



TAKE NOTE



❖ Please note the change of date and location for the October LWVRV general meeting. It will be held on October 20th at the Talent Library.

❖ LWVRV Board meetings time has changed to 9:15—11:15am, see p7

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

When: **October, 20, 2011 (Note the date and location change)**

Where: **The Talent Library, 101 Home Street, Talent, Oregon,** (541) 535-4163

Time: 11:30 am optional brown bag lunch

12 noon to 1:00pm - Guest Speaker, Dr. Herb Rothchild, retired Political Science Professor, LSU

Topic: The Federal Budget, Myths and Realities

Directions : From I-5S, take exit 21. Turn right onto Valley View Road. Turn right onto Talent Avenue. Turn left onto Lapree Drive. Turn sharp left onto Home Street. 101 Home Street is on the left.

Public is Invited

LWVOR

A workshop in Eugene, Oregon will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Phoenix Inn. The workshop will be held from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Topics to be covered include ACTION from the last legislative session and training on Vote11, which is important for the upcoming elections.

DUES are DUE NOW
Just a reminder that LWVRV dues for September 2011 - June 2012 are due now. Please see application form on page 7.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- *Barbara Davidson*

Dear League Members,

It is a delight to send greetings and welcome to our newly-extended League of Women Voters Rogue Valley. We now have one League which covers Jackson and Josephine County. A number of Ashland League members came to our September meeting and paid their dues. We hope many more from Ashland and the rest of Jackson and Josephine County will pay their dues and take a more active role in the League of Women Voters Rogue Valley.

Carol Wilder has agreed to serve on the Membership Committee and help Cynthia Lora with membership and recruitment. Welcome, Carol.

Those of you who attended the September meeting at Phoenix Library enjoyed a most entertaining presentation on women of the Rogue Valley in the early years. delivered by Pat Harper of the Southern Oregon Historical Society.

For October, Mr. Herb Rothschild will discuss myths and realities of the Federal Budget at the Talent Library, noon to 1:30 pm, October 20. Other activities anticipated during the coming year include consensus on a national study of the role of the federal government in education, continued voter service education, and beginning of an update study on children at risk in Oregon. We encourage you to become involved and find an opportunity to broaden your interests and help your community at the same time.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Davidson, President

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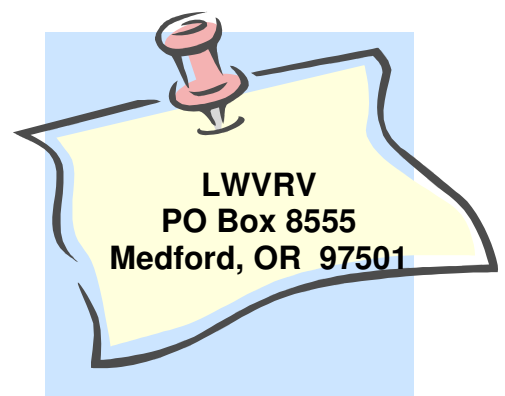
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LWVRV BOARD MINUTES

LWVRV Board Minutes, September 13, 2011

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse, 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford

Call to Order: President Barbara Davidson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Present were: Normary Barrett, Willie Bijon, Barbara Davidson, Carol Ingelson, Carole Levi, Cynthia Lora, Vanya Sloan, Lorraine Werblow

Welcome and Brief Check-in

President's Remarks: the position of vice-president becoming president is not a given. Perhaps there could be co-chairs or make this 'portfolio' for one person as Program Coordinator. \ Suggestions: 1st VP – Lorraine Werblow; 2nd VP –Iris Milan (duties and responsibilities to be worked out later). May be a need for a separate folder for "Merger".

Treasurer's Report – 09/11/11 – Ending Balance: \$\$2,515.49

Willie Bijon gave a report re the need to address a revised budget, changes due to the merger with LWV Ashland, with transfer of assets, membership numbers, etc. Also, PMP confusion: based on membership of last year and the fact of different fiscal years (Ashland = May 1st; LWVRV = June 1st).

Membership: Membership Directory: policy on cost of mailing newsletters – should there be a specific cost to those without email (to members and non- members)? The treasurer mentioned the need for a separate budget category for charge of mailing newsletters.

Need to revise the membership directory: Cynthia Lora, with Vanya Sloan and Carole Levi (to help with the technology and details). Cynthia Lora and Carol Wilder can have the membership directory by end of October, hopefully.

Discussion re student dues: no decision. The Ashland League tried, with \$20; Portland League has \$25; each league sets its own policy.

Possibility of having a membership table at the Oct. conference – on hold.

Duties of Vice Presidents: 1st VP: conduct meetings in absence of president; focus on public relations in the community (at present Mickey Ketchum does this for LWVRV). 2nd VP: perhaps serve as program coordinator. Lorraine and Barbara will look into by-laws (plus online) to determine.

Voters Voice: Carole Levi – deadline Saturday 9/24/11. Please use "Word doc" if you have a Mac. Need for a new membership form.

Meeting location: The Phoenix Library appears to be too small for general program meetings. The Talent Library has a larger room but there may be a conflict. Change from Oct. 13 to Oct. 20?– Barbara has the contact this month. There is a need to accommodate both leagues as to meeting day.

Carole Levi, Voters Voice – she needs to have a day compatible with the deadline for the newsletter.

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REMINDER FOR OREGON HUMANITIES/RCC CONFERENCE

-Shiena Polehn

Thanks to those who have already volunteered for the conference on Friday, Oct. 28 from 8-4pm. We could use 2 more discussion leaders (questions are provided for you), and 1 person at the LWVRV information table from 8:15 to 9:15a.m.

This will be a fascinating discussion for Rogue Valley adults and RCC students, covering 3 current topics, the housing situation here, returning veterans and undocumented Hispanic youth. Movies about the topics are held on Oct 7, 14, 21 at noon at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center in the Presentation Hall for those who would like more background on these topics. Everything is free, including lunch on Oct 28.

The League of Women Voters Rogue Valley and the Medford branch of AAUW are co-sponsors and will receive much publicity to the delight of our boards. Even if you not able to volunteer, you are encouraged to come to the conference. I promised intelligent women as part of the audience, and I hope you'll attend!! To volunteer and for more information call Shiena Polehn, 541-773-4177 or polehn@mind.net before September 25 and Nancy Swan after 9/26/11 541-245-1117 fnswan@mac.com 541- 770-7689. Overall contact: Mary O'Kief 541-245-7915 or mokief@rogucecc.edu

UNITED NATIONS/USA

Russy D. Sumariwalla, President, UNA-USA, S. Oregon

Every Woman Every Child: UN Initiative

As the annual General Assembly meeting of the UN opened on September 20, 2011, most of the global attention is monopolized by the Palestinian avowed intention to apply for full membership in the UN as the 194th member through the Security Council.

Sadly, however, little is said or written about another important event at the UN this General Assembly session -- a high level event chaired by the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to save the lives of women and children. Opening this event he said, " In our time it is wrong to allow women and children to die when we have the tools to save them ... I am happy to say that one year later we are delivering." The Norwegian Prime Minister, Jen Stoltenberg reported that in the past year 600,000 more children survived to grow up and go to school and an additional 70,000 mothers survived childbirth but too many are still dying of preventable causes.

According to an AP report [9/20/11], Dr. Julio Frenk, Chairman of World Health Organization's *Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health* and Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, about \$45 billion has been committed to the UN Initiative *Every Woman Every Child* passing the initial pledge of \$40 billion made a year ago. It is encouraging to note that some of the poorer countries are assuming responsibility for their development needs.

The AP report also notes that Bangladesh plans to train 3,000 midwives and double the percentage of births in the country with the help of skilled health worker. Also, that Nepal had begun training 10,000 more skilled birth attendants.

A collective effort was necessary to meeting the UN's goal of saving lives of 16 million mothers and children by 2015. Worldwide, an estimated eight million children die before reaching age five and about 350,000 women die during pregnancy or childbirth.

CONFERENCE & FILM SERIES

I'm Just Like You Only Different: The Human Face of Change”

Conference—8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2011, Medford Library Community Room

Lunch provided, no charge

By putting a human face on social issues, participants will become better informed about:

Challenges for Undocumented Latino Youth

Issues for Returning Veterans

Impacts on Families by Home Foreclosure

Film Series—12 p.m., October 7, 14, 21 . RCC/SOU Higher Education Center (HEC) , Presentation

Hall, Medford — no charge

Conference Format: Experts will explain the facts about each topic, panelists will share their personal experiences, and attendees will explore their own thoughts and feelings about each topic in facilitated exercises. Registration starts Sept. 6 at www.roguecc.edu/IMJustLikeU/.

*To register for 1-credit HUM 199, see a Riverside Campus Counselor; or attend the orientation: 11:30 a.m., Fri., Sept. 30, HEC 119.

Film Series: Additional background on conference topics. Films start at noon:

Friday, Oct. 7: “Papers,” stories about undocumented youth.

Friday, Oct. 14: “The Welcome,” features lives of returning veterans.

Friday, Oct. 21: “Inside Job,” a film about the economic crisis of 2008.

Co-Sponsors: American Association of University Women, Medford Branch and the League of Women Voters, Rogue Valley

RECAP of SEPTEMBER LWVRV GENERAL MEETING

Domesticity, Temperance and Suffrage in Southern Oregon, an informative and stimulating presentation of women of the Rogue Valley in the early years, was delivered by Pat Harper of the Southern Oregon Historical Society.



IN MEMORIAM, LWVA Member

- Iris Milan

One of our members, Eleanore Perkins, passed away in August. She had leukemia since I met her in 2001 and maybe before.. One would never have guessed she was dealing with a serious illness with all the volunteering she did. Eleanore had degrees in English and Theology, sharing her knowledge and big heart to enhance the lives of the people who came into her life. She served on both the LWVA Board as membership chairperson as well as serving on the Water Study Committee, editing and helping write the update of the local water study. She also served on the Leadership Team of the Ashland Chapter of AAUW. Eleanore was a most generous person, always willing to offer her writing and leadership skills. She was a participant in at least 5 book groups and often served as facilitator. She was a great help in making the LWVA's first non-fiction book group, devoted to reading books connected with League Study topics. a great success. Our Water Study group was formed from the members of the book group. We were privileged to have Eleanore as a member of the LWVA.. She deeply cared about making the world a better place in which to live.

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BOOK CLUB

"You cannot open a book without learning something." -Confucius

❖ **November 4, 2011**, *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, at the home of Lorraine Werblow, 541-245-3641.

❖ **December 2nd**, *The Soloist* by Mark Salzman at the home of Eileen Adee, 541-773-4450

❖ **January 6th**, 2012, *The Reader* by Bernard Schlink at the home of Barbara Beaupain, 541-734-5793

❖ **February 3rd**, *little x*, by Sonyrea Tate, hostess TBD



Above: some of our members

You are cordially invited to join our *League's Lively Literary Group*. We enjoy stimulating discussion of the book read and segues to related topics, and not-so-related topics. We meet on the first Friday of each month, at our club members' homes. If you are interested, please contact Carole Levi, 541-664-9943 for more information and addresses of hosts.



LWVRV November General Meeting

-Judith Benjamin

CONCENSUS MEETING of the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT's ROLE in PUBLIC EDUCATION

Thursday, November 10, 2011, Noon to 1:30pm, Medford Library

The background papers and consensus questions are available on the League's website, www.lwv.org and will appear in the November Voters Voice. Printed copies will be available for those lacking email.

Anyone wanting advanced editions can go to the www.lwv.org and click on For Members, click on League Projects and Programs and go to Education Study.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, *cont. from p.3*

Board Meeting Day: Tuesday am? Vanya Sloan will check with Carol Wilder and Iris Milan.

Next Meeting: Possible change from October 13 to October 20. **Consensus on Federal Role in Education (Nov.)r):**

Need a longer meeting time: presentation, discussion list, consensus. Lorraine will check on Jeff Merkley as a speaker.

Who will be in charge of the program? Eileen Adee is good choice for the consensus.

Adjournment: 3:20 pm

LWVRV BOARD MEETINGS

LWVRV board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at **9:15—11:15am (NOTE THE NEW TIME!)** All meetings are held at Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse, 314 Eastwood Drive, Medford. **All members are welcome to attend the board meetings.**

LWVRV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2011/2012 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

Membership Application

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Make out a check for Dues \$56. Spouse dues, \$28 and include with an Application.

These dues are for September 2011 - June 2012

Send to Box 8555, Medford 97501

Check which of the following about which you are most interested in attending a branch meeting. List as many as applicable.

Land Use Planning Local Government Transportation Children at Risk Education Election issues

Health issues Environment National issues

Other (list) _____

October		LWVRV Calendar			2011	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	
					1/2	
3	4	5	6	7	8/9 Yom Kippur	
10 Columbus Day Observed	11	12	13	14	15/16	
17	18 LWVRV Board Meeting, 9:15-11:15am	19	20 LWVRV General Meeting, <i>see p.1</i>	21	22/23	
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28 Oregon Humanities/RCC Conference, <i>see p.4</i>	29/30	
31 HALLOWEEN						



LWVRV Book Club meeting, November 4, 2011, *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, at the home of Lorraine Werblow, 541-245-3641, *see p.6*.

LWVRV General Meeting, November 10, “Federal Government’s Role in Public Education,” *see p.6*

66th Anniversary of the Founding of the United Nations, Sunday, October 23, 2011 in the Rogue River Room, Stevenson Union, SOU, Ashland. Refreshments will be served at 3:30pm and the program begins at 4:00pm. The program is open to the public and admission is free.