LWVRV FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Discussion with the Sheriffs of Jackson and Josephine Counties

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016

Time: 11:30- optional lunch;
12 noon – 1:00 presentation (League members, please arrive by 11:45am.)

Location: new Talent Community Center, behind City Hall, 104 E. Main, Talent

Corey Falls, Jackson County Sheriff               Dave Daniel, Josephine County Sheriff

Directions to new Talent Community Center

Taking I-5 from Medford and Ashland:
1. Get off at the Talent Exit and go onto Valley View Rd.

2. Cross HWY 99 and follow round-about to Talent Ave. *(Camelot Theater is on your right)*

3. Cross Main St. and follow the street sign to City Hall.

Turn right at The City Hall and follow arrows on road and sign directing you to the Community Center behind City Hall. Parking is available all around the road.

Taking Hwy 99 from Medford

Turn right at Valley View stoplight and follow around-about to Talent Ave.*Camelot Theater on right.*) Follow directions above.

Taking HWY 99 from Ashland

1. Drive to Valley View Rd. in Talent

2. Turn left at Valley View stoplight and follow round-about to Talent Ave. Follow directions above.

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.
PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE

It has been quite a while since Joann, our contributors to the Voters Voice, and I have had the opportunity to bring you up to date on what the LWV Rogue Valley has been doing while not publishing since December, 2015.

First and foremost the board and off board members wish you all a wonderful 2016; may it be filled with good health and happy moments.

This VV issue will bring you up to date with all that happened in December and January. The board continued to have our meetings, conduct business and talked about the future programs, fund-raising opportunities, and held down the fort until we could bring you up to date.

I was pleased to be asked to speak at a rally on January 21st held by OSPRIG (Oregon State Public Interest Group) regarding Money In Politics. Our League did a study and a consensus on this issue back last November, presented by Joann. The LWV US will compile all data from all leagues that participated around the country. When the report is finalized we will be forwarding the findings to you.

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Meeting was held at the home of Joann Cleckner

Present were Judith Kurinsky, Debra Har, Lorraine Werblow, Susan Orth, Jackie Clary, Joann Cleckner, Diane Schockey and Marylou Schnoes (note-taker).

The meeting was called to order at 1:11pm.

Presidents’ reports:

Discussed the letter-to-the-editor of the Mail Tribune written by a gentleman who complimented the LWVRV for urging the Board of Commissioners to purchase mics and an amplifier so they can be heard at the Tues and Thurs work sessions. New members joining in January or February have to pay for only a half a membership, and LWVRV doesn’t have to pay a portion to LWVOR.

Observer Corps. Joyce wasn’t present. Lorraine said that Sue Roberts reported that someone from the Climate Change Bill group offered to speak at a LWVRV meeting about the legislation that is going before the State of Oregon.

Jackie mentioned the film “Are We Crazy About Our Kids”, which was offered for a viewing. It was felt we had enough programs to fill our year and some people wanted to view it independently.

Debra and Judith will need to get orders for the Flower Fundraiser to them by March 10th. LWVRV gets 50% of gross sales.

LWVRV Scholarship of $500 is being planned. The consensus was that a graduating student being helped by the Maslow Project should be the recipient. Debra talked with Karen Phillips at Maslow, who suggested that Maslow could decide who the recipient would be. To generate applicant interest, Phillips said we would get out some publicity via Facebook and maybe an article in the paper. Criteria will set up by the League for the award.

Susan Orth will order a 2nd microphone, usable in the audience, for our meeting amplification system. The microphone and amplifier worked beautifully at the last general meeting.

Susan suggested we update the What’s What in Jackson County, the reference for residents of the Rogue Valley. She suggested we consider it for next year. This also can be voted on at the next board meeting.

The state’s website wasn’t updated with information needed for the chapters’ January program planning meetings. Marylou looked and it still isn’t updated as of today.

Jackie suggested that we ask each member if she would like to become well-versed in one particular position. This person would be the ‘go-to person” when a question comes up regarding this position. Jackie will write a VV blurb asking for volunteers for this project.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00.

~Marylou Schnoes, Recording Secretary
On January 14th, LWVRV Co-President Joann Cleckner led the program planning discussion of League studies and positions. This annually begins the process of our chapter deciding where to focus our efforts in the near future. Members also had the chance to identify issues for new studies, that will be decided in the next few months.

Twenty-four members attended and agreed that all national studies and positions should be retained. At the State level, since the Postsecondary Ed Study is still being completed, no changes were suggested. And all other state positions were considered good.

Locally, all positions were supported, but the group thought that study of the following issues should be expanded to the entire Rogue Valley: Adult Mental Health (previously studied only in Josephine County) and the Homeless (previously studied only in Ashland). It was also suggested that for both Jackson and Josephine Counties, the study regarding Elected County Department Heads should be updated.

Potential new studies included Higher Ed as proposed by Olena Black, who also passed out a hand-out for this topic; and also Adult Literacy Opportunities, proposed by Jackie Clary.

While not an issue or study, Iris Milan brought up the LWVOR’s forum program, called “Great Schools, Great Communities”, a kind of outreach event, which would address Oregon’s funding gaps in K-12 and community colleges. Such a 90-minute forum would be presented locally. Iris encouraged the members to consider hosting such a forum locally.

~Summary by Marylou Schnoes, Recording Secretary

Our Nominating Committee has begun to prepare a slate of officers and chairpersons to be presented for the May Annual Meeting.

We have some spots for "a few good men/women" as leaders on the LWVRV Board. Would you like to help? Maybe move from Off-Board to Executive Board member? We will be looking for and listening to volunteers or suggestions for several positions.

Thank you,

~Nancy Swan, Nominating Committee Chairperson, 541-770-1689
As for the rally, I spoke of the how the leagues operate; Local, State, National, the fact that we do not endorse a candidate, that we are a lobbying group, and we do studies and consensus. I quoted “the LWVUS believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public’s right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.

I went on to say “Many people wonder when an elected official i.e., President of US, member of Congress, Governor, Mayor etc. does that person think of the voter or the person, corporation or union who was a major supporter? Are our leaders voting for those they are indebted to or what they feel is best for the people? Rules/regulations are the strength of our country; the Constitution of the US, the Bill of Rights, and the Ten Commandments ~ there are rules for those of us who drive. Why are there not rules for financing political campaigns? The LWVRC supports financial campaign reform to ensure the voter that the person elected is working for us and not for those who finance their campaign. So many people feel frustrated by not knowing who to turn to when they have issues about government. Today’s rally is your input on an issue and will be heard by elected officials. My compliments to OSPRIG for an excellent presentation on the research they did. And please, folks, don’t forget to Vote!

Lorraine

Note: see OSPRIG web-site for their report.

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From: Lindsey Rocha

Hello (Lorraine),

I just wanted to say thank you so much for coming and speaking at the press conference this morning. This campaign and the issue of democracy is something I am very passionate about and I am so thankful and appreciative to have your support and the support of the League of Women Voters. I look forward to working with you all on this campaign!

I have also attached some photos from the event today!

Again, thank you so much,

Lindsey Rocha

Vice Chair, OSPRIG
On January 9th, the Mail Tribune published a letter from a Kevin Goodrich, who wrote, “I appreciate the League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley’s attempting to get their [observer corps] notes …posted online … for those who know they exist; however, there’s really nothing like hearing the spoken word….” Mr. Goodrich goes on to support the LWVRV’s appeal for posting online, recordings of the county’s meetings.

At this time, audible recordings of Tuesday Jackson County Commission work sessions, where issues are discussed and arguments made; and Thursday staff sessions, in which employees present info, aren’t posted online. Because these discussions are somewhat informal, the recordings must be inspected for items which may be inappropriate to make public (e.g., private personnel info). Such editing requires a county employee to take the time to review and redact inappropriate content. County Administrator Danny Jordan suggested that there isn’t enough interest to warrant spending such funds.

Mr. Goodrich cited the county’s own website, saying that for just the agenda items, there have been an average of over 50 downloads per week for the work sessions and over 30 per week for the staff meetings. He also mentions these meetings are all on weekday mornings, when most people cannot attend.

Clearly, our Observer Corps work has likely made elected officials more aware of their public roles. Plus, it also has brought the League’s hard work to the attention of the public. If any public board—in your town or in either county—interests you, we encourage you to join the handful of LWVRV folks who are watching government in action. It’s a truly fascinating and rewarding experience. Plus, more government being observed will result in greater transparency and accountability. Please call Joyce Chapman, our Observer Corps Chair, if you’re interested.

~Marylou Schnoes, Recording Secretary
IN the ARCHIVES

The Provisional League of Women Voters of Ashland had 50 members in 1963+64. Each month, they had a study topic with an evening or morning meeting in a member’s home and a board meeting. November’s topic was, “Should the U. S. Relax Its Narrow Trade with Russia and China?” Three SOC faculty members, from the fields of history, economics and business, came to some meetings to share their knowledge on this issue. The information for the meetings contained in the newsletter included a summary of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1963. This Act focused on long-range aid to lesser-developed countries, which had been a League position previous to the Act. The National League also held positions on liberalizing and reducing trade barriers.

A finance drive was held that month. Letters had been sent to potential businesses and professional people about the League’s worth to the community. January minutes claimed the drive a success with eight League solicitors, who went to the businesses, receiving a total of $104.50.

1960 photograph from the Historical Society. Is this lovely lady representing the products of a state? Is it Pennsylvania? What is the value of the information she gives in the 1960’s?

~Susan Orth, Historian Committee Chairperson

541-499-2648

CHANGES TO THE LWVRV 2015-16 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please make the following changes to your directory to reflect these new phone numbers of LWVRV members:

Susan Orth—541-499-2648
Joan Rogers—541-981-4554
It has been over two months since the last report. Due to the volume of information, we will attempt a brief summary of each meeting. Agenda items put over to subsequent meetings are omitted. Thank you to Diane Shockey and Jan Craigie for their Observer Reports and a special thank you to Susan Orth who attended several Jackson County (JC) Board of Commissioner (BOC) meetings for me.

**City of Eagle Point Planning Commission – 10/20/15:** There were three hearings. (1) **Idlewood Subdivision** conditional use permit for high density single family homes, previously permitted for apartments, was unanimously approved. (2) **Planning Action -- Reactivation and Extension Change to EP City Rules** to give authority to the Planning Director to reactive or extend previously granted planning application that had expired instead of making the applicant re-apply. The proposal was modified to require notice of reactivation to affected residents. The rule change was approved with the modification. (3) **Planning Action – To Allow an Electronic Message Sign for the City of EP** -- was unanimously approved for presentation to the EP City Council with additional legal advice regarding who else might become eligible for an electronic sign and the legal ramifications.

**JC BOC Meeting – 11/19/15:** D. Breidenthal absent. D. Jordan provided input on a variety of topics including (1) an Intergovernmental Agreement with Human Services dealing with job incentives, placement and retention which would produce anticipated revenues of $35,000. (2) MODA asked JC to offer a health plan to those on Medicaid – a handout was provided to the BOC. (3) D. Jordan requested approval to apply for a $250,000 matching grant toward the $5 million cost of the JC RV Park paving. JC to use money previously budgeted for the match. (4) **Increase of two FTE positions** – One for the Sheriff assigned to Gold Hill and one for an electrician at the airport. Dyer and Roberts reported that they both attended a state meeting regarding marijuana issues.

**JC BOC Meeting – 11/24/15:** All BOC present. (1) **Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. (SOREDI)** gave a third quarter review. SOREDI representatives gave an update of activities. Questions were asked regarding how JC money was being spent but the response was that it was difficult to parse out. D. Jordan reminded SOREDI that if a contract were to be renewed, it would only be for a year. (2 & 3) **Cascade Siskiyou National Monument**, Dayne Barron and Joel Brumm of BLM presenting. (Reminder: On November 10 the BOC had a lengthy discussion which ended with the BOC requesting a public meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the BLM, rather than having D. Breidenthal attend alone. Susan Orth reported that the Saturday meeting was cancelled with no alternative meeting scheduled.) D. Breidenthal attended the BLM meeting on November 14, 2015 and gave input on BLM employees’ performance. The meeting was not public. C. Roberts appeared to be surprised that D. Breidenthal attended the meeting. Joel Benton will draft answers to the questions posed by BLM for the BOC’s consideration. Breidenthal to bring the issue back to the BOC for discussion in two weeks. Barron and Brumm gave a power point presentation regarding the National Monument and its history. Jordan asked BLM for a timeline of the projects coming up related to the management of the National Monument so that coordination could be more effective. BLM pointed out that they have regular breakfast meetings and when he was in California, a county liaison would

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attend, improving coordination. He suggested that someone from JC should attend the local meetings. (4)

Discussion of Resolution to Oppose the Crater Lake Wilderness Designation – D. Breidenthal opposes the wilderness designation and the AOC also opposes it. R. Dyer and C. Roberts also oppose the designation. The BOC wants to write a letter opposing the designation.

JC BOC Meeting – 12/01/15: All present plus a new attorney from the County Counsel office and twelve citizen observers and three TV news channel representatives. (1) Mercy Flights and Ashland Fire & Rescue Ambulance Service Agreement Proposals – Rate increases will be pegged to the Consumer Price Index. There will be a public hearing on 12/23/15. (2) Discussion of Communications By and Between Members of the BOC, Including, But Not Limited to, Use of Email Accounts Outside of County-Assigned Email Accounts – C. Roberts raised the issue because both she and R. Dyer received email communications from D. Breidenthal with the request that the communications be kept secret to their personal email accounts. Both Roberts and Dyer indicated that they do not want to receive such emails on their personal accounts. (3) Discussion and Deliberation to Reconsider Order No. 1-15, an Order Appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the BOC of JC for Calendar Year 2015 – A lengthy discussion took place regarding D. Breidenthal’s ability to perform as Chair of the BOC in light of the complaint to the Oregon Ethics Commission and pending investigation. During the discussion, the issue of a complaint made by D. Breidenthal to the Justice Department regarding D. Jordan complaining that Jordan had been insubordinate. As part of this issue, Joel Benton, County Counsel, had been asked by D. Breidenthal’s attorney for some sort of statement (Benton indicated that Jordan was not insubordinate). Because of this situation, Benton felt he had to recuse himself from advising the BOC on the issue of removing D. Breidenthal as Chair and the other County Counsel (name not given) took over advising the BOC on that issue. D. Breidenthal objected to being removed as Chair. Ultimately, the BOC voted unanimously to remove D. Breidenthal as Chair of the BOC. (4) Order Designating a Chair and Vice-Chair for the BOC of JC for the remainder of 2015 – R. Dyer was unanimously voted in as Chair and C. Roberts was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair of the BOC for the remainder of 2015.

JC BOC Meeting – 12/08/15: All BOC present plus nine citizen observers. (1) Schulz et al v. JC – Discussion of the settlement of a case regarding GMO’s. (2) Proxy Vote for Association of O&C Counties Annual Meeting in Salem – C. Roberts raised the issue that all three of the BOC could have a vote at the AOC on a variety of issues. She was planning to attend the meeting as was D. Breidenthal and she asked R. Dyer for a proxy if he did not plan to attend. This discussion blended into (3) Oregon Leadership Summit in Portland. A discussion continued regarding this conference where C. Roberts and R. Dyer indicated that the summit was more for personal benefit and that JC should not pay for related travel expenses to attend. D. Breidenthal insisted that he was going to the conference but it was decided that he would have to pay the travel expenses himself.

JC BOC Meeting – 12/17/15: R. Dyer absent. (1) Formation of a Wolf Committee – The Cattleman’s Association and D. Breidenthal are firmly in favor of forming a Wolf Committee. D. Jordan explained that

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the finite state funds available require matching funds from each participating county and that Wallowa County has the largest claim. Claims are reimbursed, if at all, based on “confirmed wolf kill” by a wildlife biologist. There have been no confirmed wolf kills in JC and the estimated yearly expense from the JC BOC budget would be $10,000. J. Benton, County Counsel, confirmed that if there were a confirmed wolf kill, they could prepare paperwork to begin implementing the participation in the state program within 48 hours. The discussion was postponed until all BOC members could be present as was the budget discussion.

JC BOC Meeting – 12/31/15: D. Breidenthal absent. (1) Marijuana Land Use Compatibility Statement – Kelly Manning, Planning Director, reported that they expect long lines on January 4, 2016 for land use compatibility statement applications and explained what those statements confirm whether the applicant is in compliance with local land use laws. The OLCC license for marijuana costs between $3,000 and $5,000 so she is urging applicants to get the compatibility statement before going to OLCC for the license so that they are sure they are in compliance with local laws before spending money on the license. (2) Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Public Hearing for Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC) – John Vial of the Parks Department and D. Jordan explained the background of the proposed acquisition of 352 acres of private land adjacent to a JC park by the SOLC and how it would be financed. They explained that while the BOC had to be notified when OWEB was deciding on a grant, the BOC does not have the ability to do anything other than a) Support the grant; b) Oppose the grant; or c) Remain neutral. They recommended remaining neutral. Since the sale relates to private property the BOC voted to remain neutral.

JC BOC Meeting – 01/05/16: All present. (1) Fair Board Applicants – There was a lengthy discussion regarding the qualifications of two applicants, both of whom were deemed excellent candidates. The final decision was to appoint Gary Miller. (2) Formation of a Wolf Committee – There were members from the Cattleman’s Association present and one was asked to join the BOC at the table for the discussion. (See notes from the 12/17/15 BOC meeting.) It was discussed that when the issue for forming a Wolf Committee came up before, it was rejected due to cost and the fact that there had been no confirmed wolf kills. (Note: This discussion went on for over an hour so this is a brief recap). There have been no confirmed wolf kills but the ranchers fear there will be. The representative from the Cattleman’s Association insisted several times that he was not interested in the compensation from the state and acknowledged that whatever compensation there might be would be limited in nature and likely a small amount. He indicated that he wanted the Wolf Committee so that problems could be solved. D. Jordan and J. Benton pointed out that the make-up of the membership of a Wolf Committee is specified by law and requires one county commissioner, two from the livestock industry and two from environmental groups. That group would then select two neutral members from the business community. D. Jordan explained again what he explained on December 15 regarding cost and suggested that the BOC form an advisory Wolf Committee made up of members as specified under law but not go to the expense of actually participating in the state program since there have been no confirmed wolf kills. That way, if and when a confirmed wolf kill occurs, JC could quickly begin the paperwork to participate in the state program and would already have the Wolf Committee (which is the most time consuming part of setting up the program). The representative from the Cattleman’s Association indicated that the association would feel that the BOC did not care about them if no official Wolf Committee were set up. The BOC voted to move forward and participate in the state program and form an official Wolf Committee. D. Jordan suggested that the BOC advertise for participants and not just have individual commissioners suggest members. D. Breidenthal wants to be the commissioner on the committee.

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JC BOC Meeting – 01/07/16: All present. (1) **Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy (WISE)** Project Discussion – WISE approved by prior BOC. There is a $5,000 budget. C. Roberts does not want to be the liaison, feels landowners should have more input. (2 & 3) Discussion Re the **Objection Resolution for Motorized Vehicle Use on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Project and Potential Creation of a JC Natural Resource Plan** – An hour discussion with C. Roberts expressing dissatisfaction with current situation. JC has no recourse except litigation which would be expensive with little to gain. J. Benton advised against “cutting and pasting” the Baker County Natural Resource Plan for JC. The Baker plan only refers to Federal land in Baker County. Benton was instructed to investigate the cost of doing a Natural Resource plan but then the issue was postponed until the BOC reviews the JC coordination code. (5) BOC agreed that one of them should attend the Oregon County Emergency Response Plan Meeting on 1/14/16. (6) **Liaison Reports** – C. Roberts – **Gold Hill** will vote on marijuana in the city limits. A large number of citizens in Gold Hill wanted to know how administration expects to pay for the three year contract for the Sheriff’s services. Unresolved. A white water park was mention but the JC BOC has no interest in funding it. C. Roberts raised the issue of unruly behavior at a recent marijuana meeting but the topic could only be discussed in general. It was agreed that the Chairman should be tougher on stopping people from interrupting. D. Breidenthal has received concerns re choice for Fair Board, but the decision is made. Calendars were checked and all are going to a Chamber luncheon. An unresolved discussion was held on how to pay for the lunch. Eventually R. Dyer agreed to pay for all of them himself.

JC BOC Meeting – 01/14/16: All present. The agenda was light. C. Roberts raised concern over the cost of meetings with so few items. BOC directed that they get a cost estimate for the meetings. **Liaison Reports** – R. Dyer’s only meeting was cancelled. C. Roberts – Animal Shelter is reviewing its policy against euthanasia. C. Roberts mentioned a group (name not audible) who are concerned with water use and government overreach. Water use for **marijuana** was a further concern. D. Breidenthal advised that if the State/Courts decide that marijuana falls under the definition of a “farm crop” all of the controls currently being studied and planned by JC will be null and void. **Eagle Point** will pay for their own highway sign at off ramp 33 on the I-5. D. Breidenthal said that the Chamber Board raised the issue of county employee’s paying their own insurance premium. D. Jordan advised that the issue has been raised many times and when it has been, the union demanded a 6% salary increase to cover it. An increase in payroll would increase payroll taxes, pension contributions, etc. and it is less expensive for the county to pay the premium.

~Joyce Chapman, Observer Corps Chairperson
ATE TOO MUCH OVER the HOLIDAYS?

Have you eaten too much over the holidays?? Perhaps too much chocolate??

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Sincerely, Judith and Debra

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GARAGE SALE in May. Please collect and contribute. Date to be announced!

JANUARY MEETING in PICTURES
During the Fall 2016 Workshop's Outreach session for LWV, many concerns were brought up about communicating with more audiences. There was even a fun brainstorming session that occurred to figure out how to communicate what the League is to the public -- and some fantastic ideas were generated!

Since then, we've been hard at work at the State office designing a new mobile-friendly website with fresh taglines, graphics and much more. We hope that this website will be more attractive and user-friendly for current League members and affiliates, as well as potential visitors.

We would like to invite you now to explore our new website -- and feel free to send us your feedback. Please be aware that a few areas of the site may still be under construction.

To explore the new website please use the same URL as the old site: [http://lwvor.org/](http://lwvor.org/)

In addition, all users with a login and password are encouraged to test their access to the MEMBER RESOURCES pages and let us know of any issues.

Sincerely,

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**FREE DISCUSSION ABOUT INCOME INEQUALITY**

**Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 10-11:30 a.m. in Medford at the Rogue Community College (RCC)/Southern Oregon University Higher Education Center, Presentation Hall, 101 S. Bartlett.** The January 28, 2016 event is part of Oregon Humanities’ statewide Conversation Project.

Inequality seems a natural consequence of rewarding excellence and innovation in a capitalist economy. But the level of inequality changes with the times. A number of prominent economists have recently suggested that we, in America, are now living with the largest income gap in the history of the world. Is inequality an incentive for hard work and invention? At what point, if ever, is the gap too large?

This is the focus of “How Much Inequality Is Acceptable?” a free conversation with Julia Hammond on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 10-11:30 a.m. in Medford at the Rogue Community College (RCC)/Southern Oregon University Higher Education Center, Presentation Hall, 101 S. Bartlett; and from 1-2:30 p.m. at RCC Rogue Auditorium at 3345 Redwood Highway, in Grants Pass. This program is hosted by RCC Diversity Programming Board and the Medford Chapter/American Association of University Women, and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Julia Hammond is a writer and educator. She is the owner of Folklala and the developer of the Folklala blog. The company creates products and projects that explore culture through the arts. She spent the past nine years as a liberal arts professor at the Art Institute of Portland and has taught at Portland State University, the University of Oregon, and Southern Illinois University. ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE INVITED!
MESSAGE from LWVOR PRESIDENT

The LWVOR has endorsed Renew Oregon's 2016 Senate Healthy Climate Bill, a follow-up to a bill from 2015 legislative session. Because most bills must be heard in a committee during the first week of the session to stay alive, it is critical that our legislators hear the League's voice in the next two weeks. The bill would enforce Oregon's carbon pollution reduction goals (via a pricing mechanism), transition the state toward clean energy, and invest in economically disadvantaged communities. See the link above for what you can do. There is also a lobby day & rally on February 3rd in Salem.

The LWVOR’s Day at the Legislature will be Monday, Feb. 22, 9 am to 2 pm. Please watch your email for a reservation form that will be available soon.

LWVOR Action Alerts are sent to all members for whom we have an email address. If you are not receiving action alerts, then make sure that the state office has a correct email address for you. Likewise, local League roster/membership chairs please make sure that we have all the email addresses that you have.

~Norman Turrill, LWVOR President

INVITATION to JOIN

2016 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

Membership Application

Name________________________________________________________

Address:_________________________City:________________

Zip______ Phone _______________ e-mail_________________________

Single membership — $65.00  Spouse membership — $28.00  Full-time Student— $28.00

*May we publish the above information in our LWVRV Membership Directory? * Y   N

Check all areas below in which you are most interested in attending a branch meeting:

☐ Land use planning.  ☐ Local Government  ☐ Transportation

☐ Children at Risk  ☐ Education  ☐ Election Issues

☐ Health Issues  ☐ Environment  ☐ National Issues

☐ Observer Corps  ☐ Other_____

Please send your completed membership application, along with your check, to:

LWVRV, P.O. Box 8555, Medford, OR, 97501
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