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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.

Dinner, Social, and Business

LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 - 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 a presentation by Library Director Ashlee Chavez. In addition to speaking about her work as our community's Library Director, Ms. Chavez will share her personal perspective – the challenges and rewards of being a young professional woman – and what we can do individually and as an organization to encourage younger women to assume leadership positions.

We would be honored to have you and a guest join us for dinner (menu, pg. 6) at our annual meeting. Please complete and mail in your reservation form (pg. 7) by May 15.

Learn About City Levy

Measure 2-123 for a Livable Corvallis

Monday May 6, 7:00 PM
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave. Corvallis

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis invites the community to learn about Measure 2-123. Voters are being asked to pass Measure 2-123 to save funding for our recreation programs, pool, theater and library.

The following panelists will present information about the levy:

- **Hal Brauner**, former City Councilor, former chair of the Corvallis Sustainability Task Force, chair of the Corvallis Sustainable Budget Task Force
- **Julie Manning**, former Corvallis Mayor, Vice President for Marketing, Public Relations and Community Health Promotion for Samaritan Health Services
- **Jacque Schreck**, former City Councilor, former member of the Corvallis Budget Commission and current member of the Corvallis-Benton County Library Advisory Board and Library Foundation President
- **Mark Worden**, former director of Osborn Aquatics Center.

Come ask your questions of these experts.

The League supports Measure 02-123 because it authorizes a five-year local levy to maintain funding for public services that are critical to the vitality and well-being of our community. This levy replaces the expiring levy and general obligation bond so it may result, if any, in only a modest increase in local property taxes.



President's Corner

A Busy May Ends with Dinner

This May is really packed with activities for LWV. We have a legislative update, a forum on the city livability levy, our state convention in Ashland, our annual dinner meeting and an election. Check inside this bulletin for information on all of these interesting events. We also come to the end of our program year. We have had a wide range of public programs that included the topics of Elections, Redistricting, Hard Rock Mining in Oregon, Urban Renewal Districts, and Student Homelessness. My thanks to Annette Mills, our first vice-president, who uses her vast inventory of contacts to help put together these programs.

I encourage you to attend our May Annual dinner. This is both a social *and* a business meeting. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Valley Catering. You will see old friends and make some new ones! After dinner we will conduct our annual business meeting. Then, over dessert and coffee, we will hear comments from the director of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. It should be an interesting night and I hope to see you there. If you don't drive at night or would like to carpool, please call or email me.

Laura Labm Evenson, President

Housing Committee Focusing on Affordable Housing

Kevin Young, Senior Urban Planner with Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development will be at our next meeting to share with us current projects underway at the department as well as areas where he thinks our committee can make a difference.

Nancy Wood and Karen Rockwell updated us on those bills in the Oregon legislature that affect affordable housing. Nancy is putting special effort in tracking HB2001. Karen Rockwell reported out on recent activities of the Corvallis Housing and Community Development Advisory Board. She discussed work in place to revise sections of the Land Development Code and noted that there continues to be interest in a Systems Development Charge exemption for developers building affordable housing.

Our next project will be to gather data on implementation of a property tax exemption for low-income families. Karen Rockwell and Nancy Wood will take the lead with support from Erin Kanzig.

We discussed the process for revising our position on housing – Lynn Jarvis will take the lead on this working closely with Jessica McDonald and Sara Ingle.

We spent a part of our meeting re-introducing ourselves to each other – this time providing more background on who we are. We have an amazing group of women on the committee – perhaps the best introduction was by Shelley Ries who told us how she went from being a San Francisco model to an emergency services nurse. Truly, you had to be there!

Karyle Butcher, chair

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

Contact Ann Schaubert, ann@caracolores.com, with suggestions, comments, submissions, 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.

More Relevant Than We Thought

Why Care about Hard Rock Mining in Oregon?

OSU Geology Professor John Dilles gave a highly informative presentation on hard rock mining in Oregon for our March League meeting. The impetus for this topic was a new state study in which we needed to reach consensus so that it might become a State position. At first the topic seemed a little far removed from daily life and it wasn't something on most people's radar. When I volunteered to be the "expert" for the consensus meeting, I honestly thought it would be pretty boring (pun intended). In fact, both the presentation and the study report with its consensus questions were quite relevant and interesting and this is the perfect time to adopt a position because there are currently no commercial mining operations in Oregon and one is about to begin the permitting process.



My first question was why I should care about this. We learned from Dr. Dilles that we are using ever increasing quantities of minerals in our phones, electric cars and solar panels and that some of these are found in Oregon. Technologies we think of as green, such as electric cars and solar panels, often use more of these minerals. Since we aren't likely to give up our phones, we need to consider how and where these minerals are obtained. Southern and Northeastern Oregon have the highest potential for mines and these regions also need economic development. Mining brings jobs that tend to pay more than local averages, but the price of minerals is volatile, which can lead to a boom and bust scenario. Mining, like any resource extraction, has the potential for environmental harm and we need assurance that efforts are made to minimize negative impacts. Nationally hard rock mines release 47% of toxic pollution, which is three times more than the chemical industry. Other possible impacts include erosion, habitat and ecosystem disturbance and groundwater drawdown.

Hard rock mining is governed by a complicated set of Federal and State laws. Exploration by citizens and U.S. corporations or those with a U.S. subsidiary is allowed on Federal land with the exception of National Parks and Wild and Scenic areas. Mining takes precedence over other activities on Federal land by law, but not always in practice. In Oregon we have a consolidated permit process and have required a bond for the clean up and reclamation of any mine using chemicals since 1991. The National Wildlife Federation identified some weaknesses in the bonding requirement and the process has never been tested. The Grassy Mountain gold mine in Malheur County is about to begin the permitting process and this will be the first test of the system. Oregon already requires recycling of electronics, but not of all metals. Increasing the conservation of minerals would require changes in product design and consumer buying habits. Designing for longevity and ease of repair rather than promoting the newest technology would decrease the need for mines. Hopefully this study will lead to a position we can use to evaluate proposed mines in Oregon.

Camille Freitag

★★★ **Mark Your Calendar** ★★★
League's 100th Anniversary Celebration Event in Salem
Saturday March 7, 2020
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LWV of Corvallis Board Nominations 2019-2021

The following candidates are offered for election:

Nominees for a two-year term, 2019-2021

President - Jessica McDonald

1st Vice President - Annette Mills

Co-Secretary -

Ann Brodie and Nancy Rosenberger

Directors -

Karyle Butcher

Camille Freitag

Cathy Frischmann

Nominees for a one-year term, 2019-2020

2nd Vice President - Connie Bozarth

Nominating Committee

Laura Lahm Evenson

Marolyn Tarrant

Mary Youmans

Continuing Board Members 2018-2020

Treasurer - Sara Ingle

Directors -

Briar Bullock

Marsha Feldman

Claudia Keith

respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Briar Bullock, Laura Lahm-Evenson, Jessica McDonald, Marolyn Tarrant, Mary Youmans, Chair

Proposed 2019 Bylaws Amendments

Note: ~~Line through words~~ are to be deleted

Italicized words are to be added

Bylaws proposal #1

This amendment change was proposed by LWVCorvallis bylaws committee and supported by the board.

ARTICLE V -Board of Directors

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the board of directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the board of directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board. Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or e-mail. ~~The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled. These electronic meetings should be conducted in a timely matter with a beginning and ending time so that all members will have adequate opportunity to participate. The President shall notify the Board members of the outcome, and a copy of the requested action and responses shall be submitted as minutes to the board of directors at its next scheduled meeting.~~

Sec. 6. Procedure for Motions Presented by Email. *When a quorum of Board members is unable to participate in a simultaneous meeting, and as with email motions, voting shall not take place until at least 24 hours have passed after the initial notice and content of the proposed motion was emailed to members. If, during the relevant period, any member has requested further group discussion on the motion before voting occurs, the President shall arrange and facilitate an appropriate process so that group discussion may occur on the requesting member's concern. "Appropriate processes" may include: (1) telephonic discussion at which a quorum of members is actually present, or (2) an appropriate time period during which members may exchange electronic dialogue discussing their views on the issue being considered before voting is initiated. If, however, no member has requested such group discussion, the President may initiate voting by email on the motion immediately upon the completion of the 24-hour waiting period. Response to the call for the vote must be completed within 24 hours." At least 75% of eligible board members must participate by voting and the motion must pass by a simple majority of the full number of board members. The President shall notify the board members of the outcome, and a copy of the requested action and responses shall be submitted as minutes to the board of directors at its next scheduled meeting.*

~~Sec. 6 7. Quorum.~~ A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

Submitted by the Bylaws committee: Paula Krane and JoAnne Trow

Proposed Budget, 2019-2020

The Budget Committee recommends and the board concurs that annual dues remain the same, and that the 2019-20 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.

Sara Ingle, Treasurer

LWV Corvallis Income and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual and Proposed April 2018 through March 2019

	Apr '18 - Mar '19	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expenditures			
Income			
Annual dinner	\$ 608.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 700.00
Non-Member Contributions	900.00	800.00	800.00
Grapefruit Receipts	14,577.50	13,800.00	14,600.00
Interest	302.19	150.00	310.00
Member Contributions	1,245.00	200.00	1,200.00
Membership Dues	8,435.00	8,040.00	8,200.00
Thrift Shop, Sale of LWV Mercha	129.80	300.00	130.00
Total Income	<u>26,197.49</u>	<u>24,080.00</u>	<u>25,940.00</u>
Expenditures			
PayPal fees	94.33		95.00
Public Relations	121.17	150.00	250.00
Action	1,054.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Events offset by receipts	682.55	815.00	830.00
Grapefruit Expense	9,650.09	8,500.00	10,000.00
LWVOR Education Fund PMP credit	- 770.00	- 600.00	- 770.00
LWVOR PMP	3,865.88	3,991.00	3,950.00
LWVUS Education Fund PMP Credit	- 1,724.48	- 1,000.00	- 1,000.00
LWVUS PMP	4,556.00	4,024.00	4,140.00
Bulletin Postage/Printing	1,082.76	1,400.00	1,375.00
Website & ecommunications	119.76	200.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	-	400.00	200.00
PO Box, Corp.	209.00	200.00	220.00
President, Treas, Secy, Board	43.90	150.00	150.00
Program, Committee Material	1,253.59	400.00	450.00
National Convention	2,463.68	2,000.00	2,000.00
Regional Mtgs, Dues, Assesments	-	100.00	100.00
State Convention/Council	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Voter Services	-	250.00	300.00
Membership development	212.28	100.00	250.00
Insurance	1,201.00	1,000.00	1,050.00
Total Expenditures	<u>24,115.51</u>	<u>24,080.00</u>	<u>25,940.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	2,081.98	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income/Expenditures			
Other Income			
Restricted income	20.33		
Total Other Income	<u>20.33</u>		
Other Expense			
Know Your City	570.70		
Total Other Expense	<u>570.70</u>		
Net Other Income	- 550.37		
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,531.61</u>		

Recommended Program, 2019-20

With input from the membership at January's Program Planning Meeting, the Board of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis recommends that we adopt a **re-study** of our **Housing** position and our **Community Planning** position in 2019-20. A re-study of each position will include a review of our current position, identification of those parts that need updating, and a proposal for revisions and/or additions to the position.

The following Local positions will remain the same:

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
Special Taxing Districts



Annual Meeting Dinner (pg.1) Provided by Valley Catering Registration form on next page Menu

Spinach salad with strawberries, coconut and mango dressing
Crusted chicken with marinara and parmesan cheese on the side
Roasted spring vegetables
Penne pasta with squash, mushrooms, spinach and parmesan
Dessert bars

*If you would like to bring a homemade dessert contact Louise Marquering at lwwclouise@aol.com or phone her at 541-753-0012.
Louise will not be making apple crisp this year.*

State Legislative Updates

Saturday May 11, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Corvallis-Benton County Library

Meet and converse with your state legislators. Hear about their work and ask your questions.
Oregon Legislators who are invited to participate:

- Senator Sara Gelser
- Representative Shelly Boshart Davis
- Representative Mike Nearman
- Representative Dan Rayfield

Reserve Dinner for LWV of Corvallis Annual Meeting on May 22



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 \$_____

___ I will bring a homemade dessert ___ I need a ride

Mail check to: **LWVC Annual Dinner, c/o Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis, Oregon 97330**

Talking Points for Green New Deal

LWVUS Tool Kit for Climate Change Action

The League of Women Voters of the United States has the following position on climate change:

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet. The League believes that an international approach to combating climate change — including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources — is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decisions, at all levels — local, state, regional, national, and global.

According to Eleanor Revelle, Chair of the LWVUS Climate Change Task Force, the March national league update included Talking Points on the Green New Deal, for state and local Leagues to use in their messaging about this initiative. For those of you who missed the Talking Points or can't find them on the LWVUS website, they are now posted along with the new League Climate Change Position in the Toolkit for Climate

Action: http://participate.lwv.org/c/9217/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=10472

As LWVUS guidance on other federal initiatives or legislation on climate change becomes available, it will be posted here as well.

Claudia Keith, Climate Change



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LWV Calendar

May 2019

- Mon 6 City Levy Forum (pg 1), 7:00 pm, Library
- Tue 7 Board Meeting 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Sat 11 Legislative Update (pg 6),
10:00-11:30 am, Library
- May 16 Deadline to register for the
Annual Meeting Dinner
- Fri 17
- Sun 19 LWVOR Convention 2019, Ashland
Details at lwvor.org
- Tue 21 Election Day
- Wed 22 Annual Meeting and Dinner (pg 1,4-7),
6:00 - 8:30 pm, Library

June 2019

- Sat 1 Legislative Update,
10:00-11:30 am, Library

Join the League of Women Voters

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip+4digits _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ \$60 Individual Membership _____ \$90 Household

_____ \$15 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**.

Persons joining after March 31st pay 1/2 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