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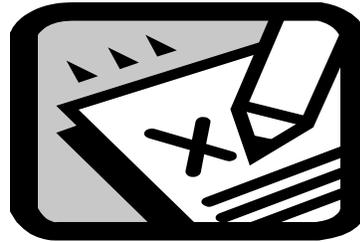
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Mission

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.

BALLOT MEASURE FORUMS

Tuesday, October 16—(State Measures)



Tuesday, October 23—(County Levy)

7:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Come to the BALLOT MEASURES FORUMS

Two state ballot measures and one Benton County measure will appear on the November 6th ballot.

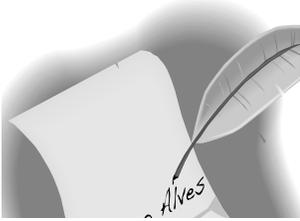
A League forum on Oregon Ballot Measure 49 (amending Measure 37, the 2004 land use initiative) and Measure 50 (Constitution amendment providing health care for children using cigarette tax.) will be Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. Another forum will provide information about Benton County Ballot Measure 02-64 (Local option levy to restore and continue Benton County health and safety services) will be Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. Both will be in the Corvallis-Benton County Library meeting room and are sponsored by the Library and League.

When providing voter service, League presents information impartially and does not reveal any positions League's advocacy work may have taken. During a League Voter Service Forum, League takes no position on any issue but provides as much information as possible on both/all sides so that voters may make their own informed decisions.

We have invited a representative of those who helped place these measures on the ballot and a representative of those who opposed them to speak, question each other and be questioned by the people.

Do come with your questions.

President's Corner



My, My, October is a busy month for the LWV in Corvallis!

The November election is just around the corner and your mail in ballots will be arriving later this month. We have two measures that we are actively supporting: Measure 49 on Land Use, and Measure 02-64, the Benton County Levy. We already have League members out going door to door for Measure 49 and other members are working on the County Levy's lawn sign campaign.

We hope that all our League members will find a place to help the campaigns supporting these two issues. By working together we make new friends and spread the message of the need for good government.

Think of what you would like to do, whether it is making phone calls to remind folks to vote or pounding in lawn signs. You can get information on how to volunteer for 49 by calling Peggy Lynch, 745-1025 or the County Levy by contacting Jo Anne Trow at 752-5395.

We will be having good voter service

Barbara Ross

measures on Oct 16th and 23rd at the public library. This will include Ballot Measure 50, an issue on which the state League did not take a position. Measure 50 would fund health care for children by increasing the cigarette tax. We urge you to make time in your schedule to make the forums and get better informed on these critical issues. Our Voter Service committee has worked really hard to put together excellent presentations, so they are well worth attending.

We would like to welcome a distinguished new member to the LWV of Corvallis, Bob Devine. Bob is a local author who has published several books. He is now writing a book on sustainability and has traveled to several parts of the country to communicate with sustainability experts. He is on the Steering Committee for the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and is the Co-chair of the Prosperity that Fits Committee on Sustainable Businesses.

Our mail-in ballots will be arriving before you know it. Take the time to encourage your friends and neighbors to remember to vote. That is part of our job as League members.

Immigration Study Update

For anyone looking for a short-term project, the Immigration Study Group could certainly use you! Our public forum is scheduled for November 8th and the consensus unit meetings are in January. Including October, this is only a 4-month commitment to help with a very important issue. Please contact Tanya Shively at stanya22@msn.com or at 929-6498 for more information.

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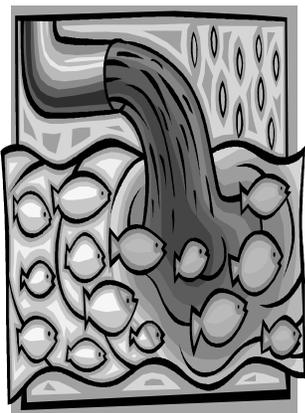
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The bulletin is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis and is produced 10 times a year. We welcome your comments, suggestions, story ideas and submissions. Contact Paula Krane or Louise Marquering. Submissions must be received no later than the Monday after the board meeting. Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older.

“Water – The Invisible Resource”

Since the last bulletin, Water Study committee members have attended public meetings, chatted with public officials and watershed experts, perused websites and explored library shelves and Liz Frenkel’s archive of past League studies. This brief introduction has confirmed that this two-year state study on water is, indeed, timely, relevant and complex. Our committee will focus on understanding the complex web of agencies and stakeholders involved in water policy and management in Benton County, identifying the key local issues, and, in keeping with League tradition, identifying gaps in information or regulation and educating our members and the public. We also continue to follow the Benton County Amendment process. We welcome interested League members to join us in this effort. Tasks can be arranged to fit your level of confi-



dence (from novice to expert), as well as your schedule and time constraints. We strongly encourage attendance at committee meetings – it’s the best way to keep up on what’s going on – and to meet people with similar interests.

The next meeting of the LWV Corvallis Water Committee will be on October 4th, Thursday, 10 AM to noon, at Liz Frenkel’s (4954 Holyhock Circle). We’ll also meet October 18th and November

1st at 10 a.m. (location to be determined).

For more information or directions to the meeting or to be added to the Water Study e-mail list: Corrine Gobeli (745-7736) cgobeli@aol.com or Liz Frenkel (754-6790) lizbobfrenkel@proaxis.com.

LWV Book Group

Join other book lovers at the Beanery, Monday, October 8th, 3 p.m. to decide on books and meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Call or e-mail Corrine Gobeli, (745-7736) cgobeli@aol.com for more information or to give recommendations on books to read.



Announcement

The League maintains a listserve for meeting announcements and action alerts. If you are not receiving these and wish to receive these emails please send your email address to the kranep@peak.org.

Land Use Committee

The Library now has two copies of the newly adopted Corvallis Land Development Code. One can be checked out from the Reference Section. This summer we were so excited about this that we started familiarizing ourselves with it. We are continuing to follow local development issues as they relate to the new code and are supporting Measure 49.

One of the big issues is downtown redevelopment. As part of the Corvallis/Chamber Coalition Economic Vitality Plan, the Downtown Corvallis



Association (DCA) is proposing various ways to raise money to support an Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District. One of the ways to raise money is through tax increment financing. Specific projects for urban renewal have not yet been determined.

Because the project is in the formative stages, now is the time to get involved. Several Land Use Committee members already are attending the Urban Renewal meetings. Please join us if you are interested in this topic.

For new League members, our committee has a wealth of information on land use history. We like to share it!

Marilyn Koenitzer, Chair, 754-0656

Support your local League IT'S GRAPEFRUIT TIME AGAIN

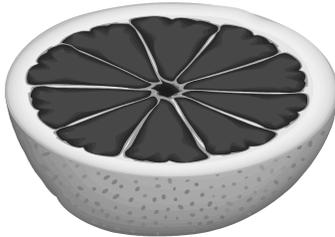
Our annual grapefruit fundraiser will be from October 6 to November 19. Funds raised are used to support our local programs. Very little of the money is returned from National LWV.

PRICES THIS YEAR: \$18 WHOLE BOX

\$10 HALF BOX

Order early (and often!) with the form below. The fruit will be delivered in early December. If you do not order grapefruit, please consider a donation.

We make about 40% of the cost of a box.



Voter Service Update: Must be Registered to Vote

Many Thanks!

Sincere thanks to all who made our presence at the Fall Festival possible.

Thanks to:

- Pat and Norm Bishop for the use of their canopy
- Karen and Joe Nibler for setting up the canopy as a cold gale blew. Dave Conner for his willing assistance.
- First Presbyterian Church for allowing us the use of their law at the corner of 8th and Monroe and providing table and chairs.
- League members Pat Bishop, Marjorie Chilcote, Liz Frenkel, Peggy Lynch, Sue Mariner Kathy Merriam, Shelly Murphy, Karen Nibler, Joyce Pytkowicz, Nancy Roberts, Debby Runciman, Nancy Schary, Yvonne Stevens, Marilyn Tarrant, and Kathy Vohland who worked two-hour shifts registering folks to vote, and speaking enthusiastically of our League to those who hesitated as they walked by.

We registered several who had recently become of age to vote, a number who had changed residence and/or mailing addresses-- including several who have moved here from out of state-- and one who wished to change political party.

Oregon now has seven political parties. Listed on the Voter Registration card in alphabetical order they are: Constitution Party, Democratic Party, Independent Party, Libertarian Party, Pacific Green Party, Republican Party and Working Families Party. Two other choices are: Not a member of a party and Other.

Eligible voters may register or change their registration in Room 13 of the Benton County Court House whenever it is open. The last day to register for the November 6th election is **October 16th.**

Kathy Conner,
Voter Service Chair

VOTER REGISTRATION



ORDER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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No. of boxes	Amount
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Make checks payable to: LWV Corvallis

Questions: Kate at 754-1172

Advocacy and Education are two different aspects of LWV's **mission** of encouraging the informed participation of citizens in government. For legal reasons, we need to distinguish between them.



Advocacy

Action based on member decision, after thorough study of all sides of an issue, sets LWV apart from other organizations. The fact that we are members not only of local Leagues, but of the state League and of the League of Women Voters of the United States as well, makes us a powerful constituency.



Education

Over the years, LWV has built up high recognition value and trust by providing citizens accurate, nonpartisan services and information on elections and on governmental issues. Public respect for LWV's commitment to factual, unbiased information is a source of pride for members. Voter service and citizen education are designed to provide citizens with unbiased, factual information as a basis for reaching their own decisions.

LWV action, on the other hand, is based on member study and agreement on selected issues and involves lobbying and educational efforts for the public policies we support.

It is particularly important for us to distinguish between educational services and action. This is not always easy to do. For example, LWV efforts to improve the administration of election laws come under the category of citizen information. However, working to enact new election laws or to change existing ones is lobbying, taking legislative action under League positions. Such action is not considered to be citizen information activity.

In order to keep Advocacy and Education efforts financially separate, two separate organizations have been formed: League of Women Voters (advocacy) and League of Women Voters Education Fund (education).

-Portions excerpted from *In League 2002*, LWVUS

We are saddened to hear that one of our long-time members, Jane Loomis, died this September after a long illness. Her thoughtful insight into issues will be missed.

Frank Shaw, another League member and community activist passed away earlier in the summer. His contributions to Corvallis will be remembered and missed by all.

Special thanks to Char-laine Beschta, Kaye Lavender, and Yvonne Stevens for supplying the food for the September 25th kick-off meeting. We were just a few shy of 100 people at this meeting.



Advocacy

You and Measure 49

The State League supports Measure 49. It fixes inequities in Measure 37 and stops large developments in farm and forest land. By the time you read this, we will have about five weeks to spread the good word about this very important measure. Land use planning as we have known it since the 1970's is gone since the passage of Measure 37 and continuing claims which allow waiver of land use regulations.

What can you do to help pass Measure 49? Write a letter to the editor, talk to your friends and acquaintances, put up a lawn sign, host a neighborhood informational house party, contribute to the campaign.



You and the County Levy

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis supports Measure 02-64, a 5- year levy for Benton County. The quality of life we enjoy here is in jeopardy. After more than a decade of continuing cuts, the county's ability to assure public safety and provide for our health is being sorely tested. In order to provide safety for our neighbors and ourselves, we need to vote yes on the Benton County levy. The proposed levy will fund seven sheriff's deputies, two new deputy DAs, support for our drug treatment court and treatment capacity for teens and adults involved with drug and alcohol abuse. It will continue the jail bed rental program to 2012, support important juvenile counseling, and provide additional capacity for juvenile detention. It will also plug critical service gaps in other departments. To restore and maintain vital County services for our neighbors and ourselves, League recommends a YES vote on Measure 02-64 on November 6th.



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Dates to Remember

- October 2—Immigration Study committee
- October 4—Water Study committee
- October 6—LWVOR Workshop—Eugene
- October 8—Book Club
- October 16—Voter Service—Ballot Measures
- October 16—Voter Registration Deadline
- October 19—Board Meeting
- October 19—23 - Ballots Mailed
- October 23—Voter Service—County Levy
- November 6—Election Day
- November 8—Immigration Forum



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- Contribution*
- I'm a new member! Please call.
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- I'm interested in working with LWV this year. Please call.



Membership in LWV Corvallis is open to all citizens 18 years and over.
 The membership year begins in October. Please make checks payable to the LWV Corvallis and mail to: LWV Corvallis, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679.

* Regular dues are not tax-deductible. However, contributions to the LWVOR or LWVUS Education Fund, paid with a separate check, are deductible. (LWVUS ED Fund contributions are preferred at this time.)



League of Women Voters of Corvallis

2007-2008 Schedule*

<p>September</p> <p>FOCUS: LAND USE: YES on 49</p> <p>21 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p> <p>22-23 - Fall Festival Voter Registration</p> <p>25 - Kickoff Meeting, 7 PM Library</p> <p><i>LWVOR Voter</i></p>	<p>October</p> <p>FOCUS: VOTERS SERVICE</p> <p>6 - LWVOR Workshop</p> <p>16 - State Ballot Measures, 7 PM Library</p> <p>23 - County Ballot Measure, 7 PM Library</p> <p>19 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p> <p>All Month: Grapefruit Fundraiser</p> <p><i>Voter's Guides Available</i></p>	<p>November</p> <p>FOCUS: IMMIGRATION</p> <p>6 - Special Election</p> <p>8 - General meeting, 7 PM Library</p> <p>16 - Board meeting</p> <p>19 - Deadline for Grapefruit Orders</p>
<p>December</p> <p>FOCUS: LWVUS PROGRAM PLANNING</p> <p>Grapefruit Delivery</p> <p>11 - Soup Potluck & Planning, Unitarian Church</p> <p>14 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p> <p><i>LWVOR Voter</i></p>	<p>January</p> <p>FOCUS: IMMIGRATION</p> <p>8 - General Meeting, 7 PM Library</p> <p>14, 16 - Immigration Consensus Meetings</p> <p>25 - Board meeting 10-noon</p>	<p>February</p> <p>FOCUS: HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>1 - Immigration Consensus Due</p> <p>4-29 - OR Legislature-Special Session</p> <p>12 - General Meeting</p> <p>14 - LWVUS 88th Birthday Oregon's 149th Birthday</p> <p>22 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p>
<p>March</p> <p>FOCUS: WATER STUDY</p> <p>1- Legislative Town Hall 10-12 am, Library</p> <p>4 - General meeting, 7 PM Library</p> <p>11, 12 Water Study Activities</p> <p>21 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p> <p><i>LWVOR Voter</i></p>	<p>April</p> <p>FOCUS: VOTERS SERVICE</p> <p>State Council Registration due</p> <p>18 - Board meeting, 10-noon</p> <p>22 & 29 - Candidate Forums</p> <p><i>Voter's Guides available</i></p>	<p>May</p> <p>FOCUS: ELECTION METHODS</p> <p>Voters Service</p> <p>17-18 - State Council in Corvallis</p> <p>20 - Primary Election Day</p> <p>21 - Annual Meeting</p>
<p>June</p> <p>13-18 - LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR</p> <p>TBA - Board Potluck</p> <p><i>LWVOR Voter</i></p>	<p>*Please check The League's monthly bulletin and the Gazette-Times FYI to confirm topics, times, and places.</p>	