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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

This first year of my term as President of the Ashland League has been an opportunity to get to know our members, understand what they want from the League and how I can help. Many of our members want to support the League's work with their annual dues while others want to get involved and take action. We need both. We need financial support to fund the ACTION we want to take in our community -- advancing civic education in our public schools, eliminating pesticides in our city parks, educating the public on our county budget process and more.

Have a wonderful summer and keep in touch. I am just an email ([reginariley@jeff.net](mailto:reginariley@jeff.net)) or a phone call away (541-482-5019).

Regina Ayars  
President  
League of Women Voters  
Ashland

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – MAY 20TH

Bill Mansfield, our parliamentarian, confirmed the numbers in attendance -- a total of 19, which exceeded our quorum requirement of 13. We currently have 49 active members and in order to continue as an active member for 2010-2011, your dues are due now: \$65, \$97.50 (family), \$32.50 (student).

Last year's Annual Meeting minutes were approved by Sharon Levin. Carol Custodio, Susan Rust and Lou Heumann volunteered to read the 2010 minutes for approval at the 2011 annual meeting. Judith Benjamin volunteered to take minutes for the 2010 meeting.

The 2010-2011 LWVA budget was approved and copies of the LWVOR 2010-2011 budget distributed.

Regina presented the 2010-2011 Program as approved by the Program Planning Meeting in February 2010. The three topics are:

- (1) Jackson County Budget Process study
- (2) Ashland Parks and Recreation's Integrated Pest Management Plan and
- (3) Promotion of civic education in Ashland public schools.

Additional suggestions were taken from the floor: assisting people looking to get their US citizenship, mentoring students, supporting Community Works foster parent program, working on the state and national education study.

In response to the idea put forward by Eleanore Perkins to increase our visibility in the community, entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade was enthusiastically suggested. A committee was formed (see below).

The study of the County Budget Process was extended by another year. Judith asked that anyone interested in participating contact her. Allen Douma suggested one of the County Commissioner candidates might be interested in helping the League to get the information needed to move forward.

Pam Vavra gave a report on the LWVOR Council meeting held in Bend May 16-17. Pam and Regina met with the Budget caucus to discuss a proposal to restructure the PMP. Any changes to the PMP must change the bylaws, which requires a 2/3 vote by the delegates at the LWVOR Convention. The 2011 Convention will be held May 13-15 in Keizer just north of Salem. A resolution must be submitted 90 days prior to the 2011 LWVOR Convention to be included in the agenda. Those interested in working on this action should contact Suzia Aufderheide, Treasurer.

The following nominees were put forth by the nominating committee and approved unanimously.

President – Regina Ayars	Term Expires 2011
Vice President – Carol Wilder (new)	Term Expires 2011
Secretary – Carolyn Wilhite (new)	Term Expires 2011
Treasurer – Suzia Aufderheide	Term Expires 2011
Nominating Committee (new)	
– Carol Voisin, Eleanor Marzocco, Elin Silveous	Term Expires 2011

Departing Board members were honored for their service; Eleanore Perkins, Judith Benjamin, Mary Ann Wallace, Pam Vavra.

Directions to the new Board included:

- (1) Increase diversity by targeting Latino community members
- (2) Form a committee to draft and present PMP resolution
- (3) Offer 90 days of FREE membership to coincide with our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- (4) Open the summer board planning retreat to any members who want to work on project committees

- (5) Solicit donations from people who do not plan to be active but want to support the League.

The meeting was adjourned. To help increase League visibility, each member received a bright red grocery bag with the 90 year LWV logo, along with a piece of delicious 90<sup>th</sup> year LWV birthday cake.

### **JULY 4TH PARADE – OUR THEME IS “90 YEARS – THEN AND NOW”**

We will have an entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to celebrate the League’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will have a truck decorated with red/white/blue décor and members riding in the flatbed dressed in 1920’s attire. They will be holding poster sized pictures of the League in action – “90 Years - Then and Now.” Other members will walk behind the truck.

We need as many members as possible to dress in the early 1920’s attire – long dresses, wide brimmed hats and parasols, anything your grandmother would have worn. This is your opportunity to dress up and celebrate the League’s 90 years of public service.

Elin Silveous, Sharon Levin, Mary Ann Wallace, Judith Benjamin and Iris Milan have volunteered for the Parade committee. If you are interested in participating in the planning, contact me at [reginariley@jeffnet.org](mailto:reginariley@jeffnet.org).

More details to follow so stay tuned!

### **COMMITTEES**

Start thinking about which committee you would like to serve on:

- Diversity in our Membership
- Fundraising
- PMP Resolution
- Civic Education
- County Budget
- Recruitment
- Pesticide Management in our Parks
- Citizenship Mentoring
- Homeless Student Mentoring

### **SUMMER PLANNING RETREAT**

Our summer planning retreat will be in August. Come and get engaged with local League activities.