Monthly General Meeting 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
OEA Bldg 2495 S. Pacific Hwy

Cybersecurity & Privacy Today- An LWVOR Study

Please join us for a League study overview. These ultra-timely issues pop up in urgent daily news, from personal account security, to the Internet of Things with surveillance, to cyber warfare. We acknowledge the difficult technicality of these issues, which change constantly and competitively. Our Leagues need to grasp these issues by focusing on overarching policy concepts to “future-proof” our advocacy positions. Our study prep materials, a glossary and recommended reading, are already posted. 
This is a one-year League study, a true fast-track starting from the May 2019 adoption, since the original timeline requires Oregon Leagues to process the study report and consensus questions this spring. We are now compiling expert review and editing committee input before final publication and online formatting. Our compiled answers to League consensus questions will produce our legislative policy advocacy positions. Our national League and other states will be looking at our work to add their own perspectives, with possible concurrence adoption. Our study committee appreciates your input. See further information on page 7 to access background literature in preparation for discussion. For the complete study visit [http://lwvor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Privacy-and-Cybersecurity-PPP-2010-01-28.pdf](http://lwvor.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Privacy-and-Cybersecurity-PPP-2010-01-28.pdf). Go to page 7.
President’s Pen March 2020

The content of this newsletter may give a hint of all that is afoot in LWVRV during the month of March. It is a busy, busy month in a very busy year. We are all invited to attend the LWVOR (League of Women Voters of Oregon) celebration gala in Salem March 7th. At the March 12th meeting at the OEA, we will be introduced to the latest LWVOR study, Privacy and Cybersecurity. We will have a luncheon to celebrate ourselves and the 100th birthday of the 19th Amendment on March 20th. We have window displays in the Medford Library main branch and, soon, in the Southern Oregon Historical Society window. Margie will remember what I have forgotten. Take a deep breath and join us in the celebrations. After all, it only comes around every 100 years!  

Jackie Clary Co-President

Busy is right! Three additions to the March calendar: 1) March 15th, our Barbara Klein is part of a SOU sponsored “A Day of History in Recognition of the Year of the Woman and the Centennial of Suffrage” at the Ashland Library March 15th from noon to 4:00; 2) be prepared to march with us in the Women’s March on March 29th with tabling at the program following at the Medford Armory; and 3) join the list of those touring the County Jail either March 31st at 1:00 or April 2nd at 10:00 in preparation for our April forum on our voting decision for a new facility. (Contact Normary Barrett or Joyce Chapman to join a tour.)

I want to thank the Jackson County Commissioners for proclaiming February 14th League of Women Voters Day! I want to thank all the busy beavers working on committees for 100th Anniversary banners, posters, sashes and stickers, for displays at the library and Historical Society, for our luncheon at the Inn on the commons, for work organizing the Jail Forum, and for all that was done to make the Immigration Panel a success. I particularly want to thank Virginia Camberos, Kathy Keesee, Victoria Bencomo and Laura Lindley-Gutierrez for giving their Saturday afternoon to educate us all about the difficulties facing the immigrant individuals and families of our valley.  

Margie Peterson Co-President
League of Women Voters
Rogue Valley

PLEASE JOIN THE LWVRV’S food and fun

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

There will be Food - your cost is $20.20 Fun is Free

Friday, March 20, 2020
Noon – 1:30p

At the Inn of the Commons, 200 North Riverside Avenue, Medford OR

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

GRILLED CHICKEN & FIELD GREEN SALAD Local Fruit, Toasted Hazelnuts, Goat Cheese, Honey-Balsamic Vinaigrette Yes____

or

FIELD GREEN SALAD WITH GRILLED VEGETABLES Local Fruit, Toasted Hazelnuts, Goat Cheese, Honey-Balsamic Vinaigrette Yes____

Send your $20.20 payment and choice of salad to:

LWVRV - PO Box 8555 - Medford, Oregon 97501

Please invite your spouse, significant other, relative, relative in law, friend or foe
A Day of History
Sunday March 15, 2020
In recognition of the Year of the Woman and the Centennial of Suffrage

Noon.
The National Context of the Rogue Valley Women’s Movement, 1970-1990. Dr. Linda Schott, President of Southern Oregon University

12:30.
The Rogue Valley Women’s Movement Timeline

12:45.
Herstory: the 1970s and 1980s
Rosemary Dunn Dalton, Nancy Leonard, Sue Lopez

1:15.
She, He, They: Why Pronouns Matter
Carey Jean Sojka, PhD

Stretch Break with Mary Bergstrom

1:45.
Equal Rights: Then and Now
Colleen Curran and Lille Morrish

2:15.
Women in Politics and the Power of the Vote
Cathy Shaw, Barbara Klein, Esperanza Tervalon-Garrett

3:00.
Women Working for the Future
Mira Saturen, Taylor Mortensen, Cassandra McDade, Alessandra de la Torre. Moderator: Mary White Gently

4:00.
Pankhurst, A One Act Play by Jeannine Grizzard

Free will donations benefit Dunn House
Womens March 29  12—4pm  
Sunday Medford Armory

Women’s March of Southern Oregon will be held this year during Women’s History Month on this momentous 100 year anniversary of the women’s suffragist movement. The march will begin and end at the Medford Armory, followed by a Women’s Faire with music, events, and speakers also at the Armory. During the first annual Women’s March, 18,000 participated. Last year’s march brought in 3,000 people who braved the cold and rain. “Moving to March will enable more people throughout the Rogue Valley to participate in this important, historic movement,” said organizer Jennifer Bacon. “We’ll remove conflicts for those wanting to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and avoid southern Oregon’s unfavorable January weather.” The move also reflects a larger trend nationwide to more localized marches. This year’s March and Women’s Faire will celebrate 100 years of women’s right to vote and provide opportunities for all ages to get involved in our community. Speakers, performances, musical acts, food, and activities are planned, with more to come. Stay up to date and RSVP by following Women’s March of Southern Oregon on Facebook. To get involved, contact Jennifer Bacon at 541-621-6186.

Women’s March Southern Oregon 2020 is part of a national movement to empower everyone who stands for women’s rights, human rights, civil liberties, and social justice for all. We are unified in our goal to respond to misogyny, arrogance, and the abuse of power, and we will not be silent. We march to celebrate the lives of women and promote solidarity among people of all genders, ages, races, cultures, political affiliations, disabilities and backgrounds. We announce our collective vision to use our vote to create a government that supports and represents our intersecting identities and the social justice and human rights issues that impact all of us.

OLLI will offer a spring term class on the League of Women Voters. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute listing for the class is shown below. OLLI members have already received Spring Term catalogues. The 6-session class will be held on Wednesday afternoons. Instructor is Barbara Klein, Action Chair for LWV Rogue Valley and several of our members will serve as guest speakers.

LWV 100th Birthday. WHO are they? WHAT do they do?

Grassroots political power has many faces. Men, women and non-binary persons are welcome to learn about and celebrate the birthday of the League of Women Voters (LWV). This class is an overview of the LWV, a party-neutral organization that many have ‘heard of’ and all persons of voting age are welcome to join. Discover what the LWV has tackled for you. We start with the 100 year history, but don’t stay there. The survey course will explore voter services and action-work on which the League concentrates.

The covered topics will include: Voter Protection, National Popular Vote, Climate Change, Health Care, Alternative Election Reforms, Money-in-Politics, Immigration, Lobbying and Redistricting. No previous knowledge or outside reading is required. Format consists of lecture, guest speakers, short videos, PowerPoint, and class discussion on the issues.
Climate Change News

Shirley Weathers, Climate Change Coordinator

Cap & Invest Legislation. The LWVOR has made passage of legislation to get serious about climate change this year a high priority and urges all members to contact their legislators in support. There are two identical climate bills before the body this session, SB 1530 A and HB 4167. They show signs of compromises on both sides in an effort to get some progress on the books as the climate emergency worsens, but on 2/24 after a partisan vote in the Joint Ways and Means Committee sent SB 530 to the Senate Floor, all but one Republican Senator walked out of the building, again denying a quorum. House Bill 4167 has also passed out of House Rules and is headed to the Floor. House Republicans walked out on 2/25. LWVOR testimony strongly supports these identical bills. Here is an opinion piece providing some excellent talking points, but do make calls to your representative and senator or send even a quick email as soon as you can and ask your Oregonian friends and family to do the same—just in case the Republicans return to the Capitol.

Jordan Cove Energy Project. February has been another active month on the Jordan Cove Energy Project (JCEP). (Please see the January Voters Voice for a brief description of the project and recent happenings.) Here are some of the highpoints from the past month:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) ultimate Decision Order on JCEP, scheduled for 2/13/2020, was delayed for a second time at the Commission’s 2/20 meeting. The “conditional approval” we wrote about last month would almost certainly have occurred on a 2-1 vote (with Commissioner Glick dissenting), but in what was apparently a surprise to at least Glick, if not also Chairman Chatterjee, Commissioner McNamee cast a “nay” vote, stating he wanted time to consider the third key state agency denial—for the Coastal Zone Management Consistency Certification—that had been issued the day before. DLCD’s decision letter and materials explain in detail why the agency “has determined the proposed project has not established consistency with multiple enforceable policies of the OCMP. DLCD objects to JCEP’s consistency certifications.” JCEP responded within days by writing to FERC, asserting that FERC should simply ignore the CZMA denial and forge ahead with conditional approval. McNamee indicated he could be ready for another vote within a week.

Related to the above, the majority on the Commission may also be using the delay to determine the likelihood that the Secretary of Commerce would have grounds to overrule Oregon’s CZMA denial. The four local Leagues’ comment on the CZMA matter includes a description of that relatively rare historical process and our analysis of why Secretary Ross should not have the required statutory grounds to do so (pp. 69-72), but we expect such a challenge to occur given the high fossil fuel development priority of the current Administration coupled with the willingness to take action even if court challenge is likely.

Also potentially pertinent, a subcommittee of the House Oversight Committee delivered to FERC during this same two-day window notice of a formal investigation of possible violations of landowner due process rights associated with FERC’s practice of issuing conditional approvals and related matters. It is not clear whether they will provide the substantive information the Committee is asking for.

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Our Children’s Trust. LWVUS and LWVOR are preparing to submit a third amicus brief to support Our Children’s Trust (OCT). After a panel of the 9th Circuit blocked the Plaintiffs’ appeal, they are appealing to the full 9th Circuit Court (en banc). OCT staff will participate at a UCLA “Human Rights and the Climate Crisis” conference February 28 and most likely also at U of O PIEC March 5-8 conference “MOVE: Migration on a Changing Planet.” The League will be tabling at this conference and is looking for volunteers to assist with that.

VOTER SERVICE INFORMATION
Be Prepared for the April Meeting on Jail Ballot Measure!

Our League’s program for April will be an informational meeting covering the Jackson County Jail District format measure on the May ballot. We are planning several speakers to assist us understand the facts of this measure.

In preparation for this topic I have set up two jail tours prior our League meeting. Joyce Chapman is coordinating the first tour on March 31st at 1pm. I will be the contact person for the second one April 2nd at 10am. The tour will be about 90 minutes long. You need to sign-up to be included in these tours.

Normary Barrett Voter Service 541 772-7127

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More information about privacy and cyber study: The following sites will offer important background information. If you do not have computer access and need these items mailed to you, call 541-772-5044 (Kathleen). Thanks to Mary Sinclair for coordinating.


WE LIKE TO TALK TRASH

On January 17, at a local Coffee House in Medford, LWVRV members, Shirley Harris, Lorraine Werblow, Jan Maxwell, Kathy Vann and Dorothy Destache met with long-time Jackson County Master Recycler, Linda Kestner of Jacksonville, to discuss Recycling in the Rogue Valley. We were surprised and amazed at how much there is to know about recycling markets and local efforts to collect recyclables.

Rogue Disposal & Recycling has been in business in our valley for more than 80 years and currently serves 50,000 residential and commercial customers with curbside recycling, trash and yard debris bins. Regarding the red-top recycling bin, only clean corrugated cardboard, milk-jug-style plastic bottles (clear or white, no lids), newspapers & inserts, and tin & aluminum cans are allowed. No exceptions: “When in doubt, keep it out”. (Reason for this is a contaminated bin can cause the whole collected load to be un-useable!)

Just because an item is recyclable somewhere doesn’t mean it is recyclable in Rogue Disposal’s service area. There are local alternatives to curbside collection of recyclables: Rogue Disposal’s Transfer Station at 8001 Table Rock Rd., White City, offers more recycling options: #1 and #2 plastic bottles, quality paper and glass. Glass-only and corrugated cardboard-only disposal bins are situated conveniently around the County. Grocery stores offer collection bins for film plastic bags. All such clear streams of recyclables must find high-value domestic markets, and if contaminated with “wishful recycling” items, the recyclable value can diminish to the point that costs associated with recycling exceed the market value of the materials. Then, as a last resort, contaminated material must be trucked to the Dry Creek Landfill in Eagle Point.

Oregon’s “Bottle Bill” was introduced in 1971 as the first bottle bill in the U.S. aimed at reducing litter. The State of Oregon boasts that our bill has long been “an iconic symbol of Oregon’s love of natural beauty and conservation and fights against litter and the throwaway mentality”. Under the current law, we pay a 10-cent container deposit on every single-serve adult beverage we purchase (with the exception of liquor, wine, dairy or infant-formula). If an empty bottle or can isn’t returned for redemption, that 10-cent deposit reverts to the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) who counts, processes and recycles every container they collect from grocery stores and BottleDrop collection facilities.

Linda continues to promote recycling at every turn. She believes that scarce resources can be better conserved, and the negative environmental impact of pollution can be reduced. Every individual can choose to consume less, recycle at every opportunity, and become informed as local conservation programs evolve, buying only what we can consume and in packaging that can be recycled. Plastic packaging? Take the step of reducing the number of plastic bags you use and avoid single-use plastic items (bags, straws, lids, cups, cutlery). We know that plastic breaks down slowly if at all, and unless incinerated, never goes away, eventually polluting the land, rivers, streams and oceans permanently.

Motto: Refuse (don’t buy in the first place), Reduce, Return, Re-use, Repair, Refill, or our trash will Rot in the landfill. “Recycle” can only make it to this list if materials can be collected and marketed locally at a price sufficient to cover the cost of collection. Let’s ALL be a part of the solution.

Submitted by Shirley Harris and Dorothy Destache
The Legislature is where the action is for now. The House and Senate Health Care Committees have been doing their assigned work and sending bills to their respective floors. Since this short session ends March 8 and assuming the walkout of Republican Senators ends quickly, here’s a quick update on a few of the 20+ bills I have been following as a member of the LWVOR Action Team. Sign up for the free weekly Legislative Reports. (Healthcare is under Social Policy)

HB 4109 prohibits aerial pesticide applicators from spraying or otherwise applying by aircraft pesticide product containing chlorpyrifos. Testimony has been gripping: one side feeling the effects of poison on their health and in their lives and the other pleading that they have to have this tool in order to grow certain crops. The League has testified in favor of this bill.

SB 1535A requires Department of Consumer and Business Services to investigate methods for collecting information about drug rebates and markups used in the pharmaceutical supply chain and to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly recommendations for collecting information. The League testified in favor of this bill. There are additional drug-related bills in play to produce more transparency in the health care system, but a bill to set up a mechanism to import drugs from Canada failed to get a hearing.

HB 4029 and SB 1577 are versions of anti-vaping bills to prohibit distributing and selling inhalant delivery systems by mail, telephone, or the Internet.

There are numerous bills relating to providers and requirements to practice—too many to list here—but information is revealed on OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information Services).

There are bills dealing with Community Care Organizations, insurance regulation, grace period increases, hospitals, licensing, Oregon Health Authority and many state agencies.

My personal favorite is HJR 202. It proposes to add an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that obligates the state to provide access to health care as a fundamental right and to balance this with the funding of public education and other essential public services. Earlier versions of this “Hope Amendment” have passed the House three times so all eyes are on the Senate to send it to the voters on the November 2020 ballot. The LWVOR has not taken a position on HJR 202.
Approximately 45 Rogue Valley League members and guests attended our panel discussion of Immigration in the Rogue Valley on February 15 in Medford.

Moderated by Barbara Davidson, panelists provided the audience with a glimpse into issues faced by immigrants in the Valley, and the different programs and services available to them in our area. This includes rights and responsibilities of a public education, labor organizing, citizenship classes, English classes, environment justice issues, farmworker rights, get-out-the-vote activities, social justice, and leadership development in the immigrant community.

Attendees also learned about green cards, the time and money required to legally immigrate into the U.S., as well as types of visas available. Panelists also discussed current federal law, and DACA. And stressed was the need for kindness, donations, and volunteering in the local organizations assisting immigrants. Specifics for this last information will be posted on the LWVRV website. And stay tuned for updates as we learn more about our neighbors here in the Valley.

Panelists included Laura Lindley-Gutierrez, from the Center for Non-Profit Legal Services, Victoria Bencomo from Southern Oregon Educational District, Kathy Keesee of UNITÊ, and Virginia Camberos of Unite Oregon.

LWVRV member Barbara Davidson was the moderator. Program was organized by Kate Culbertson and Margie Peterson.
Welcome these new members
to the LWV Rogue Valley!

Joann Z Clecker — Medford
Ken Janicke— Talent
Dan Milan—Talent
Debra & David Zaslow—Ashland
William Burton—Ashland

Help is needed for the Nominating Committee: Please consider their requests seriously!

LWVRV Board members were present at the signing of the Proclamation of League of Women Voters Day by the Jackson County Commissioners on February 14, 2020.

Left to right: Commissioner Strosser, Peggy Byrnes, Lorraine Werblow, Commissioner Rick Dyer, LWVRV President Margie Peterson, Barbara Klein, Rick Bennett, and Commissioner Colleen Roberts. To take a closer look at Order 26-20, see our website http://lwvroguevalley.org/wp/?page_id=10

Contact membership committee persons at membership@lwvroguevalley.org.
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