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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.

Come to Our Kickoff Meeting!



Tuesday, September 14, 7 - 9 PM
Corvallis-Benton County Library Meeting Room
645 NW Monroe Avenue

We'll begin with an overview of 2010-2011 League programs
Come, learn how you can be involved with a variety of League issues,
from Community Planning to Voter Education, and more!

Then we'll shift our focus to a very special presentation
Oregon's Marine Reserves: Science vs. Politics

Dr. Mark Hixon



Marine reserves are parts of the ocean legally protected for conservation. Dr. Hixon presents an illustrated, annotated history of efforts to establish a network of marine reserves in Oregon's territorial sea.

Still a work in progress, the process to implement marine reserves has been fraught with political controversy and extreme polarization. A major loser in this battle has been science, which is essential if reserves are to meet their conservation goals.

Mark Hixon is a professor in Oregon State University's Department of Zoology. His research expertise is the ecology of coastal marine fishes, focusing on what naturally regulates populations and sustains biodiversity.



President's Corner — Annette Mills

August 18, 2010, is a date that will be forever embedded in my memory. Thanks to the energetic and dedicated leadership of LWVC Board member Paula Krane, our League sponsored a special event to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and to honor all those women who gave so much of themselves to win the right to vote. It was a truly memorable occasion!

With many of us donning long skirts, sashes, and hats, we gathered at Barbara Ross's lovely historic home at the corner of Jefferson and 5th, and paraded down the sidewalk on 4th Street to the courthouse lawn.

A brief program included inspiring words from Mayor Charlie Tomlinson, State League President Marge Easley, State League Education Fund Chair Jane Gigler, and County Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo. We were accompanied with period music provided by a wonderful ensemble from the Corvallis Community Band. One of the highlights was the presentation of a book on the woman suffrage movement by LWVC member Jean Nath to Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser. Then it was back to Barbara's garden for a party that included ice cream and homemade cookies.

The event drew a large and appreciative crowd, which included many young women – and plenty of men! Hats off and bouquets of gratitude to Paula, Barbara, and all those too numerous to list who helped create a truly stellar event for our League and our community.

It was a wonderful prelude to what promises to be a lively year for our League, full of opportunities for education and advocacy. As we launch our 2010-11 program, I encourage you to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join you every time you attend a League event. The best way for us to spread the word about League is to ASK others to join us.

Our kick-off meeting on September 14th is an excellent place to start. Our featured presentation will be "Oregon's Marine Reserves: Science vs. Politics" by Dr. Mark Hixon, Professor of Marine Biology at Oregon State University. There is strong public interest in the health of our ocean and of Oregon's coastal communities, particularly following the tragic BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Our board agreed the time was right to hear from an expert in our midst. Dr. Hixon's talk will also help build local interest in the State League study on coastal management.

Prior to Dr. Hixon's talk, we will have brief presentations by chairs of our wide-ranging committees: Community Planning, Housing, Local Food, Water Resources, Climate Change, Membership, Voters Service, and Fundraising. Please give some thought to how you would like to participate in League this year, as you will have a chance to sign up for these committees or other volunteer tasks. The evening promises to be a good time to learn and to connect with friends, old and new, so please mark your calendar and invite prospective League members to join you.

I look forward to seeing you at the kick-off meeting on September 14th!

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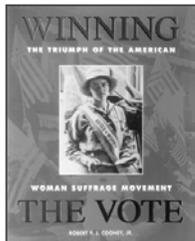
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This bulletin is the newsletter of the *League of Women Voters of Corvallis*, produced 10 times a year.

We welcome your input. If you have suggestions, story ideas, comments, or submissions for the Bulletin, contact Louise Marquering – lwvcLouise@AOL.com.

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

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



On the 90th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment
The League of Women Voters of Corvallis is pleased to present to
the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Winning the Vote:

The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement
by Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr.

Marine Reserves Process

Oregon has been engaged in a process to consider marine reserves along its coast for the past several years. The objective has been to select sites that provide ecological benefits while causing no significant economic or social harm to coastal communities or ocean users. In 2008, I attended some of the Ocean Policy Advisory Committee's (OPAC) public-comment meetings on submitted proposals, and became aware of strongly held polarized views and widespread misinformation.

Based on the marine reserve proposals and public input, in November 2008, OPAC recommended that

- "Pilot" marine reserves be established at Otter Rock and Redfish Rocks (the latter with an adjacent marine protected area),
- Community teams be formed to evaluate potential marine reserves at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua, and
- A marine reserve proposal be developed for Cape Arago-Seven Devils.

These recommendations were accepted by the governor and enacted, as HB 3013, by the 2009 state legislature.

Last fall, as mandated by HB 3013, community teams were selected, consisting of members (and alternates) representing the various stakeholders. For the Cape Perpetua team the interests represented are: Local government, Commercial fishing, Recreational fishing, Nonfishing industry, Recreation, Conservation, Watershed Council, and Science. To inform their discussions, the team directs requests for data to staffers from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and OSU Extension-Oregon Sea Grant. A facilitator selected by ODFW, Jim Owens, conducts the meetings.

Team members will bring the concerns and perspectives of their stakeholder constituencies to the meetings, gather and exchange information, and build consensus, finally producing a recommendation by October 2010. The team has agreed that after discussing an issue, and before consensus or a vote is taken, team members will have the opportunity to consult with their constituencies on the subject.

The community team's charter places a high value on consensus and has a more exacting definition of consensus than does LWV. For the League, consensus means an overall sense of the group. The community team has defined consensus as agreement they can accept, support, live with, or agree not to oppose. Consensus means no representatives voiced objection to the position and all agree not to oppose the position. If no consensus can be reached, a vote will be taken, and minority and majority positions will be documented for the community team recommendations.

Community team meetings are open to the general public. There has been limited, but adequate, time at meetings for public comment. The web-site www.oregonocean.info has announcements, agendas, minutes, and supporting documents for each of the community teams.

I am trying to follow the workings of the Cape Perpetua Community Team online or, when possible, in person. I hope its thoughtful process will result in a useful, sustainable, and generally accepted, system of marine reserves on the Oregon coast.

—Ruth Kistler, LWV of Lincoln County

Time to Learn More About Our Oregon Coastline

Marine life continues to disappear as food supplies, breeding locations and even the chemical nature of the ocean change and as human demand for delectable sea food increases. The Oregon Coast is an important marine area with interesting marine mammals, salmon, shellfish and important micro flora and fauna. Additionally, the coastline is an important recreational asset for Oregon, but many factors and pressures are changing our coastline.

The current LWVOR position on the coastline targets off shore drilling and has allowed the League to take advocacy positions to protect our coastline from these activities. However, the position does not address potential wave energy production, marine reserves, preservation of natural features or non-point source pollution issues. At the 2009 LWVOR Convention, League members moved to update the current position on the coastline to include these new issues and to do so in a one year study beginning in June 2010.

If you are interested in participating, please let Marnie Lonsdale know, at lonsdale9066@comcast.net or 503-285-0104. To facilitate participation in the study many meetings will be held using telephone conferences and internet tools. Participants will select areas of interest to research. Individuals and teams will look at current regulations and the varying perspectives on these issues. If you have an interest in coastal topics such as marine reserves, wave energy, non-point pollution, preservation of habitat, effects of climate change, please join us in this upcoming and fascinating study.

— Marnie Lonsdale, Study Chair

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Get Ready for World Car Free Day – September 22nd



Be part of a community-wide and global challenge! People around the world celebrate September 22 as World Car Free

Day. For the first time, Corvallis

area residents, businesses, and organizations will be participating in our community's version of this global event. The Sustainability Coalition is leading this challenge, and EVERYONE* is encouraged to participate!

7 am to 9 am — Check-in Sites will be located around Corvallis. A map of the 10 sites will be posted at www.sustainablecorvallis.org on September 1. Stop by on your way to work, school, or shopping. Sites include registration for prize drawings, refreshments, information, and bike safety checks.

9 am to 5 pm — Special Activities at participating businesses, stores, and schools. Check out what's happening where you work, shop, or go to school.

3 pm to 7 pm — Car Free Day Festival at the Wednesday Farmers' Market (2nd & B). The festival will include plenty of delicious ready-to-eat food, lively entertainment, alternative transportation booths, and the drawing for special prizes.

NOW is the time to get ready for Car Free Day. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 22, and plan to get where you need to go car-free.

- **Take the Car Free Day Pledge** – It takes just a minute to register for Car Free Day at www.sustainablecorvallis.org.
- **Make Your Plan** – Decide whether you will walk, bike, or ride the bus. Pick up a bicycle map/guide at the library or City Hall, and make sure your bike is in good working condition. Take it to a local bike shop for a tune-up, or stop by the “Ask-a-Wrench” booth at the Artisans' Market, adjacent to the Saturday Farmers' Market. Check out bus routes at www.corvallistransit.com. The Corvallis Transit System is offering FREE bus rides all day!
- **Get Involved** – Help spread the word by telling everyone you know about Car Free Day. To offer assistance to people who are new to bicycling or who are riding the bus for the first time, you can volunteer to become a “Bike Buddy” or a “Bus Buddy”. Contact the Car Free Day Coordinating Committee at info@sustainablecorvallis.org.

The benefits of traveling car free are many – save money, get fit and feel better, experience Corvallis in a different way, protect our environment, and help move our community toward energy independence.

* **The goal of Car Free Day is to create a positive experience for all community members** so they'll consider using alternative transportation regularly. If you are unable to walk, bike, or use public transit, you can still participate by sharing a ride with a friend, hiring the local pedicab, or telecommuting (working from home) for the day.

Sponsors of Car Free Day are:

The City of Corvallis, Mid-Valley Bicycle Club, Safe Routes to School, Corvallis Farmers' Market, First Alternative Co-op, and Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Take the Car Free Day Pledge today – and join in the fun!

October 15 Deadline for Special Funds Grant Applications



Thanks to the generosity of long-time League members Kay Dick and Grace Phinney, LWVC has unrestricted memorial funds that may be used by League members for League projects, pending review by the Special Funds Review Committee and approval by the Board.

Applications are received twice a year, in February and October. *The application deadline is October 15, for project start-up in January.*

If you have an idea for a League project that would require funding, please consider applying! Guidelines and application forms are available upon request and can be downloaded from the League's website (www.lwv.corvallis.or.us).

Applications should be submitted to the LWVC President, who will forward them to the Board and the Review Committee.

Thanks for Making a Great Ratification Celebration!

- To Mayor Charles Tomlinson for his proclamation.
- To Barbara Ross for sharing her garden.
- To County Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo for welcoming us.
- To Marge Easley, LWVOR president, and Jane Gigler, LWVOR EF chair, for their presence and remarks.
- To members of the Corvallis Community Band under the direction of Sue Borden—Julie Sutherland, Debbie Hackleman, Peg Urban, Kim Berry, Vicki Baker, Jinny Tanner, Kathy Smith, and Mike Smith.
- To sign- and sash-makers Barbara Ashman, Ruth Gallagher, Janet Lincoln, Patty McClintock, Shelly Murphy, Barbara Regan, and especially to Laura Evenson who provided her yard as a workshop.
- To Kate Mathews for organizing the food and drinks.
- To Safeway, for donating funds for beverages.
- To League members who donated cookies, paper and plastic products, chairs and tables.
- To JoAnne Trow for researching local 1920 activities concerning the 19th amendment.
- To Mary Finnegan for a great suffrage display at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.
- To the Corvallis Gazette-Times for its extensive coverage.
- To League members and others who were willing to share stories of their mothers, grandmothers, and even great grandmothers.
- To Benton County staff, who were so helpful.
- To everyone who joined us in our celebration!

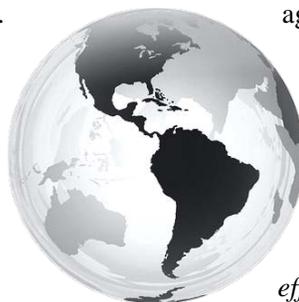
Climate Change Action: Get Involved!

At the national level, the League of Women Voters has been working hard to educate and to advocate on the critical issue of Global Climate Change.

Faced with increasing evidence that our climate is already changing and that the social and economic, as well as environmental, implications are profound, it's time for Leaguers at the local level to step up to the plate.

The LWVUS has assembled an outstanding "Toolkit for Climate Action" to assist local Leagues and League members in educating the public about what we can do to address climate change. The toolkit provides action plans and resources that Leagues and League members can use to:

- Help people in their community learn what they can do at the individual and household levels to **save energy and reduce their carbon footprint**,



- Work with their community to **set emissions-reduction goals** and then develop and implement a plan to achieve those goals, and
- **Build grassroots support for strong action** on climate change at the state and federal levels, including eventual ratification of an effective international climate agreement.

Shelly Murphy, Janet Wolf-Eshe, and Annette Mills are organizing a new LWVC Climate Change Committee to make sure our League makes good use of the resources developed at the national level.

If you would like to be part of this important effort, please contact Shelly at 541-754-1184 or shellym@peak.org.

Land Use! Urbanization! Local Transportation! Open Space! Watersheds!

Interested in Community Planning?

Are you interested in any or all of the above areas?

Please call or e-mail Community Planning Committee Co-chair, Shelly Murphy at 541-754-1184 or shellym@peak.org. We'll notify you about the committee's activities.



NEW DIRECTIONS – LWVOR Fall Workshop

Saturday, October 16, 2010 – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Eugene Garden Club – 1645 High Street



Education: National study; local concerns

Action: Election Measures and Legislative Session

Local League Networking: Share your history; Record your story

Climate Change: How can we make a difference?

Election Update: Video Voters' Guide; *Voters' Guide* redesign

Mock Election: Exciting innovations

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Bring a GUEST!

Map and directions are available at www.lwvor.org Members' site (user: lwvor, password: carriecatt). Click on [Events](#).

LWVOR Fall Workshop Registration

Advance registration required—return by **Oct. 8, 2010**

Yes, I want to attend the LWVOR Fall Workshop!

Name: _____

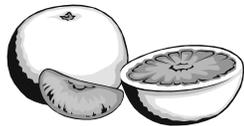
LWV Member? Yes No If yes, indicate League: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop with lunch: \$21.00 member; \$26.00 guest (Vegetarian option will be available)

Workshop only: \$14.00 member; \$19.00 guest

Make checks payable to **LWVOR** and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **October 8, 2010**. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email lwvor@lwvor.org.



It's Grapefruit Time Again!

Our annual grapefruit fundraiser runs from October 1 to November 15. A box of ruby red grapefruit is an excellent gift for yourself or someone special. Your grapefruit order supports our local programs. Our activities are made possible by citizens who believe that what our local League does is important. You can support our efforts by purchasing grapefruit. We make about 40% of the cost of a box. If you do not order grapefruit, please consider making a donation. The grapefruit arrive the first week of December and are delivered to your home.

Prices are: \$20 for a 20-pound box, containing 16 to 20 fruits *or* \$12 for a 10-pound half-box

Make checks payable to LWV of Corvallis. Send your order *by November 15* to:

Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330

Fill out, Clip, Send and Enjoy!

Grapefruit Order Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

_____ Full Box/es @ \$20 each \$ _____ Half Box/es @ \$12 each \$ _____ Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



League Dues Are Due

Your dues for 2010-2011 are now due.

The League year begins October first. Dues are unchanged from last year: \$55 for single members, \$82.50 for two or more members in one household and half price for students.

You can help reduce our per member payment to LWVUS by donating tax-deductible contributions to the

LWVUS Education Fund. These checks should also be mailed to LWV of Corvallis so that we get credit for them. We can pay up to half of our per member payment to national through your gifts to their Education Fund.

Mail your dues and the completed form in the envelope enclosed with this bulletin or to LWV of Corvallis, PO Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339. Thank you for your financial support of the League. – *Sara Ingle, Treasurer*

Farmers Market Booth Staffing Needed

LWV of Corvallis will help staff the Corvallis Farmers Market Booth on *Saturday, October 2 from 9-11 and Wednesday, October 6 from 3-7*. We'll register voters, hand out League literature, and answer questions.

We'd like to have 2 people for each 2-hour shift: Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 and 5 to 7 and Saturday morning from 9 to 11 and 11 to 1. I'll do the setup and takedown. *E-mail: kate.mathews@comcast.net or call 541-754-1172, if you can help with this enjoyable activity!* – *Kate Mathews*



League Book Club Meets on Monday, October 11, 2:30 PM

The LWV Book Club is pleased to offer the following reading selections for the upcoming year. They include fiction and nonfiction, historical and current topics, and memorable characters, all designed to provoke spirited discussion.

The first meeting of the year will be at Ruth Gallagher's. *Please let Ruth know (541-754-3112, ryall@peak.org) if you will be attending and to get directions to her home.*

October 11 - *The Stranger Next Door*, Arlene Stein

November 8 - *I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*, Nujood Ali

December 13 - *La's Orchestra Saves the World*, Alexander McCall Smith

January 10 - *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett

February 14 - *And the Pursuit of Happiness*. Maira Kalman

March 14 - *Every man Dies Alone*, Hans Fallada

April 11 - *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English*, Natasha Solomons.

May 9 - *Father Joe: The Man Who Saved my Soul*, Tony Hendra

June 13 – meeting to select books for 2011-2012

Books suggested but not selected include: Evan Connell's *Mrs. Bridge*, Ruth Reichl's *Garlic and Sapphire*, Rebecca Goldstein's *The Mind-Body Problem* and Per Petterson's *Out Stealing Horses*.

Election Dates & LWV of Corvallis Election Forums

Watch for more information

Tuesday, October 5 – Candidates for State Senator & Representative

Tuesday, October 19 – Candidates for Corvallis Mayor & City Council

Thursday, October 21 – Ballot Measures & Candidates for County Commission

Voting Information

October 11 – Last day to register

October 16 – Ballots mailed to registered voters

November 2 – Return ballots by 8 pm



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League Calendar



September

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Wed	22	World Car Free Day, <i>see p. 4</i>

October

Tue	5	Voter Service Forum, <i>see p.7</i>
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