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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

The Changing Course of Higher Education in Oregon

Tuesday, December 10, 7 – 8:45 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis

Presentations and discussion by panel members—

Larry Flick – Dean, College of Education, Oregon State University

Beth Hogeland – Executive VP Academic Affairs and Workforce
Development, Linn-Benton Community College

Tim Nesbitt – Chair, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Tony Van Vliet – Former member of the Oregon House of Representatives
and the Oregon Board of Higher Education

What do all these numbers mean for public universities, colleges, and community colleges, in Oregon— HB 3120, OS-351.715-738, SB270, SB242, and 40, 40, 20?

How will distance learning affect these institutions?

How will we fund these 21st century institutions? From what sources?

How will post-secondary education look in the 21st century?

What are the challenges to offering a quality education to all?

Whose responsibility is it to make sure we succeed with 40-40-20?

How will the reorganization of the boards of higher education affect our local community colleges and universities?

Learn about the changes in Postsecondary education in preparation for an LWVOR upcoming study on Public Postsecondary Education.

The enclosed Everymember material on Higher Education organization illustrates changes over the years.

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President's Corner – Ann Brodie

December meeting: I encourage you to attend the next general meeting on December 10. The direction of our educational institutions could be drastically changing in the future due to many things, including: Ecampus, the governor's 40-40-20 plan, and student enrollment dynamics. Our distinguished panel should give us some idea of what to expect in the future. Come with lots of questions!

November meeting: Thank you, Annette Mills, for organizing such an elite panel for the meeting on our community's impact on children's health.

LWVOR Workshop: Four local League members attended the state League's second "Cradle to Career: LWV Education Studies Kick-Off 2013" workshop at the Clackamas Community College. Articulate speakers reviewed a wide range of programs in the state that are functioning and being organized to improve our children's education. Watch for more changes with the reorganization of higher education institutions.

Petitions: The LWVOR Education Fund has printed a brochure, "Think Before You Ink," to remind you to consider carefully before you sign a petition: Is it too complex? Is it confusing? Does it belong in our constitution? How will it be funded? Who is behind it? Before signing, ask for ID—paid petitioners must have photo ID.

With the holidays just around the corner, I wish you a happy season!



November 14 Board Meeting Notes

Programs: We discussed programs for November (Children's Health), December (Higher Education), and January (Program Planning).

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of asking members to serve on the 2014-2015 board.

The League will testify on December 2 supporting the planning commission's denial of the Comprehensive Plan amendment that

was requested for the developers of Campus Crest student housing.

A Climate Change committee is being formed in our local League to participate in the local Climate Action Plan Task Force.

Postal Permit: It is most cost-effective for us to continue to pay for a permit for League mailings and to send the Bulletin in print to all members. It is also available at www.lwv.corvallis.or.us.

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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.



Coming Soon!

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 6-9 PM
Soup and Sociability + Program Planning
for National & Local Leagues

What study and action would you like to see the League do?

Get in on the first stage of the planning process for local and national League programs. Details will be in the January bulletin.



Community Planning Update

Retreat at Oak Creek • Campus Crest/The Grove • Core Campus

Most of you have probably heard about plans for these large private developments of student housing in Corvallis. They are referred to as multi-family by the planning department, but in fact, they will be rented by the bedroom and are intended for students.

The Retreat at Oak Creek: Landmark Properties of Athens, Georgia has received approval from the City for its plan to build units with approximately 1,000 bedrooms near the intersection of 35th Street and Western Boulevard, pending the receipt of wetlands permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as required by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL). Because no variances from City Land Use Code were requested, no public process was required. However, many citizens and the League, concerned about flooding and the amount of fill required, wrote to the Army Corps and the DSL.

Campus Crest/The Grove: In order to build high density student housing (~900 bedrooms) on the property north of Harrison Boulevard and east of 53rd Street—known as Witham Oaks—Campus Crest Communities of Charlotte,

North Carolina requested a needed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and zone change. The Planning Commission listened to many hours of public testimony and then denied the request. Final action on Comprehensive Plan changes is the responsibility of the City Council, which has a public hearing scheduled for its December 2nd meeting.

League presented testimony to the Planning Commission opposing the Comprehensive Plan amendment because voter approval of the annexation was for low-density residential housing. Additional testimony has been submitted supporting the Planning Commission's denial of this change. In our latest testimony, we cite a number of Comprehensive Plan policies and excerpts from the Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement that call for diverse, mixed use neighborhoods with services accessible to residents without driving.

Core Campus: A Chicago developer has bought 29.5 acres north of the intersection of Kings and Walnut Boulevards to build housing for up to 900 students. The developer has held a neighborhood meeting, but a formal land use application has not yet been submitted to the City.

The next Community Planning Committee meeting will be December 17th at 3 PM. All are welcome to attend. Email shellym@peak.org for directions.



Housing Committee at Work

The committee compared notes on current work on housing, as well as action the League can take. We agree that the line between middle-income housing and low

income housing has faded. The conversion of middle income housing to student housing appears to be removing middle income housing from the market and exacerbating the needs of low income families.

One of the City Council's 2013/14 goals is HOUSING – “By the end of 2013, the Council will have access to comprehensive and objective information about the demands for housing in the Corvallis Urban Growth Boundary and the causes of the current housing mix. By the end of 2014, the Council will create policies, regulations, and strategies to help meet the housing needs of those who live here or wish to live here.”

To further this goal, the Council has appointed a committee of Dan Brown, Hal Brauner and Mike Beilstein. League Housing Committee chair Karyle Butcher communicated League's interest in this issue to the City's committee. They sent us three reports outlining what needs to happen, as well as proposing a methodology for identifying the issues. The city plans to fund a study of the current housing situation in Corvallis.

The League's Housing Committee proposes to do the following:

1. Contact Councilor Brown to share our interest and ask how we can be involved in the process.

2. Suggest to Councilor Brown that part of their work include citizen participation.
3. Follow what the City/OSU collaboration group is doing, if they form a housing group. If such a group is formed, we will seek membership on it.
4. Identify agencies working on the housing issues.

The Housing Committee has two new members, Shelley Ries and Bob Stebbins. If you have an interest in serving on or providing information to League's Housing Committee, please contact me at Karyleb@gmail.com.

– Karyle Butcher, Chair



Celebrate Bill of Rights Day on December 15

The first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution are the Bill of Rights. Read, ponder, and celebrate!

First Amendment. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of

religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment. A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Third Amendment. No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Fourth Amendment. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Fifth Amendment. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in

jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Sixth Amendment. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Seventh Amendment. In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.^[69]

Eighth Amendment. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Ninth Amendment. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Tenth Amendment. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



National Food Day A Big Success

More than 200 people packed Dennis Hall at First Presbyterian Church on October 24th for the third Annual Food Day event whose theme was "Eat Well, Be Well." The crowd enjoyed delicious food, speakers, workshops, and opportunities for action.

League's Local Food Committee organized and sponsored Food Day in Corvallis in 2011 and 2012. This year, six co-sponsors joined us: First Alternative Natural Food Co-op, Ten Rivers Food Web, Linus Pauling Institute, Slow Food Corvallis, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, and Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets.

At their November 14 evaluation meeting organizers agreed that the collaborative approach contributed to the success of the event, and they are looking forward to working together again next year. — *Annette Mills, Chair, Local Food Committee*

Your Fruit Order is on its way...



Look for it early in December!

Local Taxing District Study Begins



The LWV of Corvallis is beginning a study of local taxing districts: What are they, how do they work, and what would be the local impact of a new taxing district?

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 17, 1:30 PM, at the home of Shelly Murphy. If you are interested in helping with this timely study contact Louise Marquering at lwvclouise@aol.com.

Wonderful Website! www.lwv.corvallis.or.us

Whatever you want to know about League and more is at your fingertips on our website.

You'll find links to:

Meeting information and current happenings

Membership information and application

League of Women Voters basics—mission, methods, history

Newsletters (back to 2003!)

Board members—contact information, terms, and portfolios

Local positions held by the League of Women Voters of Corvallis

Special Funds information – history, applications, and guidelines

State and National LWV websites

City, County, Schools, Legislature, State of Oregon, the Chamber of Commerce

Elected Officials—city, school district, county, state, and federal

Voter information—how to register, election offices, election results



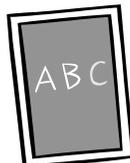
Membership

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your League membership.

If you have not sent your membership renewal yet, we look forward to receiving it soon. The League is an important tool for understanding and acting on local, state, national and worldwide issues.

Local League membership includes membership in the state and national Leagues with information and involvement in their programs. Be a part of this dynamic group of citizens!

– Corrine Gobeli, Membership Co-chair



Pre-Meeting League 101 Continues

6:30-7:00 PM, Library Meeting Room

The program planning meeting scheduled for January is your opportunity to talk about League in depth and to help guide our direction in upcoming years.

Learn more about the planning process with *League 101*, at 6:30 PM, just before the December general meeting. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and meet others.

Upcoming League 101 meetings –

December 10: The Program Planning Process – preparation for January meetings. Corrine Gobeli, Membership co-chair, past LWV of Corvallis president.

January: No League 101 meeting – Join us for the January 14th program planning and soup social.

February 18: The Study Process – Consensus, Concurrence, Positions, Action. Paula Krane, past LWVOR president, LWVOR action expert.

March 18: A Brief History of League, in honor of Women's History Month. Jo Ann Trow, Life Member.

– Corrine Gobeli, Membership Co-chair



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Higher Education Matters!

Tuesday, December 10

League Calendar

December

- Fri-Sun 6-8** Fruit Delivered
- Tue 10** *General Meeting*, Higher Education, 7 PM
- Thu 12** Board Meeting, 2-4 PM
- Sun 15** Bill of Rights Day
- Tue 17** Special Tax District Study meets, 1:30 PM
Community Planning meets, 3 PM

January

- Thu 9** Board Meeting, 2-4 PM
Carrie Chapman Catt's birthday
- Tue 14** Soup Dinner & Program Planning, 6 PM

February

- Mon 3** Legislative Session begins
- Sat 8** Legislative Town Hall
- Mon 10** LWVOR Day at the Legislature
- Thu 13** Board meeting, 2-4 PM
- Fri 14** Birthdays—LWV's 94th, Oregon's 155th
- Tue 18** Agriculture Study Consensus

Join League of Women Voters!

Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ \$60 individual membership _____ \$90 household

_____ \$30 student _____ Renewal _____ Contribution*

LWV's membership year begins in October.

I would like to be considered as:

Active Member _____ **Inactive Member/Supporter** _____

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

Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:
LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership
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