Thursday October 11, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Candidates Forum: Jackson County Commissioners

Medford City Council Chambers 12 Noon– 1pm

The forum will include candidates for Positions #1—Rick Dyer and Amy Thuren, and Position #3—Colleen Roberts, Lanita Witt, and Edward Stanton. The forum will be at noon at the Medford City Council Chambers. The location is on the 3rd floor of the Medford city hall, 411 W. 8th St, Medford. Come a little early to get a good seat and parking place. Carpooling is always recommended. This would be a great opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor and show them how our League operates. [See page 3 for more details.]

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OREGON

VOTERS GUIDES will be arriving this coming week. Please contact Normary if you would like copies for your friends and organizations. We will also have copies in Spanish. If you live in one of the smaller communities, please offer to supply the local library.

Copies will also be available at the Candidates Forum October 11. The electronic copies will be available at http://lwvor.org/voteoregon

Food and drink are not allowed in the City Council Chambers. Please make other arrangements for lunch.
October is going to be a busy month for League members. We have a Candidate Forum October 11th for Jackson County Commissioners (more about this in the Voters Service article in this newsletter). We have requests for presentations on Ballot Measures and will be showing up to share with various groups throughout Jackson and Josephine Counties. We are very busy writing, editing, revising, and adding to the Local Governance Update so that we will be able to present to you for consensus next spring. As you remember, we are hosting the LWVOR Convention in May 2019 and have another planning meeting with the state people next week. The above is all that I am aware of at the moment. There will be more. Think about how each of you might want to get involved if you are not at this time.

—Jackie Clary

2018 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

This year, we will be offering locally made biscotti you can share with family and friends. Those who have partaken have described the biscotti as delicious, delightful, and delovely. We know you will too!

Be on the lookout for order forms to arrive soon via e-mail.

Kelsey Juliana and Tia Hatton are two of 21 plaintiffs in Juliana v. United States which after three years will finally get its day in U.S District Court in Eugene October 29, 2018. The two are now students at University of Oregon. They argue that the federal government’s inaction on climate-change policy violates their rights to life, liberty, and property.
LWVOR Redistricting Campaign — Subject for the November General Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has received a grant from the U.S. League of Women Voters Education Fund to create a program for state-based advocacy that aims to promote a reform to our current redistricting process here in Oregon. Redistricting reform would allow voters to hold legislators accountable and to change district lines to properly reflect the changes in the numbers and interests of legislators’ constituents. However, when legislators have control of where the lines get drawn, the risk of gerrymandering drastically increases.

The League supports redistricting reform that would promote putting the process of redistricting back into the hands of voters to create fair and representative districts. We believe that voters should be choosing their representatives, not representatives choosing their votes. This reform would require an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to create an independent redistricting commission with strict criteria for drawing district boundaries. This is what the LWVOR redistricting position calls for. —from the LWVOR Quarterly Newsletter

The November 8 LWVRV general meeting will tentatively be held at the Medford Public Library at 11:30am post-election.

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Elections Reminders

- Jackson County Voter Pamphlets will be mailed October 8
- On-line Voters Pamphlet for Jackson County is now available at [http://jacksoncountyor.org/clerk/Elections/Elections-Office/ArtMID/5102/ArticleID/256075/Jackson-County-Voters-Pamphlet](http://jacksoncountyor.org/clerk/Elections/Elections-Office/ArtMID/5102/ArticleID/256075/Jackson-County-Voters-Pamphlet)
- Josephine County Voters Pamphlet is at [http://www.co.josephine.or.us/SIB/files/Clerk/FINAL%20JOSEPHINE%20VP%20NOV18.pdf](http://www.co.josephine.or.us/SIB/files/Clerk/FINAL%20JOSEPHINE%20VP%20NOV18.pdf) Not all candidates are in the Voters Pamphlet.
- Voter Registration Deadline is October 16
- Election Day Tuesday November 6

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Candidates Forum

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The Candidates Forum on October 11 will begin promptly at 12 Noon. Please be seated before the program begins. There are actually three candidates for Position #1, but candidate Frank Brannen is not attending.

Position #3 candidate Edward Stanton (attending) is not in the Voters Pamphlet.

There will an opportunity for written questions from the audience, and League will provide a moderator.

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Voters Service

If you are interested in being a League speaker on ballot measures this fall please contact me. We provide a Speaker’s Kit that contains research information on the five ballot measures. We send two members to the events and help train you if you are new to this job. It is a great way to learn about the measures.

—Normary Barrett, Voters Service
This time last year, top news included wildfires, hurricanes, drought conditions, flooding, and displacement of populations. This year is no different. Perhaps somewhat more of the public discussion of these events includes acknowledgment of climate change and the role it’s playing, but the Trump Administration has, over the past 12 months, made a number of strides in the opposite direction and it’s hard to keep from despairing. But all we can do is the best we can do and it’s exciting to see that we in the Rogue Valley League, other local leagues, the State League, and the national League are truly speaking with one voice and getting louder as a result. Here are some highlights.

**Juliana v. the United States (AKA the federal Our Children’s Trust suit) is finally going to court.** The 21 youth Plaintiffs and their amazing legal team fought back two attempts by the Trump Administration to prevent the trial from happening. Long story short, the last-ditch legal mechanisms the federal government tried to employ were so “unique” that both the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rejected them. The Oregon and National Leagues filed their second joint amicus brief during this past year. The trial is scheduled to begin in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon (Eugene) on October 29, 2018.

The state League has also been working steadily towards achieving a form of “climate test” policy as a means for decision makers to assess and limit new projects that would take us in the wrong direction. They sponsored, advocated for, and saw successful passage of a “climate test” resolution at the 2018 national convention. This resolution adds just one more rationale for the effort the RV Climate Change Committee is putting most of our energy into . . .

**Our opposition to the Jordan Cove Energy Project just got stronger.** The 2018 occurrence we’re most excited about is the emergence of a joint LWV movement to oppose the Round 3 application for this enormous, wrong-headed project. During 2018, all four LLs operating in the counties that would be directly affected by it joined together to say “no.” The first step happened early this year, as the RV League started working with the Umpqua Valley and Klamath County Leagues. We issued a joint comment to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission and all filed as Intervenors in the pipeline project application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Then in the summer, the Coos County League Board voted to oppose the project, making it 100% and completing the partnership. The state League quickly followed suit, declaring its opposition, as well. The four LLs then collaborated on two substantive comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Opposition to this project has deepened and widened as 42,000 comments were submitted to DEQ so we’re in good company. DEQ has given the Applicant two Requests for Information totaling around 30 pages. Governor Kate Brown told the RV League last year that she would ensure Oregon state agencies will require compliance with the law on all state permits. From the quality of those requests for information, it looks like she’s keeping her promise.
Announcements

- **Legislative Process Day:** The LWVOR Action Committee has scheduled its Legislative Process Day for **Nov. 16** at the State Library in Salem from 10am—2pm. Breakfast & lunch included for $30 and sign up at LWVOR.org.

- **Convention Planning:** **May 17-19, 2019:** LWVRV will be the host League for the 2019 LVWOR Convention at the Ashland Springs Hotel. Stay tuned for more details, as well as volunteer opportunities, as the year progresses. We will need your help to make this convention a success.

- **Local Government Study Meeting** is at 9:30am Tuesday **Oct 2nd** at the Ashland Public Library Guanajuato Room. Consensus questions are being devised.

Please consider being part of the **Nominating Committee.** Do you know a League member that you think would be a good leader? The committee meets only long enough to produce a slate of leaders, then its job is done. It meets independently of the board and sets its own schedule. Contact any League Leader if you think you can help.

Contacts: Please check your directory for phone numbers and emails.

The **Membership Committee** is now a team of five. Use your directory to notify Lorraine Werblow, Debra Har, Joyce Chapman, Judith Kurinsky, or Iris Milan. Dues are collected on your anniversary dates, which should appear on the address label of your newsletter (if you still get a paper copy).

If you are reading this newsletter on-line, maybe you don’t need a mailed paper copy. Call the newsletter at 541-772-5044 if you would prefer not to get the newsletter by U.S. Mail, or leave a note at KDonham@gmail.com.

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**Membership Application**

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Single membership — $65.00  Spouse/student—$32.50  

May we publish your information in the LWVRV Directory?  **Y**  **N**

Send check/application to P.O. Box 8555 Medford OR 97501
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**Event Details**

- **Mon, 2 October**: 9:30 am Local Gov Study Ashland Library
- **Wed, 7 October**: Membership Committee
- **Wed, 29 October**: League Activities

**Locations**

- Study Ashland Library
- Medford City Council Chambers
- Board Mtg OEA

**Other Information**

- **OCT**: Eugene
- **Medford OR 97501**: P.O. Box 8555
- **Rogue Valley League of Women Voters**