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The League of Women Voters

is a nonpartisan political organization that—

- * 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.

League of Women Voters of Corvallis

61st Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th, 6-9 PM

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



Dinner Buffet 6:00 PM

Business Meeting 7:00 – 7:45 PM

Featured Speaker 7:45 – 8:45 PM

Rebecca Landis

Market Director of the Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets

"Food, Farms, and Our Future: What's Happening in the Mid-Willamette Valley?"

Rebecca Landis has managed our local farmers' market for the past 16 seasons. She knows the issues surrounding local food from the perspective of both the people who grow it and those who eat it. Rebecca has a deep understanding of the needs of farmers and of what it will take for us to create a strong and resilient local food system.

Many of the elements covered by the League's new *Local Food* position will be addressed by Rebecca, as she provides us with an overview of the changing face of agriculture here in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Join with your fellow League members for a delicious dinner, a lively business meeting, and an informative and timely presentation!

Co-sponsored by Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

**Bring this newsletter with you to the annual meeting –
it contains important materials for our business meeting.**



Legislature 2011 Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 10 AM – NOON

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Senator Frank Morse and Representatives Sara Gelser & Andy Olson

Tony Van Vliet, Moderator

Come and hear your legislators speak on current issues.

The last Town Hall Meeting will be on Saturday, June 4.

Co-sponsored by LWV of Corvallis and Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



At our April general meeting on “The State of Our Schools”

Corvallis School Superintendent Dawn Tarzian provided an outstanding program that mixed presentation with audience participation. All who attended learned not only about our schools, but also about each other. It was a lively and informative evening.

Now we’re gearing up for a school board candidates’ forum.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have heard from seven candidates for the Corvallis School Board and from two candidates running for the LBCC Board of Education who represent the Corvallis area. Many thanks to Kathy Conner for organizing the candidates’ forum and to all those who helped make it happen.

The League year may be coming to a close, but there’s no shortage of activity during the month of May! Here’s a summary of what’s coming up:

Legislative Town Hall, May 7 – Our fourth Town Hall of the year will feature Senator Frank Morse and Representatives Sara Gelser and Andy Olson. This has been a legislative session packed with extraordinary challenges, wide-ranging solutions, and tough decisions. Our legislators will bring us up to date on the latest happenings.

LWVOR Convention, May 13-15 – Our local League will be well-represented at the State League Convention in Keizer. Attendees from Corvallis include Paula Krane, Kate Mathews, Peggy Lynch, Annette Mills, Shelly Murphy, Karen Nibler, and Janet Wolf-Eshe. The Corvallis League is alive and well, and we will no doubt share our passions and perspectives with other Leaguers from around the state.

Local Election, May 17 – Registered voters should receive their ballots by Saturday, April 30. Ballots must be signed and officially received by 8 pm on Tuesday, May 17. Voters will cast their votes for school board and community college board, as well as decide whether or not to support the City of Corvallis local option levy #02-74. Based on several of our standing positions, the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is recommending a “YES” vote on the City levy. We encourage everyone to become informed about this important issue.

LWVOR Annual Meeting, May 25 – Don’t miss this special annual gathering of League members. Our focus will be on FOOD! Louise Marquering and Laura Evenson have been working hard to plan a delicious dinner and fun social gathering prior to our business meeting, which will be followed by a presentation on “Food, Farms, and Our Future” by Rebecca Landis. Please fill out your reservation form on page 9 and send in your check today.

This is my last letter as your League president, and I would like to say how much I have enjoyed representing the League of Women Voters of Corvallis during the past three years. I have been fully supported by a very experienced, dedicated, and hard-working board, and I am very proud of what we have accomplished, both within the League and throughout the Corvallis community. I am more committed than ever to using our League positions to advocate on those issues that will keep our community strong and resilient.

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This bulletin, the newsletter of the *League of Women Voters of Corvallis*, is 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.

50 years in League!

Jean Leach & Lois Kenagy

Congratulations!

Thanks for your many years of active membership!



Community Planning Update: Creekside Appeal

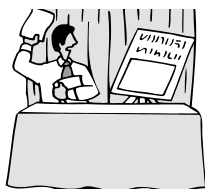
Members of the League’s Community Planning Committee have been working with our attorney on the Creekside Center appeal. They have done much of the legwork necessary to assemble the information from City plans and meeting minutes and tapes that was needed to prepare our case for review by the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Our attorney submitted the required brief to LUBA on April 19th.

A fact sheet is being created to give to folks who ask, “Why did the League appeal the development on the corner of Philomath Boulevard and 53rd Street?” We will circulate this widely when it is ready.

In addition, fundraising for the appeal continues.

If you would like a copy of the solicitation letter to give to a friend or neighbor who may be interested in helping, email shellym@peak.org. Donors should send their checks, made out the LWV Corvallis with “Creekside Appeal” on the memo line, to LWV of Corvallis, Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339. *Many thanks to you who have already contributed!*

The next Community Planning meeting is scheduled for 4 PM on Thursday, May 5. If you would like to be on the notification list, please email shellym@peak.org or call 541-754-1184.



Skirt the issues?

League needs a table skirt for panel presentations such as Town Halls. Contact Louise Marquering if you can help – LWVCLouise@AOL.com.

Vote “YES” on #02-74 in May 17 Election

League supports the upcoming City levy, based on our Community Planning and Library finance positions.

Local Option Tax for Library, Aquatic Center, Senior Center Operations

Shall Corvallis impose \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, for three years beginning July 1, 2011, for operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary:

The tax revenue from this measure would be restricted as follows:

23.03% of the levy each year (approximately \$412,200 for FY 2011-12) for year-round operation of the Osborn Aquatic Center;

17.22% of the levy each year (approximately \$308,200 for FY 2011-12 for year-round operation of the Chintimini Senior Center;

11.79% of the levy each year (approximately \$211,000 for FY 2011-12 for year-round Library open hours on Mondays;

44.22% of the levy each year (approximately \$755,730 for FY 2011-12 for services and book and materials acquisitions at the Library; and

5.75% of the levy each year (approximately \$102,870 for FY 2011-12) for funding for social services.

The requested rate is estimated to raise approximately \$1,790,000 in fiscal year 2011-2012, \$1,850,870 in fiscal year 2012-2013, and \$1,924,900 in fiscal year 2013-2014 or a total of \$5,565,770 for all three years.

Ballots are due by 8 PM on Tuesday, May 17th

May 13-15: LWVOR Convention!

Our League state convention is in Keizer this year, hosted by the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties. To see the state League in action as an observer, contact Annette at amills@virginiavillageproductions.com.

There'll be nitty-gritty business meetings, informative workshops, and at Saturday evening's banquet a chance to hear financial theorist and historian William J. Bernstein on "The Coming Demographic Tidal Wave."

LWVOR Reads! On Saturday at convention read and discuss *The Woman Behind the New Deal: the Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience* by Kirstin Downey.

LWVOR Raffle 2011 tickets are available until May 4 (*hurry, hurry!*) from Marolyn Tarrant. To get yours, call Marolyn at 541-753-8145. \$10 Raffle tickets give you a chance at \$3000 Vacation Dollars. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday night at the convention (you need not be present to win). The Raffle will raise about \$15,000 for LWVOR—important budget revenue.

The raffle also raises funds for local Leagues. If we sell as many tickets as our total number of members, our League receives \$1 back for each ticket sold. Tickets sold over the membership number earn \$2 per additional ticket sold. Help LWVOR and our local League by buying tickets for yourself and selling some to friends and family.



League Book Club

On May 9th we'll return to the Old World Deli at 2:30 PM for tea or coffee and discussion of *Father Joe: the Man Who Saved My Soul* by Tony Hendra.

This memoir by a former editor of *National Lampoon* has been praised for its humor, intellectual heft, writing style and insight into one man's coming to terms with self, faith, and relationships. On the other hand, it has been panned

as being narcissistic. Sounds like the type of book for a good discussion! Join us to share your opinion. *Note:* This month's selection is available in paperback.

And remember, at the June 13th meeting we'll discuss and choose books for next year. Start thinking of possibilities – a classic or two, non fiction, history, science, contemporary fiction, a book available through the public library's lending program for book clubs?

Thank You, League Supporters!

The League receives many donations through out the year and we are grateful for all of them. Recent gifts include:

*League of Women Voters of Corvallis—
for Creekside appeal*

Murray Laver

Rana Foster

Bob and Betty Griffiths

Mary's Peak Group of the Sierra Club

P. Elinor Griffiths

Keith and Betty Muckleston

Nancy Schary

Deborah and Michael Aiona

Anonymous (2)

In memory of Marje Chilcote

LaRea Johnston

Jo Anne Trow

Barbara Adams

Dorette Lemon

Gretchen Morris

Marolyn Tarrant

Harriet Arklie

David and Beverly Chilcote

Dorothy Mathers

Norman and Pat Bishop

*LWVUS Education Fund (to
reduce LWVC dues)*

Marie Long

James and Sara Ingle

Russell and Mary Youmans



*Our sympathy goes out to Lois Kenagy and Jean Leach on the recent loss of their husbands—
Clif Kenagy (also a League member) on March 29, Charles Leach on April 7.*



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Agenda of the Business Meeting

Annette Mills, 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 (*pages 6 & 7*)

Presentation of the Proposed Program (*page 9*)

Recommendation for the 2011-2012 Program (*page 9*)

Presentation of the Budget (*page 8*)

Discussion and Adoption of Program (*page 9*)

Discussion and Adoption of the Budget

Report of Nominating Committee (*page 9*)

Election of Board Members

Recognition

Directions to the Board from Members

Announcements

Adjourn

Treasurer's Report

	Apr '10 – Mar '11	Apr '09 – Mar '10	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income –			
<i>Direct Public Support –</i>			
Creekside Donations	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 0.00	100.0%
Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Non-Member Contributions	121.00	577.00	-79.03%
<i>Total Direct Public Support</i>	3,521.00	577.00	510.23%
Grapefruit Receipts	10,321.50	10,235.00	0.85%
Interest from CD	222.59	128.11	73.75%
<i>Investment income –</i>			
Income from Savings/Investments	1,620.48	1,165.68	39.02%
<i>Total Investment income</i>	1,620.48	1,165.68	39.02%
Money Market Interest	0.00	0.57	-100.0%
<i>Other types of Income –</i>			
Miscellaneous	636.00	712.00	-10.67%
<i>Total Other types of Income</i>	636.00	712.00	-10.67%
<i>Program Income –</i>			
Member Contributions			
Chilcote Memorials	455.00	0.00	100.0%
Member Contributions – Other	676.50	10,767.50	-93.72%
<i>Total Member Contributions</i>	1,131.50	10,767.50	-89.49%
Membership Dues	6,778.75	6,805.50	-0.39%
<i>Total Program Income</i>	7,910.25	17,573.00	-54.99%
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Merchandise	101.19	283.53	-64.31%
Total Income	\$24,333.01	\$30,674.89	-20.67%
Expense –			
<i>Action –</i>			
Creekside expense	\$ 4,602.05	\$ 0.00	100.0%
Action - Other	361.10	775.00	-53.41%
<i>Total Action</i>	4,963.15	775.00	540.41%
Events offset by receipts	656.00	550.00	19.27%
Grapefruit Expense	6,572.10	6,778.98	-3.05%
LWVOR Education Fund PMP credit	0.00	-180.49	100.0%
LWVOR PMP	3,152.03	3,327.71	-5.28%
LWVUS Education Fund PMP Credit	-1,256.82	-520.00	141.7%
LWVUS PMP	3,379.79	2,956.95	14.3%
Membership	-56.39	167.06	-133.75%
<i>Operations</i>			
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,167.89	1,466.94	-20.39%
Website	449.40	419.40	7.15%
Operations - Other	233.72	0.00	100.0%
<i>Total Operations</i>	1,851.01	1,886.34	-1.87%
<i>Other Types of Expenses</i>			
Miscellaneous	90.00	0.00	100.0%
PO Box, Permit, Voice mail, Corp.	523.40	505.30	3.58%
<i>Total Other Types of Expenses</i>	613.40	505.30	21.39%
President, Treasurer, Secretary	108.42	56.05	93.43%
Program PR, Committee Material	370.96	549.22	-32.46%
Suffrage Celebration	220.29	0.00	100.0%

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Treasurer's Report

	Apr '10 - Mar 11	Apr '09 - Mar 10	% Change
<i>Travel and Meetings</i>			
National Convention	2,688.87	0.00	100.0%
State Convention/Council	0.00	924.25	-100.0%
<i>Total Travel and Meetings</i>	2,688.87	924.25	190.93%
Voter Education	0.00	29.01	-100.0%
Total Expense	\$23,262.81	\$17,805.38	30.65%
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 1,070.20	\$12,869.51	-91.68%
Net Income	\$ 1,070.20	\$12,869.51	-91.68%

Balance Sheet 2010-2011

	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Assets		
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Checking/Savings		
Chase Checking	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,290.21
Citizens Bank	8,905.34	2,388.00
Citizens Savings	6,918.85	24,915.76
Washington Fed CD 5/5/11	5,062.26	0.00
Washington Fed CD 5/5/12	10,158.58	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	31,045.03	31,593.97
<i>Other Current Assets</i>		
Investments		
Federated Prudent Global Inc	12,821.17	11,812.60
Vanguard Inflation Prot. Sec. F	8,503.10	7,892.53
Total Investments	21,324.27	19,705.13
<i>Total Other Current Assets</i>	21,324.27	19,705.13
Total Current Assets	52,369.30	51,299.10
Total Assets	\$52,369.30	\$51,299.10
Liabilities & Equity		
<i>Equity</i>		
Opening Bal Equity	\$51,299.10	\$38,429.59
Net Income	1,070.20	12,869.51
<i>Total Equity</i>	\$52,369.30	\$51,299.10
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$52,369.30	\$51,299.10

Proposed Budget, 2011-2012

	2010-11 Actual	2010-11 Budget	2011-12 Budget
Income			
Non-Member Contributions	\$ 121.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Grapefruit Receipts	10,321.50	10,750.00	10,300.00
Interest from CD	222.59	100.00	200.00
Income from Savings/ Investments	1,231.27		
Money Market Interest	0.00		
Miscellaneous	636.00	650.00	650.00
Member Contributions	1,131.50	750.00	750.00
Membership Dues	6,778.75	6,298.00	6,679.00
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Merchandise	101.19	300.00	200.00
Total Income	\$20,543.80	\$19,348.00	\$19,279.00
Expense			
Action	\$ 161.10	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Events offset by receipts	656.00	550.00	550.00
Grapefruit Expense	6,572.10	6,750.00	6,850.00
LWVOR PMP	3,152.23	2,903.00	3,152.00
LWVOR Education Fund PMP Credit	0.00		-230.00
LWVUS PMP	3,379.79	3,360.00	3,390.00
LWVUS Education Fund PMP Credit	-1,256.82	-550.00	-783.00
Membership	56.39	150.00	100.00
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,167.89	1,500.00	1,500.00
Website	449.40	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	323.72	275.00	275.00
PO Box, Permit, Voice mail, Corp.	523.40	550.00	550.00
President, Treasurer, Secretary	108.42	60.00	75.00
Program PR, Committee Material	370.96	500.00	500.00
National Convention	2,688.87	1,200.00	1,200.00
Regional Meetings, Dues, Assessments	0.00	0.00	50.00
State Convention/Council	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Voter Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Expense	\$18,353.45	\$19,348.00	\$19,279.00
Net ordinary income	\$ 2,190.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Creekside Appeal Fund

Donations	\$3,400.00		1,600.00
Expenses	-4,602.05		-5,400.00
Net Income	\$ 988.30	\$ 0.00	\$-3,800.00

Notes on budget: This year is much the same as last year. Profit from grapefruit is a bit lower; added expense is due to rising cost of gas, thus our cost. We had a nice addition of member contributions this last year, and need to encourage this for next year. These monies cover our local expenses. We have kept our dues at \$55 per individual, but this does not cover per member payments to LWVOR (PMPOR) and LWVUS (PMPUS) which are \$57.50 per individual. We need to encourage contributions to the LWVUS Education Fund, a tax deductible contribution. 50% of the PMPUS can be covered through the Education Fund; however the contribution must be sent through our local treasurer and not directly to National to count. LWVOR will also let us do 7.5% of the state PMP. We did not include the Creekside action monies in the regular budget but as a separate item.

To reserve dinner for the Annual Meeting

Please clip this form and return it with your check for \$15.00 by May 19

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

Menu: Roasted local vegetables – *Browned chicken breast* topped with roasted cherry tomatoes, basil and parmesan

Mushroom ravioli topped with browned butter mushroom sauce – *Tossed garden salad with local greens*

Delectable desserts will be provided by League members

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

Name: _____

_____ I plan to attend the LWV Annual Meeting, May 25th

_____ I will bring a dessert _____ I would like a ride _____ I can offer someone a ride

Report of the Nominating Committee

The LWVC Nominating Committee – Jo Anne Trow, Pat Bishop, Patty McClintock, Doris Waring, and Janet Wolf-Eshe – offers the following candidates:

LWV of Corvallis Board, 2011-12

- President* Kate Mathews (2011-13)
- 1st Vice President* Annette Mills (2011-13)
- Secretary* Lois Marie Zaerr (2011-13)
- Directors* Ann Brodie, Voters Service (2011-13)
Nancy Schary, Public Relations (2011-13)
Beth Thoennes, Bulletin (2011-13)
- Nominating Committee* Pat Bishop, Patty McClintock, Ann Smart

Continuing Officers

- 2nd Vice President* Katherine Merriam (2010-12)
- Treasurer* Sara Ingle (2010-12)
- Continuing Directors* Kathy Conner, Voters Service (voter registration) (2010-12)
Shelly Murphy, Community Planning (2010-12)
Janet Wolf-Eshe (2010-12)

By-Laws Changes No by-laws changes are proposed for 2011-12.

Program Recommendations for 2011-12

The LWVC Board recommends:

- Review current local positions and re-organize them for consistent text and format (continued from last year).
- Take action based on our positions.



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Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ \$55 individual membership* _____ \$82.50 household*

_____ \$27.50 student* _____ Renewal _____ Contribution**

I would like to be considered:

Active _____ Inactive Member / Supporter _____

I first joined League in (*year*) _____ (*place*) _____

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

LWV's membership year begins in October

Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:

LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership
 P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

* *New members joining in April - July pay half dues.*

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



League Calendar

May

- Wed 4** Last day for LWVOR Raffle tickets
- Thu 5** Community Planning Comm., 4 PM
- Fri 6** Board Meeting 10 AM
- Sat 7** Legislative Town Hall 10 AM
- Mon 9** League Book Club 2:30 PM
- Fri-Sun 13-15** LWVOR Convention, Keizer
- Tue 17** Election: Ballots due by 8 PM
- Wed 25** LWVC Annual Meeting 6-9 PM

June

- Sat 4** Legislative Town Hall 10 AM
- Mon 16** League Book Club 2:30 PM