



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Citrus Sale details coming next month
- ◇ LWVRV Questionnaire—please respond—your vote counts!
- ◇ LWVOR's position on ballot measures

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

DECODING THE OREGON BALLOT
Making Sense of Ballot Measures

A panel of league members will present the pros and cons of all 12 measures appearing on November's ballot.

Date: Thursday October 9th

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.


Place: Medford Library, 205 South Central Avenue

205 South Central Avenue, Large Meeting Room. Enter through library's front door. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch and join us at 11:30am.

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Did You Remember!

Were you one of the 26 members who renewed his/her membership last month? If not, tear off the application for membership off the last page of this newsletter and send it TODAY, (please)

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 CORNER

- *Trish Bowcock*

This is a busy fall for LWVRV. We are moderating four candidate forums, two of which will be televised on RVTV. Voters will have a chance to view candidates for the positions of County Commissioner, State Legislature, Circuit Court Judge and County Clerk. All the forums are open to the public and written questions from the audiences will be taken. For a complete listing of the forums go to our web site at www.lwvr.org

We are also publishing a Voters' Guide which will showcase the pros and cons of ballot measures appearing on November's ballot. We will have fewer paper copies of the guide this year. You can access it on-line through the web site and printed versions are at each of the local libraries for viewing. With increases in costs of paper products in conjunction with an increase and availability of computer resources have pushed us to attempt to reduce while at the same time insuring individuals get our message: VOTE!

We are registering voters and we are working with HeadStart, which has invited us to register voters at parenting meetings.

This month we are enclosing a survey type questionnaire. There are three areas of focus that your board would like to have input on --- meeting site, meeting topics and newsletter delivery mode. As we go through our annual program planning, we face many challenges. General meetings site has been a big one. Venues open and close. "To feed or not to feed?" that is our question. Also, we are looking at the economics of having our newsletter delivered via electronic method, when possible. The cost differential is huge. Our biggest expense is newsletter printing and mailing. We have to retain a bulk mail permit. The cost is approximately \$2,300. If those with email are willing and able to get the newsletter via email, the organization could save close to \$2,000 a year. Money that could go toward advocating or voter education.

Our board meetings are always open to any member and your input is very much welcomed.

Trish

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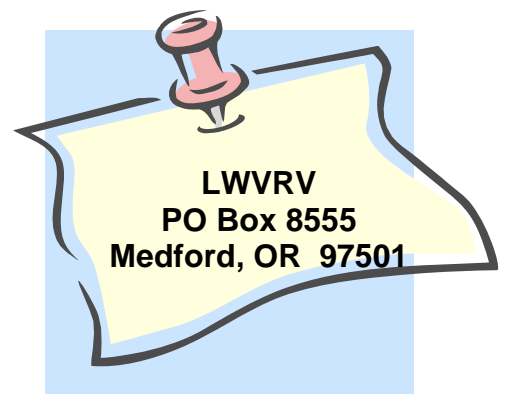
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LWVRV QUESTIONNAIRE

Your opinion matters!

Please help LWVRV with planning. Take a few minutes to answer the following questions

Return to:

LWVRV, P.O. Box 8555, Medford, OR 97530

Check out our website at: www.lwvr.org

1. Would it have an impact on you if the LWVRV newsletter were delivered via email rather than regular U.S. Postal Service mail? *Please answer "yes" or "no" and add comments:*

2. Is the Medford Library a convenient site for the LWVRV noon time general meetings? *Please answer "yes" or "no" and add comments:*

3. This year the LWVRV board elected to hold the general meetings as a "bring your own brown bag lunch." Does this decision impact your attendance at the general meetings? *Please answer "yes" or "no" and add comments. Also, if it does impact your attendance, please give suggested alternatives:*

4. Are there any topics or areas of programming that you would like LWVRV to address? *Please list your suggestions below:*

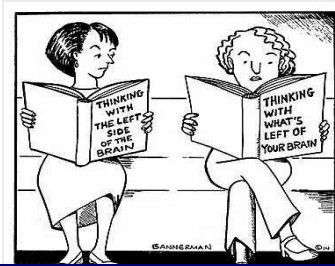
5. Are you as involved as you would like to be in the organization? If not, what can the LWVRV Board do to assist?

Other General Comments:

VOTER'S CHOICE TEA

We are continuing to sell gourmet Voter's Choice Tea. It is a fundraiser and also gives an opening to talk to new people about the League. There are four flavors: Eleanor's Breakfast, Citizen Grey, Grassroots Green and Vanilla Rooibos (caffeine-free herbal). It costs \$4.50 a box and has been produced especially for the League by the Strand Tea Company to support the League. It is available at our general meetings and is now being sold on consignment for us by Karen's Massage 1641 Veranda Park Dr. in Medford. Her phone number is 541-301-8096. If you have a business that would like to help us sell our tea please contact Margaret Keene at 541-826-6911 or email her at margaret2@clearwire.net

Margaret



LWVRV's BOOK CLUB

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I [haven't] read."

If you enjoy stimulating conversation and the reading a variety of interesting books, please join us at our book club meetings. We meet on selected Fridays from 10:00am –12noon. Please contact the hostess for details and address location. Below is a calendar and book selections for the next several meetings.

Everyone is welcome.

October 3, 2008

Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner

Host: Trish Bowcock

899-9557

January 16, 2009

Infidel by Ayaan Hirshi Ali

Host: Eileen Adee

773-4450

November 14, 2008

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

Host: Agnes Chirgwin

773-3234

LWVRV MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Agnes Chirgwin has become eligible for honorary membership in League of Women Voters by virtue of 50 years of continuous membership. She joined in 1959 when Jane Carpenter was president. If there are any other members who are eligible for honorary memberships, contact one of the membership committee: Mickey Ketchum, Marcia Smith or Mary Carlon



LAU THE DIGITAL EDITION OF *THE NATIONAL VOTER!*

The October 2008 issue of *The National Voter* is now accessible for your enjoyment online.

You will have to register first at the LWVUS Web site. After you are registered, you may login.

<https://member.lwv.org/PreRegister.asp>

When you get to your “My League” page, click on “Update Profile” on the left hand menu. Next, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the box to receive the digital issue. Your subscription will start with the next issue of the magazine (February 2009). Please note that if you currently receive the paper copy in the mail, you will no longer receive it when you subscribe to the digital edition.

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LWVOR—STATES POSITION on BALLOT MEASURES

**LWVOR supports or opposes Ballot Measures based on studies conducted and positions taken as a result.

REFERRALS by Legislature—these are all supported by LWVOR

- 📄 **Measure 54**—constitutional amendment which allows 18-year olds to vote in school elections
- 📄 **Measure 55**—changes dates for implementation of the 2001 Redistricting plan and allows Legislators to complete their elected terms in their original districts.
- 📄 **Measure 56**—constitutional amendment which exempts May and November elections from the double majority (50-50) requirement on property tax measures
- 📄 **Measure 57**—increases prison sentences for drug trafficking, theft against older persons, and repeat offenders, requires addiction treatment/alternative sentencing (legislative alternative to Measure 61)

I *INITIATIVES by Petitions—these are opposed by LWVOR*

- 📄 **Measure 59**—allows full deduction of federal income taxes on state income tax returns
- 📄 **Measure 61**—sets mandatory prison sentences for property, id theft and drug offenders (LWVOR supports alternative Measure #57)
- 📄 **Measure 62**—amends constitution and reallocates 15% of state lottery proceeds to public safety fund for crime prevention, investigation and prosecution
- 📄 **Measure 63**—exempts home improvement projects under \$35,000 from building permit requirements
- 📄 **Measure 64**—bars use of “public resources” to collect union dues for political purposes

LWVOR takes no position on the following:

- 📄 **Measure 59** = bars bilingual education of public school students after two years of enrollment
- 📄 **Measure 60**—bars use of seniority to determine teacher pay in favor of “classroom performance”
- 📄 **Measure 65**—changes the primary election to advance the top two finishers, regardless of party affiliation, to the general election

LAND USE in JACKSON COUNTY

The Big Look Committee has released dates for hearings on their recommend changes in land-use policy to the 2009 Legislature. The hearings for Southern Oregon will be Tues. Sept 23 in Klamath Falls and Wed. Sept 24 in Medford.

The task force has created a public survey requesting feedback. Now is the time to review their draft report and influence their proposals. You can access the survey on the website: <http://www.oregonbiglook.org/survey>.

The 1st proposal is not supported by 1000 Friends to allow counties to rezone resource land for development because it will increase greenhouse gases by increasing auto-dependent rural houses, increase costs to serve scattered rural development with both hard and soft infrastructure, increase fire safety risks in residential/forest interface, and undercut our 2nd and 3rd largest industries-agriculture and tourism.

The 2nd proposal is supported by 1000 Friends but they include a requirement that all new development and transportation projects and improvements be put through a carbon filter so we do not build our way into a climate change hole.

The 3rd proposal to have the Land Conservation and Development Commission to carry out long-range land use planning for the state and give the DLCDC resources to facilitate and assist regional collaboration and local planning effort is not supported by 1000 Friends because it gets rid of the regulatory authority and dissolves statewide planning program.

The 4th proposal to facilitate economic growth is already being conducted and is supported by 1000 Friends.

The 5th proposal is partially supported by 1000 Friends to design communities and transportation to reduce greenhouse gases, but the state should assign each local government greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets and develop plans to meet those targets.

This survey may be available at the hearings to fill out also. But written testimony should address all 5 of the proposals and should be sent to Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning, %Ms. Becky Steckler, DLCDC, 635 Capitol St. NE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 9730-2540 as soon as possible.

Porter Lombard

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Paulie Brading, Chair of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee, shared her perspective on being a delegate at the Democratic National Convention. Milt Goldman, also a delegate, contributed to the lively discussion. The audience learned about the manner in which Clinton delegates were released to vote for Obama. We found out how delegates are chosen. We were updated on the local party platform. And, we heard about the convention food, which included \$6.00 hotdogs and \$3.00 sodas. The individual delegates pay their own way.

The representative for the Jackson County Republican Party cancelled at the last minutes, so we weren't able to hear what happened at that convention



CALENDAR OF CANDIDATE FORUMS—JACKSON CO.

10/08/08, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Jackson County Courthouse, 10 South Oakdale

Candidate Forum featuring candidates for Jackson County Commissioner,

Jackson County Clerk and Jackson County Circuit Courts

Public invited. Includes a Q & A period and will be televised on RVTV. Sponsored by LWV Rogue Valley



10/11/08, 11:00 – 2:00

SOU Stevenson Union

Meet the Candidates

Candidates Ashland City Council and Jackson County elected offices are invited to set-up a table and the public is invited to come meet their prospective elected officials

Co-sponsored by LWV Ashland and SOU Student Government



10/16/08, 7:00 pm

The Phoenix Grange Hall

209 North Main Street

Meet the Candidates Night

Co-sponsored by Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and LWVRV

Return this application with your check for dues, please

2008/2009 League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley

Membership Application

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip _____ Phone ; _____ e-mail _____

Make out a check for Year Dues \$56. Spouse dues \$28

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 Planningl Local Government Transportation Children at Risk Education

Election issues Health issues Environment National issuesq

Other (list) _____

October Calendar of Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
		1	2	3 LWVRV Book Club. Hostess: Trish Bowcock,, 899-955	4/5
6	7	8 Candidate Forum, Jackson County Courthouse, 10 South Oakdale, 7-8:30pm, <i>p.7</i>	9 LWVRV general meeting, Medford Library, 12 noon. ENTER THRU FRONT DOOR	10	11 Meet the Candidates, SOU Stevenson Union. 11-2:00pm, <i>p7</i>
13	14 DEADLINE for voter registration for Nov. election	15	16 The Phoenix Grange Hall, 209 North Main Street Meet the Candidates, <i>p.7</i>	17	18/19
20 "Jackson County 101", Medford Library Community Meeting Room 6:30-8:30pm	21 LWVRV board meeting, Medford library, 12 noon. ENTER THRU FRONT DOOR	22	23	24	25/26
27	28	29	30	31	

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