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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

When: Thursday, October 14, 2010 , 12 noon—1pm

Where: Medford Library

Program: **STATE BALLOT MEASURES.** Rogue Valley and Ashland are jointly hosting a forum on the State Ballot Measures

Please invite your friends and neighbors to this informative meeting!

LEAGUE'S 90th BIRTHDAY RECAP

The celebration at the Medford Library on Sept. 16, 2010 , attended by 61 people, was highlighted by a presentation, by members, of the National, State and Local Leagues' accomplishments. Fun facts about "Women firsts" were read, and Agnes Chirgwin, Jean Maack, Jean Milgram, and Lois Kent VanderPloeg were saluted for being 50-year members of the LWV.

How do we thank those who contributed their time to send invitations, condense 90 years of information into a few minutes of highlights, set up the library with tables and chairs, contribute refreshments, make coffee, clean up, take pictures, tape the event? Mmmm, let me count the ways...

Food For Less – for a birthday cake that was delicious

Costco – for cakes, pies, and strudels

Medford Library – for their cooperation

Pronto Print—for a reduced rate in printing

Marcia Smith – flowers for the tables

Carole Levi – photographer

Steve Werblow – for taping the program

Cynthia Lora – coordinating the activities for folks who helped

Nancy Swan – for information about the State and Local league history

Trish Bowcock – for information about the National league history

Agnes Chirgwin – for the display of the pictorial history of the League

Mickey Ketchum – for chairing public relations, and the postal party

Also, Eileen Adee, Normary Barrett, Kathy Beckett, Barbara Davidson, Lois Harrison,

Carol Ingleson, Margaret Keene, Winston Lora, Shiena Polehn, Joan Rogers, Helen

Scholom, Marylou Schnoes, Mary Sinclair, Bernie Werblow

If I missed anyone, I shall make it up to them in the next bulletin.

Lorraine Werblow, Chair

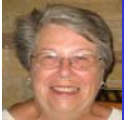
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education.

❖NOTE! The November issue of Voters Voice will arrive earlier in the month than is usual.

❖ Check the list of forums to be held prior to the 2010 election, see p.4

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Barbara Davidson

Thanks, kudos and sincere appreciation to the LWVRV members who provided a great kick-off for our 2010-2011 season.

In my absence, the coordination of board, off-board members and others provided a wonderful celebration on September 16th: a birthday party for the League's 90th year, an historical perspective of the League's local, state and national history and the recognition of our four 50-year members. Thank you again for an outstanding job.

Our October 14, 2010 noon meeting at the Medford Library will feature ballot measures for the November election. On October 7, 2010, 7-9pm at the RCC/SOU HEC room we shall be conducting our candidate forum. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

On a personal note, thank you for all the personal calls, cards and emails. In case you have not heard, my daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer in July, during her second pregnancy. She has had chemotherapy to retard the tumor's growth. The baby is due to arrive in early November. "Grandma" will obviously be needed off and on for several months to come.

Barbara

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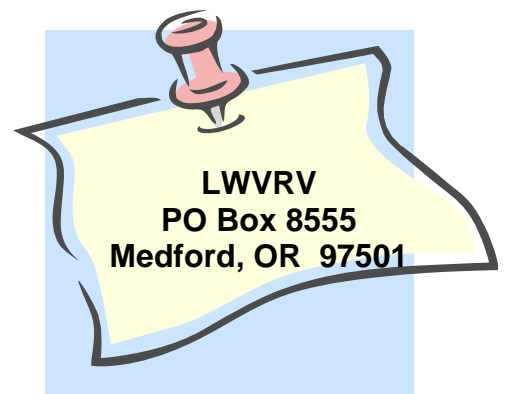
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Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Medford Heights Townhouse Association Clubhouse

314 Eastwood, Medford, OR

1. Call to Order: Second Vice President, Lorraine Werblow called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Present, Lorraine Werblow, Marcia Smith, Joan Rogers, Nancy Swan, Cynthia Lora,

Shiena Polehn, Normary Barrett, Carol Hazeltine, Carole Levi, and Willie Bijon. President, Barbara Davidson and 1st Vice President, Mary Sinclair, excused.

Brief Check-in:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July Board Retreat were read and passed as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Willie Bijon reports on banking accounts. Balance available upon request.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

Public Relations: Lorraine Werblow will write a letter to the editor of the Medford Mail Tribune expressing disappointment in the Jackson County Commissioners' decision

not to honor LWVRV with a proclamation on the 90th anniversary celebration on September 16, 2010. This letter will be mailed after the November elections and will contain the League's non partisanship statement.

Action: No Report

Studies: Nancy Swan will contact Anne Billeter and Judith Benjamin, ALWV, regarding status of the county budget study and the need to determine future committee participants.

Membership: Marcia Smith and Cynthia Lora reported 34 current members with an additional 5 members paying dues during the general meeting for a total of 39 paid members. A fully-paid scholarship is once again available for an active member in good standing. Student membership at a reduced rate is up to each

local League. Willie Bijon to check on PMP amount for reduced rate student membership fees. It was suggested that copies of the League history, both at local and national levels, be included in new member packets.

Program: Thursday, October 14, 2010 12:00noon, Medford Main Library, "Ballot Measures"

Thursday, October 07, 2010 7:00p.m. RCCEB, "Candidates Forum"

Voter's Service: Normary Barrett reports on preparation for numerous forums and presentations

in October. October 7, Candidates Forum, RCC, ALWV will participate in this event. Normary will check with Robin Stroh regarding availability to moderate the forum. If Robin is not available Lorriane Werblow will be moderator. October 12, candidates, Talent. October 14, Medford Main Library. October 15, two candidates and ballot measures, RV Manor. Information regarding all of these events will appear in detail in the Voters Voice.

Normary has ordered 1000 voter information pamphlets at a cost of \$200.00

Included with the order at no additional cost are 200 pamphlets in Spanish, 200 pamphlets in large print and 150 pamphlets in easy read format. There is a website available with candidates and ballot measures at Vote.411.org .

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LWVRV BOARD MINUTES *continued from p.3*

Voters Voice: Carole Levi requests all items for VV be submitted no later than Friday,

September 24, 2010. Carole will be sending the November issue of Voters Voice on October 15, 2010 as she will be out of town at the usual distribution time.

Other Business: Report on 90th BD Celebration/ General Meeting. Thoughts and stories were shared and all agree it was a most successful event.

Grapefruit Sales: Lorriane Werblow and Carol Ingelson met with Quail Valley Farms representative, again providing us with fruit for our annual sale. We now have our personalized sales form with LWVRV at the top!! Fruit will be delivered during the first week of December. Prices are as follows, 20# grapefruit, \$20.00, 20# oranges, \$20.00 and Festival of Fruit, \$25.00.

New Business: Change in November program from water study to "Meet the Newly Elected" Invite a winning candidate from the November election to present at the General Meeting.

Next Meetings: General, October 14, 2010 Board , October 19, 2010

Adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

JACKSON COUNTY LWV SERVICE EVENTS

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm, **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 7:00 p.m. to 8:30

pm. Seating is limited so come early. This forum will be broadcast live and rebroadcast .

Thursday, October 7, 2010 7-9pm RCC/SOU HEC Building, Medford. Taped program by RV Comm.TV

ELECTION FORUM FOR STATE SENATOR and STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

The Rogue Valley and Ashland Leagues will jointly host a forum with our local candidates. Program will be several times by RVCTV. Check local listings for time date.

Tuesday, October 12th, 2010, 6:30 - 8 pm Talent Community Center, 206 Main St.

CANDIDATES' FORUM and STATE BALLOT MEASURES.

LWVRV will moderate a Talent Mayoral Candidates' forum The program will also review state ballot measures.

Friday, October 15, 2010, 3 - 4:30 pm, Roger Valley Manor, LWVRV will moderate State Representative candidates Sal Esquivel and Lynn Howe. We will also have State ballot measures for this program.

Wednesday, October 20th. 6:30 pm - TBD Center Neighbor Church, 477 So. Pacific Highway, Phoenix. **LOCAL CANDIDATES' FORUM.** LWVRV will moderate a Candidate forum for the town of Phoenix .

LWV's 90th Birthday



The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all. ~ John F. Kennedy

GRAPEFRUITS, WE HAVE GRAPEFRUITSand ORANGES

- Lorraine
Werblow



YES, IT'S OCTOBER 2010

IT'S WHEN WE SELL
I BET YOU CAN TELL WHAT WE SELL



GRAPEFRUITS:

TO GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT WHEN YOU REST
AND YES, IT'S TEXAS REDS THE KIND WE LIKE BEST

ORANGES:

AS THE SAYING GOES ~ TASTE SO GOOD
AS ORANGES FROM CALIFORNIA SHOULD

FESTIVAL OF FRUIT:

TWO LAYERS OF GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES, AND PEARS IN ONE BOX
TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WHILE EATING BAGELS AND LOX

20 lbs of Grapefruit - \$20

20 lbs of Oranges - \$20

22 lbs of Festival of Fruit - \$25

Delivery: 1st week of December

This is our annual fund-raiser.

Your support in the past has been so wonderful and appreciated.

Please continue to sell and buy

Launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) in October of 2006, VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on the following aspects of the election process:

- Absentee ballot information
- Ballot measure information (where applicable)
- Early voting options (where applicable)
- Election dates
- Factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races
- General information on such topics as how to watch debates with a critical eye
- ID requirements
- Registration deadlines
- Voter qualifications

Voter registration forms

The Leagues of Women Voters' of Ashland and the Rogue Valley have invited the following candidates to participate in Vote411.org:

- ❖ State Senate District 3
- ❖ State House Districts 4, 5, 6
- ❖ Jackson County Commissioner, Positions 1, 2
- ❖ Medford City Council, Wards 1, 2, 3, 4
- ❖ Ashland City Council, Positions 2, 4
- ❖ Ashland Park and Recreation, Position 5

The Vote411.org Voters Guide for Oregon will be launched on October 1. Check it out and see the new direction for Voter Services. Any questions? Call Mary Sinclair 541-772-2372

VOTERS' INFORMATION

Registration Deadlines:

In Person: Tuesday, October 12, 2010

By Mail: Postmarked Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Official ballots mailed: October 15-19

October 25: official drop sites open

All ballots must be returned to a county elections office or designated drop site by 8pm on November 2.

"Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good: 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

In September 2010, the United Nations General Assembly will once again take stock and assess progress toward meeting the eight aspirations of the *Millennium Development Goals*. Two of the eight goals are focused directly on women's betterment. They are *Promote Gender Equality* [Goal 3] and *Improve Maternal health* [Goal 5]; a third, *Improve Child Mortality* [Goal 4], is closely related women's situations.

On July 2, 2010, the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced, "The Newest Member of the UN Family has been Born" . UN Women. The UNSG noted that "by bringing together four parts of the UN system dedicated to women's issues, Member States have created a much stronger voice for women and gender equality at the global level" and further, " You have combined global norm-setting responsibilities in one UN entity and given it the means to provide operational support to countries to implement those norms and standards"

On September 14, 2010 UNSG Mr. Ban named former Chilean president Michelle Bachelet to head the new entity, UN Women. Announcing this major appointment Mr. Ban observed,"Ms. Bachelet brings to this critical position a history of dynamic global leadership, highly honed political skills and uncommon ability to create consensus and focus among UN agencies and many partners in both public and private sector."

While we should celebrate this accomplishment, we cannot ignore or forget that 1,000 women still die needlessly every day from complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Women in poorer countries are 36 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than those in rich countries -- 99 percent of the 358,000 maternal deaths reported in 2008 were in developing countries. Major causes of maternal mortality include: bleeding after childbirth, infections, hypertensive disorders and unsafe abortions according to the World Health Organization. As UNSG Mr. Ban said, this situation is intolerable and unacceptable. We agree and hope that the new entity -- UN Women -- will aggressively go to work on all issues related to the empowerment and well-being of women and girls.

For further information go to: www.un.org and become a member of UNA-USA.

Russy D. Sumariwalla

Past President and Current Program Chair

UNA-USA, Southern Oregon

LWVRV



BOOK CLUB

"The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, And all the sweet serenity of books". H. W. Longfellow

October 29, 2010

Corner of Bitter Sweet, by Jamie Ford

Hosted by Barbara Davidson, 541 245-2729

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December 3, 2010

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Acheve

Hosted by Betsy Robbins, 541-899-1714

January 7, 2011

Coal Black Horse, by Robert Olmstead

Hosted by Lorraine Werblow, 541-245-3641

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LWVRV MEMERSHIP APPLICATION

2010/2011 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 and include with an Application.

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

2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
				1 VOTE411.org website begins, see p.7	2/3
4	5	6 Election Forum, see p. 4	7 Candidates' Forum, 7-9pm, RCC/SOU HEC room, 7pm	8	9/10
11 	12 Candidates' forum and state ballot measures, see p.4	13	14 LWVRV General meeting	15 State Representative candidates' forum, and state ballot measures see p.4	16/17
18	19 LWVRV Board meeting	20 Local candidates forum, see p.4	21	22	23/24 UN Day
25	26	27	28	29	30/31  HALLOWEEN



Looking Ahead

- October 25 Official voting dropsites open
- November 2 2010 Election day
- November 11 LWVRV November general meeting