Thursday November 8, 2018

Public Program 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Medford Public Library—Large Meeting Room

“Redistricting”

Featuring LWVOR President Norman Turrill and

Candalynn Johnson, LWVOR Campaign Coordinator

[see details page 3]

Refreshments will be served at the Redistricting Meeting in the Medford Library. The library is closed, so use the front door unless a volunteer is available at the back door parking lot. **League meeting begins at 11:30am.**

Ongoing fundraising efforts will continue through November and October with raffles and gift sales. Please refer to the page 5 order form for Holiday Biscotti. Donations to the LWV Rogue Valley are not yet tax deductible, but are gratefully accepted.
President’s Pen  November 2018

About the time you receive this newsletter, you will be awaiting the results of the midterm election. This fall we have been busy presenting ballot measures to seven or eight groups (a bit of a blur by now). The opportunity to share the speaker’s kit from LWVOR gave us so much extra information. It was a behind-the-scenes look at what is involved in putting together the Voter Guide. It was also a reminder of the expertise available to, and within, our membership – state and local. Our Lorraine Werblow was a member of this illustrious team. I hope we can expand our presentations in the future. Think about joining us next time. It really is fun (after a bit of preparation), and lunch was usually provided. Right, Lorraine?

Our local study update is moving along at a pace (“slow” or “fast” depends upon who you’re talking to). You may perhaps see the results as soon as December!

We have a Redistricting Advocacy Forum November 8th, at the Medford Library. This program is being presented by the State League. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring friends, relatives, neighbors, etc.

Please make note of an example order form in this newsletter for Biscotti, our holiday fundraiser. I will send an email to everyone with more information, including photos of the package and list of ingredients. This product is made locally and sold mostly at the Growers Market in Grants Pass.

―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, as well as the order form on page 5.

Action Issues: The LWV of Oregon updates and newsletters have featured recent articles about Jordan Cove and the Our Children’s Trust environmental issues. We continue to wait for the Supreme Court’s decision about delaying (or not) the Juliana vs U.S. trial in Eugene’s U.S. District Court. We should have new information on both these issues next month.

The League of Women Voters Rogue Valley welcomes submissions to the newsletter, The Voters Voice. Editor Kathleen Donham can be reached at 541-772-5044 and KDonham@gmail.com.

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Redistricting in Oregon

The LWV of Rogue Valley is sponsoring an educational forum on redistricting, featuring the President of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR), Norman Turrill, and Candalynn Johnson, LWVOR’s Campaign Coordinator. The forum will take place on Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 12 pm. to 1:30 pm., at the Medford Main Library, Main Meeting Room. The public is invited to this free event and includes Q & A. Coffee and cookies will be served.

The LWVOR and LWVUS have positions on redistricting that call for a reform. The League supports reforms that focus on the lines, not the politics. Our goal is to change who draws the district lines. Our aim is to increase transparency and public participation in the redistricting process, clarify the requirements of where district lines are drawn, and close the loopholes in our current system by refining redistricting criteria and requirements.

We favor the creation of an independent redistricting commission with strict criteria for drawing district boundaries, which would require an amendment to the Oregon Constitution. This reform aims at limiting gerrymandering because when legislators have control of where the lines are drawn, as they do now, we have a system where gerrymandering can take priority over fair representation.

The redistricting forum is a space where voters can learn and ask questions about our current redistricting process, how it impacts elections here in Oregon, and what reform could look like. This is a space to talk about how the League is moving forward in advocating for fair representation, competitive districts, and a system that prevents abuse. This forum is a part of a larger statewide effort of the LWVOR’s commitment to educate voters on issues that impact them.

As State League President Turrill says, “Voters should be choosing their representatives, not representatives choosing their voters.”

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SAVE THE DATES

**New Member Welcoming Luncheon and Holiday Party**

Hosted by the LWVRV Board

**Thursday December 13th 11:30am-1:30pm**

OEA Building 2495 S. Pacific Highway

Bring a friend....

In addition to our traditional Holiday Program, the League is particularly welcoming new members and introducing attendees to the many services the League has to offer.
Invitation and Alert to Prepare
(Studies and Action)

As study chair of the LWVRV County Government study, I invite you all to come to the January program planning meeting. The study presentation will be a large portion of the meeting and prepare you for consensus meetings to follow. [If not in written form, we will have electronic versions of the report posted to our website in December.]

On the subject of program planning meeting, please be aware that THIS is the time to propose any study of a subject you do not think is already covered by a position. Remember that it is only through our positions that we can take ACTION.

One phrase we don’t want to use in program planning is “WE should” or (worse), “YOU should”

The ideal phrase is “I will......” Priorities that are pursued, or tracked, by Leagues all over the country tend to concentrate on subjects that a MEMBER (or group of members) has a passion about. That is how things really get done – by passion. That is our reality since we “can’t do it all.”

So if you have a subject you want to take action on, and one that is covered by a position we hold, contact me and I can tell you how to be a coordinator for such advocacy. If we do NOT have a position, contact Kathleen Donham for information about how to propose a study. [Hint: it is best to propose it in January with a few details, with time to get feedback. Then you can prepare the proposal for a membership vote at our annual meeting at the end of the LWV year.]

Barbara Klein
LWVRV Action Chair
# HOLIDAY BISCOTTI

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Please make checks out to **LWVRV**
Mail to Jackie Clary 253 SW Central Ave Grants Pass, Oregon 97526
or bring to December meeting.
Biscotti will be ready to pick up at the December meeting. Happy Holidays!!
Advocacy for Juvenile Justice Reforms an Interest of Yours?

Many members wonder how they might help with good work for the League. The ways are numerous. Right now, the League of Women Voters of Portland is looking for some help in other areas of the state. Their Juvenile Justice interest group has been reviewing services for youth offenders in Multnomah County and meeting with partners throughout the system – advocates, agency heads, judges, defense attorneys, district attorneys and other stakeholders. Interested parties are currently working on legislative concepts that will be considered during the 2019 legislative session.

The Portland League, working with LWVOR’s Social Policy action committee, has identified several key issues that deserve consideration, including: elimination of automatic waivers of youth to adult court; expanded access to second-look hearings; and streamlining the expungement process.

Behavioral and brain development experts have found that children possess a unique capacity for change. The vast majority of children age out of criminal behavior and no longer pose a threat to society as adults. While the Portland League believes that children who commit crimes should be held accountable, that accountability should include a strong and deliberate focus on rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

If advocating in support of juvenile justice reforms is of interest to you, please contact Barbara Klein, LWVRV’s Action Chair at action@lwvroguevalley.org, to see how you might help.

Josephine County Juvenile Justice

Provides the following services:

- Intake of all Law Enforcement Referrals
- Informal Intervention
- Diversion
- Petition Filed in Juvenile Court
- Juvenile Court Investigations
- Risk/Need Assessments
- Courtroom Case Presentation
- Probation Supervision
- Formal Accountability Agreements
- Counseling
- Aggression Replacement Training
- Functional Family Therapy (through OPTIONS)
- Custody Services for youth who are pending Court or serving Probation Violation Sanctions. For Detention Program information, call (541) 474-5186.
- Community Protection
- Accountability

Jackson County Juvenile Justice

If a youth has been found by a juvenile court to be involved in a delinquent act, (one which would be a crime if he or she were an adult), that youth’s record, under most circumstances, may be expunged after five (5) years following the most recent termination of the Juvenile Department’s legal involvement if: As an adult, the person has not been convicted of a Class A Misdemeanor or greater;

1. There are no legal proceedings pending in juvenile or criminal court;
2. The person is not within the jurisdiction of any juvenile court and;
3. There is no pending investigation by any law enforcement agency.

Some records which CANNOT be expunged include:

- Murder and related crimes
- Manslaughter in the first and second degree
- Criminally negligent homicide
- Assault in the first degree
- Kidnapping
- Most rape, sodomy and sex abuse convictions

When a person who is the subject of a record becomes 18 years of age, the record may be expunged if the person never was found to be within the Juvenile Court’s jurisdiction, or if the above conditions have been met.
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. Deadline registration is November 9th.

- **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 Monday November 5 at 1pm at the North Rogue Credit Union Meeting Room. Final editing is in process.

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 Judith Benjamin 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 of questions. Dues are collected on your anniversary dates, which we plan to print 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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Single membership — $65.00  Spouse/student—$32.50

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

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