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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 major public policy issues and
- influences public policy through education and advocacy.



LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 23, 6-8:30 PM

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

Join other LWV members for a delectable dinner, followed by our annual business meeting and
**Marge Easley, speaking on
"Have We Turned the Corner on Gun Safety?"**

In the spring LWVOR VOTER Marge wrote, "Leagues across the nation are playing an active role in gun safety, and LWV Oregon is no exception. On March 5, 2018, I was fortunate to witness the official signing of the Boyfriend Loophole Bill by Governor Kate Brown on the steps of the Capitol. This was the first piece of gun safety legislation in the nation following the Stoneman High School shooting, and it was inspiring to be a part of the huge crowd of gun safety activists, legislators, and high school students who were there to celebrate this accomplishment."

Marge has held many leadership positions with the League over the last twenty-five years, including state president from 2007 to 2011 and Clackamas County co-president from 2014 to 2015. She currently serves as action chair of the Clackamas County League and sits on the LWVOR Action Committee, specializing in gun safety, National Popular Vote, and mining issues.

She will touch on:

- why gun safety is so divisive,
- which gun laws are most effective,
- get a status report on gun violence prevention laws in Oregon and nationally, and
- discuss why youth leadership on this issue may be a game changer, not only for gun safety, but for our political future.



We would be honored to have you and a guest would join us for dinner at the annual meeting. The dinner reservation form is on page 7, and please send it by May 16th.

The dinner menu, provided by Valley Catering, includes:

Mushroom ravioli with browned butter and mushrooms,

Panko crusted chicken with creamy champagne and chive sauce on the side,

Glazed carrots and chopped salad with dried cranberries, hazelnuts and chopped apples,

Desserts include bar cookies

Green Girl will ensure that our dinner utensils are recyclable.

If you would like to bring a homemade dessert, contact Louise Marquering at 541-753-0012 or LWVClouise@aol.com.

The Agenda for the evening: Dinner Buffet: 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. (This portion is a public meeting.)

Annual Meeting information, pp. 4-5.





President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

The May Annual Dinner meeting is my personal favorite League event of the year. I enjoy the opportunity to have time to share a meal and visit with other League members. Our dinner will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. It is followed by the Annual Meeting and then our speaker. Check inside this bulletin for more information and the reservation form. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

I would like to publically thank three staunch LWV members who are stepping down from their activities. Doris and Dick Waring have been doing the "behind the scenes" work to make sure that all of our meetings come off smoothly. They picked up the keys to the facility, set up the chairs and tables, made sure the AV equipment was working, greeted people, cleaned up the room and returned the keys. They did all of this for our monthly meetings, voter service events, town halls, and other events. After over ten years they are hanging up their spurs, but not before they formed a committee to take over. Thank you, Doris and Dick! We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the LWV. We look forward to seeing you in the audience in the future.

Take a deep breath. Feel the clean air going into your body? Well, we all have Marilyn Koenitzer to thank for her dedication to ensuring clean air for all Oregonians. Almost single-handedly and for over 30 years, Marilyn has focused on the Hollingsworth & Vose plant in south Corvallis. It is her determination and ability to read technical EPA and DEQ reports that has improved the air that we breathe. She has been an active member of the Community Planning Committee and has served on the Board in many positions for decades. Since Flagstaff does not have a League, we hope she will be Facetimeing meetings here in Corvallis! She will be missed. You are invited to her sendoff/appreciation party on May 15th, see p. 7.

This month brings us to the end of our programming year. I would like to thank everyone who has worked to develop all of the events we have sponsored, the committee members who are doing hard work on our behalf, our Board members, Leaguers who have marched and registered people to vote, those who have written and testified on behalf of the League, and the unsung who work behind the scenes to make us so effective.



New Member Event

If you joined this year, the LWV of Corvallis invites you to attend a new member **brunch on Saturday, May 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the home of Shelly Murphy, 3115 N.W. McKinley Drive.** Join us to ask questions of other League members and learn more about LWV. Some board members, committee chairs, and State Action team members will be present, and current members are welcome too. Please RSVP Ann Brodie 541-757-1728 or annbrodie143@comcast.net.

Voter Service Committee Report

A warmly dressed group of volunteers braved a chilly morning to register voters at the March For Our Lives rally on March 24th and were rewarded with inspiring speeches. The student organizers asked the League to staff a voter registration table and we happily participated. In fact, there were so many volunteers that we were able to circulate in the crowd. There was a bit of a panic when the students learned that the online registration system was down the day of the march, but we, being very old-school by comparison, showed up with paper and pens. *Please see **Voter Service** Page 3*



Jan Ames, Camille Freitag

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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.

Voter Service From *Page 2* - Many of the middle and high school speakers encouraged the crowd to vote and warned politicians that they will be voting as soon as they are old enough. As the students marched off they led the crowd in a chant – *Show me what democracy looks like, this is what democracy looks like.* And I thought it was looking better by the minute.

I learned of a quirk in the registration system. A 16-year-old can register to vote through motor voter, but not by filling out a registration form. We had to turn a few disappointed kids away. I asked about this at Benton County Elections, was told that changing the form will require legislative action and that the Secretary of State is pursuing the issue. Many thanks to Jan Ames, Taryn Bazurto, Camille and Michael Freitag, Kate Mathews, Suzy Pelican, Marolyn Tarrant, and Theresa Welch for helping with this effort.



May 15, 2017 Special Election Information and Dates

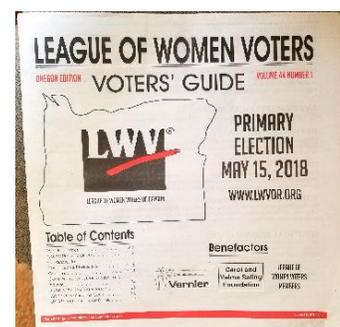
May 10, 2018 Last day to mail ballots

May 15, 2018 Election day. Completed ballots must be RECEIVED by 8:00 PM. **Postmarks do not count. Deposit your ballot in** any official ballot dropsite and you can check locations at

www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/nov-7-2017-special-election-ballot-dropsites or **mail by May 11.** Check ballot status and voter registration status at: www.oregonvotes.gov More information contact Benton County Elections & Passports 541-766-6756. Email elections@co.benton.or.us .

The LWV of Oregon published the Voter's Guide and our League has distributed 1,000 English and 200 Spanish copies around Benton County. It can be accessed on-line at: <http://lwvor.org/standard-voters-guide-primary-2018/>

– Camille Freitag, Voter Service Chair



Climate Change Report

On April 12, 2018 two committee members attended the trial status conference in Eugene, Oregon, at which Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Coffin set the trial date for the 21 youth suing the federal government for violating their constitutional right to a safe climate and a healthy atmosphere. On **October 29, 2018**, *Juliana vs United States* will be heard by United States District Court Judge Ann Aiken. The young people, represented by Our Children's Trust (OCT), are asking the court to order the federal government to make and stick to a science-based plan to stabilize and protect the climate for future generations.



During the proceedings the Judge cited the climate tutorial to lay the scientific foundation for two lawsuits in California against the five major oil companies; the Chevron attorney agreed that human activity is changing the climate and that it warrants action. This admission was used to prevent the United States attorneys from pushing the trial date into 2019. See: <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/3/28/17152804/climate-change-federal-court-chevron> .

Crag Law Center, in Portland, Oregon, currently representing the LWVOR and LWVUS, may prepare a future amicus brief as the case goes to trial. Additionally, the center has partnered with Our Children's Trust in its Oregon state lawsuit.

Youth at Corvallis High School held a Climate (Sol)utions Fair on April 22 and at which the Climate Committee was invited to table and students gave passionate speeches. Thank you Jan Ames, Claudia Keith and Cathy Frischmann (*pictured*).

Claudia and Cathy have an accepted caucus at the LWVUS. Convention 2018 titled **The Most Important Lawsuit on the Planet Heads to Court – Leagues' Amici and Positions Support the**

Kids. It will be an overview of the legal reasoning and rulings in *Juliana vs U.S.* Our Children's Trust court case and will discuss the unique contributions of the joint LWVUS/LWVOR amicus briefs and positions for League advocacy on climate change.

Additionally, they have prepared a proposed Climate Test resolution for the LWVUS Convention 2018 which will complement the Carbon Pricing resolution developed by the LWVUS Climate Change Task Force. **The proposed Resolution reads:** The League of Women Voters supports Climate Test, an assessment tool to help ensure that energy policies align with climate science. Climate Test uses the latest climate science to evaluate proposed energy policies and projects in light of the internationally agreed goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees C, by the successful spirit of global cooperation as affirmed in the Paris Agreement.

Join us at our next meeting at noon on Friday, May 4. For more information contact Claudia at ca.keith@comcast.net

– Claudia Keith, Climate Change Committee Chair

Agenda of the 2018 Business Meeting

Laura Lahm Evenson, President

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Comments League of Women Voters of Oregon Representative
- Review of the Year
- Introduction of Parliamentarian
- Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes
- Quorum Determination
- Adoption of Agenda
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Presentation of the Proposed Program
 - Recommendation for the 2016-2017 Program
 - Presentation of the Budget
 - Discussion and Adoption of Program
 - Discussion and Adoption of the Budget
 - Report of Nominating Committee Election of Board Members
- Recognition
- Directions to the Board from Members
- Announcements
- Adjournment



Nominating Committee Report

The following candidates are offered for election by the Nominating Committee of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis. – *Mary Youmans (Chair), Bouquet Harger, Annette Mills, Marolyn Tarrant, and Doris Waring*

Nominees for two-year term, 2018-2020

- 2nd Vice President* Paula Krane
- Co-Secretary* Ann Brodie
- Co-Secretary* Nancy Rosenberger
- Treasurer* Sara Ingle
- Directors* Marsha Feldman, Claudia Keith, Vacant
- Nominating Committee* Mary Youmans, Marolyn Tarrant, Vacant

Continuing their 2017-2019 terms

- President* Laura Lahm Evenson
- 1st Vice President* Annette Mills
- Directors* Karyle Butcher,
Camille Freitag,
Cathy Frischmann

Appointed positions: *Membership Secretary* Briar Bullock, *Membership Chair* Vacant

Recommended Program, 2018-2019

With input from the membership at January’s Program Planning Meeting, the Board of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis recommends that we retain all positions for 2018-19.

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| At Risk Youth | Corrections | Know Your Schools |
| Benton County Charter | Financing the Public Library | Local Food |
| Child Care in Benton County | Health Services in Benton County | Prevention of Violence |
| Community Planning | Housing | Special Taxing Districts |

– *Annette Mills, 1st Vice President, Program*

Proposed Budget, 2018-2019

The Budget Committee recommends and the board concurs that annual dues remain the same, and that the 2018-19 budget be approved. In order to cover our per member payments (PMP) to the LWVUS and LWVOR, we rely on member donations. Tax deductible donations to the LWVUS Education Fund or to the LWVOR sent to our treasurer, then sent in by her are deducted from the amount we owe in PMP. Our local operating expenses are covered by the profits from our annual fruit sale and donations to the LWV of Corvallis.

- Budget Committee: Shelly Murphy (Chair), Connie Bozarth, and Sara Ingle

LWV of Corvallis

Proposed Budget 2018-19

	Actual Apr '17 - Mar '18	2017-18 Budget	Proposed Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Annual dinner	787.00	700.00	790.00
Non-Member Contributions	800.00	700.00	800.00
Grapefruit Receipts	13,085.68	13,000.00	13,800.00
Interest	137.28	100.00	150.00
Member Contributions	94.50	1,300.00	200.00
Membership Dues	8,102.67	7,020.00	8,040.00
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Mercha	235.98	50.00	300.00
Total Income	23,243.11	22,870.00	24,080.00
Expense			
Public Relations	441.59	400.00	300.00
Action	5,135.55	1,000.00	1,000.00
Events offset by receipts	817.25	775.00	815.00
Grapefruit Expense	8,292.56	9,000.00	8,500.00
LWVOR Education Fund PMP credit	-525.00	-1,250.00	-600.00
LWVOR PMP	3,553.25	3,569.00	3,991.00
LWVUS Education Fund PMP Credit	-984.76	-850.00	-1,000.00
LWVUS PMP	3,820.00	3,803.00	4,024.00
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,388.16	1,550.00	1,400.00
Website & ecommunications	274.76	450.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	250.00		250.00
PO Box, Corp.	195.00	400.00	200.00
President, Treas, Secy, Board	101.70	123.00	150.00
Program, Committee Material	119.75	400.00	400.00
National Convention	0.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
Regional Mtgs, Dues, Assesments	100.00		100.00
State Convention/Council	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Voter Service	131.57		250.00
Membership development	223.98	50.00	100.00
Insurance	0.00	750.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	23,335.36	22,870.00	24,080.00
Net Ordinary Income	-92.25	0.00	0.00
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income - Restricted	<u>790.12</u>		
Net Income	<u>697.97</u>		

WHAT CORVALLIANS SEE AS BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO HOUSING CRISIS

The Housing Committee of LWV of Corvallis had two opportunities to hear from our community about the housing crisis and affordable housing. This is not a random survey and no one should conclude that the results represent the views of the majority of Corvallians or the average Corvallian. However, the results are consistent with what the Housing Committee has been hearing from developers, homeowners, and those seeking to rent or buy homes.

Our process was simple.

We had 2 groups of respondents:

- 1) attendees at the League's Housing Forum in March, and
- 2) attendees who visited our table at the Sustainability Town Hall.

We asked 3 open-ended questions:

What do you think is limiting us from responding more effectively to the housing crisis?

How do you hope our community will act in response to the housing crisis?

What will you do in response to the housing crisis?

Here is what we learned:

BARRIERS

Number of responses (blank=1)

Reluctance to change, adherence to status quo	7
Big house, big yard syndrome	3
Barriers to low income people	
Lack of political leadership	
Landlords' profit motive	
LDC constrains ability to be creative with finding solutions	
University is not acknowledging or proactively reacting to increase in students	
Unwillingness to develop large student complexes forces students into neighborhoods, displacing average families	

SOLUTIONS

Rent rooms in private homes	4
Incentives for builders to build small	3
Change code to encourage affordable housing	3
Allow more options for smaller housing	2
Assess needs for zoning/codes and rental standards	
Build ADUs (accessory dwelling units)	
Change zoning to allow for higher density and height	
Dedicate land for low income housing	
Design for privacy on small lots	
High tax on homes >2,000 sq ft	
Housing for families and young professionals	
More affordable senior housing/convert student housing for seniors	
Provide clear and objective standards	
Provide more mixed housing	
Subsidize cluster housing	

EDUCATE

Be open to more low income housing	3
Blame game - it's not all the university's fault	2
Only big builders can afford Corvallis development process	
Understand that there is a housing crisis	

OTHER COMMENTS

Adopt a multi-unit property tax	
Encourage bike use	
Need shelter for homeless	
Protect open spaces	
Resist 5 bedroom (student) homes	

Karyle Butcher, Chair Housing Committee



Reserve Dinner for LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting on May 23

Please clip this form and return it with your check for \$16 per person by Wednesday, May 16.

Name(s) _____

___ I/We plan to attend the LWV of Corvallis annual dinner and meeting. Amount paid \$ _____

Mail check to: **LWVC Annual Dinner, c/o Beth Thoennes /Louise Marquering,
1045 N.W. 33rd Street, Corvallis, Oregon 97330**

Donations to support LWV of Corvallis are also appreciated. If you would like to enclose a contribution on a separate check, you can support us by giving to **LWV Corvallis** (non-deductible) or by making a donation to **LWV Education Fund or LWV of Oregon** (either is deductible to extent allowed by law). These payments, offset our "per member payments" to LWVUS and LWVOR.



You are invited . . . **Sendoff and Appreciation Party for Marilyn and Will Koenitzer**

Tuesday, May 15th from 4:00 – 7:30 PM

The Hanson Country Inn, 795 SW Hanson Street, Corvallis

Marilyn has been a champion of clean air in Oregon for over 30 years and worked tirelessly on air quality issues involving Hollingsworth and Vose. Please come by to thank her and her husband, and to wish them well in Arizona.

If you would like to assist with an appetizer, a bottle of wine or a monetary contribution, please contact Karen Nibler at niblerk@comcast.net or Laura Evenson at evensonlahm@gmail.com or 541-753-6036.

LWVUS Convention 2018

Thur, June 28 – Sun, July 1, 2018, Chicago

Join other League members from all over the US in Chicago for Convention. <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/register-2018-convention>

- Convention registration is open. **The Early Bird rate is \$450. After June 1st the cost goes up to \$500.**
- Ticket sales begin for the "Second City" comedy troupe performance, the LWVIL fundraiser at Convention.
- Applications for awards and workshop/caucus facilitation posted with due dates.
- Two Webinars to help attendees prepare.
- Proposed program, budget, bylaws amendments, and Report of Nominating Committee posted.
- Convention registration closes on May 28. Interested, contact Laura Evenson, LWVC President.



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Wed, May 23, 6 PM – LIBRARY
GUEST SPEAKER: **Marge Easley 7:30 PM**



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LWV Calendar

May

- Wed 2 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Fri 4 Climate Change Committee, Noon
- Fri-Sun 4-6 LWVOR Council, Gold Beach
- Thur 10 Housing Committee, 2 PM, Habitat Ofc
- Sat 12 New Member Brunch, 10:30 AM,, Home
Shelly Murphy
- Tue 15 Sendoff Party Marilyn Koenitzer,
4-7:30 PM, Hanson Country Inn
Election Day, VOTE
- Wed 23 Annual Dinner, Meeting, & Speaker
Marge Easley, 6:00 PM, Library
- Thur 24 Housing Committee, 2 PM, Habitat Ofc

JUNE

LWVUS Convention 2018
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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**. Those joining
after March 31 pay half dues.

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.