cap and using a pricing mechanism based on current science, 2) invests in the communities that need it most, 3) ensures that energy is still affordable, and that workers who are impacted by a clean energy transition are retrained in the new economy, 4) requires all sectors pay their fair share if they pollute above the cap, and that 5) ensures that no communities are left with an unfair burden of pollution or cost.

It's time for Oregon to transition from polluting energy to a clean energy economy. Our state will reap the rewards of more jobs, clean air, and local, renewable energy if we build on recent successes and finally hold large polluters accountable with a limit and price on the climate pollution they put into our air and water.

The impacts of climate change are hurting Oregonians. Our families, farmers, fishermen and firefighters are all bearing the burden of climate pollution. Enforcing limits and putting a price on this pollution will shift the burden off Oregonians

and hold large polluters to the same standards of responsibility as the rest of us. We must act now. Oregon can seize the opportunity to lead the clean energy economy, create good paying jobs for Oregonians and protect the health of our families and clean air.

The Renew Oregon Coalition champions a policy to:

- Cap climate pollution using the best available scientific guidelines for limiting Oregon's share of global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius. The cap will be economy-wide, declining over time through 2050 to ensure we reach our reduction targets and provide certainty for business.
- Price all qualified greenhouse gas emissions under the cap. Polluters pay for every ton of climate pollution they put into our air. The price is reasonably stable and can be adjusted over time to ensure the cap is not exceeded giving polluters incentive to cut emissions and allowing flexibility to do so efficiently and at lowest cost.
- Invest proceeds from pricing climate pollution into clean energy like wind and solar, public transit, energy efficient homes and businesses and more. A minimum of 35% of proceeds will be invested to reduce pollution and climate impacts experienced by low-income and rural communities, communities of color, and impacted workers in Oregon. Equity and a just transition to clean energy are central to the policy.



Public Post-Secondary Education in Oregon – LWV of Corvallis Consensus Results

On February 14th we held the third in a series of general meetings on Oregon Public Post-Secondary Education in the 21st Century, the last to be held over a four year period. Of the many lively and informative discussions this one was especially helpful in preparing us to answer the consensus questions.

Consensus meetings were held later in the same week. At these meetings we had a full discussion on the material, with insightful questions that helped with our final decisions. We decided that it is too early in the process to know if the new structure of the state's Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) or the new individual boards at all of the post-secondary institutions of Oregon are achieving their goals. We were also in agreement that too much emphasis and money are placed on athletics.

We are sending our responses on the consensus questions to LWVOR which will compile all the local Leagues' responses, then write the state League's position. This will be available later in the spring

The committee was Cathy Frischman, Carolyn Gardner, Bouquet Harger, Jeff Hess, Sara Ingle, JoAnne Trow, and Paula Krane (chair). Special thanks to Tony Van Vliet, who generously gave his time to be a consultant, which was very helpful. Special thanks to Laura Lahm Evenson for hosting the consensus meetings. — *Paula Krane, Governance Chair*



Sue Dornfeld, 1924 - 2017

Lorena Sue Dornfeld, a longtime member of the LWV of Corvallis, died Jan. 28. Raised in the South, she moved to Oregon in 1941, where she met and married Ernst Dornfeld while at Oregon State College.

Sue sang for many years with the Corvallis Madrigal Society and helped to organize the Corvallis Friends of Chamber Music. She raised five children and was an adventurous cook, discerning reader, and passionate gardener, Sue also supported many environmental and conservation causes and was active in advocating for better community health services in Oregon.

CAMPO Draft Regional Transportation Plan Available for Public Review

The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Regional Transportation Plan update is now available for public review at:

www.corvallisareampo.org/Page.asp?NavID=66.

The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range plan that establishes regional transportation projects and policies and guides the flow of federal transportation funding to Corvallis, Philomath, Adair Village and portions of Benton County. The regional plan is updated every 5 years. The final document will go to the CAMPO Policy Board for

adoption in late March 2017. Public comments will be accepted through March 24, 2017. Comments can be submitted on line to the website listed above or mailed to: Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 301 SW 4th Street, Suite 140, Corvallis OR, 97333.

The public can also review and comment on the draft plan at an open house on March 16 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Linus Pauling Middle School Cafeteria, 1111 NW Cleveland Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Celebrate Women's History Month

Born out of the long struggle to guarantee women the right to vote, the League of Women Voters has spent nearly a century helping shape our country's political and social history. As our democracy has grown and faced challenges, the League has grown with it. Here are some women in the League whom we can remember in gratitude.



Effie (Mrs. C.B.) Simmons was the last president of the Oregon Equal Suffrage Alliance, which became the League of Women Voters of Oregon. She was the first woman elected to the Oregon Legislative Assembly from Multnomah County. Mrs. Simmons was a member of the first board of directors of the national League of Women Voters and also Regional director of the League for the

seven Pacific Coast States—Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona. Simmons organized the women of these states into active groups, encouraging them to study citizenship and become intelligent voters. Simmons supported herself and her three children while active in a multitude of civic organizations. Now little-known, Effie Simmons played a vital part in women's history, national, regional, and local.

Who but Grace Phinney (1918-1995) could inspire Nancy Brooks' musical saw rendition of "Amazing Grace" at an LWV of Corvallis meeting? She *was* amazing.

Grace and her husband Harry arrived in Corvallis in 1947 to teach at OSU. When university policy changed so that only one member of a married couple could teach in a department at OSU, Grace left OSU and began to work with the LWV, the State of Oregon, and a plethora of civic and environmental causes – while raising their three children.

Grace served on the LWV of Corvallis board and as our local League president. She wrote the state League's 1980 publication on Nuclear Energy, and served on Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission, the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, and a variety of other government panels.



Bob Frenkel, 1927 - 2017 Long-time Corvallis resident and LWV member Robert "Bob" Frenkel, 89, died in Portland, on February 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth "Liz" Frenkel.

In 1965 Bob and Liz moved to Corvallis where Bob took a faculty position in the Geography Department at Oregon State University. He retired an emeritus professor in 1991.

Among Bob's achievements were Cascade Head's salt marsh restoration and his efforts to protect the Jackson-Frazier Wetland north of Corvallis. In 2005 Benton County honored Bob by dedicating the Jackson-Frazier Wetland's boardwalk, which Bob helped plan and build, as the "Bob Frenkel Boardwalk". Bob loved to share wonderful stories, memories and beautiful slideshows of his travel and adventures. Though Bob's memory was cruelly robbed by Alzheimer's, these memories live on. Our condolences and sympathy go to Liz and the Frenkel family.

2017 Sustainability Fair & Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, March 9th, 5-7 & 7-9 PM – CH2M-Hill Alumni Center, OSU

The Sustainability Fair, from 5 to 7 PM, features local food, music, and more than 50 hands-on exhibits.

Registration is not required for attendance at the Fair. The LWV of Corvallis will have a booth at the Fair.

Register now for the Town Hall, to be held from 7 to 9 PM at the Alumni Center. See www.sustainablecorvallis.org or call 541-230-1237 for

information and to register for the Town Hall. During the Town Hall program there will be presentations from the main stage followed by discussion and activity at tables.

Keynote Speaker Samantha Chisholm Hatfield, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, has a PhD from OSU in Environmental Sciences. She'll speak on "Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Groundwork for a Sustainable Community." She has worked with Oregon Climate Change Research Institute and completed a Post-



Doctoral Research position with Northwest Climate Science Center.

The Town Hall program includes the annual Community Scrapbook, a slide presentation highlighting the sustainability achievements of local organizations and businesses during the past year. It will feature sustainability accomplishments of local businesses and organizations

during the past year, as well as activities to determine the direction of sustainability efforts in the coming year.

The LWV of Corvallis is a member of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, which is a network of 350 organizations and individuals in Corvallis and Benton County working toward a more sustainable community. It includes non-profits, businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations.



Housing Committee Works on Homelessness

The Housing Committee had two guests during our February meetings. Former Sheriff Jim Swinyard met with the committee to share information on a white paper he is writing in conjunction with Aleita Hass-Holcombe. The white paper looks at the issues of homelessness, with the goal of finding possible locations for tent camping. Swinyard was asked by the Housing Opportunities Action Council (HOAC) to explore the tent concept recognizing that, if put into place it is a temporary solution. Swinyard indicated that he is looking for specific data which, as committee member Judy Ball noted, the Housing Committee had already compiled for its report on homelessness in Corvallis. Both groups agree to share data and reports.

At this time no sites had been selected. The hope is that once selected each site would have regular trash pickup, portable toilets, water, and some form of storage unit for individual possessions.

The committee also had an extensive meeting with Shawn Collins, Program Manager for HOAC. Collins shared what he saw as the long-term goals of HOAC, as well as some short-term frustrations. Members of the Housing Committee offered viewpoints and suggestions. Collins reminded the committee that the League had not yet signed a declaration of cooperation with HOAC. We shared this at the LWV board's February meeting.

Committee members Judy Ball and Karen Rockwell are completing the Housing Committee draft report, "Housing in Corvallis." The report, an in-depth look at the homeless population in Corvallis and Benton County, is be reviewed by the full committee at our next meeting.

Judy Ball and Karyle Butcher have also been gathering information from cities in Oregon that have instituted SDC waivers in order to encourage affordable housing. This information will be gathered together and provided to city council, city staff and members of the H&CD Advisory Board. *– Karyle Butcher, Housing Committee Chair*



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LWV Calendar

March *Women's History Month*

- Sat 4** Legislative Town Hall 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Wed 8** International Women's Day
- Thur 9** Sustainability Fair & Town Hall 5-7 & 7-9 PM
- Tue 14** *General Meeting: Air Quality* 7 PM, Library
- Tue 21** Board Meeting 12:30-2:30 PM

April

- Sat 8** Legislative Town Hall 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Tue 11** *General Meeting: Community Planning* 7 PM, Library
- Tue 18** Board meeting 12:30-2:30 PM
- Wed 19** Voter Service Ballot Measures
- Sat 22** Earth Day
- Sun 23-Sat 29** National Volunteer Week

May

- Tue 2** Climate Legislative Advocacy League meets
- Fri-Sun 5,6,7** LWVOR Convention, Lake Oswego
- Sat 6** Legislative Town Hall 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Tue 16** Board Meeting 12:30-2:30 PM
- Wed 24** Annual Meeting & Dinner 6-8:30 PM, Library

Join the League!

Name _____

Address City, Zip+4 digits _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ \$60 individual membership ____ \$90 household

____ \$30 student ____ Renewal ____ Contribution*

____ Dues assistance information to help you join the League of Women Voters

I would like to be considered:

Active ____ Inactive Member / Supporter ____

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

What special skills/talents/interests can you share with League?

LWV's membership year begins October 1.

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