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League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization

- encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government,
- works to increase understanding of public policy issues and major
- influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Feminist Forward: Exploring the Future of the Feminist Movement

Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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



Panelists

Dr. Allison Davis-White Eyes, OSU Director of Community Diversity Relations at Oregon State University

Maria Chavez-Haroldson, Owner of Culturally Responsive Solutions, a consulting business focusing on equitable, diverse, and inclusive organizational development practices

Dr. Susan Shaw, Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Oregon State University

Luhui Whitebear, an enrolled member of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, a second-year Ph.D. student at OSU, a mother, poet, and Indigenous activist

On the eve of the League of Women Voters' 98th birthday, we will celebrate the role of women in our society by exploring the future of the feminist movement. Our panel of women leaders will address the following questions:

- What does "intersectional feminism" mean to you?
- What do you think are the most pressing questions facing the feminist movement in 2018?
- As women in positions of power working within an institution, what does leadership mean to you? How do you incorporate feminism into your leadership style?
- What message would you like the audience to leave with today?

We will also have time for audience questions.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this dynamic and informative presentation. Invite your friends and colleagues to come with you – and introduce them to the League and to this exciting exploration!

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



2018 Legislature Updates

Saturdays February 3, March 3

10 to 11:30 AM, Corvallis- Benton County Public Library

Meet your state legislators, hear about their work, ask questions and have conversations.

Oregon Legislators invited to participate: [Senator Sara Gelser](#), [Representatives Andy Olson, Dan Rayfield & Mike Nearman](#). Moderator: [Peggy Lynch](#).

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President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

Thank you to all of our members and friends of the League who purchased boxes of oranges and grapefruit. Despite having to raise our prices, we had our most successful sale ever. The funds generated by the fruit sale go directly to our local events, voter services, action, and advocacy. Once again, Louise Marquering organized the sale with aplomb! Along with her band of volunteers over 400 boxes of fruit were delivered. Thank you Louise and crew!

The Oregon Legislature has a short session this year. We will only have two Saturday morning Legislative Updates, one in February and one in March. Check your bulletin, our website or the Gazette-Times for dates. These Saturday morning events are very well attended and give the community a sense of the work being done in Salem. Please contact Kate Mathews if you are willing to bring some goodies to one of these events.

We also had a great turnout at our annual Soup and Planning dinner. LWVUS requested that they continue to focus on their program “Making Democracy Work”. It focuses on voting rights, improving elections, campaign finance/money in politics and redistricting. All Leagues will continue to work on these issues as well as on local topics of interest. Thank you to the Board who provided the yummy dinner. A special note of gratitude goes to Jan and Bud Ames, Sara Ingle, Louise Marquering, Doris and Dick Waring. And thank you to everyone who quietly and efficiently put away the chairs and tables...quickest shut down ever!

I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with LWV positions at the local, state and national levels. You can find copies of our local positions on our website. *Issues for Action – Statements of Position and Action History* will give you a clear understanding of what the LWVOR positions are and how they were developed. National positions can be found on the LWVUS site.

I am continually impressed by the quality work that League members are doing on local, state and national issues. Thank you!

Housing Committee Report

The Housing Committee has been putting final touches on its March 14, 2018 program. Although we have not settled on a title for the program, the focus will be on density as one option for adding to the supply of housing in Corvallis. Matthew Gebhardt, Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University will be our presenter.

Professor Gebhardt will discuss the advantages in having areas of increased density and address issues specific to Corvallis. As Corvallis continues to refine its buildable lands inventory, density issues will come more to the forefront in city planning.

The Committee also is developing its yearlong agenda. Our overarching goal is to **expand housing options in Corvallis**. Areas to focus on include:

- Land – acquisition and density
- Code changes
- Zoning changes
- Economic incentives to increase housing supply
- Allocation of state and federal funds to Benton County

- Karyle Butcher, Housing Committee Chair



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This is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis which is produced nine or ten times a year.

Contact Cathy Frischmann with your suggestions, submissions, comments, or story ideas. We welcome your input.

Submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership in the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages and includes membership in the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the League of Women Voters of the United States. A membership form is on the last page.

2017 Fruit Sale Fundraiser Report

The fruit arrived at Beth and Harvey Thoennes' house on a Monday night at 5:30 p.m. The driver slept in his cab and by 7:30 the next morning Bart Bolger, Steve Ferrell, Cathy Frischmann, Kate and Chris Mathews, Patrick Nwafor and Patricia Parcels joined Harvey, Beth and Louise to help unload. By 8:45 a.m. it was all stacked in the Thoennes' garage. By Thursday the garage was empty. The fifty extra cases of grapefruit we ordered were all sold by December 21.

We sold 424 cases of fruit and made a profit of \$4,779.21, including \$730 donated to League. Twenty boxes were paid for and donated to Jackson Street Shelter, Gleaners, Community Outreach, Linn Benton Food Share and the Men's Shelter.



Patrick Nwafor, Louise Marquering, Bart Bolger

While I coordinate the sale, it is successful because so many of you volunteer to help. It is wonderful to not have to search for volunteers. Thank you to everyone who participated, from those who helped with the mailing and unloading to those who delivered the fruit. In addition to the people mentioned above we also thank Charlaine Beschta, Connie Bozarth, Ann Brodie, Joan Canan, Marsha Feldman, Carolyn Gardner, Jen Gervais, Elinor Griffiths, Sara Ingle, Dagmar Johnson, Claudia Keith, Paula Krane, Carolyn Madsen, Jo Overton, Bob Ozretich, Alice Rampton, Doris and Dick Waring, Janet Wolf-Eshe, and Mary Youmans.

- Louise Marquering



Cathy Frischmann, Louise Marquering
& Patricia Parcels

Climate Change Report

“Global warming roars on...” NASA and NOAA federal agency scientists reported the past four years have been Earth's hottest on record across the globe. Oregon is experiencing the impacts of climate change, [from higher temperatures, a warmer and more acidic ocean, increased wildfire activity, and reduced snowpack.](#) Our main priority this Oregon legislative session is the Clean Energy Jobs (Cap & Invest) carbon pricing legislation Senate Bill 1507 and House Bill 4001. For an overview of these bills go to <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2018R1/Measures/Overview/SB1507> and <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2018R1/Measures/Overview/HB4001>



Your support is critically needed! Please plan on attending **Clean Energy**

Jobs (CEJ) Lobby Day in Salem on February 12 from 9 AM – 5 PM. More info and registration: http://www.reneworegon.org/2018_lobby_day

Join us at our next meeting at noon on February 2; contact Claudia at ca.keith@comcast.net

– Claudia Keith, Climate Change Committee Chair

Voter Approved Annexations – Stay tuned...

Brief History

In the early '70s, a period of rapid growth caused Corvallis citizens to feel the need to have more control of the annexations and the type of development that was going to occur. Expanding the City limits meant that they would be responsible for providing more City Services, which could mean a need to raise City taxes to pay for these services. As a home rule City, Corvallis, by initiative, was able to put on the City ballot, a measure to add to the Corvallis City Charter a requirement that annexations be approved by the electorate. This measure passed on November 2, 1976, and Section 53 was added to the Charter. The Land Development Code contains the procedures for implementation. Throughout the years, voters have approved most annexation proposals. As growth occurred around the state in the 1990s, thirty other Oregon cities followed Corvallis by establishing this practice.

State Action in 2016

In the 2016 short session of the Oregon Legislature, a package of laws was passed to try to address Oregon's affordable housing shortage. Among those laws was SB1573, which prohibited cities from voting on annexations. (This law, however, does not say that the annexed land must include affordable housing.) Believing that SB1573 is unconstitutional as the people in home rule cities have a right of initiative and referendum and to adopt and amend municipal charters, the Corvallis City Council passed Resolution 2016-14 which directs City Staff to comply with Section 53 of the City Charter and the Land Development Code. The City has been a party to litigation regarding the constitutionality of SB1573.

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Recently

Planning Staff has followed Resolution 2016-14 and sought agreement of property owners to submit annexations to the voters as the Charter and Land Development Code requires. Three proposals have been through the process and are waiting for Council’s action - Mary’s, Caldwell Farms, and Good Samaritan. Whether or not they go to the voters will be up to the Council. The Benton County Circuit Court has ruled that SB 1573 is in effect even though its constitutionality is being challenged in the courts. Moreover, according to the City Attorney, even though the property owners have agreed to submit their proposals to the voters, any party with standing could seek a writ of mandamus to prohibit the Council from allowing a vote on annexation. The City Attorney recommended that if the 3 proposals meet the relevant criteria in the Land Development Code and comply with City laws, the Council should enact an ordinance

annexing the properties without a vote as the current state law requires. According to the Attorney, defending the City in mandamus actions could take considerable resources. League’s position states: “The LWV of Corvallis supports the citizens' right to determine by ballot the expansion of municipal limits resulting from proposed annexations, delayed or otherwise, excepting only state-mandated annexations.” (Adopted April 1997)

The Council wants your opinion on this issue as they are holding a public hearing at 6 PM on Monday, February 5 at LaSells Stewart Center.

At its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 4 PM, League’s Community Planning Committee will continue its review of the Land Development Code requirements for annexation. All are welcome.

– Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair

Registration now open for 2018 Sustainability Town Hall

Don’t miss the sustainability event of the year! Registration is now open for the 2018 Sustainability Town Hall, to be held on Monday, March 12, from 7 to 9 pm at the CH2MHill Alumni Center on the OSU campus. Save your place by registering at www.sustainablecorvallis.org.

Participants will be seated at 40 tables of eight for a fast-paced, interactive Town Hall program that includes three parts, each with a presentation from the main stage followed by discussion and activity at the tables. A highlight of the program will be the keynote presentation by Asher Miller, the Executive Director of the Post Carbon Institute. The title of his talk is “Post Carbon Corvallis: Creating a Resilient Community”.

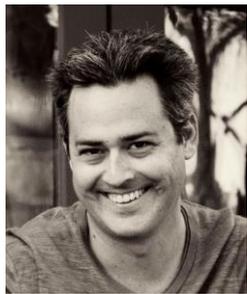
Founded in 2003, Post Carbon Institute’s mission is to lead the transition to a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable world by providing individuals and communities with the resources needed to understand and respond to the interrelated ecological, economic, energy, and equity crises of

the 21st century. Miller is one of the authors featured in “The Community Resilience Reader”, which was published in September 2017. Other 2018 Town Hall highlights include the annual “Community Scrapbook” displaying sustainability accomplishments of local organizations and businesses during the past year, as well as electronic voting by attendees to determine the direction of local sustainability efforts in the coming year.

The 2018 Sustainability Town Hall is organized by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and supported by a variety of business and organizational sponsors and individual donors. The League of Women Voters of Corvallis is an “Engaged Partner” of the Coalition.

The annual Sustainability Fair, which features delicious local food, lively music, more than 50 hands-on exhibits, and a kids’ activity room will be held at the Alumni Center from 5 to 7 pm, just prior to the Town Hall. Registration is not required for attendance at the fair. The Sustainability Fair and Town Hall are both free and open to the public.

For more information and to register for the Town Hall, go to www.sustainablecorvallis.org or call 541-230-1237.



Save the Date! DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE



Mark your calendars for the LWVOR Day at the Legislature, which is planned for **February 23, 2018**. Program details and a registration form will be forthcoming via email.



We are saddened by the tragic death of Bob Ozretich and send our deepest sympathy to Rachel and family. On National Voter Registration Day, Bob helped register many OSU students to vote. He helped make the world better.



FIRST CALL to COUNCIL 2018

Event Center at the Beach, Gold Beach, Oregon

Theme: "Watershed Moments"

COUNCIL: Council is the biennial state meeting of the League of Women Voters, held on alternate years to the state Convention. First Call is issued so local Leagues can begin to plan and discuss matters that should be presented at Council.

TIME AND PLACE: The 2018 Council will be held Friday and Saturday, **May 4-6, 2018**, at the Curry County Event Center, 29392 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. Early arrival is encouraged on Friday, May 4, as there will be a dine-around that evening. Council will begin on Saturday at 9:00 AM. Council will adjourn at around noon on Sunday to be followed by a state board meeting.

HOST LEAGUE: League of Women Voters of Curry County

Happy Birthday, League of Women Voters! February 14, 1920 - Congratulations on 98 Years of Making Democracy Work!

The League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women got the vote. It began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy. From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization

from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.



This holds true today. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. The League has a long, rich history. Watch for updates on our 100th birthday celebration in 2020.

Still We Rise - Corvallis Women's March Saturday, January 20 - Central Park Many LWV of Corvallis members assisted and marched!

Bouquet Harger's blog: I co-led the planning of a local Women's March...The whole process had been an enriching, humbling, and inspiring experience, sprinkled with moments filled with anxiety, stress, and frustrations...we had approximately **4,000** people attend...As a young, foreign-born, mixed-race woman who is quite headstrong, opinionated, and idealistic, I grew up in an environment that was anything but supportive of these qualities...I would never have been given the platform I have now and for that I am thankful that I find myself in a community that embraces these qualities. Read the complete blog at <https://superseeding.wordpress.com/2018/01/22/still-we-rise-womens-march-corvallis/>

Bouquet Harger – second from right



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LWV Calendar

February

- Fri 2 Climate Change Committee Mtg, Noon
- Sat 3 Legislature Update, 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Mon 5 Corvallis Annexation Hearing, 6 PM,
LaSells Stewart Center
- Wed 7 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Thur 8 Housing Committee, 2 PM, Habitat Ofc,
Community Planning Committee, 4 PM
- Tue 13 Monthly Meeting: *Feminist Movement*,
7 PM, Library
- Wed 14 Happy Birthday LWV and Oregon!
- Fri 23 LWVOR Day at the Legislature, Salem

March

- Fri 2 Climate Change Committee Mtg, Noon
- Sat 3 Legislature Update, 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Wed 7 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Thur 8 Housing Committee, Habitat Ofc, 2 PM
- S-S 11-17 Sunshine Week
- Mon 12 Sustainability Town Hall, 5-9 PM,
CH2MHill Alumni Center
- Wed 14 Monthly Meeting: *Housing*, 7 PM, Library

Join the League

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip+4digits _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ \$60 individual membership ____ \$90 household

____ \$30 student ____ Renewal ____ Contribution*

____ Dues assistance information to help you join the
League of Women Voters

I would like to be considered:

Active ____ Inactive Member / Supporter ____

I first joined the League in ____ (year) _____ (place).

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

LWV's membership year begins **October 1**.

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

LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

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