Thursday, January 9, 2020

Program Planning: What are our priorities for the coming year, given our League positions?

11:30—1:00p
OEA Bldg 2495 S. Pacific Highway

*Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided.*

As League members celebrate the Holiday General Meeting for 2019 and say goodbye to an very active year. As we get ready to celebrate 100 years of the League’s existence, we recognize the many challenges the next year will face with a presidential election and a polarized electorate. We need the League more than ever—many thanks to those who have given their time, energy, and good attitudes to Make Democracy Work. [Picture by L. Werblow]
January 2020 President’s Pen……

I want to personally thank Virginia Camberos and Beverley DeLeonardis for coming to us to speak about their work through Unite Oregon. We can look forward to seeing Virginia again when she participates in our February Forum on Immigration at the Medford Library on February 15th, Saturday, at 2:00. This forum will be in lieu of our general February meeting.

January brings our Program Planning Meeting. Come with your ideas and passions for work we might begin in the New Year.

The stockings are literally hung over the fireplace and my husband and I are off in our Santa hats to pick up our daughter and her partner from the airport. Hanukkah begins today and we are only three days from Christmas. My wish is that you all have happy holidays with loved ones and that the New Year brings health and a renewed energy to continue our work for the common good through good government.

Margie Peterson, Co-President

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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FEBRUARY 15, Saturday afternoon,
2-4 pm  SAVE the DATE!

THE LWVRV Immigration Committee is solidifying plans for our February Forum on Immigration as it pertains to Oregon and the Rogue Valley. Join us at the Medford Jackson County Library.
2020 Program Planning time approaches. But what is it really?

As Action Chair I know that all our members who find themselves working on an issue are relying on the study and positions of those who have come before. When do those studies or changes to our positions happen? They are under advisement during program planning time. I personally am working on one for LWVUS which is explained below (after the resources).

“Program” as in program planning is not about ‘events.’ It is establishment of our PLATFORM. PLATFORM is what we stand for. [The local platform is reviewed annually. National AND state are on the docket every other year, during the year of their convention.] This is when we ask ourselves about our priorities AND WHERE we will help. Aside from visibility or membership, we want to look for meaningfulness – WHERE we can make a difference.

When we think of program planning, I like to repeat something another League member once said to me – that we should think of this time as ‘Filling Gaps’. Otherwise, if there are no gaps, we should think ACTION (on things for which we already have established a platform). Further, program planning is NOT a time, or an opportunity, to tell someone else what THEY should do. If you are interested, gather a couple other members and make a formal (written) proposal.

One of our board members suggested sharing more research tools with members, or how to find a position. If YOU have an interest in a subject and wonder if the League has a position related to it already (the only way we can take action), here are some tips. Check out these resources:

For national positions: Impact on Issues (latest version 2018-2020) can be reached at this link: [https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues](https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues)

For Oregon: The position index for the LWV Oregon [https://lwvor.org/full-lwvor-position-index/](https://lwvor.org/full-lwvor-position-index/)

For other studies and a GREAT deal of information: you can review or search the League clearinghouse. The link for the clearinghouse is [http://clearinghouse.lwv.org](http://clearinghouse.lwv.org).

National Concurrence on Voter Representation/ Electoral Reform

For OUR program planning discussion, PLEASE see this link to the proposed national concurrence that I am co-lead on. It includes the language, background, pro/cons, terminology. It can be found by searching the www.LWV.org site (under management), but it is more difficult than following these links.

[https://www.lwv.org/league-management/recommended-concurrence-lwvus-board-2020-22-program-planning](https://www.lwv.org/league-management/recommended-concurrence-lwvus-board-2020-22-program-planning) On that page you will find the following.....

**Recommended Concurrence from LWVUS Board for 2020-22 Program Planning**
Additional guidance regarding program planning will come out this fall, following our usual timeline, but the LWVUS Board is excited to share that they voted to recommend the concurrence on the electoral process that was shared with state leaders earlier this year by a group of dedicated volunteers.

Taking this action now gives Leagues nearly one year to consider the concurrence and the opportunity to fold evaluating the concurrence into your regular program planning process. Additional information about the concurrence is being made available on the League Management Site. The primary point of contacts for state and local Leagues will be Dr. Barbara Klein and Paula Lee. All questions regarding this concurrence should be directed to them at the following emails.

- Barbara Klein, Co-chair of project. (LWV Rogue Valley, OR) drbarbaraklein@120years.com
- Paula Lee, Co-chair of project. (LWV Sacramento, CA) paula.lee@comcast.net.

This action is a pilot as the LWVUS Board explores new ways to adopt and/or update LWVUS positions. We will evaluate how this process works and report back to leaders after the 2020 Convention. Follow these links:

The language of the proposed concurrence can be found here.
Terminology for Concurrence on Voter Representation / Electoral Systems can be found here.
A pro and con for consideration of the proposed concurrence can be found here.
Informational Quick Summary of the Concurrence

Barbara Klein
Action Chair LWV Rogue Valley

**CYBER SECURITY STUDY**

**Cyber Study Timeline:**

The committee will maintain the original 1-year study schedule. Materials will be available as agreed. Because 2020 may be a challenge for simultaneous local League Voter Service and study work, the board is extending response time, if needed:

Dec 2019-share reading list
Jan 2020-study presentations available
Feb 2020-approve consensus questions
March 2020-study shared
April-May 2020-local Leagues hold consensus meetings.

Begin reading at this LWVOR website: [http://lwvor.org/studies/#cybersecurity](http://lwvor.org/studies/#cybersecurity)
Welcome the following members to LWV Rogue Valley!

- Fanda Bender, Ashland
- Robert Boggess, Medford
- Jean Buck, Eagle Point
- Jim Buck, Eagle Point
- Denise Brown, Rogue River
- Bryon Byrnes, Ashland
- Margaret (Peggy) Byrnes, Ashland
- Byron Cruthirds, White City
- Savanhanna Cruthirds, White City
- Ginnie Deason, Medford
- Dorothy Destache, Medford
- Maralyn Gerdes, Rogue River
- Frieda Golding, Medford
- Maggie Groves, Medford
- Alice Hardesty, Ashland
- Shirley Harris, Jacksonville
- Jane Kenworthy, Medford
- Patti Kramer, Ashland
- Jan Maxwell, Medford
- Margaret Peterson, Ashland
- Margie Peterson, Ashland
- Miriam Schiffman, Medford
- Florence Slomowitz, Medford
- Sally Smith, Medford
- Julia Sommer, Ashland
- Carol Star, Talent
- John Tyler, Ashland
- Kathy Vann, Jacksonville
- Anna Werblow, Ashland
- Ilan Werblow, Ashland
- Shoshana Werblow, Ashland
- Steve Werblow, Ashland
- Dorothy Yetter, Merlin

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NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION: BECOME INVOLVED IN LEAGUE

**Observer Corps**—contact Barbara Davidson and find out how to serve as a monitor for the LWVRV—especially with the lack of newspaper coverage of local issues.

**Voters Service**—contact Normary Barrett and discover how you can help with voter registration, education, and candidate forums in the schools and communities.

**Action**—contact Barbara Klein about work with climate change, health care issues, & immigration.

**Attend Day at the Legislature**—See what is happening in Oregon and get a chance to talk to your local representative on February 18, 2020.

**Help out with the nuts & bolts**—all the chores that keep an organization functioning: newsletters, fundraising, hospitality, websites, and especially data collection to maintain vote411
### January Activities LWV Rogue Valley: Jackson & Josephine Counties

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