



LWV Corvallis

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December 2006

**SOUP'S ON!
DECEMBER PROGRAM PLANNING
Thursday, December 7
6:00-9:00pm**

6:00 to 6:45 PM – Soup Social
6:45 to 7:30 – State Program Planning
7:30 to 9:00 PM – Local Program Planning
and Discussion of the future of LWVC
Unitarian Church
Education Hall
2945 NW Circle Boulevard



- December potluck for LWV Corvallis members only
- Please bring bowls, cups and utensils
- Soups, breads and desserts provided by the LWV Corvallis Board

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - What is Future of the Local League?

Our December meeting has traditionally been a soup potluck with bread and desserts provided by the board. It's usually stormy weather so hot soup has been appealing. It's always fun to come visit with your league friends before we settle down to business. Our task is to talk about issues and come to consensus on local/state priorities.

This year the nominating committee recommended that we discuss the future of our local league. As you know, we have vacancies on our board, and they have not been filled. Our board consists of 14 officers and directors, of which half have been long time volunteers. A few of these board members would like to retire from the board if new board members can be found for next year by the nominating committee. If new board members do not come forward, we should talk about lowering our expectations for the amount of work assumed by the local league.

What are the most important activities within the local league? Is it to sponsor voter service forums and voter information? Is it to provide opportunities for social meetings or mentally stimulating discussions for our members? Is it to educate members and the public on governmental issues either in written form or at public meetings? Is it to monitor meetings of local governmental bodies? Is it to advocate public participation in the governmental process? Is it to discuss and take positions on local issues? Is it to promote voter education in schools and encourage school participation in mock elections? Is it to proposed legal or program changes within governmental agencies? Is it to follow state legislative issues that will affect our community?

Please think about these different purposes and prepare to engage in a discussion about priorities. If we do not have enough womanpower for all these activities, which duties should we retain and which activities could we let go? How can we restructure board duties to cover our desired activities or involve more members?

Come advise the board and nominating committee on solutions to our dilemma. It's the future of your league that is at stake. - - Karen

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Mission

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