



# THE ADVOCATE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ASHLAND  
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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. I did. The highlight of my summer was my journey to Cuba on the Pastors for Peace Caravan. I saw places and people that I will always remember. We carried 100 tons of humanitarian aid that was shipped along with 10 buses from Tampico, Mexico to Havana - truly, an experience of a lifetime.

Regina Ayars  
President

## GOALS FOR 2010-2011

Your Executive Board of Directors, Carolyn Wilhite, Secretary, Suzia Aufderheide, Treasurer, and myself, Regina Ayars, President, held our annual planning session in July. Goals were set for 2010-2011 and a calendar of events developed.

### **Goals:**

1. 5 new members
2. Outreach to the Latino community
3. Partner with schools to improve civic education
4. Fundraising

We need your help to meet these goals.

- Talk to your friends and neighbors about becoming a member of the League of Women Voters.
- Invite your Latino friends to attend a League function. We need a more diverse membership.
- Talk to a young person about joining the League at the student rate
- Join the Fundraising team and help to raise money to keep our League vibrant

### **New Members**

In conjunction with the League's 90th Birthday, The Ashland League is offering a special discount for new members, "90 Days for 90 Years". Join the League and your first 90 days of membership are FREE. That means that for \$49 new members get a full 12 month membership. Spread the word.

### **Outreach**

We want a more diverse membership that includes people of color, younger voters, and men. Our initial focus is going to be on the Latino community. We are going to offer scholarships (underwritten by several members) to young Latino women or men interested in civic engagement. If you have any candidates contact Carolyn Wilhite at [wilhite.carolyn@yahoo.com](mailto:wilhite.carolyn@yahoo.com)

### **Civic Education**

Suzia Aufderheide has volunteered to work with our local schools and the state League's coordinator Eva Schreiber to engage our Ashland schools in the election process by participating in Mock elections. Contact Suzia [souixzan@mind.net](mailto:souixzan@mind.net) to get involved.

### **Fundraising**

With your help the League will sponsor three fundraising activities this fall and winter: Flower Power, Grapefruit/Fruit Sale, and Dessert Auction.

**Flower Power** - Carolyn Wilhite - [wilhite.carolyn@yahoo.com](mailto:wilhite.carolyn@yahoo.com) or 541-488-7857.

Brighten up your Spring with easy to plant bulbs and help the League make extra money to support our organization. Carolyn has 10 Flower Power Fundraising kits. Carolyn, Judith Benjamin and I have taken the first three so we need 7 more "sales ladies". Those of you who do not want to sell can buy, so contact Carolyn to place your order by October 18th.

**Grapefruit/Fruit Sale** - Mary Ann Wallace - [mymia@mind.net](mailto:mymia@mind.net), 541-482-7326 and Bettie Henry.

Mary Anne and Bettie have both graciously volunteered to coordinate this event again. We will be using the same LOCAL vendor. Remember we are selling more than just grapefruit. A box of fruit makes a wonderful Christmas present so start thinking about your Christmas list now.

**Dessert Auction or Dessert Walk** - need a volunteer.

December 15th is Bill of Rights Day. In 1791, the first ten amendments to the Constitution went into effect. Our idea is that each dessert will be partnered with a Bill of Rights and sold to the highest bidder. League members will be asked to donate desserts (10) and they will be auctioned off or we can have an old-fashioned "cake walk". I remember these back from my grade school days. They were fun.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LEAGUE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

Join the Rogue Valley League in Medford on September 16th to celebrate the League of Women Voters 90th Birthday. Many members are coming dressed in period attire so come dressed for the occasion. The party starts at 1 p.m. and it's at the Medford library on Central Ave. Cake and beverages will be served. See you there.

### **'NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE' - SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 AT 7 P.M.**

A two part documentary on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, two leaders in the very early stages of the women's rights movement. The film covers the history of the suffrage movement from its onset and takes a look where women are today. The showings are at Peace House, 543 S. Mountain Ave.

### **ELECTION SEASON**

It is the Election Season so put on your "civic hat". The Rogue Valley League and the Ashland League are coming together to co-sponsor several Forums this fall to ensure that voters know the candidates and the issues.

### **OCTOBER 6TH - ELECTION FORUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Ashland League will be sponsoring an Election Forum with the four County Commissioners running for office. The Forum will be at the RVTV studio in Ashland from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Seating is limited so come early. This forum will be broadcast live.

#### **County Commissioners**

##### **Position 1**

Jeff Golden  
Don Skundrick

##### **Position 3**

John Rachor  
Mark Wisnovsky

#### **Other candidates running unopposed.**

##### **County Clerk**

Chris Walker

##### **County Sheriff**

Mike Winters

## **OCTOBER 7TH - ELECTION FORUM FOR STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Rogue Valley and Ashland Leagues will jointly host a forum on October 7th between 7-9 p.m. at RCC with the candidates running for State Senator and State Representatives.

### **Candidates and Positions**

#### **State Senator - District 3**

Alan Bates  
Dave Dotterer

#### **State Representative District 5**

Peter Buckley  
Sandra Abercrombie

#### **State Representative District 6**

Sal Esquivel  
Lynn Howe

## **OCTOBER 9TH ELECTION FORUM SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY (ASSOU)**

This forum will include Candidates running for three City Council positions, three Parks Commission positions. It will held in the Rogue River Room at the Stevenson Union.

### **Ashland Candidates and Positions**

#### **Council Position 2**

Eric Navickas  
Michael Morris

#### **Council Position 4**

Bruce Harrell  
Dennis Slattery

#### **Council Position 6**

Dave Chapman

#### **Park Commissioner 3**

Rich Rosenthal

#### **Park Commissioner 4**

No candidate running but a possible write in candidate

#### **Park Commissioner 5**

Mike Gardiner  
Rick Landt

### **Other candidates running unopposed.**

#### **City Recorder**

Barbara Christensen

#### **Municipal Judge**

Pam Burkholder Turner

**No ballot measures in Ashland this year.**

The Ashland League will have our local candidate information posted on both the local League website at [www.ashland.or.lwvnet.org](http://www.ashland.or.lwvnet.org) and state League website at [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) . We will be publishing a local guide for limited distribution. Carol Wilder [cwilder@mind.net](mailto:cwilder@mind.net) is our Voter Services Chair and needs your help to get this important work done.

**OCTOBER 9TH - AAUW FORUM**

AAUW will host a forum on October 9th from 10a.m. to noon at the Masonic Lodge at 570 Clover. They have invited the candidates running for State Senator, State Representatives, and the Representative from US District 2.

**OCTOBER 14TH - STATE MEASURES**

Rogue Valley and Ashland are jointly hosting a forum on the State Measures. This event will be at noon at the Medford Library.

<b>Ballot Measures</b>		<b>State League Position</b>
<b>70</b>	Amends Constitution: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund	No Position
<b>71</b>	Amends Constitution: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions	Support
<b>72</b>	Amends Constitution: Authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state's real and personal property projects	No Position
<b>73</b>	Requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes, incarceration for repeated driving under the influence	Oppose
<b>74</b>	Establishes medical marijuana supply system and assistance and research programs; allows limited selling of marijuana	No Position
<b>75</b>	Authorizes Multnomah County casino; casino to contribute monthly revenue percentage to state for specified purposes	No position
<b>76</b>	Amends Constitution: Continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014; modifies funding process	Support

**STATE LEAGUE FALL WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 16TH**

New Directions is the theme of this year's Fall Workshop on October 16th to be held in Eugene at the Garden Club from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration due by October 8th

Topics:

- Climate Change: How can we make a difference?
- Election Update: Video Voters Guide
- Education: National Study
- Local League Networking
- Mock Election Innovations

## **MOCK ELECTIONS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Mock Elections will be held October 28th. The state League has invested in this program by hiring a full-time coordinator. By participating in mock elections, our local school age children become aware of what it means to be an engaged citizen. They listen to the candidates and vote. Suzia Aufderheide is working on this program. Contact her at [souixzan@mind.net](mailto:souixzan@mind.net) to help out.

## **HEALTHY DEMOCRACY**

Healthy Democracy Oregon is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to strengthening citizen ownership of, and integrity to, the ballot initiative process. The organization is promoting the Citizens' Initiative Review (CIR), an innovative reform to provide voters with clear, useful and trustworthy evaluations of statewide ballot measures. The state League of Women Voters of Oregon supports the CIR.

Citizens from all across the state came together in Salem to review two of the state measures, Ballot Measures 73 and 74. Each measure was reviewed over 5 days by 24 randomly selected citizens. Their Citizen Statements will be published in the State Voters' Pamphlet. Go to [www.healthydemocracy.org](http://www.healthydemocracy.org) to read the statements.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Remember our annual dues run from May 1st to April 30th each year. Mail your check to P.O. Box 1296, Ashland Oregon 97520.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 16	Celebration of the League's 90th Birthday
September 17	Constitution Day
September 17 and 18	" Not for Ourselves Alone" documentary
September 24	Ashland League Board of Directors Meeting
October 6	Election Forum for the County Commissioners
October 7	Election Forum for State Senator and State Representatives
October 9	Election Forum for Ashland Council and Parks Candidates
October 9	AAUW Forum
October 12	Last day to register
October 14	Election Forum for State Propositions
October 15	Ballots mailed
October 16	State League Fall Workshop in Eugene
October 18	Last day to order bulbs for Spring Flower Power
October 22	Ashland League Board of Directors Meeting
October 24	Televised Gubernatorial Debate
October 28	Mock Election at local schools
November 2	Election Day

November 22	Last day to order fruit for Annual Fundraiser
December 10	Delivery of Fruit Orders
December 15	Bill of Rights Dessert Auction