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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is almost March and Spring will be here before you know it. Right now I am looking at the first heavy snowfall. It is beautiful. With all the unrest in the world right now, it is a good time to reflect on how precious our democratic rights are in our country. Americans take these rights for granted until we are reminded of what people will do to get what we have - the right to elect the people who represent us. The League was established in 1920 as a result of thousands of women fighting for American women to have the right to elect the people who represent them. Let us not take these rights for granted.

Regina Ayars
President

EDUCATION PANEL

Our panelists, Michelle Zundel, Principal of Ashland High School, Aaron Santi, Principal of Talent Elementary School and Heidi Parker, Ashland School Board, did a great job educating our audience on the current situation at our schools and insights into the strategies for addressing the shortfall in funds. As Michelle Zundel said, "We have no money, we will have to think".

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD)

Join together on the Plaza on March 8th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. AAUW (American Association of University Women), WILPF (Women's International League of Peace and Freedom), PPH (Planned Parenthood), SOUWRC (SOU

Women's Resource Center), LWVA (League of Women Voters of Ashland) are all joining together to host this celebration between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the Plaza. There will be entertainment and famous quotes from famous women read by local women and girls. Mayor Stromberg kicks off the event by reading the IWD proclamation and then turning the event over to our emcee, Shirley Patton. Louie's restaurant and Paddington Station will be offering a 23% discount to women representing the 23% disparity between women's and men's pay.

RAFFLE TICKETS

This year the raffle prize is a \$3,000 voucher to be used for any travel service such as airplane, train, cruise or destination accommodations through Walker Travel. The tickets are \$10 with only 2,000 tickets to be sold. The raffle drawing will take place at the LWVOR convention in Keizer on May 13th at 8 p.m. The winner does not need to be present. If every state member bought 1-2 tickets, LWVOR will raise \$15,000 after expenses. Do your part and buy a ticket and sell a ticket. LWVA will be tabling at the COOP twice during the month of April. Call Regina Ayars at 541-482-5019 to help sell raffle tickets to support our state League.

SPRING BULB SALE - HELP MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER A BLOOMING SUCCESS.

Our Fall Bulb sale was a tremendous success, raising over \$400 to support our League work. Carolyn Wilhite is coordinating another sale to help us close the business year in the "black". Day lilies, Phlox, Begonias, Hostas, Dahlias, Freesias, Daffodils, Peonies, Lily-of-the-Valley and more shipped directly to your door. We need 5 more salespeople to take orders. Contact Carolyn at 541-488-7857 to get your catalog. Orders are due back by April 11th.

CALL TO CONVENTION

The state League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) Convention is scheduled for May 13-15 in Keizer, Oregon. Key topics for discussion are:

- (1) The Budget Committee is working on ways to avoid a PMP increase
- (2) Book Discussion: The Women Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins
- (3) Workshop planned: "Silver and Gold - Building Involvement in the League"

plus a silent auction of filled Chico Bags - local leagues are encouraged to donate a bag of goodies.

BUSINESS MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

Our Business Meeting this is year is May 19th at the Library. This is an important meeting for you to attend. We elect new officers, review our budget, and set direction for the coming year.

CALENDAR

March 8	International Women's Day
April TBD	Joint meeting with LWVRV on the County Budget Study
May TBD	Special Election Forum
May 13-15th	LWVOR Convention
May 17th	Special Election on Fire Station Levy
May 19th	Business Meeting