



# LWV Corvallis

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December 2004

## December Potluck & Presentation

### Oregon League of Women Voters (LWVOR) Program Planning

**Tuesday, December 7, 2004**

**Program:**

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 – 9:00 – Discussion

Unitarian Church  
Social 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: Gifts Needed

LWV Corvallis has several vacant board positions and needs the gifts of a few members to take over Events Planning, Bulletin Editing, and Membership. Most of our jobs take approximately 10 hours a month, although bulletin editor will take at least 20. We need members who are willing to give this time to the league just to keep the organization functional. We need a few good women or men to say yes to jobs within the local league organization. Next year we will need a new fundraiser and an organizer for Leadership Corvallis among others. Those with time and interest are needed. Talk to a board member if you have time for us.

Thanks to all members who ordered and sold grapefruit this fall. Lois Marie says we have approximately 400 boxes ordered this year. The delivery date is Saturday, December 4, so you may be cutting into those delicious grapefruit before you get this bulletin. Doris and Dick Waring organized our delivery routes last year and stood by to help Lois with the computer files and routes. Thanks to Lois Marie Zaerr, the Warings and all those who bought, sold, and delivered the grapefruit. Besides the juicy reward, you will all be contributing to the operation of our organization for another year.

*Thanks also go to LWVOR Action Committee members, who are still active in the interim.* LWVOR has asked the local Leagues to conduct post-legislative interviews with legislators. Paula Krane, former LWVOR President, and Peggy Lynch, LWVOR Action Committee member, were eager to help with these interviews. The Action Committee will be monitoring tax reform efforts and the interim session hearings. LWVOR also is in the process of gathering information for the Funding Oregon Study, and we again have members, JoAnne Trow, Peggy Lynch and Louise Ferrell, who are working on that study. We appreciate their contributions at the state level.

May you all have good holidays with your family and friends. See you at program planning and/or in the New Year.

–Karen Nibler, President

### LWV Corvallis

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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.

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## HOT FOOD AND HOT TOPICS WITH YOUR PROGRAM PLANNING

We hope you will be lured into coming out for the hot dinner and the hot topics at the December 9 program planning meeting. A social hour with hot soup, bread and desserts will preface our program planning discussion. These days, many citizens are discussing national issues: the declaration of war; the Patriot Act; judicial appointments; campaign finance; digital voting machines; the energy infrastructure; oil exploration in the arctic; the Medicare drug benefit; and health care for all. Which of these topics create a little steam in your household? Come share with us. We want to know which areas interest our members.

This calendar year (2003–04) is program planning for the national level, or setting national study priorities.

We are fortunate to have a LWVUS Board Member, Rosie Stephens, in Oregon. Rosie has been invited to speak to us about the national issues and answer our questions. LWVUS has requested that local Leagues review the current public policy positions and recommend one position for review and update in the 2004–2006 biennium. LWVUS asked for one other program recommendation for study or concurrence. The recommended program topics are due to LWVUS by March 1, after which the national program policy recommendations will be formulated. The LWVUS convention will be held in June 2004 in Washington, D. C. Two local board members will be sent as well as LWVOR board members.

The LWVUS action agenda has focused on campaign finance reform and the Help America Vote Act. The current LWVUS study is “Election of the President” while “Apportionment” was voted in as a second study if resources allow. Recent national studies have been on international trade and the United Nations. The LWVUS Judicial Independence Project could lead to a position on the judicial branch of government. There is no criminal justice policy although there is one on gun control. The LWVUS report form and the public policy positions are included in this Bulletin. If you cannot attend the December 9 meeting, we ask that you take a few minutes to fill in these forms and send them to LWV Corvallis, P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339.

— Karen Nibler

## SETTLE DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK: LWVC BOOK CLUB

*Gardeners of League*, join us for a discussion of *The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi* by Jacqueline Park. We'll meet Monday, December 8, 7:30 PM **at Roxana Bodine's, 4830 SW Dresden, 753–5612. Please call Roxana to let her know if you'll be coming.**

Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month. Upcoming books include:

- January 12: *Feast of Love* by Charles Baxter
- February 9: *Founding Brothers* by Joseph J. Ellis
- March 8: *Winter Wheat* by Mildred Walker
- April 12: *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay
- May 10: *The Inextinguishable Symphony* by Martin Goldsmith

For more information about the LWVC Book Club, call Corrine Gobeli, 745–7736, [cgobeli@aol.com](mailto:cgobeli@aol.com).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming new members Susan Johnson, Kathy Heath and Lo Erna Simpson to LWVC!

- **Susan Johnson** was director of the Corvallis Arts Center for ten years and is now pursuing a full-time art career. She is involved with galleries in Portland and on the Oregon coast. She has lived in the community for over 40 years and has five grandchildren in the area.
- **Kathy Heath** was Assistant Dean of Health and Human Performance at OSU. She retired in 1997 and is co-chair of the *[OREGON?]* Commission on Children and Family and is active in Zonta.
- **Lo Erna Simpson** moved to Corvallis from Lexington, Kentucky in 1986 to teach textile courses in the Apparel, Interior, Housing and Merchandising Department at OSU. She has worked for Nike for the past seven years as an education consultant giving workshops on a weekly basis.

— Marolyn Welch Tarrant

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
EASY TO READ VOTERS' GUIDE  
FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL  
ELECTION**

Are you especially interested in adult literacy or voter outreach to immigrant communities? We could use your help with the *Easy To Read Voters' Guide* that we are planning to produce in cooperation with Oregon Literacy, Inc. and Hands On Portland. There are tasks for writers, editors, and reviewers. General material could be translated into easy to read formats whenever volunteers have time. Ballot measure information will need review in late summer. We could also use help developing speaker's bureau training materials that are sensitive to the needs of people with less education and/or limited English literacy. You could also work in your community to identify places to distribute the *Easy to Read Voters' Guide*. To volunteer, please contact the state [LWVOR?] office or Judy Davis, Voters' Guide Editor, at [rjdavis@gorge.net](mailto:rjdavis@gorge.net) or 541-478-0133.

--- Pat Bishop

**FIRST ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON CIVIC EDUCATION**

*[This piece was included in an e-mail sent to LWV members. I thought it was an important statement as schools are getting away from Civics Education. LWV should support this effort to keep civics in school curriculum. Karen Nibler)*

The participants at the First Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education acknowledge that there is an urgent need to address the low level of civic engagement in America. We recognize that:

- Civic knowledge and engagement are essential to maintaining our representative democracy. While many institutions help to develop Americans' civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions, schools must have the capacity to prepare students for engaged citizenship. Civic education should be a central purpose of education essential to the well-being of representative democracy.

- Civic education should be seen as a core subject. Well-defined state standards and curricular requirements are necessary to ensure that civic education is taught effectively at each grade level from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Strengthening the civic mission of schools must be a shared responsibility of the public and private sectors at the community, local, state, and national levels.
- Policies that support quality teacher education and professional development are important to ensure effective classroom instruction and raise student achievement.
- Well-designed classroom programs that foster an understanding of fundamental constitutional principles through methods such as service teaming, discussion of current events, or simulations of democratic processes and procedures are essential to civic education.

In recognition of these findings, we resolve to take action to reaffirm the historic civic mission of our schools.



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is all you have to remember...

Our Corvallis LWV website is linked to the:

- ◆ City of Corvallis
- ◆ Corvallis School District  
509J
- ◆ Benton County
- ◆ State
- ◆ LWVOR
- ◆ LWVUS

Return by December 10, 2004

## LWVOR Program Planning

**Retain:** No change in position.

**Update:** Add Background information to support the position, usually can be provided by Portfolio Chair into the program without a new study.

**Drop:** Position may not again be incorporated

**Restudy:** Requires a resource committee which informs members and may seek a new member agreement on the position.

PRESENT POSITIONS	RETAIN	DROP	UPDATE	RESTUDY
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>				
Constitutional Provisions				
Economic Development Revenue Bonds				
Election Laws				
Emergency Board				
Fiscal Policy				
Initiative and Referendum				
Judicial System				
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
Air Quality				
Coastal Management (and Offshore)				
ENERGY:				
Conservation				
Nuclear				
Land Use				
Parks				
Seismic				
WATER:				
Policy and Planning				
Quality				
Resources—Columbia Basin				
<b>SOCIAL POLICY</b>				
Adult Corrections				
Child Care				
Children at Risk				
Education—Postsecondary				
Farmworker Issues				
HEALTH POLICY:				
Adult Mental Health				
Mental Health Services for Children and Youth				
Juvenile Justice				

**PROPOSED NEW STATE STUDY ITEMS:** Include Title, Scope, and Outlook for Work; use additional sheet if necessary.

**STATE BYLAWS CHANGES:** Please review the state bylaws and write below any changes your League recommends. Use brackets or parentheses to designate those words you wish to add.

**RETURN BY December 9, 2003**

Return to: LWV Corvallis, P. O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339

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## Upcoming Events: December 2004

- December 4** Grapefruit Delivery by Volunteers
- December 5** Community Health Forum, 2:00 pm  
Good Samaritan Church, 35<sup>th</sup> & Harrison
- December 7** LWVOR Program Planning, 6:30 pm  
Unitarian Church, 2945 NW Circle Blvd.
- December 13** Book Club, 7:30 pm, Martha Brookes  
(see inside article for more information)
- December 15** LWV Corvallis Board meeting at 12 noon  
Karen Nibler's home

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### Mark Your Calendar Thrift Shop Consignment Day

Closes early in December –  
please wait until after January 4  
to bring in consignments.

Call ahead to make arrangements  
Miriam Miller 753-7261

*Thrift Shop consignment number:*  
1073

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